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We Want 1000 More Subscribers by September 1. Help us Get Them. Write for Our Terms to Agents.

SAMPLE COPIES. If this is marked with a pencil, it means a sample copy. We are sending out a large number this week, and if you get one, you are kindly asked to look over it carefully, and if you think THE MESSENGER is worth 50 cents a year, we would be glad to have you subscribe. This means you!

CALL AT HOWARD'S WHEN IN TOWN.

Our SHUMATE RAZORS and pocket knives
are selling in spite of the dull season.

CALL FOR GROCERIES.

HOUSTON COUNTY TOBACCO.

The Crop is Nearly Ready for Harvesting.

Crockett, Texas, June 17.—The tobacco crop of Houston county will be ready for cutting within the next week or ten days, and, considering the extremely wet spring the crop is exceedingly fine. It is estimated that it will cut from 500 to 600 pounds per acre and all of this tobacco has already been contracted for at 15 cents per pound. The farmers here are very much elated over their success with this crop, since Houston county has an abundance of orangebury soil, so richly adapted to the growth of tobacco. It is a well known fact that the tobacco crop requires less than half work of a cotton crop. The entire crop being cut and moved by July 1, while at that time the cotton crop is less than half made. And, then, the farmer derives from \$75 to \$90 per acre for his tobacco, while he often gets less than \$10 per acre for his cotton. The success of this year's crop has led many farmers to express the desire of planting from 30 to 40 acres each next year.

There is a vast amount of this orangebury soil in Houston county which can be bought for such a reasonable sum as to enable the purchaser to pay for it out of his first crop of tobacco. The Crockett Cigar Company can manufacture all the tobacco that can be raised, thus giving the farmer not only a sure market, but a home market for his product.

The government expert who is here superintending the growth of the tobacco crop, expresses the belief that as soon as the tobacco growers over the country learn of the abundance of the cheap orangebury soil, which is very rich with potash, Houston county will be a great tobacco center. The growth of tobacco here has long ago passed the experimental stage, and it is beyond any question that a superior grade of tobacco, producing the very finest cigar fillers, can be grown in Houston county.

HOW TEXAS GROWS.

A Sunday Visit to a Sudden City.

If ever a town became a reality of a sudden, LaTexo, on the I. & G. N., is that place.

On Sunday the "seniors" took a little jaunt down the road, getting off at the new city of truck and fruit between Grapeland and Crockett. Here we found a modern city—railroad depot and ticket office, freight depot with truck packing shed, hotel, drug store, a big company dry goods and grocery store, school house and about a dozen dwelling houses, and last, though not least, a lovely park set out in flowers and shrubbery, and six months ago this was a grove of timber.

This enterprise was inaugurated by the Smith-Karnahan Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, Nat Wetzell, manager.

The train was late getting us there so we only had a few minutes to talk and finding that Mr. Wetzell was not there we defer our description till he returns.

However, we met Dr. Merriwether, an old acquaintance, who has a splendid drug store and residence combined and does a general medical practice; Mr. J. B. McKnight, section foreman, who resides in the new city; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Young, who have a handsome modern hotel—lovely and cool, furnished with brussels carpets and all the conveniences the country allows; R. F. Wheeler, manager of the company's store, and others.

If you want to see something new, visit LaTexo. When Mr. Wetzell gets back we will tell you all about the enterprise.—*Palatine Advocate.*

Off to Austin.

Prof. and Mrs. A. W. Cain, Miss Gertrude Merriwether and Prof. Sam Kennedy left last Friday for Austin, where they go to take a summer course in the State University. In a personal letter from Mr. Cain, he states that all arrangements have been completed and that they have a delightful stopping place.

Oriole Jottings

Editor Messenger—
Your interesting paper of June 15th on hand and has been read with much pleasure. We are glad to notice that the merchants of Grapeland are favoring you with a liberal supply of advertising. Grapeland needs a paper and I hope you will be well patronized, not only by the merchants of Grapeland, but by the farmers and others living in the surrounding country, and also hope that your correspondents living at various points in the county will keep you well supplied with all interesting items in their vicinity. This is what makes a paper interesting. I hope your lady readers will also favor you with some good articles occasionally.

Mr. John W. Baker, the polite carrier on Route 1, makes his regular visits daily and supplies all who have boxes with fresh news. All who live handy to a route should have a box and subscribe for several good papers, so that they would have the news. Hope this branch of the mail service will soon be self sustaining and that the carriers will be well paid, as it is a great convenience to the people. Mr. Baker has missed only one trip since he has been carrying the rural mail, and then it was impossible to make the trip.

Farmers about here are putting their crops in good shape, and what they need now is rain.

The health of this locality is very good at present. We have had one death here lately—Mrs. M. J. Marsh in her 68th year. She was only sick five days. She was buried in the Lockout cemetery by the side of her husband, Mr. J. E. Marsh. Rev. Ken Lively made some appropriate remarks at the grave.

Hope everybody will turn out to the Farmers' Union picnic at Tyer's Lake.

With best wishes to the Messenger and its readers, I am,
A FRIEND.

Four to Seven.

There was a game of ball at Crockett last Saturday afternoon between the Crockett team and the Palestine team. The score was 4 to 7 in favor of the Crockett boys. Everything was quiet and good feeling reigned throughout the entire game. We understand Crockett will go to Palestine next Sunday and give the boys a chance to get revenge.

Gets Five Years.

Last Monday in the district court at Palestine Dan Crenshaw plead guilty to murder in the second degree and the jury assessed his punishment at five years in the penitentiary without leaving the box. Dan Crenshaw and Dan Peavy shot and killed Sam Biggerstaff near Elkhart during the spring of 1904. Peavy was released on account of turning state's evidence.

Grapeland Public School, Grapeland, Texas.

WHY BECAUSE STUDENTS

Are Prof. A. W. Cain and two of his assistants studying in the University Summer Schools when all these teachers are graduates and have permanent certificates?

Up-to-date teachers are always recruiting their stock of knowledge, regardless of what they may know.

Studying in the best schools and observing the methods of master teachers prevents "drifting with the tide" and keeps teachers out of ruts.

Associating with the leading teachers from every quarter of the state will greatly increase any teacher's professional spirit and enthusiasm.

With your individual support, the Faculty and Board of Trustees will give you a school term never before equalled in the history of our town. Let's surpass our splendid record of last year.

PATRONS

Reynard News

We are all glad that the Messenger is not dead for if it were not for good literature our minds and spirit would die. Good literature is only the fruits of good religion and the more of it we have the better we are.

Well, it seems that the big rains have quit—and the little ones, too—but we are not dry, but my, how not! Do not know how long crops can stand such a temperature. Not so many weevils as last year and do not believe a single punctured form can hatch. Noticed our first blooms about the tenth. Our people are beginning to get up with their work, but are badly behind with their fishing. Rey. Riall is a fisher of fish as well as a fisher of men. He caught two fine cats Saturday and he likes it, too. We are going to try to celebrate the 4th of July with an old time fish and squirrel fry on the creek.

The gnats have about retreated and now the mosquitoes are in battle array and are pumping us full of malaria every night. It may be that our systems will repulse it—time will tell.

A. E. Kent came out Saturday and brought a load of freight for his father and Miss Leota went home with him and will spend a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Fulghum have a new baby girl at their home. She is a beauty and may she be a joy as long as she lives.

G. B. Kent went to Crockett on business Wednesday.

Some of our people up on the river are fevering already, and we will not be surprised to hear of any one being sick from now on.

Several hundred bushels of potatoes are still in the ground on account of low prices. They are mighty good to eat not to be worth any more.

With these few lines will quit until next time.
ZACK.

Farmers' Union Picnic.

Following is the programme for the farmers' union picnic at Tyer's Lake on July 7th:

Address of Welcome—J. F. Garrett, Pres. of Grapeland Dist. Union.

Song of Welcome, lead by Prof. W. R. Campbell.

Address by T. M. Walton of Jacksonville, Texas.

Music.
Dinner.
The union will re-assemble at 2 o'clock.

Music.
Address by some of our State Lecturers in behalf of the F. E. & C. U. of A.

We extend a cordial invitation to everybody to come and bring that box full of good things to eat. Everybody wishing to witness the opening exercises be on hand promptly at 10 a. m.

W. R. CAMPBELL,
W. T. WARNER,
N. S. HEROD,
JOHN F. BRILL,
T. C. LIVELY,
Committee.

Gone to Norfolk.

Mark Anthony, after a brief visit to his parents, left last Friday for Norfolk, Va., to resume his duties in the navy. Mark has been in the navy a little more than two years, and during this time he has traveled over a great portion of the world, visiting all the principal foreign sea ports. The stories he told to his friends here of his adventures in foreign countries, and his experience in the navy were very interesting, and he has promised to contribute to the Messenger some articles relative to his adventures.

A Yoakum girl who knows a thing or two defined to her backward beau the other day what a kiss was. She said: "It seems like a moonlight trip, sailing on a banana down a stream of lemonade to an ice cream festival." The exasperated beau gasped for breath, recovered his equanimity, lost his bashfulness, and grasped the situation.—*Hallettsville Herald.*

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RECREATION.

Not many years ago the people of this country had little time to devote to out door recreation. Our country needed building up and the energy of our people was mostly spent in creating new enterprises which we of this generation are reaping the benefit of, and now we are in a position to devote a little more time to pleasure and recreation. Sports of all kinds are indulged in and it is seldom you meet either boy or girl, man or woman, who is not an enthusiast on one or more of these means of relaxation from the otherwise monotonous grind of daily labor. The boy or man with rod, gun or baseball bat are met with everywhere; the girl with tennis racket, men and women golfers, riders, indulgers in physical recreation, are noted in our large depots making for the train which is to take them away to some rural spot where business cares can be forgotten for the while, and where the glow of health can be brought back to the pale face or pallid lips.

We are fast following in the footsteps of older nations in our ideas, and are beginning to realize that this world is not meant to be a place of worry, fret and turmoil alone, but that it holds out to us many pleasures which can be indulged in by both young and old, and which will help us forget the hard struggle for existence, and return to us health and vigor.

How pleasant it is for awhile to shake off the shackles of business cares and find some spot where we can revel to our hearts delight in some such recreation as named.

We hope the day is not far distant when the people of this country will be able to enjoy (in the summer time at least) a Saturday holiday. It has got to come in spite of those old fogies who would keep a man and woman constantly with their nose to the grind stone. These old people, with their old fashioned ideas, are dying out and a new generation is springing up which is alive to the fact that we have not been placed in this world simply to eat, work and sleep, but some time can be profitably devoted to innocent and healthful recreation, and then, and not until then, can we hope to proclaim the Sabbath as a day of rest. We need legitimate pleasure for our physical, moral and spiritual welfare.—The Magnet.

WHAT THE EXCHANGES SAY.

The Grapeland Messenger, after a week's lay off, due to the severance of Mr. Lee Satterwhite with the paper, is on time this week under the management of Mr. Albert H. Luker.—Crockett Enterprise.

Albert Luker has returned to Grapeland from Shiner and resurrected the Grapeland Messenger. Albert is a bright, energetic young man and will give the people of Grapeland a good local paper.—Crockett Courier.

The Grapeland Messenger passed into the hands of a new editor and the first issue under his management showed some improvement over previous issues. We wish it better prosperity than it has enjoyed in the past.—Troupe Star.

The Grapeland Messenger has changed hands and is now edited and published by Albert H. Luker. The last issue of that paper shows Mr. Luker to be a first-class newspaper man and printer.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

The Grapeland Messenger has changed hands again, and came out last week much improved in news and appearance, under the editorship of Albert H. Luker, a young man who was reared in the Messenger office and knows all the hardships and pleasures connected with the newspaper business. He says in his salutatory that "the policy of the Messenger has always been to encourage everything that tends to the upbuilding of Houston county at large and the Grapeland community in particular, to discuss questions that pertain to the best interests of her people, and this it will continue to be." The policy is a good one and if properly carried out, we predict for the Messenger much success under the careful supervision of Mr. Luker, the "Kid" editor of Houston county.—Houston Co. Herald.

Farmers tell us that they have been busy during the past two or three weeks planting peas for their cattle and goobers for their hogs. The loss of one crop will not down the farmer who diversifies, but it may down the one crop farmer.—Crockett Courier.

Many of the farmers of Houston county are planting their potato land in cotton. They tried the experiment last year and claim the best cotton they raised was on this land.—Palestine Advocate.

How would you like to be the coal man and live in Mars? Latest reports are that they are having zero weather up there.—Palestine Advocate.

Not much. We'd rather be

J. J. BROOKS

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

...NO SPECIAL OFFERINGS THIS WEEK...

Just a Continued Performance of Bargains in Every Department
We are not quoting prices this week because we are not making any leader prices, but we want you to call and see how much lower our regular prices are than any Other place in town.

Then it is the proper time to decide who should have your patronage. We have no dreads of the results if you will call and get our prices. Everything in our house is brand new. No old stock to offer you.

COME TO SEE US.

J. J. BROOKS.

G. R. WHITLEY,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW
And Dealer In
REAL ESTATE.

Will practice in all the courts
State and Federal. : : :

IF WE SERVE YOU AT OUR **The Best Service,**
Soda Fountain **The Best Goods,**
YOU GET Can we do more?

The Bon-Ton Ice Cream Parlor,
ODELL FARIS, Proprietor.
Everything Neat and Clean. Courteous Treatment.

the ice man here in Texas.

Make a noise like a hard working, hustling town.—Palestine Herald.

We are. This is the busiest little town on the I. & G. N. between Houston and Palestine, on account of shipping fruit, and the busy season is yet to come.

Let your motto be progress.

June is the month for weddings in this part of the country.

The thing to do is to get busy and keep busy.

Blessed is the man who brings to this office the first big, juicy watermelon.

Let it ever be fresh in your mind that obstacles are only made to overcome.

Be up-to-date and use up-to-date methods. If you are otherwise you will be counted as a back number and shoved to the "hind end."

A day spent in the country with friends adds to the reserve forces and pleasures we need for the duties of every day life. It makes us better men and women to be sociable and relieves the tension of worry.

Growing tobacco on a large scale will be one of the industries for Houston county next year. While this year's crop is not up to the standard on account of the wet spring, yet those who raised a crop are very well satisfied with the results. The tobacco industry will prove to be a paying proposition for Houston county, as it has already been demonstrated by government experts that the soil is well adapted to the growth of this plant.

Wedlock.

At the beautiful country home of the bride's parents, 5 miles west of Crockett, Mr. Mode Barbee and Miss Dell Estes were united in holy wedlock last Thursday night.

They left Friday for Houston, Galveston and other points on their bridal tour.

Miss Estes is known here and is very popular with our people. She was teacher of the Intermediate department in the Grapeland public school for the term of 1904-5.

Mr. Barbee is our popular and efficient county road superintendent.

Their friends are legion who join the Messenger in extending to them wishes for a happy and prosperous married life.

Say, farmers, those of you who live on rural routes should have some stationery printed with the number of your route thereon. It gives your letters a neat appearance, and we can print it about as cheap as you can buy the blank paper. Call at our office for prices.

The many readers of the Messenger will be glad to learn that they can now buy the White Wave flour. This is one of the best brands of flour ever sold in Grapeland, and Geo. E. Darsey has a solid car load due to arrive the last of this or the first of next week.

The Messenger

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Has just received a nice line of Stationery and is prepared to do the kind of Printing that pleases. ❁ ❁

We print calling cards for Ladies ❁ ❁ ❁

Wedding Invitations and Announcements

Letter Heads, Note Heads, Statements, Cards, Tags, Circulars, in fact, all kinds of Commercial Printing ❁ ❁ ❁ ❁

Catalogues, Lawyers' Briefs, and all kinds of Phamplet Work ❁

❁

The Messenger

PURE DRUGS
—AND—
PATENT MEDICINES.

TOILET ARTICLES
—IN—
GREAT VARIETY.

Front Street Drug Store.

We don't claim to be the biggest, best or oldest drug store on earth, but we do everything in our power to treat our customers right and to give them full value in honest, reliable goods. We cordially invite you to come to our store and buy whatever you need in our line; be it much or little, we will do our best to make you feel at home in our store. Meet your friends. You will always be welcome.

Carleton & Porter, Druggists.

STATIONERY
—AND—
FANCY GOODS.

A FAIR PRICE
—FOR—
RELIABLE GOODS.

Messenger Agents:

The following are agent for the Messenger and are authorized to solicit and collect subscriptions:

- J. L. CHILES, REYNARD, TEXAS.
- N. J. TIMS, WANETA, TEXAS.
- ALEX KING, ORIOLE, TEXAS.

I. & G. N. Time Table.

NORTH BOUND.
 No. 2 Arrives.....3:10 P. M.
 No. 4 Arrives.....8:30 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.
 No. 1 Arrives.....1:37 P. M.
 No. 5 Arrives.....9:05 P. M.

LOCAL NEWS.

Grain Cradles at Darsey's.

Miss Georgia Dickson is visiting in LaTexo this week.

Get your fruit jars from W.B. Faris.

Buy your jelly glasses from Darsey.

Plenty of White Wave flour at W. B. Faris'. None better.

Commissioner Ross Murchison went down to Crockett Monday.

Buy the White Wave flour at Darsey's.

There is still lots of fruit jars, tops and rubbers at Saxon's,

Tanglefoot and insect powder at Carleton & Porter's.

Buy a package of bluing and draw a piece of enamel ware at Saxon's.

1/2 gallon, quarts and pint fruit jars at Darsey's.

We are making special low prices on our entire stock for the cash or produce. W. B. Faris.

See our line of new dress goods just received.—Geo. E. Darsey.

H. C. Lea has returned to Grapeland from Louisiana. His many friends welcome him back.

CUSTOMERS WANTED—at once at J. B. Lively's.

Geo. E. Darsey and son Murdock went up to Elkhart Tuesday.

Guice spring tooth harrows, still 3.50. at Darrey's.

J. B. Lively wants your hides and bees wax.

Walter McMeans and Byron Bush were down from Palestine Sunday.

See our R. F. D. mail boxes, with or without locks.—Darsey.

Mrs. Jim Saxon and children visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Old goods are dear at any price. See us for lowest prices on new goods.—Geo. E. Darsey.

Miss Julie Pritchard has been visiting in the city. She returned to Crockett Monday night, accompanied by Miss Leila Howard.

When you buy from Darsey you buy nice, neat, new, clean goods, no old moth eaten bankrupt stuff to work off.

N. J. Tims of Waneta is our agent and is authorized to solicit and collect subscriptions. If you want the Messenger call on him.

Darsey has jelly glasses.

Jim Pennington was in the city Saturday.

New lot of dress goods to arrive at Shipper's this week.

Fresh lemons at J. B. Lively's.

Jack Jones was in the city Saturday on business.

We have the best dollar mail box.—Darsey.

Shipment of Walk Over shoes to arrive at Shipper's this week.

Trade at J. B. Lively's store. Clewis will treat you right.

Ben Caskey left Sunday for Tyler, where he has a position.

Base ball goods—full line at Carleton & Porter's.

Maj. J. F. Martin went to Crockett Wednesday.

Some mighty good lemons at 20c per dozen at the Bon-Ton.

Geo. Scarborough had business at Ioni the latter part of last week.

Received this week at Darsey's a big lot of cotton hose and scrapers.

Eugene Brooks of Palestine was in the city Sunday, visiting relatives.

The Wonder ice cream freezer uses less ice and will freeze quicker.—See Darsey for prices.

Ben Logan went down to Crockett Sunday returning Monday.

Buy you a light summer coat at J. B. Lively's.

Miss Ada Caldwell and little Miss Joe Vada Davis visited in Crockett this week.

A big lot of new dress goods received at Darsey's since last issue of this paper.

N. J. Tims, the jolly postmaster and merchant of Waneta, was in town Friday on business.

See us for lowest prices on doors and windows, all sizes at Geo. E. Darsey's.

Frank Taylor was up from Reynard Saturday and Sunday visiting friends.

Rural Free Delivery Mail boxes, with or without locks, at Darsey's.

Deputy sheriff Dave Leaverton and M. D. Murchison went to Crockett on business Tuesday.

"Cracker-Jack" gives instant relief to stock against annoyance from lice, fleas, flies and gnats. Ask for it at Carleton & Porter's.

How about that ice cream freezer? If you are going to buy one the Wonde five minute freezer is as good as you can buy, for lowest prices see Geo. E. Darsey.

No use to go away from home after anything in dry goods, dress goods, trimmings, clothing, shoes or anything else, for you can buy your bill complete for less at Darsey's.

An entertainment was given at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lively of Hays Springs last Saturday night. Several couples of our young people attended and all reported a pleasant time.

OFFICE PHONE No. 34. SALES DEPT. No. 23.

GEO. E. DARSEY,

HEADQUARTERS FOR

GENERAL MERCHANDISE, HARDWARE, FURNITURE.

Grapeland, Texas, June 8, 1905.

Since our last letter we have received many new things in the Dry goods department, and you are always welcome at our store whether you want to buy or not, so just come at any time it suits your convenience, and see the new goods that are continually arriving.

In our grocery and hardware department we have a full supply of 1-2 gallon, quart and pint fruit jars, jelly glasses, rubber extra top, also just in this week genuine Mexican June seed corn. Now is the time to buy so you can plant from 10th to 20th of this month. Also mail boxes, nails and hammers.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. DARSEY.

P. S. We sell the best ice cream freezer made.

Darsey has grain cradles.

Shipper wants to sell you Walk Over shoes.

G. R. Whitley went to Palestine Sunday.

Something entirely new in ladies duck hats at Darsey's.

Dick Dunham went to Crockett Monday.

Shipper sells Friedman and Walk Over shoes. Two of the best brand of shoes made.

A small amount invested in Pratts food for horses, hogs and poultry will bring big result, for lowest prices see Geo. E. Darsey.

Togo annihilated Rojestvensky's fleet, but J. B. Lively's prices on groceries and notions can't be annihilated.

If you are in doubt, drop in and subscribe for the Messenger. We print the news—not ancient history.

M. K. Murchison of Latexo called at our office while in town Monday and shoved his figures up a year. Thanks.

We noticed Rev. J. E. Howard on the street Saturday.

Ainsworth Selkirk has gone to Fuqua to accept a R. R. position.

The missing link to your happiness can be found in a year's subscription to the Messenger.

The smallest store in Grapeland sells everything, keeps nothing; something good to eat and drink. Try us one and see. F. M. Owens, Manager.

FOR SALE—Big red Jersey cow with heifer calf for sale; good milker; perfectly gentle; they go cheap. Apply at Messenger.

Joe Adams of Crockett was in the city Saturday, and at night delivered an able address to the Masonic lodge.

Good rain. Buy your goods from us. Good goods for a little price. It will cure the blues. W. B. Faris

Just received at the Bon-Ton a nice line of non-intoxicant wines, such as Tokay, Port and Blackberry. Get a bottle and go your way rejoicing.

Honest Goods,

Close Cash Prices

and

Courteous treatment

Is what you get at

SAXON'S.

To The People.

I wish to announce to the people that on account of the bad health of my brother, I have taken charge of the barber shop, and will continue the business at the same place. I solicit the patronage of the public, and will treat you right. Your business is appreciated. Very respectfully, Wiley Caskey.

CHEAP CASH HOUSE.

BUY WHERE A DOLLAR GETS MORE VALUE, THEN BUY FROM US.

No one realizes this more than we do, and we have bargains for you in every department. Our stock is nice, clean, up-to-date and complete. We are receiving new goods every day, and we have cut our prices to the last notch, and will appreciate your business.

We Bid for Your Cash Trade, Your Produce, Your Friendship

We are Leaders in Price reducers on Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Hats, Staple and Fancy Groceries.

Respectfully,

W. B. FARIS, Agt.,

GRAPELAND, TEXAS,

Japs Are Barred.

In ruling upon the cases presented from Houston, the attorney general of the U. S. rules that Japanese cannot become naturalized citizens of this country.

District Judge Kittrell approved the applications of several Jap colonists for citizenship, and the matter was called to the attention of a special agent of the Federal government, who declared the proceedings invalid. The question was submitted to the attorney general, with the result stated.

A Japanese colony has been installed near Houston for the promotion of rice growing, and several hundred families have become members of it. All of them desired American citizenship, and this decision will check the growth of the enterprise. It may also provoke an unfriendly sentiment toward us in the Flowery Kingdom.—The Lantern.

Bob Taylor on Texas.

"O, glorious empire State of the sun kissed South! With thy 175000 square miles of as rich a country as was ever tickled by a plow or a pick, and as ever laught a harvest of corn and cotton for the happiness of man!

With thy cattle on a thousand hills, thy countless flocks, thy gushing wells of oil, thy fields of rice and sugar cane stretching far away like the sweet fields of Eden on the other side of Jordan!

With thy brave men and beautiful women! Out of thine unwasting fatness thou canst feed and warm the world! And thou canst furnish wives for all the men and husbands for all the old maids! I wonder why the poor huddle in the smoke and filth of crowded cities when Texas smiles and beckons them to her landscapes of beauty, where the prairie flowers bloom and the sunshine plays with the zephyrs from the Gulf and sometimes scuffles with a cyclone. I wonder why toiling millions dwell amid blackened walls only to be slaves to heartless masters when untouched fields invite the happy home and virgin soil still waits for the plowman and his merry song. I wonder why helpless children are doomed to die by thousands in polluted hovels and crowded alleys when the green meadows of Texas bid them come and chase the butterflies among the bluebells and the daisies and blossoming hills call them hither to romp and play, where the happy birds sing and the cows come home in the evening fragrant with the breath of alfalfa and the sweet wild grasses of the plains."

A New York girl shot at her prospective husband and hit the coachman. Why is it a woman can always shoot much straighter with a rolling pin than she can with any other weapon?—Ex.

This man is a school teacher. He is going to sit down in the chair. There is a bent pin in the chair, and it will bite the school teacher. The school teacher is a very able man, and he will find it out as soon as the bent pin tackles him. Will the school teacher rise again? We should smile. He will play a sonata with the ferrule on the boys back. The boy put the bent pin in the chair. He is trying to be a humorist. When the school teacher gets through with him the boy will eat his meals from the mantelpiece for a week.—Eugene Field.

Hard Times for the Mouse.

A mouse and a five dollar bill caused J. O. Ray quite a little bit of worry the other day. The mouse got into the cash drawer, and got the five out. Mr. Ray missed the bill and a search was made. A mouse was discovered under the counter with the bill in its mouth. Jim let a war whoop and the mouse started for a convenient hole in the wall with Jim after it. The bill was secured, but the mouse got away with a portion of it.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

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The greatest surprise to a girl who gets kissed the first time is that there is no taste to it.—Waterloo Times. No taste to it? Well, by the hen feathers on Cupid's dart, but the Times man must be color blind with a tin-palate. They tell us, those who have tried it, that it tastes like the double distilled essence of honey spread thick on a piece of pumpkin pie. Away back in the dim and joyful years long ago, before we lost all our teeth, and our cinch of the beautiful prize, the prettiest girl in all the world told us with her eyes that it felt like a covey of quails flying out of each ear and ended up with a sensation like a flock of angels pouring molasses down one's back. No taste to a kiss? Gee Scoot! It would make a wooden Indian's hair dance and his toe nails quiver with ecstasy. The Times man must be an ice house.—Red Bud Pilgrim.

My boy, said a Colorado man to his son who was starting out for a career in an eastern city; my boy, let me tell you something which may be of help to you. When you go down there you may see a heap of people who have got more money than you have; a heap of people who have got more brain than you have and more success; some of them may even be better looking than you are. Don't you worry about that and don't you be scared of anybody. Whenever you meet a man who allows he's your superior, you just look at him and say to your self: After all you're just folks. You want to remember for yourself, too, that you are just folks. My boy, after you have lived as long as I have and have knocked around the world you will come to see that all any one of us is.—Texas Stockman and Farmer.

Don't Argue this Question.

A Eureka man who believes in self-improvement suggested to his wife that they should argue some question freely every morning and try to learn more of each other. The question the first morning happened to be "Whether a woman could be expected to do without a hat," and he took the affirmative and was last seen climbing up into the hayloft and pulling the ladder up after him.—Ex.

W. S. McGregor, representing Buck's Stove & Range Co. was in the city Friday.

J. L. Chiles is our authorized agent at Reynard and if you wish to subscribe for the Messenger call on him.

Mrs. Louise Toler arrived in the city Tuesday from Hico and is visiting her mother, Mrs. G. M. Hollingsworth.

My, isn't that delicious ice cream at the Bon Ton? Get them to fix you a bucket of it to carry home.

Prof. Joe Bob Oliphint is teaching a summer school at Gum Springs. School opened last Monday morning.

Mrs. R. E. DeOlive of Houston who has been visiting Mrs. Jas. Owens, returned home Sunday night.

Carl Porter of Crockett, brother of our popular druggist Gus Porter, was in the city Tuesday.

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Jim Parker has been added to the Messenger force as assistant devil. One devil is not enough for this office, and Jim is a good one.

D. W. Martin requests us to announce that there will be an important meeting of the truck growers next Saturday evening.

Mrs. W. E. Hollingsworth has resigned her position at Cameron and accepted a position with the Texas Midland R. R. at Terrell.

Mrs. Owen Johnston and little daughter went up to Palestine Friday night to spend several days visiting.

Walter Scott of Houston, who has been visiting Arthur and Chester Owens, returned home Wednesday. He was accompanied by Chester Owens.

People living in the Oriole community wishing to subscribe for the Messenger can do so by calling on our agent, Alex King, at the Oriole News Agency.

Jno. R. Taylor, Sol White, Jno. Bridges, Frank Smith and daughter, Miss Titia, went to Palestine Sunday. They were witnesses in the case of State vs. Dan Crenshaw.

D. W. Martin, J. M. Selkirk, Jas. Owens, J. E. Hollingsworth, and Ed Harman went up to Palestine Sunday night, to be present at the opening of district court Monday morning. They are witnesses in several cases.

Rev. J. E. Morgan requests us to announce that a protracted meeting will begin at the Methodist church on the second Sunday in July. He has secured the services of Rev. F. A. Downs of Jacksonville to assist him. Bear this in mind and make arrangements to go.

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