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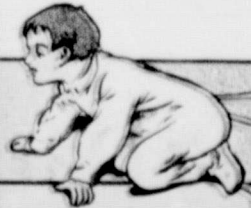
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One Dollar Per Year



**Christmas**  
1910





# Mistrot's Holiday Specials!



**FOOT DANGER!** Get the kind that Appeals—  
the Mistrot Kind

There are two dangerous kinds of stockings — one that is patched and darned until it becomes a torture to walk on; the other that is made of yarn so tough and coarse that one might as well be walking on wire.

The public is no longer content to buy Sox and stockings that will merely wear well. Guaranteed hosiery must be comfortable and stylish also.

**Wunderhose**  
CHATTANOOGA KNITTING MILLS

outwear their guarantee; they do not wear out the foot.

Our customers tell us that **Wunderhose** are more comfortable than any hosiery they ever wore. The man who is on his feet a great deal, as well as the man of fashion and leisure who prides himself on always dressing as a gentleman, take equal pride in **Wunderhose**.

Treat your feet right. Buy them a box of **Wunderhose**. Put on a pair of low shoes, and note before the day is over how many people compliment you on your hosiery.

The spirit of Yuletide brightens the Christmas stare and lends zest to the buying and selling--the choosing of Holiday Goods and the careful selection of gifts for the family, friends, and other folks. When you make your Christmas wish remember this--

**The Best and Largest Stock  
Awaits You at MISTROT'S**

Christmas shopping is made easy at our store. On every hand in every section you are greeted with displays of new holiday merchandise suitable for useful and practical gifts. Gifts are here for everyone--for men, for women, for boys, for girls, for babies.

**We Guarantee to  
Give Satisfaction.**

Holiday Specials for Men		Holiday Specials for Women	
5.00 Shoes	4.10	50c ties	44c
3.50 shoes	2.95	25c ties	21c
3.00 shoes	2.35	12.20 Coats	9.28
2.50 shoes	1.95	10.00 Coats	7.50
1.75 shoes	1.65	8.00 Coats	6.00
15.00 suits	12.48	6.00 Coats	4.50
12.50 suits	10.48	3.50 and 4.00 Shoes	3.21
10.00 suits	8.48	3.00 Shoes	2.49
1.50 wool over shirts	1.09	2.50 Shoes	1.95
1.25 over shirts	96c	2.00 Shoes	1.65
1.00 over shirts	84c	1.75 Shoes	1.50
75c shirts	63c	50c Hose	36c
50c shirts	44c	35c Hose	23c
5.00 hats	4.19	25c Hose	19c
4.00 hats	3.39	15c Hose	10c
3.50 hats	2.98	10c Hose	8c
2.50 hats	1.98	5.00 Ladies hand bags	3.98
2.00 hats	1.49	4.00 Ladies hand bags	3.23
		3.50 Ladies hand bags	2.98
		3.00 Ladies hand bags	2.49
		2.50 Ladies hand bags	1.98
		1.50 Ladies hand bags	1.19
		1.00 Ladies hand bags	71c
		5.00 Axminster rugs	3.98
		2.75 Axminster rugs	2.38
		2.25 Axminster rugs	1.89
		2.00 Axminster rugs	1.48



We thousands of other things for Men, Women and Children, which we cannot list here on this ad on account of having space.

All we ask you to do is to come in our store and we will find something suitable for each member of the family.

**Extra Conscience in**

**Wunderhose**  
CHATTANOOGA KNITTING MILLS

**Guaranteed Four Months**

YOU buy "guaranteed" hosiery to insure a definite amount of wear. But why not get **more?** In **Wunderhose** you get the utmost maximum of wear and you get extra **style** and **texture** and "finish" besides.

**Wunderhose** is the best of all "guaranteed" hosiery. It is superior to ordinary brands in style, fit, fineness of texture and strength of thread. It is dyed with a special Wunderdye, which preserves the brilliancy and resiliency of the fabric and makes it soft and comfortable on the feet. It doesn't get hard or stiff after being washed.

You might pay 50 cents or a dollar for hosiery that would not wear so well as



**Wunderhose** or be so comfortable on the feet. The makers give a signed guarantee of 4 months satisfactory wear with every box of four pairs for a dollar. The experience of users is that **Wunderhose** outwears its guarantee, but it does not wear out the foot.

**Wunderhose** gives more days wear and more comfort and satisfaction than any hosiery ever sold for the price. The makers seem to have put more **conscience** into this hosiery than any we know for the price.

Try a box of **Wunderhose** on our recommendation. You will get the utmost measure of **value** in **Wunderhose**. Beautiful colors. All sizes for men, women, misses and boys.

**Mistrot Brothers & Company.**



**REMEMBER  
Our  
BIG  
GREEN  
TICKET  
SALE**

Only lasts a few days longer.

Buy while you can get the GREEN TICKET PRICE.

You can buy a valuable Christmas gift at these prices.

Buy where the wise ones buy--from

**Mistrot  
Bros.  
&  
Co.**

**'The House of Quality'  
GRAPELAND  
TEXAS**

**Improved Water-works at Crockett**

Crockett, Texas, December 18.—The city water commission has just completed and put into operation the new triplex surface pump and a concrete storage tank of about 70,000 gallons capacity. The new water pump and storage tank together with the deep well pump and water stored in tower will at all times furnish more water than can be used and at the same time adequate fire protection.

**Rock Hill News.**

Dec. 19.—Guess most everybody is now preparing for the sacred holiday of Christmas, which is now close at hand and our hearts beat with a warm thought of the pleasure we are about to witness in celebrating the most precious holiday that the calendar can mark. It seems that most people have a very strange idea about the way to celebrate Christmas. Lots of people think that Christmas is only to be observed as a "big time" holiday. We see men near Christmas time go to town and get a bottle of red stuff, the name of which I think should be omitted in this paper, and get on the biggest spree they can just at the time when their minds should be full of good thoughts of the precious moments that are passing. There are a great many ways of observing Christmas. We may expect a good time, which we will have if we start out right, but let's not disgrace ourselves on the most holy day of the year. Let us observe it with great thoughts of what we are celebrating and let us also resolve to make it the happiest Christmas we have ever spent.

Most of our people are cleaning land, repairing fences and getting ready to begin another crop.

The letters from Rock Hill have not been very numerous lately due to the fact that the writer has been in school and has not had much time to report, however, we do not fail to read the paper.

Friday night, Dec. 16, there was an entertainment given by Miss Mary Lou Thompson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Streetman, in which the young people had a great time. We had a prize contest and Newton Streetman won the boy's prize and Ethel Gray won the girl's.

Our school is going to close next Thursday for Christmas and will have about a week for holidays. We are all expecting a nice time.

I will close, wishing you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Rock Hill Youth.

The kidneys ache when they are overworked and the trouble gets serious unless promptly removed. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable kidney tonic and bowel regulator.

A. S. Porter Special Agent.

Some one burglarized D. N. Leaverton's drug store Saturday night and stole a gallon and a half of alcohol. Nothing else was missed. We presume the thief wants to get on a cheap Xmas jag.

Gary Spence has sold his farm west of Grapeland to a northern man, and has purchased some property near Crockett. However it is not his intention to leave Grapeland.

Nothing nicer or more appropriate for an Xmas present for the home than

**A Beautiful  
Rocking  
Chair**

We are showing quite a number of styles in Morris chairs, Rockers and Straight Chairs, in upholstered and quartered oak, all to go at

**Unloading  
Sale Prices!**

Many other things in our stock are sensible Xmas Gifts, useful as well as ornamental.

**Whitley  
&  
Keeland**

"The Price is the Thing."  
Telephone No. 34.

**Dr. Robertson's  
Philosophy.**

As a work of art how about country fried chicken?

Its not what you earn but what you get that helps to pay board bills.

Some men work and others get worked. To which class do you belong?

The man whose heart doesn't grow warm within him at the approach of the Yull-tide has something wrong with his internal machinery.

How are you going to spend Christmas? The best index of a community's civilization is the way they conduct themselves during the Christmas holidays.

**Stores Close Monday.**

Owing to Christmas day coming on Sunday, we will close our places of business Monday, Dec. 26th, and celebrate Monday, Dec. 26th, as Christmas day instead of Sunday. Wishing you a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year we are,  
Yours very truly,

M L Clewis, B F Hill, P. M., A B Guice, J N Parker, K C Alsop, Kennedy Bros., W H Lively, D N Leaverton, Miss Jewel Taylor, E. O. Buckalew, W R Wherry, A S Porter, Geo. E. Darsey, Darsey's D G Store, F & M State Bank, S E Howard, Allen & McLain, J J Brooks, Mistrot Bros. & Co., Whitley & Keeland, The Messenger.

**Letters to Santa Claus.**

Grapeland, Tex., Dec., 19.  
Dear Santa Claus;  
I want a target, drum, horn, nuts, some fruits and fire works.  
Your friend,  
Tom Richards.

Grapeland, Tex., Dec., 19.  
Dear Santa Claus;  
I want you to bring me a drum bugle, little axe, pistol and some caps to shoot it with. I want you to be sure and bring me some candy, nuts, fire works and fruits. I live in a little red house on the west side of the rail road.  
Your friend,  
Killiough Richards.

Grapeland, Tex., Dec., 19.  
Dear Santa Claus;  
Please bring me a little wagon, horn bugle, some pretty little blocks, ball, hammer, and apples, oranges, bananas and other fruits.  
Your little friend,  
Dewitt Richards.

The Messenger deeply sympathizes with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holloway in the death of their little baby, which occurred Monday night. The remains were carried to Huntsville for interment Tuesday morning.

**NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS**  
I will be at Grapeland on Saturday, Jan. 7 1911, for the purpose of collecting 1910 taxes.  
A. L. Goolsby,  
Tax Collector Houston Co.

Byron Allen and wife, who have been living at Spring, have moved to Palestine, where Byron has a good position in the L. & G. N. dispatchers office.

Try a pair of Buck Skin breeches, a new line just in, prices right. W. H. Lively.

**Christ-  
mas  
Greet-  
ing.**

We desire to thank you for your liberal patronage and support in the past and we solicit a continuation of the same, promising you in the future as in the past a dollar's worth for a dollar, and to give you value received in all transactions. Wishing for each of you a happy and prosperous new year, I am  
Very truly,

**George E.  
Darsey.**

Grapeland, Tex.

**Special Notice**

Our stores will be closed Christmas week as follows: Monday, Holiday; Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday, taking stock.

On Friday our stores will be open for business as usual.  
G. E. D.



# The COURAGE of CAPTAIN PLUM

By JAMES OLIVER CURWOOD  
ILLUSTRATIONS BY MAGNUS G. KETNER



## SYNOPSIS.

**CHAPTER I.**—Capt. Nathaniel Plum of the ship Typhoon lands secretly on Beaver Island, Lake Michigan, stronghold of the Mormons. Obadiah Price, an eccentric old man, and counselor of the Mormons, who has been spying on him, suddenly demands that Plum and his men be expected. Plum insists he has got the wrong man, but Price ignores his protestations and bargains for the ammunition on board the ship. He binds Nat by a solemn oath to deliver a package to Franklin Pierce, president of the United States. He agrees to show Plum the Mormon town, St. James.

**CHAPTER II.**—Plum sees the frightened face of a young woman in the darkness near Price's cabin. She disappears, leaving an odor of lilacs. It develops that Plum's visit to Beaver Island is to demand settlement from the king. Strang, for the losing of his ship some time previously, by men whom he suspected of being Mormons. Casey, his mate, has been left in charge of the ship with orders to bombard St. James if the captain does not return within a certain time. Price takes Nat secretly in the darkness to the king's house, and through a window he sees Strang and his seven wives, among whom is the lady of the lilacs, who, Price says, is the seventh wife.

**CHAPTER III.**—Price's actions lead Plum to believe that he is jealous of Strang. Plum calls at the king's office where a young woman warns him that his life is in danger, and urges him to return to his ship. He refuses.

**CHAPTER IV.**—Strang receives Plum cordially, professes great indignation when he hears the captain's grievance, and promises to investigate and punish the guilty. Plum again receives warning that his life is in danger. He reacts, and orders Arthur Croche, his servant, and father of Winsome, the girl who warned Plum of his danger, to pursue the two men and kill them.

**CHAPTER V.**—Plum and Neil plan to escape on the Typhoon. Plum learns that Marion, the girl of the lilacs, is Neil's sister. She is not yet married to Strang, but some mysterious influence seems to be forcing her into the union.

**CHAPTER VI.**—Plum suggests carrying Marion off to the ship at midnight, and sailing away with her. Neil approves of the idea and they plan to include Winsome, whom Neil is in love, in the enterprise. Plum discovers that the Typhoon is gone. He meets Marion and relieves her anxiety by telling her that Neil has left the island. The thunder of a gun is heard, and Plum declares Casey is bombarding St. James.

**CHAPTER VII.**—Marion tells him that his ship has been captured by the Mormons, and that the guns are guns of triumph. She pleads with him to leave the island and to prevent her brother from returning. She says nothing can save her from Strang. Plum finds Price's mad. In a lucid interval he tells Nat that Strang is doomed, that armed men are descending on the island.

**CHAPTER VIII.**—Nat learns from Marion's parents that she has gone to Strang in obedience to a summons. He goes to the castle to look for her. One of Strang's wives tells him that she is gone and urges him to leave the island. He is confronted by Strang.

**CHAPTER IX.**—They engage in a desperate fight. Strang's wife interferes. Nat believes that he has killed the king. He finds Arthur Croche barring the door and kills him. The evening breeze from the mainland descends on St. James. Neil and Nat take part in the battle and the latter is wounded. Strang, whom he thought he had killed, orders Nat thrown into a dungeon.

**CHAPTER X.**—He finds Neil a fellow prisoner. They overhear the Mormon jury deciding their fate. Winsome Croche demands the death of the man who killed her father.

## Chapter XI.—Con.

It was his whisper that Nathaniel waited for, the signaling clutch of his fingers, the sound of his breath close to his ears. Again and again he pressed himself against the sheriff's knees. He knew that he was understood, and yet there came no answer. At last he looked up, and Jeekum's face was far above him, staring straight and unseeing into the darkness ahead. His last spark of hope went out.

After a time a dark rim loomed slowly up out of the sea. It was land, half a mile or so away. Nathaniel sat up with fresh interest, and as they drew nearer Jeekum rose to his feet and gazed long and steadily in both directions along the coast. When he returned to his seat the boat's course was changed. A few minutes later the bow grated upon sand. Still voiceless as specters the guards leaped ashore and Neil roused himself to follow them, climbing over the gunwale like a sick man. Nathaniel was close at his heels. With a growing sense of horror he saw two ghostly stakes thrusting themselves out of the beach a dozen paces away. He looked beyond them. As far as he could see there was sand—nothing but sand, as white as paper, scintillating in a billion flashing needle-points in the starlight. Instinctively he guessed what the stakes were for, and walked toward them with the blood turning cold in his veins. Neil was before him and stopped at the first stake, making no effort to lift his eyes as Nathaniel strode past him. At the second, a dozen feet beyond, Nathaniel's two guards halted, and placed him with his back to the post. Two minutes later, bound hand and foot to the stake, he shifted his head so that he could look at his companion.

Neil was similarly fastened, with his face turned partly toward him. There was no change in his attitude. He had huge muscles upon his chest,

as if he had fainted. What did it mean? Suddenly every nerve in Nathaniel's body leaped into excited action.

The guards were entering their boat! The last man was shoving it off—they were rowing away! His throbbing muscles seemed ready to burst their bonds. The boat became indistinct in the starry gloom—a mere shadow—and faded in the distance. The sound of oars became fainter and fainter. Then, after a little, there was wafted back to him from far out in the lake a man's voice—the wild snatch of a song. The Mormons were gone! They were not to be shot! They were not—

A voice spoke to him, startling him so that he would have cried out if it had not been for the cloth that gagged him. It was Neil, speaking coolly, laughingly.

"How are you, Nat?" Nathaniel's staring eyes revealed his astonishment. He could see Neil laughing at him as though it was an unusually humorous joke in which they were playing a part.

"Lord, but this is a funny mess!" he chuckled. "Here am I, able and willing to talk—and there you are, as dumb as a mummy, and looking for all the world as if you'd seen a ghost! What's the matter? Aren't you glad we're not going to be shot?"

Nathaniel nodded. The other's voice became suddenly sober.

"This is worse than the other, Nat. It's what we call the 'Straight Death.' Unless something turns up between now and tomorrow morning, or a little later, we'll be as dead as though they had filled us with bullets. Our only hope rests in the fact that I can use my lungs. That's why I didn't let them know when my gag became loose. I had the devil's own time keeping it from falling with my chin; pretty near broke my neck doing it. A little later, when we're sure Jeekum and his men are out of hearing, I'll begin calling for help. Perhaps some fisherman or hunter—"

He stopped, and a chill ran up Nathaniel's back as he listened to a weird howl that came from far behind them. It was a blood-curdling sound and his face turned a more ghastly pallor as he gazed inquiringly at Neil. His companion saw the terrible question in his face.

"Wolves," he said. "They're away back in the forest. They won't come down to us." For a moment he was silent, his eyes turned to the sea. Then he added: "Do you notice anything queer about the way you're bound to that stake, Nat?"

There was a thrilling emphasis in Nathaniel's answer. He nodded his head affirmatively, again and again.

"Your hands are tied to the post very loosely, with a slack of say six inches," continued Neil with an appalling precision. "There is a rawhide thong about your neck, wet, and so tight that it chafes your skin when you move your head. But the very uncomfortable thing just at this moment is the way your feet are fastened. Isn't that so? Your legs are drawn back, so that you are half resting on your toes, and I'm pretty sure your knees are aching right now. Eh? Well, it won't be very long before your legs will give way under you and the slack about your wrists will keep you from helping yourself. Do you know what will happen then?"

He paused and Nathaniel stared at him, partly understanding, yet giving no sign.

"You will hang upon the thong about your neck until you choke to death," finished Neil. "That's the 'Straight Death.' If the end doesn't come by morning the sun will finish the job. It will dry out the wet rawhide until it grips your throat like a hand. Poetically we call it the hand of Strang. Pleasant, isn't it?"

The grim definiteness with which he described the manner of their end added to those sensations which had already become acutely discomforting to Nathaniel. Had he possessed the use of his voice when the Mormons were leaving he would have called upon them to return and lengthen the thongs about his ankles by an inch or two. Now, with almost brutal frankness, Neil had explained to him the meaning of his strange posture. His knees began to ache. An occasional sharp pain shot up from them to his hips, and the thong about his neck, which at first he had used as a support for his chin, began to irritate him. At times he found himself resting upon the ground so heavily that it shortened his breath, and he was compelled to strain against himself, putting his whole weight on his twisted feet. It seemed as if before Neil broke the

ten minutes.

"I'm going to begin," he said. "Listen. If you hear an answer nod your head."

He drew a deep breath, turned his face as far as he could toward the shore, and shouted.

"Help—help—help!"

Again and again the thrilling words burst from his throat, and as their echoes floated back to them from the forest, like a thousand mocking voices, Nathaniel grew hot with the sweat of horror. If he could only have added his own voice to those cries, shrieked out the words with Neil—joined even unavailingly in this last fight for life, it would not have been so bad. But he was helpless. He watched the desperation grow in his companion's face as there came no response save the taunting echoes; even in the light of the stars he saw that face darken with its effort, the eyes fill with a mad light, and the throat strain against its choking throng. Gradually Neil's voice became weaker. When he stopped to rest and listen his panting breath came to Nathaniel like the hissing of steam. Soon the echoes failed to come back from the forest, and Nathaniel fought like a crazed man to free himself, jerking at the thongs that held him until his wrists were bleeding and the rawhide about his neck choked him.

"No use!" he heard Neil say. "Better take it easy for a while, Nat!"

Marion's brother had turned toward him, his head thrown back against the stake, his face lifted to the sky. Nathaniel raised his own head, and found that he could breathe easier. For a long time his companion did not break the silence. Mentally he began counting off the seconds. It was past midnight—probably one o'clock. Dawn came at half past two, the sun rose an hour later. Three hours to live! Nathaniel lowered his head, and the rawhide tightened perceptibly at the movement. Neil was watching him. His face shone as white as the starlit sand. His mouth was partly open.

"I'm devilish sorry—for you—Nat—" he said.

His words came with painful slowness. There was a grating huskiness in his voice.

"This damned rawhide—is pinching—my Adam's apple—"

He smiled. His white teeth gleamed, his eyes laughed, and with a heart bursting with grief Nathaniel looked away from him. He had seen courage, but never like this, and deep down in his soul he prayed—prayed that death might come to him first, so that he might not have to look upon the agonies of this other, whose end would be ghastly in its fearless resignation. His own suffering had become excruciating. Sharp pains darted like red-hot needles through his limbs, his back tortured him, and his head ached as though a knife had cloven the base of his skull. Still—he could breathe. By pressing his head against the post it was not difficult for him to fill his lungs with air. But the strength of his limbs was leaving him. He no longer felt any sensation in his cramped feet. His knees were numb. He measured the paralysis of death creeping up his legs inch by inch, driving the sharp pains before it, until suddenly his weight tottered under him and he hung heavily upon the thong about his throat. For a full half minute he ceased to breathe, and a feeling of ineffable relief swept over him, for during those few seconds his body was at rest. He found that by a backward contortion he could bring himself erect again, and that for a few minutes after each respite it was not so difficult for him to stand.

After a third effort he turned again toward Neil. A groan of horror rose to his imprisoned lips. His companion's face was full upon him, ghastly white; his eyes were wide and staring, like balls of shimmering glass in the starlight, and his throat was straining at the fatal rawhide! Nathaniel heard no sound, saw no stir of life in the inanimate figure.

A moaning, wordless cry broke through the cloth that gagged him.

At the sound of that cry, faint, terrifying, with all the horror that might fill a human soul in its articulate note, a shudder of life passed into Neil's body. Weakly he flung himself back, stood poised for an instant against the stake, then fell again upon the deadly throng. Twice—three times he made the effort, and failed. And to Nathaniel, staring wide-eyed and silent now, the spectacle was one that seemed to blast the very soul within him and send his blood in rushing torrents of fire to his sickened brain. Neil was dying! A fourth time he struggled back. A fifth—and he held his ground. Even in that passing instant something like a flash of his buoyant smile flickered in his face and there came to Nathaniel's ears like a throttled whisper—his name.

"Nat—"

And no more. The head fell forward again. And Nathaniel, turning his face away, saw something come up out of the shimmering sea, like a shadow before his blistering eyes, and as his own limbs went out from under him and he felt the strangling death at his throat there came from that shadow a cry that seemed to snap his very heart-



Joy Shone in Her Face.

strings—a piercing cry and (even in his half consciousness he recognized it) a woman's cry! He flung himself back, and for a moment he saw Neil struggling, the last spark of life in him stirred by that same cry; and then across the white sand two figures flew madly toward them, and even as the hot film in his eyes grew thicker he knew that one of them was Marion and that the other was Winsome Croche.

His heart seemed to stop beating. He strove to pull himself together, but his head fell forward. Faintly, as on a battlefield, voices came to him, and when with a superhuman effort he straightened himself for an instant he saw that Neil was no longer at the stake but was stretched on the sand, and of the two figures beside him one suddenly sprang to her feet and ran to him. And then Marion's terror-filled face was close to his own, and Marion's lips were moaning his name, and Marion's hands were slashing at the thongs that bound him. When with a great sigh of joy he crumpled down upon the earth he knew that he was slipping off into oblivion with Marion's arms about his neck, and with her lips pressing to his the sweet elixir of life.

Darkness enshrouded him but a few moments, when a dash of cool water brought him back into light. He felt himself lowered upon the sand and after a breath or two he twisted himself on his elbow and saw that Neil's white face was held on Winsome's breast and that Marion was running up from the shore with more water. For a space she knelt beside her brother, and then she hurried to him. Joy shone in her face. She fell upon her knees and drew his head in the hollow of her arm, crooning mad senseless words to him, and bathing his face with water, her eyes shining down upon him gloriously. Nathaniel reached up and touched her face, and she bowed her head until her hair smothered him in sweet gloom, and kissed him. He drew her lips to his own, and then she lowered him gently and stood up in the starlight, looking first at Neil and next down at him; and then she turned quickly back to the sea.

From down near the shore she called back some word, and with a shrill cry Winsome followed her. Nathaniel struggled to his elbow, to his knees—staggered to his feet. He saw the boat drifting out into the night, and Winsome standing alone at the water-edge, her sobbing cries of entreaty, of terror, following it unanswered. He tottered down toward her, gaining new strength at each step, but when he reached her the boat was no longer to be seen and Winsome's face was whiter than the sands under her feet.

"She is gone—gone—" she moaned, stretching out her arms to him. "She is going—back to Strang!"

And then, from far out in the white glory of the night, there came back to him the voice of the girl he loved:

"Goodbye—Goodbye—"

## CHAPTER XII.

Marion Freed From Bondage.

"Gone!" moaned Winsome again. "She has gone—back—to—Strang!"

Neil was crawling to them like a wounded animal across the sand.

She started toward him but Nathaniel stopped her.

"She is the king's—wife—"

His throat was swollen so that he could hardly speak.

"No. They are to be married tonight. Oh, I thought she was going to stay!" She tore herself away from him to go to Neil, who had fallen upon his face exhausted, a dozen yards away.

In the wet sand, where the incoming waves lapped his hands and feet, Nathaniel sank down, his eyes staring out into the shimmering distance where Marion had gone. His brain was in a daze, and he wondered if he had been stricken by some strange madness—if this all was but some passing phantasm that would soon leave him again to his misery and his despair. But the dash of the cold water against him cleared away his doubt. Marion had come to him. She had saved him from death. And now she was gone.

And she was not the king's wife!

He staggered to his feet again and plunged into the lake until the water reached to his waist, calling her name, entreating her in weak, half choked cries to come back to him. The water soaked through to his hot, numb body, restoring his reason and strength, and he buried his face in it and drank like one who had been near to dying of thirst. Then he returned to Neil. Winsome was holding his head in her arms.

He dropped upon his knees beside them and saw that life was returning full and strong in Neil's face.

"You will be able to walk in a few minutes," he said. "You and Winsome must leave here. We are on the mainland and if you follow the shore northward you will come to the settlements. I am going back for Marion."

Neil made an effort to follow him as he rose to his feet.

"Nat—Nat—wait—"

Winsome held him back, frightened, tightening her arms about him.

"You must go with Winsome," urged Nathaniel, seizing the hand that Neil stretched up to him. "You must take her to the first settlement up the coast. I will come back to you with Marion."

He spoke confidently, as a man who sees his way open clearly before him, and yet as he turned, half running, to the low black shadow of the distant forest he knew that he was beginning a blind fight against fate. If he could find a hunter's cabin, a fisherman's shanty—a boat.

Barely had he disappeared when a voice called to him. It was Winsome. The girl ran up to him holding something in her hand. It was a pistol. "You may need it!" she exclaimed. "We brought two!"

Nathaniel reached out hesitatingly, but not to take the weapon. Gently, as though his touch was about to fall upon some fragile flower, he drew the girl to him, took her beautiful face between his two strong hands and gazed steadily and silently for a moment into her eyes.

"God bless you, little Winsome!" he whispered. "I hope that some day you will—forgive me."

The girl understood him.

"If I have anything to forgive—you are forgiven."

The pistol dropped upon the sand, her hands stole to his shoulders.

"I want you to take something to Marion for me," she whispered softly. "This!"

And she kissed him.

Her eyes shone upon him like a benediction.

"You have given me a new life, you have given me—Neil! My prayers are with you."

And kissing him again, she slipped away from under his hands before he could speak.

And Nathaniel, following her with his eyes until he could no longer see her, picked up the pistol and set off again toward the forest, the touch of her lips and the prayers of this girl whose father he had slain filling him with something that was more than strength, more than hope. Life had been given to him again, strong, fighting life, and with it and Winsome's words there returned his old confidence, his old daring. There was everything for him to win now. His doubts and his fears had been swept away. Marion was not dead, she was not the king's wife—and it was not of another that he had accepted proof of her love for him, for he had felt the pressure of her arms about his neck and the warmth of her lips upon his face. He had until night—and the dawn was just beginning to break. Ten or fifteen miles to the north there were settlements, and between there were scores of settlers' homes and fishermen's shanties. Surely within an hour or two he would find a boat.

He turned where the edge of the forest came down to meet the white water-run of the sea, and set off at a slow, steady trot into the north. If he could reach a boat soon he might overtake Marion in midlake. The thought thrilled him, and urged him to greater speed. As the stars faded away in the dawn he saw the dark barrier of the forest drifting away, and later, when the light broke more clearly, there stretched out ahead of him mile upon mile of desert dunes. As far as he could see there was no hope of life. He slowed his steps now, for he would need to preserve his strength. Yet he experienced no fear, no loss of confidence. Each moment added to his faith in himself. Before noon he would be on his way to the Mormon kingdom, by nightfall he would be upon its shores. After that—

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If there is anything in the building material you need, such as doors, windows, columns, brick lime, cement, valley tin, nails, locks, hinges and paint figure with us on your complete bill. No trouble for us to make and compare prices.  
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The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia. Sold by all druggist.

Get her a pair of kid gloves for a Xmas present. Darsey is showing the best ones you ever saw for the price 75c and \$1.00.

Children take Ballard's Horehound Syrup willingly because it tastes nice. There isn't a better remedy anywhere for childrens coughs, hoarseness and bronchitis. It's a good medicine and easy to take. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

#### NOTICE.

After January 1st. prties wanting lots had better buy now as the prices will be advanced \$10.00 per lot after that date. I have both business and residence lots which I am offering at a special price.  
W. G. Darsey.

Deep-seated coughs that resist ordinary remedies require both external and internal treatment, If you buy a dollar bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup you get the two remedies you need for the price of one. There is Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest, free with each bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

A pair of Buster Brown shoes and a watch and fob will delight any boy for a Christmas present.  
Darsey.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection.  
A. S. Porter Special Agent.

Miss Pearl Lucas was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Saturday, and had us send the Messenger to her father at Augusta. Miss Pearl is teaching at New Prospect.

If you want to make your wife, father, mother or sister a nice Xmas present, present them with a W. O. W. policy. Only a few more days till the cheap rates will be off. See Clewis at once, and give him your application.

Whip cord pants and coats at \$4.00 per suit at Darsey's—the best work clothes you can buy.

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You Must Read This if Want You the Benefit  
J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "The pain was so intense I was forced to use hypodermic injections for relief. These attacks started with a pain in the small of my back which gradually became worse until it was almost paralyzing. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney Remedy and I am glad to say after using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old enemy lumbago." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.



# Grapeland Messenger

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THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1910

## COOK AND THE NORTH POLE

It is a hard thing for a genuine American to permanently expatriate himself. The longing for home and friends and old associations overcomes every other sense. That is the case with Dr. Cook, the alleged discoverer of the north pole, who fled the country about a year ago in the face of very general criticism. He cannot endure his exile and is coming back to publish his evidence for popular judgement. He now says he is not certain that he did reach the pole, being half mad with hunger and suffering after two years spent in the barren, glacial wastes of the far north.

Whether Cook reached the pole or not is of little consequence. The quest for that objective point has not been worth a hundredth part of the money expended, the death and suffering borne in it. Science has gained little from it. Cook may have been sincere in his belief of success. It is largely a matter for scientists to pass upon, and they are by no means unanimous in their belief that Peary himself reached the coveted goal. Cook did prove himself a brave man in his endeavors to accomplish the ambition of his life. If he was mistaken he will be easily pardoned the joy and exultation which resulted to him, and his acceptance of the praises and acclamation of the people. That he deliberately falsified in regard thereto it is believed cannot be shown.

Greetings of the season! May you eat (turkey) and grow fat.

Buy a few of the extra copies we have this week and send to the folks back yonder.

The wise shopper will always consult the advertising columns of The Messenger before starting out. The best bargains are always advertised.

Foolish Christmas buying will help to keep up the high cost of living. It's not what you give, but the motive that prompts the giving. Therefore, be practical in your gift giving.

We insist that you patronize those merchants who advertise. The man who week after week and year after year keeps you posted on the bargains of the day and invite your trade are the men who deserve your business.

## THE PRICE OF MEAT AND THE TARIFF.

The meat trust is probably the greatest merchant on earth. It feeds millions. In all lands, in every army and naval store its products may be found. Battles on land and sea cannot be fought without first consulting it. This colossal combination, unlike most others, did not achieve its immense proportions through the operation of the tariff. It was built up by ruthlessly smothering domestic competition. It was able to introduce many economies in production, but these have all gone into dividends, as in other monopolies. The consumer never gets the benefit. In ten years, according to the Bureau of Labor, beef has risen 32 per cent, mutton 35 per cent, fresh pork 68 per cent, salt pork and bacon 80 per cent and veal 30 per cent. The trust controls the cattle growing industry of the world, is able to meet competition abroad and to fix and enforce prices at home. When meats were sold at reasonable prices we had no need to import them and the tariff on meat was something of a joke. But now that the people are being held up almost to the point where prices are prohibitory we cannot send abroad for this essential food because the tariff keeps it out. Thus the trust, having controlled absolutely the home market by a process of elimination and absorption, is made safe from competition of the entire world by this beneficent system of high protection. The tariff on meat should be immediately repealed. It is an accessory to the robbery of the people.

Let one of your New Year resolutions be to work for the bond issue and hard roads.

The good citizens, especially the ladies, of Elkhart are up in arms about the saloon that has opened up in that little town. Elkhart has always supposed to have been a local option town, but by a recent decision was declared wet.

W. C. Brown, head of the great New York Central system, is quoted to the effect that he will soon retire and take up farming and horse breeding. The farm is a mighty attractive place during these piping times of high living extortion and the farmer is sharing a high degree of financial respect. Probably President Brown contemplates preparing a comfortable little nest for himself when the poor railroads are forced into bankruptcy because prohibited from further milking the shipper by increasing freight rates. Back to the farm is a mighty alluring prospect to many individuals nowadays.

## In Cupid's Realm

Last Sunday was a busy day for Cupid and Esq. John A. Davis reports the following weddings, he officiating at both:

Dural Jones to Miss Kate Walling, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Walling.

Jas. B. Hancock and Miss Martha Ellen Yarbrough at the residence of Mr. Neel. The Messenger extends best wishes to all.

Buy the children a pair of jersey leggings for 50c at Darsey's.

## SOON THE CHRISTMAS

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Only a few days

from now until Christmas. If you are troubled about what to give in any instance, look over our magnificent assortment of superb gift goods which will suggest an appropriate gift. We think our holiday line affords a better selection of gift goods than any stock ever before shown here. It includes more novelties, goods that combine usefulness, beauty and intrinsic worth than any other assortment at your command. Every item is of worthy quality and our prices are the lowest for that kind. May we not have the pleasure of showing you?

## D. N. Leaverton

Druggist :- Grapeland, Texas

## Augusta News

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 18.—For five years we have been a correspondent of the Messenger and with a good deal of interest we have watched its rapid growth from a tiny sheet to an interesting newspaper and we feel safe in saying that it is second to none in the county in giving the general news of the county. It is filled with advertisements of the first order and we are glad to say is giving satisfaction to all of its patrons. May its life be long and prove a great benefit to all its readers.

As usual at this season of the year there is very little business being done except by the merchants. They are busy supplying the wants of the people. Our merchants have the largest and finest display of holiday goods that we have ever seen in Augusta. This is good for all concerned. Everyone can be supplied at home.

We have had fine rains during the past week which was badly needed. Most of the cattle in this vicinity are entering the winter in bad condition and if it proves a severe one the loss to owners will be heavy.

No wedding bells to report yet. The fine turnout with the fine clothes and late style derby hat Lawrence Wilson is sporting leads one to be a little suspicious.

Judge Lively had an interesting court yesterday and today some of the boys are feeling much relieved. The cloud has passed

away, the little streams continue their course and the birds sing as sweetly as of yore. "So mote it be."

County Attorney Dent was on hand attending court yesterday. For some time past the ladies circle has been preparing a play to render the public. The same was given to a rousing big house last night. We were not present but gather the following from several who were present: The actors played their parts as old timers behind the foot lights. Mrs. Dr. Blair, Miss Sadie Story and Mrs. Will Mooney deserve special mention in regard to the rendition of their parts. Also Messrs. Coll Trimble and Clyde Story did their role well. We understand the play will be reproduced Saturday night after the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Newman's residence has been overhauled and the wood work completed. Walter Newman has just returned from Palestine where he purchased paint and paper to complete it. When finished it will be one of the most palatial homes in our village.

Morris Long had a run away this morning. Not with a girl, but an unmanageable horse. The buggy was considerably torn up, but fortunately no one was hurt.

Arthur Bolton's frequent visits to Grapeland looks rather suspicious from the fact that he claims his business is best known to himself.

J. A. Richardson and wife will spend the holidays in Commanche county.

This will be our last for 1910. In conclusion we wish all the

readers of the Messenger, also the Messenger force, a happy and prosperous new year.

As ever, Old Gray.

Don't overlook the fact that we are headquarters for your Xmas fruits.

Kennedy Bros.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup 50c per gallon at the old reliable W. R. Wherry's.

If you want the services of a competent, reliable, experienced dentist call on C. L. Moore, D. D. S. Office at Denton hotel. Teeth extracted without pain.

The best sewing machine in Houston County for the best money.

Kennedy Bros.

Give your friend or relative a life long present, a watch, bracelet, gold ring, locket, stick pin, anything in jewelry, goods guaranteed at Howard's.

Sailor Boy mackerel in ten pound kitts only. One dollar at Kennedy Bros.

Knee length rubber boots at Darsey's special price 2.00 per pair.

The creditors of F. A. Faris & Son will hold a meeting on Dec. 29, to see what can be done. We have been informed that a satisfactory settlement will try to be made, so the firm will not have to take the bankrupt law.



# Kennedy Bros.

THERE will be many happy hearts if you give your friends practical gifts—give them something they can use in the every day walks of life and they will appreciate the gift much more. We suggest for father, son or brother a pair of—

## Beacon Shoes

that is far superior to any other for style and comfort. They will suit the most fastidious dresser. Or a

## Beaver Brand Hat

in some of the new styles that are very pretty and snappy. Some small gifts for men—

### Neckwear

Four-in-Hands, both straight and open ends, which are always acceptable, and if bought at our store you can rest assured they are correct in both style and color. Ask to our line of

- Gloves
- Mufflers
- Men's Hose

We have many other gifts to suit this occasion too numerous to mention.

## Lady Problem Solved

We are showing some of the prettiest SCARFS both in Silk and Wool ever shown to the public.

## Umbrellas for Ladies

That will make presents that they will appreciate and enjoy many days in the year. Ask to see them.

You must not overlook the BARGAIN PRICE IN WUNDERHOSE

We are selling them at 20c a Pair

in men's, ladies' and children's in colors of black, tan, blue, gray, burgandy, green and pearl.

Call and see them before the colors are gone.

# Kennedy Bros.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for all display advertisements must be in the office by Tuesday at noon of each week to insure insertion.

### Trade with Lively.

Pretty line of silk scarfs at Darsey's.

Lively has Marshmallow for cake filling.

Ladies, misses and boys union suits at Darsey's.

For your Xmas candies go to HOWARD'S

Full line of men's sweater coats at 50c to \$2.50. Darsey.

Some nice Xmas presents in parlor lamps at Howard's.

Men's and boy's booties for work and hunting at Darsey's.

Some very special prices for the holidays at W. H. Lively's.

Men's and boy's underwear at Darsey's.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly.

Oranges, Apples, Cocoanuts, Bananas, Xmas Candies at HOWARD'S

Buy your children's hose from Darsey.

Jesse Eaves arrived home Saturday from Runge, where he has been for the past several months.

Darsey is showing the best line of sweater coats in town.

Buy your Christmas goods from W. H. Lively.

### FOR SALE.

1 acre of land, good house, barn and water. Apply to Geo. E. Darsey.

Pure ribbon cane syrup in any size package you want at Kennedy Bros.

Some nice finger rings, watch chains, Bracelets, Watch Fobs, Necklaces, Collar Buttons, all guaranteed to give satisfaction. See them for Xmas presents at HOWARD'S

Rev. W. A. Crayens, the new Methodist minister, and his wife have arrived and are domiciled at the parsonage.

There will be no issue of the Messenger next week.

All kinds of guns, hunting coats, belts and a full line of shells at Kennedy Bros.

### STRAYED—REWARD.

Bay horse, blaze face, roach mane, wire cut on breast. Reward paid for return to Henry Daly, Grapeland, Route 4.

Will Irvin and family, who have been living at Teague the past two years, have moved back to Grapeland. Mr. Irvin will engage in farming and will take charge of the Richards farm, seven miles east of town. The Messenger extends them a hearty welcome.

We Are Thankful We are on the eve of a new year and we hope that prosperity will attend you all thru it. We are thankful for your past business and solicit a continuance of the same in the future.

Hoping all may have a merry Xmas, we are,

Yours truly,  
J. J. Brooks

## MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

## WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Farmers & Merchants State Bank.

Grapeland, Texas

You should have account with this bank.

Be fair with yourself. Give yourself a chance.

You can then develop greater business ability. You can advance your business interests.

Any business will be benefitted by the service we can render. You should resolve to start an account with this bank to-day.

Lively sells good shoes.

Rubber shoes for men, women and children at Darsey's.

W. R. Wherry and Frank Allen went to Palestine Sunday.

Old fashion jeans pants at Darsey's.

Lively is making special prices for the holidays.

Mrs. R. H. Wherry and little baby of Memphis, Texas, are visiting relatives near town.

Try a sack of our Daily Bread flour, none better. Lively sells it.

Ladies' Persian and patent leather belts 25c to 50c at Darsey's.

Choice Colorado pea green alfalfa hay, the best feed you can buy. Kennedy Bros.

School dismissed Wednesday for the holidays, and will open January 2nd.

To make your Xmas hunting a pleasure get a hammerless rapid fire pump gun for sale by Kennedy Bros.

Lively sells it for less.

### STRAY HOGS.

One black Poland China sow, marked 2 splits in right ear and 1 split in left ear; also 4 unmarked shoats, two males, two females. Notify Frank Denton and receive reward.

Web Finch made the editor's heart glad Monday by shoving his subscription up a year.

We have several extra copies of this week's Messenger for sale at 5c each. Buy a few copies and send to some friend away. It would be a great advertisement for the town to show them what an enterprising set of business men we have.

### Trinity River Ripples

Reynard, Texas, Dec. 19.—A few weeks ago our gin cut and baled the last bale of cotton in this territory, numbering 808, and seed and all have been moved except a few bales. Collections have been good for present year expenses and lots of old scores wiped out, which has wiped out all the cash of those in that condition. Some have to

### To the Public:

I have purchased the stock of goods of Nathan Guice, and am now open for business at his old stand, I would be glad to have you call on me and inspect my stock before you buy. I will appreciate your business.

Call around and let's get acquainted

E. O. Buckalew

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THE VALUE of well-printed neat-appearing stationery as a means of getting and holding desirable business has been amply demonstrated. Consult us before going elsewhere

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twist and turn to meet holiday expenses and a little white washing along the line will be no crime if done in the right spirit.

Quite a number from our midst were in Grapeland Friday and Saturday hunting Santa Claus.

We expect the wedding bells to tap in our midst soon.

The bank farm has a new manager. Sorry to think of losing Mr. and Mrs. W. F. West and Mr. Jim from our midst. Hope he will decide to settle here permanently.

The labor problem is a little perplexing just now, but guess all will quiet down after the holidays and get to business and make things hum another year and do as well as we did this year. Many of us lived once in a time when cotton was 14c and 15c, but we know now how to appreciate it. In fact, those days we could have lived on 5c and 6c cotton better than we can now at 14c and 15c. Cotton has been king a long time to just now be wearing the crown.

Mr. Tyer surely gave the boys some good advice.

Wishing the Messenger family and all the readers a merry and pleasant Xmas, will bid all good bye until 1911. Zack.



# Some Prices

That Will Interest You

NOTICE! We have no sale on, but wish to mention the fact to our friends and customers of some special bargains we have for you. Read these prices:

1 lot men's pants, regular price 1.50, now.....	<b>1.00</b>		Also some good cotton sweaters for men, regular 50c values now.....	<b>45c</b>
1 lot men's pants, regular price 2.00, now.....	<b>1.50</b>		1 lot men's good heavy work shoes, as good as can be bought for the price, 1.75, now.....	<b>1.50</b>
1 lot men's heavy blue overalls, good as the best, regular price 1.00, now.....	<b>75c</b>		1 lot men's heavy work gloves good as can be bought, regular price 1.00, now.....	<b>90c</b>
1 lot men's work vests, regular price 25c, now.....	<b>15c</b>		All men's novelty hats, not felt, regular price 3.00 now.....	<b>2.50</b>
1 lot men's wool sweaters, regular price 1.00 now.....	<b>90c</b>			

We ask that you call and take advantage of these prices. We are ready at all times to make you prices on anything as cheap as the cheapest. We also thank you for your past patronage and solicit a continuance of same.

Wishing you a merry Christmas, I am,

Yours for courteous treatment and fair dealing at all times,

# W. H. Lively

"A Lively Store in a Lively Town where Lively People can get Lively Bargains."

## Around the Capitol Legislative Letter.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 19.—When the moon shall have waxed and waned a few more times the 32nd Legislature will be in session. The eyes of the nation are upon Texas. The sovereign voters of the state have declared for a halt in legislative adventure and that immortal document known as the Democratic Platform has actually demanded legislative rest. It is the custom for members of the legislature to look upon "Platform Demands" with as much sacredness as the children of Israel regarded the Ark of the Covenant and have we in the 32nd Legislature a Uzziah who will dare to lay hands on it?

Progress is always preceded by revolutions and Texas is now passing through a peaceful revolution. In all rapid changes in governmental politics there is always an element that perishes for want of adaptability and there may be some members of the 32nd legislature who will turn turtle and sink into political oblivion but the legislature as a whole will stand by the Grand Old Democratic party in its struggles to return to the principles of Thomas Jefferson. It is as natural for some people to make laws as it is for a fish to swim and many a big bass may flounder in the legislative halls during the next session of the legislature but there is a God in Israel who will harken to the voice of the people.

No legislature ever assembled under more inspiring auspices and none ever faced the responsibilities that now confront the next legislature of Texas. It is the special mission of this body to tune our laws to the merry hum of industry and invite cap-

ital by making two smiles grow from where one frown grew before.

There are a number of laws that need revision. Any shoemaker can make a shoe but to make one to fit is the test of talent. The I. & G. N. situation will never be settled until it is settled right. The righteous indignation of the 31st legislature was aroused over the failure of the I. & G. N. R. R. to pay its debts and restitution was demanded from the body of the property but this plan destroys the value of mortgage bonds, and roads depending upon the sale of their bonds to construct their properties are out of business. The legislature evidently intended that the I. & G. N. should pay its debts and that railroad building should proceed; but the results are opposite. The I. & G. N. has not paid its debts and railroad construction is at a standstill and it is up to the 32nd legislature to wave the magic wand that will start construction gangs.

Then there is the tax system that needs revision. The full rendition law has degenerated into a free will offering from property owners to the support of government and gross inequalities have crept in the assessments as between counties and between properties within each county. A few years ago the state became seriously alarmed over the fact that the railroads were watering their stock and the result was a railroad commission to properly value railroad properties. During the present administration the state went into the stock watering business itself and poured \$200,000,000 of this abundant liquid into the tax values of the railroads; at least the railroad commission

values railroad property at \$210,000,000 and the tax commission at \$409,700,000. When it comes to juggling railroad values the state of Texas can make Wall Street look like thirty cents. If the legislature has a genuine attack of honesty why not launder its own dirty linen before taking in washing? Oh! consistency thou art a jewel.

Many persons find themselves affected with a persistent cough after an attack of influenza. As this cough can be promptly cured by the use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it should not be allowed to run on until it becomes troublesome. Sold by all druggists.

Swanson Yarbrough is at home from Crandell to spend the holidays with his parents.

### Get the Genuine Always.

A substitute is a dangerous makeshift especially in medicine. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar cures coughs and colds quickly and is in a yellow package. Accept no substitutes. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

A nice white blanket will make an appropriate and useful Xmas present. Darsey is showing some beautiful ones at \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. John Masters.

We are still giving a piece of handsomely decorated china with every \$3.00 cash purchase. Ask for your tickets. W. H. Lively.

W. R. Wherry has received the invoice for a lot of men's, women's and children's overcoats. They will arrive in a few days. Call around and see them.

## Oriole Warbles.

Oriole, Texas, Dec. 17.—Was glad to get your paper on the 15th and found it full of interesting news. Glad to notice Mr. Townsend's views on legislation and Albert Tyer's advice to boys. It would also be good advice to men.

Since our last Mr. Luthur Allen was married to Miss Belle Ivey at the home of her father, Mr. Henry Ivey, by Rev. J. R. Shinn. I wish them much happiness in the journey of life.

We had a pleasant call lately from Mr. D. W. Russell of Latexo, representing the Brotherhood of American Yeomen. He is engaged in a good work and hope he may be successful. Glad to learn that the Yeomen have a lodge at Wanult Creek, near here, also at Latexo. He gave me a copy of the Yeomen Shield in which I find a lot of good reading.

Hope the Messenger may continue to gain new friends during the coming year. A. K.

## Letters to Santa Claus.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec., 14.  
Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me a doll that cries, a little gold ring like Laura Belle's, some nuts and fruits of all kinds.

Your little friend,  
Mary Louis Tyer.

P. S. Santa, don't forget my little brother, he is 5 and you know what little boys most need at the age of 5, something that will make lots of noise.

Grapeland, Dec., 12.  
Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 8 years old and want you to bring me a big black headed, black eyed doll, a doll buggy, a doll trunk, a ring, a bracelet, a story book, a pretty picture, some nuts and fruits and anything else that you think a little girl my age ought to have.

Your little friend,  
Lucindy Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a doll carriage, sewing machine, a doll with hair that I can comb and brush, a locket and bracelet, some sparklers, a doll bed, a tea set, (bring the kind that brother cant break.) Bring brother a gun that he can shoot the chickens with, a train that can switch, a doll, so he wont want mine, and anything else nice that you have for little boys.

Your little friend,  
Dorathy Madeline Darsey.

### What Girls Are Called.

The most popular names for girls—what are they? Statistics have been amassed by some one in a girls' college, where there is an enrollment of 1,600. Of this number more than 100 have the name of—not Gwendolen, or Gladys, or Patricia, or Doris, or Juliet, or Marie, or Inez, or Marcia, or Persis, or Eugenie, or Geraldine, or Hortense, or Muriel—but just Helen. One-sixteenth of all the girls bore this name, which means Light. Mary came second with less than 90. Then followed Margaret, Ruth, Florence and Elizabeth, in that order. Old-fashioned names are frequent. There are still many Hopes and Dorothys, and a few Emilys and Penelopes, but Abigail, Huldah and Hepzibah seem to have outlived their popularity in America.

### The Cat Did It.

At East Liverpool, O., a boy was told to carry a cat away and drown her. He put her in a covered basket and started off; but she got out of the basket and in running away frightened a horse into running away. The animal ran for a mile and then hit a telephone pole and was killed. The boy got a licking, the cat got away and a \$200 horse was killed, all because nobody knew enough to tie a bell to pussy's tail and let her scare herself out of the neighborhood. The bell will work the trick every time.

## LOOK OUT FOR THE CARS

DO YOU know of anyone who is old enough to read, who has not seen that sign at a railroad crossing?

If everyone has seen it at some time or other, then why doesn't the railroad let the sign rot away? Why does the railroad company continue to keep those signs at every crossing?

Maybe you think, Mr. Merchant, "Most everybody knows my store, I don't have to advertise."

Your store and your goods need more advertising than the railroads need to warn people to "Look Out for the Cars."

Nothing is ever completed in the advertising world.

The Department Stores are a very good example—they are continually advertising—and they are continually doing a good business.

If it pays to run a few ads 'round about Christmas time, it certainly will pay you to run advertisements about all the time.

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## Foley's Kidney Pills

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D. N. LEAVERTON.

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## HOW about that printing job you're in need of?

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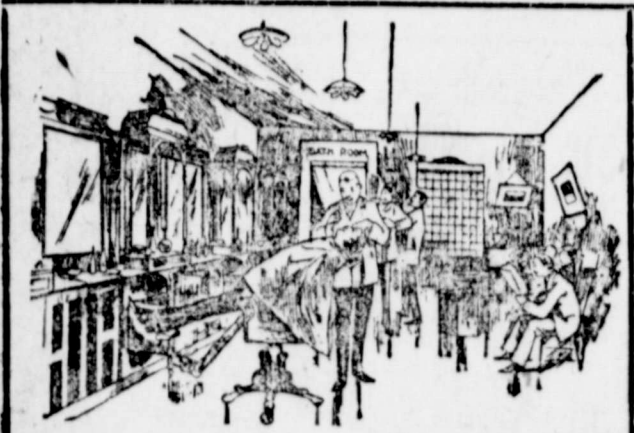
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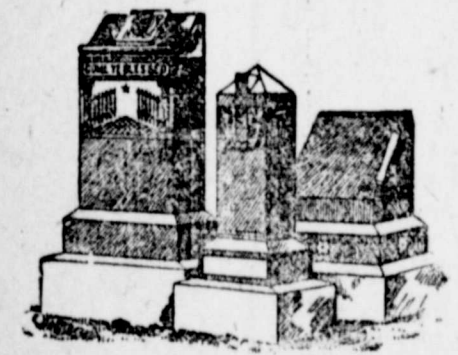
Meets first and third Tuesday nights in each month in their Castle Hall.  
All visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the lodge.  
D. N. Leaverton, C. C.  
J. R. Richards, K. of R. and S.

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**The Jury Returns Unanimous Verdict.**

By a Staff Correspondent.

A jury consisting of some of the most distinguished chemists of America has returned an unanimous verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Knocker et al., vs., Coca Cola. It will be remembered that some time ago a report was circulated to the effect that Coca-Cola contained injurious materials and was, therefore, harmful in its effect upon the human body.

The rumor was originated by an unscrupulous competitor of Coca-Cola, the popular temperance drink, spread rapidly and found some credence among those who did not know the origin of the report.

The jury finds that not only does Coca-Cola contain nothing harmful, but that it is much superior to tea and coffee in that it is free from tannic acid and, therefore, promotes digestion instead of retarding it. Each of the distinguished chemists reported that he had made a careful chemical analysis of Coca-Cola and found it to contain no "dope" of any kind. If you would like to see copies of these letters, write to the Coca-Cola Co., Atlanta, Ga., for a free copy of a booklet entitled "The Truth About Coca-Cola." The Jury was as follows:

1. Jno. M. McCandless, State Chemist of Georgia.
2. B. B. Ross, State Chemist of Alabama.
3. Dr. A. L. Metz of Tulane University.
4. Prof. W. B. Burney of South Carolina College.
5. Prof. C. H. Palm of the University of Texas.
6. Dr. Wm. H. Tayloe, State Chemist of Virginia.
7. Dr. Louis Schaefer, Prest. Schaefer Alkaloid Werks, Maywood, N. J.
8. Prof. Emerson R. Miller of Ala. Polytechnic Institute.
9. Dr. J. G. Mims, Chemist of the board of health, New Orleans.

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Children who have had breath, pale complexion, variable appetite, dark rings under the eyes, are usually afflicted with worms. White's Cream Vermifuge is the remedy they need. It destroys worms and parasites; does the work quickly; restores health, vigor and cheerful spirits.  
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**FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills purify the blood, restore lost vitality and vigor. Refuse substitutes.  
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# Between Now and Christmas

There is just eight shopping days. To get the most out of you gift buying BEGIN RIGHT NOW! Of course when the rush and haste comes this store will lead in giving the best service that rushed conditions will permit, but it will be better for all concerned to BEGIN NOW. We will put your purchases away and deliver them any time. The tendency is toward useful, practical presents that the recipient will appreciate and which will benefit them through the entire year. We suggest here a list of useful presents for Men, Women and Children:

## Shoes

There is nothing that will delight the receiver more than a pair of shoes, and our line includes fine dressy, classy shoes for the entire family.



Ladies' patent leather shoes in button and lace, \$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and 4.00

Ladies fine kid shoes in lace at 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50  
Men's dress shoes, kid, gun metal and patent leather at 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and 4.50  
Men's fine button shoes in patent leather at 4.00 and 4.50

Children's shoes all prices, styles and popular leathers.

## Men's Clothing

All \$16.50, 17.50 and 18.00 high-grade, hand tailored suits. \$15.00

At this sharp reduction in prices you can buy a high grade suit at what you commonly pay for an ordinary one. These are strictly high grade hand tailored suits and all of this season's make and in the most approved styles.

## Overcoats

Nothing will please a man more nor give him as much real comfort as an overcoat. From our line of overcoats and cravenette coats you will find one to suit you. Each \$7.50 10.00 12.50 AND 15.00

## Nobby Neckwear



25c 35c 50c AND 75c

## Half Hose

Big range of plain and fancy colors in beautiful mercerized weaves at a pair. 25c

Silk half hose, fine classy goods with linen heel and toe, black, navy, red, gray and lavender, a pair. 50c

## Men's Sweater Coats

Make exceptional Christmas presents, and our showing includes the very best values in light and heavy weaves of wool and wool mixed garments that are warm and dressy, colors white, gray brown, and white with gray border, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and 2.50

## Suspenders



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## Boys' and Children's Hats

An attractive showing of pretty shapes in the new colorings at \$1.00 AND \$1.50

## Mufflers for Christmas

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## Christmas Dress Goods

Come here for your Christmas dress, or if you want to purchase a practical gift for a friend or relative you will find our line complete, including a big variety of weaves in wool and cotton fabrics.

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Special dress patterns in all wool plain and fancy serge, colors navy, black, cardinal and mulberry, fine classy goods that will delight the recipient as a Christmas present \$5.00 5.75 AND 6.50

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## Coats

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## Misses' and Children's Coats and Capes

Our stock is complete and we are showing some very pretty styles and the prices have been considerably below their real value \$2.25, 3.00 3.50 and up

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Children's skinscoats in navy blue and each \$2.00

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Ladies sweaters navy and red 1.75

Ladies double breasted, all wool white sweaters 2.50

Ladies Thermo sweaters, 33 inches long, red 2.50

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## Petticoats.

Handsome black petticoats with deep embroidered and sheared flounce, full cut and well tailored, made of good grade cotton taffeta, each \$1.00

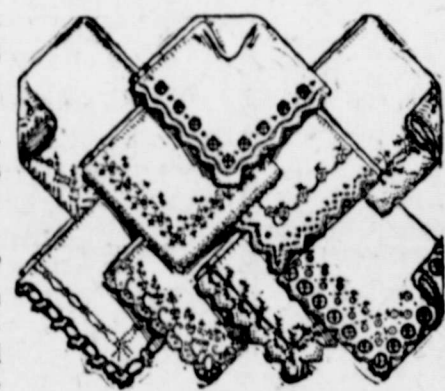
Coronation taffeta petticoats, has the swish and rustle of silk, deep sheared flounce, each \$2.00

Same cloth with elaborately embroidered flounce, each \$2.50

Black Silk taffeta petticoats, well made generous cut deep flounce, special at \$3.00 and 5.00

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Our business has been satisfactory and  
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Again thanking you, and wishing everyone the Happiest Christmas  
and most prosperous New Year of their lives, we are,  
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