

To Our Friends And Patrons

Please accept our thanks for your generous patronage during the past year which has made our business the largest in its history.

We wish you health and prosperity through this year and invite you to call on us when you are contemplating buying and we will strive to please you at all times.

Kennedy Brothers
The Store for Everybody

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Dec. 30.—As the holidays are about over, some will expect the ripples from the river. Will say they have run very smoothly with some, while with others they have been a little bit ruffled.

Our little gang had a "Constantinople" time. The Christmas tree and turkey dinners were the order of the holidays; no parties at all, so our young folks had to range out back on the high land. Ye scribe fed and groomed three young men during the season and they behaved so nicely we do not begrudge it. We, like the old lady know they did not drink any at night, for they were so thirsty every morning.

Rev. Williams was seen circulating in our midst which created some little excitement among some of the boys, as they thought the old farm bell across the branch might tap as a wedding bell, but is not so as yet.

G. B. Kent made a visit to the old home in Mississippi.

We saw the "Devil" one night last week, but as we did not owe him any dues we were not a bit afraid of him. He seemed to be having a fantastic time. We told him not to say any thing about seeing us where he did.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner spent one night and ate turkey dinner with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Fulgham. Mrs. Garner taught one term of school for us and has many friends in this part of the world. Would have been glad if they could have extended their visit.

Nugent, William and Mary Beazley spent part of the holidays in our midst, and these were the only out of neighborhood guests.

Now as the time is about up everybody will have an eye to business, and the next big time will be hog killing time which a great many will be deprived of.

Good health and good cheer prevails. ZACK.

Carbon for \$1.50 per gallon CASH. Bring your own container. Better hurry as the supply is limited at this price.

Adv. D. N. LEAVERTON.

Ozzie Lively has been spending a few days with his father east of town. Ozzie is with the Jessie French Piano Co, as sales man, with headquarters in Austin.

FARMERS SHOULD GET TOGETHER

Editor Messenger:

If you will allow me a small space in your paper I will write a short article to try to encourage the farmers to a greater effort in their own interests. It appears to me farmers are entirely too isolated from each other for their own good. Every other calling is well organized and they are all profiting by it. Are the farmers incapable of doing anything for their interest? Let's see, a farmer introduced the idea of a rural free delivery and we are now enjoying the service. Again, the Parcels post, which goes into effect January 1st., bids fair to become a great blessing to both retail merchant and farmer, notwithstanding the former fought it so hard, but the farmers in their illy organized capacity with their multiplied thousands of petitions were too strong to be turned down. Will say in conclusion that we have a Farmers Local Union in Grapeland to which we would like to call the attention of every farmer in and around Grapeland. Come, boys, let's get together.

J. F. GARRETT.

LET'S GET THE SUMMER NORMAL

Prof. Wade L. Smith informs us that a move was launched at the teachers' institute recently held in Lovelady for a summer normal to be held in Houston County. Grapeland stands a good chance to get the normal if the proper efforts are put forth.

Two or three years the county held a normal at Lovelady and it was successful from every standpoint. Anywhere from seventy-five to one hundred teachers will attend the normal this summer and it would mean much to Grapeland if we could secure it. Our new school building will be ready and would afford a splendid opportunity to show the teachers of this and other counties the interest we are taking in educational affairs.

We suppose that Crockett and Lovelady will bid for it, and the town offering the best inducements will secure it. Let us think about the matter and be prepared to act when the proper time comes.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Guize and children visited relatives at Elkhart during the holidays.

A DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

Monday night Mr. Geo. E. Darsey Jr., entertained a large number of his young friends. The hall, reception room and parlor were beautifully decorated with mistletoe and holly. On their arrival the guests were relieved of their wraps and ushered into the parlors where several tables of forty-two were nicely arranged, and engaged themselves in this delightful pastime for quite a while, after this the guests were arranged in couples for the amusement of making rhymes. A prize was awarded to the couple composing the best rhyme. Mr. Leonidas Brooks and Miss Eula Mae Davis won the prize, which was a large box of candy. Mr. Kirby Keeland and Miss Arline Howard won the "booby" prize, it being a large juicy lemon.

Then the guests were invited into the large dining room where refreshments were served, consisting of fruit and cake, after which the young folks departed, after thanking their host, the host's sisters and mother for the delightful time which was made so highly enjoyable by their hospitality.

T. J. Sullivan Dead

Mr. T. J. Sullivan died at his home east of town Friday, Dec., 20, 1912. His remains were laid to rest in the Livelyville cemetery.

Mr. Sullivan was seventy-one years of age and had made this his home since the civil war. He was an old Confederate soldier.

He leaves a wife and several children, all grown, to whom the Messenger extends heartfelt sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Porter Newman of Durant, Ok., spent the holidays here and at his old home at Augusta with relatives and friends. Porter is the same jovial fellow as of yore and his many friends were glad of the opportunity to again shake his hand. He is practicing law in Durant and has a lucrative business. We are indeed glad to know of his success.

Mrs. D. E. Wells, who formerly lived here and was Miss Martha Oliver, but now of Texarkana, was here a few days during the holidays, the guest of Mrs. Geo. Calhoun.

To Our Friends and Customers

We are just winding up our 1912 business and we are glad to state that it shows a big increase over any previous years business that we have ever had and we want to thank you for whatever you have done either by word or otherwise to help us to build our business to what it is, and we are glad to state that we will be at the same place this year with a bigger and better stock doing business as in the past, giving every customer value received for every dollar spent with us, and we hope to be able to make this year show an increase over the year past and that we will maintain the high standing of our store as the biggest and best store in Houston County. Again thanking you for your business in the past and soliciting a continuance of same, I am

Yours truly

GEORGE E. DARSEY

GRAPELAND, TEXAS, JAN. 1st 1913

P. S. If you are not a customer of ours, start the New Year by trading with us and you will be.



Turn Over a New Leaf

Money saved, is money made. Be careful in your buying, also in the selection of your place to trade.

There's a Difference

in your favor and in our favor if you trade with us.

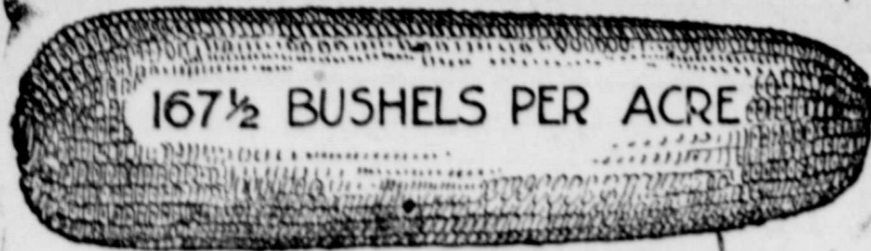
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MY MOTTO:—"QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS AND THE GOLDEN RULE APPLIED TO BUSINESS."

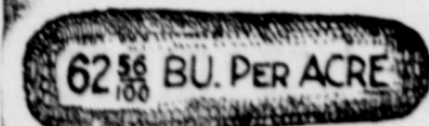
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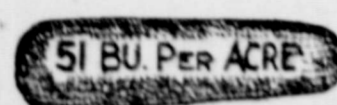
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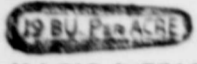
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LOWEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD



GENERAL AVERAGE OF ALL CONTESTANTS



10-YEAR AVERAGE OF TEXAS



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LOWEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD



LARGEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD

COMPARISON OF CORN AND COTTON YIELDS.

Showing what the leading contestants have done in the 1912 competition for \$10,000 in gold. Write for particulars concerning the 1913 \$10,000 contest to Texas Industrial Congress, Dallas.

LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

Dec. 29.—Christmas has passed and many little children all over our land have been made to rejoice by the coming of Santa Claus and the older ones have been made to remember the one which the day was set apart for.

New Year will very soon be here and it would indeed be a great thing if all could and would make it the best year of their lives. We do not believe in making resolutions only to be broken as we are then in a worse condition than if we had not made, but I want to drop one thought here. If we claim to possess Christianity and do not succeed in living a life that will shine out enough to convince someone that we are the salt of the earth, then our religion does not amount to much. So let's endeavor to live nearer like He who created us would have us live and we will be happier. This is my New Year greeting to all, and now for some news.

On Friday and Saturday of last week the school patrons gathered in and put a new roof on the church house and we are of the opinion that it will be a good many years before it will require another one as it is of good heart timber.

On account of bad weather we had no preaching on the fourth Sunday. Rev. J. I. Weatherby will preach in the evening of this year on the first Sunday of each month.

J. L. Nichols has moved on to J. F. Martin's farm where he will live this year.

G. L. Waddell has moved into Wm. Darnell's old home place,

and James W. Taylor has moved across the creek to the farm he has rented over there. So you see we are fixing to get busy.

Rev. J. T. Fulgham and Webb Finch attended the fifth Sunday meeting at Cedar Creek.

Vester Morris of Route 2 living east of Grapeland was in our midst Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Taylor and daughter Ethel of Lovington, N. M. are here visiting friends and relatives.

True to our prediction some time ago, that something was going to happen, we learn of two weddings of late and yet the girls are still raising club orders for King & Co. and others who will reward them with a set of dishes. So let the good work go on.

With best wishes for a happy New Year, we remain

ANTRIMITE.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin Pennington who live about seven miles west of Grapeland complimented the young folks of the surrounding country and Grapeland with a party last Friday night. About twenty of the young people from Grapeland attended and report a fine time.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

NEW FOUNTAIN INSTALLED

The most elaborate and expensive soda fountain ever in Grapeland has just been installed by A. S. Porter at his drug store. It is a twelve foot front counter service, the counter being pure marble, and in the back is a large mirror. The fountain has every modern equipment to procure convenience and sanitation. It is a real ornament and a credit to the town and the progressiveness shown by Mr. Porter in always keeping up-to-date. The installation of this modern fountain will enable Mr. Porter to render much better service to his customers.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Miss Emma Williams, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. F. Warren has returned to her home in Arp.

Everybody is liable to "catch cold" but those who give a cold proper attention never have serious lung diseases. It is neglect that makes them serious. Prudent persons use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as soon as the trouble appears and the cold is cured at once. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Lively, who live five miles east of Grapeland entertained the young folks with a party last Wednesday night, and quite a crowd from Grapeland attended, and report a most enjoyable time.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. Herbine is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Lacy of Crackett, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lynch of San Angelo and Mrs. J. P. Millar of Huntsville visited Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony Christmas week.

If your stomach feels uncomfortable from overeating, or from food which disagrees with you, take Herbine; it settles the stomach, strengthens the digestion and relaxes the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Mrs. M. L. Lively of Hall county spent the Christmas holidays with her son, Luther, and daughter, Mrs. Hardin Pennington, at Daly's. She was accompanied by her son, Barnum.

Chronic Constipation Cured

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. F. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

The friends of Constable Joe Rawls presented him with a fine Stetson hat Christmas morning in appreciation of his good work in putting "drunks" in the sweat box.

Our Greetings to You....

We extend to you our best wishes, and sincerely hope that the year just beginning will be fraught with much prosperity and many blessings for you and yours.

We thank you for the patronage with which you have favored us in the past, and we shall do our level best to merit a continuance of the same. Respectfully,

A. S. Porter
Prescription Druggist
Grapeland, - Texas

Horses and Mules

We are now in a position to sell good mules and horses either for

Cash or Good Notes

If you are in need of good work stock see us.

Calhoun & Leaverton

Livery and Feed Stable, Grapeland, Texas

The Palace of Sweets

Extends greetings of the season to Everybody.

J. B. SELKIRK, - Proprietor

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Dan Lowe of Grapeland was here this afternoon enroute to Cushing to visit his people.—Jacksonville Reformer.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as second class Mail Matter.

SUBSCRIPTION—IN ADVANCE:
ONE YEAR.....\$1.00
SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS
THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect and Obituaries are inserted for half price—(2½c per line). Other matter "not news" charged at the regular rate.

THURSDAY, JAN. 2, 1913

Business in Grapeland starts out brisk for the new year.

Why not a light and ice plant for Grapeland in this good year of 1913?

We are quite convinced that the first and Christmas came entirely too close together.

Houston's reputation has been saved. Within the past few weeks several horrible murders have been committed.

Some substantial improvements are being contemplated for Grapeland in the near future. Keep your eye on Grapeland and the Messenger.

"What this country needs is a more elastic currency system," remarks an exchange. Yes, one that will make a dollar stretch and make it do the duty of two.

Dr. Woods Hutchison says that the "human stomach is geared for a continuous performance," and we believe so from the way ours has been working during Christmas week.

It's as impossible to run a newspaper to suit everybody as it is to do away with the high cost of living.—Timpson Times.

Why try? Run it to suit yourself and let the "grouches" and "knockers" go to where the climate is not so cool.

A rich man in Colorado died and left his only son a million dollars provided he was good for a certain length of time, and if he turned out bad he was to receive only \$5. If we were in that son's place we'd sprout a pair of wings in about two minutes.

Fate has dealt kindly with Grapeland and the surrounding country the past year and we have much to be grateful for. We start the new year buoyant with hope that things will be even better for us. Put your shoulder to the wheel and do your share in helping build up the best country in East Texas.

The recent rains have put Grapeland's clay roads on the bum good and proper, but this was to be expected, and our people are not discouraged. On the other hand, it seems to be an inspiration to build better roads, and we hear lots of farmers expressing themselves as being anxious for another bond issue. While the roads are now bad, remember that by being dragged after each rain, getting

the sand and clay properly mixed, the roads will eventually get hard and almost impervious to water. The thing is to keep them well dragged and drained.

The "Devil" has not sufficiently recovered to appear in full this week, however he raked up enough life to write enough to keep his headline in print. We hope he will be able to "come back" in old form next week.

Thirty-eight of the forty alleged dynamiters on trial at Indianapolis for the past several weeks were held guilty by the jury. Just what effect this will have upon organized labor is not known, but it does show that organized outlawry will not be tolerated in this country.

Jeff McLemore of State Topics has taken a "fall out" with the Adcraft Club of Houston, claiming that the club has boycotted the weekly papers and turn all their advertising to the big dailies. Mac says there is not much difference in an "advertiser" and an "adgrafter."

The Grapeland Messenger comes to us in blazing red cover, 16 pages, illustrated Christmas number. It is filled with local ads and has every appearance of prosperity. Hurrah, friend Luker! After such an effort take a week's lay off.—Palestine Advocate.

Thank you, Mrs. Deming. We took the week's lay off, had a pleasant Christmas, and now feel better fitted to take up the duties of the new year.

Some of our business men are certainly starting the new year right (?). They have cut out their ads to "cut down" expenses. When the parcel post gets to working and the mail order house gets the business that belongs to them, they will doubtless wish they had got on the job early and stayed late. Some people can't learn anything only in the school of experience.

The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree at the Christian church on Christmas eve night was a decided success. The tree was gotten up by the different Sunday schools of the town, and the little folks enjoyed it and their little hearts were made glad. Arrangements had been made in advance to supply every child with a present and after all the presents had been distributed, Old Santa Claus announced that he had lots of things left and if any child had been overlooked to come forward and get something.

Mr. W. F. Murchison in a few well chosen words delivered a Christmas address, after which some recitations and a good musical program were rendered.

His Stomach Troubles Over

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers. (Advertisement)

New Year's Greeting:

First of all, we wish to thank each and everyone who have helped by their patronage and good wishes to make 1912 a good business year for us.

We close the year feeling we have taken a long step forward and with your continued help and the addition of many new friends, we hope to gain with our stright forward business methods, will make the coming year the best yet.

You will find that our policy of making "THE QUALITY" of all our goods PARAMOUNT importance will be as strictly adhered to in the future as in the past, and we confidently ask all who come to Grapeland to come in to see us, inspect our goods and prices. WE ARE SURE TO PLEASE YOU in some line.

You will find Mr. Sidney Boykin and Tom Kent Jr. in their old places, eager to serve you. Mr. Marvin Gilbert will aid them on Saturdays, so you will be sure to have prompt attention.

We thank you again for past favors and also "thank you" for a continuance of your trade through 1913.

We have on hand Extra High Patent Flour - \$1.40
High Patent Flour for - - - - - \$1.25
HAY, BRAN and OATS. 2 cars of CORN to arrive between this and January 15th. Parties needing corn call and place orders so as the have advantage of price at car.

Yours for a Happy and Prosperous New Year,

T. S. KENT

QUALITY IS THE THING

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

ALL THE NEWS FROM SALMON

Dec. 30.—The 1912 Christmas has passed into history, and with it has gone our deeds, and whether they be for good or for bad eternity can only tell. Did we remember that 1912 years ago the greatest gift known to mankind was presented to a sorrowing world?

Our Christmas program considering the time we had to prepare for it, really went beyond our expectations, each one rendering their parts very satisfactorily. The choir seemed to be at its best, as did also those using the instruments. We can't refrain from mentioning the name of Mrs. Claud Brooks for performing her part so nicely at the organ. Those taking part in the program were: Misses Audrey Campbell, Bertha Weisinger, Mada Sunther, Vera Mosley, Arbelie Garrison, Ollie Vance, Esther Weisinger, Pradie Campbell, May belle Murdock and Jewel Kersh. As to the Christmas tree it was all that most any community might wish for, while it was dressed by inexperienced young people there was no room for criticism, except by those who belong to the "Kicker Family."

Mr. Sam Herod is in from the State University visiting home-folks.

Mr. Ben Mosley who has been attending the Rusk Academy,

spent Christmas week with home folks. Ben says: "Any young man who is wanting to improve his intellect certainly ought to attend this school."

Miss Katie Reader from Tennessee Colony, and three little brothers spent a few days with their sister, Mrs. Fletcher Weisinger.

Our old time friend, Mr. Ben Newsom and family have just arrived from Okla. and are visiting Mrs. Newsom's brother, Mr. Bud Murdock. There is some intimation that Mr. Newsom may go into the mercantile business and if he so decides we are quite sure that he will be successful.

Misses Myriam and Bertha Weisinger came home from their schools to spend Christmas.

Miss Lola Dennis, one of Percilla's most charming young ladies spent Christmas with the Misses Weisinger and on Christmas day Misses Bertrice and Audrey Campbell and Master Tucker, also Messrs. Alvah Davis, Ben and Elam Mosley, Charley Garrison and Homer Hodge hied away to Mr. J. S. Weisinger's, and they all report the most enjoyable Christmas of their lives.

Mrs. J. I. Campbell is visiting her sons, W. B. and C. A. Campbell.

Rev. C. A. Campbell, Prof. Sam Herod Messrs. Dan Herod and Dave Holcomb went up to Palestine Sunday to hear the great Dr. Monday deliver one of his famous lectures on the

White Slave Traffic.

Now, Mr. Editor, if you will allow us space we would like to conclude our letter by asking a few questions.

First: How long will it be before merchants in little unincorporated towns will have their boys wait until Christmas before they begin using their fire works, as there has been a right smart complaint of ladies going to such a town several days before Christmas and having their teams frightened by such conduct. We have no objections whatever of any one using fire works, but it is decidedly wrong to intrude on other peoples' rights.

Second: How long will it be before those entrusted with the people's money will learn to build good roads? Take for instance, our bond issue for building good roads and see what bad judgement has been used in building up clay roads right in the center, and lots of places not leaving room on either side for a road, and the result of such bad judgement is, that it is almost impossible during this wet weather to drive an empty wagon over such roads.

We take this method in notifying the public generally that our pastor, W. R. White has changed his appointment at this place to the first Sunday in each month, Saturday night before and Sunday night. Here's a broad invitation to those who wish to attend next Sunday, January 5th. W. R. C.

LOCAL NEWS

Get your carbon from Leaverton while you can. Adv.

W. R. Wherry spent a few days in Oakwood last week.

Mrs. Hall Wilson of Garden Valley is visiting relatives here.

Miss Mable Wherry visited in Oakwood a few days last week.

Gibbs Pridgen was up from Houston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hancock of Easterly were visitors to relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. Nettie Musick and baby of Kelys visited relatives here last week.

Joe Bob Oliphint was home from Huntsville during Christmas.

Mrs. W. P. Traylor and children are visiting relatives at Magnolia.

Mrs. Etheridge Payne of Reagan is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Glenn have returned home from Buffalo where they spent the holidays with relatives.

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas. Will pay \$20.00 per ton. Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Newman of Rice, Texas, visited relatives in the New Prospect community Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyley Ritchey are now domiciled in their home just south of town, recently purchased from Claud Saddler.

Miss Irene Garland of Roscoe is here and will make Grapeland her home. She and her brother, Tim, are keeping house in south Grapeland.

Bronze Turkeys For Sale

Best strain of Mickle turkeys for breeding purposes. Toms \$3.00; Hens \$1.50. See or write, Adv. E. H. DARSEY.

Bring your own container for carbon. We have a limited supply which we will sell at \$1.50 per gallon CASH. Adv. D. N. LEAVERTON.

Mesdames Harold Nutt and N. B. Barfield of Sunny Side, Ga., are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Darsey.

Peas Threshed

I am equipped with gasoline engine, ready to thresh your peas. Charges one tenth. See or write. J. D. KEEN, Adv. Route, 1.

Frank Brooks of Lampassas spent the holidays here with his brother, C. E. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was reared here, but this is his first visit in about fifteen years.

Figaro Preserver

will smoke your meat more effectually and give a better flavor than the old method at one-tenth the cost of time and money. Sold by Porter's drug store. adv

Miss Maude McCarty is visiting relatives in Crockett this week.

John B. Selkirk spent a part of the holidays with friends at Trinity.

Daly Murchison of Houston is here on a visit to his father and many friends.

Miss Vilna Haltom visited friends in Palestine and Buffalo a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Murchison spent the holidays with relatives in Lufkin.

Mrs. Mike McCarty and children of Crockett were the guests of Dr. McCarty's family Sunday.

Boarders Wanted

I want four boarders. (Adv) Mrs. France Haltom.

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Luker of Edom spent the holidays here with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven spent the holidays at Nacogdoches with relatives.

Sam Herod and Lee Eaves were at home from Austin during Christmas.

Mrs. Will Musick, of Rice, Texas, visited homefolk at Augusta during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett were visitors to Grapeland during the holidays.

S. H. Lively has purchased a place at Dodge and moved his family there.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Calhoun announce the arrival of a young lady at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Logan of Lovelady were here to see their relatives and friends during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Whitley of Saratoga visited relatives and friends near Grapeland during the holidays.

Boarders Wanted

I am in a position to take boarders. See me for terms. (Adv) Mrs. F. C. Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Garner and baby of Cameron were the guests of F. A. Lively, east of town, last week.

Jim Hill, who is attending school in Denton, visited home folks near Dalys during the holidays, returning Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Chanap Traylor were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Traylor several days last week.

Miss Loraine Hanson of Mineral Wells is visiting her sister, Mrs. Nathan Guice, near Grapeland.

Mrs. George Pridgen left for San Antonio Monday, after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Pridgen, west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yarbrough and children of Village Mills visited Mr. Yarbrough's parents near Grapeland last week.

Misses Ethel Straughn, Bess and Verne Traynum of Lovelady were the guests of Mrs. Maude Woodard a few days last week.

Mrs. A. M. Carson and children returned to their home at Jacksonville Tuesday after a pleasant visit with relatives in the Hays Spring community.

PARCELS POST IN OPERATION

At midnight Tuesday, Dec. 31, the parcel post law became effective. The first merchant in Grapeland to use the new law was Geo. E. Darsey, sending two packages of merchandise to customers at Augusta in the mail Wednesday morning.

The Messenger believes the parcel post is going to prove a great convenience to both retail merchant and consumer. The local merchant, if he is up-to-date and progressive, has every advantage over the distant mail order house. People who trade in Grapeland can order their goods one day and get them the next and if they do not come up satisfactorily it is much easier to take it up with the local dealer than the mail order house.

Use the parcel post and send your orders to the local dealer and help build up your own country.

League Program

Theme for the Quarter—Christian Conduct.

Thought for the month—Our Responsibility as Christians.

Subject—To be Like Christ.

Leader—Miss Zera Gainey.

Opening Song by League.

Scripture reading by Leader.

Prayer.

Song by League.

Reading—Miss Sallie Mae Kent.

Sextette—Messrs Garland, Gilbert, Lively, Keeland, Brock and Morris.

Forgiveness; Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you—To be discussed.

Song.

League Benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Subject—Bible Be's (Bible Reading) Eph. VI.

Leader—Balis Edens.

Opening Song by League.

Song—Roy Wherry, Linnie Dee Haltom, Murdock Murchison and Rena Ross Richards.

Recitation—John Murchison.

Reading—Earl Howard.

Prayer.

Roll call by Secretary.

Song—Joe Wherry, Dorothy Clewis, Dorothy Darsey, John Kennedy and Kelough Richards.

Reading—Tom Richards.

Recitation—Beatrice Parker.

Song—Mary Lou Darsey,

Mabel Boykin, Carrie Spence, Ruel Woodard and Jack Murchison.

Reading—Ross Brock.

Song—Mary White and Hadie Gilbert.

Business Session.

Closing song.

Benediction—So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

A Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking our neighbors, relatives, and especially Dr. McCarty, for what they did for us during the illness and death of our husband and father. We will gladly lend a helping hand to any of you in such an hour.

Mrs. T. J. Sullivan
(Adv) and family.

Craig Cunningham, who was reared at Augusta, but for the past several years has been connected with Uncle Sam's Navy, was here a few days Christmas week mingling with his old friends and relatives.

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WEDDING BELLS AT ROCK HILL

Dec. 30.—Christmas is over and everything passed off quietly with several big dinners and a wedding.

January 1st is rapidly approaching—time for new resolutions and greater efforts for success in life.

On Christmas eve night, Mr. Robt. Little and Miss Leila Streetman were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, in the presence of a large crowd of friends, Rev. C. A. Campbell officiating. Robt. has lived here most of his life and his friends are numerous. Miss Leila has made Texas her home for the past nine years. Her kind disposition and gentle words make friends wherever she goes. We join their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life, filled with many pleasures. After the wedding the little folk's time began, as a nice Christmas tree had been prepared and old Santa was sure kind to all as he did not slight a one.

The young folks rendered some good music while old Santa delivered the presents, then Santa sang a solo for us which was greeted by long applause. Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room. Everybody expressed themselves as having an enjoyable time. Christmas comes only once a year. Why not enjoy it in the right way? Then you will feel good over it and your friends will, too.

Christmas day Messrs. Lusky Gray, John and Willie Willis and Misses Alice Willis, Ethel Gray and Myrtle Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Streetman, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Little, gathered at the home of Mr. George Little and enjoyed a most luxurious dinner. The evening was passed off in rendering some good music.

Chas. Streetman left Saturday for Midlothian, where he goes to enter a musical normal school,

taught by Prof. R. H. Cornelius. Miss Alice Willis returned to Grapeland Sunday, after spending Christmas week with homefolk.

Mrs. Bessie Weisinger is visiting her sister at Denison, Texas. Mr. Johnnie Brooks is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Brooks, this week.

We are having some nice rains, which means the ground will be in a good state for spring plowing.

We bid you adieu and wait for 1913 to greet us.

LITTLE ITEMS.

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

Our paragraphs are scarce this week on account of the after effects of our Christmas spree, but Christmas comes but once a year and a mighty few times in a life time.

Well, we have just about got back to earth after a week of revelry. We took advantage of an opportunity to attend an entertainment near Daly's one night and certainly did have a good time. We met a lot of people we knew and some we didn't know. However, we wish to say that we never met a nicer lot of people anywhere, and we won't fail to go again when the opportunity presents itself.

Zack says in his letter this week that he saw the "Devil" one night last week. Now, we have thought all the time that Zack was a strong prohibitionist, but it sounds like he has told on himself. But we'd like to meet the "pro" who wouldn't take a Christmas egg nog. No Zack we promised not to tell where we saw you in our rounds and we're going to keep mum. We never did like to tell on a fellow anyway, 'specially a married one.

Carbon at Leaverton's drug store. Bring your container. \$1.50 per gallon CASH while it lasts. Quantity limited—better hurry. Adv.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Any animal fed on cornstalks ought to be very husky.

The flour merchant always takes the mill for the deed.

Somebody calls thinking the taproot of good farming.

Stretching the imagination will not make both ends meet.

Use the best at hand, that the hoped for better may come.

Keep a keen lookout for the sharper, so you'll know him on sight.

The farmhand is so close to nature's heart that he can hear it beat.

When the harness is stolen, not a trace of it is left by the thief.

High thinking is in no way responsible for the cost of high living.

Many a man who thinks himself strong-minded is only bull-headed.

A notary public will acknowledge a bad man's good deeds everytime.

A full market seldom has anything in common with a full pocketbook.

Comfort is better than a lawsuit over the disposition of the property.

That crop pays best which withdraws the least fertility from the soil.

It is better to be thinking than drinking, even during carnival time.

The best way to conserve our forests is to build homes with the timber.

Failure overtakes the man who is going down hill—never the man who is climbing.

Running expenses that try to keep pace with fast living are sure to keep a man behind.

The boy who spends ten of his best years sowing wild oats usually reaps screenings the rest of his life.

The consumer pays a dollar for food; the farmer gets less than 50 cents for it? Who gets the rest?

It is a fine thing to have a great thought, but it is a much finer thing to pass a great thought on to others.

CO-OPERATION IN FARM WORK

Several Lines Indicated in Which Principle Will Help Farmers Financially and Socially.

The American farmer is slow to appreciate co-operation as applied to farm work, and he cannot grasp it at all unless he is imbued with an altruistic spirit, a disposition to help his neighbors as well as himself, and thus fulfill the Golden Rule.

Until comparatively recent years the farmer has been obliged to depend upon himself. All through the last century he has made his living by muscular labor and his wealth by the advance in the price of land where the land was good. His isolation has compelled him to rely largely on himself and has made him what the scientists call an individualist, a man who relies on his own unaided strength and resources. The time has come, however, when co-operation is quite as necessary as individual effort has been heretofore.

I am not advocating what is usually called co-operation in buying and selling, in operating creameries, in disposing of live stock, but minor or lesser forms of neighborhood assistance in farm operations, writes W. H. Underwood in the Michigan Farmer. We, as farmers, should learn to work to each other's hands as we have never done before; and I venture to indicate several lines in which co-operation will not only be mutually helpful in a financial way, but vastly improve social conditions as well.

The purchase of farm machinery, which the shortage of labor absolutely requires, is becoming a very heavy burden on the 80-acre and quarter-section farm. Farming cannot be done now as it was a half century ago with a plow or two, one harrow, a wagon, a horse-rake, a cradle and a scythe. A hay-loader, a corn harvester, a blinder, two or three different kinds of plows, harrows and rollers are needed.

The silo has come into general use, and a silage cutter and some kind of power to run it is required. A manure spreader and grain drill are needed whether the farm is a 40, an 80, a quarter-section, a half-section or a section. Now there is no necessity for any one man owning all these tools. By a little planning two farmers, or perhaps three, can use one corn harvester, one silage cutter and power, and by combining labor can fill their silos at minimum expense.

On the small farm there is no need for every man to own a grain drill. With a little management one grain drill will do the work on several small farms. It can usually be arranged for one man to buy the drill and the rest to pay a stated price per acre for the

use of it. The same is true of the manure spreader, although I think every farmer really ought to have one for himself.

There is no need of farmers along a straight road to town having bad roads, except, perhaps, for a short period in the spring. If they will simply agree to bring pressure to bear upon the overseers to put that road in order, and then agree among themselves that they will drag it after every rain and every thaw there will be no difficulty about getting to town in comfort ten or eleven months of the year.

MANAGER IS VITAL FACTOR

Co-operative Enterprises Fail or Succeed According to Skill Shown in Choice of Head.

Seek the cause of the success of a co-operative effort and you will find a capable manager. Co-operative enterprises succeed or fail according to the skill they have shown in the choice of a manager. It has been said that in a successful co-operative company the members do not co-operate with one another, but each co-operates with the manager. In the early days of the grange over half of the grain elevators of Iowa were owned and operated by the farmers. At that time they believed that business ability was plentiful and they saw no reason why a man should not be willing to work in town for about double the rate paid to a man in the country, forgetting that the demands made upon the man were perhaps more than double. Hence they hired inexperienced men for from \$30 to \$40 a month to run the elevators and the stores. The common result was failure.

The members of a co-operative enterprise are scattered. The manager is the only point of contact for the transaction of business. The organization cannot rise above the abilities of its representative. The successful co-operative companies of today are paying their managers well. In many cases elevator managers get from \$100 to \$150 a month and for more extended local business the \$2,000 mark is frequently passed, while national associations pay as high as \$10,000. For these salaries very capable men are available and the co-operative companies have as good agents as have their competitors; in fact, often better. Economies in management must often be practiced, but the expensive manager who is worth his cost to the company is the greatest of economies. The scarcity of good managers has been one of the chief factors in holding back the organization of co-operative enterprises.—Country Gentleman.

For the Swine Breeder,

Although hogs will eat flesh and drink blood, they are as much grain-eating animals as cattle, horses and sheep.

Hogs will grow and thrive on clover or other good pasture in warm weather without grain, but will gain faster, of course, if fed a little meal and milk.

The most profitable pork is made in large part from clover and blue grass pasture, which is better than timothy and red top, but alfalfa is, by many growers, believed to be superior to any other plant that grows for pasturage.

Sunlight in the Cow Barn.

Arrange for plenty of sunlight in the cow barn. A dark barn is not sanitary. Neither do cows show up well in a dark place. Allow about four square feet of light for each cow in the barn and distribute the light evenly.

MAKE GOOD FARMERS

Many Women Successful as Tillers of the Soil.

Instances at Hand Where They Can Show the Way to the Men—Missouri Has a Farm Women's Club.

The last census showed 307,706 women farmers in the United States, and there is prospect of a large increase in that number when the new statistics come in.

Women have been called the conservative sex, but they are displaying anything but conservatism in the way they are grasping and utilizing modern methods in their farming.

All over New England, farm land is being reclaimed by women—many of them worn out by the strain of clerical or professional life—seeking the country as a refuge. One scientific woman farmer—Miss Smith—is annually making more than \$2,000 on land that did not produce a revenue of \$600 for the entire ten years previous to her purchase of the farm. In New Jersey the Misses Hunter have

made a marked success of dairying. Miss Emma Blanplid and Miss Beatrice Cooley have for ten years been successful farmers in Oklahoma. They did actual pioneer work, going there from Kansas, breaking and developing the land for their crops. Mrs. Ruth Litt of Long Island is one of the most successful, from a financial standpoint, farm woman in the United States. Miss Jessie Field of Iowa has promoted the work of Corn clubs among boys and Bread clubs among girls, the effects of which have been for the rural betterment not only in every part of Iowa, but in many parts of the country. To the end that hundreds of thousands of lives may be saved in India, where famine often lays desolate whole villages, Miss Elsie Leue, a senior student in the College of Agriculture at the Ohio State university, will become the first farm missionary to the land of the Hindoos. Miss Leue is a Cincinnati girl, and has made a thorough study of scientific farming, which she in turn expects to teach to the farmers of India, that they may in future raise crops large enough to feed the people. While teaching farming she will also teach Christianity to the heathen in and around Punjab, India.

Many towns throughout the United States are inaugurating rest rooms for the benefit of farm women who come to town to shop. Miss Clara Haynie of Georgia is one of the champion corn growers of that state. She averaged 140 bushels of corn to the acre, which was several bushels in excess of the highest record given by any of the boys. Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Illinois owns and successfully operates the largest tract of farming lands of any woman in the United States. Missouri has a Farm Women's club made up of women who are actual farm owners, of which Miss Alice Kinney is president and Miss Pearles Mitchell, secretary. Miss Lou-



One of the Fine Dairy Cows of the Hunter Farm in New Jersey.

ise Hardman of Georgia raised 2,155 pounds of tomatoes on one-tenth of an acre of land. This shows what women and intensive farming can accomplish. Mrs. E. S. McDowell of Massachusetts is treasurer of the National Grange in the United States. Miss Emma Wilson of Illinois, Miss Chandler of Wisconsin and Miss Flora McIntyre of California are successful women bee keepers. Miss E. Kate Le Lacheur is president of a woman's farm in England. She is a graduate of New Ham college, and has taken it upon herself to train girls for outdoor and agricultural work.

Studley Agricultural and Horticultural College for Women in England is doing a large work in teaching women students marketing and gardening, dairying and poultrying. "In order that we may have an efficient and happy rural life, the study of the problems which confront the home is as necessary as the study which every progressive farmer is now giving to the cultivation of his fields." So says Miss Mary Crowell, one of Georgia's club women, who is school extension assistant of the agricultural college.

Miss Mary L. Matthews, who has been doing work in farmers' institutes in Indiana, has this to say: "Even a farmer's wife should not be a household drudge, a plain dish washer and bed maker. She should be given time and opportunity for church, and even club work if she desires. The condition of women on the farm is partly due to themselves, many women of today are using the same cooking utensils as those employed by their grandmothers." Mrs. M. H. Dunlap of Illinois is president of the State Domestic Science association. In regard to the work of the association, she says: "We believe that women should receive assistance and education in order that they may help in making better homes."

Occasionally one man may abuse another by praising his enemies.

Good Model.

He was somewhat eaten up with a mistaken consciousness of his own importance, and when he was making his great speech in the Muddlecombe mock parliament, he noted that one of the local pressmen appeared to be sketching him. When the "house" adjourned he buttonholed the artist.

"I believe—aw—you were—aw—sketching me; isn't that so—aw?" he inquired.

"That is so," replied the artist.

"Well—aw—would you—aw—tell me what noospaper you—aw—represent—aw?"

"I don't represent any newspaper," answered the artist. "I design comic postcards."—Tiddits.

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Mrs. Jane Callehan suffered from womanly trouble for nearly ten years. In a letter from Whiteville, N. C., she says: "I was not able to do my own housework. My stomach was weak, and my blood was wrong. I had backache, and was very weak. I tried several doctors, but they did me no good. I used Cardui for 3 or 4 months, and now I am in the best health I have ever been. I can never praise Cardui enough." It is the best tonic, for women.

Whether seriously sick, or simply weak, try Cardui.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. 153

Resolutions For 1913

We would appreciate it very much if you would among your other New Year resolutions, resolve to buy your groceries from us. We will endeavor in the future as in the past, to give you good service, and FRESH Groceries. We feel sure if you make this resolution you will not break it.

W. H. Lively
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PRODUCTS BY PARCELS POST

The new parcel post law, which went into effect January 1st, will doubtless be of much benefit to people who live in rural communities and are near a rural free delivery. The new law will probably require considerable patience from the public, as its stipulations and requirements will tax the postoffice officials severely, perhaps, for awhile. The service may not be satisfactory for a while, but if the people will co-operate with the post-office officials these difficulties may be overcome.

The rate, according to the zone system, is rather high when compared to rates in European countries and even in the Orient, but a beginning must be made and it is perhaps wise to start the rate so that the government can make a profit, then it will not be a difficult matter to get congress to reduce the rate and make such other changes in the law as the public needs require.

The success of this new law will depend very largely upon the patronage of the public. Considerable expense has been incurred by the postoffice department and unless liberal patronage is given there is apt to be a deficit the first year, which would give the express companies argument for limiting the parcel post service. A careful examination of the law will show that the rate for the long haul is higher than it should be, which still gives the express companies the advantage when packages are sent a long distance. The greatest benefits to rural people will be the advantages of sending their produce to the local market.

Farmers and those who live in rural communities are not all whom the law will benefit. City consumers who are now paying two or three middlemen's profits should secure many of their food products much cheaper under the parcel post system. Moreover, time and trouble will also be saved because farmers' fresh products may be delivered at the consumer's door, in some instances, only a few hours after these products were gathered.

The retail merchants who, next to the express companies were the most bitter in their denunciation of the parcel post laws should derive considerable benefits from the present law. Farmers are the best patrons of stores in small towns because there are more farmers and their wants are more numerous. The merchant, the baker, the butcher, the druggist and others may fill telephone orders or requests from the rural mail by parcel post. There will be more wants where a way is found for farmers to receive articles without coming to town.

This law was intended to benefit the public in general and we believe it will. The American people have waited many years for a parcel post and now that one is enacted and will soon be in operation we believe they will use it freely and make it possible to modify the system as wisdom justifies.—Farm & Ranch.

Many visitors have been in Grapeland during the holidays and we have tried to get all the names, but we are sure some will be overlooked. If so, don't blame us, but remember that you should have told us that you had visitors and give us their names.

FROM REPRESENTATIVE PATTON

Austin, Texas,
Dec. 16, 1912.

To the citizens of Houston County:—

Mr. R. C. Spinks, in last week's issue of the Courier, said some very pertinent things as regards legislation. As to the particular laws Mr. Spinks suggests, I have not given them any thoughts as yet, but will do so, and I would appreciate hearing from any of my constituents on any subject that will need consideration at the hands of the Legislature.

In regard to a special road law for the bonded districts, I am sure legislation is needed to keep these roads in good condition. There will be a bill before the legislature to create a state highway commission, and I believe this materially affects the general road laws of the state. Before giving a special road law much study, I am going to look into this above named bill. I have not been able to get any data whatsoever, as to the details of this bill, and therefore any special bill that I might formulate, would in all probability, be contrary to this State Highway bill. I have met more than three fourths of the members, and I believe we are going to have an harmonious session. It is the opinion of all I have met that we will immediately pass the nine thirty closing bill and that this will stop all contentions as to Pros. and Antis. I look for some contention however, when we come to the redistricting bill. The all absorbing topic before us, they say, will be the amendment of the stock and bond law. I notice through the press and otherwise, that the heads of the large railroads are pushing the proposed amendment, this fact causes me to give much thought and research to the subject before I can vote for the repeal of them, in fact if I don't get better cause to change my mind, I shall vote against their repeal. I should like to have the views of any citizen on any matter that will or should come up for consideration in the Legislature. I want to render you good and faithful service and therefore I ask your aid and advice.

Very Respectfully,
NAT PATTON.

DODSON'S LIVER-TONE BEATS CALOMEL

No Need Now to Risk Your Health
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Next time your liver gets sluggish and you feel dull and head-achy go to Porter's drug store and get a bottle of the successful medicine, Dodson's Liver-Tone.

It will start your liver, gently but firmly, and cure an attack of constipation or biliousness without any restriction of habit or diet.

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a pleasant tasting vegetable liquid, for both children or grown people. Its use is not followed by any of the bad after-effects which sometimes follow taking calomel.

Porter's drug store will give you your money back if you do not find it a perfect substitute for calomel. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith spent last week in Prosper visiting Mr. Smith's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. Pack Traylor and Waltus Scarbrough spent Christmas day with the family of George Scarbrough at Palestine.

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are read by the people because it gives them news of absorbing interest. People no longer go looking about for things they want—they go to their newspaper for information as to where such things may be found. This method saves time and trouble. If you want to bring your wares to the attention of this community, our advertising columns

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"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

CAP and BELLS



COULDN'T MIX IN RELIGION

Advertising Man Who Wanted Picture Portraying Marathon Afraid to Trifle With Mercury.

"I want," explained the advertising man, "I want a picture that has the idea of speed to it—real speed. I want it to go at a regular Marathon. But it's got to be new."

"Yes, I see," and picked up a pencil. "How about Mercury? Something like this."

He sketched rapidly the figure of the messenger of Olympus, winged sandals, winged cap, symbolic staff and all. The advertising man looked it over approvingly.

"Seems all right," he commended. "But what does it mean? Who's Mercury?"

"Oh, Mercury? He was the speediest thing that ever lived," the artist declared. "Mercury was the god of speed, you know."

But the advertising manager gave one long, regretful look at the sketch and shook his head.

"Too bad," he murmured sadly. "Too bad. I like its looks, but it won't do. It won't do, young man. We can't get mixed up with anyone's religion like that."

No Expert.

A gang of Italians were employed on a railway contract removing earth with wheelbarrows. While proceeding with his work one of the men noticed that the wheel of his barrow was squealing terribly, and to put a stop to the noise he turned the barrow over, and was in the act of greasing it when the boss noticed him and shouted out:

"Halloo, Pietro! Halloo, sir! What the dickens are you doing?"

"I'm greasing my barrow, sir."

"Who told you to do that?"

"No one, sir. I took it upon myself."

"Well, don't let me catch you at it again. Every man here must stick to his own job. What do you know about machinery?"—TIT-BITS.

Hard to Swallow.

"Shimmerpate is in an awful predicament."

"What's the trouble?"

"He lost an election bet and has to eat his own hat."

"I've heard of that before."

"Yes, but Shimmerpate has been wearing one of those fuzzy caterpillar lids."—Judge.

ANYTHING ELSE?



She—I'll be yours on one condition. He—And what is that one condition? She—That you give up smoking, drinking, gambling, swearing, dancing and flirting and—

THE REASON.

"That rich widow who tries to be so fashionable has no savoir faire." "Then it must be because it ain't in style this season."

THE CLIMAX.

"So they are going to try to educate a monkey to be like a man." "If they do, that ought to be the apex of their labor."

TEXAS' SMOKEHOUSES



We ship into this state \$52,000,000 of meats and provisions, mostly pork, per annum.—Texas Welfare Commission.

W. O. W. Elect Officers

Last Saturday night the W. O. W. Lodge of this place elected officers for the ensuing term. The following officers were elected:

C. L. Haltom, re-elected Consul Commander; M. L. Clewis, re-elected Adviser Lieutenant; Jesse Eaves, re-elected Banker; Jno. R. Owens, elected Past Consul Commander; Herod Parker, re-elected Watchman; Ed Edge, elected Sentry; B. F. Hill, re-elected Clerk; M. E. Bean, re-elected Escort; Lewis Smith was elected one of the managers to fill the place of J. B. Lively, whose time had expired.

The officers elected last Saturday night will be installed next meeting night, the second Saturday night in January, and every member is requested to attend. A special camp assessment of ten cents per month will be voted on, and every member of the lodge should be present. The extra ten cents is to be appropriated to the hall fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Richards of Tyler were here during the holidays visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Brooks of Corpus Christi were the guests of relatives near Grapeland during Christmas week.

Claude Leaverton and Balis Daily, who are attending the state university at Austin, were at home Christmas.

Geo. E. Darsey Jr., who is attending Southwestern University at Georgetown, spent the holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Totty and son, Willie McRae and Miss Eola of Palestine spent Christmas day here, guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis returned Saturday night from Dallas, where they spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Zimmerman.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson of Oakhurst and Miss Annie Saxon of Brownsville are visiting their sister, Mrs. B. F. Hill of this city.

Misses Vivian Lunsford of Crockett and Liva Jones of Oakwoods visited their friend Miss Mable Wherry of this city last week.

Frank Ward and Miss Virgie Kennedy were married Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kennedy, south of town. The Messenger joins their many friends in extending congratulations and wishing for them the richest blessings during their future life.

Madam, Read McCall's The Fashion Authority

McCALL'S is a large, artistic, handsomely illustrated 100-page monthly Magazine that is adding to the happiness and efficiency of 1,100,000 women each month.

Each issue is brimful of fashions, fancy-work, interesting short stories, and scores of labor-saving and money-saving ideas for women. There are more than 50 of the newest designs of the celebrated McCALL PATTERNS in each issue. McCALL PATTERNS are famous for style, fit, simplicity and economy. Only 10 and 15 cents each.

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NOTE—Ask for a free copy of McCALL'S wonder-ful new creations catalogue. Sample copy and pattern catalogue also free on request.

Dudley Eaves, principal of the Ratcliff school, spent the holidays with homefolk.

Ed Skidmore and family left Wednesday for Bullard where they will live in the future.

Mack Herod and family of southwest Texas spent the holidays here with friends and relatives.

W. R. Brown came up from Houston Tuesday night and will spend a few days here visiting relatives and friends.

Wyatt Driskill has sold his residence to Dr. C. L. Cromwell, who has moved in. Wyatt contemplates moving to Troup in the near future.

Miss Alice Fox, who has had charge of the millinery department for Geo. E. Darsey for the past season, left Christmas day for her home in Dallas. Miss Fox has made many friends here and they will be delighted to learn that she will return in the spring to resume her duties as milliner.

SECOND CHOICE.

"Jane, take the poodle out for an airing." "The dust is very bad, mum." "Then, take the baby."

HER DEFINITION.

Mrs. Lily—Is your husband a baseball fan? Mrs. Sour—Naw! He's a baseball fool.

He and His Present.

"How did you feel at that fashionable wedding?" "About as conspicuous as my pickle dish looked among the jeweled bronzes and ropes of pearls."

Adept at the Art.

"She carries her age the same way she carries her money." "How is that?" "Carefully concealed."

WOULD NOTIFY HIS FRIENDS

If Married to Hatchet-Faced Woman Who Did All Talking, Man Would Let Fact Be Known.

"Who is that hatchet-faced woman over there who seems to think it is necessary for her to do all the talking?"

"Don't you know her?" "No, I never saw her before. If she's married I'm sorry for the poor devil who is her husband. I can't imagine anything more terrible than being tied up to a woman like that for life. Heavens, hear her go it! Her voice is like a rasp. I should think her throat would be all worn out. Do you know what I'd do if I were married to such a woman?"

"No. For heaven's sake tell me." "Oh, I beg your pardon, old man. I didn't mean any offense. I—I apologize."

"That's all right. You gave me to understand a moment ago that there was something you would do if you were married to such a woman. What is it?"

"I'd hasten to let my friends know it when I took her out anywhere so they wouldn't be in any danger of making the kind of a break I've just made."

Too Much Ciphering.

Congressman Lamb of Virginia has an old "befo' de wah" darky working on his place, whom he pays \$1 a day. The old man is not very fond of work and loses a day often because of his alleged infirmities.

The other day the congressman told him he was going to raise his wages from \$6 a week to \$7. The old darky emphatically refused the raise, and when his boss asked him why, he answered:

"It's lak dis, Mister John. When I loses a day from work now, I kin count mah money; but if you gib me a raise an' I loses a day, I won't know how much I'se got comin' tuh me."—Judge.

THE JOKER.



Hixon—You say you raise flowers and yet you live in a flat? Dixon—Oh! yes. You see, I plant 'em in folding beds.

Hanging Prophets.

"A little girl at our morning service yesterday," said Rev. James E. Craig, "knelt beside her mother while the commandments were being read. When the rector said, 'On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets,' the little girl whispered:

"Mamma, how many—" "Sh! hissed her mamma. "But, mamma, how many prophets are there?"

"Why, Isalah, Jeremiah, Habbakuk, Jonah, Haggai, Malachi, Zephaniah, dearie. I can't think of all of them without looking them up, but I fancy there must have been about twenty." "Twenty? And they hanged 'em all on two commandments?"

Business Instinct.

"Columbus," said the boy who is studying history, "discovered America."

"Yes," replied his father, who is in finance; "he discovered it. But it took a number of people like myself to put the proposition on a paying basis."

In 1940.

"Say, my boy, you're 25 now. It's time you settled down and got married."

"Oh, I'm not ready to get married yet, dad."

"Not ready? Why, young man, I want you to know that when I was your age I had been married twice."

Porto Rico's Advancement.

Porto Rico, until recently benighted, lax and lethargic, whose trade was of little importance to the world, has risen until it stands twelfth among the countries of the globe as a customer of the United States. Last year the island purchased from this country over \$37,000,000 worth of products. The islanders cannot supply the demand made upon them for coffee, tobacco and other products, and are prospering generally.