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You had better visit our Dry Goods Department, for you will find this a money saving department to you, just as you see our groceries at short crop specials.

High Patent flour \$1.25

20 lbs. Granulated Sugar for \$1.00

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Garrett snuff per bottle, 20c

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Kennedy Brothers
The Store for Everybody

'POSSUM CLUB MEMBERSHIP

W. R. Wherry, promulgator of Grapeland's Possum Club, has furnished the Messenger with the list of members, and they are as follows: W. R. Wherry, Jno. A. Davis, G. R. Murchison, E. W. Davis, C. E. Lively, J. W. Jones, Dr. W. D. McCarty, J. J. Brooks, S. E. Howard, Frank Allen, W. F. Murchison, Jim Owens, R. B. Edens, T. S. Kent, S. J. Stanford, Jerry Clark, Claude Sadler, A. H. Luker, honorary member.

As stated last week, the object of this club is to pull off a "feeding stunt" in the near future that will rival anything in Texas. It will be in the class with the "Turkey Trot" at Cuero. However, it will be called a "possum walk." It is proposed to bunch up all the possums and march them through the streets to the slaughter pen. Just what tactics will be employed should the possums "sull" we do not know, but presume Mr. Wherry will have an "official possum puncher" to persuade them on. The Messenger has been declared the official organ of the 'possum club, so watch these columns for news emanating from the club. We may be called upon to issue a call for volunteers to bring in some possums to help the club out.

Help! Help!

Since the above was put in type, the Possum Club authorizes the Messenger to offer a prize of the best sack of flour in town to anyone who will bring any member of the club the largest number of possums by November 1st. This does not apply to the members, but to outsiders who feel an interest in the success of the club. The winner can go to any merchant in town, select the best sack of flour in the house and the club will pay for it. Now call out "Old Lep" and get busy.

The remains of Percy Edens, who was killed in Houston, were shipped to Grapeland and Saturday interred in the Matthews cemetery in the Antrim community. Young Edens fell from a circus wagon to the pavement and broke his neck. He was carried to an undertaking parlor and identified by a slip of paper in his pocket, which read "P. C. Edens, Grapeland, Texas." He was the youngest son of John Edens, and a brother of Albert Edens of this city.

SMALL WRECK--- TRAINS DELAYED

Sunday morning south bound passenger train No. 1 went in the ditch two miles below Crockett. The engine, baggage and mail car and one passenger car jumped the track. No one was injured, except a colored passenger who boarded the train at Crockett, and his injuries are not serious. The cause of the wreck was not learned. It happened on straight track on a high embankment. The train from the south was delayed several hours, reaching Grapeland about six o'clock.

On account of the carelessness of the chief dispatcher at Palestine, a serious collision between a freight train and the north bound passenger was narrowly averted near Grapeland. The trains lacked only two car lengths of colliding, and had they been going at full speed, a nasty wreck, with a loss of life would have been the inevitable result. The dispatcher who made this mistake in train orders is without a job.

Good Paint

is cheap; and Devoe is not the only good paint; it is one of a dozen; and very likely, the only one in your town—there are hundreds of middling and bad.

You can see what chance there is of another good one there; perhaps one in ten at the most.

Bad paint is dearest; middling is dear; costs 2 or 3 times as much as the best.

No matter about the cost of a gallon, that isn't it; the cost a square foot; the cost a job; better yet, the cost a year.

There's a whole education in paint in this advertisement.

DEVOE.

Kennedy Bros., sell it. Adv.

Commissioner C. H. Beazley of Crockett came up Thursday and went out to inspect the roads and bridges in this end of his precinct. Returning Friday, he reported the roads in pretty bad shape on account of so much rain. Two new bridges will have to be built, one near Percilla and one near Augusta, and a third one will have to be repaired. Mr. Beazley made arrangements to have this work done right away.

The members of the Baptist church are requested to meet at the church Sunday evening at 3 o'clock to transact important business.

Our Lyceum Course

The Lyceum Course for Grapeland will begin November, 27th, with the "Play Singers." Other numbers will follow in the order named: Booth Lowery, lecturer, Dec. 10. "Hawkeye Glee Club," male quartette, Dec. 26. "Alvah Green," impersonator, Jan. 20. These are all exceptionally strong numbers and are sure to delight the people of Grapeland.

The "Play Singers" are composed of four young ladies. Their entertainment consists of lecture recitals of standard music, interspersed with drama and song. You will hear the best music of now and long ago played as you like to hear it. It will be a revelation of the wealth of worth-while music that all can enjoy, and music that, when rendered by the Play Singers, all can understand. They are a high-class lecture recital company playing musical masterpieces, with the attractive feature of solos, readings, vocal numbers and a small orchestra added.

Booth Lowery is a lecturer of national fame. He very often makes return engagements and each time makes good. The Athens Review has this to say of him: "Mr. Lowery caught the audience at the start and carried it with him at his will to the close. His humor is refined and his expression, carriage and entire deportment on the stage is purely natural. We regard him as the best attraction we have had."

The Hawkeye Glee Club sings and plays to please. The music they give is good and of the popular sort. You will listen and applaud and go home well pleased with the songs and humor and feel more at peace with all mankind. There is no wasted time or dull moments, but a "jolly good time" as when "old friends get together." Who does not enjoy the music of a good male quartette? No other form of concert and entertainment is more popular, and the "Hawkeyes" are prepared to contribute their share to meet the demand for music and humor in a high-class vocal and instrumental program.

Alvah Green as an impersonator is a positive success. This will be his twelfth season. His entertainments are a genuine tonic to old and young. They are bubbling over with wit and things bright and interesting. They drive dull care away and make life worth while.

The purpose of this course is to give our people something worth while during the winter. It is a fact that the young people, and the older ones too, to a large extent, attend every tent show or carnival that comes along. When they go home they have neither seen nor heard anything that is elevating or that makes them nobler. In getting this course it was no intention of ours to make money. In fact, in view of the way things have turned out, we stand a good chance to lose some money, for these numbers have cost us a neat little sum. But should there be a profit a large per cent of it will be turned over to the school board to apply on the school as they see fit.

If the fathers and mothers of Grapeland are anxious to give their boys and girls something elevating, something that they will be glad to tell their friends about, make arrangements for them to hear and see all four numbers of this course. We appeal to every good and noble citizen in our town—to all men and women who stand for the right—to join us in giving Grapeland something elevating in the line of amusements. Young people are going to have some kind. Good or bad, high or low. If we furnish the good then that is what they will have.

The thing to do is to buy a season ticket for the entire course and see every number. By doing this it will cost you less. For adults the price of a season ticket will be \$1.75, and for children \$1.50. We will call on you pretty soon and hope that you will be prepared to receive us "with open arms."

Yours truly,
WADE L. SMITH,
A. H. LUKER.

LADIES HATS

Still Going
At Cost!

AT THE LADIES' REST ROOM
AT W. R. WHERRY'S STORE

Mrs. George Moore

ROCK HILL NEWS ITEMS

Oct. 6.—Well, we have been having some rainy weather, which has caused some people to have the blues. But these slow rains mean a season in the earth for the next crop, so look ahead.

Bro. J. I. Weatherby filled his regular appointment at Antrim Sunday evening. A good sermon was delivered and a very good crowd was present. Two members were added to the church.

Mr. J. L. Nichols and family were visiting Mr. C. M. Streetman and family Sunday.

Mrs. Daisy Gee was a pleasant visitor at the home of Mr. John Singleton Sunday.

Aunt Amanda Weisinger has been sick, but is improving now, and was visiting her son, Z. W. Weisinger last week.

Mr. Elmo Kolb who has been at Wortham for some time, is visiting home folks.

Mr. Arthur Brooks, who had a severe case of typhoid fever, is able to be out again.

Mr. Howard Campbell left

Wednesday for Richland, Texas, where he goes to enter school.

Messrs. Jesse Willis and Gratton Streetman attended church at New Prospect Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Ray visited her mother, Mrs. Mark Thomas Sunday.

Mr. Luskey Gray and wife visited Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Streetman Sunday.

Mr. Percy Edens was brought to the Matthews grave yard Saturday for burial. Was quite a rainy time for the occasion, although a good crowd was present. We understand that Mr. Edens was killed by falling from a wagon on the paved streets in Houston.

Mrs. John Redmon Matthews slipped and fell while at the burial Saturday, breaking her arm.

Mr. Miles Thomas was visiting his brother, Mack, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Thomas is liking Texas better than at first.

LITTLE ITEMS.

Mesdames, Geo. E. Darsey and S. N. Boykin and children visited relatives in Crockett last week.

Mrs. R. H. Lacy and children returned to their home in Crockett Monday morning.



FRAN

BY JOHN BRECKENRIDGE ELLIS

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting.

CHAPTER II—She repairs thither in search of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave.

CHAPTER III—Abbott Ashton, superintendent of schools, escorts Fran from the tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and is a pillar of the church. Ashton becomes greatly interested in Fran and, while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, sister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board.

CHAPTER IV—Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violent dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory, in agitation, asks Grace to leave the room.

CHAPTER V—Fran relates a story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother.

CHAPTER VI—Fran finds Mrs. Gregory a sweet, sincere woman and takes a liking to her.

CHAPTER VII—Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend now dead. Fran agrees to the story. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. The breach between Fran and Grace widens.

CHAPTER VIII—It is decided that Fran must go to school. Grace shows persistent interest in Gregory's story of his dead friend and hints that Fran may be an impostor. She threatens to marry Bob Clinton and leave Gregory's service, much to the latter's dismay. Fran declares that the secretary must go.

CHAPTER IX—Grace begins nagging tactics in an effort to drive Fran from the Gregory home, but Mrs. Gregory remains staunch in her friendship.

CHAPTER X—Fran is ordered before Superintendent Ashton to be punished for insubordination in school. Chairman Clinton is present. The affair ends in Fran leaving the school in company of the two men, to the amazement of the scandal-mongers of the town.

CHAPTER XI—Abbott, while taking a walk alone at midnight, finds Fran on a bridge telling her fortune by cards. She tells Abbott that she is the famous lion tamer, Fran Nonpareil. She tired of circus life and wanted a home.

CHAPTER XII—Grace tells of seeing Fran come home at midnight with a man. She guesses part of the story and surprises the rest from Abbott. She decides to ask Bob Clinton to go to Springfield to investigate Fran's story.

CHAPTER XIII—Fran enlists Abbott in her battle against Grace. Egged on by Grace, Gregory insists on his wife going to church, something she has not done since Grace became one of the household.

CHAPTER XIV—Fran offers her services to Gregory as secretary during the temporary absence of Grace. The latter hearing of Fran's purpose, returns and interrupts a touching scene between father and daughter.

CHAPTER XV—Fran goes fishing with Mrs. Gregory's brother, Abbott, whose retention as superintendent is to be decided that day. She finds her sitting alone in a buggy. He joins her and is discovered by Clinton and his sister.

CHAPTER XVI—Grace tells Gregory she intends to marry Clinton and quit his service. He declares that he cannot continue his work without her. Carried away by passion, he takes her in his arms. Fran walks in on them, and declares that Grace must leave the house at once. To Gregory's consternation he learns of Clinton's mission to Springfield.

CHAPTER XVII—Clinton returns from Springfield and Abbott, at Fran's request, urges him not to divulge what he has learned. On Abbott's assurance that Grace will leave Gregory at once, Clinton agrees to keep silent.

CHAPTER XVIII—Driven into a corner by the threat of exposure, Gregory is forced to dismiss Grace.

CHAPTER XIX—Grace is offered the job of bookkeeper in Clinton's grocery store. Gregory declares he will kill himself if she marries Clinton.

CHAPTER XX.

The Enemy Triumpha.

Old Mrs. Jefferson would long ago have struck a blow against Grace Noir had she not recognized the fact that when one like Grace wears the helmet of beauty and breastplate of youth, the darts of the very angles of justice, who are neither beautiful nor young, are turned aside. Helplessly Mrs. Jefferson had watched and waited and now, behold! there was no more Dragon. Fran had said she would do it—nothing could have exceeded the confidence of the old lady to the new secretary.

Mrs. Gregory's sense of relief was not so profound as her mother's, because she could not think of Grace's absence except as a reprieve. Surely she would return—but the present was to be placidly enjoyed. Grace was gone. Mrs. Gregory's smile once more reminded Fran of the other's half-forgotten youth. When a board has lain too long on the ground, one finds, on its removal, that the grass is withered;



He Sank Upon His Knees and Caught Her Hand.

all the same, the grass feels the sunshine.

Fran thanked herself that Grace was no longer silhouetted against the horizon, and Gregory, remarking this attitude of self-congratulation, was thrown more than ever out of sympathy with his daughter. Fran was indefatigable in her duties as secretary, but her father felt that it was not the same. She could turn out an immense amount of work because she was strong and playing for high stakes—but she did not have Grace's methodical ways—one never knew how Fran would do anything, only that she would do it. Grace was all method, but more than that she was as Gregory phrased it to himself—she was all Grace.

Gregory missed her every minute of the day, and the harder Fran tried to fill her place, the more he resented it. Fran was separated from his sympathies by the chasm in his own soul.

The time came when Gregory felt that he must see Grace again and be alone with her. At first, he had thought they must not meet apart from the world; but by the end of the week, he was wondering what excuse he could offer to induce her to meet him—not at Miss Sapphira's, where she now boarded, not at the grocery where Bob was always hovering about—but somewhere remote, somewhere safe, where they might talk about—but he had no idea of the conversation that might ensue; there was nothing definite in anything save his fixed thought of being with her. As to any harm, there could be none. He had so long regarded Grace as the best woman in the world, that even after the day of kisses, his mind continued in its inertia of faith—even the gravitation of material facts was unable to check its sublime course.

It was the close of a July day that Hamilton Gregory left his house resolved, at any cost—save that of exposure—to experience once more the only pleasure life held in reserve for him: nearness to Grace Noir. She might be at the store, since all shops were to remain open late, in hopes of reaping sordid advantages from the gale of mankind. In a word, Littleburg was in the grip of its first street fair.

Before going down-town, Gregory strolled casually within sight of the Clinton boarding-house. Only Miss Sapphira was on the green veranda. Miss Sapphira, recognizing Gregory, waved a solemn greeting, and he felt reassured—for he was always afraid Robert would "tell." He pushed his way nearer.

"Is Miss Noir here?" Gregory asked in a strained voice; the confusion hid the odd catch his voice had suffered in getting over the name.

"No. She's down-town—but not at any show, you may be sure. She's left late at the store because—I guess you've heard Abbott Ashton has been away a long time."

"I have heard nothing of the young man," Gregory replied stiffly.

"Well, he's been off two or three weeks somewhere, nobody knows unless it's Bob, and Bob won't tell anything any more. Abbott wrote he'd be home tonight, and Bob drove over to Stimmtown to meet him in the survey, so Miss Grace is alone down there." She nodded ponderously.

"Alone!" he exclaimed involuntarily. "Yes—I look for Bob and Abbott now just any minute." She added, eyeing the crowd—"I saw Fran on the street, long and merry ago!" Her accent was that of condemnation. Like a rock she sat, letting the fickle populace drift by to minstrel show and snake den. The severity of her double chin said they might all go thither—she would not.

This was also Gregory's point of view; and even in his joy at finding the coast clear, he paused to say, "I am sorry that Fran seems to have lost all reason over this carnival company. If she would show half as much interest in her soul's welfare—"

He left the sentence unfinished. The thought of Grace had grown supreme—it seemed to illuminate some wide and splendid road into a glorious future.

The bookkeeper's desk was in a gallery near the ceiling of the Clinton grocery store; one looked thence, through a picket-fence, down upon the only floor. Doubtless Grace, thus looking, saw him coming. When he reached her side, he was breathless, partly from the struggle through the masses, principally from excitement of fancied security.

She was posting up the ledger, and made no sign of recognition until he called her name.

"Mr. Clinton is not here," she said remotely. "Can I do anything for you?"

He admired her calm courtesy. If at the same time she could have been reserved and yielding he would have found the impossible combination perfect. Because it was impossible, he was determined to preserve her angelic purity in imagination, and to restore her womanly charm to actual being.

"How can you receive me so coldly," he said impulsively, "when I've not seen you for weeks?"

"You see me at church," she answered impersonally.

"But I have been dying to be near you, to talk to you—"

"Stop!" she held up her hand. "You should know that Mr. Clinton and I are—"

"Grace!" he groaned.

She whispered, her face suddenly growing pale, "Are engaged." The tete-a-tete was beyond her supposed strength.

"Engaged!" he echoed, as if she had pronounced one of the world's great tragedies. "Then you will give yourself to that man—yourself, Grace, that beautiful self—and without love? It's a crime! Don't commit the horrible blunder that's ruined my life. See what wretchedness has come to me—"

"Then you think," very slowly, "that I ought to let Fran ruin my whole life because your wife has ruined yours? Then you think that after I have been driven out of the house to make room for Fran, that I ought to stay single because you married unwisely?"

"Grace, don't say you are driven out."

"What do you call it? A resignation?"

"Grace!—we have only a few moments to be alone. For pity's sake, look at me kindly and use another tone—a tone like the dear days when you were by my side. . . . We may never be together again."

She looked at him with the same repellent expression, and spoke in the same bitter tone: "Well, suppose we're not? You and that Fran will be together."

In his realization that it was Fran, and Fran alone, who separated them, Gregory passed into a state of anger, to which his love added recklessness. "Grace, hate me if you must, but you shall not misunderstand me!"

She laughed. "Please don't ask me to understand you, Mr. Gregory, while you hide the only secret to your understanding. Don't come to me with pretended liking when what you call 'mysterious business interests at Springfield' drive me from your door, and keep Fran at my desk."

He interposed in a low, passionate voice. "I am resolved that you should know everything. Fran—is my own daughter."

She gave no sign save a sudden compression of the mouth; nevertheless, her surprise was extreme. Her mind flashed along the wires of the past and returned illuminated to the present entanglement.

He thought her merely stunned, and burst forth: "I tell you, Fran is my child. Now you know why I'm compelled to do what she wants. That's the secret Bob brought from Springfield. That's the secret Abbott Ashton hung over my head—the traitor! after I'd befriended him! All of my ungrateful friends have conspired to ruin me, to force you from me by this secret. But you know it now, and I've escaped its danger. You know it!"

"And does your wife know?"

"Would I tell her, and not tell you? It's you I've tried to shield. I married Josephine Derry, and Fran is our child. You know Fran. Well, her mother was just like her—frivolous, caring only for things of the world—irreligious. And I was just a boy—a mere college youth. When I realized the awful mistake I'd made, I thought it best to go away and let her live her own life. Years after, I put all that

behind me, and came to Littleburg. I married Mrs. Gregory and I wanted to put all my past life away—clear away—and live a good open life. Then you came. Then I found out I'd never known what love meant. It means a fellowship of souls, love does; it has nothing to do with the physical man. It means just your soul and mine. . . . and it's too late!"

Grace, with hands locked upon her open ledger, stared straight before her, as if turned to stone. The little fenced-in box, hanging high above eager shoppers, was as a peaceful haven in a storm of raging noises. From without, gusts of merriment shrieked and whistled, while above them boomed the raucous cries of showmen, drowned in their turn by the indefatigable brass-band. The atmosphere of the bookkeeper's loft was a wedge of silence, splitting a solidarity of tumult.

Gregory covered his face with his hands. "Do you despise me, you pure angel of beauty? Oh, say you don't utterly despise me. I've not breathed this secret to any living soul but you, you whom I love with the madness of despair. My heart is broken. Tell me what I can do."

At last Grace spoke in a thin tone: "Where is that woman?"

"Fran's mother?"

She did not reply; he ought to know whom she meant.

"She died a few years ago—but I thought her dead when I married Mrs. Gregory. I didn't mean any wrong to my wife, I wanted everything legal, and supposed it was. I thought everything was all right until that awful night—when Fran came. There'd been no divorce, so Fran kept the secret—not on my account, oh, no, no, not on her father's account!—She gave me no consideration. It was on account of Mrs. Gregory."

"Which Mrs. Gregory?"

"You know—Mrs. Gregory."

"Can I believe that?" Grace asked, with a chilled smile. "You believe Fran really cares for your wife? You think any daughter could care for the woman who has stolen her mother's

name?"

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know that you are—are free." Grace started up from the desk, her face deathly white. She was tottering, but when Gregory would have leaped to her side, she whispered, "They would see us." Suddenly her face became crimson. He caught his breath, speechless before her imperial loveliness.

"Mr. Gregory!" her eyes were burning into his, "have you told me all the secret?"

"Yes—all."

"Then Mr. Clinton deceived me!"

"He agreed to hide everything, if I'd send you away."

"Oh, I see! So even he is one of Fran's allies. Never mind—did you say that when you married the second time, your first wife was living, and had never been divorced?"

"But Grace—dear Grace! I thought it all right. I believed—"

She did not seem to hear him.

"Then she is not your wife," she said in a low whisper.

"She believes—"

"She believes!" Her voice rose scornfully. "And so that is the fact Fran wanted hidden; you are not really bound to Mrs. Gregory."

"Not legally—but—"

"In what way, then?"

"Why, in no regular way—I mean—but don't you see, there could be no marriage to make it binding, without telling her—"

"You are not bound at all," Grace interrupted. "You are free—as free as air—as free as I am. Are you determined not to understand me? Since you are free, there is no obstacle, in Heaven or on earth, to your wishes."

His passage from despair to sudden hope was so violent that he grasped the desk for support. "What?—Then?—You—you—Grace, would you — But —"

"You are free," said Grace, "and since Mr. Clinton's treachery, I do not consider myself bound."

"Grace!" he cried wildly, "Grace—star of my soul—go with me, go with me, fly with me in a week—darling. Let us arrange it for tomorrow."

"No. I will not go with you, unless you take me now."

"Now? Immediately?" he gasped, bewildered.

"Without once turning back," she returned. "There's a train in something like an hour."

"For ever?" He was delirious.

"And you are to be mine—Grace, you are to be mine—my very own!"

"Yes. But you are never to see Fran again."

"Do I want to see her again? But Grace, if we stay here until train-time, Bob will come and—er—and find us—I don't want to meet Bob."

"Then let us go. There are such crowds on the streets that we can easily lose ourselves."

"Bob will hunt for you, Grace, if he gets back with Abbott before our train leaves. Miss Sapphira said she was looking for him any minute, and that was a good while ago."

"If you can't keep him from finding me," Grace said, "let him find. I do not consider that I am acting in the wrong. This is the beginning of our lives," she finished, with sudden joy.

"And if Bob sees me with you, Grace, after what he knows, you can guess that something very unpleasant would—"

Grace drew back, to look searchingly into his face. "Mr. Gregory," she said slowly, "you make difficulties."

He met her eyes, and his blood danced. "I make difficulties? No! Grace, you have made me the happiest man in the world. Yes, our lives begin with this night—our real lives. Grace, you're the best woman that ever lived!"

(To be continued.)



But I Have Been Dying to Be Near You, to Talk to You.

rightful place?"

"But Fran won't have the truth declared; if it weren't for her, Bob would have told you long ago."

"Suppose I were in Fran's place—would I have kept the secret to spare man or woman? No! Fran doesn't care a penny for your wife. She couldn't. It would be monstrous—unnatural. But she's always hated me. That's why she acts as she does—to triumph over me. I see it all. That is the reason she won't have the truth declared—she doesn't want me to

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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All roads lead to Great, Gorgeous and Generous Grapeland.

Never let an opportunity slip to speak a good word for your town and community.

We suppose now that all the communities will put in lots of time "cussing" the roads.

If the floods and droughts could have amicably gotten together this year, a lot of damage would have been averted.

Scientists declare the celestial dipper is disappearing. If it holds water, we are of the opinion somebody climbed up there and turned it over.

Lovelady will vote on incorporating the town next Saturday. Why can't we do the same thing pretty soon? Are we progressive people, or old timers with moss on our backs?

The town of Ratcliff pulled off a trades day a few Saturdays back and made a big success with it. Lovelady has regular trades days in each month and so has Crockett. Are we going to sit still and let these towns go ahead of us and possibly take away a lot of our trade?

No matter what William Sulzer may be guilty of, Tammany knew all about it before last November's election, and Tammany said not a word, but held Sulzer up as the exemplar mark of virtue. The reason Tammany is fighting Sulzer now is because he wouldn't take orders from that rotten institution, but had some foolish notion that inasmuch as the people of New York State had elected him, he must serve them and not Tammany Hall. And by the way Roosevelt is entirely right when he says that

the conservatives of New York State, having always held up their hands in holy horror at the mere mention of the recall at the polls, are now having their governor recalled by Murphy at the end of the telephone wire.

Why is it that invariably people demand that others be perfect, when, in fact, we all have our faults and most of us are willing to acknowledge them?

The state pure food commissioner of Colorado is advocating the slit and X-ray skirts, and points out that in the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve were not ashamed. If we remember correctly, however, Adam and Eve were husband and wife, and at home. And even at that, they considered it advisable to chase out to the clothes line and grab their fig leaf nighties when they had a visitor.—Port Arthur News.

The Waxahachie Light says a man named Stamp has been named as one of the prison commissioners. We hope he will be able to stamp out the evils which exist in the management of our penitentiary affairs. He will if he is a man of the right stamp.—Houston Chronicle.

But whether he is a man of the right stamp or not, we have no doubt but that he will do his best to stick while the salary lasts.

The Grapeland Messenger says: "Texas is the state, Houston is the county, and Grapeland is the town." And the Messenger might have kept within the bounds of truth by going a little farther and stating that Houston is also the city.—State Topics.

Possibly so. We are going down to your city on press day during the carnival to see if it is all you claim for it.

Fifteen cent cotton and democratic administration go hand in hand. We have no doubt that cotton would be a cent or two higher if we had a governor whose largeness of view, of mind and of heart corresponded to the size of the State.

Improvement Notes

B. R. Eaves of the Hays Spring community has completed plans for a five room residence, which he will build in the west part of town. Work will begin pretty soon, and when completed, he will move to town.

J. S. Yarbrough, who lives east of town, has material on the ground to erect a modern residence in the east part of town. He and his family will move to town.

D. N. Leaverton's new residence is rapidly being completed. Mr. Leaverton hopes to move in by November 10th.

Geo. Shaver has completed one house and will build another in Sycamore Addition. They are for rental purposes. Mr. Shaver has also recently painted his residence at the mill south of town.

Dr. McCarty has recently completed three neat rent cottages on the old school house site, and contemplates building another next spring. This makes ten rent houses for doctor, besides a half dozen or more negro rent houses.

T. S. Kent's fine two-story residence has about been completed, and he hopes to move in within the next few days.

C. E. Brooks, living on Route 3, is remodeling his home.

Will Fox of Reynard is making some improvements on his residence.

E. H. Darsey has remodeled his barn and made other improvements around his place. He is thinking of remodeling his residence.

A. L. Brown has recently made some needed improvements at his home.

L. Q. Browning has recently worked over one room in his residence.

Charlie Haltom has built a new smoke-house.

N. J. Davis has made some improvement at his residence, and put up some large columns to his front porch.

T. H. Leaverton will soon begin the erection of four houses for colored people, near the St. John colored church.

R. T. Murchison is painting his residence.

Hugh Richards has made some improvements around his home.

A bell tower and a well shed have been built at the school building.

The well shed on main street has recently been built. To complete this job, however, some watering troughs should be put up.

Work on the Masonic brick building is going slow on account of so much bad weather. With a few weeks of open weather this building could be completed.

A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Attorneys Oliver Aldrich, Jno. I. Moore, Lipscomb, Tax Assessor Ellis and Jno. R. Sheridan of Crockett were in the city Saturday.

In the chill season see that your liver is active. Any derangement in that organ opens the door for malarial germs. An occasional dose of Herbine is all that is necessary to keep the liver in sound working condition. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

R. L. Pridgen of Grapeland had business in our city Wednesday and while here called on us in company with D. R. Sheridan. He says Grapeland is getting its share of the rain.—Elkhart Record.

Cleanse the liver and bowels, and regulate the system by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It creates and sustains energy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

J. W. CASKEY
TONSORIAL ARTIST

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Henry A. Johnston, a business man of L'Anse, Mich., writes: "For years, Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs and colds has been our family medicine. We give it to our children, who like it on account of its pleasant taste. It is a safe cure for coughs and colds." It contains no opiates. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

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You never tasted daintier, lighter, fluffier biscuits than those baked with Calumet. They're always good—delicious. For Calumet insures perfect baking.

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Now handled in car lots and you can get it any time in any quantity.

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You can get ice on Sunday until 12 o'clock at the ICE HOUSE, near the water tank.

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Rheumatism, Sciatica, Stiff Neck, Neuralgia and Lame Back are painful ailments and it is desirable to get rid of them quickly. For prompt and sure relief, rub in

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It is a Wonderful Pain Cure and Healing Remedy.

It penetrates the flesh to the bone, warms the joints, relaxes the muscles, eases the pain and restores strength and comfort. For healing cuts, wounds, burns, sores and abrasions of the flesh it is very effective.

As a household remedy, for the accidents and ailments that are always occurring in the family, it has no superior. It should be kept on hand so that it can be used promptly. It begins the mending process as soon as it is applied and in all minor injuries it not only cures quickly, but heals without a scar.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle.

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Stephens Eye Salve is a safe and speedy remedy for Sore Eyes.

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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 1913

PLEASING THE PUBLIC

Once upon a time a great railroad man said: "Let the public be damned!" That was before the greatly increased powers were given the Interstate Commerce Commission. And just such sentiment as that on the part of owners and directors of public service corporations served more than anything else to arouse the people to a sense of the wrongs suffered at the hands of these institutions. The public was not getting a square deal, but is now endeavoring to do so, and this is what these giant businesses and their officials call persecution.

Some time ago the son of a railroad president came home for summer vacation. He had a friend in college who was poor and was working his way thru. The son of the railroad president interviewed his father on behalf of his friend and secured him a position on the railroad that he might earn money during vacation to assist in his education. The indigent young man had absolutely no railroad experience. The president was a man worthy of his position, a broad-minded, far-seeing individual. He made the young man "official kicker," paying him eighty-five dollars a month and expenses. The young man's duties were to travel all the time on his employer's road, to imagine himself a regular passenger, and to report every shortcoming in the service that he could find. Was a station agent impolite? Was a particular train not on time, and connection unreliable? If so the "official kicker" made such report to the president of the road.

If every person who does business with the public took that much trouble to please the people and catered to the public's convenience and comfort, more of them would prosper. No matter whether a person is a railroad president, a manufacturer, or a country merchant, it requires pretty much the same efforts to please the public, and to succeed. And the time is coming when the man who depends upon the public for his business can't succeed unless he takes the people into his confidence and works to give them adequate service, and is courteous, as all people should be.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of passes to the Timpson Fair, State Fair at Dallas and a season pass to all the athletic contests of the State University. We appreciate them all, but prize more highly our pass to the Dallas Fair because it is in the form of a beautiful watch

fob and is a memorial to the late lamented Sidney Smith, who for many years was the efficient secretary.

W. T. Bagby of Hallettsville, feels impelled to inform the people of Texas that he won't be a candidate for governor. 'Tis much better for him to get out of his own accord than to have to be put out.

The Houston County Fair had bad luck last week on account of so much rain, and the attendance was poor. The races were abandoned after the first day, as the track was in no condition for racing. The exhibits were splendid and reflected the progress of Houston county for the past twelve months.

It will soon be time for the street fakir to pay Troup a visit and unload a lot of junk on the people. The razor man even does business in small towns yet. The newspapers have had a great deal to say about the street fakir, and still the people continue to donate to him. These fakirs can go into the little towns, get upon a goods box or in a wagon and holler a few times and they have a crowd to work on. They will be in Troup and everybody who is looking for something for nothing should be on hand, but be sure to have some money. Nothing sold on credit.—Troup Banner.

The razor man has been to our town already, and we are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of the next grafter so we can give him some of our ready cash and load up on his cheap-john wares. These street fakirs will always thrive because there is a sucker born every minute who longs for something to suck. We'll venture there are enough tin razors in this town to start a hardware store.

All ready for the Cotton Palace and Dallas Fair.—Bishop News.

What's the matter with the No-Tsu-Oh? They are making big preparations for the press gang and we propose to be right there with the goods. Those in charge say there will be something doing as long as the scribes can stand the pace, and we are getting ready to do a Marathon stunt. Join us at the carnival, Deere, and have your bells on.

Why not 15c for cotton? The crop is short and the recent rains have damaged the cotton considerably. The tendency has been a steady increase in the price since the market opened and indications are that it will go to 15c. We honestly believe it will, but as we have no positive proof we cannot advise farmers to hold the staple.

"MONEY CROP" MADNESS

The farmer is peculiarly alone in the business world. He is both a producer and consumer. The lawyer, the doctor, the mechanic are consumers, but not producers. They must buy everything they use, wear or eat. That being the case, they work for money, and money alone.

The Southern farmer is more fortunate than his contemporary in climes of long winters, as he can produce a greater variety of crops and more of them than the latter. He can produce nearly everything that he eats. And as food constitutes the greatest portion of the necessities of life, the Southern farmer is able to produce the greater bulk of his demands at home.

The follower of another occupation is paid more for what he offers on the market than is the farmer. That being the case the farmer cannot compete successfully with other people in the way of enticing the coin from the other fellow's pockets. It is not necessary that he do so. For, as I have stated, he can produce far the greatest amount of his necessities at home; he only has to purchase perhaps twenty per cent as much as what his lawyer friend had to buy. This being true the farmer has about as good an opportunity for wealth accumulation as anyone.

The last statement is true, provided the farmer makes use of the opportunity for crop production which Nature has given him. And if he does not do this and tries to grow "money crops," and like the doctor or the mechanic, buy all of his necessities, then he makes a failure of farming, and makes the road harder for his brother farmer, too.

The main money crop of the South today is cotton. Cotton will likely be the money crop of the South for years to come. Cotton seed is of great use on the farm, but the lint is of none at all except to sell. As cotton is the money crop, and as the farmer cannot fill all his wants off his own farm, it is necessary that he grow some cotton to sell. Even if cotton were not the main money crop, it would likely pay to grow it on a restricted scale. But it would be a foolish farmer who would sell potatoes that he needed himself. It would be a foolish farmer who would sell his milk-cow and do without milk. Likewise it would be a foolish farmer indeed who would take the time to grow cotton that he ought to spend growing those things which he has to have to feed his family and his stock.

I know enough about cotton to realize the fact that the ordinary one-horse farmer cannot produce it profitably at 10 cents a pound. Nor can he produce it profitably at 15 cents a pound. At \$100 a bale he can produce it at a profit. Of course, I am not referring to those farmers who run their farms with negro labor. They themselves could produce the crop at a profit at 5 cents a pound during good cotton years. I refer to those farmers who hoe and plow their own cotton. If the planter would only have grown sufficient cotton to meet his financial obligations outside of any supply of those commodities which he himself can produce, the cotton crop this year would probably be six or seven million bales instead of thirteen and one half million. And the price would be high enough to enable it to be profitably cultivated.

But when the planter raises cotton to buy his canned goods, his fruits, his meat, his bread, his potatoes, his vegetables, his feed, corn and all, he drags down the price of cotton by oversupply, he robs the fertility of his soils and runs down his farm, and he tears down his own and his neighbor's interests.

This is the "money crop" idea gone mad. But many are the farmers who are afflicted with this brand of madness, and the South bears mark of it today. The Southern farmer can not

profitably grow cotton to buy northern bacon. Nor to buy northern corn, bread and feed-stuffs. In fact he cannot grow cotton profitably to buy anything which, in his climate of long crop seasons and fertile soils, he can grow himself. Nature intended that the South should feed itself, and it must do that or suffer the consequences.

The farmer's first business should be to see to it that he produces as much of life's necessities as he possibly can, and that the overplus, when sold, would bring sufficient money to buy those things which he could not produce. Then, and not until then should he try to grow a distinctly money crop.

The first wants a farmer should supply should be his own.
GEO. LOUIS PAYNE.

ripples ON THE TRINITY

(Delayed)

Reynard, Sept. 29.—Miss Lena Kent is in Crockett attending school.

Bacon Hemby is with the government folks on the river and Tom Clinton is with the government folks on the sea.

Everybody is in haste after the cash and cotton, and the present price helps to modify the "blues" that exists over the shortness of the crop.

Everybody is trying hard to have fall gardens for which the weather is very favorable.

With a few weeks of fair weather the crop of '13 will be in the bin, and we are anxious for a new trial. None of our people seem to be in a state of unrest, which is good, and we do not know of any great changes that are likely to take place.

Leonard Kent has rented his father's place for another year.

We are listening for the wedding bells to tap ere long, which may add another household to our community.

Mrs. Jack Spence and children spent a few days with us last week.

W. M. Brown of Hays Spring was in our neighborhood yesterday.

We had a good service at the church yesterday. We are still working at the Lord's business down this way. C. C. Smith was elected secretary of our Sunday School.

Our Literary school commenced last Monday and the trustees feel like they have made no mistake in employing Miss Weisinger as teacher.

Sometime ago Jack and Homer Beazley captured a seven-foot alligator in a partially dry pond in the Hall bottom on little Elkhart creek.

There is plenty of fruit down this way yet; grapes and persimmons are very good; plenty of red oak and black jack mast for hogs and fine pastures for stock; in fact, everything looks more like spring than fall.
ZACK.

To the Citizens of Grapeland

We have appointed Mr. J. W. Caskey as our special agent for our laundry in your city, and any favors shown him will be appreciated by us. All the work you give us will be returned first class and guaranteed to be as good as anywhere.
Crockett Steam Laundry.
(Advertisement)

Cotton Wanted

We will buy your seed cotton at the gin, paying the highest market price for same. Will buy remnants or full bales. See us if you have any to sell.
adv. Spence Bros.

Notice

All those who owe me and wish to settle same will find their account at the Guaranty State Bank. I would appreciate it if you would call there and settle it.
Adv. W. B. TAYLOR.



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We are carrying the largest stock that we have ever carried, and are thoroughly prepared to take care of your

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We will save you money on your next bill.

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LOCAL NEWS

Dr. G. H. Black, The Dentist. adv

Take it from me, that candy at the Variety Store is fine. Adv.

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop. adv.

Walter Newman of Augusta was here Monday.

Just arrived, car of cypress shingles. See us. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

R. F. Lively, prosperous merchant of Waneta, was transacting business here Monday.

We will deliver meat every morning. Phone us your orders. Adv. J. B. Lively.

If you want to buy or sell a home, see or write S. E. Howard. Adv.

Misses Sallie Mae Kent, Arline Howard and Eulalia Lively visited relatives in Crockett last week.

Soap! Soap! Laundry soap 10 cakes for 25c at the Variety Store. Adv.

Call on J. P. Royall for repairs in shoes, harness and saddles, at Clewis' shop. Adv.

We handle the pure ribbon cane syrup—guaranteed pure. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVELY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

Sam Hodges of Buffalo Gap will hereafter receive the Messenger with the compliments of Byron Keen.

Imported Japanese vases, \$1.00 values for 55c. This is for Saturday only at the Variety Store. (Advertisement.)

Miss Jordan, of Cherokee County, who will teach the Bethel school, was in the city last Thursday doing some shopping.

Happy Day and Mountain Peak flour for less money. Try us and see. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Miss Ruth Chaffin has recently returned home from Tyler, where she has been attending a commercial college.

Your attention is called to the article in this week's paper relating to the Lyceum course for Grapeland this fall. The managers are very anxious to make this a successful course and ask your support.

PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT
Galveston Daily and Semi-Weekly Farm News.
Houston Daily Post and Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.
RENEW WITH US

Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland

Takes pleasure in offering its services to those who are contemplating opening a Bank account, promising them as good service as can be found anywhere.

If you have never investigated our service, why not, as a business proposition, do so now? by opening an account with us? The same uniform courtesy is extended to both large and small depositors

The continued growth of our institution is an indication of the service we render.

The GUARANTY STATE BANK

GUARANTY FUND BANK

A fine lot of fresh chocolates at the Variety Store. Adv.

G. R. Murchison had business at the hub Monday.

Best laundry soap 10 cakes for 25c at the Variety Store. Adv.

T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co., sell the best paint on the market, "Masury's." Adv.

Mrs. Jno. A. Davis left Tuesday morning for Livingston to visit her daughters.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

No use to worry over what to have for dinner—just phone the Cash Grocery Co. We have what you want. Both phones. Adv.

Rev. W. N. Warlick went to Saron Friday morning, remaining over Sunday to fill an appointment.

Doors, widows, paints, glass, stains, columns, moulding—everything in the building line. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

Don't miss seeing those pretty Japanese vases at the Variety Store. \$1.00 vases to go at 55c, Saturday only. Adv.

Miss Della Rains of Crockett came up Sunday and went out to Percilla, where she will teach school again this term.

See T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co., and get a glass for that window that bothered you all last winter. Adv.

Mesdames A. H. Luker and Bob Scarbrough visited relatives in Crockett Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

Try a bucket of our best India coffee. 4 lbs. with a handsome premium for 90c. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

For Sale or Trade

A Model 50 Overland Roadster in good condition.

Smith Bros. Crockett, Texas. adv.

Phone us when you want vegetables, onions, turnips, cabbage, potatoes, kraut and celery. We keep them every day. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

Claude Leaverton has fully made up his mind to become an M. D., and last Wednesday night left for Galveston to enter the State Medical College. We wish Claude much success in his chosen profession.

Notice

Leave your laundry where the laundry boy can get it on Tuesday evening as school will start and compel us to gather it Tuesday evening. Adv. J. W. Caskey.

Notice

October 4th, 1913. I have taken up one large sow marked crop and under bit in left, staple fork and under bit in right, 3 miles north of Grapeland. adv Geo. Chaffin.

Hello! Candy at the Variety Store. Adv.

Mrs. A. B. Guice visited relatives in Palestine this week.

10 cakes best laundry soap for 25c at the Variety Store. Adv.

Miss Fannie Driskell has accepted a position with W. R. Wherry.

Some bargains in cheap homes near Grapeland. See or write S. E. Howard. Adv.

Geo. E. Darsey and T. S. Kent are in Crockett this week serving on the grand jury.

Mr. J. W. Saxon of Oakhurst is visiting his daughter, Mrs. B. F. Hill this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Philipps and children visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Try a can or bucket of our Maxwell House Coffee, a blend of Mocha and Java. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

If your piano needs tuning and regulating would appreciate the work. Drop me a card. V. B. Tunstall, Crockett, Texas. Adv.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy and children have returned home from Kilgore, where they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Price.

Want to Trade

Broad tire Leudinghaus wagon, nearly new, to trade for narrow tire. 100 bushels good corn for sale. Milburn Ellis, Grapeland, Texas. Adv.

Swift's Premium Hams and Breakfast Bacon, Crusto Cooking Oil, Cottolene, large or small buckets, wrapped sugar cured bacon—we keep them all the time. Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

We are agents for Dr. Rucker's famous Veterinary Remedies. Colic and Blind Staggers Cure, Liniment, Eye Lotion, Cough, Heave, Distemper cure. adv. Leaverton Drug Store.

When in Crockett be sure to visit the Royal Theater. Good pictures and good music. A show of elevating character and of benefit to all. Special attractions from time to time. Adv.

Hogs Wanted

I am in the market for hogs. Will buy all you have to sell and will pay you a good price for them. George Calhoun. (Advertisement.)

Notice

I have a fine Jersey bull now ready for service at my lot. Service fee \$2.50 cash with a guarantee. J. W. HOWARD. (Advertisement)

Did you know that we have converted our shop into a horse-shoeing shop. We propose to duplicate anything in that line ever done in your town. Come and see. A. C. Driskell. adv

LOST—A pair of gold skeleton frame glasses in red morocco case. Lost between Roy Brewton's and F. A. Lively's residence on Percilla road. Finder please leave at Messenger office, and receive liberal reward. Adv.

Your attention is directed to the large ad of W. H. Long & Co. of Augusta in this issue. They are offering some special bargains for next Saturday, and also give the details of a nice premium they are giving away. Read the ad and profit thereby.

Unclog the Liver Headache Goes

To put your upset liver in fine shape, to drive poisonous waste from bowels and cure constipation use

HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS

from the famous Hot Springs, Ark. Take one each night for a few days; you'll eat better, work better, sleep better, your eyes will brighten and your skin grow clearer. 25 cents.

Free sample LIVER BUTTONS and booklet about the famous Hot Springs Rheumatism remedy and Hot Springs Blood Remedy at

A. S. PORTER.

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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.

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THE MEASURE OF A MAN



Measure yourself. Without a bank account—it proves you have no self-restraint. It proves you have no regard for the future. It proves you are driftwood on the river of life. Prove yourself a man and start a bank account.



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New Clothes

"GOOD CLOTHES"



There is No Guess Work About It When You Wear These Clothes.

First of all, you will know just how your Suit is going to look—the mirror tells the true story, the picture will be in front of you and more perfect clothes at the price you will agree you have never seen.

You can do away with all uncertainty and know that perfect satisfaction is to be your own if you wear clothes made by

Goldman, Beckman & Co.

Let us fit you early and you cannot fail to be immensely pleased.

For Sale By T. S. Kent

Every man likes to wear new clothes if they have QUALITY and STYLE. The famous "GOOD CLOTHES" have both, and are sold at a reasonable price. See them.

We also have a full line of "Lady Jefferson" Shoes for ladies and "Walk-Over" Shoes for men. Also full line of children's shoes.

Just arrived, a car of Bran, Corn Chops, Oats and flour.

T. S. KENT "Quality is the Thing."

An Appreciated Letter

Crockett, Texas
Sept. 30th. 1913.

Editor of the Grapeland Messenger—I am a reader of your local paper and the Houston County Times each week. I read every word in each paper. I make a specialty of reading the editorials each week. The Black Hole of Calcutta and the comparison with the Harlem Farm tragedy is no comparison. I have read ancient history, but had never thought of making the comparison, as was in last week's Messenger. The death rate was greater at Harlem Farm than at Calcutta. Your paper should be in the home of every colored man in the county, that he might read what you local editors had to say about it. I make special mention of the editorial on the Harlem Farm, since they were the best I have read on that subject. All the editorials are good every week. Much information and inspiration appear each week.

A Colored Subscriber.

Avoid Sedative Cough Medicines

If you want to contribute directly to the occurrence of capillary bronchitis and pneumonia use cough medicines that contain codine, morphine, heroin and other sedatives when you have a cough or cold. An expectorant like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is what is needed. That cleans out the culture beds or breeding places for the germs of pneumonia and other germ diseases. That is why pneumonia never results from a cold when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is used. It has a world wide reputation for its cures. It contains no morphine or other sedative. For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

R. L. Williams of Arp spent several days here last week with his daughter, Mrs. Dave Warren. He returned home Monday.

The changeable weather of early fall brings on coughs and colds that have a weakening effect on the system, and may become chronic. Use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It has a very soothing and healing effect on the irritated and inflamed air passages, and will help very quickly. It is a well known family medicine that gives results. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Walter McCarty left Monday morning for Diboll. Mrs. McCarty and the baby will remain a week or two longer.

Home-Keeping Women Need Health And Strength

The work of a home-keeping woman makes a constant call on her strength and vitality, and sickness comes through her kidneys and bladder oftener than she knows. Foley Kidney Pills will invigorate and restore her, and weak back, nervousness, aching joints and irregular bladder action will all disappear when Foley Kidney Pills are used. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Miss Lida Jones of Oakwoods was the guest of Miss Mable Wherry a few days this and last week.

Quick Help to Backache and Rheumatism

The man or woman who wants quick help from backache or rheumatism, will find it in Foley Kidney Pills. They act so quickly and with such good effect that weak, inactive kidneys that do not keep the blood clean and free of impurities, are toned up and strengthened to healthy vigorous action. Good results follow their use promptly. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Junior League Program

Opening Song.
Leader—Rena Ross Richards.
Reading—Ross Brock.
Recitation—Adabel Leaverton.
Song—Melba Brock, Bess Howard, Evagene Murchison.
Reading—Mary Lou Darsey.
Song—Balis Edens, Mabel Boykin and Carrie Spence.
Reading—Adelaide Selkirk.
Business Session.
Roll Call.
Closing Song.
Benediction.

A Marvelous Escape

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastians of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope. "It occurred in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers. Adv.

Old Students Reunion, Tyler Commercial College and Tyler Commercial College Day at Dallas Fair

More than 10,000 students have enrolled in the Tyler Commercial College since it opened in 1900. Now comes a great reunion from this throng of students Oct. 17th. and 18th., reduced rates on all railroads, a two days program that will prove a treat to all students and their friends who are cordially invited to attend. Oct. 17th., will be Tyler Commercial College day at the big East Texas Fair held at Tyler and it is planned that in the afternoon and evening the reunion will be held at the fair grounds.

Saturday, Nov. 1st., will be Tyler Commercial College day at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas. This is the first time a commercial school has been accorded the honor of a place on our State Fair program. Arrangements are about completed for having the Tyler Commercial College students reunion made in moving pictures. This event is going to be one of the greatest of its kind ever held in Texas. No former student can afford to miss it. They should not only come themselves but bring their friends. They will all be welcome. The reunion department at the College is relieving many letters from different states from former students stating they are coming. Those interested should write the Reunion Department, Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, for full particulars. Adv.

Chronic rheumatism contracts the muscles, distorts the joints and undermines the strength. A powerful penetrating and relieving remedy will be found in Ballard's Snow Liniment. It restores strength and suppleness to the aching limbs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

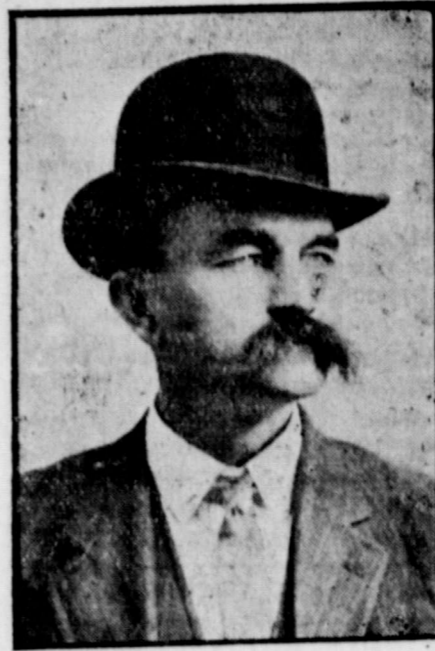
Misses Ada and Clara Jones of Grapeland spent the latter part of last week in the city with relatives.—Alec Herald.

They Make You Feel Good

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tablets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Chronic Dyspepsia

The following unsolicited testimonial should certainly be sufficient to give hope and courage to persons afflicted with chronic dyspepsia: "I have been a chronic dyspeptic for years, and of all the medicine I have taken, Chamberlain's Tablets have done me more good than anything else," says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sherman St., Hornellsville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers. Adv.



MY MOTTO: "Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business."

W. R. WHERRY.

LIVER GETTING LAZY? DON'T STOP WORKING

Take Dodson's Liver Tone and Go About Your Business. It Will Liven Up Your Liver Without Harm

A bilious attack or constipation can be relieved in a short while by a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone—the mild, vegetable remedy that every druggist guarantees.

Just ask A. S. Porter about Dodson's Liver Tone. They know that it is a harmless preparation that starts the liver without violence and puts you into shape without interfering with your habits. This store guarantees it to be all that, and will give you your money back if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone gives you quick, easy relief.

Dodson's Liver Tone is for both grown-ups and children. It has a pleasant taste, and is safe and reliable. The price is 50 cents for a large bottle, and your 50 cents back to you, if you tell A. S. Porter that it hasn't been a benefit to you.

Don't take calomel and don't buy imitations of Dodson's Liver Tone—you may run into danger if you do.

Buy Dodson's—the medicine that A. S. Porter recommends and guarantees. Adv.

B. T. Masters informs us that just as soon as the weather will permit he will move to the southern part of the county, where he will have charge of a large farm. Milburn Ellis and family will also move at the same time.

The key to health is in the kidneys and liver. Keep these organs active and you have health, strength and cheerful spirits. Prickly Ash Bitters is a stimulant for the kidneys, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels. A golden household remedy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. adv

According to the statement of George Calhoun, hogs and cattle are very scarce throughout this community, in fact the supply is shorter than it has ever been. Mr. Calhoun is in a position to know, as he has been trying to buy up a lot of hogs and cattle.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

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Highest Market Price Paid for
COTTON SEED

Meal, Hulls and Fertilizer
for Sale

KEEP HOUSTON COUNTY MONEY AT HOME

Porter's Drug Store

Just Received a new stock of the celebrated "CASE CUTLERY";

Pocket Knives, Razors, Hones,
Strops, etc.

Look at em---"PORTER SAYS SO."

Porter's Drug Store



First Thing in the
Morning
Last thing at Night

We are here to serve you right. We keep the best of meat at all time. Handle packing house goods, such as B B ham and B Sausage. Phone us your orders. Both 'phones.
THE CITY MARKET, J. B. Lively, Prop.

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

It is a sure sign that something is wrong with your kidneys, you should take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

It is a kidney tonic and liver stimulant of the highest order. It relieves the strain on the suffering kidneys, puts new life in the torpid liver, helps digestion, eases the aching back and makes you feel well and strong again.

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

A. S. PORTER, SPECIAL AGENT

School Children!

Remember our Drug Store is headquarters for

School Supplies

WE'LL TREAT YOU RIGHT!

D. N. LEAVERTON

THE LEADING DRUGGIST

Worth

Considering

Music in the home is a blessing. It makes life pleasant for everybody in it. A piano or player piano is such a blessing and one that will last a life time.

We now have a nice store in Crockett stocked with a fine line of high grade pianos of different makes, such as Emerson, Haines Bros., Armstrong, Brewster, and the well known and celebrated Chickering & Sons, in both upright and grands. Our player pianos are the oldest and best makes in the market.

Come and hear the beautiful tone of these pianos and you won't want to live without one. Our prices are right. Our monthly payment plan is easy and enables anyone to own a piano or player piano.

Ten dollars cash and six dollars monthly puts a piano in your home.

We are state agents for the Victor and Victrola machines, Victor records and Victor needles. Five dollars cash and five dollars monthly puts a fine Victrola in your home. All class records and needles on hand. Come in to see us. We will entertain you if you love music. Everybody welcome.

THOS. GOGGAN & BROS.

W. N. MILLS, MANAGER,

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Why Not Trade at Home When Goods are Just as Cheap?

More Davis Hats



SOLD IN
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We have them—Sell them
and Recommend them

We have just received an up-to-date line of Dry Goods, Hats, Caps, Shoes and Notions. You will always find our prices as low as the lowest.

We are going to offer the following LOW PRICES

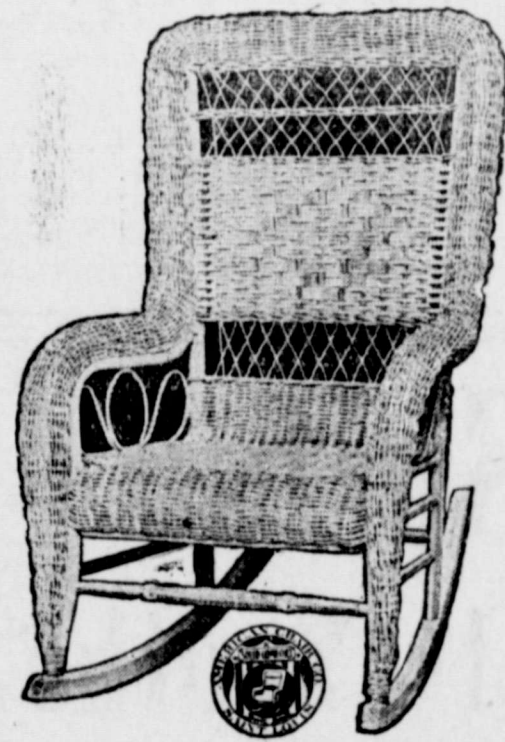
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th

18 lbs American granulated sugar	\$1.00
5 lbs good roasted coffee	\$1.00
5 lbs Peaberry green coffee	\$1.00
Bewley's Blue Ribbon Flour, per sack	\$1.50
7 bars Clairette Soap	.25
6 lbs Battle Axe Soda	.25
5 gallons coal oil	.65

Other things too numerous to mention
will be sold at low prices

Free to You! This beautiful "solid comfort" Reed Rocker

We want to put at least one of these fine rockers into your home. You can have one for every room if you desire.



A good reed rocking chair is one piece of furniture for which you always have a place. That's why we have arranged to give these fine rockers as premiums to our customers. Without a supply of rockers no home is complete. We have secured from the American Chair Co. of St. Louis, Mo., the exclusive control for this locality of their celebrated "solid comfort" reed rocking chairs, like the illustration.

These rockers fairly breathe comfort; they are appropriate for all rooms and are also an attractive addition to the porch, veranda and lawn.

They are beautiful, comfortable and durable; strongly made of Singapore Reed, supported by well seasoned wood and are finished with the finest Japanese Shellac. They have full, continuous roll arms, well braced, and a solid reed seat in basket form. The back is woven reed, and is restful as well as attractive. The stretchers are neatly turned. The chairs are large and roomy, gentlemen's size. These chairs sell regularly for \$6.50.

Pasted on one of the stretchers underneath the seat of every chair made by the American Chair Company you will find their trade-mark, as shown in the illustration, which is your safeguard against imitations and inferior goods. This trade-mark is a sign you are getting the best reed furniture made. Look for it.

We make this liberal offer to secure new customers and to increase our trade with old customers.

HERE IS THE OFFER:

With every \$25.00 worth of goods you buy from us for cash whether bought at one time or different times we will give you one of these Rockers for \$1.50. Get as many rockers as you wish one rocker for \$1.50 with every \$25.00 you trade.

How to Get a Rocker Absolutely Free

If your cash purchases from us amount to \$50.00 from now to January 1st 1914, that is \$25.00 additional we will refund the \$1.50 you have paid for the rocker, thus giving you the rocker absolutely Free. Remember that a rocker will be delivered to you for the small amount of \$1.50 just as soon as you have purchased \$25.00 worth of goods for cash, and it will be optional with you as to whether you trade the additional \$25.00 and get the rocker free.

The rockers are now on exhibition at our store. You are invited to call and see them and get a punch card. Have all your purchases punched on your card. Do all of your trading with us and you will soon have a rocker for every room.

You will always find a choice selection of dependable merchandise at our store and our prices mean a saving to you.

THE SATISFACTORY
STORE

W. H. LONG & CO. AUGUSTA
TEXAS

AUGUSTA HAPPENINGS

Oct. 6.—Since our last writing we have had enough rain to drown a fish. It also damaged the crop that was not gathered. But gee! it has made the "turnips" grow. Tell us we won't have anything to eat!

The Augusta High School opened last Monday under the supervision of Messrs. J. H. Rosser, J. A. Mason and Miss Beatrice Bayne. We are glad to say that we have excellent teachers and that our school has grown and is still growing.

Rev. C. F. Trimble, Pastor of

the Crockett Christian Church delivered us two able sermons, which were enjoyed by all.

Rev. Day, Pastor of the M. E. Church delivered us two able sermons on the fourth Sunday.

Misses Fannie Mae and Ciny Wall visited in Ratcliff last week.

Mr. Sidney Lively and family have moved to Alto.

Mrs. Henry Hendrick's and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. Bee Richardson.

The Union Sunday School is progressing nicely.

BLUE JAY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Tims visited relatives in Palestine this week.

Floyd Ferguson of Percilla left Saturday morning for Alvin to make arrangements to move his family there about the first of November. Mr. Ferguson says he will probably go into the trucking business, which is a very extensive industry around Alvin. We regret to lose him, but wish him well in his new home.

Strengthen the tired kidneys and purify the liver and bowels with a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an admirable kidney tonic. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Darsey's Store News.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER.

EDITED BY DARSEY'S SALES FORCE

Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, October 9, 1913

Satisfaction

Are you satisfied with the kind of service you get when you do your trading? We try to give the best service possible to all, in all of our departments, by employing competent sales people and using the latest improvements.

There is no doubt about it, our store is the best equipped store in East Texas for handling our line of trade, and we do all in our power to satisfy our customers. We appreciate a bill no matter how large or how small and try to give the small one the same attention that the large one receives.

The various lines that we carry, are, in our minds, the best suited to our trade. We have a wide field to select from, and do not believe there are stronger lines carried in this part of the country than we carry. Our various departments are so arranged that one can do his trading in a short while, without the usual annoyance and waiting.

We have hundreds of satisfied customers. Are you one?

See us for hay.

We have just received a car of chops and bran.

We received another big shipment of dry goods this week. You can always find something new at Darsey's.

The Married Man

About the kind of hat to wear
He will not need to fret;
His wife will tell him what to pay
And just the kind to get.



Davis HATS
FOR YOUNG MEN

Davis \$3.00 Hats please everybody

Other Hats \$1.00 to \$6.00

Our stock of groceries is always fresh.

Ask your neighbor how she likes ORIOLE and she will tell you its the best flour in town.

Mr. C. Orr representing the G. Edwin Smith Shoe Co. of Columbus, Ohio, was here Tuesday with his line of Smith-Sterling shoes for spring, and we bought a nice line of fancy footwear.

Bring us your cotton.

The reason that we buy so many eggs, is because we pay more for them.

This has been a busy week with our buyers, in which time they have bought a considerable amount of fancy dress goods and trimming for next spring, which will enable us to give the people of Grapeland patterns in these lines that have not been refused by other people. We try to buy early and in large quantities, thereby getting the best selections for less money.

Last Friday we had the pleasure of having Messrs. Hart, Slade and Darling, of the John Deere Plow Co., of Dallas, with us. They were down here looking after the interests of their goods and Ft. Smith Wagons. Mr. Hart is manager for this district, Mr. Slade is salesman and Mr. Darling is representative of Ft. Smith Wagons. Mr. Hart told us that he has added many new improvements on their cultivators that will make them better than ever for this East Texas soil.

This week, the world's baseball championship series is being played, and much interest is being manifested throughout the country, but what we would like to have you notice is that Christy Matthewson of the New York

Shoes for Critical Ladies



If it is hard for you to get a perfect fit in a shoe that you know will give you satisfaction in style and service, we shall be glad for you to see our big assortment of ladies shoes. We keep our shoe department up at all times and have a full line of sizes

Ladies Black Kid and Patent leather lace and button shoes.....	1.90 to 2.75
Ladies' Gun Metal Button, High and low tops and heels.....	2.00 to 3.25
Ladies' Tan Russet Calf and Tan Kid button shoes.....	2.50 to 3.00
White, Black and Tan Buck button shoes.....	3.00
Ladies straight laced tan and brown Buck shoes.....	3.50 and 4.00

Giants and Eddie Plank of the Philadelphia Athletics, two of America's ball players, wear Royal Tailored Clothes. They believe in having a dignified look. We have a big line of Royal samples and will be glad to have you come and let us order you that next suit. We guarantee a fit, the goods and workmanship. Why not wear clothes with character and cultivate the Royal Tailored look. Over 300,000 Royal suits sold annually in the United States.

PUTTING YOUR FOOT IN A SHOE THAT'S NEW, IS A PLEASURE WHEN IT'S A



WHITE HOUSE
SHOE

Shoes for Men from
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How to Improve
Your Figure

Be sure to wear a corset especially suited to your individual figure.

PARISIANA
CORSETS

come in 48 different models. One of these models has been designed for your exact size and proportions. This corset will hold your hips in the correct position and give your figure grace and style.

Come in and ask for the Parisiana made for you.

School supplies and school clothing at Darsey's.

See the nice assortment of rugs and art squares in our furniture department.

Don't fail to visit our millinery department, where you will find new styles and creations.

Special Suits For Boys and Youths

We have a very select assortment of clothing for little boys, big boys and young men, and from the large number of patterns we have it is easy for you to get a suit just the right size and the exact color, made in the latest styles. We have suits for all sizes of boys made in straight double-breasted coats and peg top pants and the stylish Norfolk suits.

Little boys' Russian suits size 3 to 8 yrs.	2.50 to \$5.00
Boys' 2 piece knee pant suits size 3 to 18 yrs.,	2.00 to 10.00
Boys' Norfolk Suits 4 to 18 yrs.	4.00 to 6.00
Youths' 3 piece and Norfolk suits, long trousers, from 17 to 21 years,	7.00 to 9.00

Our line of boys' shirts, shoes, neckwear, belts, etc., is complete in every way.

Dry Goods Department