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To arrive this Week

Big shipment of Gingham in all colors. The best patterns that can be selected from the wholesale stocks, and we ask that you see these patterns in gingham before buying.

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We are showing this week some elegant designs in ladies' collars and at prices that are very attractive. See them

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DOMESTIC FELICITY

Domestic felicity is that peculiar condition into which married life evolves when the grocery bill and relatives get more of the dinner table conversation than clubs and matinees. It gives the husband permission to use the fern bowl as a cuspidor if he chooses, and assures Her it is alright to pare potatoes with his safety razor. It has been known to make life bearable for widowed mothers-in-law and has kept children out of detention homes.

Domestic felicity sticks better in homes where the marriage certificate is framed and hanged up than where it is chucked into a trunk and sent to the attic. It doesn't make much of a hit with society and the neighbors, but it insures a good appetite, prevents wrinkles, and saves attorney fees. It also induces sound sleep, and routes nightmare in which less

fortunate husbands find themselves murdered and their wives gone with the chauffeur.

This rare gift is unusually found among the wedding presents when the bride and groom have a mutual interest in the event, but is almost invariably over-looked when the attraction is staged by a maiden aunt of the leading lady, or by a wealthy uncle of the actor in conventional black.

Domestic felicity has greater stamina in a cozy little home than anywhere else. It can stand a short honeymoon, but is always in danger when abroad. Once affected, it is impaired for life. It can, by careful nursing, be kept alive, but its weakened constitution will be susceptible to every little irritation, and the headache or soggy biscuit will be very likely to close its eyes in its last, long sleep.

NEW PROSPECT HAPPENINGS

Jan. 11.—Health of the community is very good at present. No sickness reported.

Our literary school is doing fine under the management of Mr. Sam Duitch, principal and Miss Alice Montgomery, assistant. The pupils are all learning very fast, and sure like their teachers.

Miss Ethel Clewis of Slocum is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Minnie Brown.

Mrs. I. N. Inman of Grapeland visited Mrs. Bud Brown Saturday afternoon.

Miss Letha Collins of Slocum returned home last Monday from a two weeks visit to friends and relatives in the New Prospect community.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Cook are here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Mat Hudson.

Today was Bro. Wright's regular preaching day, and a good crowd was out to hear him. He also preached last night.

Bud Brown and children visited Mr. Oscar Brown this afternoon.

Mrs. Bud Brown visited Mrs. Tom Keen Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith visited Mrs. Z. A. Parker today.

Miss May Brown is here on a visit to Miss Allie Smith, attending church at this place Saturday night.

Mrs. Z. A. Parker happened to a painful accident Saturday morning by falling and hurting her knee. It is very painful but nothing serious we hope.

Quite a crowd from New Prospect are attending prayer meeting at Oak Grove tonight. We would rather see them attend their home prayer meeting, but Oak Grove has more attraction for them. ALMA MATER.

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

ALVAH GREEN--- THE FUNNY MAN

Alvah Green, a number of the Lyceum Course, will be at the school auditorium Wednesday night, Jan. 21st.

Mr. Green is an impersonator, and his character acting is simply superb. Making up as he does on the stage in full view of the audience, his seeming transition from one person to an entirely different one is amazing.

We are sure you will enjoy this number immensely, for it is bubbling over with wit and things bright and entertaining. There are many good stories, and with the humor are many bits of pathos that will bring warmth to the heart.

Make your arrangements to attend, Wednesday night, Jan. 21, at the school auditorium.

Social Centers

Peter Radford, in discussing the back-to-the-soil movement, said:

"We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful; where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive, as well as the business of farming more remunerative. The school house should be the social unit, properly equipped for nourishing and building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thought and activity."

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THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

JOHN R. OWENS, EDITOR

Even those walking bureaus of information haven't anything on those who say "I told you so."

The most popular women of a neighborhood are those who do something their sisters can gossip about.

The reason most men don't attend church is because they didn't get the habit when they were young.

President Wilson "hatched" a bunch of fine "bills" recently, among them being the regional banking bill and currency bill.

Two weeks of the new year have passed and we suppose by now there are only a few water-wagon-passengers left on the "wagon."

The reason so many young men who have learned to make money do not save it is because they have also learned how to "blow it in."

If every mother in Texas would raise one son who would vote and fight against liquor, she would be more than repaid for her trouble.

There used to be only three periods considered in man's life—birth, marriage and death. But now there are four—birth, marriage, divorce and death.

In speaking of the inconvenience of rural route carriers in delivering packages sent by parcel post, what would one do if he had a bull dog and a chunk of liver to deliver at the same time?

We suppose that all the candidates are waiting for the others to announce. Come forward candidates, as we want to have plenty of time to look you over.

A good way to induce young men to return to the farm is to install motor power to turn the grind stone, shuck the corn, milk the cows, churn the milk, slop the hogs, chop the wood and harvest the crop.

By reading a verse in the Bible, one of Rockefeller's agents discovered an oil well. We suppose there will be more Bible reading than usual for awhile.

It took six years to send a photograph twenty miles thru the mail in Kansas. We imagine the person who had it taken would have some trouble traveling if he depended upon his looks to carry him.

No man should stand back and dread the obstacles of life. Every man who is afraid to breast the current for fear of failure and does not try for the things that would make him successful is a failure to begin with.

People of this age seem to think that it is awful to see the split skirt worn. We wonder what some of them would have done had they lived in ancient times, when the Spartan maids wore skirts with a split from the ankle to the hip?—faint we guess.

If the citizens of Grapeland would devote less time to telling their friends what ought to be done in the town, and more time to doing the things they think should be done, there would be a big difference in the town at the close of 1914.

A man ceases to be a man when he is drunk.—Grapeland Messenger Devil's Paragraphs.

A man can wallow in mire with a hog but he can bathe, and put on clean clothes and be a man again, while the hog is still a hog.—Lovelady Light.

Yes, for a few times he can clean up and be a man again, but it doesn't take long to bring him to the stage where he quits trying to be a man and is content to stay with the hog.

About the biggest coward in the world is a man who has a little misfortune and gives up and ends his life, leaving a statement to the effect that he committed the deed because he loved his family. Bah! If a man really loves his family he will stay with them and try to support them as long as he has life. If the man who resorts to suicide injured only himself by getting out of the way, it would be

different, as the world is better off without such cowards, but he leaves a family to bear the disgrace of his cowardly deed, which bows their heads with shame.

A boy walked himself down, following a wagon to see the hind wheels catch up with the front wheels. People said he was silly, but he was smart compared to those that think the saloon gang will ever get Texas out of the wretched condition they have put it in.—Home & State.

We don't make a habit of telling everything we hear, but we will have to tell this one: Mr. Will Musick, the popular meat cutter at the City Market approached a fur salesman who happened to be in the city, and informed him that he wished to purchase a muff for his wife. "What fur," asked the salesman. "Why to keep her hands warm," replied Mr. Musick, with a look of surprise at the smiling salesman.

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A man's working day is 8 hours. His body organs must work perfectly 24 hours to keep him fit for 8 hours work. Weak, sore, inactive kidneys cannot do it. They must be sound and healthily active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot take them into your system without good results following. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

The Messenger is glad to learn that A. S. Porter, who has been sick in Crockett for several days, is recovering and will soon be able to come home.

Colds To Be Taken Seriously

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Mr. Stevens of Jacksonville was here several days this week looking after his farming interests on Trinity river.

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.)

Miss Retilla Thompson of Palestine is visiting in Grapeland.

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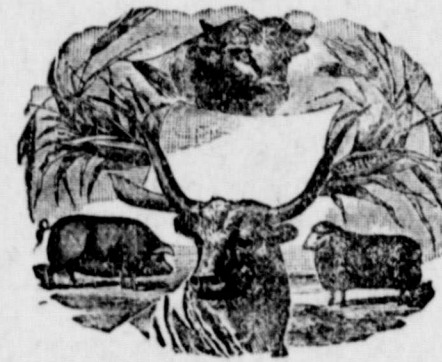
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FAKE FARMING VS REAL FARMING

It was the custom among farmers of the old school to laugh at farming theories advanced by scientific men. There was some warrant for this, too, for many of the early so-called scientific discoveries were wholly impracticable.

The farmer of today, while he continues to be conservative concerning new theories, is disposed to consider them seriously. He has learned that much of the early levity was uncalled for and that laughing at book farmers is rather an expensive amusement. In many instances it would have been money in the bank for the old-time farmer had he taken a different attitude.

Farming, more than any other industry, perhaps, is afflicted with cranks and quacks who want to tell the farmer how to run his business. The activity of these fellows frequently creates a prejudice against men who are making practical experiments in scientific farming and who know what they are talking about. But for the charlatan, it is probable there would have been earlier acceptance of the teaching of agricultural schools and real instructors.

And fakers will continue to be a common pest until farmers generally learn to distinguish between a bogus "agriculturist" and the real thing. Fortunately, a large proportion of them are now making the distinction.

If every county in the state had a thoroughly trained agricultural expert on whose judgment farmers could rely, the faker and the visionary would both have to go out of business. It is just as essential in these days, when farmers are reading and studying farm problems, to prevent dissemination of misleading information and false theories as it is to give them the truth.—Ex.

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. (Advertisement.)

Institute Train Touring Texas

The annual tour of the "Better Farming Special," the institute train of the Cotton Belt, is now on in East Texas, and for thirty days farmers in that section of the state will have an opportunity of attending the "school on wheels." The efforts of the railroads to assist the farmer in improving and increasing, as well as marketing his products, are an indication of the friendly spirit now existing among industries and of the feeling of co-operation of one line of industry for another. After all, the farmer is the source of all prosperity, and in trying to assist him in improving his condition, the railroads are making a wise investment.

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

GAS IN THE STOMACH

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Don't Miss Them

The 2nd "Convulsion" will be printed in this issue of the Messenger, then at least two each month throughout 1914. If you are not a subscriber, become one now. Your neighbor may loan you her paper with a smile, but she makes faces at you after you're gone. Have a paper of your own.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 15, 1914

HARDSHIPS OF AN EDITOR

Here is an item, the like of which you never saw before in a newspaper: The writer is just about ready to go home for the night, it takes a certain amount of sleep to do him the same as it does other folks, but he realizes that he has not left enough copy on his desk to supply the printers the next morning until he gets his nap out and reports for duty. The copy is here alright, handed in from many sources, and if it could be used as it is there would be no use for an editor for the next two or three issues, but there is where the trouble comes, every contributed item on our desk will have to be re-written before it goes back to the printer. It is one of the strangest things in the world to the writer that correspondents do not take notice that their communications do not appear in print as they write them. Not one man or woman in a thousand, among the laymen, can turn in a piece of copy to a newspaper that does not have to undergo many corrections. That works a hardship on the newspaper man that he has long since come to look upon as his job. Understand that we are not complaining, far from it, but we are merely relating a matter that you probably never thought of before. When you sit down and write a personal letter to a friend of yours, it matters not materially whether you have punctuated properly, paragraphed, capitalized or made your meaning clear, but when you come to write for a newspaper, that is entirely a different proposition, and when your contribution appears in cold type it must be in tip-top shape, else you would not care to see it. That is why many contributions do not appear on time—the editor has to wait until he has time to re-copy it. Of course anyone thinks that this explanation is all unnecessary, and would be glad to have their matter appear in print as it comes to the editor, then in that event their wishes will be complied with to the letter, but you would not want it that way, and the writer knows you wouldn't, and he is going to take care of your contributions as fast as he can, and have them come up in the proper shape. Some of the contributions we speak of will be found in this issue, but they will all be trimmed up to suit the occasion.

Women are More Frugal Than Men By CLARA CAHILL PARK

Who honestly believes that he or she is extravagant? Not one, believe me. We all have our little ways of saving string, of doing without something, from early strawberries to diamond tiaras, which lead us to believe that we are in the saving class. Some even economize when it comes to giving anything away. Some people would love to do it, but can't afford it; it is one of the few things that they have to do without.

It has undoubtedly become the fashion to be economical. Because women are always the leaders in following fashion's changes, it may truly be said that they are leading here. For my part, I will admit that I may have my faults, but never that I am extravagant. That is asking altogether too much of me. One might as well be asked to admit that one is incapable!

It used to seem fairly indecent not to have rather more money than was needed about one, and to speak of any economic strain cast a blight upon the conversation.

I hate to seem prejudiced, but really I would much rather hear a man talk about economy than see his expression as the warmed-over roast comes on the table! Ideals are everything with a true man, but practicing economy is apt to seem a little crude, to jar him in his sensitive nature. Besides, the roast is generally in disguise, and deception is abhorrent to him.

"Bargain basements" were not made for men, who generally prefer that a thing should cost something before they prize it, but for the countless women that one sees every working day in the week diving boldly downward in search of hidden treasure. There is a sort of annex for men at some of these places; mostly, I am convinced, so that women can here buy presents for their male friends and relatives, for you seldom see a man there unless he is paid to stay.

Every now and then one reads a story of the rise in life of some clever politician or successful man, where the wife is unable to follow, because of her long apprenticeship to sordid care; where, in fact, she has helped to make him the successful man he is at the sacrifice of all her youthful longings.

There are almost as many, perhaps more, stories of men driven to crime for the sake of some willful woman's foolish desires, but I believe both of these classes are exceptional. Who writes about the normal little woman, who loves pretty things, but goes without when necessary, making much out of little and optimistic to the last?

This "postgraduate course" in spending the money which some one else earns is sometimes a painful process, but I believe it is responsible for the fact that married women, at least in middle life, are usually economical. The woman who earns her own living may be economical from necessity, but she has the same air of freedom in spending that characterizes a man as soon as she is past the danger line.

This practicing of economy of ours is, after all, rather a "slavery-morality." But just the same, through it, like the Israelites passing through their land of bondage, we are learning how to take care of ourselves and of our goods and learning to make the world give us a show for our money. And that is something!

Clara Cahill Park

Keep on a coming folks, we are glad to have you with us, and maybe we will all learn better after awhile.—Lufkin News.

The prospects of 1914 look rosy, with the exception of the governor's race. There are thirteen candidates in the race.

The Supreme Court has upheld the pool hall law as being constitutional, and it is purely rumor that says pool halls will be re-opened in localities where they have been voted out.

John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, and who came to the United States to have a conference with the president concerning Mexican affairs, it has leaked out, declared that the waiting policy of this government is the thing and will solve the problem. About everybody agrees so, too, except little Oscar Colquitt.

Good implements will be responsible very largely for the size of the crops and economy in production this year. Those who have used a dull axe in cutting down trees know how much energy is wasted in using a dull implement and inefficient devices in work. Why waste time and money in trying to farm with inadequate implements? The cost of good implements is not to be compared with their value. Save your labor and that of your teams with efficient implements.—Farm & Ranch.

Of course we want to see a capable man elected governor—one who is qualified to discharge

the duties of the office with credit to the state, and pull Texas out of a bad hole, but we are not so half interested in that as we are in our own town and locality. We want to know if this will be a good crop year; will the farmers pull out of the hole; will the merchants do a good business; what improvements will be made this year; will the town be incorporated, and many other things too numerous to mention? These questions are of vital importance to the future welfare of this community and should be given serious thought by our citizens. Another question that might be included in the above list, is how much business will this paper do this year? That's a paramount issue with us.

Woodpeckers Running Hogs To Death Woodpeckers on the farm of a certain farmer near Grapeland are running the hogs to death.

Several months ago the farmer had a bad case of bronchitis and could hardly talk above a whisper. It was necessary for him to call the hogs to feed and he finally began to rap upon the fence with a stick to attract their attention. The hogs got used to this and responded with alacrity. Now, however, the woodpeckers are numerous and their continual hammering attracts the hogs pell mell from one tree to another.

The young men of this community are experiencing something of the same sort, running to Clewis to have their clothes made, while he is knocking the prices on clothing. Adv.

Tom Brooks is home on a visit to his parents.

Bookkeeping and Penmanship

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T. S. KENT QUALITY IS THE THING

FRIENDSHIP IS NECESSARY

Friendship in business is as necessary as advertising, and they are inseparable companions. All advertising must be backed up by the truth and truthfulness is the first requisite of friendship. Kind words, when spoken over the counter, are business getters and trade holders and they are an excellent publicity medium. The successful merchant realizes that when friendship dies off the face of the earth, business too will go by the board and he seeks no better form of advertising than by making friends. The merchants whose ads appear in this paper are offering you the glad hand of friendship, and the truthfulness of their statements is affirmed by their business reputation, based upon many years of successful selling.—W. Holt Harris.

Literary Society to Organize

The Messenger has been requested to call a meeting of the young people of the town, and all others interested, at the school auditorium for Friday night for the purpose of organizing a literary or debating society. Those interested in the movement are urged to attend.

Residence Burned

G. W. Johnston of the Daly's community had the misfortune to lose his house and contents by fire at an early hour Wednesday morning. None of the household goods were saved, and the family had a narrow escape, as the fire had gained such headway when it was discovered. Mr. Johnston was burned about the head while trying to save some things. The fire originated somewhere about the kitchen, and is supposed to have been from a defective flue.

F. & M. Bank Officers

The annual stockholders' meeting was held at the F. & M. Bank Tuesday evening. All the old officers were re-elected as follows: Geo. E. Darsey, Pres.; T. S. Kent, Vice-Pres.; W. D. Granberry, Cashier. The old board of directors was retained, with the exception of J. H. Beazley, who was succeeded by Murdock Darsey.

The business of the bank was found to be in good shape, and a ten per cent dividend was declared payable to the stockholders.

Lee Finch of Route 3 took a few minutes Saturday and came around to see us for the first time since we have been in our new home.

COMING!

Alvah Green

Impersonator and Funny Man

School Auditorium, Wednesday
Night, January 21st

Tickets on Sale at Leaverton's
Drug Store Wednesday

35c and 50c

LOCAL NEWS

Attorney Joe Adams of Crockett was here Tuesday.

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

Miss Fannie Driskell visited in Elkhart Sunday.

Ladies' work a specialty. adv. Clewis, the Tailor.

Miss Laura Mae Owens visited in Elkhart Saturday.

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

Farm Hand Wanted

I will pay good wages to a good hand. See or write, W. H. Burden, Adv. Grapeland, Route 2.

Eat with the ladies of the Christian church Saturday. They will serve oysters, cake and chocolate at the Anthony building on Second Street. Adv.

In a few years Grapeland will be the shadiest spot in Texas. In the past week several hundred sycamore trees have been planted in various parts of town.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

"Pig Slats" For Sale

Phone the City Market for anything in the meat line. We deliver quick and give satisfaction. Farmers' Union phone. (Advertisement.)

Will Serve Dinner

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Church will serve oysters, cake and chocolate at the Anthony building on second street Saturday, January 17th. (Advertisement.)

Acting Postmaster Sam Howard received notification this week from the postoffice department that the postoffice would be moved to the Howard brick building on Main Street. The move will be made just as soon as Mr. Howard can get the building ready. The postoffice will occupy only part of the building.

ADVERTISING Is the Hyphen That Brings Buyer and Seller Together.

LOST—A K. of P. ring, somewhere between my residence and Darsey's store. Finder please return to me. Adv. J. R. RICHARDS.

For Rent

A good farm 4 miles west of town; about 75 acres; will rent all or part. For particulars see, A. B. Spence, Adv. Grapeland, Texas.

Wood For Sale

I have some 2-foot wood, stove wood and heater wood for sale. See me for prices. Adv. Ben Brooks.

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

Will Musick is some artist with a painter's brush, and since he has applied a coat of paint to the front of the City Market, that particular meat emporium presents a pleasing sight to passers-by. Adv.

When you get to town Saturday call around at the Anthony Building on Second Street, and eat oysters, cake and chocolate with the ladies. They need your patronage, and will appreciate it. Adv.

A girl should never marry a young man until she knows all about him; then the chances are she'll not care to, unless she knows that he has his clothes made by Clewis, the tailor. Adv.

Dr. Cromwell will be in his office only three days in the week after Monday, the 19th, until further notice. Office days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (Advertisement.)

R. B. Edens, W. M. Brown, G. W. Weisinger, and a number of others from different sections of the county, are in Ft. Worth this week attending the state powwow of the Farmers' Union.

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Hogs Wanted on Saturday, January, 24th.

On that date I will ship hogs in car lots, and will pay the following prices delivered in Grapeland: Hogs weighing over 150 pounds 6c per lb.; under 150 pounds 5 1-2c per lb. I want all I can get on the above date. Please call and see me for further information. You will find me at Calhoun & Leaverton's Livery Stable. Adv. GEORGE CALHOUN.

Notice To Our Customers

On January 1st, Connor Denson, who has been connected with the shop for several years, purchased a half interest in the business, and as we are going to do all work ourselves, we have decided to return to the old price of 25c for hair cuts, as we can now afford to do so. We will appreciate your patronage, assuring you that at all times we will endeavor to give you good work and efficient service. Yours truly, J. W. CASKEY, CONNOR DENSON, Adv. Barbers.

Call Meeting Of K. Of P.

There will be a meeting of the K. of P. Lodge tonight at the hall. All members are urged to attend—important business.

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas, and will pay \$27.00 per ton in the hull. See me if you have any to sell. Adv. J. W. Howard.

For Sale

I have a big lot of frost proof cabbage plants for sale; price \$2.00 per thousand delivered at Grapeland. Place your orders with S. E. Howard.

J. R. Luce, Adv. Grapeland, Rte. 2.

Loyd Anderson, a prosperous farmer living east of town, has under consideration the building of a new home.

Mrs. Will Whitley, of Beaumont, who has been visiting relatives at Augusta for the past week, left Tuesday for Palestine, where she will spend a few days before returning to her home.

J. P. Royall has purchased the residence and part of the property of Dr. C. L. Cromwell in East Grapeland. We understand that Dr. Cromwell contemplates building a new home on the property reserved.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Earle Shaver, son of Mr. W. A. Shaver, who lives east of town was seriously hurt Sunday while riding a horse. The horse became frightened and ran away, throwing young Shaver against a tree. His head was considerably bruised and he was internally injured. He is in a critical condition and there is little hope for his recovery.

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you hope to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. Does not upset the stomach, is best for children and grown persons. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

C. E. Brooks was a pleasant caller Saturday and renewed the subscription of his brother, Frank Brooks, at Lampasas. Mr. Brooks was exhibiting an arrow head, chipped out of rock, which the Indians used 'way back when the red skins roamed this country. There is an old Indian camp in Mr. Brooks' field, and he says he has quite a number of these arrow heads in many different sizes.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

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

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

WOULD YOU HAVE
YOUR
HOROSCOPE
CAST
FOR
SUCCESS

Astrology, palmistry or resorting to the occult as to what the future will bring all are merely guess-work, but there is a sure way to fortune, combining frugality, industry, and a BANK ACCOUNT.



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GRAPELAND, . . . TEXAS

The Cash Grocery Co.

Headquarters for
Staple and Fancy Groceries

We buy for Cash and sell for Cash. We divide the profits with you. Just a trial will convince you

**SPECIAL PRICES on
Seed Oats, Flour and Feed Stuff.**

Phone us your orders. We deliver the goods
right now

The Cash Grocery Co.

A Man's Best Friend Is His BANK BOOK

The reason we solicit your bank account is because we want our deposits to grow as great as possible, as the benefits to our customers grow proportionately with the amount of deposits.

Do not neglect this important matter; see to it at once that you start a bank account, however small, and then add all you can spare to it. Remember the rainy day is bound to come.

The GUARANTY STATE BANK

—GUARANTY FUND BANK—

Frank Owens and family, who have been living at Jacksonville, have returned to Grapeland to live. Will sell improved berry cuttings. Leave orders with S. E. Howard. T. E. Hague. (Advertisement.)

RENEW Your Subscription!

At the beginning of the new year, many subscriptions expire. You probably know whether yours has or not. It is needless to say that we would appreciate an early renewal--you know we can find a ready place for the money.

We offer you several attractive clubbing offers and can save you money on your reading matter for this year. Look over the list below and select what you want. Mail the coupon to us, enclosing the proper amount by check or money order.

The Messenger - - \$1.00
Farm & Ranch - - \$1.00
Holland's Magazine - \$1.00

All 3 \$1.75



The Messenger and either one of the above for \$1.50

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The Grapeland Messenger, Grapeland, Texas.

Make Thousands of Dollars By Picking Scraps of Time From The Waste Basket

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

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

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

Young friend, why not take advantage of this opportunity and gain a business education by using your moments that would otherwise be wasted? Why not spend an hour of the long winter evenings after nightfall qualifying yourself with a knowledge of the famous Byrne simplified shorthand, practical bookkeeping, typewriting, arithmetic, grammar, writing and telegraphy, for which the business world will pay you cash?

Fill out the following blank and mail to the correspondence

dep't., for catalogue and full particulars.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name
Address
Correspondence course interested in.....
(Advertisement.)

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

Farming With Machinery

Gray-bearded men can remember when practically all of the work on the farm was done by the hand and the horse.

Those were the good old days we like to talk about, but they were not very good days for the farmer.

After a time machines began to appear, one by one, to do the work of a great many men and do it better, until now there is a machine or an implement for practically every operation on the farm.

At first machines were a luxury, then a convenience, and now a necessity. Just as a manufacturer is soon put out of business by competition unless he installs the latest machinery, so the farmer must keep up with the times in farm machinery to make the best showing on the profit side of the ledger.—Farm & Ranch.

Mesdames C. E. Dockery and Minnie Miller visited relatives in Crockett last Thursday.

Good Roads Course At A. & M.

College Station—Beginning January 12th, the Highway Department of the Agricultural & Mechanical College will conduct a short course in road building. The session will last until February 7th, and will tend to give technical and practical lessons in highway construction. Road overseers, members of County Commissioners Courts and other officials that are interested in good roads work are expected to attend in large numbers.

Sneffels, Col. A. J. Walsh was badly done up with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills which was the only thing that would cure him. Geo. Potter of Pontiac, Mo., was down on his back with kidney and bladder trouble and Foley Kidney Pills made him well and able to work. It is a splendid medicine and always helps. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

For Sale

Two desirable corner lots in Sycamore Addition. Three new residences have been completed near them. For price and terms apply to J. N. R. OWENS.

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. W. E. Kerr and baby returned Saturday night from Cleburne after a week's visit with relatives.

Community Co-Operation

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When a merchant asks you to put your money into goods that neither he nor the manufacturer has enough confidence in to back them up with his guarantee and money, what do you do—buy them just because they are cheap? Can you afford to put your money into a thing that those who know more about them than you can possibly know will not back with their name and guarantee? As a merchant of several years standing I am convinced from experience and observation that buying stuff of little value just because it is cheap keeps more people "hard up" than lack of industry or any other form of bad management.

Among several hundred regular customers we find that the most prosperous, and therefore the happiest, are those who have long made it a practice, and, in fact, a fixed principle, to buy only goods of merit. Some of them do not insist on trade-marked-advertised goods, but do require that we sell them goods that we can recommend for their

quality; price with them is a secondary consideration. Of course where the goods are well advertised they know the price; where not, they rely on our reputation altogether not to overcharge them.

Advertising campaigns by their manufacturers in the interest of goods of merit, therefore, benefit both the merchant and his customers. It familiarizes the consumer with the best goods in each line and shows us merchants what to buy in order to avoid getting into our stocks goods upon which we cannot rely and yet goods which we must guarantee. I am convinced that when the people see more perfectly the superiority of standard, advertised, guaranteed goods and demand them, and the merchants universally respond to that demand, the business of the merchant will be more satisfactory and have less worries, and the consumer will get more value for his money, be more prosperous and live a happier, more contented life.—Joel Mack.

Entertained

Last Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 11:00, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brooks entertained a number of the young people, the occasion being the eighteenth birthday of their son, Leonidas. Mrs. Brooks was assisted in entertaining by Mesdames Ben Brooks and W. H. Richards.

Upon their arrival, the guests were invited into the parlors, where tables were arranged for "42" and "Rook." After participating in these and other games, the guests were served with de-

licious punch and cake.

The host received many nice gifts, and the guests were thankful for the evening's pleasure at this hospitable home, and left with the hope that Leonidas celebrate many more of his birthdays in this manner.

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. S. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.



GOOD ROADS

WORKING FOR BETTER ROADS

Movement Everywhere Growing Apace as Necessity for Improvement Becomes More Apparent.

(By HOWARD H. GROSS.)

The movement for good roads is everywhere growing apace. The agitation for better highways is reaching every nook and corner of the land. The necessity for this improvement becomes more and more apparent as we progress along our various lines of activity. A very little investigation will convince anyone that more than one-half the money that is raised for good roads is absolutely wasted by unskilled work, inefficient and costly supervision and by doing the wrong instead of the right thing, or doing what is done at the wrong time of the year.

Among the significant movements for better highways in the central west is the proposition to place the whole matter of highway improvement under a county unit—to have one man thoroughly skilled in the art of road building and maintenance, who shall be well paid and who shall give his whole time to the care of the roads in his county. In large counties he would have one or more assistants. This certainly is a business-like proposition and ought to give better results. As it is today, under the hit-and-miss proposition, those who are informed will agree that practically one-half the money raised is wasted by ill-timed and misdirected effort. Hence the logical suggestion is, first to expend wisely the money that is now being raised, to the end that we will have something to show for the expenditure, and second, that the highways shall show an improvement from year to year.

The care and maintenance of the road ought not to be placed upon the farmer, for the roads need attention at



One of the Picturesque Highways of Colorado, Between Colorado Springs and Canon City.

the very time when the farmer is busiest; that is, during the planting season in the spring, which is the only time to build roads, for then the road has the entire summer to compact and solidify and get ready for the trying time of the winter. If a road is graded in the early spring, properly crowned and good drainage provided, the entire embankment will be dried out before fall and the summer rains falling on it will wet only the top inch or so and be quickly carried off, and when the frost comes there will be very little moisture to freeze, for let us remember that the ground does not freeze, but the moisture in the ground. If the moisture there is at a minimum the road will pass through the winter and open up in the spring without being cut up very deeply, particularly if it is dragged frequently after a rain, so as to keep out the little ruts that will hold the water and permit it to soak down and loosen up the ground immediately beneath. Keep water off the road and the trouble will be reduced to a minimum.

Hence it would seem like a sensible business proposition, and one that would make for efficiency, to have some one in charge of the roads of the county who has nothing else to do and who knows what to do and when it ought to be done.

Legislation is pending in several states to simplify and cheapen road administration and put it in skilled

hands. This seems to be the first step in the direction of improvement. It goes without saying that the old plan of working out the road tax, in which annual picnics, with horse racing, boxing, wrestling, jumping, story telling and other stunts are the principal features, should be abolished, and that all road taxes should be paid in cash and expended under skilled supervision. That is the only way we can get one dollar's worth of road for the dollar expended. We are now getting less than fifty cents' worth of road for the dollar collected.

CONCRETE TO HOLD A RIVER

Material Used to Patch Holes in Bed Through Which the Water Periodically Vanishes.

It has been found necessary to put another patch on the bed of the Blanco river, says the Martindale (Tex.) Dispatch. This stream has a remarkable way of losing itself, and in order to restore it to its surface channel, a concrete patch has been placed upon the holes through which it disappears.

For many years it has been emptying portions of its flow into small holes in its bed, but it was not until about a year ago that the entire bottom, so to speak, dropped out at a point near San Marcos.

In one night the river below that point went dry. It had had a width of nearly 200 feet and was flowing a strong current until the sudden disappearance of the water. The drying up of the stream meant heavy losses to persons dependent upon it for water supply.

Civil engineers were consulted in regard to restoring the flow, and it was decided to patch the hole into which the water was emptying. This was done at a heavy expense.

A few days ago the river wore another big hole through the bed twenty miles northeast of here and the same method of patching is being followed.

AN INDUSTRY WITH SOUL MATERIAL.

Cotton Mills of Texas Study Efficiency of Employes and Provide for Their Comfort and Happiness.

In this age when many corporations are charged with being soulless, it is encouraging to find a line of industry giving first attention to the care, comfort and happiness of its employes. Men and women are the greatest finished product a factory can turn out and their development is good for the factory as well as good for society. Improving and repairing the efficiency of men is as good an investment as improving and repairing machinery of the plant and the greatest field of economy in industry now lies in increasing the efficiency of employes.

Industrial psychology is a science that is being recognized in many ways by large concerns throughout the country. The efforts of many business institutions which have heretofore been confined to official advice and warning to their employes are now taking a more practical form and the managers of industry are realizing that manhood cannot be constructed by threats and penalties alone. Mental and physical efficiency is the result of education, growth and development. Breakdowns in men have caused more loss to industry than breakdowns in machinery and manufacturers are finding those things which contribute toward efficiency of their employes the most profitable investment that can be made.

The textile mills of the State, in most instances, provide comfortable homes with modern conveniences, looking well after the health and comfort of their employes and the rental charges are nominal. The employes are as a rule thrifty and industrious and a large per cent of them own their homes. The home life of the employes is pleasant and the mill society is usually an exclusive one, the colony of workers living to themselves.

Some of the mills provide community playgrounds equipped with modern devices of pleasure and gymnasiums furnished with up-to-date contrivances are available for the use of the employes in the work of physical development. The machinery of the mill furnishes a practical study of mechanical science and the business of the plant affords an opportunity for acquiring information and experience in the affairs of industry.

The Sleep of the Virtuous. "Sweet are the slumbers of the virtuous," says Addison.

"Then the virtuous must know of some way to avoid sleeping in country hotels."

The ONLOOKER

HENRY HOWLAND

The QUESTIONING GUEST



He sat alone before his grate And musing watched the leaping flames; The night was cold, the hour was late, The windows rattled in their frames; But warmth was in the room; a book Lay open on his knees; his chair Was deep and soft, and by his look You might have guessed his dreams were fair.

"My ventures have gone well," he said; My profits have been large today; I've caused no man to sit in dread, I've flished no other's rights away; My dealings have been fair and just, I have not claimed more than my right; Nowhere have I betrayed a trust, Or put another's hopes to flight."

His open book slipped to the floor, And presently he was aware, Though no one had unlatched the door, That Some One stood beside him there; The peace that had been in his breast Forsook him as he sat and gazed At his mysterious white-robed guest; He was affrighted and amazed.

"Today," the presence said, at last, "Success has journeyed at your side; The profits you have made are vast, And in your heart is selfish pride." "But all my profits were well-won," The man in trembling tones, replied; "No single evil have I done, I have not robbed or crushed or lied."

"Ay, there was much you did not do; You heard no hungry orphan's pleas; The sick, the lame, the widowed, too—What thought had you for such as these?" The flames that had so brightly played Died to a feeble flickering spark; The rich man sat alone, afraid Because the night was cold and dark.

CANDID OPINION.

The successful baseball catcher must be a man who takes things as they come.

There is always a crimp waiting for the man who gets to thinking that he is too big for his job.

Temptation is like trouble. It is always easily found if one looks for it.

The world never bows very lowly to the man who depends on his clothes for his dignity.

Even the most depraved man is not likely to want to name his boy after a skinflint.

Inspiration is usually about nine parts perspiration.

Real Work.

"How have you managed to reduce your weight so much?"

"I bought a place with a good big garden attached and have spent at least two hours daily hoeing and spading."

"Gee! You must have found it pretty hard work."

"Yes, but it was nothing compared to the work my wife did in getting rid of about twenty pounds. She rolled on the floor so much that she got corns on her knees and elbows."

HISTORY.

"Pa, who was it said, 'Give me liberty or give me death?'"



"Some fellow whose wife thought he was deceiving her every time he happened to look at another woman, I guess. Run along and play with the kitten. I want to read about this graft investigation."

Dangerous.

"People who live in glass houses should not throw stones, you know."

"And people who operate airships should not be too much given to blowing about themselves."



POWER OF COMPETITION

Free Port and Independent Steamship Line Among Important Achievements of the Year.

ED. S. HUGHES.

COMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl defiance at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.

The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a business device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$300,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean traffic. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

Home Town Helps

BUSINESS POWER OF BEAUTY

Philadelphia Ledger Makes a Point Which Railroads Would Do Well to Observe.

If you get out at the railroad station at Lancaster, you want to get away from that town as quickly as possible, says the Philadelphia Ledger. Why? Because of the complete ugliness, saloon-side-entrance look to the whole surroundings of that first glimpse of it. After you have gone away from the station you get over it somewhat, but never quite. The first impression is the most lasting.

If you get out at the station of one of the subsidiary lines of the railroad at Forest Hills Gardens you exclaim: "How perfectly bully," and you don't tear yourself away from the spot until you have satisfied the instant demand for the study and enjoyment of the station, its approach and its surroundings.

Which pays? Does it pay Lancaster to have that first impression never quite removed? Does it not pay Forest Hills Gardens to have that first impression always emphasized?

Which costs? Ugliness or beauty? How many cities lose millions by mere ugliness? How many millions are made by Berlin, Paris, Vienna by mere beauty?

What an egregious fool is the gutter scoffer who sneers at the idea of beauty and urges that the gutter is good enough. It is ignorance that decries the business power of beauty. And beauty tells on the business of a town nowhere more than at its portal—at its railroad station.

The new station at Montclair, N. J., is an example of how vigorously the axiom of city planning that the first impression must be a good impression is being put into practice.

FOR HOME THAT IS HOME

Writer Sounds the Praises of the Suburban Residence Over That of the City.

In the suburbs most of the people in the same neighborhood are of the same sort and standard of character, and in the suburban school which your children will attend, the pupils will be the children of people in your own walk of life, the sort of children with whom your own should grow up, associate and mate. The buildings are not overcrowded, because the population is not dense enough to cause overcrowding.

In the last analysis the home owner is what God intended him to be, a

normal, healthy man, raising his children in a normal, healthy way; doing it in a home that allows for the fullest expression of his individuality and that of his family subject to an environment of his own making that brings out the best that's in him.

If you haven't thought of this point before, call on a fellow flat-dweller and feel the limp, anemic, howdy-do handshake and the lack of enthusiasm. Then call upon some friend living at the edge of a city or deep in the suburbs, and when you ring his bell you'll get a hearty greeting and a heartier handshake from a man with the light of the joy of living in his eye.—Exchange.

Parks and the Death Rate.

The city planning expert of Berlin, Dr. Werner Hegemann, lately visited Cleveland, and recommends a chain of boulevards through the most congested part of the city. Such a plan, he thinks, would do more for health than grand parks in the suburbs. The city health officer, Doctor Frederick, concurs, and says that the great need is for open spaces within convenient distance, to which mothers can take their babies in the hottest hours of the day and in the early evening. Cleveland, he says, is a healthy city for adults, but infant mortality is too great, and the main cause is summer heat. What is true of Cleveland is true elsewhere, and it may be noted that the strain of city conditions is probably more severe on a population mainly recruited from the country, as is the case in most American cities, than on a race of city dwellers, in which presumably the ability to endure heat, glare and a stifling atmosphere has been increased by a long continued process of elimination of the weakest.—Springfield Republican.

How It Happened.

"So you broke your engagement with Miss Spencer?"

"No; I didn't break it."

"Oh! she broke it?"

"No; she didn't break it."

"But it is broken?"

"Yes; she told me what her clothes cost, and I told her what my income was; then our engagement sagged in the middle and dissolved."

Her Thrift.

"So Maude caught the rich old guy, after all."

"Yes; she always did say her honeymoon was going to be of the harvest kind."

Carrying It to Excess.

Quizzo—I understand that your friend Bronson is a vegetarian.

Quizzed—Yes. He has such pronounced views on the subject that he married a grass widow.

If You Want to Gain a Prize, Be Judicious—ADVERTISE.

NEWS FROM LIBERTY HILL

Liberty Hill, Jan. 4.—We have lived to see another year go by, and it was a bad crop year in some places, although we have many things to be thankful for. Now it is the beginning of a new year. Try to make it more successful than the year past.

Health of our community is very good except bad colds.

Bro. Abney, our new pastor for the Methodist church here filled his first appointment last Sunday. If all of Bro. Abney's sermons are as good as the first one we can say that we have a splendid preacher for another year, and that is what we need—a good preacher, good Sunday School and prayer meeting.

On Thursday evening of New Year's day, Mr. Jim Tims and Miss Vera Young were married, Mr. Will Naught officiating. They will make their home in the Liberty Hill community. We join their many friends in wishing them a happy life.

Mr. Elam Holcomb and family of Alto were visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. A. S. McLeod, who lived near Alto, has moved back on his old place in our neighborhood. We are glad to have him back again.

Mr. Aron Brook has moved to Cherokee County, where he intends to make his future home. We hope he will be pleask with his new home. SUN BEAM.

A Masonic Lodge has been organized and chartered at Weldon. The new officers were installed by District Deputy J. W. Young last Friday. Nat Patton, our representative, has the honor of being the first Worshipful Master. Maj. J. F. Martin and Murdock Darsey of this city attended the installation ceremonies.

At the school auditorium last Friday night, Miss Addie Eaves gave a recital, which was highly enjoyed by an appreciative audience. The readings and impersonations were all good and showed that Miss Eaves is an artist in these lines. Miss Lorraine Hanson rendered music for the occasion, which was enjoyed very much. A part of the proceeds went to the school fund.

NEWS ITEMS FROM AUGUSTA

Let this be our motto: "Here hath been dawning another new year; work for some good, be it ever so slowly; cherish some flower, be it ever so lowly; labor, all labor is noble and holy, let thy great deeds be thy prayer to thy God."

Oh! I wonder if Mr. James R. has found that road he saw going down with the mud hole on its back. We are aware that the roads are in a bad condition, and if they don't get some "medicine" we are afraid they will have a serious attack.

Master Dan McLean has been right sick, but is getting along nicely at this writing.

Messrs. Dan, Will McLean, W. A. Riall and Hermie Howard visited friends and relatives, and while here went bird hunting.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Bob Rich of the Red Prairie community.

The Junto Literary Society met Friday, their regular meeting night, and an interesting program was carried out.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newman entertained the young people with a party. All enjoyed the evening very much. BLUE JAY.

Best Cough Medicine For Children

"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.

Justice Court was in session Saturday, a civil case being on docket. Jim Turner was suing J. E. Luce for the wages of his son, a minor. The jury decided in Luce's favor, and an appeal was taken to the county court. Attorneys Moore and Lipscomb of Crockett represented the parties.

GOOD ROADS PARAGRAPHS

Good roads will aid in the solution of rural problems.

Good roads will keep the boy on the farm and make him prosperous.

Nothing will conduce more to diversified farming than a good road in each community.

Where is the community that has a good system of public highways and is displeased with them?

Do not hitch your wagon to a star, or your horse to the moon—put them to work on the road in your community.

My 1914 resolution: To give some of my mind, some of my time, some of my means and some of my muscle to aid the Lone Star State in conquering her greatest enemy—bad roads.

The voices of the women are being raised for good roads. They have a right to speak on this question, for theirs is an abject slavery if they cannot travel when they get ready.—Homer D. Wade.

The Silo Scores

Amarillo—The silo has scored another victory. A test conducted by government experts at this place for the purpose of determining the value of ensilage as a feed crop for cattle proved successful. The experts in their test selected two herds of equal number and fed them separately for thirty days. One herd was fed on grass and cotton seed cake and the other on ensilage with a small amount of cotton seed cake. At the end of the scheduled time the grass fed stuff scored an average gain in weight of 22 pounds, while the ensilage kept stock manifested an increase of 105 pounds.

W. H. M. S. Notes

The Woman's Home Mission Society held their regular meeting at the church Tuesday afternoon. Devotional exercises were opened with scripture reading and prayer by the president. An interesting paper on "Woman's Service to the Church in Old and New Testament Times" was read by Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy.

After all old business was transacted, under new business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mrs. A. H. Luker, Pres. (re-elected); Miss Maude McCarty, 1st. Vice-Pres.; Miss Ima Davis, 2nd. Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Claude Saddler, 3rd. Vice-Price.; Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, 4th. Vice-Pres.; Mrs. S. N. Boykin, Sec.-Treas.; Mrs. S. E. Traylor, Reporter.

The Society voted to give a Valentine entertainment. The place will be announced later.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Frank Leaverton on the fourth Tuesday afternoon. Reporter.

Frank Denton, who recently moved here from near Crockett, has purchased the Jim Smith farm north-west of town, and will take possession next week. In the trade, Mr. Smith gets Mr. Denton's place near Crockett, and we understand will move there in the near future. Mr. Denton was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday, and had us supply him with his reading matter for 1914.

DARSEY'S

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Store News.

Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, January 15, 1914

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will, beginning with this week, occupy this space for a few months instead of the full page as before. Although by using this "short form" we cut down the space considerably, we shall from week to week, try to have it full of interesting news for our friends and customers who are on the lookout for new goods, moderate prices and good service. We solicit your patronage from time to time and shall always try to serve you with seasonable

merchandise. In a few weeks, our new spring goods will begin to arrive in our dry goods department and you will find there all kinds of dress goods, clothing, shoes, etc. The coming season will bring with it many new styles and patterns and our buyers have been careful in selecting merchandise that is new and popular, and although we may not have as large a stock as you will find in some of the city stores, you cannot find a better assortment in towns larger than Grapeland.

New Dress Goods

We have received a shipment of new, mid-winter dress goods, and are now showing some of the best patterns and newest colors of the season in

**Silk Broche
Nub Van Silk
Silk Ratine
Silk Crepe
Brocaded Crepe, Etc.**

We also have a big line of Winter Dress Goods, including

**Wool Suitings
Serges
Poplins
Messalines, Etc.**

We have the prettiest assortment of GINGHAMS in town

**Darsey's Dry Goods
Department.**

WE SELL STANDARD PATTERNS

We want to buy your peas.

Let us figure with you on that bill of wire and nails.

In the last few days we have received several cars of feed stuff, and can now supply you with flour, meal, bran, chops, oats, and alfalfa and bermuda hay.

We have plenty of salt.

Bring us your chickens and eggs and get the top price.

Phone us your grocery orders. We deliver promptly.

Ferry's seed are best for planting. We have a full line of these seed, also plenty of onion sets.

THE RIGHT SELECTION of your FARMING TOOLS

is a big step toward a successful crop. We have studied and handled various kinds of implements and believe we have a line that is best adapted for use in this particular section of the country. It will pay you to see us when you are in the market for dependable plow goods.

KELLY Walking Plows, Wood Beam, 1 to 6
KELLY Walking Plows, Steel Beam, 6 to 12

**John Deere Cultivators
John Deere Planters
Empress Planters
20th Century Planters
Spring Tooth Harrows
Section Harrows
Disc Plows etc.**

Our line of cast and steel points, Georgia stocks, sweeps, heel bolts, cultivator accessories, planter parts, etc., is complete.

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