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A. B. GUICE
The Blacksmith

BIG TENT MINSTREL SHOW COMING

Campbell's Famous New Orleans Minstrels will give one performance in Grapeland Friday evening, Nov. 17, under canvas. This is the largest and best colored minstrel show on the road, presenting up-to-date performances in minstrelsy.

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Rob Roy, the champion high jumper, whose record is 7 feet and 4 inches and "Colonel", the wonderful High School horse.

Remember the day and date, Grapeland, Friday, Nov. 17.

M. L. Clewis went to Houston Saturday to accompany Mrs. Clewis and two children home, where they had been visiting relatives.

*The many friends of Miss Adele Mansell of this city will be grieved to learn that on account of ill health, she has been forced to resign her position in the Grapeland school and returned to her home in Trinity. Miss Mansell has made a splendid instructor and has endeared herself to the people of Grapeland, who will join the Messenger in the hope that her health will be fully regained in a short time. Miss Sallie Mae Kent is teaching until the school board selects a teacher to fill the vacancy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dotson visited relatives near Elkhart a few days this week.

White goods sale conducted by the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church begins Friday evening in the Kent building. Also on Saturday they will serve dinner. They solicit your patronage.

Local News Items From The Rock Hill Community

Nov. 13.—The people of this community are glad to know that Mr. Wilson will remain president for another term and the writer believes he is the greatest president since George Washington.

Mrs. R. M. Brooks who has been sick with typhoid fever for a week or so, is getting along very well.

Some of the people of this community went to Antrim last Friday night to the literary society. They report a nice time.

Rev. C. A. Campbell preached for us Saturday night. He was accompanied to Daly's Sunday by A. U. Streetman.

Messrs. Sam Musick, J. L. Nichols and N. V. Streetman made a trip across Trinity river, hunting last week. They say ducks and squirrels are plentiful over there.

Rev. C. A. Campbell preached for us again Sunday afternoon before Sunday School. There was a larger crowd present this time, which consisted of a great number of visitors.

Mr. C. R. Streetman who teaches school 6 miles south of Crockett, spent a part of Sunday with his parents and family.

Messrs. John and Joe Miller attended church and Sunday School at this place Sunday.

Miss Alma Jones was at church and Sunday School Sunday.

Our literary society will meet again Friday night with a program—the best we can produce under the circumstances. Everybody invited to meet with us and make the program better.

The rain that came last week was enjoyed by everyone, as it had been quite awhile since it rained. Rattler.

All The News From The Hays Spring Community

Nov. 13.—Since our last letter to the Messenger we have had some rain but not a good season. However, it did a great deal of good.

The people of this community are in good shape for next year, so far as feedstuff is concerned; such as corn, hay, sweet potatoes and plenty of hogs to kill for home use and some to sell.

We are looking forward for great things next year, and while we are expecting a prosperous year, we should not forget our duty we owe to our God above.

Prof. Stokes Pelham reports that school is progressing fine. Stokes and his assistant, Miss Winnie Davis are doing good school work. The following pupils have made high grades in their studies and deportment and are entitled to especial mention, being placed upon the honor roll: Ethel Spence, Pearl Spence, Lorena Brown, Clara Loggins, Alton Frisby, Florence Courtney, Lura Mae Clark, Volley Spence, Wright Spence, Odell Spence and Eula Jones.



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We hope to see many others added to the honor roll next month.

There are improvements going on out this way. W. J. Clark has about completed his new residence. Ed Clark and Chas. Story have material on the ground to build them a new residence.

W. W. and Richard Spence, Stokes Pelham, Chas. Story and Luther Warner attended W. O. W. Lodge Saturday night.

Luther Lively made a business

trip to Crockett Saturday.

Chas. Story attended court at Crockett last week.

Rob Martin, Mrs. Mattie Warner and children, who have been visiting in this neighborhood, have returned to their home at Lye, Texas. Bigfoot.

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A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY REX BEACH

SUGGESTED BY THE PLAY BY REX BEACH AND PAUL ARMSTRONG

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch, a heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized phonograph by the cheat of their champion in a foot-race with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is on at the Flying Heart. J. Wallinford Speed, cheer leader at Yale, and Culver Covington, intercollegiate champion runner, are expected.

CHAPTER II—Helen Blake, Speed's sweetheart, suggests to Jean Chapin, sister of the owner of the ranch, that she induce Covington, her lover, to win back the phonograph. Helen declares that if Covington won't run, Speed will. She tells Stover, the foreman, that the phonograph will be won back.

CHAPTER III—Stover's announcement that they have a new foot-runner causes great joy among the cowboys. Speed and his valet, Larry G., a trainer at Yale, arrive.

CHAPTER IV—Helen Blake asks Speed, who has posed to her as an athlete, to race against the Centipede man. The cowboys join in the appeal to Wally, and fearing that Helen will find him out, he consents. He insists, however, that he shall be entered as an unknown, figuring that Covington will arrive in time to take his place.

CHAPTER V—Speed begins training under Glass's direction.

CHAPTER VI—The ladies fix up training quarters for Speed.

CHAPTER VII—Fresno, glee club singer from Stanford university and in love with Helen, tries to discredit Speed with the ladies and the cowboys.

CHAPTER VIII—Speed and Glass put in the time they are supposed to be training playing cards in a secluded spot. The cowboys explain to Speed how much the race means to them, that they have wagered all their possessions and their pay for a month in advance. Speed assures them he will do his best.

CHAPTER IX—The cowboys tell Glass it is up to him to see that Speed wins the race. Willie, the gunman, declares the trainer will go back east packed in ice, if Speed fails.

CHAPTER X—A telegram comes from Covington saying he is in jail at Omaha for ten days. Glass in a panic forces Speed to begin training in earnest.

CHAPTER XI—Speed declares to Larry that the best way out is for him (Speed) to injure himself. Glass objects strenuously, saying that his own life will be forfeit if anything happens to his principal.

CHAPTER XII—Glass forces Speed out at sunrise to practice training. At the instigation of Fresno the cowboys put ice in Speed's shower bath.

CHAPTER XII.

IT WAS usually a procedure not alone of difficulty but of diplomacy as well, to rout out the ranch-hands of the Flying Heart without engendering hostile relations that might bear fruit during the day. This morning Still Bill Stover had more than his customary share of trouble, for they seemed pessimistic.

Carara, for instance, breathed a Spanish oath as he combed his hair, and when the foreman inquired the reason, replied: "I don't sleep good. I been t'ink mebbe I lose my saddle on this foot-race."

Cloudy, whose toilet was much less intricate, granted from the shadows: "I thought I heard that phonograph all night."

"It was the Natif Son singin' to his gal," explained one of the hands, "He's gettin' on my nerves, too. If he wasn't a friend of the boss, I'd sure take a surenigle and abate him considerable."

"Vat you t'ank? I dream' Mr. Speed is ron away an' broke his leg," volunteered Murphy, the Swede, whose name New Mexico had shortened from Bjorth Kjelliser.

"Run away?"

"Ya-as! I dream' he's out for little ron ven piece of noosepaper blow up in his face an' mak' him ron away, yust same as horse. He snort an' yump, an' ron till he step in prairie-dog hole and broke his leg."

"Strange!" said Willie.

"What?"

"My rest was fitful and disturbed and peopled by strange fancies a whole lot. I dream' he throwed the race!"

A chorus of oaths from the bunks. "What did you do?" inquired Stover. "I woke up, all of a tremble, with a gun in each hand."

"Well, I'm the last person in the world to be superstitious." Still Bill observed, "but I've had sim'lar visions lately."

"Maybe it's a om-en."

"What is a om-en?" Carara inquired.

"A om-en," explained Willie, "is a kind of a nut. Salted om-ens is

served at swell restarawnts with the soup."

In the midst of it Joy, the cook, appeared in the doorway, and spoke in his gentle, ingratiating tones: "Morning, gel'mum. I see 'im again."

"No savvy who; stlange man! I go down to spring-house for bucket water; see 'im lide 'way. Velly stlange!"

"I bet it's Gallagher."

"Vat you tank he vants?" queried Murphy.

"He's layin' to get a shot at our runner," declared Stover, while Mr. Cloudy, forgetting his Indian reserve, explained in classic English his own theory of the nocturnal visits.

"Do you remember Humpy Joe? Well, they didn't cripple him, but he lost. I don't think Gallagher would injure Mr. Speed, but—he might—bribe him."

"Caramba!" exclaimed the Mexican.

"God 'mighty!" Willie cried, in shocked accents.

"I believe you're right, but"—Stover



"I See 'im Lide 'way. Velly Stlange."

meditated briefly before announcing with determination—"we'll do a little night-ridin' ourselves. Willie, you watch this young feller daytimes, and the rest of us'll take turns at night. An' don't lose sight of the fat man, neither—he might carry notes. If you don't like the looks of things—you know what cards to draw."

"Sixes," murmured the near-sighted cow-man. "Don't worry."

"If you see anything suspicious, burn it up. And we'll take a shot at anything we see movin' after 9:00 p. m."

Then Berkeley Fresno came hurriedly into the bunk-house with a very cheery "Good-morning! I'm glad I found you up and doing," he said blithely. "I thought of something in my sleep." It was evident that the speaker had been in more than ordinary haste to make his discovery known, for underneath his coat he still wore his pajama shirt, and his hair was unbrushed.

"What is it?"

"Your man Speed isn't taking care of himself."

"What did I tell you?" said Willie to his companions.

"It seems to me that in justice to you boys he shouldn't act this way," Fresno ran on. "Now, for instance, the water in his shower-bath is tepid."

There was an instant's silence before Stover inquired, with ominous restraint:

"Who's been monkeying with it?"

"It's warm!"

"Oh!" It was a sigh of relief.

"A man can't get in shape taking warm shower-baths. Warm water weakens a person."

"Mebbe you-all will listen to me next time!" again cried Willie, triumphantly. "I said at the start that a bath never helped nobody. When they're hot they saps a man's courage, and when they're cold they—"

"No, no! You don't understand! For an athlete the bath ought to be cold—the colder the better. It's the shock that hardens a fellow."

"Has he weakened himself much?" inquired the foreman.

"Undoubtedly, but—"

"What?"

"If we only had some ice—"

"We got ice; plenty of it. We got a load from the railroad yesterday." "Then our only chance to save him is to fill the barrel quickly. We must freeze him, and freeze him well, before it is too late! By Jove! I'm glad I thought of it!"

Stover turned to his men. "Four of you'll hustle up a couple hundred pounds of that ice pronto! Crack it, an' fill the bar'l." There was a scramble for the door.

"And there's something else, too," went on Berkeley. "He's being fed wrong for his last days of training, the idea of a man eating lamb-chops, fried eggs, oatmeal, and all that debilitating stuff! Those girls overload his stomach. Why, he ought to have something to make him strong—ferce!"

"Name it," said Willie, shortly. "Something like—like—bear meat." "We ain't got no bear." Willie looked chagrined.

"This ain't their habitat," added Stover apologetically.

"Well, he ought to have meat, and it ought to be wild—raw, if possible."



Four Cowboys Were Staggering Beneath Dripping Gunny-Sacks.

"Their ain't nothin' wilder 'n a long-horn. We can git him a steer."

"You are sure the meat isn't too tender?"

"It's tougher 'n a night in jail."

"Good! The rarer it is the better. Some raw eggs and a good strong vegetable—"

"Onions?"

"Fine! We'll save him yet!"

"We'll get the grub."

"And he'll eat it!" Willie nodded firmly.

Stover issued another order, this time to Carara.

"You 'n Cloudy butcher the wildest four-year-old you can find. If you can't get close enough to rope him, shoot him, and bring in a hind quarter. It's got to be here in time for breakfast."

"Si, Senor!" The Mexican picked up his lariat; the Indian took a Winchester from an upper bunk and filled it with cartridges.

"Of course, he'll have to eat out here; they spoil him up at the house." "Sure thing!"

"I'd hate to see him lose; it would be a terrible blow to Miss Blake." Fresno shook his head doubtfully.

"What about us?"

"Oh, you can stand it—but she's a girl. Ah, well," the speaker sighed, "I hope nothing occurs between now and Saturday to prevent his running."

"It won't," Stover grimly assured the Californian. "Nothin' whatever is goin' to occur."

"He was speaking yesterday about the possibility of some business engagement—"

The small man in glasses interrupted. "Nethin' but death shall take him from us, Mr. Fresno."

"If I think of anything else," offered Berkeley, kindly, "I'll tell you."

"We wish you would."

Fresno returned to the house, humming cheerily. It was still an hour until his breakfast-time, but he had accomplished much. In the midst of his meditation he came upon Miss Blake emerging upon the rear porch. "Good-morning!" he cried. She started a trifle guiltily. "What are you doing at this hour?"

"Oh, I just love the morning air," she answered.

"Same here! 'Honesty goes to bed early, and industry rises betimes.' That's me!"

"Then you have been working?"

Fresno nodded. He was looking at four cowboys who were entering the gymnasium, staggering beneath dripping gunny-sacks. Then he turned his gaze searchingly upon the girl.

"Were you looking for Speed?" he asked accusingly.

"The idea!" Miss Blake flushed faintly.

"If you are, he has gone for a run. I dearly love to see him get up early and run, he enjoys it so."

"I have been baking a cake," said Helen, displaying the traces of her occupation upon her hands, arms, and apron, while Fresno, at sight of the blue apron tied at her throat and waist, felt that he himself was as

dough in her hands. "I had a dreadful time to make it rise."

"If I were a cake I would rise at your lightest word."

"The cook said it wouldn't be fit to eat," declared Helen.

"I should love to eat your cooking."

"Once in a while, perhaps, but not every day."

"Every day—always and always. You know what I mean, Miss Blake—Helen!" The young man bent a lover's gaze upon his companion until he detected her eyes fastened with startled inquiry upon his toilet. Remembering, he buttoned his coat, but ran on. "This is the first chance I've had to see you alone since Speed arrived. There's something I want to ask you."

"I—I know what it is," stammered Helen. "You want me to let you sing again. Please do. I love morning music—and your voice is so tender."

"Life," said Berkeley, "is one sweet—"

"What is going on here?" demanded a voice behind them, and Mrs. Keap came out upon the porch, eying the pair suspiciously. It was evident that she, like Fresno, had pressed hurriedly.

"Mr. Fresno is going to sing to us," explained the younger girl, quickly. "Really?"

"I am like the bird that greets the morn with song," laughed the tenor, awkwardly.

"What are you going to sing?" demanded the chaperon, still suspiciously.

"Dearie."

"Don't you know any other song?"

"Oh, yes, but they are all sad."

"I'm getting a trifle tired of 'Dearie,' let's have one of the others." Mrs. Keap turned her eyes anxiously toward the training-quarters, and it was patent that she had not counted upon this encounter. Noting her lack of ease, Fresno said hopefully:

"If you are going for a walk, I'll sing for you at some other time."

"Is Mr. Speed up yet?"

"Up and gone. He'll be back soon."

Then Mrs. Keap sank into the hammock, and with something like resignation, said:

"Proceed with the song."

Along the road toward the ranch buildings plodded two dusty pedestrians, one a blond youth bundled thickly in sweaters, the other a fat man who rolled heavily, and paused now and then to mop his purple face. Both were dripping as if from an immersion, while the air about the latter vibrated with heat waves. They both stumbled as they walked, and it was only by the strongest effort of will that they propelled themselves. As they neared the corner of the big, low-lying ranch-house, already reflecting the hot glare of the morning sun, a man's clear tenor voice came to them.

"The volley was fired at sunrise, just at the break of day!"

"Did you get that?" one of the two exclaimed hoarsely. "They're practicing a death-march, and it's ours."

"And as the echoes lingered, His soul had passed away."

"That's you, Wally!" wheezed the trainer.

"Into the arms of his Maker, There to learn his fate!"

"Here, what are you singing about?" angrily protested Speed, as he rounded into view.

"Oh, it's Mr. Speed!"

"Good-morning!" chorused Helen and the chaperon.

"Welcome to our city!" Fresno greeted.

Glass tottered to the steps. "Them songs," he puffed, "is bad for a man when he's trainin'; they get him all worked up."

"We had no idea you would be back so soon," apologized Helen.

"Soon!" Speed measured the distance to a wicker chair, gave it up, and sank beside his trainer. "We left yesterday! We've run miles and miles and miles!"

"You can't be in very good shape," volunteered the singer.

"Oh, is that so?" Glass retorted. "I say he's great. He got my goat—and I'm some runner."

"And I'd be obliged to you if you'd cut out those deeply appealing songs." Speed glowered at his rival.

It was Helen who hastened to smooth things.

"It's all my fault. I asked Mr. Fresno to sing something new."

"Bah! That was written by William Cromwell."

"No more of them battle-hymns," Glass ordered. "They don't do Mr. Speed no good."

"All I want is a drink," panted that youthful athlete, and Helen rose quickly, saying that she would bring ice-water.

"But the trainer barked sharply: 'Nix! I've told you that twenty times, Wally. It'll put hob-nails in your liver.' He rose with difficulty, swaying upon his feet, and where he had sat was a large, irregular shaped, sweat-dampened area. "Come on! Don't get chilled."

"I'd give twenty dollars for a good chill!" exclaimed overheated col-

lege man longingly.

"I would like to see you a moment, Mr. Speed." Roberta rose from the hammock.

"Oh, and I've forgotten my—" Helen checked her work with a startled glance toward the kitchen. "It will be burned to a crisp." She hastened down the porch, and Fresno followed, while Speed looked after them.

"He must be an awful nuisance to a nice girl. Think of a fat, sandy-haired husband in a five-room flat with pink wall-paper and a colored janitor. Run along, Maldoon," to Glass. "I'll be with you in a moment."

When the trainer had waddled out of hearing, Mrs. Keap inquired, eagerly:

"Have you heard from Culver?"

"Didn't you know about it?" Speed swallowed.

Roberta shook her dark head.

"He's in—he's detained at Omaha for ten days. I fixed it."

The overwrought widow dropped back into the hammock, crying weakly:

"Oh, you dear, good boy!"

"Yes, I'm all of that. I—I suppose I'd be missed if—anything happened to me!"

"How ever did you manage it?"

"Never mind the details. It took some ingenuity."

Mrs. Keap wrung her hands. "I was so terribly frightened! You see, Jack will be back to-morrow, and I was afraid—"

There was a call from Glass from the training-quarters.

"How can I ever do enough for you? You have averted a tragedy!"

"Don't let Helen know, that's all. If she thought I'd been the head yeller—"

"I won't breathe a word, and I hope you win the race for her sake."

Mrs. Keap pressed the hand of her deliverer, who trudged his lonely way toward the gymnasium, where Glass was saying:

"The volley was fired at sunrise. That means Saturday, Bo."

"Larry, you're the best crape-hanger of your weight in the world."

Larry bent a look of open disgust upon his employer.

"And you're a good runner, you are," said he. "Why, I beat you this morning."

The younger man glanced up hopefully. "Couldn't you beat this cook?"

"You're the only man in this world I can outrun."

"A tear, a sigh, a last 'good-bye.'"

"Shut up!"

As Glass consented to do this, the speaker mused, bitterly, "Early to bed and early to rise. I wish I had the night-watchman who wrote those words."

"Didn't you never see the sun rise before?"

"Certainly not. I don't stay up that late."

"Well, ain't it beautiful!" The stout



"He's Detained at Omaha for Ten Days."

man turned admiring eyes to the eastward, and his husky voice softened. "All them colors and tints and shades and stuff! And New York on the other end!"

"I'm too tired to see beauty in anything."

As if mindful of a neglected duty, Glass turned upon him. "What are you waiting for? Get those dog-beds off your back." He seized the slack of a sweater and gave it a jerk.

"Don't be so rough; I'll come. You might care to remember you're working for me."

"I am working"—Glass dragged his protegee about the room regardless of complaints that were muffled by the thickness of the sweaters—"for my life, and I'll be out of a job Saturday. Now, get under that shower!"

(To Be Continued)

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING.

An excellent way to keep doilies fresh is to get a strip of pretty material, hem on one end and cut a broom stick a little longer than the width of the largest centerpiece, tack the material to the handle, then lay or pin on your doilies and roll them up. If you want to make this for a gift it can be tied with pretty ribbons and makes a most acceptable one.

A nice sauce for ice cream if peppermint is liked is this: Break a few pieces of striped peppermint stick candy into bits and dissolve in two or three tablespoonfuls of boiling water. The color adds to its appearance and makes a fine sauce for ice cream.

When you get oil from the roads these days of oiled roads, try kerosene on all washed goods, rub it in well and then soap and water will remove the stain.

Add a few tablespoonfuls of plums to canned cherries when making pies, the result will be a fresh cherry pie.

Before using blankets or comforters baste a strip of cheese cloth or a piece of old sheets across the top to protect them from soil. These strips may be taken off and washed and the comforts are always sweet and clean.

Whiting mixed with turpentine cleans nickel well. Just wet the whiting with the turpentine and rub with a cloth.

Washing stockings before wearing when new, and after wearing once, will keep them for a much longer time without holes. This is especially true of silk stockings.

Leftovers of fish may be safely kept in a refrigerator if put into a mason jar and seal with a cover.

To whiten canvas shoes use an ordinary starch mixed with water to make it thin enough to put on.

In case of illness where plasters are needed, mustard mixed with flour may be kept all ready to mix in a hurry, when needed by adding water, when it is ready to use.

When bedding and blankets are too short, sew a stout piece of unbleached cotton to the bottom which will tuck in nicely.

Nellie Maxwell.

George Shaver is erecting a residence on his property in Sycamore Addition, which will be occupied by his brother, I. H. Shaver.

HOUSTON BEST SUITED FOR FARM LOAN BANK

A STUDY OF THE DISTRICT FAVORS HOUSTON OVER OTHER LOCALITIES.

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A study of this section of Texas demonstrates that it has greater proportionate need for the cheap money to be obtained under the new Federal Farm Bank act and the more elastic credit system than any other portion of the State.

The new federal act is specially designed for the real farmer—the man who owns a farm and the man who wishes to own a farm. The man now on the farm may have felt the pressure of a great number of circumstances preventive of the full results for his investment of money and labor—the boll weevil or lack of fertilizer or the lack of machinery.

Under this new act twelve banks are to be established in the United States, one of them to be in Texas. If this bank be located in Houston, this section will benefit for several reasons; the nearness of the bank to the borrower will be one of the chief reasons, for there must be investigation of the character and the solvency of those who wish to borrow, as well as an inquiry into the value of the land offered as collateral; and the business men of Houston are more likely to be fully acquainted with these things than would be the investigators sent from some distant portion of the State.

Houston is the center of a great undeveloped agricultural territory of diversified natural resources; has the transportation facilities, and the business men are in close touch, through their trade, with this particular section of the State and its needs.

Under this act the borrowers must have some capital, at least half of the purchase price of the farm proposed to be bought; or half the value of the new machinery or other equipment for which the borrowed money is to be used. Not necessarily cash, for the loans are all based upon first mortgage land loans and no other sort of security.

But a farmer benefits otherwise than directly by membership in a farm loan local association, for it brings him in closer touch with his neighbors and with the business men of the community in which he lives. His local credit is largely improved for the reason that he has been investigated and found solvent, reliable and trustworthy. As each of the members of a local association must in-dorse for each other, naturally they are more keenly interested in the progress of each other in many ways.

Thus, the farm loan act is based primarily upon helping the individual to help himself and to help others by means that are sound, that are grounded in self-interest, and that tend to active co-operation.

Any inquiries addressed to Guy M. Bryan, Houston, Texas, concerning the act and its provisions will be promptly answered. Mr. Bryan is chairman of the Houston committee which is seeking to have the new federal bank located in Houston.

CORN WANTED

I am in the market for 2000 bushels of good ear corn delivered in Grapeland. Will pay 75c per bushel cash. I have arranged with J. W. Howard to weigh and pay for this corn.

Geo. Calhoun.

TEXAS NEWS

A prohibition election will be held in Jefferson county on November 21.

The bakers have raised the price of bread from 5c to 8c a loaf at Flatonia.

An aviation post of the United States army will be placed at San Antonio soon.

An auxiliary among farmers to aid in marketing products has been formed at Tomball.

The 1917 session of the North Texas Methodist Conference will be held at Sulphur Springs.

The Texas State Chiropody Association will hold its first annual convention in Houston next July.

Texas now raises enough wheat to make all the bread she can consume and has enough mills to grind it all.

The Building and Loan Association League of Texas held its second annual convention at Houston last week.

The Texas & Pacific has reached an agreement with its clerks, and better hours and pay for overtime have been promised.

The annual convention of the Texas Women's Press Association will be held at Austin during journalism week at the University of Texas, beginning February 29 of next year.

Exports through the port of Galveston for October show a total value of \$31,043,796. This is an increase of \$9,772,756 over September when the total value of exports amounted to \$21,276,040.

Saws and axes are razing the great pine forests of Texas at the rate of 2,000,000,000 feet a year. But don't worry. Forests still cover 10,000,000 acres, and the total supply is no less than 132,000,000,000 feet still standing.

After the civil war, and in 1875, there were 1,700 miles of railroad in operation in Texas, 6,700 in 1885, 9,300 in 1895, 11,719 in 1905, 16,000 in 1915. There is about \$650,000,000 invested in railroads in the State, which are assessed at \$350,000,000.

The story of the growth and development of Texas railroads would fill volumes. In 1850 Judge John B. Jones opposed the building of a railroad out of Houston on the ground that all the trade and travel in Texas would not support one line.

Plans for the new state building to be erected at Austin have been completed by State Architect Ayres. The building will be occupied by the general land office, the state fire insurance commission, the department of banking and insurance, and the state department of agriculture.

Texas has taken a place among the foremost rice-producing states of the Union. In 1850 there were 110 acres in rice; in 1890 only 135 acres, but now there are about 250,000 acres in rice cultivation along the Neches river in Jefferson county and along the Colorado river in Matagorda and Wharton counties. There is one tract of 80,000 acres near Houston in rice.

Kaffir corn, feterrita, milo maize, Sudan grass, millet and alfalfa are now being raised on an extensive scale in many parts of Texas. There are less than 100,000 acres of sorghum cane raised, and Commissioner of Agriculture Davis says there are 600,000 acres that could be used for sugar cane, which would make twice the acreage in sugar cane of the state of Louisiana.

A new compulsory school attendance law has just gone into effect in Texas. Two new school houses are being built in Texas each day now. Many counties a few years ago had neglected to vote any school tax at all. They are now voting up to the 50-cent limit. The last legislature appropriated \$1,000,000 for the rural schools. The last legislature also voted \$500,000 for the state's numerous higher educational institutions.

What is freely predicted will develop into a great football team of the Brownsville military patrol district is that just completed by the Second Texas Infantry in station at Camp Scurry. In the main, the team is composed of players of all-state and all-Southwestern reputations and are college and university stars. Prominent in the personnel of the squad are representatives of the University of Texas, the A. and M. College, Baylor University and educational institutions of lesser note in athletics.

The value of Texas farm lands in 1915 was \$2,000,000,000, her farm buildings \$240,000,000, implements and machinery \$60,000,000, and domestic animals \$400,000,000. This is an increase of 300 per cent in the last 25 years. The increase in value of farm lands the last 25 years has been \$100,000,000 a year. There has been a similar

marvelous increase in the values of city lands, so is it any wonder there are now many rich Texans who can trace their wealth to an increase in land values.

The gulf coast of Texas in the past fifteen years has produced the enormous total of 192,000,000 barrels of petroleum and sold for cash. Humble, near Houston, greatest of all the fields along the coast, has given 44,000,000 barrels; Spindle Top, near Beaumont, standing second in production, has given almost as much; Sour Lake, third, with 26,000,000, and Batson fourth, with 19,000,000. Besides this, the North Texas fields have produced 40,000,000 barrels, giving Texas' entire production in fifteen years at about 232,000,000 barrels.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
County of Houston }

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 6th day of November, 1916, by John D. Morgan, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Thirty-one Hundred, twenty-three and 1/33-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor George E. Darsey, Plaintiff, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5620, and styled George E. Darsey vs. A. E. Bradley et al., placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence, as Sheriff of Houston County, Tex., did, on the 6th day of November, A. D., 1916, levy on certain Real Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

Twenty-five acres of land, a part of the C. C. Marsh 960 acre survey near the town of Grapeland, 42 acres of land more or less, a part of the C. C. Marsh survey on the waters of Elkhart Creek about 12 miles northwest from Crockett, 213 acres of land, more or less, a part of the William Watson survey about 11 miles northwest from the town of Crockett, and 110 acres of land, more or less, a part of the W. L. Burton survey, patented to Patrick Hayes, assignee of the said Burton, on the waters of Elkhart Creek, about 10 miles northwest from the town of Crockett, and which said four tracts of land is most generally known as the Bradley place, and the field notes of all of which said tracts is fully set forth and contained in the said Order of Sale now in my possession, and levied upon as the property of the said defendants, and that on the first Tuesday in December, A. D., 1916, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston

A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.
Price \$1.00 per Bottle
Prickly Ash Bitters Co.
Proprietors
St. Louis, Mo.

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day sale, in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this the 6th day of November, A. D., 1916.

R. J. Spence,
Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

Guard your kidneys, the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause Dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion and cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Marriage of the Midgets

OR THE

Tom Thumb Wedding

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tuesday Night, Nov. 21, 7:30

Laugh and Grow Fat! Funniest Show of the Season! An Evening of Continual Fun and Merriment!

Admission: Adults 35c; Children 20c

Under Auspices of the W. H. M. Society

**SERVICE
FIRST STORE**

Darsey's Store News.

**SERVICE
FIRST STORE**

Published Every Week in Grape-land Messenger by Darsey's Store

Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 16, 1916.

"Not best because it's the biggest, but biggest because it's the best."

Men's gloves for work or dress. All sizes 7 1-2 to 10.

Pure blue dye overalls and jumpers, \$1.00 the garment.

Underwear for the whole family at Darsey's in union and two-piece suits.

We still have a few sweaters left. Let us save you money while they last.

A strong line of misses and ladies coats at Darsey's. They are the very thing for winter weather.

Men's khaki pants at \$1.00 to \$1.50; corduroys at \$2.50. You can find better values in all lines at Darsey's.

BLANKETS—Some are wool, some are all cotton and some are mixed. We have the kind you want, \$1.00 to \$7.50.

Bring your chickens, eggs, hides, bees wax and everything you have to sell. We can help you cut down the cost of living.

WOOL SHIRTS—We are in receipt of a telegram that our line of men's wool shirts will reach us this week. Don't buy until you see the money saving values we will have to offer.

Kid gloves are about as scarce an article as there is on the American market. However, we have received a big shipment for ladies in several combinations and have another shipment coming. All sizes, 6 1-2 to 8.

TRUNKS, SUIT CASES and TRAVELING BAGS—the most complete line in Grapeland is at Darsey's. We just received a shipment Monday. We bought them right and can save you money on your purchases. All sizes at prices you can afford to pay.

CAR OF LEUDINGHAUS WAGONS

We have just received a car of these famous wagons and are in a position to sell you one. Come in and let us figure with you. If you don't want a new wagon, we have some good second hand wagons in good shape which we will sell very cheap.

We are still offering—
Heavy outings at 10 and 12 1-2c
Heavy chevots at 12 1-2c
Good gingham 8 1-3c, 10c and 12 1-2c.

Good percales at 11c.
These are only a few good values. You should our lines of cotton flannel, sheeting, domestic, etc., before you buy.

The cheapest groceries are not always those that cost the least money, for every time it is the inferior grades of merchandise that cost more in the long run. You can depend upon our line of groceries and shelf goods, flour, coffee, sugar, syrup, etc., as being absolutely fresh and pure. Phone us your order. We deliver.

School children, and grown-ups too, have a tendency to place their cold, wet shoes against a nice, warm stove. Let us warn you not to do this, because while you are toasting your toes you are burning the soles off your shoes. Leather burns, and we want you to get the greatest wear out of your shoes. In the mean time, men, women and children will find the best lines of shoes in America for standing the rough, wet winter wear at Darsey's—the store famous for the following lines: Billikens, Buster Brown, F. S. all leather line, White House and Florsheim.

Don't fret! You won't mind a puncture if you are equipped with our tire saving devices, patches, pumps, etc., for autos. Darsey's is a first class supply station. Free air and good gasoline.

THE CALL of WINTER



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The Royal Tailors
Chicago—New York



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Is for a new suit or overcoat. If you are tired of wearing that old summer suit you should come in today and see the famous line of **THE ROYAL TAILORS** made-to-measure suits. We are showing over 500 samples of the season's most popular

fabrics in men's suits and overcoats. There are many reasons why you should be **ROYAL TAILORED**—you yourself being the main one.

OUR STOCK OF STYLEPLUS CLOTHES AT \$17

Is without a parallel in East Texas. Every day sees some new friend of Styleplus leaving our store with the satisfaction of knowing he has saved from \$3 to \$8 on the purchase of his suit. Everyone guaranteed and at the old price **\$17**

We have a beautiful selection of men's and young men's suits in all sizes and many patterns at \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. Our line of overcoats and cravenettes is not the cheapest line in Grapeland, but it is the best line. That's why we sell so many. See our patterns at \$10 to \$15. They're guaranteed.

BOYS, DON'T DELAY ANY LONGER! Those of you who have put off buying your suit should come to Darsey's where you will find the best selection of styles, sizes and prices. A complete range of sizes 5 to 18, \$2.25 to 7.50.

We received this week a big shipment of neckwear. We are headquarters in Grapeland for Stetson Hats, Florsheim Shoes, American Gentlemen Gloves.

BUCK'S On Your Stove is Like Sterling on Silver

It is the mark of **UTMOST QUALITY**. If you are in need of a **GOOD** cook stove, you can save time and money by looking over our line of

Buck's Stoves and Ranges

They are good cookers, economical fuel savers, roomy ovens, enameled lined doors, and the best high-grade, all sanitary line of cook stoves sold in Grapeland. A size and price to suit everybody. They are going fast.

We Have a Big Lot of

Air Tight Heaters Box Heaters Stove Pipe	Kitchenware Enamelware Aluminum-ware	Tinware Table Cutlery Chinaware Glassware
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We can fill your bill complete. Come in today and see the up-to-date line of **FURNITURE** we have on display.

HARDWARE THAT WILL STAND HARDWEAR

Is the only kind you will find at this store. It does not matter what kind of a piece of hardware you want you will find it here in only standard brands. We specialize on builders' hardware and shelf hardware. Our line of axes, cross cut saws, hand saws, files, hammers, adzes, planes, drawing knives, etc., is the most complete in Houston county.

Geo. E. Darsey

Madam, Your Opportunity

Is Here to Purchase a **COAT SUIT** at a Great Saving.

In order to close them out we are offering them Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday of next week at a big saving in price.

PRICES RANGE UP TO \$27.50

This includes the new shipment received last week. Come early and make your choice.

WHO NEEDS IT WORSE?

Who needs a thorough course of Farm Bookkeeping and Business Training worse than the farmer? No one. That is just why the Tyler Commercial College gives, in connection with its course of Bookkeeping and Business Training, without extra charge, a series of lectures on systematic Farming and a set of books especially adapted to farm accounting. The farmer, who at the close of each day's work makes a complete record of everything done during the day, its cost, etc., is learning to study the details of the business, to watch and observe the little things, and he is compiling valuable information for reference, and at the end of the year, he knows just what each crop has cost him; where his gain and losses come from, and by his close study and application, he will lessen the losses and increase the gain. The farm needs the trained mind as badly as the store or the railroad office. The farmer needs to be able to write a good hand, to spell correctly, to figure rapidly and accurately, to know how to write deeds, or

to know when they are properly written, to write mortgages, notes, contracts, etc. We would advise our young men who are farming or who expect to farm to give this matter careful consideration. We also give a thorough course in the Classing and Marketing of Cotton, a subject of vital importance to our young men. The Tyler Commercial College has had many a young man to take the business course with the sole aim of going back to the farm and making the best farmer in the community, and a leader in all progressive movements.

Write for catalogue, to the only commercial school in this country that is devoting any attention whatever to this subject, mentioning you are interested in Farm Accounting or Cotton Classing. The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas.

HOGS WANTED

I am in the market for good hogs and will pay the top price. See me if you have any to sell.
Geo. Calhoun.

FOR SALE

Good second hand, 2 seated surrey.
J. W. Jones.

MEBANE COTTON SEED

We have just received a car load of those famous seed and can supply your wants if you see us at once. They will not last long.
Kennedy Bros.

LEGAL BLANKS

We have in stock the following legal blanks:
Renewal and Extension of Vendor's Lien Note.
Vendor's Lien Notes.
Promissory Notes.
General Warranty Deeds.
General Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien.
Mortgages.
Release Deeds.
Transfer of Vendor's Lien Notes.
Bills of Sale.
The Messenger.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edens and Mrs. Josie and Miss Jewel Taylor spent Sunday at Daly's with relatives.

W. R. Morris informs us that his son, Billie, who has been living near Rosebud for the past several years, will move back to GrapeLand to make his home.

**Jewelry Jewelry.
Jewelry**

How often has your mind transposed itself at a glimpse of a band of gold?

We have a full line. Much of our Jewelry is **GUARANTEED FOR LIFE**--all guaranteed to give satisfactory wear.

Come to us for anything
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**The Home of OVERCOATS that
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You know what their label means; it's a fine thing for you to have such a guarantee on a purchase that you make.

SWEATERS

See the many values in sweaters that we are offering this week, for they will please you in value, style and color.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS

Have you seen the large assortment of Blankets and Comforts that we are showing for this cold weather? Better see them and replenish your supply of blankets and comforts. They are more than priced right and the quality is the best

Our stocks are complete in every department and we will be very glad to show you any item you may want. Call and allow us to show you the many items we are offering.



**Smart Clothes for the
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Young men and men who like to stay young will appreciate the attractive lines of the new Curlee suit models.

Exquisitely designed and superbly tailored, they represent the highest art of men's clothes construction.

Our collection of patterns embraces the most popular designs and colorings, and their smartness will appeal to you.

They were carefully selected from a large assortment of unusually handsome fabrics, and therefore represent the season's choicest offerings.

And remember, an unqualified guarantee is attached to each Curlee suit.

It is to your interest to visit our store before you buy your fall or winter suit.



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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of GrapeLand and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 1916

SAVE!

When one is admonished to save, it does not always mean to save a portion of one's income. There are many things that are lost in trying to save money. When one saves a portion of the money he receives he is considered thrifty and is respected by his acquaintances. But in saving a few dollars of his income, does he always save the happiness of his fellow-men? No, he merely satisfies a selfish greed. There are many things more worthy of being saved in a life time than money—things that are priceless when valued by dollars and cents, and which bear more fruit in the years of maturity; which enrich one's life in the things worth while.

Stop and consider the many things more valuable than money which should be saved. Save the heartaches of those who love you by refraining from a life of debauchery and worthlessness; save yourself from the things which lessen your efficiency as a benefactor to mankind; save the respect and confidence reposed in you by your friends by aspiring to the highest things obtainable in life; save your name from being disrespectfully spoken of by being honorable; save your country by being loyal; save your manhood and womanhood by obedience to the laws of nature; and save your soul by being the kind of man or woman the Creator intended you to be.

New Mexico ought to stand hitched now, and behave herself like a good Texas democrat.

History will not show much for the warring European countries to be proud of when the fight is over.

The result of the presidential election should forever put to rest the idea of sectionalism in this country. There is no east nor west, north nor south, but a united America.

In the early hours after the polls had closed in Tuesday's election, Mr. Roosevelt was certain that Hughes was elected, and lost no time in issuing a statement, saying: "I am glad that the nation's honor has been vindicated by the election of Mr. Hughes." Undoubtedly Mr. Roosevelt has a narrow conception of vindication of the nation's honor. However, there is no question now but what the honor of the nation has been vindicated, Mr. Roosevelt to the contrary, notwithstanding.

TALK THAT HURTS

The most insidious attack that can be made on the character of a person is that sneaking way of spreading a story on the authority of another, and at the same time professing not to believe it yourself.

People should learn not to believe those things which men or women will not say and take the responsibility of saying. When words are spoken against anyone, irresponsibly, thoughtless people, it is the duty of those of us who try to be fair, to discount what is said until some proof is actually given or some responsible person accepts the authorship of the story.

Before repeating anything that is doubtful learn who the author is and nine times out of ten after learning who started the rumor flying first, you will keep your mouth shut. Be careful what you say, and you may find that you have some friends left when you finish a busy career.

At present there are several "sea sick" republicans in these United States, who tried to steer the ship of democracy and peace against a rock. Instead of being successful in their undertaking, they failed and the country has been saved by the sane democrats, who seek not their selfish interests, but the peace and prosperity of America.

A man who lives north of Bonham has sold sixty dollars worth of turnip greens from a quarter of an acre turnip patch, and he hauled the greens to town in an automobile. Just think of it. Forty years ago our forbears gave turnip greens away. And for fear we wouldn't get sufficient exercise, they made us cut the greens and carry them a mile in a pillow slip to a despised neighbor who once set the dogs on us for paying a friendly visit to his watermelon patch.—Honey Grove Signal.

Before the Echo goes to the people this week, the greater portion of the 18,000,000 voters of the United States will have spoken their sentiments; they will have said whether they desire a man of peace and power or a man who would force us into war and cause our pockets to be depleted by the ravages of fight, our young men shot down and our carefully built system of rural credits and protective banking despoiled.—Richardson Echo.

The people have spoken their sentiments, brother, and beyond a doubt, the nation has been saved from a band of political vultures, who seek self-aggrandizement rather than the welfare of the country. Truly, the nation's honor has been vindicated and the all wise Father above us has again proven that He cares for His people and protects them against the attacks of those who would crush them to earth. The nation has been glorified and the greatest president the United States has ever had has been re-elected.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I shall be at the following places on the following dates:
 Weches, Dec. 6.
 Augusta, Dec. 7.
 Percilla, Dec. 8.
 GrapeLand, Dec. 9.
 In order to save unnecessary trouble I shall discourage the use of checks.
 C. W. Butler, Jr.,
 Tax Collector, -Elect.

PREPARING COTTON LAND

With the fine weather we have had this fall cotton growers have had no complaint to make in picking cotton. This should enable most growers to pick their cotton under excellent conditions and with a minimum of loss. The further incentive of good prices should stimulate growers to get the cotton out as soon as possible.

After the cotton is picked attention should be turned to breaking the land. Much will depend upon early breaking. The land will need humus and it should be deepened so as to make a reservoir for holding moisture. The stalks should be cut as soon as the last row is picked and then the plow started and the team kept busy till the last square foot of land is tured. More attention may well be given to the cotton land. Our average yield is much too low for the capacity of our land. It need not be a very expensive matter to increase the yield, but it is a problem of knowing how and being willing to do it.—Farm & Ranch.

INDUCEMENT FOR PASTORS

The greatest need for the progress of the rural church is more consecrated pastors who understand country people and who are willing to live in the rural community, grow in vigor and strength as well as in Christian graces. The rural churches are being urbanized by itinerate pastors from the cities and towns.

If it is a fact that the country churches are losing their influence upon the community and failing to exert their once powerful leadership on the cities and towns, as many claim, then it were time we find the cause and seek a remedy.

There is little doubt that the pastor who lives in the community and who is willing to labor and to wait for his reward can be of more benefit to the churches under his pastorate than the city pastor who makes monthly visits and stays but a few hours in the community.

The hope for the rural church is the young people. They will be useful as members largely in proportion to the opportunity they have to serve. That many fail to find such opportunities in the country churches doubtless is largely responsible for the fact that the city population is growing at the expense of the country.

After all, the responsibility is with the laymen of the country churches, for they must see the opportunities to build up the church by making it worth while for the young people. Pastors can be found who will live among the people, learn their spiritual and temporal needs, if the people will offer sufficient inducement.—Farm & Ranch.

DEMOCRATIC CELEBRATION

The patriotic democrats of GrapeLand celebrated the election of Woodrow Wilson Friday night by shooting guns and anvils. Several reports of the anvil were almost noiseless owing to mistakes in preparing the charges, and these dim reports were readily conceded to be in honor of the defeated republican candidate. Every democrat in the town felt a thrill of pride and patriotism over the victory, and here's hoping that four years hence, the democrats will have cause to toss their hats into the air and celebrate another victory.

We Safe Guard Your Money



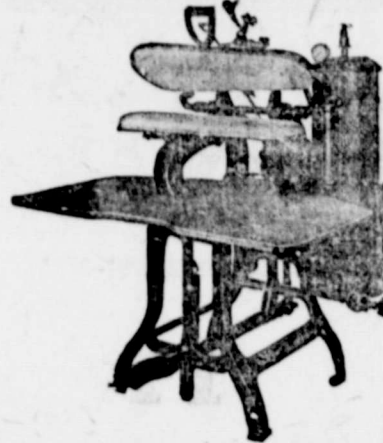
when deposited with us. Your money is absolutely safe in our Bank. We want your business, whether large or small.

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You feel and work better if you know your family is protected from want in case of adversities. We will appreciate your business.

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Satisfy Yourself



CLEANING AND PRESSING

Properly tailored clothes from your choice of hundreds of hundreds of handsome fabrics, with skilled workmanship

Will stand the test of service and the critical eye of fashion. Leave your measure for a suit at a price within your means. Let's talk it over.

CLEWIS The Tailor

Anything to Sell, Buy or Exchange? ADVERTISE

ADVERTISING

Advertising is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the world in the way of commodity or service.—Elbert Hubbard.

A. E. Owens

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Your Business will be Appreciated

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"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills, and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents.

Coughs at Night worry the patient and disturb the sleep of the whole family. For a good relieving remedy use

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It Eases the Lungs

It checks coughing, relieves chest pains, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, Sore Lungs, Wheezing and Difficult Breathing. Good for children or adults.

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

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size and you get free with each bottle one Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

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HOUSTON THE PLACE FOR FARM LOAN BANK

BOARD TO LOCATE BANK FOR TEXAS MEETS AT HOUSTON ON NOVEMBER 13.

IMPORTANCE OF THE BANK

What It Will Do for the Farmer in the Way of Enabling Him to Farm Independently is Here Explained.

In order to show that there is a real demand for a farm loan bank in this district, there must be some interest in the matter on the part of those it is sought to benefit.

It takes actual farmers located on their own farms to start these banks, for the local associations are the first step.

The members of the board which will locate the bank for Texas are due in Houston November 16, so there must be early action on the part of the farmers.

The first step being the organization of the local association; it requires ten (though there may be more than that number) persons who are the owners, or are about to become the owners, of farm land qualified as security for a mortgage loan (that is, without other incumbrance save such loans as may be paid with the money borrowed). After ten or more persons meet, they must select one of their number to represent them and to this person the Federal Board will send all forms and instructions as to securing a charter; and five of their number as a loan committee.

When the articles of association are forwarded to the Federal Land Bank of the district they shall be accompanied by the written report of the loan committee as required in section ten of this act, and by an affidavit stating that each of the subscribers is the owner, or is about to become the owner, of farm land qualified under section twelve of this act as the basis of a mortgage loan; that the loan de-

sired by each person is not more than \$10,000, nor less than \$100, and that the aggregate of the desired loans is not less than \$20,000; that said affidavit is accompanied by a subscription to stock in the Federal Land Bank equal to 5 per cent of the aggregate sum desired on mortgage loans; and that a temporary organization of said association has been formed by the election of a board of directors, a loan committee, and a secretary-treasurer who subscribes to said affidavit, giving his residence and postoffice address.

No loan on mortgage shall be made under this act at a rate of interest exceeding 6 per cent per annum, exclusive of amortization payments.

Such loans may be made for the following purposes and for no other:

(a) To provide for the purchase of land for agricultural uses.

(b) To provide for the purchase of equipment, fertilizers and live stock necessary for the proper and reasonable operation of the mortgaged farm; the term "equipment" to be defined by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

(c) To provide buildings and for the improvement of farm lands; the term "improvement" to be defined by the Federal Farm Loan Board.

(d) To liquidate indebtedness of the owner of the land mortgaged, existing at the time of the organization of the first National Farm Loan Association established in or for the county in which the land mortgaged is situated, or indebtedness subsequently incurred for purposes mentioned in this section.

No such loan shall exceed 50 per cent of the value of the land mortgaged and 20 per cent of the value of the permanent, insured improvements thereon, said value to be ascertain by appraisal, as provided in section ten of this act. In making said appraisal the value of the land for agricultural purposes shall be the basis of appraisal and the earning power of said land shall be a principal factor.

Prickly Ash Bitters can be depended on to cure the kidneys, correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



Cy Cawkins 'Lows That Mormonism Has Its Advantages.

It isn't her mind that woman has changed when she flops around mentally like one debanged; It's only that somehow, at work or at play, She's taken to doin' it some other way.

All of th' rest of th' world thinks it could show Andrew Carnegie how to die poor.

Might Not Be Mental Strain.

General Joffre's quiet humor is typified in a story which comes from the trenches. Some members of the general's staff were discussing the number of officers whose hair had turned from jet black to white since the war began, and they had decided to their own satisfaction that the cause was to be found in mental strain. General Joffre was asked for his opinion, and, while agreeing with the conclusion arrived at by his officers, naively added that it was also very difficult in war time to obtain the toilet accessories to which one was accustomed in times of peace!

A fire alarm was turned in from Lem Spruill's house Tuesday at noon. The "bucket brigade" responded promptly and put out the blaze, which was caused by a bird's nest between the chimney and house.

Crockett Commercial Club Trade Campaign

At 2 O'clock P. M. on Wednesday, January 10, 1917, the Crockett Commercial Club Will Give Away One 1917 Model

Electric
Self-Starter



Electric
Lighted

Chevrolet 5-Passenger Touring Car

The Following Crockett Business Houses are Interested in this Movement and Will Give Away Tickets on a Basis That Will Be Explained Upon Application:

DRY GOODS	DRUG STORES	GROCERIES	HARDWARE	LUMBER
Crockett Dry Goods Co T D Craddock Dan McLean Dan J Kennedy C P O'Bannon M Bromberg Nathan Asher Daniel & Burton	B F Chamberlain Crockett Drug Company Bishop Drug Company McLean Drug Company Bishop Drug Company	Bennet Brothers Johnson Arledge Walter Bennett Johnson Phillips Mike Younas Cash Grocery Store E Douglass H G Patton	Smith-Murchison Co. TAILORING AND GENTS FURNISHINGS John C Millar Carlton & Berry VARIETY STORES Channel's 5 and 10c store	Brooke-Morris Lmbr Co Crockett Lumber Co FRUIT L A Hollis MEAT MARKET AND GROCERIES Leonard Arnold

This Contest Commenced Thursday Morning, November 9, 1916, and Closes at Noon Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1917

LOOK FOR THE RED CARDS IN THE STORE WINDOWS

BUY IT IN CROCKETT

LOCAL NEWS

For a full dollar's worth, buy it from the Cash Grocery Co.

B. F. Dent, Albert Smith and Dr. Harris of Crockett were in Grapeland Saturday.

If you consider quality, you will give us your next order for groceries. Cash Grocery Co.

Herman Beazley has purchased an automobile and is operating it as a service car.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ivey of Palestine spent several days last week east of town visiting relatives and friends.

We deliver on the dot. Try us with your next order. Farmer's Union phone 73.

Cash Grocery Co.

Rev. J. F. Lively attended the annual conference of the M. P. church at Tehacana, which was in session this and last week.

NOTICE--POSTED

No hunting will be allowed in any of my fields or enclosures.

R. T. Gee.

Will Selkirk left Thursday night for Chester, Texas, to accept a position with the Gulf Pipe Line Co.

Perfect workmanship, guaranteed fabrics and excellent service is what you get when Clewis orders your suit.

Alfred Caskey of Route 1 sold a bale of cotton Saturday for 19.12 1-2, which netted him over \$121.00, not including the seed.

We are requested to announce an all day singing and Thanksgiving service at Oak Grove Thanksgiving day. The program will be announced later.

The business men of Crockett, through the commercial club, are going to give away an automobile. They have an ad in this issue giving the details of the proposition.

We are in the market for your turkeys. McLean & Riall.

New fall samples are now on display. Call and see the many pretty patterns. Clewis.

Mesdames. E. W. Davis and Chas. Lively visited Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan in Crockett Sunday.

Be sure to see us before you sell your peanuts.

McLean & Riall.

W. H. Kolb is remodeling and making an addition to his residence in north Grapeland which is occupied by Ben Brimberry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granberry and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richards motored to Troup Sunday, where they spent the day with friends.

We are requested to announce that Rev. Fullbright of Lovelady will preach at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night, Nov. 19th.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two young high grade Jersey cows and calves, fresh; 4 full blood angora goats, one pair of gentle mules, one pr. registered collie dogs. W. T. Pridgen.

We are requested to announce that Rev. R. L. Brooks is conducting a meeting at Enon this week and will begin a meeting at Rock Hill, Tuesday night, Nov. 21.

S. J. Robinson has sold his racket store to I. H. Shaver, who will put in a line of general merchandise. For the present, Jas. Owens has charge of the business until Mr. Shaver moves to town.

NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland Saturday, Nov. 25 with a car of young horses and mules. Good and sound. Prices right.

H. F. Anthony.

NOTICE

All persons that have Mebane Cotton Seed bought of us will please call for them, as we can not supply the demand for them, nor hold them very long.

Geo. E. Darsey.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

- Henry Richards, C. E. Lively,
- N. H. Montgomery, Grapeland.
- L. N. Laseter, Alfred Caskey,
- Elmo Keen, W. J. Starkey,
- Walter Baggett, Route 1.
- W. A. Shaver, Route 2.
- J. R. Finch, Route 3.
- W. P. Kyle, E. W. Clark, Jack Beazley, Route 4.
- W. D. Dickey, W. B. Moore,
- C. W. Butler, Sr., Percilla.
- Chas. Ivey, Palestine.
- Curtis Walling, Elkhart.
- D. C. McCarter, Crockett, Rte. 1.
- J. D. Freeman, Lovelady.

C. R. HATCHELL BUYS OUT RESTAURANT

I have bought the restaurant on second street, back of Wherry's store and will appreciate your patronage. Everything clean and sanitary. Will also keep fresh bread at all times.

C. R. Hatchell,

WANTED

100 turkeys; peas in the hull; cow hides—green or dry; peanuts.

J. W. Howard.

Hats cleaned and re-blocked at a small cost. Made to look new and give good service.

M. L. Clewis.

Cleve Sadler has resigned his position at the depot. Lewis Riall Yarbrough, who has been working at Gunter will take Mr. Sadler's place.

LOST

A black pocket book, containing \$26; two ten dollar bills, one five and one silver dollar. Lost between the home of S. N. Boykin and J. J. Thompson's place. Finder return to John Smith, (colored) and receive \$5 reward.

WHITE GOODS SALE

The Ladies Aid of the Baptist church will conduct a white goods sale, beginning Friday afternoon, Nov. 17, in the Kent building, east side. Many beautiful things will be put on sale which will make excellent Christmas gifts. On Saturday they will serve dinner and solicit the patronage of the public.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller

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EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision

Campbell's New Orleans Minstrels

Will Exhibit in Grapeland One Night Only

FRIDAY, NOV. 17 UNDER CANVASS

The **GREATEST COLORED MINSTREL** show on Earth

30-People-30

GRAND STREET PARADE at 2 p. m. and a free exhibition on the street by the **Campbell Show Horses.**

FREE BAND CONCERT at 7:20. Doors Open at 7:30. Performance at 8

TANLAC

When your digestive organs lack vitality and begin to act more slowly and less effectually than they should, the circulation becomes poor, the blood gets thin, the appetite fails and the digestion weakens. **TANLAC** is the powerful reconstructive tonic, is the ideal strengthener and body builder for run down people because it creates a good, healthy appetite, strengthens digestion, enriches the blood, and in this natural manner builds up and invigorates run down and nervous people.

TANLAC is sold exclusively in Grapeland by —

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THE LEADING DRUG STORE

NEW GOODS!

BE SURE TO VISIT US AND INSPECT OUR LINES OF

Boys' Suits, Hats and Caps
Shoes, Dress Goods,
Neck Ties, Shirts, Hose

In fact, anything in wearing apparel for men, women and children.

Let us show you the goods and quote you our attractive prices.

T. S. Kent

QUALITY IS THE THING

City Cafe And Bakery

We have opened an up-to-date Cafe and Bakery in the Dr. Black building on the east side of the railroad and will bake Good Bread, Cakes and Pies, which will be kept fresh and sanitary at all times.

We will also serve anything you want to eat. We have ten tables and can serve forty people. Especially do we invite the ladies to visit our place. We have spared neither pains or money to equip our place, and trust you will give us your patronage, for which we sincerely thank you in advance.

FISH AND OYSTERS AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU MAY DESIRE TO EAT--COOKED RIGHT

Hyman & Bradbury

Spend your money with merchants who advertise.