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A Daily Effort at Bargain

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The old custom of giving "Bargain Day Sales" is becoming obsolete.

The really progressive merchant now makes it his rule to give bargains every day.

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News Notes of Interest at the County Seat

Crockett, Texas, December 5, 1916.—Dr. S. T. Beasley, aged 70 years, died at his home in this city Sunday night, following a general breakdown several weeks ago. He was a surgeon in the Confederate army and has practiced medicine for fifty years, retiring some years ago on account of ill health. He was a Jeffersonian democrat and was always in the front ranks fighting for what he believed to be best for his country, proving himself to be made of the material that goes to the up-building of a country and a nation. A typical Southern gentleman, he was respected and revered by all who knew him. He leaves surviving him a widow, four daughters, Mesdames G. Q. King, W. H. Denny and J. G. Miller, Miss Neil Beasley, all of this city, two sons, Messrs. S. T. Beasley of Austin and J. G. Beasley of this city. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery Monday afternoon.

Practically all of the newly elected County and precinct officials have taken charge of their respective offices and gone to work. The defeated ones retired with good grace and were uniformly courteous to their successors. W. H. Musick retains his position as chief deputy to Sheriff Spence. Deputy County Clerk J. M. Ellis retires and will engage in other business. During his administration he has made many friends by his courteous treatment of the patrons of the office, his strict attention to duty and the business ability shown. He carries with him the best wishes of our citizens.

Judge Earl Adams, Jr., has returned from a business trip to Houston and Point Blanc.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kenedy of Grapeland were Crockett visitors Sunday.

Mr. H. F. Craddock of Kennard spent Sunday with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker of Grapeland were here Saturday afternoon.

George Shaver Will Erect a Modern Brick Building

Grapeland can soon boast of another modern brick building, which will be erected by George Shaver on the lot adjoining S. E. Howard's building, opposite the depot. The material is now being placed on the ground and work will probably begin next week. Walling & Richards have the contract.

Mr. Shaver is a valued and appreciated citizen of Grapeland and has been very instrumental in helping build up the town. He has erected several nice rent houses.

Connor Denson has purchased the barber shop from O. Caskey.

Our Honor Roll. Messenger Subscribers Paying Up

The following have our thanks for their subscription:

John A. Davis, Ben Brooks, C. L. Whitaker, Dr. W. D. McCarty, Grapeland.

Bryson Caskey, H. C. Smith, Chess Davis, Route 1.

John Cunningham, M. L. Whitaker, H. W. Whitaker, R. H. Cook, John Skidmore, Paul Weisinger, Lonzie Tyer, Wm. Hague, A. P. Luce, Joe Cook, Route 2.

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F. A. Lively, Lovelady.

J. A. Cunningham, Bryan.

Jack Murchison, Huntsville.

Mrs. L. C. Smith, Peter Bridges, Elkhart.

G. L. Waddell, Laporte.

Chas. Simpson (col.) Grapeland.

WHY THE PAPER IS LATE

We have been installing our new press and did not get it set up in time to issue the paper Wednesday.

STRAYED

Four three-year mules; two sorrel horse mules, one brown horse mule and one brown mare mule. Reasonable reward to anyone notifying me as to their whereabouts.

Henry Dailey, Rte. 4, Grapeland, Texas.

News Items Reported From New Prospect

Dec. 4.—Bro. Florence preached us a fine sermon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliken who are teaching school at Augusta spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Herod.

The box supper at this place was a success, the boxes bringing \$28.35. There was a cake furnished by Mrs. Webb Finch and Mrs. Ed Parker for the prettiest girl that brought \$2.75. Miss Erie Bridges received the cake.

Mr. Virgil Musick of Grapeland attended the box supper at this place Saturday night, also a number of others from different communities.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bridges of Elkhart attended church here Sunday.

Mr. Bud Brown moved out near Grapeland last week, having sold his place to Mr. Wood-sides.

It seems that a good many are taking the same notion—to remodel their homes. Mr. Sim Finch has been having some work done on his house, also Mr. Bob Parker and Fred Bridges. Mr. Jim Musick will start to work on his house this week. A Reader.

OYSTER SUPPER

The Ladies Aid of the Christian church will give an oyster supper Friday night, Dec. 8, at Hatchell's restaurant on second street. The patronage of the public will be appreciated.

RECITAL

Miss Addie Eaves will give a recital at Hays Spring school house Friday night, Dec. 8, at 7 p. m. Choice readings and impersonations will be featured. A small admission fee will be charged.



No Wonder We Are Always Busy

at this store. It does not take people long to find out that here they get the largest variety of food stuffs, that the quality is the best and that our prices are such as to make the heart of the buyer glad. If you are not already enjoying the benefits of doing business with us we invite you to trade with us.

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LONG & DAVIS, PROPRIETORS
PHONE US YOUR ORDER. WE DELIVER RIGHT NOW

XMAS TIMES ARE NEAR

Did you realize that Xmas is right upon you. Have you thought of the gifts that you are to give. Of all that are acceptable, the useful presents are more appreciated than any.

Let this Xmas time be one for buying useful presents for those of your family. Our store is full of things that are sure to please the father, the mother, the son the daughter.

Suits, Shirts, Shoes, Hats, Rain-coats, etc., Long Coats, Silk Dress Goods, Silk Hose, Rain-coats, Dress Shoes, etc., Snappy Suits, Overcoats, Shoes, Hats, Ties, Silk Hose, etc., Sport Coats, Beautiful Silks, Silk Hose, etc.

Remember too that we will have a big assortment of toys for the children. Come to our store and do you Xmas shopping.

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FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your change on the counter.

BIG AUCTION SALE Monday, December 11th At 10:00 A. M.

I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at my place one mile west of Waneta, the following described property, reserving the right to sell the mules and wagon herein mentioned preceding the sale if I am offered a satisfactory price.

One pair of mules, one farm wagon and harness, two cows

and calves, one nice surrey, about three hundred bushels of corn, household and kitchen furniture, plow tools and other useful articles.

ALTON LIVELY

NO HUNTING

I will allow no hunting in my fields, on account of my stock.

M. D. MURCHISON

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of Crockett are spending the week in Grapeland with relatives.

GOING SOME



A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY **REX BEACH**

SUGGESTED BY THE PLAY BY **REX BEACH AND PAUL ARMSTRONG**

Illustrated By **Edgar Bert Smith**

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch are heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized phonograph by the defeat of their champion in a foot-race with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is on at the Flying Heart. J. Wallingford 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 Glass, 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' direction.

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

CHAPTER VII—Fresno, glue 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 at once, saying that his own life will be forfeit if anything happens to his principal.

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

CHAPTER XVI.

THE day of the race dawned bright and fair, without a cloud to mar its splendor. As the golden morning wore on, a gradual excitement became apparent among the cowboys, increasing as the hours passed, and as they prepared with joy to invade their rival's territory; nevertheless, the vigilant watch upon their champion did not relax.

It was some time after midnight that Lawrence Glass had been the cause of a wild alarm that brought the denizens of the ranch out in night apparel. Jack Chapin, awakened by a cry for help, had found him in the hands of Carara and Cloudy, who had been doing night duty in accordance with Stover's orders. What with the trainer's loud complaints, the excited words of his captors, and the confusion resulting when the bunk-house emptied itself of men half clad, it had taken the ranch-owner some time to discover that Glass had been surprised in the act of escaping. It seemed that the sentries, seeing a figure skulking past the white adobe walls of the house, had called upon it to halt. There had been a dash for liberty, then a furious struggle before the intruder's identity became clear, and but for Chapin's prompt arrival upon the scene violence would inevitably have resulted.

"I tell you, I'm walkin' in my sleep," declared Glass for the twentieth time. "Carara! You try for get away," stopped the Mexican. "Pig!" "Not a bit like it! I've been a son-of-a-bitch ever since I'm a baby." "Why didn't you answer when we called?" Cloudy demanded. "How can I talk when I'm sound asleep?" "If you couldn't hear us call, why did you run?" "Now have a little sense, pal. A sleep-walker don't know what he's doin'."

"Since there's no harm done, you'd better all go back to bed," Chapin advised. "Mr. Glass has the liberty of the ranch, boys, night or day, unless of course."

"Looks to me like he was tryin' to elope some." Stover balanced upon one bare foot, and undertook to remove a sand-burr from the other. In the darkness he seemed supernatural, so that Glass hastened to strengthen his story.

"I was walkin' in my sleep as nice as you please when those rummies lep' on me. Say! You know that's dangerous; you can kill a guy wakin' him up so sudden."

"There's easier ways than that," spoke Willie from the gloom. "It's a yap trick just the same. I was in the middle of a swell dream, too."

"Come, come, Stover, get your boys back to bed! We'll have the whole ranch up with this noise."

Chapin himself led Glass around the house, while that gentleman made no offer to explain the dream which had prompted him to pack his suitcase before letting himself out of the training-quarters. Once safely back in the gymnasium, he sat up till dawn, a prey to frightful visions which the comfortable morning light did not serve to dissipate.

Wally Speed slept serenely through the whole disturbance, and was greatly amused at the story when he awoke. He was sorely tempted to make known his agreement with Skinner, and put an end to his trainer's agony of mind; but he recalled Skinner's caution, and reflected that the slightest indiscretion might precipitate a tragedy. For the first time since the beginning of the adventure he was perfectly at ease, and the phenomenon added to his trainer's dismay.

Others beside Lawrence Glass were apprehensive. Culver Covington, for instance, was plainly upset, while Roberta Keap pleaded headache and had her breakfast served in her room.

It was shortly afterward that she appeared in the gymnasium doorway, and cried, in an accusing voice:

"Wall, Mr. Speed?" "Yea, quite well." "You traitor!"

"You modern Borgia! Didn't you go and tell Helen everything?" "Didn't you promise to stop Culver?"

"I did. I had him thrown in jail at Omaha. What more could I do?"

"You did try? Honestly?" Mrs. Keap allowed her indignation to abate slightly.



"I must run—and win. And win I shall!"

"If I had known that, I wouldn't have told Helen. I'm sorry you didn't explain. I was angry—furious. And I was frightened so!" She broke down suddenly. "What shall I do about them? I can see what they want to say, and yet I don't let either speak a word."

"Mrs. Keap, are you sure Culver loves you?" "Certainly! And he suspects the truth. I saw him change the moment he found the bare." Roberta began to weep; two limpid tears stole down her cheeks, she groped for a chair, and Wally hastened to her assistance. As he supported her, she gave way completely and bowed her head upon his shoulder.

It was in perfect keeping with the luck of things that Miss Blake should enter at the moment. She had come with Jack and his sister to inquire regarding the fitness of her champion and to serve him for the contest, and stood against Chapin stepped for-

ward with a look of suspicion, inquiring:

"What's going on here?"

Miss Blake spoke brightly, tinkling ice in her voice.

"There's no necessity for an explanation is there? It seems time for congratulations."

"Oh, see here now! Mrs. Keap's really engaged to Culver, you know."

"Culver!"

Both the young ranchman and his sister stared at the chaperon with growing horror, while she undertook to explain; but the blow had fallen so swiftly that her words were incoherent, and in the midst of them her hostess turned and fled from the room.

"Now don't begin to aviolate until you understand the truth," Speed continued. "While she's engaged to that broken-toed serpent, she doesn't love him, do you see?" He smiled.

"I do not see!" "It was simply a habit Mrs. Keap had got into—I should say it was an impulsive engagement that she has repented of."

"No doubt she was repenting when we interrupted you," said Miss Blake, bitterly.

Then Chapin added, helplessly: "But Culver is engaged to my sister Jean!"

"Jean!" Mrs. Keap exposed her tragic face. "Then—he deceived me! Oh—h! What wretches men are!"

The widow commenced to sob. Outside came Miss Chapin's voice: "So here you are, Mr. Covington!" And the next moment she reappeared, dragging the crippled champion behind her. Thrusting him toward Roberta, she pouted: "There, Mrs. Keap! I give him back to you."

"Perhaps you'd better go on with your explanations," Chapin suggested, coldly, to Speed.

"How can I when you won't listen to me? Hear ye! Hear ye! Culver was engaged to marry Mrs. Keap, but she discovered what a reprobate he is—"

There was indistinguishable dissent of some sort from Mr. Covington.

"—and she learned to detest him!" Mrs. Keap likewise dissented in accents muffled.

"Well, she would have learned to detest him in a short time, because she's in love with Jack Chapin; so she came to old Doctor Speed in her troubles, and he promised to fix it all up. Now I guess you four can do the rest of the explaining. If you ever get in trouble, come to the match-making kid. I'll square it."

They were four happy young people, and they lost no time in escaping elsewhere. When they had gone, their benefactor said to Miss Blake:

"Wouldn't you like to make that a triple wedding? We might get club rates."

For answer Miss Blake hurried to the door and was gone.

Over at the Centipede there was a great activity and yet a certain idleness also, as if it had been a holiday. The men hung about in groups listening to the peripatetic phonograph. A dozen or more outsiders had ridden over from the post-office to witness the contest. Out by the corral, which stood close to the first break of the foothills, Skinner was superintending the laying out of a course, selecting a stretch of level ground worn smooth and hard by the tread of countless hoofs.

"Makes a pretty good track, eh?" he said to Gallagher. "I wonder how fast this feller is? Ever heard?"

"They seem to think he's a whirlin' ball of fire, but that don't worry you none, does it?" Gallagher bent his lead-blue eyes upon the cook, who shrugged carelessly, and Gallagher smiled; he was forced to admit that his man did not appear to be one easily frightened. Skinner's face was hard, his lips thin, his jaw was not that of a weakling. He had dressed hastily, then wrapped a horse-blanket about his shoulders, and now, casting this aside, sprinted down the dirt track for a few yards to test the footing, while Gallagher watched him with satisfaction—a thing of steel and wire, as tough, as agile, and as spry as a range-raised cow-pony. He was unshaven, his rambling-trunks were cut from a pair of overalls, held up at the waist by a section of window-cord, and his chest was scantily covered by an undershirt from which the sleeves had been pulled. But when he returned to pick up his blanket Gallagher noted approvingly that he was not even breathing heavily.

With a knowledge confined mainly to live-stock, the foreman brightened. "How's your legs? I like to see 'em hairy, that's a-ways; it's a sign of strength. I bet this coltage leg is as good as a mule's tail!" He gave a look to the man he could see.

"They feel just some like," said Skinner. "Hy-de-ow, what have you bet?"

"We laid the phonograph right there, and we're trappin'!"

"But how much money?"

"We got three hundred pesos down, but they said we'd be comin' loaded for 'em, so we raised the hundred more."

Skinner's eye gleamed. "I like it."

had a couple to bet on myself."

"Broke, eh?"

"I'm as clean as a honnd's tooth." "I'm sorry y'all tossed off your wages, but"—Gallagher started suspiciously—"say! I reckon that won't affect your runnin' nose, will it?"

Skinner admitted that he could run best when he had something to run for. "You might advance me a month's wages," he reflected.

"I'll do it. Hello! Say, ain't that one of them Flyin' Heart city visitors?" From the direction of the ranch buildings Berkeley Fresno was approaching.

"Good-afternoon! You are Mr. Gallagher, I believe? I rode over with our crowd just now." Fresno looked back. "Let's stop around to the other side of the corral; I want to talk to you." He led the way; then inquired, "Is this your runner?"

"That's him. His name's Skinner, and that's a promist' title to bet on." Gallagher slipped a roll of bank-notes from his pocket. "Unhook! I'll get you."

"No, no! I think myself Mr. Skinner will win. That's why I'm here."

"Strip your hand, son. I don't savy."

And Fresno explained. "You see, I'm a guest over there; but there's no sentiment with me in



"Bet This for Me, and Don't Let On Where It Comes From."

money matters." He produced a wallet, and took from it five one-hundred-dollar bills. "Bet this for me, and don't let on where it came from. I'll see you after the race. Mind you, not a word!"

"I'm dumb as the Egyptian Spinks."

"This race means a lot to me, Mr. Skinner." The guest of the Flying Heart Ranch turned to its enemy. "There's a girl in it. Understand?" The cook showed the gleam of his teeth. "If you win, I'll send you some wedding-cake and—a box of cigars."

"Thanks," said the other; "but I've got a bung tooth, and I don't smoke."

As Fresno left, there approached, in a surging group, the opposing side. "Good-evenin', Gabby!" Stover called, loudly, as he came within speaking distance. "Here we come on massy, and with ladies, to further embarrass and degrade you in the hour of your defeat!"

"We ain't defeated yit! How do, Mr. Chapin."

"Did you get our message?" "Yes. But we ain't seen the color of y'all's money."

"Mr. Speed borrowed five hundred dollars from me, and said he might want more," Chapin volunteered.

"Is that all?"

"All!" jeered Still Bill. "Why, this mangy layout ain't never saw that much money," upon which Gallagher carelessly displayed a corpulent roll of bills, remarking:

"Count a thousand, Bill. It all goes on Skinner."

"I ain't heard of no train-robbery," muttered the lanky foreman of the Flying Heart, "nor I don't aim to handle no tainted money." And Stover and Gallagher faced each other hard before turning.

Jean saw it, and whispered to Chapin: "Oh, Jack, dear, I'm so terribly frightened!" But Helen Blake, who overheard, left her companions and went straight to Gallagher.

"I should like," she said, "to wager a few dollars on Mr. Speed and the honor of the Flying Heart."

Both Skinner and his foreman stared at her unspoken.

"You ain't bet like a bettin' lady," the latter snapped to Roberta, jealously.

"I'm not, I never made a wager before in all my life; but you see, Mr. Gallagher, I believe in our team."

Gallagher lowered his eyes. "How much do you aim to risk, miss?"

"I don't know what the rules are, but I think our side ought to bet as much as your side. That is the way it is done, isn't it?"

"You mean that you aim to cover what Mr. Speed don't?" The girl nodded.

Gallagher spoke admiringly. "You're right gams, miss, but I reckon we don't want your money."

"Why not?"

"I suppose there ain't no particular reason."

"If Mr. Speed can beat Mr. Covington, who is the best runner at Yale, I'm sure he can defeat Mr. Skinner, who never went to college at all. They have all turned against him, and he—he is so brave!" Miss Blake's indignation was tearful, and Gallagher spoke hurriedly:

"He may be brave all right, miss, but he can't win unless Skinner dies. You save your money to buy chocolates an' bon-mots, miss. Why, listen" (the stockman softened his voice in a fatherly manner): "This Fresno party is wise; five hundred of this coin is his."

Helen uttered a cry. "Do you mean he is betting against Mr. Speed?"

"Nothin' else."

"Despicable!" breathed the girl. "Wait a moment, please!" Helen hurried back to Chapin, while Gallagher muttered something like "I ain't takin' no orphan's money."

"Jack!" (the girl was trembling with excitement), "you told me on the way over that you had five hundred dollars with you. Let me have it, please. I'll give you my check when we get home."

"My dear girl, you aren't going to—bet it?"

"Yes, I am."

"Don't do that."

For answer she snatched the pocketbook from his hand.

"Mr. Gallagher!" she called. "Some class to that gal!" was what he said, which proved that he was a person not wholly without sentiment.

(To be Continued)

GOOD ROADS

TO MAKE SMOOTH ROAD BEDS

Put Soil on in Layers, Not in Piles—Best Tool for Road Improvement is Splitlog Drag.

The making of a smooth roadbed requires that when the soil is put on, it be laid in layer, and not in piles. When dumped in pile, some places will be more packed than others and there will likely be a difference in the density, while if laid on in layers this will be avoided. Each layer should be harrowed, or better yet, disked and packed before the next one is laid down.

In this way a good roadbed is secured from the first, while if the soil is just dumped on the road to be leveled and packed by the traffic over the road a good roadbed will never be secured.

The best tool for keeping the road well crowned and the surface smooth is the splitlog drag. This tool should be used soon after a rain. The soil is then loose and easily moved. The drag moves but small amounts of soil and smears it on the roadbed in thin layers, which is just what is wanted. It cuts off any projections and fills any low places.

SUPERIORITY OF WIDE TIRES

It Has Been Found by Actual Test That Broad-Tired Wagon Pulls 62 Per Cent Easier.

Wide tires build up roads and save horse labor, according to the department of agricultural engineering at the University of Nebraska. They have the same effect upon a country road as a roller on a plowed field. On the other hand, the narrow tire cuts up a road like a disk.

It has been found by actual test in this department that the wide-tired wagon pulls easier in nearly all cases than the narrow-tired wagon. In deep mud on a country road the wide-tired wagon pulls 6.2 per cent easier.

On a country road with a thin surface of mud or deep dust, however, the narrow tires pull 4.9 per cent easier. In a corn field the wide tires pull 30.5 per cent easier, in a dry alfalfa field 17.7 per cent easier, and on a dry country road 10.2 per cent easier.

Merchery Motive.

"What was the subject of the lecturer's address?"

"Peace at Any Price."

"Did he prove his case?"

"No. The audience was rather small and he cut out some of his most eloquent periods because he failed to get his price."

What We've Come To.

"In the old days when a man declared himself a Roman citizen no one dared harm him."

"True. And nowadays when a traveler in a foreign land says he's an American citizen, officials to gold braid seem to think it's some kind of joke."

Garrett Luce, Winner of First Prize In Boys' Corn Club Work, Tells How He Grew Corn and What Came of It

During the year of 1918, at the suggestion of my teacher, Mr. R. J. Dominy, I became a member of the Boys' Corn Club. I planted and cultivated 4,000 square yards of corn according to government methods. I planted the Hastings Prolific corn and left it about twenty-four inches in the drill and the rows were three and one-half feet apart. I broke my land on March 8th, about six inches deep. I planted my corn on April 10th and as soon as it was large enough for cultivation, I borrowed it off and swept it up. After the ground had settled from this plowing, I hoed my corn out and replanted it where it had been washed away by an overflow. When this replant was large enough to be plowed, I plowed it with a sixteen-inch solid sweep. I then took a small shovel plow and plowed a furrow on every other side of the corn and put 100 lbs. of acid phosphate around the corn and then plowed out the middles on this fertilizer. After this I let it stand about fifteen days. I then plowed a furrow on the opposite side from which I did the first time and put another 100 lbs. of acid phosphate around the corn and ran another furrow in the middle.

About this time there came a very heavy rain and brought up a thick coat of cockle burs and weeds; and for fear of plowing up the fertilizer, I hoed these weeds up. This was the last cultivation I gave the corn.

On Sept. 18th I gathered the corn. The rule of gathering is as follows: Weigh all the corn in the shucks when it is thoroughly dry on the afternoon of a dry day. Then weigh out 100 lbs. separately, shuck and shell this 100 lbs. and weigh the shelled corn. Multiply the weight of the shelled corn by the weight of the corn in the shucks and point off the two right hand figures and divide by 56. The result will be the number of bushels of shelled corn produced. I followed this rule as closely as possible and my corn weighed out 53 bushels and 4 pounds, which was about 64 bushels per acre. I had two leading men of the community witness the weighing of my corn and this was properly attested to.

My total expense of producing this corn, counting my work at 10c per hour and that of the horse at 5c per hour was \$13.65, including the cost of the fertilizer, so I made the corn at a cost of approximately 24c per bushel.

I sold the corn at \$1.00 per bushel, realizing a net profit of \$43.00 from this patch of corn.

After I had gathered my crop, I sent a report that I had kept of it to H. H. Williamson, state agent in charge boys' club work, and in a few days I received a letter from him announcing that I had won the county prize of a free trip to the State Fair of Texas. All of my expenses were paid except my railroad fare there and back. I went to the fair with H. Gentry of Palestine, county demonstration agent of Anderson county, and the boys who went to the fair from that county.

We left Palestine Monday morning at 5:15 on Oct. 10. We went through in two automobiles to Corsicana and on account of so much rain and mud, continued the trip by interurban, arriving at Dallas at 8:30 Monday

night. Upon arrival we went to the superintendent and deposited our baggage and other valuables with him. This encampment was called the boys' educational encampment school and its object was to give 200 boys a week's outing which would be educational and instructive to them. While there we had good comfortable quarters and three wholesome meals were served daily. We were divided each day into small companies under a good instructor or captain from the A. & M. College of Texas. There were five companies of us, A B C D and E. On Tuesday morning, Oct. 17th, all the boys assembled in their respective quarters and were addressed by H. Gentry, R. E. Knight, president of the State Fair of Texas, who made a very able speech on farm life. There was also a man from the A. & M. College who made a very interesting speech on seed testing. After this there were several addresses by the different county demonstration agents. The Orphan's Home Band furnished music for the encampment and they also played at their exhibit in the Texas Building.

Directly in front of our sleeping quarters was the building that contained the exhibits of a plow company. These consisted of every kind of tractor, walking and riding plows, threshing machines and every implement manufactured by that company. By the side of this was another plow company's exhibit which was also a fine collection of implements. Further down the street was the exhibit of a wagon and automobile company. In the Texas building were the exhibits of the agricultural clubs, the girls' canning and poultry clubs, the exhibits of several large private manufacturing companies. The boys' agricultural club exhibits were arranged by counties, Tarrant county, I believe, having the best exhibit. Collections of corn, cotton, milo maize, kaffir corn, watermelons and many other farm products were arranged very pretty and presented a beautiful sight at night under the electric lights. The girls' canning club exhibits consisted of every different kind of canned fruits and vegetables imaginable, including tomatoes, cabbage, beets, peaches, pears, plums and many others. The State Orphans' Home also had an exhibit in here which was an exact representation of the home and the surrounding buildings. There was an exhibit of the children's work in Drawing, English, Chemistry and Home Economics. From these exhibits and willing information furnished by some of the boys, I learned the benefits of the State Orphans' Home. In one of the private agricultural exhibits I saw some pumpkins and watermelons that were so large that it seemed as if it would be impossible to grow them. If there ever was a pumpkin large enough to lose hogs in I believe that this was the one. The Santa Fe Railroad had an exhibit consisting of a large dome made of milo maize and the rear end of a passenger coach disappearing on one side.

On Tuesday night all of the boys marched to the grand stand in a body to see the fireworks which represented the fall of a city in time of war. They

lit up all fair park as light as day and illuminated the sky so well that they could be seen for miles around and presented a grand sight.

On Tuesday morning companies E. and D. marched to the live stock department and engaged in a pig judging contest and viewed the prize winning hogs, cattle and horses. We then marched to the assembly hall, where we were addressed by H. H. Williamson and a man from the A. & M. College, who spoke on budding and grafting. He distributed some pecans among the boys for them to plant and cultivate on their return home.

On Tuesday evening companies E and C marched to the coliseum to the matinee, where there was plenty of music and acting. In one part of the coliseum was the exhibit of the Gulf Coast Line Railroad. This consisted of corn, cotton, cane, orange trees, and garden truck, including watermelons, pumpkins and squashes. There was also an exhibit of some of the monsters of the deep, including a man-eating shark, and a sword fish's beak that measured 5 ft. and 3 inches. There was a turtle's shell that was as large across as a large table and if it had been floated in water it would have made a good sized boat. In the park I saw a palm tree, a hedge hog and some deer. After this Mr. Gentry and the boys from Anderson county and I obtained a permit from Mr. Williamson to leave the fair grounds and return home.

We left Dallas Wednesday for Corsicana by interurban and arrived there at 10:30 and continued our trip home in the automobiles that we had left. We reached home Thursday night.

I have never had the least regret for joining the Boys' Corn Club in 1916 and I expect to join it another year. I will say a word here in regard to the hospitality and care shown us while in Dallas. In all there were about 300 of the boys present at the encampment and we all had good meals and beds while there and were treated very kindly in every respect. Every courtesy possible was shown us and I am sure there was not a boy who regretted being a member of the 1916 encampment. Next year they are going to have 560 members and next year—1918, 1170, and the number will remain at that figure.

Yours for better corn,
Garrett Luce, Rte. 2,
Grapeland, Texas.

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.

HOLIDAY FARES VIA I. & G. N. RAILROAD

Excursion rates to all points in Texas on sale December 15 to 26, inclusive, also December 31 and January 1; limit January 5. To Louisiana tickets will be sold December 21 to 25 inclusive, also December 30 and 31, limit January 7. For rates, schedules, reservations, etc., see Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. Ry.

Local News Reported From Reynard Country

Dec. 4.—Quite a long while since our community has observed Thanksgiving in a special way. The day was made to order and early in the day cars and buggies began to roll in and by noon the church yard was covered with people, all seeming to be thankful for the privilege to mix and mingle with each other. Our committee failed to get a minister or a speaker from other parts, so our program was a little informal, but am safe in saying there was very little room for criticism. We had a few appropriate songs, a welcome address by J. L. Chiles, a talk by M. L. Williams, after which a collection was taken for the orphan children. Then the ladies repaired to the table which was about 50 or 60 feet in length and began to put out the dinner until the entire space was covered with edibles. After dinner all engaged in social conversation, and if the service was a failure it was a noble one. The crowd was estimated at 150, of which about 50 were visitors, most of whom were from Grapeland and we believe the day will be long remembered by all. A nice box of dinner was sent our neighbors who were unavoidably kept at home.

Mr. Averet and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Fulgham of Palestine spent a few hours with the family of P. L. Fulgham Thanksgiving Day. Frank and George Fulgham accompanied them home and spent a few days in the city.

Our teacher, Miss Ady spent Thanksgiving and the remainder of the week in Palestine.

Mrs. Maud Kent and two daughters and little son, Grace, Maggie and Donald from near Houston are visiting her sister, Mrs. P. L. Fulgham.

Mrs. Etta Garner and children were at our dinner and remained over a few days.

Mr. Jennings of Minnesota is spending awhile with his sister, Mrs. E. G. Stevens.

Since our last letter one of our neighbors has passed from us to her home beyond—Mrs. Annie Newsome. She had been in bad health for quite awhile.

Some moving around in this community. Doug Beazley has moved back to his farm on the little Elkhart but still considers himself one of us. Mr. Leach and family have moved into the house vacated by Mr. Beazley.

Some little start being made toward the 1917 crop.

Zack.

IT'S TOO IMPORTANT—DON'T WAIT 'TILL AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Our students are with us from many different states and they do not go home for the holidays owing to the great distance, therefore, we have no vacation and new students may enroll any day and do splendid work. The sooner you enter, the sooner you will be through and holding a good position. Our school is like a big bank or mercantile establishment, it runs throughout the year, we are always well organized and ready for new business, rendering the same service at all times. Every student gets individual instruction, he is not held back by slow students, or crowded too fast by bright ones, he goes just as fast as his ability

WHEN YOU ARE CONSTIPATED

Don't paralyze the bowels with a harsh, drastic cathartic that gripes and binds you up tighter after its effect is gone. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It does the work just as thoroughly as the strong cathartics. Yet it acts mildly and naturally, and what is still better, it leaves the bowels in a healthy state promoting regularity in the bowel movements.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

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

Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

John Spence Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas

Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

will permit. Should he happen to be slow or backward in his work, he is not embarrassed by others knowing how he is getting along. With our methods of individual instruction, and our own copyrighted systems, we are demonstrating that it is useless to attend a commercial school teaching other systems and requiring from seven to ten months to finish the course, when they can finish with us in half the time at half the cost, be more efficient, and get a better position because of their thorough and extensive training. It is our practical methods, our personal attention and our modern systems that enable us to accomplish so much in so short a time.

Our literary subjects, which are given free with our courses, are woven into the main courses in such a practical way that they are mastered in half the time required by the old methods and are thoroughly understood from practical application. We guarantee a better course in less time at a less expense and a better position than any other school, and it is evident that we have been securing these results or we could not have built up an annual enrollment or more than 2000, and drawn patronage from 39 states and seven foreign countries.

Write for our large illustrated catalogue; read our unparalleled guarantee of \$100 that every statement made in it is true and correct. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name.....

Address.....

Course Interested In.....

BOGS 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.

**SERVICE
FIRST STORE**

Darsey's Store News.

**SERVICE
FIRST STORE**

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

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 7, 1916.

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

No Relief Is In Sight

Prices continue to advance by leaps and bounds. This is especially true of dry goods and shoes. If you contemplate putting off your purchases, you will find it to be to your detriment. Come in today and let us save you money. The same goods will cost you more when we have to re-buy. We have some wonderful values in this department until present stock is sold.

- Fancy Dress Goods
- Wool Goods
- Ginghams
- Percales
- Calicoes
- Shirtings
- Cheviots
- Outings
- Cotton Flannels
- Bleached and Brown Domestic
- Sheetings
- Drilling
- Ticking
- Overalls
- Jumpers
- Shoes

We sell everything to wear, and strive to give you the same goods for a little less money; a little better goods for the same money. That's the service first way. Darsey's way.

Geo. E. Darsey

Eggs are worth more in Grape-land than in the larger cities. Bring them in. We want to buy all you have to sell.

We don't ask you to buy a Buck's Store without knowing what it will do. You can take one and use it 30 days and if not satisfactory return it.

We still have a few Leudinghaus wagons that we received in our last car a few days ago. If you need a good wagon you should see these. We sell you a good second hand wagon at a big saving.

Why not refurnish your home? We have an ideal line of furniture to select from and can save you money on your bill.

The very fact that Styleplus Clothes at \$17 can be bought from Darsey's is an assurance of the values that can be found in our clothing line. Suits from \$8.90 and up.

You need a new hat for Christmas. Buy a Stetson. All styles.

We have a complete line of paints and varnishes. A little dab of paint might help the looks of your place. Try it.

We have the most complete line of builders and shelf hardware in the county. Let us figure your bill.

Darsey's store is as near as your phone or mail box. Try our prompt delivery service. Both 'phones.

Our line of staple and fancy groceries is always complete. We keep our stock fresh and sell only standard brands of merchandise.

For your Christmas fruit cake, come to Darsey's for the ingredients. We have everything, but the -----, you know.

Automobiling is quite a pleasurable fad these days, especially since we have established a regular line of high class accessories at our store. We carry a complete line of casings, inner tubes, spark plugs, patches, tire chains, etc. And if you take the service you get in consideration you get wonderful values for your money. Nothing handled except advertised guaranteed accessories. We sell gasoline cup grease, differential cup grease and oils.

Have you Christmas shopped yet?

CAN'T YOU DECIDE WHAT TO GIVE?

It is now less than three weeks until Christmas and still you do not know what to give? Put your worries away and hike straight to Darsey's where you can find gift selections galore. We will gladly help you plan what to give whether we have it or not. There are lots of new things at this store that just came in. We call attention to a few:

Red Star Embroidery Sets

We have just received a big shipment of these sets already stamped and made, ready to be embroidered. These articles make ideal Christmas gifts and a durable. Each package contains directions for making and is guaranteed to have enough embroidery thread to complete the article. These include:

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| Children's Dresses | Ladies' Gowns |
| Boys' Rompers | Ladies' Underwear |
| Baby's Dresses | Library Scarfs |
| Dresser Scarfs | Laundry Bags |
| Table Runners | Dresser Sets |

Little Things Men Like

There are many little articles the men folk like and perhaps you want to remember some friend with an expensive article at not too high a price. If so, our sets afford a big line to select from.

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| Men's Tie Sets | Men's Silk Hosiery | Cuff Sets |
| Men's Belts, Sterling Silver Buckles | Men's Dress Gloves | Tie Clasps |
| | Dainty Pocket Knives | Hose Supporters |

We have the sets already assorted or will take pleasure in assorting to please you. We want you to investigate.

Milady Is Appreciative

Whether she is your mother, sister or your friend, she will appreciate any article you give her. Why not make this Christmas more appreciative by giving something useful? We have an ideal line of articles pleasing to the ladies and list a few of them:

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| Manicure Sets | Aluminum Sets | Rugs and Art Squares |
| Sewing Machines | Ivory Articles, Separate or in sets | Silk Dresses |
| Embroidery Scissors | | Gasoline Irons |

There are many more. We can show them to you better than we can tell you about them. And the fact that we receive new goods daily, should spur you to come a looking often.

Boys' and Girls' Gifts

Here is the real place to make your giving useful. The gifts you give your children are often a help or a detriment to their health. Give them things that will make them stir about when the play, and thereby strengthen their minds and bodies. Old Santa Claus will have lots of things at this store in a few days that will make your children love the big out of doors. Children, write him to come to Darsey's and see if he can't find you something you will enjoy as well as useful. We have them. Come and see.

GENT'S OVERSHIRTS

We are in receipt of a big shipment of Men's Flannelette and Wool Overshirts in a big range of colors. Sizes 14 to 17, at each

65c to \$3.00

We can sell you Sweaters at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and up to \$3.00.

GEORGE E. DARSEY

GEO. E. DARSEY

LOCAL NEWS

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

Buy your heaters and stove pipe from Howard.

Fruits and candies at the Cash Grocery Co.

Nice line of hats just received at Howard's.

Don't forget that T. L. Brown can fix your watch or clock. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Rev. Frank E. Luker of Wills Point spent Tuesday in Grapeland with relatives.

The Cash Grocery Co. will carry a complete line of fire works.

Mrs. W. F. Murchison left Tuesday morning for Cuero to visit relatives.

If you want a good easy shoe, buy the "Barnyard Flexible." Sold at Howard's.

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

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

You can save money by buying your groceries from the Cash Grocery Co.

T. L. Brown's jewelry shop is located next door below F. & M. Bank. He can fix your watch or clock.

The Baptist Ladies still have on display at T. S. Kent's store a number of articles that will make nice Christmas presents.

FOR SALE

A two-year old Jersey bull. For price and terms see J. R. Taylor, Elkhart, Route 2.

Dr. D. B. McGee of Cameron spent several days here last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Davis.

Ben Keen, who is teaching school at Richards, came in Friday at noon and spent until Sunday with homefolks.

FOR SALE

A good young sorrel mare for sale. See me at the Goodson Hotel. Herman Beazley.

Mrs. J. B. Luker and son, who have been spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker, left Wednesday for Hemphill.

Prof. C. T. Sims returned Sunday morning from Ft. Worth, where he had been attending the state teachers' association. He reported a pleasant time. About 4,000 teachers were in attendance.

\$125.00 TO BE GIVEN AWAY

within the next 30 days, to anyone trading with J. J. Brooks, to the amount of \$10.00, will receive as a present one \$2.50 picture frame 28X27 inches.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Cure that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

Address: E. J. CRENNEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, etc.

For fruits and candies, nuts, etc., call at Howard's.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Foreman of Alto are visiting relatives in Grapeland this week.

We can fill your entire bill for your Christmas cooking. Cash Grocery Co.

Get an extra Christmas present by getting S. P. S. Green Coupons at McLean & Riall's.

NOTICE

No hunting will be allowed on my premises.

W. F. Murchison.

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

M. L. Clewis.

Charlie Holcomb, who is attending a business school in Tyler, spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with home folks.

Jack Murchison came home from Huntsville to spend the holidays. He is attending the school at the S. H. N. T.

FRUIT CAKES

That are guaranteed to be good. If not you can return them and get your money.

Cash Grocery Co.

NO HUNTING

I will not allow any hunting in my field. Please take notice.

E. W. DAVIS

Henry Hyman has purchased the interest of his partner, Mr. Bradbury, in the restaurant and bakery. Mr. Bradbury has gone to Houston.

Mrs. F. J. Morris and daughter, Miss Louise, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Edington, returned to their home in Tyler last Friday.

NOTICE

I have on hand at Kennedy Bros. store a few fine fruit trees. Come around and get what you need.

J. E. Hollingsworth.

R. T. Murchison, who lives out on the Crockett road, is placing material on the ground and making preparations to remodel his residence.

Mr. Rice Jones and Miss Bertha Pennington were married last Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schultz Jones, at Latexo, Rev. Hodges officiating. The Messenger joins their many friends in extending best wishes for a long and happy life.

There will be a box supper at Lone Pine Saturday night, Dec. 9. A cake for the prettiest girl, and cake walk and cake of soap for the ugliest boy. Fishing game for everyone. Everybody invited to attend and ladies bring boxes.

NOTICE

Strayed from my premises last Saturday two Poland China sow pigs six weeks old, marked underhack in each ear. Any information locating same will be highly appreciated.

J. E. Hollingsworth.

THE MINSTREL

The home talent minstrel and carnival staged by the Grapeland Music Club last Friday night at the auditorium was a decided success and made a hit with everybody. The street parade, consisting principally of decorated automobiles, presented a pretty sight and was viewed by hundreds as it moved thru the streets. The receipts at the door amounted to about \$85.

Local News

Notes From Rock Hill Community

Dec. 4.—Thanksgiving has come and passed and we think everyone had something to be thankful for, if they have thought about nearly every country on the globe except the United States being in war.

Our literary society met last Friday night with a good many visitors. We had a good program which was well rendered. The debate was, "Resolved, That the high price of cotton will prove a good thing for the United States." Each side was well represented, but the negative side won the decision.

There was a number of visitors at our school Thursday and Friday. We are always glad to have visitors at school for this leaves a good impression on the pupils.

Mr. W. F. Melton and family of Kennard, spent Friday and Saturday with relatives of this community.

Messrs. G. L. and C. R. Streetman spent Saturday with their father and family.

Mrs. R. M. Brooks is slow to regain her strength from her spell of typhoid fever.

Mr. George S. Kyle, who is going to school at Elkhart, spent Thanksgiving at home with his father and family.

Most all of the Streetman connection met at Mr. C. M. Streetman's Saturday and ate Thanksgiving dinner.

The Sunday School took a collection Sunday to buy literature for another quarter. We invite all the people of this and other communities to help make the Sunday School better.

We are going to have a box supper at this place Friday night before Christmas and will probably have a play with it. We welcome everybody to come and the girls to bring a box. The money raised will belong to the Y. L. S. C., and they will spend it to any advantage they see fit.

Rattler.

ENTERTAINED

Jack Spence Jr. entertained a number of his friends at his home Nov. 30, from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Those present were Zelder and Ida Mae Herod, Dimple Cromwell, Elizabeth Leaverton, Louise McCarty, Joe Wherry, Lorene Edington, Dorothy Clewis, Lois Murchison, and Rancher Bruton, Ernest Kennedy, Winfield Lively and Pete Jones.

They were assisted by various games and music by Miss Bess Boykin and Louise Morris of Tyler. Ernest Kennedy was awarded a box of candy in the contest. After this refreshments were served. They expressed themselves as having had a most enjoyable afternoon.

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GOODSON-DRISKELL

Mr. Willis Goodson and Miss Fannie Driskell, both popular young people of this city, were married Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. F. Lively, who performed the ceremony.

These young people have a host of friends, whom the Messenger joins in congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life.

Feedstuff and flour at the Cash Grocery Store.

Why Pay the Peddler or Canvasser Twice These Prices?

You can save a good deal of money by buying you stock tonic at this store, instead of paying the peddler; big fancy prices for goods of unknown quality. Look at these prices for that old reliable and guaranteed stock conditioner and worm expeller.

Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic

25c, 50c, \$1.00, \$1.25, Per Pail \$2.00

Remember that we have no peddler's wagon and horses' expenses to pay. That's why we can sell Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic at these rock bottom prices.

Here is another point Mr. Farmer. We want to emphasize, that Dr. Hess' Stock Tonic is highly concentrated, it goes farther as the small dose quantity proves. This tonic will put your animals in a thriving condition, make the ailing ones healthy and expel the worms. Otherwise your money back. We also carry Dr. Hess' Dip and Disinfectant, Dr. Hess' Pan-a-ce-a, Dr. Hess' Instant Louse Killer.

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

REMEMBER We Have the Goods and the Prices and Can Save You Money.

We Call Your Special Attention to Our

LADIES' HIGH TOP BOOTS

White and Black Kid

Which is the Latest Style and Also Give You the Very Best of Service.

If your boy needs a Suit, come in and look ours over. We can fit them and we are making a special price on all Men's and Boys' Suits.

Our stock of Groceries and Dry Goods is complete. We can fill your entire bill and don't forget that I am the Quality Man and that quality counts.

T. S. Kent

QUALITY IS THE THING

NO HUNTING

I take this method of informing the public that I will allow no hunting on my farm.

Geo. Calhoun.

NOTICE WOODMEN

All members of the Grapeland W. O. W. Lodge who are interested in a plan to erect a new W. O. W. Hall will please be present Saturday night, Dec. 9.

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

We will gin every Saturday up until Christmas, and if you have any cotton bring it in by that date.

Herod & Brooks,

A. B. Spence, Ginnors.

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

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at GrapeLand, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2-3c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

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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1 YEAR-----\$1.00
6 MONTHS----.50
3 MONTHS----.25

THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1916

To be a good man, live your best, help your neighbor and keep your subscription to the Messenger paid in advance.

Since state prohibition has become effective in West Virginia, the breweries have been turned into ice cream factories.

The year of 1916 is entering upon its last lap. How much better off are you today than when you began it twelve months ago?

All over the nation store managers are preparing for the biggest Christmas trade on record. Local merchants are also looking for increased business and most of those who have selected articles suitable for holiday giving will advertise them for your benefit in our Christmas edition, which will be issued next week.

The merchants of GrapeLand will carry complete stocks of Christmas goods and do not intend to "hold up" purchasers. We would advise that you read the ads of GrapeLand merchants closely during the next two weeks and you will know just where to go and about what you will have to pay for the gifts.

Fifty-nine cigar and tobacco dealers were indicted last week in Houston for selling tobacco to minors. This is one law that has not been enforced by the authorities, and there are many sales of tobacco and cigarettes made to minors in the small towns that have never been brought to the attention of the authorities.

WRITE TO SANTA CLAUS

The Messenger's little friends are requested to write Santa Claus a letter and send it in for publication. The only request we make is that the copy be in our hands by next Tuesday at noon so we can print all the letters in our Christmas edition, which will be published next week.

KILLING AT WECHES

Last Friday evening at Weches Luther Shaw, a young man, was shot and killed. A single barrel shot gun was used. Following the shooting Sam Gregg, another young man of the community, surrendered to the officers and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000. Self defense will be claimed.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

If it takes a wife to make some men reform, there are many who should be Mormons.

Mr. Hughes will resume his law practice in New York. Quite a drop from the presidency!

It is said that a man never knows anything about his neighbors until he gets a wife.

A politician upon being informed by the doctor that he was the father of triplets, exclaimed "impossible" and demanded a recount.

"Christmas Turkeys will come high this year," says a newspaper headline. Please inform us of something that doesn't come high this year.

Since the cost of living has reached such a high level, young ladies will no longer believe the old story used by young men about "two living as cheaply as one." A substitute is now needed.

The quail season opened last Friday and now we can listen to the sportsmen tell how many birds they killed they did not find. In the summer we hear the fish stories and how many fish were caught and got back into the water.

West Texas announces that the people of that country will engage in the manufacture of "Jack Rabbit Sausage." Of late we had formed the opinion that West Texas was becoming civilized, but alas, we now give up all hopes of such.

Since Congress is honored with Miss Rankin, the first Congresswoman to be elected in the United States, we may now expect to see great things accomplished by Jeff McLeMore, the bachelor Congressman from Houston.

Miss Addie Eaves left last Friday for Oakwood to arrange for a recital, which she will give in in the near future.

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.

CHRISTMAS

C for the Christ Child, so helpless, so sweet;
H for the Holly we lay at His feet.
R for the Riders three, seeking their lord,
I for the Incense with which they adored.
S for the Shepherds, who heard angels sing;
T for their Triumph in leading the King.
M for all men of peace and good will.
A for the Angels, whose songs the cave fill.
S for the Star which shone out on that night,
So radiant, so hopeful, so glorious, so bright.

The angel husband is to be made the wife's bargain clerk with a partner.

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

Peanuts are one of the chief crops of Madras, India. They bring about \$2.29 per hundred for export. This province has about 2,000,000 acres planted to peanuts.

A score of Swiss milkmaids will be brought to this country to attend a herd of 200 goats which will be put on a farm in Delaware, where Swiss cheese will be made.

After testing his 17 cows thru a cow-testing machine a Nebraska farmer sold seven and received more profit from the 10 remaining animals than he had formerly received from the whole herd.

The unharvested portion of the orange crop in South Texas will be a total loss, as the result of killing frosts in this region recently. The mercury dropped to 26. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

The population of the United States has increased by 24,000,000 people in the last 15 years, and the number of beef animals has decreased 6,000,000 and sheep 10,000,000, while hogs have increased only 11,000,000.

The department of agriculture has a staff of more than 16,000 people devoting their whole time to the improvement of agriculture, the investigation of marketing problems, and the enforcement of federal laws.

For the purpose of considering a cooperative plan of marketing the fruit products of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, the governors of those states have appointed advisory boards composed of three members to represent each state.—Farm & Ranch.

TICK ERADICATION

Realizing full well the enormous loss to stockmen in East Texas due to the ravages of the cattle tick, the United States government has placed a large force of men in South and East Texas for the purpose of furthering the work of extermination of this pest. The dipping vat is the main solution of the problem, and the government agents will confer with the commissioners of sixty-seven counties and ask for the appointment of inspectors to aid in the tick eradication campaign. The district assigned to this force is all of the territory south of the International & Great Northern Railroad to Palestine, and to the northern boundary of Houston, Angelina, San Augustine and Sabine counties. Another government force with headquarters at Ft. Worth has all the rest of the state. The force in the southern part of the state is starting at the coast and working north. It is expected that within two years' time all of this territory will be clean.—Lufkin News.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

Ben Adams, a colored youth of Augusta was arrested Saturday and placed in the county jail at Crockett, charged with forging the name of Henry Newman to three checks on a local bank.

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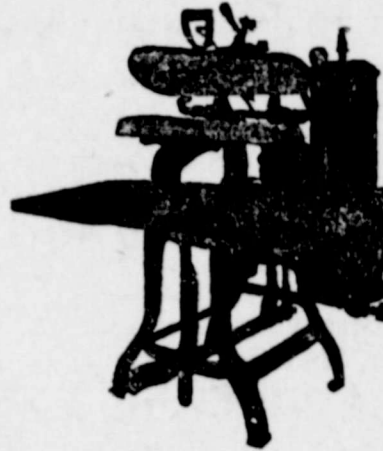
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TEXAS NEWS

Texas jackrabbits are now plentiful on Texas markets.

A negro was hanged at Clarksville by a mob last week.

The new Masonic Temple was dedicated at Lufkin last week.

The soldiers at Fort Crockett, at Galveston, are practicing digging trenches.

One of the biggest fertilizer plants in the South is to be erected on the ship channel at Houston.

Cotton sales in Houston for November aggregate 99,000 bales and brought nearly \$10,000,000.

According to a report filed at Austin, the cotton insuring concerns are losing money in the business.

The Southern Pacific dock workers' union at Galveston has demanded an increase of 10 per cent in wages.

Bank clearances for Houston during November were \$60,561,993, exceeding the same month for 1915 by \$10,000,000.

The men accused of planning to form a republic of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado will probably be tried in Brownsville soon.

About thirty carloads of lumber has arrived at Port O'Connor to be used for buildings on the Epworth League camp grounds at that place.

Contracts for the \$100,000 auditorium and \$75,000 experiment station administration building for the A. and M. College have been let by the board of directors.

A factory is to be erected in West Texas where jackrabbit sausage will be made, according to a letter received by the commissioner of agriculture at Austin this week.

Texas plants 20,000 square miles of cotton in a good year. The possibilities are she will soon plant 50,000 or 60,000 square miles and still have plenty of land left to raise all the other crops she can consume and much for export.

The citizens of Wichita Falls raised in less than one week over \$100,000 for the purpose of exploring the country for another field of natural gas, as their present supply has proven unequal to the task of supplying all their factories and domestic consumption, too.

The total value of the standing yellow pine in Texas is said to be \$100,000,000, which is an increase of \$100,000,000 since 1900. These figures give little consolation to the pessimist, who asserts that the lumber in Texas forests will be exhausted in the next twenty years.

The season is now at hand when transplanting of young Bermuda onions from the seedbeds in which the seed germinated, into the open field, where maturity will in time follow. Many farmers contiguous to Laredo have been busy at this work since the cold spell.

To safeguard Galveston against possible attack by hostile aircraft, balloons or aeroplanes in time of war, anti-aircraft cannon are to be distributed throughout the city. Major Spinks, commander of the artillery post, says that plans for this work have about been perfected.

Dr. W. A. Davis, secretary of the state board of health, has announced that Mill county has been selected for the study of rural sanitation by the federal government, acting in concert with the Texas board of health. The campaign is to deal with typhoid fever, dysentery and hookworm.

Members of the National Mobile Growers' Association from six states will meet in Galveston December 11 in annual convention. States represented in the national association include Texas, Oregon, Arizona, California, Kansas and New Mexico. Texas is one of the biggest producers of Mohair of the United States.

A tin box left at the Texas (Texas) National Bank by the late John L. Hutch was opened by attorneys representing the heirs, and a claimant, in the presence of bank officials and the temporary administrator of the estate. The box was found to contain vendor's lien notes worth \$43,000, and notations of cash in bank amounting to \$40,000. Mr. Hutch willed his property to the city of Youngburg for a hospital and to the children of a brother residing in New York.



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A unique suit was filed in the twenty-sixth district court of Travis county recently in the name of the state against C. F. Kerr et al to recover 1345 acres lying in a long strip in Lamb and Castro counties immediately east of the capitol syndicate lands, the state contending that it is vacant land. It was sold by a Kansas City promoter to thirty buyers, who live in remote parts of the country, and two of them in England. Because of the widely scattered residences of the defendants it may be difficult for the state to get service on all.

Wireless Waves Bother Birds.
Wireless telegraphy has done much for us, and probably—or rather, surely will—do a great deal more for the benefit of humanity at large. But, if they could speak, many birds would probably tell you that they don't approve of this new invention to the least. For in the parts of the world where there are a large number of wireless stations observations have been made which seem to indicate that birds are disturbed in a very curious way by the wireless waves. The offending culprit is one of the chief sufferers, as also is the harmless dove. This strange state of things is attributed to some way to an effect of the ether waves, though how it is brought about is not yet understood.

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