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SHOES

DRY GOODS

GROCERIES

It will pay you to call on us if you need anything in these lines.

Prices and Quality Just Can't Be Beat

W. R. WHERRY

At the Bargain Store

Telephone 37

Thrift Stamps and War Saving Certificates are now on sale at the postoffice. Postmaster Leaverton will be glad to supply you with any information you may desire concerning this easy way of lending money to the government in sums from 25c up. If you did not feel able to pay fifty dollars for a Liberty

Bond, you can surely buy a war Savings Certificate for \$4.12. They mature in January, 1923 and will be redeemed for \$5.00.

I am at the Grapeland Hotel ready to serve you as a dentist. All work done in the best way possible. Teeth extracted without pain. C. L. MOORE, D. D. S. Office in Grapeland Hotel.

Hurry Up

Don't wait until the last few days to make your Christmas Purchases

Every department of our store is overflowing with seasonable merchandise and suitable gifts. We invite you to come in and inspect our stock before you make your purchases. It will be to your interest. As a special inducement we are going to give 10 per cent discount, off the regular selling price of all merchandise listed in this advertisement.

Men's and Boys' Suits
Sweater Coats for men; women and children
Rain Coats for men, women and children
Hats for men and boys, the latest styles
Art Squares, Rugs, Brolino Rugs.
Kitchen Cabinets, Safes, Dining Tables,
Dining Chairs, Iron Beds, Rockers.

We have just received a shipment of Remington and Winchester Shot Guns, the latest models, that we are going to sell at 10 per cent discount. Now is your chance to get a good gun.

A few good Cook Stoves, going at 10 per cent discount.

Remember our grocery stock is complete. We can fill your entire bill. Car of Flour Shorts and Wheat Bran due to arrive this week.

We Buy COTTON and all Kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE

W. H. LONG & CO.

LOUIS CHAPMAN KILLED

Ed Edge Arrested and Placed Under \$1000 Bond to Await Action of the Grand Jury

Louis Chapman was shot and instantly killed late last Thursday afternoon, about three miles from town out on the Augusta road, near Sun Set church. The weapon used was a shot gun loaded with buckshot. Ed Edge, a prominent farmer and citizen of that community, has been arrested and placed under a \$1000 bond to await the action of the grand jury. After the shooting, Mr. Edge came to town and gave himself up to the officers. Esq. John A. Davis went out and held the inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

Mr. Chapman was a married man about 25 years old, and is survived by his wife and two children.

The cause of the killing is said to have been family trouble.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends, patrons and the general public that I will have with me again, for one day only, Saturday, December 15th, Dr. G. Ward Sheller. Dr. Sheller needs no introduction in this section as many good people of Grapeland, Crockett, this county and East Texas have been using glasses fitted by him for years with best results. Remember the date, December 15th only, come early and have your eyes fitted. D. N. LEAVERTON, Grapeland, Texas.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express through this medium our heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends who by their many acts of kindness during the illness and at the time of the death and burial of our beloved husband and father, made lighter the burden that was given us to bear. Their kindness was more than appreciated and the memory of it will live forever in our hearts.

MRS. J. M. JOHNSTON
AND CHILDREN.

The remains of the 12-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester Brooks were brought here for interment Tuesday and buried in the City Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Durnell. Rev. Brooks, who lives in Arkansas, was holding a meeting in South Texas, when the little girl was stricken with pneumonia. He and his wife have the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement.

The operetta to be given at the Auditorium Saturday night by the Music Club will devote half the proceeds to the Red Cross. A good entertainment is promised and all are extended a cordial invitation to attend. Admission 25c and 35c.

Rev. B. C. Ansley returned Friday from Brownsboro, where he spent a few days visiting relatives. He was accompanied home by his grand-daughter, little Miss Verna Jackson.

Judge Porter Newman, of Durant, Oklahoma, with his wife and baby, spent last week at the old home in Augusta. The judge paid the Courier a visit Saturday and took occasion to remark on the growth and improvement of the town. However he expects to see greater improvements in our roads, streets and sidewalks the next time he comes.—Crockett Courier.

NOTICE

We will gin Saturday, December 15 and Saturday, December 22, after which our gin will be closed for the season.

HEROD & BROOKS.

Rev. N. L. Hoopingarner, the pastor of the Christian church, will preach Sunday at 11 a. m. and again at night. Services will be held each first and third Sundays, and the public is invited to attend all services. Sunday School every morning at 10 a. m.

FOR SALE

I have for sale on easy terms three good, gentle work horses and one good mule. See me if you are in the market.

J. E. HOLLINGSWORTH.

FOR SALE

250 acres of good land for sale; 150 acres in cultivation, on good road, all under good fence; plenty of water; will sell part or all on easy terms. I have 75 acres of good land for rent.

FORD NEWMAN,
Grapeland, Texas,
Rural Route No. 3.

NOTICE TO FRUIT GROWERS

Friday and Saturday, December 14th and 15th I will have at Kennedy Bros.' store a line of fine fruit trees. Best varieties. Come and get what you want.

Respectfully,

J. E. HOLLINGSWORTH.

STRAYED

One red, thin mooley bull strayed from my place last Tuesday night. A liberal reward will be paid for his return.

J. W. HOWARD.

If you have no appetite for your meals, something is wrong in your digestive organs. Take a dose or two of Prickly Ash Bitters. It cleanses the stomach, liver and bowels, creates appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Christmas Time

Christmas time is near and everyone is getting the Yuletide spirit. Have you?

You will find our store full of useful gifts for the grown-ups and toys for the little fellows---All kinds of Fruits and Candies, fire-works and everything to make Christmas jolly.

Shop early. Come in as soon as you can and select your presents because the final rush will find most stocks short.

Remember we keep a Staple and Fancy line of Groceries which are sure to be needed for the Christmas cooking.

Let us Serve You with what You Want and You Will Save Money

WE BUY COTTON

McLean & Riall

The Home of Dependable Merchandise

NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF HOUSTON }

On this the 17th day of November, A. D. 1917, the commissioners' court of Houston county, Texas, being in regular session, came on to be considered the petition of T. H. Leaverton and more than fifty other persons praying that bonds be issued by the territory hereinafter described and designated as Road District No. Six of Houston county, Texas, in the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars, bearing five per cent rate of interest, and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from that date for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof; and it appearing to the court that said petition is signed by more than fifty of the resident property tax paying voters of said Road District Number Six, and that the amount of said bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, which is hereby designated and created as such Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, and which is described by field notes as follows:

BEGINNING on south boundary line of lower H. Oreder survey where the same crosses I. & G. N. R. R. Thence north 75 east with the south boundary line of said H. Oreder survey 1650 varas, stake for corner, also H. F. Kirkpatrick southwest corner. Thence north 75 east with Kirkpatrick's south boundary line 1340 varas to his southeast corner, also J. C. Donegan's southwest corner. Thence east 370 varas intersects J. H. Box's west boundary line. Thence north with the Box line 393 varas to his northwest corner. Thence east with Box's north boundary line 4300 varas to E. T. Allen's southeast corner. Thence north 1850 varas with line of E. T. Allen's and R. A. Gilmore survey to the northeast corner of the said Gilmore survey on the south boundary line of the R. Webb survey. Thence east with Webb's south boundary line 850 varas to his southeast corner. Thence north with Webb's east boundary line 630 varas to his northeast corner on Stephen Bennett's south boundary line. Thence east with Bennett's south boundary line 1310 varas to his southeast corner. Thence north with Bennett's east boundary line 3406 varas, corner on E. Gossett's south boundary line. Thence west 40 varas to E. Gossett's southwest corner. Thence north with E. Gossett's west boundary line 1344 varas to Stephen Rogers' southeast corner. Thence north with Stephen Rogers' east boundary line 3622 varas to Rogers' corner on J. M. Percilla's south boundary line 3300 varas, Percilla's southeast corner. Thence north with Percilla's east boundary line 5800 varas to his northeast corner. Thence west with Percilla's north boundary line 850 varas to John Durst's southwest corner. Thence north with Durst's west boundary line 2500 varas stake in the Anderson and Houston county line. Thence South 80 degrees 50 minutes west with said Houston and Anderson counties' line 12,750 varas to stake in the center of I. & G. N. R. R. Thence southward with the center of said railroad to

place of beginning.

It is therefore considered and ordered by the court that an election be held in said Road District Number Six in Houston county, Texas, on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1917, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, to determine whether or not the bonds of said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, shall be issued in the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars bearing five per cent rate of interest and maturing at such times as may be fixed by the orders of this court, serially or otherwise, not to exceed thirty years from their date, and whether or not a tax shall be levied upon the property of said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity. Notice of said election shall be given by publication in a newspaper published in said county for four consecutive weeks before the date of said election, and in addition thereto there shall be posted notices of such election at three public places in said Road District Number Six for three weeks prior to said election. Said election shall be held at the regular voting box at Grapeland Box No. One, which said voting box is situated in said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, viz: J. E. Hollingsworth and E. W. Davis. Said election shall be held under the provisions of Road District Act passed at the first called session of the 31st Legislature, and under the road district act passed by the regular session of the 35th Legislature, and only qualified voters who are property tax payers of said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, shall be allowed to vote, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor," and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "Against the issuance of the bonds and the levying of the tax in payment therefor." The manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the laws of the State governing general elections, and copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said county shall serve as a proper notice of said election and the County Judge is directed to cause said notices to be published in a newspaper published in said Houston county or in said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, if there be a newspaper published therein, for four successive weeks next preceding said election, and cause to be posted a notice thereof at three public places in said Road District Number Six of Houston county, Texas, for three weeks prior to said election.

E. WINFREE,
County Judge, Houston County,
Texas.

Why wear shabby clothes when for just a few cents you can keep them looking new? Consult Clewis—your tailor—about it today.

Bring us your Butter and Hides. Highest prices paid.
CITY MEAT MARKET.

OLDEST CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

Decorating Houses, Churches and Streets With Evergreen Popular Since Dawn of History.

PERHAPS the very oldest of all Christmas customs is that of decorating our houses, churches and streets with evergreens. At the very dawn of history began the worship of the trees, or forest worship, and the groves were man's first temples.

All our instincts, our passion about nature, are forest memories, for forest worship was universal.

In later times to each god some tree was dedicated: Apollo had the laurel, Jupiter the oak, and Greece for ages had its sacred groves.

The forest worshippers could not worship without giving, because to worship is to give, and these boughs and garlands were the oldest gifts of man. Before he had learned to shape offerings of his own rude skill he could bring to the sacred trees and hang up on them the first flowers and greenery of spring and the perfect fruits of autumn.

These gifts, remember, were never, as with us, decorations; they were sacrifices.

The Romans, with a fine eye for beauty, used to garland their temples and homes and gathering places and even the big Coliseum with boughs of green and ropes of flowers. This particular custom was received by the Christians with a special sort of approval, recalling, as it did, the fact that our Lord entered Jerusalem amid the strewn branches of the multitude.

We must not forget the welcome and lovely mistletoe and holly. Indeed, Christmas without them would not, with us, seem quite complete.

Mistletoe was for ages regarded as sacred by the old British pagans—the Druids—and was surrounded with great mystery and sentiment, little understood by us.

It was supposed to possess healing powers and that it could ward off evil spirits. The reverence paid to this little parasite seems to have been restricted to it, only, when it was found growing on the sacred oak trees in the Druids' groves.

Once every year the Druid high priest cut it with a golden sickle, blessed it and distributed the sprays among the people, praying aloud that each one who received it might receive divine blessings, of which it was the symbol. Having received the sprays, the people hung them above the doors to propitiate the gods during the year.

The only remaining significance attached today to the mistletoe is the idea that if a maiden is not kissed under it on Christmas day she will go unwed throughout the year. This idea goes so far back into the past that one cannot trace it.

It is because the mistletoe is rare and not easy to get that we found and brought forward the holly, which, though lovely, is used only as a substitute for the mistletoe.—New York World.

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone No. is 73. Phone when you want work.



D. N. Leaverton
Leading Druggist



Advantages of

Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

FOR SALE CHEAP

One hundred and sixty acres, dark, tight, sandy land, unimproved, lying 14 miles southwest of Crockett and 8 miles west of Lovelady, in Houston County on good public road, R. F. D. mail route and phone line. In excellent white community, and in sight of large school where three teachers are employed, and right near church, store and mill and gin. On this land is a lasting spring of excellent water, a beautiful fish pond and a pretty building site. Timbered with Red Oak, Post Oak, Elm, Ash, Dog-wood, Black Haw, Etc. This land, which is almost surrounded by good farms, would improve nicely, and make a very desirable home. It is clear of debt and has good title. Any reasonable terms. See or write,

J. D. Du PUY, Owner
PALESTINE, TEXAS P. O. BOX 427

A Cold in the Chest clogs the lungs and air passages and becomes serious if neglected; besides it makes you feel bad. To get rid of the misery, take

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It is a Fine Relieving Remedy

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

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

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

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years

MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?

T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

You have not read all the news until you have read the advertisements.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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

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

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR-----\$1.50
6 MONTHS---.75
3 MONTHS---.40

THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 1917

JOIN THE RED CROSS

The American Red Cross is offering everyone, rich and poor alike, a chance to contribute personally to the Christmas spirit of the enlightened world. At such an anomalous, season, when there is not peace on earth, when good will toward men is mocked by death-dealing canon and blood-stained steel—what could be more blessed than to comfort and cheer the suffering thousands of Liberty's defenders in the hospitals behind the battle lines?

To relieve the suffering of the wounded and to salvage battered human wrecks is the primary function of the Red Cross. Let us not forget that very soon our boys in large numbers will be carried in Red Cross ambulances to Red Cross hospitals, there to receive every care scientific Red Cross methods afford.

Where a few millions will start for "over there," many more millions must remain at home. To these latter the Red Cross, in its drive for 10,000,000 new members between December 16 and December 25, offers the best form of stay-at-home service—membership in and co operation with the Red Cross. It urges that you join the Red Cross, and then influence others to join by displaying from your home, your office, or your factory the Red Cross service flag which bears one small red cross for each member where the flag is displayed.

Isn't it worth a dollar that you are privileged to fly the service

flag and that you are helping—even in a small way—to lessen the agony of the boys in the trenches?

Join the Red Cross. The local Chapter will be glad to have you as a member.

Christmas comes but once a year, to make our pocketbooks feel queer.

This is the time of year when everybody is looking for something new in stockings.

Mr. Herbert Hoover has lost the kid vote. He warns them against eating between meals.

The American dollar is said to be worth \$1.30 in China. Over here it's worth about 30c.

Is "bolshewiki" a disease? The Russians seem to be peculiarly affected.

If a man asks his wife how to save money, nine times out of ten she'll tell him to quit smoking.

These meatless days are nothing new. Railroad lunch rooms have been serving meatless sandwiches for many years.

Any GrapeLand man who has gone through tire trouble can tell you what is meant by putting your shoulder to the wheel.

Our idea of supreme happiness would be to have an invitation from Mr. Andrew Carnegie to help him attain his wish to die poor.

Summing it all up and looking at it from an unbiased viewpoint, whiskers and devilment appear to be the chief crops in Russia.

Farmers are requested by the government to keep a close look out for pink boot worms and report suspicious signs immediately to the county agent.

The year 1917 is passing into history as not only the year in which record-breaking crops were harvested, but one in which grew the greatest crop of un-American rumors.

The pig and cow in conjunction make a great pair. As co operators they are a great success. Harnessed together they would not make a stylish team, but they can nevertheless pull the farmer toward prosperity at a very gratifying pace.

PATRIOTISM IN FARM HOMES

While the outlook for the termination of the war is brighter than it was a short time ago the end is not in sight. Russia is struggling with revolution. The Italian front at this writing is still threatened but recent reports indicate that the advance of the enemy had been checked. The French and English armies are pushing the enemy slowly but surely. Winter will soon be here and there can be no great movements of armies in the colder portions of Europe.

Every American should deeply sympathize with those who are responsible for our part in the defense of democracy. Our allies need more men, as well as money and munitions and no matter how anxious we are to render assistance we must not risk sending our boys till properly trained and equipped. Our military authorities have reasoned carefully and we may trust



We Sell 'em Because they are Best

PETERS Diamond Brand Shoes

Are Honestly Made of Solid Leather Throughout

We have just received a big shipment of **Peters Shoes** and can fit the whole family in SOLID LEATHER SHOES. You take no chance when you buy from us.

Come to us for Shoes

You will find us headquarters for the season's BEST STYLES



The Best for the Price no Matter

What the Price May Be

For we have a "Diamond Brand" Shoe for every use, a Price for every Purse

Murray & Mangum

East Side Between Kent and Long



them to lead our forces and sustain our defense against a cruel and merciless enemy.

These are times that try men's patriotism and loyalty. The country must be heartily sustained by its citizens as well as soldiers. Our farm homes must be temples of patriotism and loyalty. Those who produce the food and the feed to sustain the country must share the responsibilities of war and support their leaders who are doing their best for freedom and liberty which are now being assailed.

Kindness and sympathy will do much to assist our leaders. The soldiers can be no braver nor more honorable in battle than we who sustain them and make it possible for them to sacrifice. The war must be won if at all, by sacrifice.—Farm & Ranch.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

Do you fully realize what the community in which you live means to you individually?

You hear of wonderful commercial, social, educational and religious advantages, of fine stores, beautiful parks and good roads in other localities, all of which mean but little or nothing to you compared to advantages and conveniences offered you at home. You are affected only by prevailing conditions in your community where you are benefited by advantages and must suffer for lack of them.

Everyone is more or less proud of the community in which he or she lives, and justly so. However, to me, the height of inconsistency is personified in people who pretend to be deeply interested in local conditions, and at the same time deliberately do those things that tend to retard the development of their home communities.

Those people who proudly boast of the advantages offered by their home towns, as desirable in which to live, and then refuse to extend local merchants

their patronage, are as ridiculous as the restaurant proprietor who eats "out".—Farm and Ranch.

When your digestion is poor, when your bowels are costive, when your breath is bad, when your stomach is sick or disordered, and you feel languid and low spirited, Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy you need. It cleanses the vital organs, purifies the bowels, and imparts a fine feeling of strength, vigor and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

A VICIOUS RUMOR

Among the many absurd and vicious rumors put into circulation these days, probably thru pro-German influences, is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks. The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face. These rumors are wholly without foundation and probably circulated for an evil purpose. The government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks.—From a statement of Secretary McAdoo.

The food administration has seized 16,000 tons of sugar which was held in New York.

You'll Find It Worth Your While to Look Over Our Holiday Line

D. N. Leaverton
Leading Druggist

We Have Appropriate Gifts for Young and Old

D. N. Leaverton
Leading Druggist

John Spence
Lawyer
Crockett, : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

WHEN YOUR BACK ACHES

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

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

IT IS A POWERFUL KIDNEY REMEDY

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

Sold by Dealers in Medicine.

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

Sold by Wade L. Smith

\$5 IN GOLD FREE!

We will pay \$5 in gold to the man, woman, boy or girl who makes the most complete list of useful Christmas gifts to be found at our store. This offer is open to all who are willing to devote a few minutes time in listing the many things that we have in stock that would make suitable Christmas gifts. The following rule is to be observed in awarding the gold:

Each participant in this contest must arrange his or her list of gifts as neatly as possible, making separate lists for men, for women, for boys and for girls. All lists must be in lot later than Monday evening. Lists received from rural patrons in Monday's mail will be counted. Get into this right now. Start your list and as you think of the many things we have write them down. If you don't win you'll enjoy the fun. Winning list will be published next week.

Useful Christmas Gifts



Handkerchiefs

Whether given singly or by the box, handkerchiefs always afford a great deal of pleasure to the recipient. And we have handkerchiefs here for most every need. Our assortment includes all kinds for men, women and children and the price is each 5c to.....\$1.00

- Silk Handkerchiefs
- Linen Handkerchiefs
- Cambric Handkerchiefs
- Linen Handkerchiefs

We also have a pretty assortment of—

Silk Scarfs, Knit Scarfs, Table and Dresser Sets, Knit Headwear and Sweaters.

Holiday Hosiery

We have a most complete line of silk and cotton hosiery for men and ladies as well as the best line of children's hose in America. Our lines of cotton hosiery are neatly packed one-half dozen to the box and come in a pleasing array of colors.

The silk and fancy hose are packed 3 pairs to the box and offer a variety of plain and fancy colors.

- Children's good stockings 25c and.....35c
- Men's good socks 35c to...\$1.00
- Ladies' good cotton hose 25c to.....50c
- Ladies silk hose 35c, 50c, 65c and up to.....\$1.75



Jewelry Novelties

Our suggestions include a few useful trinkets in the jewelry line at popular prices.

For Men and Boys

- Cuff Links
- Tie Sets
- Gold Knives
- Gold Chains
- Waldemars
- Collar Pins
- Collar Buttons
- Scarf Sets, etc

For Women and Girls

- La Vallieres
- Dinner Ring
- Ear Screws
- Waist Pin Sets
- Locketts and Chains
- Collar Pin Sets
- Brooches
- Friendship Bracelets
- Novelty Pins

Our Ivory Assortment Includes

- Shoe Horns
- Button Hooks
- Powder Boxes
- Hair Receivers
- Mirrors
- Combs
- Brushes
- Trays
- Sets
- Card Boxes
- Jewelry Boxes
- and numerous other articles

Washable Kid Gloves

No gift is so pleasing or so serviceable than a good pair of kid gloves, and in spite of the scarcity of this merchandise, we have just received a complete line of sizes in various colors in Men's and Women's Washable Kid Gloves.

FOR LADIES these gloves come in black, white, gray, and black and white combinations at.....\$2.50

FOR MEN we have them lined and unlined at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.75 and.....\$3.00

We also have a complete assortment of knit gloves, work gloves and boys gloves.

Automobile Gauntlets for Men and Women



Perfecto Silk Shirts

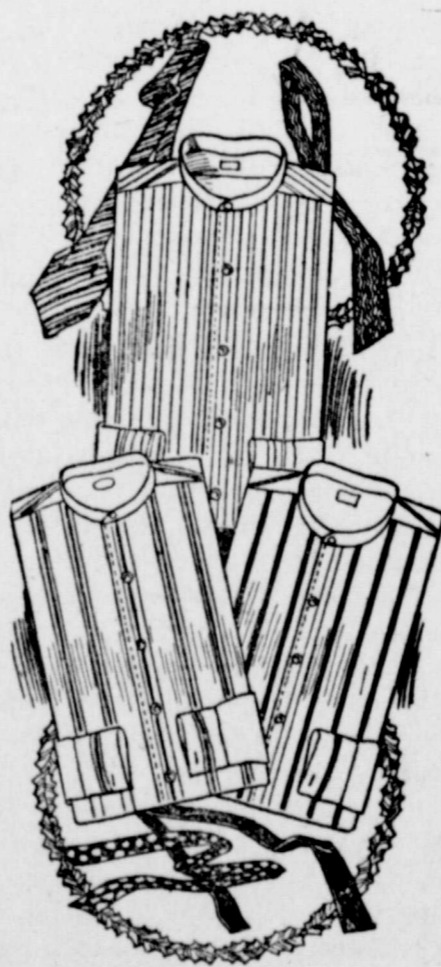
The Newest Ideas are being shown here in a beautiful assortment of the ever popular silk shirts in Pussywillow and heavy crepe materials. The colorings offer a striking array of flashy as well as the more conservative patterns.

Each shirt is packed in a beautiful purple box, ready for your Christmas card, and the size range is complete. Prices are \$5 to.....\$7.50

We have a beautiful line of cotton shirts at 75c and up.

NEW TIES are here and you have your choice of a dozen kinds of holiday boxes.

We also suggest—
Paris Garters
Leather Belts
and Suspenders



George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

LOCAL NEWS

The colored people have purchased a bell for their church.

"It's just like Dad's," will be if your boy's gun comes from Darsey's

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price.

Granulated and Yellow Clarified Sugar at Darsey's. One dollar's worth to each customer.

FOR SALE

A pair of buggy shafts. See C. C. HILL.

Just Eleven more days until Christmas. Buy your gifts from Darsey's and have them delivered Christmas eve.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay.

J. W. HOWARD.

PURE WHITE GRANULATED SUGAR—10 pounds for \$1.00 at Darsey's—Limit, one dollar's worth to each customer.

B. L. Wood and family left Saturday night for Teneha, where they will reside in future.

"That's just what I wanted" is the reward you will get if your gift selections came from Darsey's.

Jim McLean returned Sunday night from his annual deer hunt in Southwest Texas, being in a party of Houston sportsmen. They succeeded in bagging two deers.

11 POUNDS YELLOW CLARIFIED SUGAR FOR \$1.00 at Darsey's. One-dollar's worth to each customer.

Homer Jones and his sister, Mrs. Chas. Royall, returned Sunday night from Hamlin where they had been visiting relatives for several days.

YELLOW CLARIFIED SUGAR—11 pounds for \$1.00 at Darsey's. Only one dollar's worth to each customer.

Attend the operatta at the Auditorium Saturday night. One half of the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross. Admission 25c and 35c.

Thinking of getting married? Get her a cedar Chest for Christmas and you won't have to buy it later. C? Ask Darsey.

Mrs. Ray Weiss and two children, of Chicago, who have been visiting relatives here, returned home Monday.

SHAKESPEARE:—"A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse!" to ride to Darsey's to buy useful Christmas gifts.

CHRISTMAS TURKEYS

The Big Bronze kind—20c per pound. MRS. W. T. PRIDGEN. It R. F. D. No. 3.

Rev. A.O Riall has been forced to resign his school at Cold Springs on account of ill health. Mrs. Riall and son went to Cold Springs last Thursday to accompany him home.

STRAY MULE

Taken up at my place six miles from town on the Crockett and Palestine road. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this notice and feed.

41-2t MRS. M. H. SALMON.

SOMETHING SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE

The Christmas Spirit is all about us and we join in the gladsome greeting, "Here's hoping that the Season brings to all the best of everything in the way of Christmas presents."

We have something suitable for every member of the family, big, little, old and young; Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart, Husband, Wife or Friend. If you haven't decided what to give come to Santa Claus' headquarters and permit us to suggest something.

If it is anything in the Jewelry Line We Have It.

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH



OUR BIG CHRISTMAS SALE BEGINS TODAY!

Our house is overloaded with all kinds of Christmas TOYS for the little ones and many useful gifts for every member of the family. From now until Christmas we are going make

Extra Low Prices

on our entire line of Christmas goods

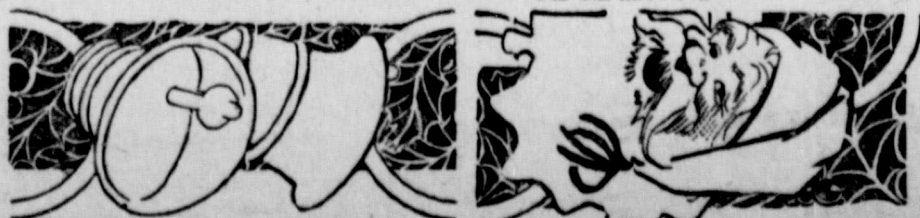
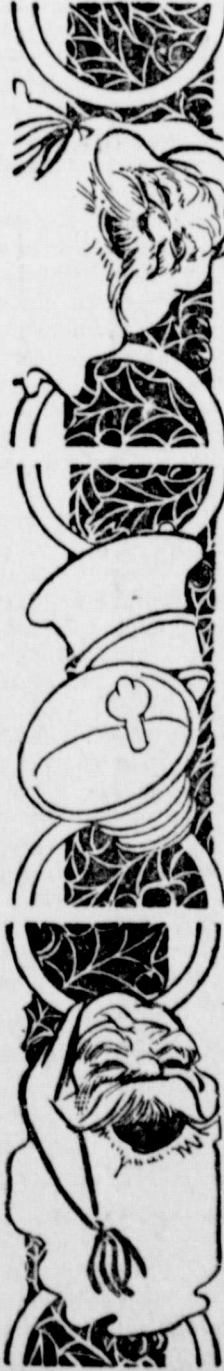
- Iron Beds
- Rocking Chairs
- Boys' Rifles
- Kitchen Cabinets
- Springs
- Shot Guns
- Boys' Saddles
- Rugs
- Sewing Machines

Do Your Christmas Buying Early

Come and bring the little ones and let them see what an enormous stock of Christmas Goods old SANTA CLAUS has left with us.

KEELAND BROS.

The Price is the Thing



SPECIAL NOTICE

To my friends and the general Public:

I will be in Crockett again at the Bishop Drug Cos., Friday, December 14th, one day only; in Grapeland at D. N. Leaverton's Drug Store Saturday, December, 15th, one day only. Eyes examined, glasses fitted at same old reasonable prices. Are you enjoying reading these long winter nights as you should, and keeping up with what "THE BOYS" are doing "over yonder?" Don't put off having your eyes examined or wear your old glasses too long. Come early as you can.

41-2t G. WARD SHELPER, Optometrist.

If you would have just a little better quality and added flavor to your holiday eats, you should use our fresh groceries. A big lot of fruits, nuts, spices and cookeries at Darsey's.

J. H. BOWMAN WILL PAY CASH

- For Hens, per pound.....15c
- For Fryers, per pound.....17c
- For Turkeys, per pound....15c
- For Butter, per pound.....30c
- For Eggs, per dozen.....42 1-2c

LIVE STOCK DEALERS

We buy and sell Hogs, Cattle, Horses and Mules. See us if you want to either buy or sell livestock. It will be to your interest to do so.

DANIEL & SULLIVAN.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo,

Lucas County, ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Don't forget we are headquarters for Men's and Boys' Clothing

Nothing neater or better fitting than "Shield Brand" Clothes for men and "Dixie Boy" Suits for Boys.

The weather the past few days is a reminder that everyone needs Underwear; we can still fit you out in the famous Haynes suits at reasonable cost.

We have a good overall at \$1.35 and Scotts Level Best than which there is no better overall made.

A complete line of Shoes that is giving complete satisfaction to our customers. You, too, will be pleased with them if you try them. They are moderately priced.

- GINGHAMS—A nice line at per yard.....14c
- PERCALES—Nice patterns at per yard.....11c

These prices cannot hold long

GROCERIES—This department is always complete and we take pleasure in filling orders. Car of flour to arrive this week, fancy patent, just the flour for Xmas baking. Good Ribbon Cane Syrup in 5 and 10 gallon kegs and 50 gallon barrels. Give us a call.

Remember, Quality is the thing.

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

RED CROSS DRIVE FOR MEMBERS TO COMMENCE DEC. 17

ENROLLMENT OF 15,000,000 BY
CHRISTMAS EVE IS THE
GOAL SET.

SOUTHWEST QUOTA 2,000,000

Every Person With Red Blood in His
Veins, Who is Not Already a
Member, Will Join
by Dec. 25.

"Make it a Red Cross Christmas!"
This is the slogan of the Southwestern division of the great American Red Cross, which will begin a drive Monday, Dec. 17, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

A similar drive is to be made at the same time in the other 12 divisions of the Red Cross throughout the United States. The Red Cross has 5,000,000 members at the present time. Fifteen million members by Christmas Eve is the goal of this wonderful organization.

Outside of the army and the navy the Red Cross is the most important instrument for winning the war. Facts and figures dictate this statement and not sentiment.

Much has been said and written regarding the sentimental side of the Red Cross and too little has been said and written of the actual work which the Red Cross does. As a matter of fact, the Red Cross is nothing more than God's own instrument for making the world safe for democracy. All of the armies and all of the navies of all the allied countries would be impotent unless back of them there was a Big Something making for the morale which is the backbone of every fighting machine.

Morale Makes an Army.

Every soldier and every sailor must know that his country is backing him up with something more than munitions and a uniform; he must know that the spirit of the country is behind him, that its humanity is reaching out to him and reaching out to his, that the All-Seeing, All-Powerful One, the Big Director of Humanity, is going to take care of him and take care of his family while he is fighting.

Morale and munitions win wars. The Red Cross is morale with a big M, and without the Red Cross there could be no such thing as morale.

A few facts covering a few of the activities of the Red Cross since the United States went into the big war is sufficient proof of all these statements. No man with red blood in his veins can read these facts and then refuse to become a member of the Red Cross, unless he already is a member.

Because of the enormity of the task and because of the fact the United States was unprepared for war, the War Department has been slow in getting supplies to cantonments, and in many instances soldiers would have suffered had it not been for the quickness of the Red Cross in coming to their relief. Some red tape, of course, attaches to the Red Cross. At a Southern cantonment 2,000 of the men were without shirts; the War Department was not able to furnish the immediately. The Red Cross stepped in and within 24 hours every man was properly outfitted.

Blankets Are Supplied.

At another cantonment the men had an insufficient supply of blankets and the government could not put through a requisition in time to alleviate the suffering which followed. Again the Red Cross went to the rescue of the government, again it proved it was the government's right hand ally.

At still another cantonment sweaters were furnished for more than 2,000 soldiers who were without overcoats.

One of the biggest things the Red Cross is doing in America and throughout the countries of the Allies is civilian relief. Here are some cases in point which alone are sufficient to make membership in the Red Cross synonymous with citizenship in the United States:

CASE ONE.—Mother with daughter twenty-five, son twenty-two and daughter thirteen. Son is drafted. Mother taken dangerously ill, without hope of recovery. Oldest daughter must resign her position, paying \$35 per month, to nurse mother. The soldier's allotment of \$20 only income.

Home Service Section investigated; found an excellent family never in want before, now in dire straits and needing great assistance. Chapter made a grant of \$10 a week to provide finances for living expenses, medicines, doctor bills, etc., and are making encouraging calls to the family

and assisting the daughter in nursing her mother. Financial relief alone would not have been enough in this case.

Splendid Home Service.

CASE TWO.—Man enlisted in army and married in June, 1917, asked for discharge in October on the grounds of a dependent wife who was an expectant mother. Army officials refused discharge because marriage took place after declaration of war. Woman has no relatives and soldier's relatives, who live in another part of the United States, are unable to assist.

Home Service Section found facts as stated correct, made arrangements for the wife's confinement, assigned a big-hearted motherly woman as counselor for her and assisted her with additional funds necessary over and above the soldier's allotment. This was splendid home service, for it comforted an expectant mother and by the same effort relieved the worried mind of the soldier father.

CASE THREE.—An aged farmer and his wife had two sons, twenty-five and twenty-two years old, respectively. The older boy was drafted. Two weeks later the second boy was taken ill suddenly and died. The old folks were distracted, not only because of the loss of both sons, but because they had a growing crop, their only means of support, without anyone to gather it.

Home Service Section marshaled the neighboring farmers, gathered the crop, helped to market it and gave kindly advice and assistance to the old people. That was all that was needed, but it was good home service.

CASE FOUR.—Referred by Canadian Patriotic Fund. American citizen enlisted in Canadian forces, leaving a wife and four children in United States. Man formerly earned \$150 per month and took excellent care of his family. He made an assignment of \$20 of his pay; the Canadian government made an additional separation allowance of \$20, total of \$40 per month. Woman willing to readjust her mode of living, but to drop from \$150 per month income to \$40 per month was impossible without great sacrifice to health and environment of children.

Allowance Made for Wife.

Home Service Section investigated, found an excellent family and enthusiastically recommended grant of \$10 per month to be added to the \$40. This was enough to relieve this woman of the constant worry and fear which was rapidly driving her to a neurotic condition. There will be many cases like this for the Red Cross.

CASE FIVE.—Referred by Commandant of Army Post. Soldier had deserted and when recaptured, gave as his excuse that the fear of his wife and three children starving in Chicago drove him to it.

Home Service Section investigation showed man well known to all charities of Chicago because of his absolute failure to support his family and his frequent desertion and long absence from them. Soldier compelled to make an allotment of \$20 per month for their support, and at wife's request (this being her first dependable income from him) man was kept in the army. Our Home Service Report helped the commandant, too, for he no longer felt like a brute in handling this "poor man" and began at once to make a real man out of this soldier.

Hospital Units Replaced.

In the recent German offensive which resulted in the invasion of Italy the Germans captured 86 hospital units attached to the Italian army. Thousands of Italians were wounded in the movement, requiring immediate medical assistance. The Italian army was unable to furnish them. A quick call was put in for the Red Cross and within a few hours Red Cross surgeons, Red Cross nurses and Red Cross supplies were being rushed to succor the thousands of wounded Italians.

Here, indeed, in all these cases, is proof of the necessity and the practical worth of the Red Cross; here, also, is infallible proof that every citizen of the United States should be a member of the Red Cross.

In the Christmas drive for members, which is to begin Dec. 17, membership will be issued upon the payment of \$1.

With each \$1 membership there will be given a Red Cross service flag which it is desired members will display in a front window Christmas Eve from 7 to 9 o'clock. The flag is transparent and with a lighted candle behind it will make a most impressive patriotic display.

Is the blood in your veins RED? If it is YOU will have a Red Cross service flag in YOUR window Christmas Eve, and when the news is flashed to the battlefields Christmas morning that 2,000,000 people in the Southwest have declared "We are behind the boys in the trenches" down in your heart you may be thankful that it has been your privilege to be one of those to send this inspiring message.

FRENCH CHILDREN SAVED BY RED CROSS IN FRANCE

How the Red Cross carries on its humanitarian work in France is illustrated in a cablegram received a day or two ago from that country.

At Evian the Red Cross opened a children's dispensary in the garage of an old hotel. It is known as the American Children's Hospital. Ten days before a general hospital was opened at Evian with 70 beds. It is already overcrowded with cases of diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever and whooping cough. American doctors twice daily

examine an average of 250 children arriving from behind the German lines and send contagious cases to the American hospitals.

Every contagious case thus stopped may mean that an epidemic will have been prevented somewhere in France.

An American dentist opened a dental dispensary in an old hotel at Evian, using a chair improvised from wine barrels. His first patient was an under-berled boy from Lons. The boy's family of seven had been living two years and a half in the cellar of their home, which had been wrecked by the Germans.

Children as Red Cross Workers.

Children in the public schools throughout the country are to help the cause of the Red Cross. Many of the simple articles and supplies needed in the hospitals will be made in the ordinary course of their school work, and this material contribution to the comfort of our soldiers will be of great importance.

Right now—today—is the time to help. Have YOU joined the Red Cross?

Christmas Message.

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is a day for magnifying the blessings of peace, not selfishly, but with the rejoicing that should attend the reminder that we have a cure for the troubles of the world and a part in the spreading of the remedy. Let the songs of joy be carried into every corner of gloom. If peace is to achieve victory, its spirit of gladness must be irrepensible. No less today than two thousand years ago is it the mission of peace to show by example that in good will alone lies the happiness of the people.

SERVICE MORE THAN GIVING

Deepest Spirit of Christmas Does Not
Confine Itself to One Day, but
Is Manifest Entire Year.

The deepest spirit of the Christmas outpouring that flows over the Christian world is the impulse for human service that runs through the whole year.

It is easy to give recklessly out of one's abundance, or even to share carefully one's pittance. The distribution of Christmas dinners through hundreds of self-denying families means a day's happiness for the giver and receiver. But it is greater happiness to both to follow through the year with aid to self-dependence, encouragement to hope, and support in striving for better living.

This is the giving of self, and they who know how to give of themselves wisely are the highest givers. The best feature of Christmas is its material expression of a whole year of human service that runs like a thread through human lives.

Only these holiday glimpses reveal to the careless how many are dedicated to a share in this unobtrusive service to the humbly striving and to the uncomplaining needy; how many families are under constant stimulus to the best sort of self-help; how many children are being quietly led to a higher level of living and striving for themselves between Christmas and Christmas.

NOTICE W. O. W.

All Woodmen are requested to be present Saturday night, December 15th, for the purpose of electing officers.

P. H. PARKER, C. C.

Symptoms of kidney disease should receive instant attention, as neglect is dangerous. If your back aches or you have trouble with the urine, begin taking taking Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a dependable kidney remedy. Price \$1.25 per bottle.—Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.



You'll find it
an easy matter
to select
useful and
appropriate
Christmas
Presents
from our complete and up-to-date stock.



An inspection
of our stock of
Holiday
Goods
entails no obligation to buy.
We have a fine
line to show you.

D.N. LEAVERTON

Big Peanut Mass Meeting Held at Hubbard Saturday

The announcement made in last week's News that there would be speaking on the streets after which a Peanut Club would be organized, drew a large crowd last Saturday afternoon. The speakers, Judge Peck and M. Harding, representing the Texas Peanut Works, were introduced by Mayor Bowman. Judge Peck spoke first and told of the wonderful possibilities of Texas and of the resources yet undeveloped. He was followed by Mr. Harding, who outlined the plan of organization, told of the possibilities of the peanut in its wide range of by-products. The statement of facts concerning the many varieties of food for the human family and the feeds for animals and poultry, was an eye opener to many who had never taken the time to post themselves on the subject. It was truly a peanut day for Hubbard and since that time the people have been talking peanuts until it has become contagious and it seems that peanuts are going to take the country. Mr. Harding, in closing, said that the people of Texas would live to bless the day when they waked up to the possibilities of the peanut and co-operated with the promoters of the Texas Peanut Works by taking stock.

The organization was effected through a system of pledge cards which were handed out after the speaking, in which the subscriber pledged himself to plant a certain number of acres to peanuts and to take as many shares in the Texas Peanut Works as they might wish. Many of the cards were filled out and have since been coming into the News office where they were instructed to leave them.

As stated by the speakers Saturday, Texas is an empire in herself, but heretofore we have squandered our glorious heritage by the one-crop system and allowing much of our land to be cultivated in crops that will not bring a profit to the tenant nor the landlord. The proposed Texas Peanut Works opens the door to greater possibilities than we have dreamed of. With the by-products of the peanuts produced by a factory such as this, and there are none like it in the southwest, the tenant and landlord are offered a crop that will solve the feed problem in Texas and at the same time guarantee a money crop second to none now raised by the Texas farmer.—Hubbard City News. Adv

It will create no great surprise if America wakes up some morning and finds itself very short on physicians. So far as we are concerned, the war has not really started. We have only a small number of troops in Europe, and a small number in training camps compared to the number that will soon be in service. When the real movement of troops to Europe begins, thousands of doctors must accompany them, and even now the country has no surplus of physicians. The doctors are expecting a call soon for all physicians under forty years old, and the age limit may go as high as forty-five. Many a family must surrender its physician before

the great war goes into history, and many of us who are accustomed to calling a physician at the very first sign of physical disorder will have to hark back to the "root and herb" remedies of the fathers.—Honey Grove Signal.

TENANT HOUSE BURNS

A tenant house on M. D. Murchison's place a mile west of town was destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The house was occupied by a negro tenant and all the contents were destroyed.

W. R. Wherry, Bob Wherry and Jim Tom Lively motored to Tyler Sunday.

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak..."

I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few

doses of Black-Draught."

Seventy years of successful use has made Thedford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member, of every family, at times, need the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc. You cannot keep well unless your stomach, liver and bowels are in good working order. Keep them that way. Try Black-Draught. It acts promptly, gently and in a natural way. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c. a package—One cent a dose. All druggists. J. 69

YOUR SUIT RENEWED

Get out some of those old suits you have hung up in the closet and bring them to us.

We make old clothes look like new.

We not only press your suit, but clean it, taking out all grease and dirt, and giving it really the appearance of new. We help you to practice economy with neatness.

No
Scorching
Burning
or
Glossing



Lasting
Creases
Uniform
Finish
Perfect
Shaping

M. L. CLEWIS
F. U. Phone 73

Save For Liberty!

Every dollar you devote to Liberty brings nearer the day when the nations shall be free indeed.

There will be other Liberty Loans, and now is the time to be saving for the opportunity

This Bank will take great pleasure in co-operating with you in your efforts to aid your government to win the war.

The Banking Habit is a habit, that when once formed, you will never want to break.

Farmers and Merchants
State Bank
"A GUARANTY FUND BANK"

OLD SANTA CLAUS is in town but you'll have to read the ads to find out where he stays.

EXCEEDINGLY WET

H. A. Tyer Writes Concerning the Liquor Traffic in and around Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Grand Rapids, Wis. Dec. 4—Editor Messenger:

W. J. Bryan, making a speech in Washington, D. C. one day last week, said the United States would be "dry" by 1920. He stated that we now have 26 states in the dry column. Be it said to his credit he has been fighting for prohibition all along the line but we must confess the people have not rallied to his support as he has hoped for three times, but at the same time when he is to speak at any place the building is always filled to its capacity.

Then let us hope, yea pray, and work that his prediction may prove true, but if all the the United States were like Wisconsin it would be a hopeless case.

As you go through the country here every little village, hamlet town is wet—soaking wet—not only the towns but along by the highways you will find "road houses." I was driving into Milwaukee a few days ago. I was out about fifteen miles, and from where I started to the city limits I passed no less than eight road houses or saloons.

A great many of your readers never saw a "road house," and I will try to explain. It is just a plain open saloon by the public road—maybe a dwelling house, the keeper and his family live in the back part or up stairs and usually there is nothing but drinks, cigars and tobacco carried in stock. There may or may not be another building of any kind near. The proprietor may be a farmer or may have almost any other occupation in such cases the wife or daughter or younger boys may tend bar, and no one thinks anything of it to see a young lady sixteen, eighteen or twenty years old "dishing out" beer and whiskey to the trade; nor does it mean that she is not as respectable and refined a young lady as one who never saw the inside of a saloon. But, to say the least of it, it looks strange and out of place to one who never saw such, but as about ninety per cent of the population around Milwaukee is German and as they have been raised on beer and it has been the custom for years and years it is nothing out of the way to them.

As you go through the country you see ever so often a big church, it is usually built on a hill and nearly all are Catholic churches. And let me say here that whenever you see a German Catholic church you will find a saloon within two or three hundred yards of it—I may say ninety-five times out of a hundred. It seem to be a necessary adjunct, or a necessity to keep the church going.

From what I see here I am led to believe a German Catholic church near Milwaukee, Wisconsin, could no more be kept up without a saloon near than a person could live without eating.

Every hotel has a saloon in connection; and not long since I was eating dinner and was sitting where I could see into the bar-room and there I saw a little girl whom I should judge to have been not more than ten or twelve years old, drawing beer and taking the money from the men who were buying. No one seemed to think any more of it than had she been dishing up ice cream

"I Wonder What's in It"



or lemonade. But I suppose it is as I have heard my father say many times: "It all depends upon how one is raised."

There are now about seven thousand open saloons in Chicago, and I have no doubt there are twice that many in Wisconsin, and from what I have seen I believe that when Chicago and Wisconsin are dry, and not until then, will the Stars and Stripes wave over a dry nation.

H. A. TYER.

Messrs. J. F. and Peter Bridges will not build their gin on the location mentioned in last week's issue. Parties near the proposed gin objected so vigorously that the lots have been sold to J. W. Howard and they are now looking for a suitable location on the outskirts of town. Mr. Bridges informed us Monday that the gin would be built if suitable lots could be procured.

C. C. OFFICER

Veterinarian

Telephone Goodson Hotel or
Drug Stores

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Proprietors

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

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ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

Has Your
Subscription
Expired?

Come in and
renew it next
time you are
in town.

The Houston County Draft Board will begin mailing out the questionnaire to all registrants December 15th. The questions must be answered and returned to the board within seven days. Free legal advice will be available to all who desire it.

Government loans to farmers in October amounted to \$7,374,044, practically double the amount paid out during the previous month. Applications for loans in the hands of the twelve Federal Land Banks total \$193,250,945.



We Can
Help You
in
Selecting
Your
Christmas
Presents

D. N. Leaverton
Leading Druggist



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NOTICE

I have a Poland China male now ready for service. Service fee \$1.50. Arch Parker, Rte. 3.

Chester Owens and Claude B. Avera of Camp Bowie are here to spend the remainder of the week with relatives and friends.

DO YOU WANT TO BUY OR SELL LIVESTOCK?

If so, see us. We buy and sell hogs, cattle, horses and mules. If you are in the market or want to sell, it will be to your interest to see us.

WHERRY & LIVELY

The Messenger's Job department has just turned out an up-to-date directory of sixteen pages for the Farmers' Union Telephone Company.

NOTICE

Positively no hunting allowed on my farm two miles north of town. M. E. BEAN.

GINGLES' JINGLES

FRIENDLESS.

The only guy not classified upon this bloomin' earth, with not a welcome on the mat, with ne'er a rep of worth, who's always wrong and never right, with not a loyal friend, who never has a man step up a helping hand to lend, who fights his way through thick and thin, who battles mighty odds, who when you cannot hear him speak, comes through with knowing nods. Who does his fighting all alone, this single handed guy, while towering stacks of insults at his coco folks let fly; but they cannot discourage, cannot bluff or bother he, his shell is hardened to their slurs, from their insults he's free, for having learned he cannot please the bunch, do as he may, and since he knows that he alone controls exclusive say, he's learned to show no mercy and expects none in return, although at times at fever heat the rage at him does burn. They slam him and abuse him, try for him to make it hot, the umpire is the limit—though for such he careth *Leaverton* not.

ON A PAR.

"I hate to hear Will and Jane get into an argument."

"Why?"

"He's so dogmatic and she makes such biting retorts."

Tender Vegetables.

Vegetables quickly grown are more tender and of better quality than those slowly grown. Good soil and good cultivation are needed.

Cinders for Surfacing.

For surfacing footpaths, gravel, mixtures of sand and clay, and cinders will, in general, give good satisfaction.

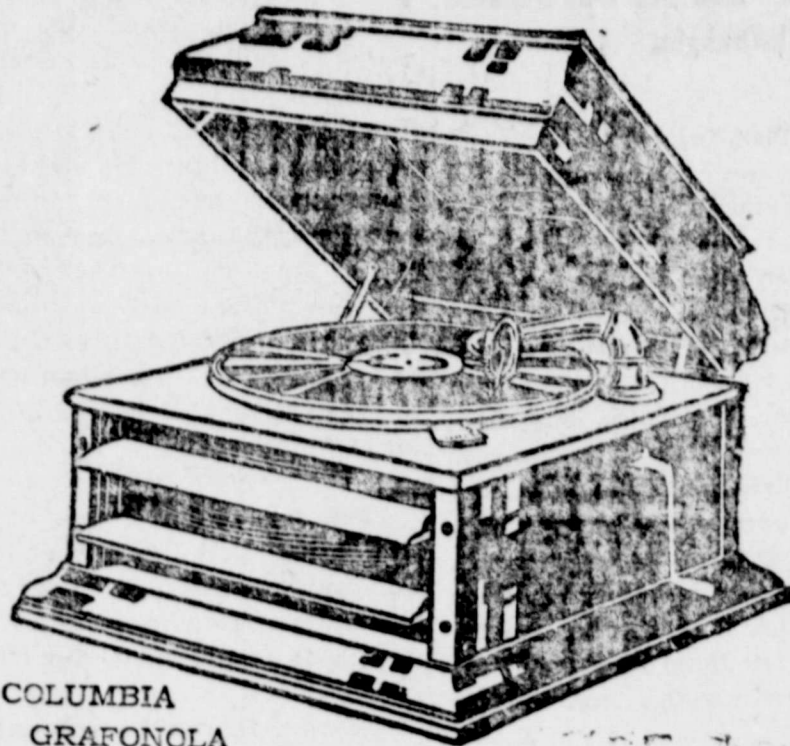
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More dragging will mean better roads.

The Store of Christmas Service

Columbia Grafanolas

A Size and Price to Suit Everybody. - - - \$18.00 Up



COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA

THE JOY, the intense, whole some joy, which a Columbia Grafanola brings into your home will make all your family more keenly alive to the spirit of Christmas. It is a double joy the Grafanola gives. There is the joy of immediate possession and the joy of anticipating the ever new pleasure of good music for year after year to come.

Come to our store and have the Grafanola and Double Disc Records played for your approval. You will enjoy them whether you buy or not. You will be as welcome to our store as your neighbors who come to pay a Christmas morning call in your home.

Grafanolas and Records Sold on Easy Payment Terms

CEDAR CHESTS

A genuine Red Cedar Chest should not appeal to you as a luxury but as a necessity. They are dust and moth proof, keep put-away clothing in a fresh state and leave them with a delightful odor of cedar; we have them in a big range of sizes with and without trays and drawers.

At \$10.00 up to \$27.50

Our furniture department is brimming over with wonderful values in useful Christmas Gifts.

George E. Darsey

J. H. Powell, of Augusta, attended the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas, in session at Waco the latter part of week.

W. R. Campbell returned

home last Thursday from Dallas where he was operated on for appendicitis a few weeks ago. He stood the operation well and will soon be able to be out as usual.

According to the Department of Agriculture, rats and mice destroy each year property worth more than \$200,000,000, equaling the gross earnings of an army of 200,000 men.

"I Want a Present for Every Member of the Family"

If you are looking for a Christmas gift for any member of the family, a trip to our store will solve the problem. This is a store for every member of the family, full of things they like.



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Here you will find many a gift that will be appreciated for its usefulness as well as for the sentiment which prompted the giving. Why not make it a big warm Hart Schaffner & Marx Suit for father or son? The following suggestions are offered for your convenience:

For Men

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| Handkerchiefs, boxes of one-half dozen | Jewelry, dress sets | Cuff Buttons | Sweaters |
| Dressing gowns | Suspenders, boxed | Scarf Pins | Gloves |
| Neck Ties | Leather Belts | Canes and Umbrellas | Shirts |
| Collars, etc | Pajamas | Traveling Bags | Half Hose |
| | Waistcoats | Suit Cases | Underwear |

For Ladies

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| Georgette Waists | Wool and Silk Skirts | Madam Grace Corsets |
| Selby Shoes | Fancy Ribbons | Auto Veils |
| Wool Caps | Wool Scarfs | Kid Gloves |
| Fancy Black and White Hose | | Crepe de Chine Handkerchiefs |

We have many other items too numerous to mention and ask that you call to see the many things we have that will make practical gifts for Christmas.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE MESSENGER

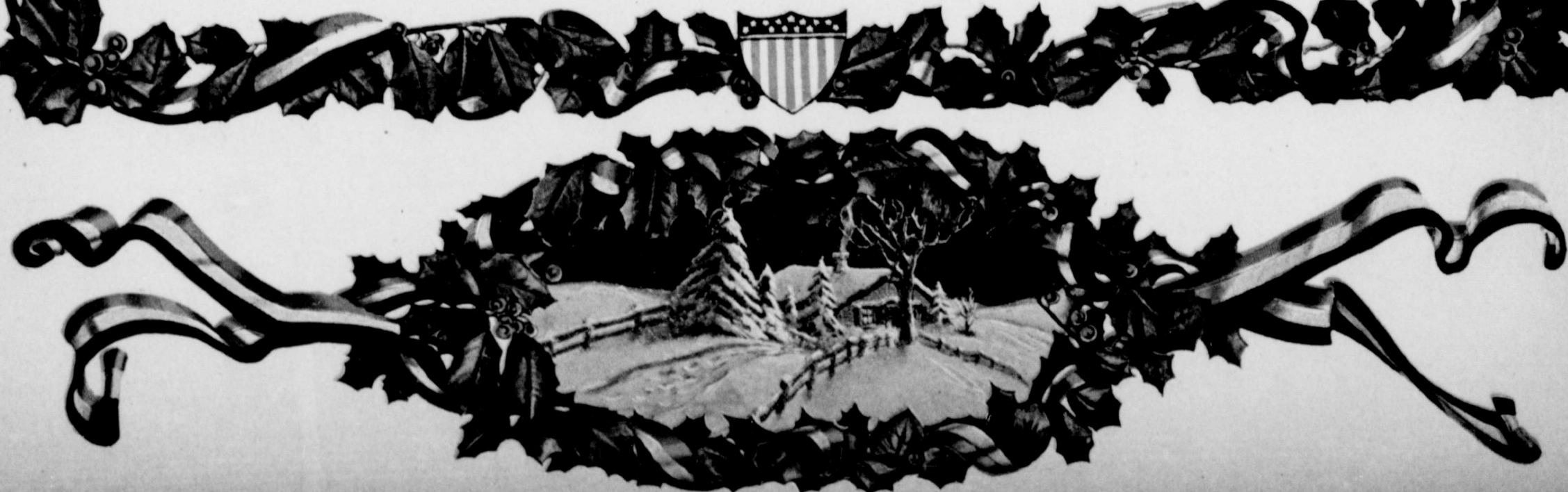
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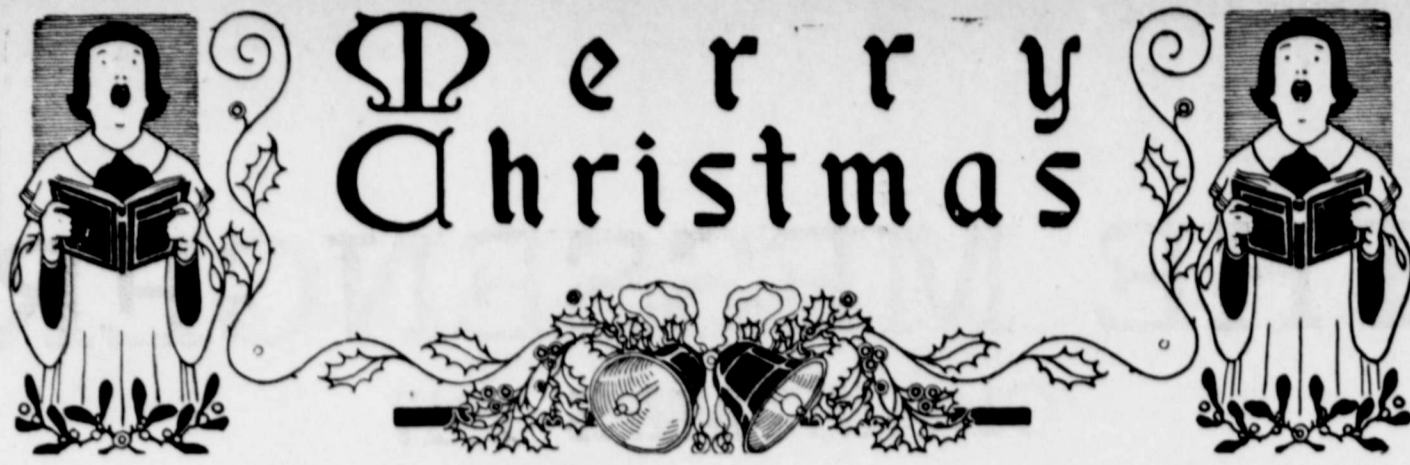
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LET US MAKE FOR YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

YOU older folk! How often have you longed for the happy days of your childhood? Just to be a child again and in your innocent mind you long for a visit to Toyland and as you arrive amidst the holly and the mixture of red and green, where dolls and little wagons and guns and all those things, your eyes were bright and shining and you wished that dear old Santa Claus would leave them at your home. Those were surely the happiest days of your life! Then you had not a care in the world, and all you had to do was to be

a good little boy or girl to get Santa to bring you what you wanted. You know how it was. So if you are fortunate enough to have children of your own you should give them the great joy that comes from a visit to Toyland. Bring your kiddies along and let them leave word for Santa what to bring them, or you come in yourself and leave word what you want the children to have. We'll see that Santa makes the proper delivery to the proper address and at the proper time.

Suggestive Gifts

For Papa, Brother or Husband

Smoker Sets
Shaving Sets
Box of Cigars
Fountain Pen
Pocket Knife

For Mother, Sister or Wife

Wicker Baskets
Fisher's Famous Pictures
Cut Glass, Hand
Painted China
Vases and Plates

For Boys

Toys, Wagons,
Fireworks
Pistols, Books
Building Blocks and
Jewelry of all kinds

For Girls

Doll Beds, Dolls galore
Sewing Sets
Embroidery Sets
Crochet Sets, Books
many other things

IN JEWELRY, WE HAVE IT! Highest quality, everything guaranteed. No increased price over last year except on a few articles. The biggest and best line ever shown in Grapeland. Buy your Jewelry where they make it good.

As a Family Christmas Gift---The Diamond Amberola

Nowadays people are eliminating the numerous smaller presents. They pool their Xmas funds for the purchase of one really worth while gift. The Diamond Amberola is an ideal group gift. It adds something real and vital to the life of each member of the family. It stands for countless happy hours and delightful evenings listening to the world's greatest musical artists.

The Peoples' Drug Store

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