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RED CROSS WORK

An Appeal to the Teachers of Houston County to Support the Red Cross

To the school teachers of Houston county, both white and colored:

You are well aware of the fact that at this time every resource of this great country of ours is being called upon to furnish its quota toward the establishment of a war machine greater than that of the German and more efficient. The young manhood of this nation is being drafted and thousands have volunteered to become a part of this great machine. Thousands and perhaps millions of others will become a part of this great army before the great task of overcoming the evil influences that for a season have been running rampant over the nations of the earth. This great nation has thrown its power in the balance for good against the evil, and we are glad to say that the teachers of our county and state have answered the call to service, so much so in some sections, that it has caused a weakening of the forces of the public schools, but when Uncle Sam calls all other calls are subordinate has been the slogan of the teachers. We who have been permitted to remain at home for the time being are called upon to perform duties that are no less honorable than those who have gone and are now tenting on the camp grounds in the various cantonments of this nation and on the mud-soaked plains of Belgium and northern France. The whole population of the country is being asked to perform duties that are in direct line with those that are being performed by the soldier boys. We are asked to conserve the food supply, to save, to sacrifice, and to be at all times patriotic. We are called upon to buy bonds, thrift

stamps, and to donate our savings to the Red Cross and other organizations that are doing all that is within their power to relieve the distress that is in the world, to care for the afflicted of our own land, to succor the distressed of the torn lands of Europe, to bind up the wounds of not only our own soldier boys but those of the other nations. The soldiers only ask that we do our part and the victory will be won. If we save food, if we buy bonds and thrift stamps, if we donate to the Red Cross we are reinforcing our soldier boys and causing them to know that we are standing like the rock of Gibraltar, imperishable and unconquerable.

I know that you as a body of public servants have already purchased bonds and donated of your earnings, but right now I come to you and ask that we organize ourselves into committees from each school, both white and colored, to do work for the government that has made it possible for us to enjoy the blessings of liberty and happiness. Will you not send in your membership and the dollar fee to become a part of that great army of workers, the Red Cross? There are men and women in each locality in this county who will take your membership and same will be credited to the local organization of your vicinity. You are asked to secure the membership of as many of your pupils as possible and of the parents and report same to someone who is working for the Red Cross in your locality.

The Christmas holidays are near at hand and while we are enjoying the good things of this season, let's think of the thousands of others who have not. Let us think of our school teacher friends who are wearing the uniform; let us think of those pupils of ours who have heard the teachings of patriotic teachers and are now doing their bit

for the country that the teachers taught them to love. By becoming a member of the Red Cross you will be donating to a cause that will probably bring joy to many who will not know the loving care of a parent, sister or brother. Do I hear a dissenting voice? Not so; not from the teachers of the youth of this land.

This is a time when he who is not standing by the boys who are getting ready to do and are doing the work of super-men for this, the grandest government that God and man ever thought into existence, is either ignorant of the great cause itself and of the facts surrounding same, or he is disloyal. If he is ignorant it is our duty as a friend to help him understand, but on the other hand, if he be disloyal what do I hear someone say, "place him at the head of the banquet table?" No! Consign him to a traitor's dungeon that he may experience some of the kindness of the Kaiser of whom he is a devotee and at whose shrine he worships.

May the boys have your support? Shall we let them know that we are standing like the famous Jackson regiment at the battle of Bull Run, like a stone-wall? Shall we let them know that we are the rear guard as undaunted and as brave as Marshal Ney? If so, then they can go to Europe, yes, to the ends of the world, to Jerusalem, to Constantinople, to Saloniki; yes, even to Berlin, which, thank God, is their port of destiny, and which shall behold the Stars and Stripes in all its glory, not as a conqueror but as a liberator!

J. N. Snell,
County Superintendent.

ANTRIM

BY H. WATHA

December 16.—There are lots of cases of roseola in the community but it doesn't seem to be hurting anybody. We hope everyone will soon be well, as it is interfering with school.

We did not have our literary society last Friday night on account of diseases in the community and bad weather.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment here Sunday. There wasn't a very large crowd out to hear him, although there were several visitors, among them being Claude Pearson and Robert Gardner of Myrtle Springs, Leonard and Sam Parker of New Prospect and J. L. Nichols of Rock Hill.

Walter Blackwell visited Lee Martin Sunday.

Jim Hogg Edens spent Saturday night with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Durnell.

Misses Nora and Marie Williams and May Martin went to Grapeland one day last week Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Mary Blackwell and son, Walter, moved on Ed Gray's place last week.

Messrs. Sewell and Chase, of Houston, spent Tuesday here with some of our local sportsmen quail hunting.

REYNARD

BY ZACK

December 17.—We are fast nearing the end of the year and Christmas is near by, and what we do we must do quickly. We will probably not see another year as to weather in a life time; have worked harder than we ever did in life and have been well rewarded.

Douglass Beazley will soon move back into our midst and we will have one more home to visit, but do not expect very many changes in our community.

We are undecided as to our annual Christmas tree. See no reason why it is true. The great war is on, as far as that is concerned, there is a great war going on all the time; if not in one way, in another, and will go on as long as there is sin in the world and we are free agents. The greatest thing in the war is that so many of our boys are not prepared to die.

We are expecting the great Red Cross drive to make a drive down this way soon. We are ashamed that we have done so little, as we have only one son of the community in the service, but we have so few white folks really have not a one to spare.

Herman and Glenn Beazley have bought the grist mill of F. E. Taylor and will take care of the bread proposition as long as the corn lasts.

We had the best rain last night in quite awhile. The long cold spell is unprecedented, having ice seven nights straight.

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Grapeland, Texas,
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GLOVER LOCAL NEWS

(Delayed)

Dec. 9.—Our school is progressing nicely under the supervision of Miss Corinne Patterson. All seem to be learning fast and all praise is given to the teachers.

Miss Vera Thames has been unable to attend school for the past two weeks on account of sickness. It is hoped she will be able to re-enter in another week.

This community was visited by a good rain, followed by a stiff norther Friday of last week. Suppose hog killing will be the next to follow—the only good thing that comes with cold weather.

J. H. Powell and Jesse Holcomb will move with their families near Grapeland soon. We regret very much to lose these good neighbors, but our loss is Grapeland's gain.

Grandma Breeze is visiting in Ratcliff.

Christmas is only two weeks off and we hope with it the true meaning of Christmas will come, "peace on earth good will toward men." Otherwise it will be the saddest that many a person has experienced for years.

J. S. Johnson will move to Belott Christmas. Bob Kellet will move to the place where Mr. Johnson now lives.

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The Boys of the Old Town

A Christmas Story

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

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CHRISTMAS wedding is always a very charming thing. The holly lends such gaiety to the decorations, and the mistletoe seems so appropriate. Then it makes one present do where otherwise two would have been required. And anyone who brings that to pass is a public benefactor.

This reference to the wedding, of course, right here at the very opening of the story, really makes the story superfluous, which is Bostonese for "no use." In a story, the wedding is supposed to be the very last thing.

Harry was a young architect and engineer who had only just opened an office in the town. When he came out of college he reached the conclusion that he would do better to set up a business in some small town and grow up with it than to grow old unnoticed in some older town. That is how he came to be here. He met Harriet soon after his arrival and it wasn't long before he was desperately in love with her.

There really wasn't very much the matter with Harry—except Harriet. And there wasn't anything at all the matter with Harriet—in Harry's opinion. So, after he had got down to business—both at his office and with Harriet—she said "Yes." Their marriage brought them a great deal of

happiness, and, what was more peculiar, a great deal of happiness to someone who wasn't related to them in any way. Which is what the story is about. This other person not only was not related to them, but was scarcely known to them. She lived in the other end of town. Elm avenue runs right through the town from east to west. At one end, the west end, it is well named, for it is bordered by stately elms that shade fine residences, and cozy bungalows, like that which Harry had provided for Harriet, planned with the architect's best thought.

It had been arranged that they were to be married at high noon on Christmas day at Harriet's old home. Then there was to be a quiet family dinner there, followed by a reception to their friends at Harriet's new home, where open house was to be kept in honor of the day and the event. There their friends gathered in the afternoon, and there the presentation was to occur. For Harry's young men friends, of whom there were a few despite his short residence in the town, and Harriet's, of whom there were more, had decided to give them, in addition to all the "little stuff," one practical gift of larger proportions. So they had "chipped in" and bought them a magnificent leather rocker, one of the big, comfortable kind; and that was to be



"I Can't See What Has Happened—"

duly presented at the hour of its arrival that afternoon. It had been arranged that it was to be delivered while all the young folks were there, as a sort of surprise extra offering.

But, as the afternoon wore on, the face of the chairman of the delegation, who was to make the presentation speech, grew longer and longer.

"I can't see what has happened," he said in confidence to a group of the fellows, when an opportunity for confidences arrived, "and why that darned chair doesn't come."

"Are you sure you gave them the right number, and everything?" someone asked.

"Sure—87 Elm street West. That's simple enough."

It must have been five o'clock when one of the boys had an inspiration. "Do you suppose by any chance that chair was delivered to 872 Elm street East?" he asked.

At last here was a clue; and the chairman, a chairman without a chair and a self-appointed research committee of three, loaded themselves into a car, after making unbelievable expenses to the bride and groom, and speeded away across town in pursuit of the missing gift, although not very certain where 872 Elm street East was, or if there were an 872 East, or possessed of any knowledge concerning who lived there.

Now, 872 East is a little tumble-down house, or was, well out Elm street, and somewhat back from the thoroughfare.

"I remember—there's some old woman lives here," said one of the party. They all piled out and followed the broken sidewalk up to the dwelling.

"Come in," answered a cheery but quavering voice when they knocked. So they entered in the dusk. It was a bare room, with a few old-fashioned pictures in walnut frames on the walls, some archaic furniture of the same period, and a rag carpet itself reduced to its original material.

Not far from the window stood the celebrated leather rocker, with a cane close at hand. In the chair sat a little old woman, with her face smiling happily under unkempt gray hair. Her face was white, her wrinkles were many, but her eyes shone with the real Christmas light.

"I can't ask you boys to set down," she said, trying to turn toward them, "because there isn't much to set down in except this, and the sofa over there. But I knew you'd come, and I want to thank you, I want to thank you all, and every one of you, for the lovely present you sent me, and for remembering an old woman like me. When it came, and I read the card, 'From the boys of the old town,' the boys of the boys I used to know, for I guess I knew all your fathers, I told them to put it here, and I would set in it and wait until you come. Ain't you Will

Stearns?"

"Yes," stammered the chairman, quite undecided what to say or do.

"I thought so. My, how you favor your father! And I was at your christening. I guess that was about the last time I was anywhere when my rheumatiz got so bad. And your father would 'a' been proud of you this day. If he could know what you was goin' to do for an old friend of his, God rest him!"

At the mention of his father, the chairman was astonished to find his hat still on his head. He pulled it off, hurriedly, ashamed. Then through that head went flitting first a quick memory of his father and then the most astonishing thing in the world—his carefully-prepared speech to the bride. He had said it over so many times to himself in secret that after-



Her Eyes Shone With the Real Christmas Light.

noon, to make sure he would not break down when the moment came, that now everything else seemed to have vanished. Then an even more astonishing thing happened. It astonished him, and it quite paralyzed the other young men.

That presentation speech, altered by but a word here and there as he stumbled and steered away from the inappropriate phrase, came falling from his lips.

"And for many a year," he finished, "may you sit by your own fireside as the shadows of life lengthen, with this chair to give you comfort and to remind you of the boys of the old town."

There was nothing for the rest to do but applaud that speech, to wish "Merry Christmas!" over and over, to bend the head for that venerable "God bless you!" and to go quietly away.

The car was turned westward again before any man spoke a word. Then it was Will Stearns:

"Well, what do you know about that?"

"There's nothing for them now, but we can scare up something tomorrow and say nothing about this," said another.

But someone told one of the girls who knew all about the chair, and at the collation the whole story came out. Will Stearns was even made to stand up and give that speech. And the bride declared, and, bless her dear heart! everybody believed her, that she was glad it had turned out just the way it did.

Somebody remembered the old lady's name, and then somebody else remembered that it was said that her father was the man who planted those elms on Elm street in the early days of the town. The bride announced that she was going over to see the dear old soul.

She did go, and often, and her nursing did much to ease that rheumatiz. When Harry and Harriet moved into the big house they now occupy, a paper circulated among the old residents bought the bungalow at a bargain price. There the pioneer was moved by "the boys of the old town," where she could be under the shade of the elms her father planted. There, for she was a wonderfully spry old lady, she may be living to this day.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Observing our usual custom, we will not issue the Messenger next week. We want to enjoy the holidays and have a few days' rest from the arduous labors of a very strenuous year. The next issue will appear January 3, 1918. In this connection we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a new year fraught with much happiness.

Have a bright, merry Christmas and a royal good time.

Most men are perfectly willing to forgive an enemy after they get even with him.

It's a great temptation to observe a meatless day now when the country is so full of sausage, backbone and spareribs.

There occurs a time in the life of every GrapeLand girl when she quits sighing for a soul-mate and hunts for a fellow who can furnish three square meals a day.

Over in Denmark they tax all incomes of \$214 a year. When a man gets to working for that over here, it wont make any difference to him if Uncle Sam takes it all.

It has been suggested that the Kaiser instituted that Italian drive with a hope of securing a warmer place for his soldiers to winter in. Our boys are preparing to furnish him even a warmer one.

Mr. Hoover should not be looked upon as a dictator. Rather he should be considered as a leader in this great conservation campaign. He is to outline a course and blaze the way, but

the people, whose interests are paramount, must constitute the great motive power if success is to crown our efforts. If the goal is realized it will be through the individual efforts of the people. Therefore, it is up to everyone to do his full duty.

Isn't it bad business to let our roads go the bad after spending as much money and energy to build them as we have? How long would a business concern last if the manager paid no more attention to its conduct than we do to the upkeep of our roads? What do you think about it?

We are glad that it is ours once more to greet our readers with a bright and merry Christmas. It seems but yesterday since we sent a like message to you, and yet a year has flown by. May your homes be bright, the dear children of your household be happy and the great wish and hope of your hearts be realized this Christmas-tide.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Augusta, Tex., Dec., 16, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? Fine, I hope. I am a little girl 7 years old. I want a doll and a bed and some nuts, candy, apples and oranges.
Your little girl,
Ima Powell.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll and a little doll buggy and a little table and a bugle and all kinds of fruit and nuts and candy.
Your your little friend,
Annie Lou Brown.

Augusta, Tex., Dec. 11, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I want a doll in a swing and candy, nuts, apples and oranges.
Your friend,
Eula Bell Powell.

GrapeLand, Tex., Dec. 13, 1916.
Dear Santa Claus:
Since it is almost time for you to come I will write and tell you what I would like for you to bring me.
Please, Santa Claus, an air gun, a knife, a harp, a little horse and wagon, some fruit, nuts, fire works, and, Oh yes! Santa Claus,



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some candy—you know the kind I like.

Now, Santa Claus, if I have said too many things, why just do not bring them all to me but take part to my Soldier boy big brother, Elmer Lee.

Your little friend,
Julius Brimberry.

Augusta, Texas, Dec. 16, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:
How are you by this time? I hope you are well and can come to see me Christmas.

I am a little girl ten years old. I want you to bring me a doll, some nuts of all kinds and apples, oranges, candy and bananas.

Your little girl,
Delma Powell.

Dear Santa Clause:

Please bring me a toy pistol, some caps, some sparklers, some fruits of all kinds, some nuts and candy; and please bring along some presents for my grandmothers and grand grandpas and Papa and Mamma also two sisters and two brothers, and I will try to work hard in that big new ground of Papa's.

Your little boy,
Grady Walling.

Dear Santa:

I am four years old and know all my letters on the blocks you gave me last year, so please bring me a story book, a sleepy doll, a trunk and tray full of doll clothes and a kitchen cabinet. I'm at grandma's. Lovingly,
Eva Carl Scarborough.

P. S.—Bring me a little Bible to carry to Sunday School.

GrapeLand, Tex., Dec. 11, 1917.
Dear Santa Claus:

As it is about time for Christmas I thought I would write and let you know what I would like to have you bring me.

I want an air gun, fire works, fruits, nuts and candy. Please bring my little sister some things and please think of the

children in England and France and all little children who do not have a papa and a mamma.

Your litle friend,
Seth Brimberry.

Dear Santa: Please bring us some candy, nuts, apples, oranges and lots of pretty things; we want some dolls. Joe wants a tricycle and a sharp knife.

Your little friends,
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STOP AND THINK

While you are partaking of the many good things at home, stop and think of our boys in the training camps and who have already gone to the trenches "over there." Think how much good a dollar spent by you will do toward making "Army Life" more enjoyable and how far it will go in helping to take care of your very own boy perhaps. The Red Cross is making a big drive for members. It costs only a dollar. LEAVE YOUR NAME AND DOLLAR AT OUR STORE WE WILL GIVE IT TO THE PROPER ONES.

JOIN THE RED CROSS. DO IT NOW

A List of Useful Christmas Gifts

Written by Miss Grace Richards

The \$5.00 in Gold offered in our ad last week for the most complete list of Gift Suggestions to be found at our store is awarded to Miss Grace Richards and we join our many friends in congratulating her upon her success. The list is given below in full. Look over the suggestions made and then see the real articles at our store.

Ladies Gifts for Christmas

Embroidery thread	Dresser Scarfs
Towels, Napkins	Pillow Cases
Bed sheets, blankets	Center pieces
Counterpanes	Lavallieres, beauty pins
Gold hat pins	Gold Bracelets
Scarf pins	Silk kimonas
Bath robes	Auto gloves
Jabot collars, shoes	Overshoes, hats
Silk Dresses, Coats	Skirts, Coat Suits
Waists	Silk Petticoats
Night gowns	Kid gloves
Handkerchiefs	Scarf and Cap
Silk hose, Umbrellas	Comb and Brush
Manicure Sets	Hand Mirrors
Art Mirrors, thimbles	Purses, Rugs
Grafanola	Cedar Chests

Suit Case, Rayo lamp	Sewing Machine
Oil stove, food chopper	Aluminumware
Kitchen Cabinet	Chinaware, glassware
Dressers	All kinds of furniture

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Men's List of Useful Gifts

Clothes brush,	Safety razor
Shaving Mug	Gold Knives
Watch fobs	Cuff Buttons, tie clasps
Watches, Shoes	Hose, Paris garters
Neck ties, Shirts, belts	Gloves, Smoking sets
Hats, Overcoats	Suspenders
Handkerchiefs	Sweaters, Overshoes
Umbrellas, lap robes	Bath robes, house shoes
Mufflers, auto gloves	Chifferobe
Tooth brush and paste	

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Gifts that Girls Like

Lavallieres	Beauty Pins
Bracelets, Thimbles	Scarf Pins, Bath robes
House Slippers	Silk hose, Shoes, Hats
Caps and Scarfs	Hair Ribbon, gloves
Coats, Umbrellas	Sweaters, Overshoes
Tooth brush and paste	Comb and brush
Ivory Manicue and Toilet Articles	

Gifts for Boys

Cuff buttons, tie clasps	Stick pins, gold knives
Bath Robes	House Slippers
Belts, Ties, Ovescoats	Caps, Shoes, Mufflers
Overshoes	Handkerchiefs
Collars, hosiery, Suits	Clothes Brush
Comb and Brush	Bicycles

IN FACT, MOST EVERYTHING IN THE STORE WOULD BE A USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

(Signed) GRACE RICHARDS.

PLEASE NOTE . . . A number of articles included in this list have been entirely sold out. If you do not want to have to select your gifts from the left-overs, you will profit by making your list today and bringing to the **Service First Store** and have it filled. We will wrap and hold all packages to be delivered Monday afternoon, December 24th, 1917.

Bring us year Mail Parcels. We will Wrap, Mark and Weigh them for you without Extra charge. Let us serve you.

George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

LOCAL NEWS

Fireworks of all kinds at Darsey's.

The Haverstock Theatre Company is coming

Christmas Fruits and Nuts at Darsey's.

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Swansou Yarborough, of Palestine was here Monday.

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

Mrs. Willie Gee visited relatives in Elkhart the latter part of last week.

FOR SALE

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

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

Miss Mary McLean, of Crockett, visited relatives here Sunday.

See French, the optician, at Goodson hotel Friday and Saturday, December 21st and 22nd.

WANTED—Hands to chop wood and clear new ground. J. A. BEAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Guice have recently moved to town and are occupying their new home in Sycamore Addition.

PEANUT HAY WANTED

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

J. W. Jones has recently purchased the large Mobley farm on the Trinity River and will cultivate it next year on a large scale.

FOR SALE

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup for sale. Union Phone. 1t R. B. EDENS.

J. L. Ward has purchased a farm near Sweetwater in Nolan County. He and his family will leave for their new home next week.

Miss Lois Sims came in Sunday from Belton to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Sims.

Miss Gertrude Nation, of Palestine, and Ory Heath, of Madisonville were Grapeland visitors Sunday.

NOTICE

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

The well known optician, J. N. French, can be found at the Goodson hotel or Dr. McCarty's Friday and Saturday, December 21st and 22nd until noon.

G. F. Crawford of the Liberty Hill community, was in town Monday on business and paid the Messenger office an appreciated call. Mr. Crawford has purchased a farm near Percilla and will soon move to it.

VULCANIZING

We wish to inform auto owners that we have installed an up-to-date vulcanizer and can now repair your casings and put them in good shape at a reasonable price. Don't throw away old casings but bring them to us and have them fixed. GUICE'S GARAGE.

CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

For the benefit of patrons who have Christmas packages to mail the postoffice will remain open from 6:30 to 7:30 p. m., Friday, Saturday and Monday nights so you can mail your Christmas packages. FRANK LEAVERTON, Postmaster.

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

NOTICE

J. H. Bowman will sell Apple by the box at cost, and also Oranges at cost by the box. Apples per dozen 20c to35c Oranges, per dozen, 20c, 30c, 40c to.....75c Will pay for:— Eggs, per dozen.....42 1-2c Butter, per pound.....30c

Will sell Candy at, per pound, 20c Fire Works of all kinds—cheapest in town.

JOIN THE RED CROSS

If you want to get in the big drive for humanity leave a dollar and your name with us and we will have you enrolled as a member of the local chapter. GEORGE E. DARSEY.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

Those having Laundry at the barber shop will please call promptly and get same. DENSON & WALTON.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. R. Durnell will preach at the Baptist church in this city the fifth Sunday, and a special invitation is extended the public to hear him.

The Haverstock Theatrical Co played to a full house in Douthitt hall Tuesday night although the weather was cold and disagreeable. The Haverstock Company is composed of ladies and gentlemen, who are professionals and give an entertainment that is not to be classed with the ordinary shows that have visited this section. They will be in our city all this week—everything clean and classic—music by a first-class orchestra. You miss a treat if you fail to attend.—Elkhart Record.

NEW RECORDS RECEIVED

We are in receipt of a big lot of the newest Columbia Double Disc Records. These include the latest Comic Songs, Patriotic airs, Sacred Hymns, Negro Church Songs, Band Music, Hawaiian Music and Songs, Plantation Songs, Instrumental Music—all produced by world-famous artists.

Come to our store and hear these records played. They play perfectly on any disc machine (Victor or Edison) but are really brought to life on the COLUMBIA GRAFANOLA.

Daily demonstrations at Darsey's.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for their subscriptions:

- Grapeland—Murray & Mangum, J. H. Leaverton.
- Percilla—A. K. Lively.
- Augusta—G. F. Crawford, Walter Mewman.
- Crockett—Will Music, John Ellis.
- Teneha—B. L. Wood.
- Rusk—Mrs. G. D. Dykes.
- New Orleans, La.—Tom Clinton.
- Great Lakes, Ill.—Smith Dailey.

NOTICE TO HOG BREEDERS

I have a big type Poland China Boar ready for service. He has the size and quality. His dam won the junior prize at the National Swine Show of 1916, defeating every sow under six months and under twelve months. His sire is one of the leading boars of the South. To see him is to like him. Service fees \$2.00 when service is rendered. J. J. WILLIS.

NOTICE

Will deliver Macatawa berry plants first of January. Those who wish plants see or write me. M. L. Williams, Route 4, Box 11.

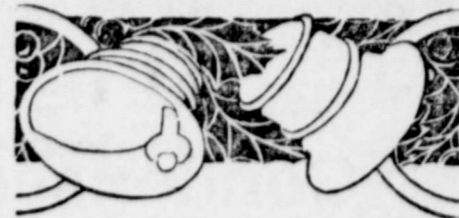
The Haverstock Dramatic Co. was here last week and presented some of the most entertaining and moralizing dramas that have ever been staged here. The Haverstocks have a nice show and it goes without saying that the Oakwood people turned out in great crowds each night to see the performance.—Oakwood Oracle.

The Messenger's job department has just printed the minutes of the Anderson County Baptist Association, of which W. R. Durnell, Route 3, is Clerk. This association and the Land Mark Baptist Association have been consolidated and will meet next year as one body with the New Hope church in this county.

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.

EARL P. ADAMS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Office in First National Bank Building
Crockett, Texas

TO MY FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS



As this is the last time for this year to address you, I want to say I am very thankful to you for your patronage for this year and I assure you I appreciate it, for without your trade my business would have been a failure.

Now I ask you for a continuation of your trade and I shall endeavor at all times to please you and give you the very best there is in me to please you.

You will find my stock complete at all times--no big horn to blow, but just sell you just sell you the goods right.

Yours for a Merry Christmas

Remember, Quality is the thing.

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

MAXWELL
Most Miles per Gallon - Most Miles on Tires

Ordinary Common Sense—Sensible Thrift—and Maxwell Motor Cars

Common sense says to you, "Buy a Maxwell Car and use it."
The American people are going forward—
not backward.
That is the purpose of the great war in which we are now engaged.

The success of the Nation depends on healthy business activity over the country—and sensible thrift.
Healthy business depends on the utilization of every possible labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving device known.

The light-weight, economical Maxwell—in passenger service—taking you where you have to go on business, helping you relieve delivery congestion—is one of the greatest known labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving devices.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095
Berline \$1095; Sedan \$1095. F.O.B. Detroit

George E. Darsey

The remains of Albert Dickson, who died in Colorado last week, where he has been making his home for several years, were shipped here and interred in the City Cemetery Saturday afternoon. The cause of his death was appendicitis. He was the eldest son of Brince Dickson, who lives north of town. He is survived by his wife.

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.

Christmas Present, did you say? Let us show you our fine assortment of Useful Gifts

D. N. Leaverton
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Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Condensed Statement at the Close of Business
November 20, 1917:

Loans and Discounts -	\$59,300.40	Capital Stock - -	\$15,000.
Overdrafts - - -	313.92	Surplus - - -	12,000.
Real Estate - - -	2,983.03	Undivided Profits - - -	2,068.79
Furniture and Fixtures	1,750.	DEPOSITS - - -	260,295.66
Interest in Depositors			
Guaranty Fund -	1,298.26		
Collections - - -	871.35		
Cash and due from			
Banks - - -	220,669.49		
Liberty Bond Account	1,078.		
Liberty Bonds - - -	1,100.		
	\$289,364.45		\$289,364.45

Since our Statement September 11, our Deposits have increased **\$149,141.38**

To our friends and the public who have in any way contributed to this splendid showing we extend our thanks, and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Respectfully,

GEORGE E. DARSEY, President T. S. KENT, Vice President W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

December 17.—As it is about Christmas time and nearly every one is doing something out of the ordinary, we will follow suit and send in a squib.

Personally, we haven't anything serious to complain of, but if we had our own way about things we would make several changes.

One of the things we would do first would be to convince men who are otherwise good citizens of the silliness and unmanliness of habitually making Christmas a time to turn hog and fill themselves with "red, rotten licker." But such is the case and will continue to be so as long as the stuff can be had. We say, away with the firewater and on with statewide, nationwide, yes, world wide prohibition!

Then I see about one-fourth of the people becoming dissatisfied and selling out and moving around. In our opinion they will find they are making a mistake when it's too late. But people as a rule become restless when money is flush and the opposite when it is scarce, but people should know that we have the cheapest money we ever had since the civil war.

One extreme surely follows another and the man who fools his earnings away now will wish for them before another crop is made—mark that one, it's worth it.

Then I see about half of our young men "blowing in" their cotton money for a "FORD." The next thing is a five dollar hat and a big cigar over to one side in their mouth and you have a modern dude. We have no objection to any man owning anything that he is able to afford, but the auto way will be the way

a great many people will get rid of their hard earned money and thus repent.

Then I would try to convince people that money spent for Christmas foolishness will neither warm the back nor fill the craw. And now, before we become pessimistic, if we have not already strained a point, we will change our theme and say something.

Now, your scribe is legally road free, but we're in for better roads and hope to see some road work done this winter. Let's get together in our respective districts or communities, and work down the hills and fill up the holes before another crop is planted. Who will speak first? A few days spent that way now will be well worth while. Let every man, young and old, that are able respond and we will soon have good roads.

We are having a successful term of school taught by Mr. J. A. Bynum and Miss Lillie Brown. We are to have a school house built in accordance with the school law requirements, the bonds having been previously voted.

We have a literary society in connection with the school and if anyone sees this that would be interested in a good debate, we would be glad for them to communicate with our secretary, Miss Esther Durnell or Prof. Bynum. Come on, you debaters, and let's start something.

Wishing a merry Christmas and a happy new year to the editor and readers, we are,

Respectfully,
Antrimite.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT

Young folks, here is a Christmas present you can get if you will put the matter up to your parents, in fact they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance—the school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but secures these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60, Shorthand \$50, or the two \$95, Telegraphy \$55, Cotton Classing \$50, Business Administration and Finance \$75. Board and room is from \$14 to \$17 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three

and one-half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand combined five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need, it makes of you a useful citizen.

If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old saying is quite true, "where there is a will there is a way." If you can't get the money to pay board, do what thousands of others are doing; take a correspondence course until you can enter college for personal work. Hundreds finish the entire course at home and accept good positions, you can likewise get

our credit or note plan on the home study course.

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Convince your parents you are determined to be a success. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestion.

Name.....
Address.....
Course interested in.....

The most energetic workers feel lazy and low spirited at times. This condition is caused by impurities in the stomach, liver and bowels, which should be gotten rid of before they bring on a sick spell. A few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters cleanses the system and sends new life and vigor to every part of the body.—Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

Dr. D. B. McGee, of Cameron, member of Uncle Sam's medical reserve corps, spent a few days here the latter part of last week.

We Have Just Unloaded
**3 car loads Farm Wagons
and 1 car load farm Trucks**

and can supply most any size

REMEMBER FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

Herman Schmidt & Co.
Palestine, Texas

Not because it is an honored custom but because of the sincerity of our appreciation we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months and we wish you a very prosperous

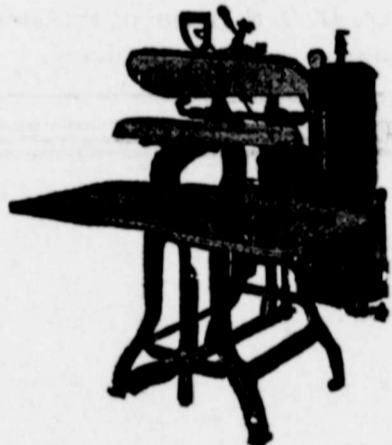
NEW YEAR



T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER COMPANY

Christmas Greetings
and good cheer to everybody

No Scorching Burning or Glossing



Lasting Creases Uniform Finish Perfect Shaping

M. L. CLEWIS
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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

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is one in which the merchant himself has implicit faith—else he will not advertise it. You are safe in patronizing the merchants whose ads appear in this paper because their goods are up to date and not shop worn. : : :

RED CROSS GIVES MILLIONS TO NEEDY SICK AND WOUNDED

FRENCH SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES RECIPIENTS OF AMERICAN HELP.

U. S. SOLDIERS SAFEGUARDED

Dental Ambulance, Canteens, Rest Stations and Reoperation Camps Among Comforts Provided for America's Fighters.

The American Red Cross, which will launch its Christmas membership campaign Monday, Dec. 17, continuing until Christmas eve, to obtain 2,000,000 new members in the Southwestern division, comprising the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, has just completed a gift of \$1,000,000 to needy sick and wounded French soldiers and needy families of soldiers.

Twenty dispensaries in the American army zones have been established to care for the civilians and to improve health conditions in the section before the arrival of more American troops.

A dental ambulance is being provided by the Red Cross at a port in France for the use of this country's soldiers and sailors, while a nurses' service for the American army's use also has been organized.

The American Red Cross hospital distributing service sends supplies to 3,423 French military hospitals and is laying in a large stock for future needs. The Red Cross surgical dressings service supplies 2,000 French military hospitals and is preparing immense supplies for the United States army.

Ten Canteens in Operation.

In co-operation with the French Red Cross, the American organization is operating at the front line 10 canteens and is planning to establish 20 more. Twelve rest stations will soon be made ready for this country's troops at important railway centers, also recuperation camps at suitable places.

An artificial limb factory is being established near Paris and special plants for the manufacture of splints and nitrous oxide gas also are being erected. A movable hospital has been contracted for in four units, accommodating 1,000 men. A recreation center is being operated in connection with hospitals and diet kitchens.

A casualty service for gathering information regarding wounded and missing and a medical research bureau has been inaugurated by the American Red Cross in Europe.

Children's Refuge Opened.

At a point in the war zone a children's refuge and hospital has been opened. Here several hundred children have been gathered to keep them away from danger of gas and shell fire. At another point the Red Cross has established a medical center and a traveling dispensary to accommodate 1,200 children.

Infant welfare stations are to be opened in connection with each dispensary in the nation-wide system planned by the Rockefeller Foundation.

While the Red Cross is making arrangements to help refugee families through the winter with clothing, beds and shelter, extensive repair work is being carried on in four villages in the devastated region to enable returned families to stay throughout the winter.

Training Disabled Soldiers.

Barracks also are being provided for the training of disabled soldiers, and the Red Cross expects soon to establish for them experimental agricultural stations.

Relief for the Belgians also is being organized on an extensive scale, for both children and grown persons. The American Red Cross is aiding the Queen in her work for the children and is assisting in the support of hospitals and other work for the relief of Belgian soldiers.

The transportation department, with a personnel of 400, handles the supplies and furnishes automobiles for use in the Red Cross work. There is an organized force at every port in France and it is able to handle about 350 tons of supplies daily. Four hundred motor car vehicles are in use, 250 of which are trucks. In addition, the organization is preparing to operate a motor bus line through Switzerland from Germany to the French border to aid in transportation of repatriates and exchanged prisoners.

American Red Cross emergency re-

Governors of 5 States Appeal to Citizenship of Southwest to Enroll in Red Cross Ranks

We, the Governors of Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, realizing the imperative necessity for united effort to shorten and win this most righteous of all wars, appeal to the citizenship of the Southwest to enroll itself in the ranks of the American Red Cross.

During the week of Dec. 17 the American Red Cross will add ten million new members to its roll of patriotic, self-sacrificing, determined Americans. Men, munitions and the spirit of the great American Red Cross will preserve those ideals for which we are fighting and secure a just and lasting peace. The service which the Red Cross is rendering and will render throughout the duration of the war is of incalculable value. It is not less an army than the army in khaki which will impose itself between us in our security and the deadly shell fire of the enemy. And the army in khaki will fight with greater vigor and enthusiasm in the knowledge that fifteen million American men and women stand behind it ready to relieve the suffering and anguish caused by the diabolic instruments of warfare and ready to protect the loved ones left at home.

The work done thus far by the American Red Cross in France and Belgium has stiffened the morale of the French soldiers and given them new heart by reason of its relief work among the civilian population of our allies. The suffering families of the soldiers are being ministered to by agents of mercy wearing the insignia of the Red Cross and the consciousness of this fact has strengthened the men in the trenches to bear the burden during the tedious period of our preparation. Every French, British or Belgian soldier retained in the trenches during this critical period means the saving of at least one American life. We must let our boys know that we are keeping guard over the homes which they are leaving and that the Red Cross stands ever ready to protect and safeguard the wives, mothers and children of the men who have gone to fight, in this the greatest struggle the world has ever known between autocracy and democracy. Membership in the American Red Cross is synonymous with good citizenship.

We urge every person, man, woman or child not now a member of this greatest of all humanitarian organizations, to become a member before Christmas eve and place in his window with a lighted candle behind it a red service flag as glorious emblem of the fact that the occupants of that house have enrolled in an army not less determined, not less ready to do its share than the army in khaki on whom we are relying so confidently.

Join the American Red Cross, the most powerful ally of our fighting forces, during Christmas week, so that the announcement on Christmas morning of a membership of 15,000,000 may show to our enemies that we are a united and undivided people and that, therefore, our cause must prevail.

(Signed) F. D. GARDNER, Governor of Missouri.
ARTHUR CAPPER, Governor of Kansas.
R. L. WILLIAMS, Governor of Oklahoma.
WILLIAM P. MOBBY, Governor of Texas.
CHARLES H. BROUGH, Governor of Arkansas.

Relief given thousands of Italian refugees by the expedition from France arrived just in time, according to advices received at headquarters in Washington from Maj. Murphy, in charge of relief work in Italy.

The cablegram announced that \$20,000 was given the American Consul at Venice for immediate use for refugees in Venice, Chioggia and the Littoral. Twenty thousand dollars additional was provided in case a new situation arises. Five thousand blankets and food supplies were asked for refugees at Rimini. Venice, the message said, is the crucial point, both because of the sentiment attaching to the city and on account of actual, imperative need. The more prosperous elements of the population, including workers in the industries, are reported as having left the city, and the remaining 15,000 families are receiving relief.

Forty-six carloads of assorted material have been shipped from France. Substantial purchases of supplies have been made in Europe. A warehouse has been established in Rome. Condensed milk has been distributed to children and sick from Genoa and Milan.

One or more soup kitchens have been organized and are operating in Rome, Ancona, Ravenna, Genoa and Milan. Two hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated to aid needy families of soldiers at the front.

\$900,000 MORE IS GIVEN TO NEAR EAST RELIEF

The War Council of the American Red Cross announces the appropriation of an additional \$900,000 for relief work in the Near East, through the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief. This appropriation is to cover relief work for the remainder of the war and makes a total of \$1,800,000 which the Red Cross has appropriated in Western Asia.

The committee is carrying on relief work not only in Asia Minor and portions of Armenia and Syria in the Ottoman empire, but also in a large section of Armenia, Russian Caucasus, Persia and Mesopotamia and portions of Egypt into which the refugees have fled in large numbers.

Save in food, in service, in clothes, in luxuries, but not in money. Give it to save the wounded, the suffering, our friends, our country.

Special Aid to Italy.

The American Red Cross responded promptly to the emergency created by the Italian retreat. The War Council, in a telegram to Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page, promised every effort which the Red Cross could make would be applied immediately to the relief of Italy.

New Uniforms for Nurses.

Owing to the limited laundry facilities in France, it has been decided that American Red Cross nurses with base hospitals and other military hospitals in France shall wear gray uniform instead of the usual white.



D. N. Leaverton
Leading Druggist

TWO OBJECTS ARE SOUGHT IN FRENCH RELIEF WORK

The American Red Cross assumes that the work done by the organization with the French must fill fundamentally two requirements:

First—That all activities contribute to the successful conduct of the war.
Second—That they relieve suffering caused by the war.

Work done with the civil population may have a more important bearing on the military situation even than work done with the forces, for men in the field will be able to carry out their work better with the knowledge that those left at home are being taken care of.

If the American people can get a real picture of the misery among those who have been and are being daily driven out of their homes and dumped in poverty upon other parts of the country, oftentimes ill or maimed, they will gladly do all in their power to help.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion.—Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

LESTER MUREIL BROOKS

She has gone, God bless her, to a home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, there to dwell among the white winged angels, to forever bask in the sunshine of God's own presence and to sing praises to him around the great white throne, where there will be no more death, no more sickness, no more sorrow. But her's will be "Peace, sweet Peace," the gift of God's love.

And in this instance earth's loss is heaven's gain. How much richer and sweeter heaven seems to us since she has gone there to dwell. And it seems to me I can see her playing in the streets of the New Jerusalem with all the other angel children. And if we could lift the veil we see the God given mission to her, for I know that he had a mission for her that no one else could fill.

How perfect, pure and tender the little flower He gave us, just to blossom on this sin-cursed earth for a few days to show us perfection in childhood, and to lift us up higher.

How precious she was to us, and how unselfish her little life; to know her was to love her, and to see her filled eyes and hearts with extreme admiration, for she was indeed a beautiful child.

And it is not enough to say we will miss her; but let us feel that God knows best; and as he reached down to earth and took the little flower to Glory to bloom for him through the ages of eternity, let us say, with our hands in his, thy will be done.

And how sweet the thought that when our work on this earth is finished and God says, "Come up higher," that our darling Angel Murreil will be the guardian angel to watch over our bedside, and when the last breath comes she will usher us through the

great gates of pearl into the City of the New Jerusalem.

And we will walk along the beautiful banks of the River of Life and sit under the great Tree of Life in the cool shadows and talk with loved ones who have gone on before. We are in a land of good-byes and farewells; but, thanks be to God, he has a home waiting for his children where there are no good-byes or farewells.

We find in the fourteenth chapter of St. John these comforting words: "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God, believe ye also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also."

And while this morning the dark clouds of adversity seem to be hovering over us and shutting the sunshine out of our lives, and while we deeply realize that we are in a land of death, sickness and sorrow, and that family ties are broken and goodbyes are said, yet how comforting to us to turn to this precious chapter and make it our own.

"In my Father's house are many mansions."—That means so much to us.—It suggests so many sweet things to us, one of which is a family union unbroken.

When we all get there it will mean that we are never to say good-bye again. So in this hour of grief, dear loved ones, let us look up with a steadfast faith, anchored in an all-powerful God who is able to keep us to the end.

Last Monday morning, December 10th, at 1 o'clock, Murreil heard her Heavenly Father say: "Leave all and follow me."

She obeyed the command and

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

her spirit took its flight to a heavenly home above. Her little body was gently laid to rest in the City Cemetery at Grapeland.

Her devoted aunt,
MRS. ETHERIDGE PAYNE.

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.

Julius Ferguson, who is attending school at Tyler is at his parents' home near Percilla, laid up with a well developed case of measles. He is getting along nicely.



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A Merry Christmas To You!

A LOT of folks in this town will have their Christmas made more joyful by the receipt of gifts bought at this store. In that way we are contributors to the Christmas cheer of these folks; and that's naturally a cause for pleasure to us, even if they don't count us in on it.

But beyond that we want to extend our greetings and good wishes to all our customers whenever and whatever they bought; and to all the men and women of Grapeland, whether they buy anything here or not.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas; we hope the day will be wholly happy; that you'll get what you want, or want what you get.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

HOLIDAY BARGAINS

We want to lower our stock as much as possible before invoicing, so we are offering the following seasonable merchandise at

10 Per Cent Discount From the Regular Selling Price

Men's and Boys' Suits
Sweater Coats, for Men, Women
and Children
Rain Coats, for Men, Women and
Children
Art Squares, Provingo Rugs

Kitchen Cabinets
Safes, Dining Tables
Iron Beds, Springs, Mattresses
Cook Stoves
Remington and Winchester Auto
Loading Shot Guns



If you want something nice and attractive for your Mother, Father, Sister, Brother, Daughter, Son, Wife or Sweetheart we have it. An attractive line of

Scarf Sets, Caps, Ladies' Crepe
de Chene Waists, etc.

Here you will find gifts for every member of your family, and everyone else, too.

We have the most complete line of TOYS ever displayed--Pile Drivers, Ten Pin Alley, Kitchen Cabinets for girls, Doll Buggies, Doll Swings. In the way of Music we have the whole Brass Band, Horns of every kind and everything that will make music.

We have Hoes, Rakes, Shovels and every farm and garden implement that the youngster could desire.

Your boy could not appreciate anything more than a Velocipede.

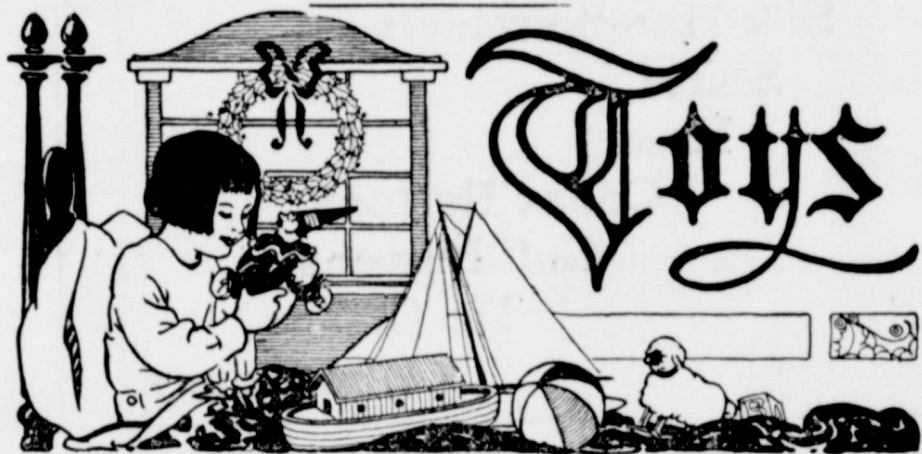


Table Cutlery

Our Stock of
Aluminumware
Casseroles
Double Boilers
and Roasters

is complete and it will pay you to call and let us supply you with them before you purchase elsewhere.

If at any time we happen to be out of anything in the aluminumware line we will be pleased to order it for you



Shot Guns
and
Hunting
Coats
Air Rifles
Air Rifle Shot
Boy Scout
Rifles

We have suitable gifts for all the family.



DOLLS

We have the whole Doll family--little, big, medium; soldier dolls, all in the non-breakable kind.

W. H. LONG & CO.

Buy War Thrift Stamps at Your Postoffice and Help Your Uncle Sammy

1917 --Christmas Preparations-- 1917



In buying our Christmas goods we have tried to buy something for every member of "THE FAMILY" that would be of value and worth every penny we ask for it. While we did not forget the "kiddies"--for no one can forget them at Christmas time--yet we bought mainly, gifts that are serviceable and valuable to the grown-ups.

We would encourage the right spirit of Christmas giving, for every individual is facing a grave problem in the successful prosecution of the great war in which we are engaged, and every man, woman and child who gives a Christmas gift should consider economy. To buy the "cheapest" is not necessarily economy, but to buy something good and useful to the recipient is the right kind of economy. You will find a large assortment of these kinds of gifts at our store.

Below We Offer a Few Suggestions:

FOR MEN

Shaving Sets
Silk Ties
Silk Handkerchiefs
Shirts
Hose
Collar Buttons
Cuff Buttons
Tie Clasps
Hand Bags

FOR LADIES

Dessert Sets
Water Sets
Wine Sets
Vases
Mesh Bags
Vanity Cases
Jewelry Cases
Pin Cushions
Clocks

Give your Wife a CRESCENT COOK STOVE for Christmas

These are some of the gifts we selected for those who appreciate something valuable

We Invite You to Visit our Store

Gifts for the little fellows are too numerous to mention, but we have a big stock of TOYS, including "Sandy Andys," "Pile Drivers," "Hobby Horses," Bugles, Dolls, etc. While toys, like everything else, are higher this year, yet you will find us "IN LINE" with our competitors and in many instances we can SAVE you DOLLARS on your Christmas purchases

If you have a soldier friend, brother or son, let us help you select something that he will appreciate.

We have enjoyed an unusually good business this year for which we are grateful to our many friends and patrons. It is our desire to give you the same courteous treatment and "square dealing" in the future that we have given you in the past and we will greatly appreciate a liberal share of your patronage during 1918

Wishing Everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

We are, yours truly,

McLEAN & RIALI

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