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KEELAND BROS.

Big Christmas Sale

Is going full blast. Great crowds every day visit our store, make their purchases and save money.

Remember our prices are rock bottom and we will not be undersold

We want to buy your Butter, Chickens and Eggs--Cash or Trade

Keeland Bros.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

XMAS GIFTS

Suitable Gifts for Men

- A Silk Shirt
- A Nice Nek Tie
- Men's Dress Gloves
- House Shoes
- Silk Hose
- Silk Handkerchiefs

Suitable Gifts for Ladies

- Gloves
- Luncheon Sets
- Bath Sets
- Waists, Voil & Silk
- Camasoles
- Silk Petticoats
- Handkerchiefs
- Middy Ties
- Teddy Suits
- Silk Dresses Ready to Wear
- Silk Dress Patterns
- Silk Hose
- Collars all Kinds
- Caps Assorted Lot
- Suit cases & traveling Bags
- Corset Covers
- Kimona
- Leather Purses
- Combs

We take this means of thanking you for the business given us this year. We wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Years.

W. H. Long & Co.
THE VALUE GIVING STORE

PERCILLA

By James R.

Percilla, Texas, Dec. 15.—With only ten days until Xmas, eggs a nickle a piece and booze out of reach, it's needless to advocate a sober Xmas, although fighting booze isn't the only way that this Holy day can be abused. It seems to me there has been enough powder burned in the past four years for us to let one Xmas off quietly, and yet we see dealers selling this stuff for the profit they receive from it, after blowing the horn of loyalty from every corner of the earth.

The flu is still with us. Of course that's nothing to boast about, for most everybody has had that.

Grandma Shoemaker received a message last week that her grandson, Lonnie Shoemaker, had been killed in France. He trained at Camp Bowie. He joined the National Guard in Childers county. He was a corporal in his company.

Yesterday was a bad day on hogs here. There were several killed here yestrday.

The top crop was a joke in this community, there being only a small per cent of it opened.

Oats and wheat are looking fine.

Percilla is getting to be quite a manufacturing center—J. E. Tyer's Broom factory and Percilla Wash Board Co., are in full blast.

Mr. Fitchett has received a letter from his son, Seth, saying he came through the war without a scratch. Seth was one of the first ones that crossed the pond.

We notice in some of the state papers where some guys are lamenting very, very much what is going to become of our soldier boys after war. If the government will just only turn them loose they will show the world how to take care of themselves. The home they left is still theirs, the positions they held before the war are in most cases awaiting their return. Of course we believe the government should take care of the wounded, and we are sure it will. There's no one but what would be glad to do their bit toward the welfare of those noble young men, but we are sure the words that would sound best would be "go home."

Mrs. H. F. Newman of Augusta visited her brother, Cason Bush, of this place yesterday.

It seems that Sunday school is almost a thing of the past. We are in hopes that it will revive again after the flu is better.

We regret very much to hear of the death of Little Doyle Hayes. These people lived in our community for a number of years before they moved to their farm in Anderson county. We extend our heart felt sympathy to these people in their hour of sorrow.

Don't fail to see the "old reliable" and best known optician, Dr. French, at Grapeland hotel Monday, Dec. 23, inst. Come early—will leave on 2:30 train.

Pay your W. S. S. Pledge!

A Knock-Out Blow for High Prices

- \$5.00 Liberty Coats for Ladies \$3.95
 - Liberty Coats for Children \$2.50
 - Good Grade Gingham per yard 19c
 - Best Grade Outing per yard 24c
 - Best Grade Meslin per yard \$1.65
 - Best Grade Tafata per yard \$1.35
 - \$7.50 Ladies Shoes for \$5.50
 - \$5.00 Work Shoes for Men \$4.00
 - \$3.00 Overalls for \$1.50
 - Garrett Snuff per bottle 20c
 - Brown Mule Tobacco Plug 15c
 - Good Grade Roasted Coffee 6 lb \$1.00
- Best Flour and everything else cheaper than anybody.

Price Subject to Change Without Notice.

W. R. WHERRY

1-4 OFF

ON ALL
Men's and Boys'
Clothing
AND
Ladies' Coats

You will have to act soon if you get in on this big reduction. Our sales have been tremendous for the past two weeks and we anticipate a still larger business from now until Christmas.

You can save many dollars on your toys and Christmas Gifts if you buy from us. We not only tell you this, but we can show you.

Bring us your Chickens, eggs and butter. We pay the top price.

McLean & Riall
DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Letters to Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little boys 4 and 6 years old, and we want you to bring us a little red automobile and a little dump cart, some little knives with chains, two big horns and whistles, a little telephone and fire wagon, and you may bring us some fruit, candy, nuts, fire works and a train that will run on a track. Your little boys,
Neal and Milton Luce,
Palestine, Texas,
1108 Conrad St.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 11, 1918
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll buggy and a story book and all kinds of fruits and candy and a cocoanut.
Evaline Kolb.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 14, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a cocoanut, a car and a whistle.
Your true friend,
Virgil Kolb.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 13, 1918.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will try to write you a few lines this Christmas. I want you to bring me some apples, oranges, candies of all kinds. I want some English walnuts, nuts of all kinds. Bring me some fire-crackers, roman candles, two boxes of sparklers. Well, Santa, the Belgium and French children need something, so I will close. Yours truly,
Polly Ida Kolb.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 14, 1918.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old. I have been picking cotton, and I want you to bring me an air gun, and some shots, a knife, and a rubber ball. I want some firecrackers and roman candles, apples, oranges, nuts and some candy.
From your little boy,
Clifford Bridges.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a sleepy doll, doll buggy, doll bed, little stove. Please bring me an iron to iron my doll clothes with, and a set of little dishes. Tell Aunt Rena to tell old Santa to send me a sleepy doll from Shreveport.
Your little friend,
Eva Carl Scarbrough.
P. S. Please tell old Santa to bring mamma a set of dishes.

Livelyville, Texas, Dec. 13.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nearly eight years old, and I will tell you what I would like for you to bring me. Please bring me a nice doll and something to make it a dress as mamma can make it. Also some sparklers, nuts, fruits and candy. As the war has been going on, I will not ask for any more this time, but Santa please don't forget my two brothers in the army. A little friend.
Annie Lou Brown.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 14, 1918—
Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you to tell you what I want. I want you to bring me a little knife with a chain on it, and a rubber ball, and I want you to bring me a little wooden horse that I can ride, if you dont bring anything else. Bring me fruits and candies, too. Don't forget little brother—bring a rattler.
Clarence Bridges.

Grapeland, Texas, R. R. 1.—
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a slepy doll with black curly hair and bring me a little trunk to keep her clothes in, and I want some candy, fruits, nuts and fireworks. Now, I will close.
From your friend,
Rosa Lee Howard.

Grapeland, Texas, R. R. 1.—
Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll with curly hair and bring me a nice album and, Santa, I have two little sisters that cannot write, so don't forget to bring them something; you know best what little folks need. Don't forget to bring me some fruits and nuts.
From your friend,
Vina Howard.

Grapeland, Texas, R. R. 1.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I want you to bring me. Please bring me a little doll, a doll carriage, a piano and some apples, oranges candy, fruits and nuts of all kind. Santa, please don't forget mamma and papa.
Your little friend,
Arline Howard.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 14, 1918.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. I help mamma wash dishes, bring in wood and several other things, and I want you to bring me a little piano and a big black headed doll, and also a ring, and fruits and candies and anything else you think I need, as ever.
Your little girl,
Edith Bridges.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, a table, and a little steamer, and two dollars and lots of fruits and candy.
Your little friend,
Imadel Lively.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a little doll, a little chair and a little broom. Please remember little brother. He wants a little wagon and a tricycle.
Your little friend,
Mary Allen, Route 4.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 14.—
Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll with a long dress and a kacier around it's neck, and some fruits, and candy, but don't forget the poor people.
Your little friend,
Hazel Alline McCarty.

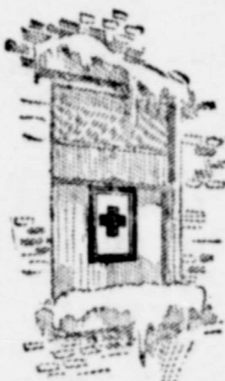
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a horn, a little shot gun, nuts, fruits, candy and fireworks. Don't forget mamma, papa and sister and brother. Well bye, bye. Your little friend,
William Howard.
P. S. I want a little red wagon.

Dear Santa:
I thought I would write and tell you what I wish you to bring me. Please bring me an air gun, a knife and some candy and nuts and fruits of all kinds. Dear Santa, please bring my little sister a doll and some other toys and be sure and remember my six brothers and bring them something too. From one that loves you,
Seth Olan Brimberry.

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I don't want much this Christmas because



—but just join once



Put your flag in the front window

Two and three and more 1919 memberships in the Red Cross are not necessary — one is enough, and all that is expected of you.

When you join you will receive a 1919 membership button, a service flag and a folder with ten Red Cross Christmas seals.

Wear your button on the outside of your coat — when your button is where it can be seen you won't be asked to join a second time.

Put your flag in the front window of your home — with an additional membership cross for each one of your family who joins.

If you have been a member during 1918, RENEW your membership NOW — this will be your only opportunity to answer "present" to the 1919 Red Cross Christmas Call.



Wear your button where it can be seen

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

THIS SPACE CONTRIBUTED BY

WADE L. SMITH

you have to see the Belgian and French children. I want a story book, some handkerchiefs, a bottle of perfume. If you have them to spare, that is what I want. Have you had the flu yet? You better not want it because you have to stay in bed so long. Well, don't forget my mother and father. Don't forget the soldier boys, or sailor boys, either. Well, bye bye.
Your little friend,
Rosalie Howard.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me three handkerchief, doll, bible, story book, some fruits and nuts.
Hazel Howard.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 14.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I don't want much this Christmas, for I want you to go and see the poor children. I want a baby doll, a doll buggy, story book, candy, apples, nuts, fireworks. Don't forget mamma, papa and sister, and the French children. Hurry and come to see us.
Your little friend,
Ardis Murray.
P. S. Don't forget the boys in France.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 14.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I don't want much this Christmas, but I will tell you what I do want. I want a baby doll, a doll buggy and a story book, fireworks and some fruit. Santa have you had the flu yet? You beter not want it. I have a

brother in the Navy and two Uncles fighting for Uncle Sam. Santa, don't forget them and Santa, don't forget mamma and papa, sister and brother. And Santa, fill the Belgium and French children's stocking.
Your friend,
Lena Clewis.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 16.—
Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little girls four and seven years old and we have a little sister one year old, and we want you to please bring us a little wagon so we can take Alma for a ride, and we want a doll and some candy, fruit and nuts of all kinds. We wont ask for anything else, because the great war is over and we know you are not able to bring much.
Your little friends,
Minnie Ola and Estelle Martin.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 14.—
Dear Santa Claus:
I don't not want much this Christmas, because I want you to go and see the Belgian and French children. I want you to bring me a doll, a iron tea set and a story book. Don't forget mother, papa, sister and brother. Bye bye for this time.
Your friend,
Edna Pearl Wherry.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 15.—
Dear Santa Claus:
When you come to Grapeland, please don't forget to come to me. I am only four years old. Please bring me a dining room set, and a doll. I wont tell you to bring

me anything else, because I have a little nephew. She is seven years old, and if you have anything else to spare, will you remember her? So this is all.
Ruby Pigford.
(I am a little colored girl.)

ARMY SUPPLIES FOR THE BELGIANS

Washington, Dec. 14.—Surplus supplies in the hands of the American army in France may be used for the relief of Belgium. The commission for relief in Belgium announced tonight that negotiations to this end are being conducted with the war department, and that about 1,000,000 yards of cloth sheeting already have been purchased. Clothing shipments, as well as food are going forward rapidly, more than 1300 cases of cotton and accessories having been sent to Rotterdam last week for distribution.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our store will be closed, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30, 31 and January 1st, taking inventory.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Drs. C. C. Hill and Sam Kennedy have formed a partnership for the practice of medicine, with offices at Leaverton's drug store. During Dr. Kennedy's absence in Chicago taking a post-graduate course, Dr. Hill will look after the practice of both.

A heart and a dollar.

Show Your Appreciation of VICTORY!

PAY THAT W. S. S. PLEDGE BY CHRISTMAS

THE BOYS SAID---

"Out of the trenches by Christmas!" **THEY MADE GOOD!**

MAKE YOUR SLOGAN---

"All W. S. S. Pledges Paid by Christmas." **MAKE GOOD!**

BUT REMEMBER---

That W. S. S. Pledge must be Paid by Dec. 31.

**War Saving Stamps Mean
Tickets Home for Our Boys**

This ad Patriotically Contributed to Bring the Boys Home by

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

NEW WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ANNOUNCED

Washington, Dec. 13.—The program for sale of war saving stamps in 1919 announced Friday by the treasury, is almost identical with that followed this year as relating to cost of the stamps in various months. In January the stamps worth \$5 face value will be sold for \$4.12, and will increase 1 cent a month until next December. They will not mature until January 1, 1924, or one year later than the stamps now on sale.

Thrift stamps costing 25 cents each will be sold throughout the year. They will be identical in design and size with the present thrift stamps, but will be blue instead of green. The war savings stamps, also blue, are considerably smaller than the present issue.

New cards on which war savings stamps are to be attached will be issued and 1919 stamps should be attached to old cards. If a war savings certificate has been only partially filled with this year's war savings stamps, it will be entirely valid and may be redeemed eventually at the maturity value of the stamps it bears. The new stamps will go on sale January 1. Indications now are that the sale of war savings stamps this year will be about \$1,000,000,000.

STRAYED

Black bob tail sow, marked crop and split in each ear, weight about 300 pounds. Will pay a reward for information leading to recovery. C. W. Butler, Sr. Percilla, Texas.

RAPID PROGRESS IN DEMOBILIZATION

Washington, Dec. 14.—Demobilization of the military forces at home is gaining in momentum, General March, chief-of-staff, announced Saturday with approximately half of the 1,700,000 men in the home camps on November 11 specifically designated for early discharge.

Reports to the war department, General March said, indicate a rate of discharge of about 15,000 men a day, which will be doubled when demobilization is in full progress.

TO VISIT ENGLAND

London, Dec. 14.—President Wilson has accepted an invitation from King George to visit England, and it is expected he will stop here on his way home. The British officials have been awaiting the arrival of Ambassador Davis before making any arrangement for entertainment of the president.

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.

From porhouse to inheritance of \$150,000 is luck of a Connecticut man while an Oklahoma girl, working her way through school, falls heir to \$30,000.

LIVINGSTON'S WAY— TREAT 'EM ROUGH

The following item from the Livingston Enterprise shows how the citizens of that patriotic town deal with slackers:

"Yesterday afternoon fourteen of the leading business and professional men of Livingston called upon Robert Duff, who conducts a second-hand store, and notified him that it had been decided that he was an undesirable citizen, and he was given until the 20th of this month to pack his belongings and seek another location. Duff, better known as "Scottie," has been here for more than a year, and he has been solicited three times for contributions to the Red Cross and one time for contribution to the United War Work Campaign. Each time he refused to give, but he has been able to buy \$600 in Liberty Bonds and several hundred dollars worth of War Savings Stamps. When the committee called on him and notified him that his citizenship was no longer desired here and that he would be given until the 20th to move, he said he would try, but he was given to understand that he must not try, but that he must be gone by that date, and he no doubt understood that the committee meant what it said."

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Small farm of 52½ acres, improved for sale or trade. Will sell on easy terms. For particulars see Ben Brooks, Grape-land, Texas. 41-3

Some men who imagine they are cut out for politicians are poor fits.

PEOPLE WHO ARE LEFT OUT OF THE ROLL CALL

Population of the United States Asked to Stand Up and Be Counted.

By GERALD STANLEY LEE.

I had a friend once named Old Bill Spear, who was the curator and founder of the John Quincy Adams Memorial in Quincy, Mass. He conceived the idea of making the house into a memorial and, with his genius as a collector of old furniture, filled it with things to see.

People came from everywhere, and at twenty-five cents apiece they went about to see the things Bill had collected and hear Bill talk.

Bill felt very superior to most collectors. "Just collectors," Bill said, "collect anything."

Bill usually could size people up when they came in the door, but when he wasn't quite sure about people, and suspected he didn't want to bother with them very long, he used to take them up to the attic to size them up quick. He would show them a bushel basketful of something they couldn't quite see, and then he would wave his hand with a flourish and say in an impressive tone as they stooped to look closer, "This is the Largest Collection of Burnt Matches in the World!"

Hundreds of collectors didn't break a smile, Bill said, and just looked awed. Then Bill knew, of course, that he needn't bother to show them his best things.

Some of the people who are proposing to go out into the streets Red Cross Christmas Roll Call Week and gather up everybody to join the Red Cross, seem to think that the main thing there is to tell people about the Red Cross is that if they pay a dollar to belong they will belong to the Largest Collection of People Who Have Paid One Dollar in the World.

I felt a little superior to this at first and began thinking how I wouldn't do it. But when I began thinking what the biggest Collection of People in the World could do by just being the biggest and by all wanting the same thing with a different one dollar, it became impressive.

It would even be impressive if forty million people in America all wanted the same thing with the same dollar!

All wanting the same thing would be a nation praying—all the grown-up people of a nation with their little half-conscious children round them—praying!

The dollar a man joined with, would not be a mere one dollar. The dollar would be a receipt to every man in America that 39,999,999 other men or women belonged to him, and that he belonged to them in getting what he wanted for three million soldier boys and for their children at home.

Forty million people—all the grown-up people in this country pick out three million men and say to the three million men they have picked out, "You go and do for us, you go and be saviors of the world and die on our crosses for us!"

Then what do the forty million do?

It would be something if we would all line up—the whole forty million of us to a man, with our little pallid insipid speechless dollar bills in our hands from Maine to California Christmas Week and use our two dollar bills a year as ballots, stand up in line and be counted and cable to the men across the seas that we vote one carfare once in two weeks to stand by them, to stand by the souls and bodies of the children of the men who have made a standing offer to die on our crosses for us!

Who wants to be left out of this line by Christmas Eve?

What man would want to be stood up in a row of those who are left out while all of the children of the world file by and look at him, while the little children of nine hundred thousand dead men in England file by and look at him, or the children of the soldiers of France giving their lives to protect the skyscrapers of New York?

For that matter it need not take so many children. What man who let himself be left out would feel safe in his own house with his own children climbing up into his lap believing in him—safe with his own baby pulling on his face, jabbing his small trustful fists in his eyes—if he let himself be left out?

Of course, it seems a little like a mockery to cable over to France Christmas Eve that we give one carfare once in two weeks to the children of the men we picked out to die for us, but it would be a start.

Nobody needs to think it would be a big thing just to belong to the Red Cross, but it is going to be a big thing to be left out.

AID GAS HEROES.

On the roof of the Pavilion Bellevue, near St. Cloud, is a most interesting hospital for soldiers who have been "gassed." The Pavilion Bellevue is the former home of Isadora Duncan and is in charge of the American Red Cross.

Lieut. Wilfred H. Day of Niagara Falls, N. Y., is in charge of this hospital, which treats only those who have been gassed, and is the first hospital of its kind to be established. Lieutenant Day has visited every country that was in the war, except Bulgaria and Turkey, and has worked in each one. During a recent visit to Worcester, England, he was received by the Lord Mayor and honored because of his work, and the Queen of Roumania conferred honor upon him, commending him for his work among the wounded and destitute of her country.

Renew your subscription.

RED CROSS SANTA TO FILL SOLDIERS' SOCKS

An Old Fashioned Celebration of Yuletide for American Soldiers in France.

A Christmas tree in every ward of every American hospital and in every hospital recreation hut in France!

Every wounded or sick American fighting man to receive two socks filled to the brim with fruits, nuts, candy and smokes!

These are the most interesting features of a tentative Christmas celebration program for the American hospitals arranged by the American Red Cross in France in co-operation with the commanding officers of our fighting forces in that country. Details of the plan to make Christmas as merry as possible for the soldiers in these institutions have just been received at Red Cross headquarters. Nurses and enlisted men on duty at these places will also share in the distribution of Christmas cheer. Because of the limited amount of available shipping space the Red Cross was compelled to abandon its original plan to send special Christmas parcels from here to soldier patients in France. All the articles distributed will be obtained over there.

This is to be an old fashioned celebration in every sense of the word. Every soldier will hang his socks on the tree. The socks will be tied with red ribbon and in addition to the goodies mentioned above will contain a handkerchief and a card, on which will be outlined the services the American Red Cross is prepared to render our soldiers. Each soldier will receive a sufficient number of Christmas postcards—now being designed by artists in the Red Cross service—to enable him to write to members of his family and his friends back home.

The Christmas dinner, of course, will be one of the features of the celebration. After dinner there will be musical entertainment, motion pictures and general singing.

RED CROSS FIGHTS DEADLY EPIDEMIC

Besides the special work conducted by hundreds of Red Cross Chapters throughout the country in checking the recent epidemic of Spanish Influenza, the organization through its headquarters at Washington is preparing to fight a repetition of the experience that was so disastrous this fall, educating the public thoroughly regarding the symptoms and the proper care at the beginning of an attack. In addition to this, the American Red Cross is fighting tuberculosis. The recent appropriation to the National Tuberculosis Association will be used for educational as well as relief work throughout the country.

So much has been said about the aftermath of the epidemic that especial attention is being given to the work along this line. The weakness which follows influenza leaves the patient in a condition which makes him a good field for the germs of tuberculosis. A thorough physical examination, proper food and clothing, the use of mild preventives, will check the progress of the disease at once.

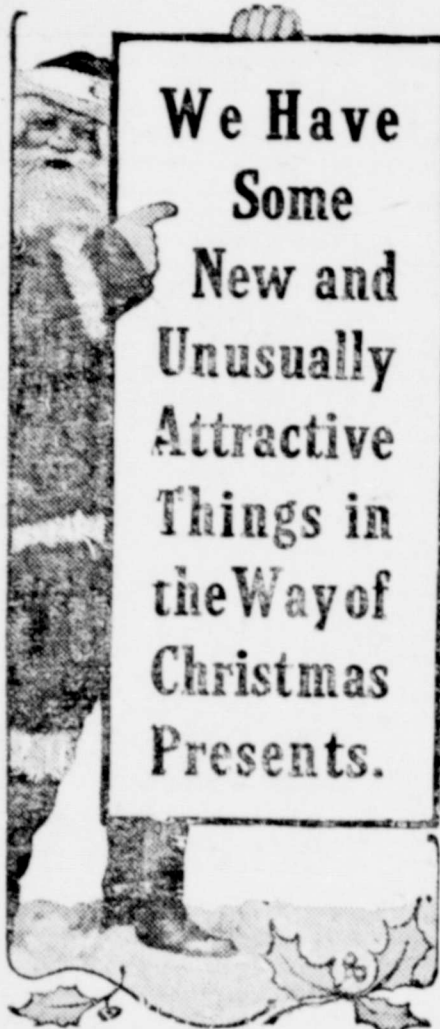
Tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is frequently called, is both preventable and curable, provided the treatment of the disease is begun before it is too far advanced. Medicine plays a comparatively small part. The frequently advertised "consumption cures" should be looked upon as poison. The only medicine which should be taken is a good tonic which will stimulate the appetite and build up the system generally. The main cure lies in proper food, sufficient rest, fresh air and sunlight and living, if possible, according to the plan prescribed by a good physician. This renews the patient's vitality and soon kills the disease entirely.

For several years the National Tuberculosis Association has been financing its work by the sale of Red Cross seals at Christmas time. The seals sold for a penny each and by making a concerted effort enough money was usually raised to carry the work through the year. This year there will be no seals sold because the American Red Cross has made an appropriation for the anti-tuberculosis work, and those who formerly spent their time selling seals will join in the work for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call during the week of December 16 to 23.

Coleman Scarborough arrived home last week from Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., where he had been in the officers artillery training school. He has been discharged.

Make it A Useful Gift

If there ever was a time when you should exercise good judgment in bestowing gifts, that time is now. Give something useful, practical--something that will bring cheer to the recipient for many days to come.



**We Have
Some
New and
Unusually
Attractive
Things in
the Way of
Christmas
Presents.**

We ask that you call at our store and inspect what we have to offer. We have something very nice in--

- Stationery
- Ivory Pieces
- Jewelry
- Dolls
- Fancy Candy in boxes

Coming!

We have coming and expect to have on display Friday one of the nicest lines of JEWELRY and SILVERWARE to be found anywhere. From this assortment you can select gifts that will be appropriate and sure to please.

D. N. LEAVERTON

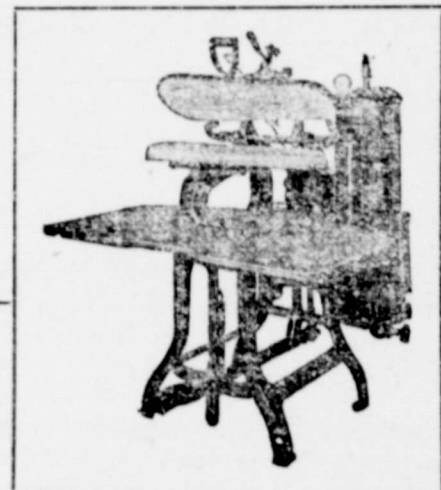


LIKE ATLAS SUPPORTING
THE WORLD

are the strong men who direct the affairs of this bank. They have provided ample capital and surplus for all emergencies and conduct the bank's affairs cautiously as well as progressively. This is a good bank with which to have connection. An account here is an asset in itself.

**Farmers & Merchants
State Bank**

Made-to-Measure
Fall and Winter Suits



Most Attractive line of woolsens, direct from the mills, to select from. All the very newest shades and patterns. We have a classy variety. Every garment we turn out is fashioned by an expert and built to suit you. We guarantee all styles and fit.

GUARANTEE ALL MENDING AND PRESSING.

CLEWIS--The Tailor

REYNARD

By Zack

Reynard, Dec. 16.—There is a right smart top crop of cotton to pick and with suitable weather think we will make the landing by the eventful day, which is coming as fast as the clock can tick.

Some fine turkeys will be shipped out of this community this week for someone's Christmas dinner. As far as we are concerned, they are "roosting" too high, and our turkey will be a fat chicken, which is mighty hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beazley and son, Harry, of Crockett were visitors here yesterday.

J. L. Chiles and family were the guests of Oran Rials and family yesterday.

Mrs. George Allen and children and her mother were the guests of S. S. Rials.

Yesterday was a day made to order and Sunday school was good. There were thirty-five present, four visitors and one new member.

Since we have all heard from our boys since the last gun was fired all are about ready for the holidays and feel more like helping to make merry the great day, and we have decided to have a Christmas tree and the usual committees were appointed, and will be glad to have anyone take

part whether they live in our community or not.

Reynard was well represented in Grapeland Saturday. A coincident, but not out of the ordinary, happened in town. One teacher, Miss Black, met Mr. White.

Our school will take two weeks and Miss Black will leave for her home at Navasota Saturday. She is a "live wire" and we will miss her through the holidays.

Arch Murray will make his annual visit to his old home town in Mississippi.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley, who has been visiting sometime in Grapeland, is expected home this week.

Pledger Chiles has learned to run a car and we expect him to take the fever most any time.

Will close with the usual greetings.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your stomach, liver and bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

When your clothes need treatment, carry them to Clewis' Sanitarium. All cases carefully treated.

Dr. Clewis' Hospital.

CARL NELSON PARKER

Carl Nelson Parker was born September 27, 1902, and died December 15, 1918, age 16 years, 2 months and 19 days. He was the son of R. A. and Mrs. Addie Parker of the New Prospect community. Death was caused by pneumonia. Interment took place in the Parker cemetery Monday morning, Rev. J. E. Buttrill officiating.

Carl was a good and obedient child, reared in a Christian home by Christian parents, who have the deepest sympathy of a wide circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have had a great deal of sickness in their home lately, Mrs. Parker now being quite ill. Mr. Parker asks his friends to remember them in their prayers for the recovery of his wife.

TO REMEMBER THE FALLEN

Perpetuating the memory of those who died for their country is to be the special duty of a new organization organized at Omaha to be known as the Order of the Golden Star—the mourning symbol of the service flag. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and wives of those who were lost are eligible to membership. Thus we shall have another guarantee that the American tradition of Decoration Day, which followed the Civil War, will continue.

To get rid of that Tired, Bilious, Half-Sick Feeling, take a dose of

HERBINE

It Cleanses the Stomach, Liver and Bowels

It's a man's remedy that goes to the right spot. Puts life and activity into the torpid liver, strengthens the stomach and digestion and purifies and regulates the bowels. A timely dose of this excellent system regulator and bowel tonic will oftentimes ward off a spell of sickness. Price 50 cents.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

ABSTRACTS

You cannot sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the Only complete up-to-date Abstract Land Titles of Houston County.

ADAMS & YOUNG
Crockett, Texas

C. C. OFFICER
Veterinarian
Telephone the Goodson
Hotel or Drug Stores

ECZEMA

Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded without question if Hunt's Salve fails to cure Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm or any other skin disease. See the box.



For sale locally by
WADE L. SMITH

JOHN SPENCE

Lawyer

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Office up stairs over Monzingo
Millinery Store

If You are Looking for Values

It will pay you to stop and take a look

We are offering you this week rock bottom prices, prices that you will not see again soon on merchandise of this quality.

Below are some of the values we have to offer you this week.

\$2.25 Overshirts for.....	\$1.98
\$3.00 Overshirts for.....	\$2.24
\$18.50 Coats for ladies for.....	\$15.50
\$8.00 Coats for ladies for.....	\$6.98
\$6.50 Coats for ladies for.....	\$5.48
\$4.50 Sport Coats for ladies.....	\$3.24
\$6.00 Coats for children.....	\$4.98
\$5.50 Coats for children.....	\$4.24
\$5.00 Coats for children.....	\$3.89
\$3.50 Coats for children.....	\$2.98
\$2.25 Coats for children.....	\$1.98

MEN'S SUITS

\$20.00 Suits for.....	\$15.00
\$17.50 Suits for.....	\$13.50
\$16.50 Suits for.....	\$12.50
\$12.50 Suits for.....	\$10.00
\$2.50 Hats for men's worth \$3.00 to \$3.50 for.....	\$2.48
1 lot of Boy's Shoes for only.....	\$1.50

Ten per cent discount on all shoes this week.

\$1.00 buckets of coffee for.....	89c
5 packages washing powders for.....	25c
5 bars soap for.....	25c
6 lb good parched coffee.....	\$1.00
12 Ga. U. M. C. Blk. powder shells for.....	69c
12 Ga. U. M. C. Smokeless shells for.....	90c

Come in and buy where your dollar will have more sense.

Murray & Mangum

QUALITY, SERVICE AND RIGHT PRICES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Saturday's casualty list contained the names of Hadie Kelley and John L. Cherry of Grapeland as being severely wounded in action. Kelly was a member of the Houston county National Guard Company and trained with the 36th Division at Camp Bowie. Cherry trained at San Antonio and belonged to the "fighting 90th."

DR. FRENCH COMING BACK MONDAY DEC. 23. INST.

Meeting with such great encouragement on my recent visit and learning of so many calling for me after I left, I will visit Grapeland again Monday, 23rd, inst. Can be found at Grapeland hotel from 7:30 a. m. to 2 p. m. J. N. French, Optometrist.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our store will be closed, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30, 31 and January 1st, taking Inventory. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

The top crop of cotton is coming in rapidly now. The gin yards Saturday were crowded with wagons just like early fall, and a considerable amount of cotton was ginned Monday.



ITCH!
Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, Ten, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by
WADE L. SMITH

FORD FOR SALE

We have a five passenger Ford for sale, in good condition. If you are looking for a good car worth the money, see us. Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

I am now ready to deliver berry plants. First come, first served. They are scarce this season account of drouth. Better get in your order quick. M. L. Williams, Route 4.

Business has been extraordinarily good in Grapeland for the past few weeks. Great crowds have thronged the streets on Saturdays and through the week.

FOR SALE

A full blood Tamworth sow that will farrow in January also one Duroc Jersey sow, some full blood Poland China pigs. J. E. Hollingsworth.

S. T. Parker and family recently moved to their new home near Palestine.

FOR SALE

Good young work mule, well broke, 2 years old. C. W. Butler, Sr. Percilla, Texas

FOR SALE

One hundred acres of land one mile from town. Good four room house. About twelve acres in timber. Must be sold before January first. See Mr. U. M. Brock, Guaranty State Bank.

LOCAL NEWS

Xmas goods at Wherry's.

Join the Red Cross!

Alfalfa Hay at Wherry's.

County Attorney Earle Adams was here Saturday.

Have you been to Kennedy Bros. big sale?

Renew your subscription before your time is out.

Extra low prices on everything at Wherry's.

John R. Owens went to Houston Tuesday night on business.

Don't fail to attend Kennedy Bros. big sale.

County Judge Nat Patton was in the city a little while Sunday.

Kennedy Bros. will pay highest prices for your chickens, eggs and butter.

Mrs. W. R. Wherry and Mrs. W. D. McCarty visited in Palestine Monday afternoon.

FOR SALE

Ford Roadster in good condition. Dr. Stafford.

Have your friends to meet you at Kennedy Bros. big clearance sale.

The largest and best line of Jewelry at Wherry's.

Buy your goods from Kennedy Bros. during the big sale, where your money lasts longer.

FOR SALE

A good young milch cow, 6 year old mare and a 5-passenger Ford car. M. E. Bean.

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Mrs. George Garner of Livelyville is again able to be out, after three weeks spent in the Nash sanitarium at Palestine for an operation.

AT METHODIST CHURCH

Services Sunday morning at 11 and night at 7:30. All are invited to attend both of these services. J. E. Buttrill, Pastor.

FOR SALE

Mrs. Corra Bailes of Robeline, La., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. George Garner, has returned to her home. She was accompanied home by Miss Modell Garner.

OYSTER SUPPER

The Victory Girls of Grapeland will give an oyster supper Wednesday, January 1, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. During the recent War Work Fund drive, the Victory Girls pledged \$115, and the proceeds of this supper will be used in paying this pledge. They solicit the patronage of the public.

PLUMBER WANTED

A good plumber can get all the work he can do at Crockett, Texas. The city will throw him all the work he wants. 42-2

Dr. W. B. Taylor of Creek spent Sunday here.

Take all your chickens, eggs, turkeys and butter to Kennedy Bros.

Mrs. Kiser of Humble is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves.

Kennedy Bros. December Clearance sale for what you want.

A. N. Edens of Antrim was here Wednesday and marketed six pigs that brought him \$265.00. They brought 15 1/2c per pound.

Mrs. Geo. Allen of Reynard was in the city shopping Tuesday, and paid the Messenger office an appreciated visit.

C. B. Crowson of Lovelady, formerly of this city, was here Tuesday afternoon meeting his friends.

Do you get all your produce is worth? If not, bring it to Kennedy Bros. and you will get what it is worth.

CROWDED OUT

We have an interesting letter from the front in France written by Compton Lively, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lively, which was crowded out of this issue, but will appear in the next.

TURKEYS FOR SALE

Large bronze turkeys, very fat—fine for Christmas. Price 25c per pound. Farmers Union phone. Mrs. W. T. Pridgen.

The Victory Girls will give an oyster supper Wednesday, January 1, beginning at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. They want you to eat with them. The money will be used in paying their pledge to the United War Work fund.

Newman Bros., Messrs. Frank, Walter and Henry, have purchased the merchantile business of F. L. Hiroms at Augusta. We understand that Mr. Hiroms will move to Crockett and engage in the automobile business.

RED CROSS MEETING

There will be a Red Cross meeting at Oak Grove Friday night, December 20. A speaker from Crockett will be present and a special program rendered by the children. All are urged to be present. Committee.

The Messenger received a pleasant call Wednesday morning from Constable R. F. Hendrix of Elkhart, who was here on business. Mr. Hendrix is serving the people of Elkhart as constable for the third term. He is a splendid peace officer.

A committee representing the Baptist church of Lovelady, composed of Messrs. Gantt, Cochran, Rich and Mainer were in Grapeland Sunday afternoon to confer with a committee representing the church here relative to the pastor's residence. Both churches have called Rev. W. E. Ray and both want him to live in their respective towns. The writer is not a member of the Baptist church, but he hopes the committee representing this church will be successful in landing the pastor and his family here, for we have plenty of room for good citizens like Bro. Ray.

OUR HONOR ROLL

This is the first honor roll we have published in several weeks. Our subscription list is now practically on a cash-in-advance basis, and with the co-operation of our subscribers we hope to keep it that way. We ask our subscribers to watch the date printed on the margin of the paper and renew at expiration, or better still, a few weeks before expiration. This will save us the expense of mailing statements and may save you from missing several copies of the paper. We thank all for their renewals.

Grapeland—Mrs. Dave Walling, Murray & Mangum, S. H. Lively, John A. Davis, W. H. Whitescarver, Jas. Owens, W. H. Kolb, Paul Weisinger, J. R. Richards, Web Brooks, Rev. J. E. Buttrill, Glenn Sullivan.

Route 1—Mrs. Hattie Jones, G. M. Cunningham, G. W. Garner, C. F. Stockbridge, Edgar Dunnam, W. P. Grounds, O. P. Brown.

Route 2—L. P. Gentry, Mrs. Nora Burden, Mrs. Frank Ward, Miss Annie Burden, Ellis Allen.

Route 3—Dudley Ellis, Mrs. Rhodie Chaffin, A. H. Streetman, C. E. Brooks, J. J. Willis, B. T. Masters.

Route 4—C. C. Willingham, C. H. Stevens, Homer Beazley, Douglass Beazley, Wood Eaves.

Percilla—Nion Thompson, Price Brown, M. E. Adams, George Brumley, Wood Spence.

Salmon—Dan Trigg. Elkhart—Mrs. M. C. Walling, M. J. Baker, J. L. Dancer, R. F. Hendrix.

Augusta—J. H. Scarbrough, W. T. Payne, George Moore. Palestine—F. D. Luce.

Crockett, Route 1—A. Webb. Slocum—C. W. Bragger. Jacksonville—C. E. Lane. Austin—State University.

Phillipine Islands—A. W. Cain. Vinson, Ok.—Henry Haltom. Cleburne—John Caincaid. (By Mrs. Geo. Allen.)

Colored—Ben McDancy, Wess Burns, Romeo Wells, Route 4.

The Baptists have arranged to have their services in Grapeland every first and third Sunday in each month. At 3 p. m. every first Sunday, Bro. Ray will preach at Reynard and every third Sunday afternoon at Daly's.

E. L. Williams of Wharton County spent several days here this week looking for a location. His son-in-law, Mr. Burrus, moved here some time ago, purchasing the farm of O. Caskey north of town.

Mae Bean knocked a shoat in the head one day last week and Mrs. Bean made sausage out of a considerable portion of the swine, consequently the editor's family has been feasting on pure "country sausage." If there is one article of food we like better than sausage it more of the same, and Mrs. Bean is certainly an artist when it comes to making it. Thanks.

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Harvesters, riding plows and cultivators may be found on every farm, but the washboard is about the same kind of one that our grandmothers used.



We Recommend
Sig-Nit-Suit underwear
 Not Genuine Unless Signed

Coopers

Kenosha-Klosed-Krotch
 Union Suits

**For Men, Women and Children
 Underwear---Blanket Robes**

Our underwear department is standardized—we have eliminated "off" brands and can sell you strictly first class underwear for less than you can buy cheaper kinds. We want you to think "ANNIVERSARY SALE" when you think underwear.

- Men's Union and two piece suits—Boy's Union Suits
- Women's Union and two piece suits—Girl's Union Suits
- Children's E-Z Union Suits

We especially desire to call your attention to our assortment of **BLANKET ROBES** one of the most useful gifts a man or woman could received. We have them in a number of designs. We also feature DANIEL GREENE CUMFY SHOES for men, women and children.

Men's Hats

Of course you want to "tough up" your looks with a new hat and it makes no difference what style or shade you prefer, you will find just your size in the hat you like from our well selected stock of

STETSON HATS
 MALLORY HATS
 WORTH HATS

This Fall's Best Colors: Black, Gray, Brown and Green. Anniversary Sale Prices Prevail.

Blankets and Comforts included in our sale.

We have the biggest assortment of knit caps and sweaters in GrapeLand....We can save you money.

Men's Suits, Overcoats, Mackinaws

There is nothing so practical to give a man than some useful article of wearing apparel. We are showing some of the season's newest styles and colors in our lines of men's suits, overcoats and Mackinaw's and feature a full line of sizes. The SUITS are here in loose fitting, snug fitting and close fitting models, including serges. The OVERCOATS are here in a beautiful selection of long and short coats with full and half linings. THE MACKINAWS are carefully chosen in a pleasing array of beautiful plaids and checks. We also feature in men's wearing apparel: Shirts, Socks, Handkerchiefs, Neck Ties, Overgaiters, belts, supporters, etc.



Our Anniversary Sale insures you of the lowest prices on all Men's Clothing.

Darsey's Big 30th Anniversary Sale Closes Next Tuesday

A SALE THAT

Our big Thirtieth Anniversary Sale has far exceeded our expectations. Indeed. We are justly proud of what we have accomplished in successfully purchasing at a fictitious value. Every price made was on merchandise of which we have no competitors wonder how we can do it. Salesmen representing wholesale houses realizing an exceptional opportunity to buy at a saving, sincerely appreciate the advantage of our offerings.

This Store's

of fair dealing has been lived up to throughout this sale. Few errors—fewer favors that has not been corrected. We have made good our promise to our customers we want to make these last few days before Christmas the BIGGEST SALE

**Ladies' Coat Suits, Coats, Skirts
 and Dresses**

We have some of the season's most popular numbers in popular sizes in Coat Suits, Coats and Dresses. The prices of all ladies ready to wear has been greatly reduced and if you intend buying for Christmas, you will have to hurry as we only have a few values left.

Children's Coats at Sale Prices.

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists

We now have on display, a new shipment of crepe de chine and Georgette waists in all light and dark colors, featuring the newest beaded and embroidered designs and all necks. We also have a big lot of VOILE WAISTS. They are Priced Right.

Home Furnishings

Keep the home atmosphere pleasant during the holidays. You can greatly add to your home surrounding at a slight cost by investigating our showing of

- Rugs
- Art Squares
- Curtain Scrims
- Cretonnes
- Blankets
- Comforts
- Counterpanes
- Dresser Scarfs
- Center Pieces
- Library Table
- Runners
- Heaters

Furniture and Cook Stoves

Something for the home is the most all round useful gift that can be bought. This store has some real bargains in all kinds of furniture. Come here for lowest prices on—

- Iron Beds, Dressers, Wash Stands, Kitchen Cabinets
- Library Tables, Dining Tables
- Springs, Mattresses, Etc.

We can save you money at our Anniversary Sale on a Cook Stoves or a Range. We have them in all sizes.

Aluminumware given free with cash register checks as well as all kinds of dishes.



About

We have selected the most popular Men, Women's and Children's brands in Men's woollen Knit gloves

Here are Some of the

They are given free with purchases of \$2.50 and over.

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| Platters | Percolators |
| Dishes | Boilers |
| Deserts | Pans |
| Glass | Buckets |
| Pitchers | China |
| Water Sets | Tumblers |
| Bicycles | |
| Cups and Saucers | Aluminum |
| Colored Glassware | offhand |
| all kinds | Pieces |
| Girl's Cook Stoves | |

Our Christmas Gift

In addition to giving away a number of Free with cash register making an extra discount of—

20 Per cent For Cash Register

In other words, an article of value formerly went for \$10 in Cash will be given new with only \$8

We Pay Cash for all

Bring us your Chickens, Hides, Turkeys, Butter and cash price the market affords.

GEORGE E. DARSEY

THE SERVICE FIRST

11th Anniversary Sale

Monday, December 24

WHAT IS A SALE

...tations. Our huge daily volume of business has been very gratifying in-
...essfully putting on the biggest sale event ever held in Houston County. It
...have turned out otherwise. Every value advertised was a true and not a
...rich we had ample stocks. We reserved nothing and included everything
...wholesale houses have time and again said we were foolish. Customers
...appreciated our value and showed their appreciation by liberally taking

Our Policy

...rs—fewer than we expected—occured but we do not know of a one in our
...omise to our trade and in entering upon the last lap of the year's business,
...BEST SELLING EVENT FOR THE YEAR.



Make the Kiddies Happy!

Give them a Kiddy Kar

The kind we have are adjustable to all ages from 2 to 10 years. If you want one, have it put up today. We also have Child's Rockers, straight Chairs, Wagons, Velocipedes, and a number of other things that will put joy into his heart and roses in his cheeks.

Anniversary Sale of Toilet Articles

25c Marcellé Talcum in flesh and white; all perfumes, good big cans	2 for 35c
15c C. W. Beggs Talcum as above	2 for 25c
65c Almond Lotion	50c
60c Face Powder flesh and white	45c
30c Face Powder as above	25c
50c Rouge Paint	39c

Parisian Ivory and Jewelry

Ivory Comb and brush sets, manicure sets, Comb, brushes, mirrors, Military brushes, clothes brushes, Hair receivers, trays, puff boxes, shoe button hooks, shoe horns, pin cushions nail buffers, etc. etc. The biggest assortment in town. Our line of popular priced Jewelry includes lavalieres, brooches, cameos, baby pins, waist pins, baby lockets, bracelets, service pins, Men's watch and knife chains, cuff buttons, scarf pins, etc.

Dainty Undergarments For Ladies and Misses

Our selection of ladies undergarments is well chosen and embodies the most popular ideas in silk, cotton and crepe materials. All garments are shown here at a big price range in colors of white and flesh. **Kabo Corsets, Brassieres, Corset Covers, Chemise, SKIRTS, Gowns, Etc.**

Save your cash register checks. They are worth money to you

Get our sale prices on staple dry goods. We can sell you the same goods for less money; better goods for the same money.

Boys' Suits and Overcoats



Make your boys Christmas profitable to him with some serviceable clothes rightly tailored to give long, lasting wear. Our line of boys clothes include the ever popular belted and close models in all popular cloths.

OUR BOY'S OVERCOATS are exceptional values in splendid garments. They are here for boys of all ages from 2½ to 18 years. THE PRICES OF THESE GARMENTS, LOW AT FIRST, HAVE BEEN GREATLY REDUCED DURING OUR ANNIVERSARY SALE.

About Your Gloves

We have one of the best selected stock of gloves for Men, Women and Children that you will find anywhere. We feature leading brands in

Men's work and kid gloves
Women's colored kid gloves
Knit gloves for everybody

Give of the Premiums

Free with purchases amounting to \$5.00 or more.

- Polars
- Bowls
- Skillets
- Peachers
- Vases
- Plate Sets
- Grafanolas

Aluminum tea kettles
Offhand Painted Dresser Pieces

Christmas Gift to You

By giving away pieces of Aluminum with cash register checks, we are counting on—

Cash Register Checks
Every article of aluminum that you buy with 10 in Cash Register Checks will give you only \$8.00, and so on.

Best for all Produce

Chickens, Eggs, Beeswax, Butter and get the highest prices that the market affords.

Make this Christmas a Practical One

You can do it by looking over the many suggestions offered on these two pages, every one of which will be sold to you at our anniversary sale prices. Cash register checks good for premiums given with every purchase.

Extra Discount on Aluminumware

In addition to the extra low prices made during our Thirtieth Anniversary Sale, we are daily giving away with cash register checks, valuable premiums representing an investment of hundreds of dollars. These premiums are absolutely free and are given in addition to our sale prices as an extra discount amounting to a bigger reduction than has been offered by other houses. We have recently received big shipments of Holiday Goods that have been added to our Premium Counter and you will more truly appreciate their REAL VALUE by seeing them on display at almost every store featuring Holiday Goods. The plan is this: With every purchase you make, we give you a cash register check for the amount of your purchase. This cash register check may in turn be used to purchase articles displayed on our premium table. It is simply and purely a PROFIT SHARING PROPOSITION where you cash in our you checks the same day you receive them.

Every yard of Gingham, Percales, Sheet- ing, Domestic, Outing Etc., in our store is being sacrificed at an unheard of prices.

See the premiums in our Grocery Department that we are giving absolutely free with Cash Register Checks.

SEY & COMPANY

THE FIRST STORE

A. & M. OFFERS HELP IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION

College Station, Tex., Dec. 12.—With the coming of peace there will be no doubt be a great revival of highway work, and the A. & M. College of Texas is prepared to assist local road officials in many ways announced Dean J. C. Nagle of the school of engineering. Often ways are handicapped by the lack of information as to the best methods of doing the required work. A readily available source of information on the various phases of highway work is the civil engineering department of the college. Twelve road bulletins have been issued to date, including: "Earth Roads," "Sand-Clay Roads," "Gravel Roads," "Highway Bridges and Culverts," "Maintenance of Earth, Sand-Clay and Gravel Roads," "The Physical Testing of Nonbituminous Road materials," "The Financial side of road improvement" and "the benefits of good roads" These bulletins are sent free to any one on request.

The college also maintains thoroughly equipped laboratories where all road materials, such as sand, clay, gravel, rock, brick, oil, tar, asphalt, cement and reinforcing bars are tested. No charge is made for tests of stone, gravel, sand and clay for road construction, and such tests will often save thousands of dollars by showing what material should be used in a given case. The use of improper materials is a constant source of road failures.

The college highway engineers are often called upon to give lectures during good road campaigns and to give advice to local road officials regarding their special problems. No fee is charged for such services, and those interested in highways are invited to communicate with the college regarding their problems.

TRASH YOUR BOLLS

I have a machine that will trash cracked cotton bolls so that it can be ginned and make a good sample. See or write me for information.

C. W. Butler, Sr.
Percilla, Texas.

HOGS WANTED

We are in the market for hogs and will pay highest market prices. Be sure and see us before you sell.

42-4 Dailey Bros.

W. P. Grounds of Route 1 was a pleasant caller Saturday. He will read the Messenger in 1919.

A LETTER FROM JAS. L. CHILES

A. E. F., Nov. 15, 1918.
Mrs. J. L. Chiles,
Grapeland, Texas.
My dear mother:
I will try and write you just a few lines this morning to let you know that I am still living and feeling fine. Since everything has turned out like it has, I think I will be home with you some time soon. Of course it will take some time, but I feel sure I will get to come home safe now, since the shells have quit falling and the machine gun bullets have quit flying. I would not have given 5c for my life Sunday evening before they quit firing on Monday morning, but thank God I pulled through safe and sound, but gee, there were lots of good men lost in the last battle, and I guess there would have been lots more lost if they hadn't ceased firing, for we were going over the top again this morning, and believe me, I sure was glad when I heard they had ceased firing, for they were just shelling our front line to beat the mischief about 10:30 o'clock and at 11 o'clock you never heard another gun shot. Believe me, it sure did seem funny not to hear a gun. I could hardly believe it when I heard they had ceased firing, and I knew it, too, for they quit shelling all at once.

Well I close for this time, as I haven't time to write much. I hope to be home soon and tell you all about it. I received your letter yesterday, which was written October 13, which was the quickest, I believe, I have ever gotten from you. Your son,
Jas. L. Chiles,
Hdq. Co., 360th Infantry.

STRICKLAND IMPROVING

We are glad to report that Senator J. J. Strickland of Palestine, who has been quite ill of pneumonia at Ft. Worth, is rapidly improving. The report was current here last week that Senator Strickland was dead.

FOR SALE

We have for sale, a five passenger Ford car in good condition.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Lee Stockbridge writes his father, C. E. Stockbridge, Route 1, that he has been transferred from Galveston to Camp Logan, Houston, and will be mustered out soon. Lee hopes to be discharged in time to eat Christmas dinner at home.

GREETINGS

FROM THE STORE OF
H. HORWITS
CITY HALL
PALESTINE, - TEXAS

Four days more and Christmas with its joys and its sorrows will be with us. To those that have escaped the destructive influences that have surrounded us in the past year, have an abundance to be thankful for. To others, may time bring its healing balm and bring you contentment and peace.

The store of Horwits greets you on the eve of the holidays of 1918 and extends the hand of good fellowship, with the hope that an era of prosperity will be with us for 1919 leaving influences for the good of mankind in its wake.

Until Christmas we expect to see Palestine filled with shoppers from the adjoining communities, and our store extends you a welcome. Unusual opportunities are offered in all departments. Coats and Suits must go, prices are cut in half from their original values. We will appreciate a call from you.

Yours truly,
H. HORWITS

For Xmas Shoppers

Our Line of
Holiday Goods

Is Most Complete

Jewelry--If it is anything in the Jewelry line, we have it. If you buy jewelry from us you may know that the price and quality is right. Every piece guaranteed.

French Ivory--In this we have hair brushes, clothe brushes, mirrors, and combination ssts.

Pictures--We have quite a number of Harrison Fisher's famous pictures.

In addition to the above, we have a miscellaneous stock of holiday goods. We not wish to encourage you to part with your Liberty Bonds, but if you wish a Diamond or a NEW EDISON we will accept your Liberty Bonds at par.

Wade L. Smith



"We joined—have you?"

When you have that button pinned on your coat, you can look the whole world in the face—and feel proud.

It means you have answered "present" to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call for 1919. It means that you have placed your personal stamp of approval on the work of the Greatest Mother in the World and that you have given her the moral support of your membership.

Red Cross work must go on!
As long as Americans are under arms across the sea, as long as the results of war, pestilence and famine afflict the world, the need for the Red Cross will exist.

America has never failed in doing its full duty—that duty now is universal membership in the Red Cross.



Put your
flag in
your window

Join the Red Cross
—all you need is a heart and a dollar



Wear your button
Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?
Join

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MURRAY & MANGUM

Big Auction Sale of Automobiles

Being in need of the money, and to make ready for some changes January 1st, we have decided to Auction off our entire stock of USED CARS. On December 23rd next, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., before the Court House, we will sell the stock to the highest bidder, and the sale will be managed by an Auctioneer from Houston.

The stock consists of—

- Fords
- Dodge Brothers
- Maxwells
- Overlands
- Chevrolets
- Also One Buick.

These Cars have been carefully over-hauled by our mechanic, and are guaranteed to be in good running condition. They will be subject to inspection and testing by the bidders.

This is a rare chance to buy a good used car at your own price. To prevent possible collusion, we reserve the right to raise the highest bid \$5.00, and retain possession of any Automobile.

We will accept Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps at value as cash, and are further prepared to accept secured note for 50 per cent of bid, balance cash.

Don't Forget the date--come and pick up a good Automobile cheap.

SPECIAL

We have just been allotted a few "Dodge Brothers" and "Buick" new cars, latest models, and can take care of a few sales. "First come first served," and we suggest quick action if you want a new car. Prices will not decline for some time, and both are now comparatively cheaper than others.

EAST TEXAS MOTOR CO.
Crockett, - Texas

AMERICA'S WOMEN JOINED IN ANTHEM OF SERVICE

Millions of Red Cross Workers Do Multitude of Little Things at Home Which Enable Our Boys to Do Great Things in France.

Under the banner of the Red Cross American women are working in homes, churches, clubs, schools, shops, theaters, factories, hospitals and in thousands of Red Cross work-rooms. The hum of sewing machines, the whizz of muslin torn to accurate strips, the rat-tat-tat of volunteer typewriters, the purr of boiling kettles in canteens, the rumbling of automobiles of the Motor Corps, the soft click of knitting needles in lonely cabins and farm-houses, all blend into a great anthem of service.

About 8,000,000 women working through Red Cross Chapters and branches are making with their hands relief supplies—surgical dressings, knitted articles, hospital and refugee garments—or working as volunteers, subject to any call day or night, at 500 railroad stations throughout the country and at the ports of embarkation, or serving in volunteer Motor Corps. Truly here is an army with banners—banners of a red cross on a white field.

For the period up to the first of July, 1918, American Red Cross Chapters, through their work-rooms, had produced 192,748,107 surgical dressings, 10,134,501 knitted articles, 10,786,489 hospital garments and other hospital supplies and refugee garments, making a total of 221,282,838 articles of an estimated aggregate value of at least \$44,000,000.

Last spring during the Red Cross war fund drive, when thousands of women workers in cities in every state formed their great symbolic processions, those who looked on saw them as the representatives of all our American women working in this war, and heard in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," to which they marched, the

varied sounds of all their eager labor. The things they made, which carried a message of love from the women of this country, quite apart from their great money value, went from their work-rooms on great adventures. They have gone into front line trenches, to emergency hospitals in foreign villages and into the most modern operating rooms. They have wrapped lost and frightened children in warmth and sheltered aged refugees from the cold. They have gone overseas into strange and sad places, into Russia and Serbia and Palestine and Italy and France. They have gone into our own huge cantonments for our own young soldiers.

The Department of Nursing of the American Red Cross is the great recruiting agency of the United States Army and Navy Nurse Corps. By the first of October it had assigned over 18,000 graduate nurses to active military service at home and abroad. It has provided over 700 nurses for the Federal Public Health Service and the Red Cross Town and Country Nursing Service, which co-operates with the local health boards in the communities which it serves.

The statement of the Home Service of the American Red Cross to all of our fighting men that it is prepared to help in any emergency that may arise in their homes—help in legal ways, medical ways, business ways, friendship ways—would not be possible without the vision and the active co-operation of thousands of American women. In every division of the Red Cross, from coast to coast and from Canada to Mexico, they have seen this service as the elemental right due from the American people to their defenders.

WAR FUND REPORT BY COUNTY CHAIRMAN

To the Citizens of Houston county:

For your information I herewith submit report of the collections from each of the Banking centers of the county to the United War Work Campaign.

In order to show to what extent each of the communities responded to this noble cause, I submit the quota to be raised at each of these places.

Everyone, I am sure, will be delighted to know the county came out in this campaign, as in all previous campaigns, "one hundred per cent" strong.

The quota for the entire county was the sum of \$9,000.00, which was divided as follows:

Quota	Amount Subscribed
Crockett	\$4,630.50
Grapeland	1,543.50
Lovelady	1,413.90
Kennard	384.75
Ratcliff	577.80
Weldon	449.55
Total	\$9,000.00
Amount Subscribed	
Crockett	\$5,406.50
Grapeland	1,736.76
Lovelady	518.75
Kennard	645.25
Ratcliff	731.75
Weldon	359.10
Victory Boys and Girls ..	888.15
Victory Girls	419.26
Total	\$10,595.54

The above amounts subscribed by the "Victory Boys and Girls" and the "Victory Girls" Clubs came from almost all of the different school Districts of the County. I would like to give the name and amount subscribed by each school district, but to do so would make this report too long for publication.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your noble, patriotic co-operation in this work, without which success would not have crowned our efforts.

J. W. Young,
County Chairman.

GOVERNOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

Austin, Tex., Dec. 12.—In a proclamation issued today Governor Hobby invites every citizen of Texas to enroll as a member of the Red Cross during Christmas roll call week. The teachers of the state are requested by the governor to bring the Red Cross and its need to the attention of the school children "to the end that they may enroll in that honored list of those who serve humanity."

"The goal for Texas is reached only when every person in the state shall be enrolled as a member of the Red Cross," said the governor in the proclamation. "It is our ambition that Texas shall be found leading all other states in this great undertaking for succor of humanity."

NOTICE TAX PAYERS

Heretofore you have paid your school tax with your county and state tax, but this year we have our own collector—Mr. Paul Kennedy, who will be found at Kennedy Bros. store. We urge that you call on him and pay your school tax, as the money is needed to keep our school going. Please bear in mind that when you pay your county and state tax that your school tax is not paid. One per cent discount will be given on payments during December.

41-3 W. D. Granberry,
President Grapeland School Board.

WANTED TO BUY

I am in the market for peanuts and peanut hay. If you have any to sell be sure to see me and get my price before you sell.

J. W. Howard.

Geo. Scarbrough has sold his place on the Rusk road, and with his family will move to Grapeland, where he has bought a large farm.—Palestine Advocate.

LET IT SLIP AND WAS RUINED FOR LIFE

What's the matter, young man, young woman? Why are you letting opportunity slip through your fingers? What are your plans for the coming year? Do you intend to qualify for a greater success? A small investment now, accompanied by earnest endeavor and a few months of solid study in our school will mean qualification, a position, promotion, increased bank account and greater satisfaction all along the line of your future life. Why hesitate? Don't you know that Uncle Sam and the business offices is calling for young men and women trained for Stenographers, Bookkeepers, operators, and Secretaries? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses?

You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve muscle or brain cell than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you! Wherever your eye turns, you see some man or woman who had no better

start than you—with no better general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to become especially trained in some one special line and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You should not think of success as a present, which Santa Claus will bring and drop into your stockings while you sleep.

You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment NOW.

The object of this appeal is to set you to thinking of your future. If we have done this, we shall feel that you owe it to yourself to investigate the methods of our school. Write us something of your ambitions; what you would like to accomplish; be perfectly frank with us.

When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school for free catalogue. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

SEE ME FOR

Good ear corn and Maize. Have a car, but it will go fast.

J. W. Howard.

About the only blow that strikes a man favorably is his own boast.

NO CHEAP FOOD IN SIGHT YET AWHILE

Fresh eggs in Washington markets are now commanding 83 cents a dozen and the prediction is made in the Pathfinder that eggs will go to \$1 a dozen before spring. Dealers in New York City are buying all the eggs they can get at 65 cents a dozen wholesale, minus the freight charges, while concerns in parts of New Jersey are finding it hard to get eggs in carload lots at any price. The price of the best creamery butter in many cities has gone to above 70 cents a pound. Food that cost \$10 in 1913 now cost over \$17; statisticians tell us that prices have risen 75 per cent during the last five years. Following are some of the increases that have come during the 5-year period:

Sirloin steak, 57 per cent; round steak, 70 per cent; pork chops, 94 per cent; lard, 106 per cent; eggs, 62 per cent; butter, 52 per cent; bread, 77 per cent; flour, 106 per cent; cornmeal 127 per cent; potatoes, 105 per cent; and sugar, 66 per cent. Everyone is looking forward to the time when food prices will be more in keeping with the average man's income, but not until the devastated countries of Europe are put on a producing basis will the cost of living in this country diminish to any appreciable extent, food experts believe.

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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Our Advertising Rates are reasonable and Rate Card cheerfully furnished upon application.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1918

Where is your 1919 membership button?

We heartily wish everyone a merry, merry Christmas.

Ratcliff business men have organized a "Community Boosters Club" and have inaugurated trades days for Ratcliff.

What has become of the old fashioned preacher who used to part his coattail right and left when he sat down?

Every girl ought to have a business education. She never knows how soon she will marry and have a husband to support.

Peru and Chile are making ugly faces at each other. In view of what has been happening during the past four years, they ought to have better sense.

The old saying that "uneasy lies the head that wears the crown," will now have to go into discard. There are no crowns to wear.

If you have borrowed this paper from your neighbor, be sure to return it when you have finished reading it. He subscribed because he wanted it.

What has become of the old time butcher who used to throw in a piece of liver with a soup bone and a piece of fat as big as your fist with a chunk of roast?

We may be a little grouchy, but we've never yet been able to understand what a rooster finds to crow about along towards three o'clock in the morning.

We love our Uncle Samuel. Sometimes we feel inclined to criticize because we think he is too slow, but that is a pretty good sign he will be sure. For instance, he was a little slow about getting into the war game, but he pushed the breeze, kicked up the dust and raised hum-hum when he did get to going, didn't he?

The Red Cross Membership drive is now on. Join! It only costs a dollar, and it is money well spent. The work of the Red Cross is not over—in fact, it goes on forever. We need the Red Cross in peace times the same as in war.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Once more, good people of Grapeland and surrounding territory, we find pleasure in wishing for one and all of you a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Since last we felt that love in our hearts which makes this the sweetest season of all, we have emerged from shadows which did not make for "peace on earth and good will toward men." We have passed from a reign of carnage and bloodshed out into God's own sunlight to find that for which He gave His only begotten son—PEACE. We have seen right and justice enthroned where brutality ruled, and we are back this Christmas where all mankind can feel and know what Peace really mean. We have come to the close of a year that has witnessed the triumph of right over night; of good over evil; of liberty over license and of civilization over ignorance. Truly this should be for all of us the greatest Christmas since the one in which a babe, born in a manger, came to save the world.

Through a year of strife and sacrifice, of bleeding hearts and tear-dimmed eyes, you good people of this section have passed strong-hearted and deserving. You have met every duty imposed upon you, and you have given of your own flesh and blood as you had never before been called upon to give. It has been a year of sacrifice, but the blessings it has brought to you overshadow the sacrifices. And just as the sunshine follows the rain, even so has a lasting peace followed strife and found us happier than we were a year ago.

As we celebrate, in the fulness of the season; as our hearts warm again and we feel the childlike benediction of Him whose birth we honor, let us be mindful that only by sharing our blessings with those about us can we realize the true happiness that is intended for us upon this significant occasion.

And now, in the name of the one you have trusted faithfully and humbly; in the name of those you have sent to fight for the noblest cause man ever fought for; in the name of the land you love and those in the land who love you, we wish you, good people of Grapeland and surrounding territory—we wish each and every one of you—A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Did you know that the average American family spent forty-two per cent of its income for food, twelve per cent for rent, thirteen for clothing and more for either tobacco or liquor than for books and newspaper?

The Crockett papers came out last week brimming full with ads from the merchants. The Times had sixteen pages and the Courier twelve. Crockett merchants seem to be waking up—if they will only stick to it instead of going at spasmodically, as seems to be their habit. Anybody will tell you that Grapeland's success is due largely to the fact that it is an advertising town.

PARIS WELCOMES PRESIDENT WILSON

Paris, Dec. 14.—President and Mrs. Wilson made their entry into Paris this morning, greeted by well-nigh half the population, not only of the city, but of the surrounding districts. They were attended by President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and others among the most eminent figures in France. Flowers were dropped around their carriage, airplanes winged overhead, guns sounded. But observers were impressed with something more than the magnitude and beauty of the reception by some quality of warmth that made it different from the visits to Paris recently made by the sovereigns of the allied nations.

This is an armistice night. The city is ablaze with illuminations, the boulevards are thronged with crowds, dancing and singing and throwing confetti. The Place de la Concorde has been turned into a great dancing pavilion, where American soldiers are favorite partners. America is the predominating word here tonight.

The imagination and interest of France has been stirred by the president of the United States as no other leader beyond the borders. All classes and parties in this country have united to

pay honor to the United States through its president. They greet him as the representative of ideals now dawning upon Europe.

"In the eyes of the immense crowds welcoming him," says the semi-official Temps. "President Wilson represents two invincible forces—the material force which permitted the war to be won and also the force which will sanctify peace."

Thirty-six thousand soldiers, the flower of the French army, lined the avenue from Dauphine gate to the Murat mansion, which, during their stay in Paris, will be the home of the president and his wife. Alpine chasseurs and zouaves, fresh from the battlefields of Champagne, and colonial troops from whose uniforms the mud of the Somme had only a few days ago been removed, occupied the post of honor. They gently but firmly kept order amongst the enormous crowds which ever pressed forward in eagerness to have a closer look at the guests of France.

MASKS FRIGHTEN COLORED RECRUITS

The sight of armed soldiers with their faces covered with gauze masks to keep them from catching the Spanish influenza created a panic among a trainload of colored soldiers arriving at Camp Wheeler, Ga., a few days ago. "Ku-Kluxes!" yelled the first negro who saw them. Immediately there was a wild scrambling for cover, despite the efforts of the officers to keep the men in line. Considerable time then elapsed, with much persistent arguing, before the frightened negroes could be persuaded to come out of their hiding places. They believed that the members of the Ku-Klu-Klan.

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.

At Cost!

150 Boys' Suits

To be sold at cost

All good material, nicely made and latest patterns. I am overstocked and must close them out by January 1. See me and save money.

T. S. Kent

Automobile Owners! Attention!

When your car gets sick, try the Service Garage.

We are prepared to do all kind of automobile repairing.

We have had several years' experience in the automobile business. Try us.

We carry a complete line of

Ford Parts

All Work Guaranteed

Kolb & Ragsdale

Proprietors

WORKERS MUST LABOR UNTIL LAST HOUR

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—"The success of the Red Cross membership campaign in the Southwestern division rests entirely with the Red Cross workers, and unless thy labor untiringly the division will fail to live up to its past record of having set the it pace" said George W. Simmons manager of the division in an interview today.

"The president of the United States has asked every American to respond, and to his call has been added those of every governor and other high official in the United States. The necessity for the success of the roll call of the Red Cross is not underestimated by these men, who know what the organization has accomplished and what it must do.

"There is plenty of work for the Red Cross. The soldiers and sailors must continue to receive comfort and cheer and the dependants of these men must not be forgotten. We must continue to care for these mothers, wives and children until the fighters are mustered out and are back in their old positions.

"It is not necessary for me to repeat that all of Europe looks to America for aid and that the Red Cross must not shirk its duty.

"The people will, I believe, respond to the roll call of the Red

CITY BARBER SHOP

DENSON & WALTON Proprietors

Shop on Main Street next door to Guaranty State Bank

Your Business will be Greatly Appreciated

Laundry Agency

Basket leaves every Wednesday and returns Saturday.

Cross to enable it to continue its work of mercy, but Red Red Cross workers must labor until the last hour of the campaign if it is to be a great success."

MONEY IN EGGS

Eggs are not bankable but the money from their sale is. This money is yours for the effort. How do you treat the hen that lays the "Golden Eggs" B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy will keep the poultry in good condition and increase the yield in eggs. We guarantee this and refund your money if not satisfied. McLean & Riall.

Mrs. W. E. Holmes and little daughter left Saturday for Rogers to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

The Thrift Car

Overland

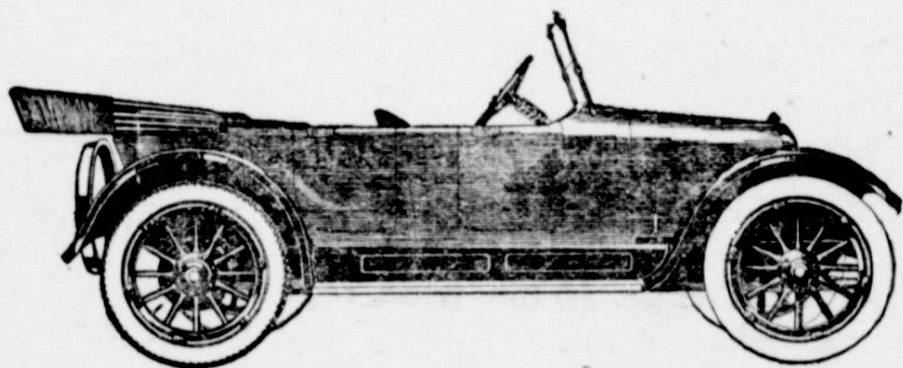
TRADE-MARK

There are five things to consider when you buy a motor car—

Appearance
Performance
Comfort
Service
Price

Owners who have bought the Overland Model 90 have not been worried about any of these things.

Remember this when you decide to buy your car.



J. E. TOWERY

CROCKETT, TEXAS

GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

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

WADE L. SMITH, Special Agt.

County Clerk Owens was in the city Monday.

ROCK HILL

By Norman

Rock Hill, Dec. 15.—Miss Annie Tyer went to her home at Percilla Sunday a week ago. She was sick with tonsillitis and could not come back until last Saturday. Miss Ludie Willis took her place in the school room.

The "flu" has got back again among us, and it is doing almost as good work as it did before, but we hope it will soon tell us good-bye and good luck now and forever.

Willie Page is just recovering from a spell and his mother is quite ill at present.

Misses Annie Tyer and Ruth Sanders spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Lucy Willis.

Miss Ola Willis visited her homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. C. A. Campbell will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Quite a crowd from this community attended church at Antrim Sunday.

Santa time is drawing near and we hope nothing will happen to prevent his coming on time. There is some talk of a Christmas tree. We do not know yet whether we will have it.

Some of Mr. Tom Green's children have been quite sick with the "flu."

ANTRIM

By Hiawatha

Antrim, Dec. 16.—Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment here today. A very good crowd was present.

W. R. Durnell and family attended Sunday school at Rock Hill Sunday evening.

A. N. Edens and family visited J. F. Durnell and family.

Claude Pearson of the Myrtle Springs community visited Lee Martin Sunday.

M. F. Hopper has purchased and moved to the B. F. Huggins' place.

Our school has been suspended until Monday after Christmas, on account of our teacher, Miss Nodell Jordon, being sick.

MRS. WALTER CASKEY

Mrs. Walter Caskey died Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at her home in the New Prospect community, death being caused by pneumonia. Interment took place Monday in the Guiceland cemetery. She is survived by her husband and several children.

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth, who has been visiting relatives here for some time, left Saturday for her home in Lorraine.

ELMER L. BRIMBERRY WRITES HIS FATHER

LaRochelle, France, Nov. 24. Mr. J. S. Brimberry,

Dear Papa:

As today is father's day, am writing you these few lines to let you know what has happened to me since I left the good old U. S. A.

I set sail March 30th; landed at Brest France, April 14th; was stationed at Brest for about two weeks and then went to Blois; and was there about three weeks and went to Aulline, and there is where my work began. I first started to work in the French railroad shops; was given a Frenchman for a partner. Of course I did not know anything about railroad work or anything about the French language, either, so you see it was pretty hard for me at first, but I soon began to learn.

In this French shop there were about as many women working as there were men. The Frenchmen did not know what to think of us working so hard. One of us did almost as much as three of them. We worked 11 hours a day. I did everything at this place from repairing cars to running a locomotive. I was stationed at this place about three months, and then went to Lyons. I wish I could describe this city to you. There were some of the most beautiful places I had ever seen. Two large rivers run through this place and there are all kinds of old buildings. Some of the buildings were put there in the 13th century, so you can imagine it was some sight to see.

When I was roaming down these streets and seeing all those sights, you can't imagine how I longed for you to be with me and see all this, too. All kinds of statues were carved out of the high walls along the river bank. As luck would have it, I met a French lady who could speak good English and she explained it all to me. I went to a great chateau; it was a summer resort for Kings and Emperors for other nations as well as France. We must have been the first Americans there from the way the French made such a fuss over us. Maybe you have heard of the French naming a great bridge after President Wilson. It is located here, and it is sure a wonderful bridge. I went from Lyone to Dejon. I met a nurse from Austin, Texas, there. She was the first person I had seen from Texas, besides a couple of fellows with me. I went from Dejon at San Agnes, then to Tours, from there to LaRochelle, and have been here about five months.

I have been very busy here. We have done almost everything here, and when Gen. Pershing came back from the front a few months past and told us how much he thought of us and how important our work was, it made us take a new interest in our work.

There has been several of our boys killed, but I have been lucky so far—have only a few scars. I have not been up to the front, but have done some work that was as risky as the front line trench. I have been so close to the Italian border I could see the Alps in Italy.

The French have all kinds of wines, brandies, and whiskey to drink. Of course, when I first came over here I had to try them all, but now I never drink anything but salty water or beer—

mostly salty water. You can imagine my surprise a few Sundays ago when I got a letter from John A. that morning, and he came in that evening waked me up. I was dreaming at the time, and when I waked up I thought I was still dreaming. Of course we have spent pleasant times together. We are now about one-half mile apart, so you see we are in luck.

I have not been on my furlough yet, but will go in a few days. The government gives us \$10 extra when we go. The places are fixed up like the hotels back in the states and everything is free—you are not out one cent unless you want to spend it.

Did you ever get my hundred dollar bond? I had it made to you and finished paying for it in July. I also bought a fifty dollar bond the last time and you will get it also when I finish paying for it. I sure was glad to see your name in the Messenger among those that bought bonds. It took that to win the war. Now that the war is over, the question is, when will we get back home? I think I will get back some time in February, but I believe John A. will be here a great deal longer than that, but you can depend on us both getting back alright, as everything is over. Every boy over here is hoping that the people back home are satisfied with the length of time it took to do the job.

Write soon and tell me the news. With love to all,
Elmer Lee Brimberry,
Co. D. 35th Reg., T. C.

STATEMENT

Of the ownership and management, required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Grapeland Messenger, published weekly at Grapeland, Texas, for October, 1918.

State of Texas
County of Houston.

Before me, a notary public, in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared A. H. Luker, who having been sworn according to law, desposes and says that he is the editor of the Grapeland Messenger, and that the following is to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership and management of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912:

That the name of the publisher, editor and business manager is A. H. Luker, Grapeland, Texas.

That the owners are: A. H. Luker, sole owner. (Not a corporation.)

That the known bond holders, mortgagees, and other security holders holding or owning 1 per cent or more of the total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities are:

Barnhart Bros. & Spindler, Dallas, Texas. Mergenthaler Linotype Co., New York, N. Y.

A. H. Luker,

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th day of December, 1918.

(Seal) J. R. Richards,
Notary Public.

Lee Burden and family are moving this week to near Crockett.

Dr. Sam Kennedy left Saturday for Chicago, where he will take a post-graduate course in medicine. He expects to be away about three months. He was accompanied by his wife.

**AUGUSTA LODGE ONE
HUNDRED PER CENT**

Augusta Masonic Lodge No. 93, is entitled to go into the 100 per cent class in the Red Cross drive. At their meeting last Saturday night the lodge subscribed \$25 in memberships, and in addition the following members joined at \$1.00 each:

A. P. Baley, Denver Powell, S. H. Long, H. B. Powell, W. L. Wilson, R. A. Bradley, W. H. Long, Carlton Lively, B. Wilson, W. C. Wilson, T. J. Carter, W. F. Ashby, W. H. Holcomb, Harry Long, C. W. Butler, Jr., Albert Holcomb, John Clanton, J. L. Scarborough, W. N. Ferguson, G. H. Ivey, Eugene Holcomb, C. A. Downs, C. B. Lively, D. M. Jones, G. H. Duren, W. A. Mooney, J. M. Sheridan, C. A. Lucas, J. A. Morris, A. D. Holcomb, F. J. Lucas, N. P. Thompson, Hub Lucas, J. H. Rosser, W. L. Thomason, R. B. Womack, J. T. Breeze, J. H. Powell, W. B. Newman, Morris Long, J. F. Fulmer, B. F. Bradley, S. B. Lucas, H. C. Jones, J. L. Wilson, Bert Lively, R. H. Hearn, Geo. C. Holcomb, J. T. Rainer, A. S. Moore, W. W. Wilson, F. L. Hiroms, Clarence L. Lucas, Dr. G. L. Bolton.

Visiting Masons who joined:
Earl P. Adams, Earle Adams, Jr., S. R. Lundy, Nat Patton, L. F. Lively, W. S. Walter, W. D. Mangum, Joe Adams, O. L. Lively, J. R. Phillips, M. L. Clewis.

Total amount sent in by the lodge was \$90.00.

At this meeting the lodge conferred several degrees upon candidates, and at the proper time a sumptuous banquet was spread. Many visitors from other lodges were present and enjoyed the splendid hospitality of this lodge, which is one of the oldest in the state.

CORRECTION IN HONOR ROLL

The name of Wood Spence should be in Route 4. The name of F. A. Lively should appear from Lovelady.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Our store will be closed, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30, 31 and January 1st, taking inventory.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

It is said the next loan will be for \$5,000,000,000. That will be a test of patriotism. It is easy to lend to the government when the guns are bellowing, but what will be your answer if she invites you to come across when the doves begin to coo?—Houston Post.

AMERICA'S GENEROSITY

The recent war work campaign has resulted in raising the largest sum ever collected as an outright gift in the history of the world. Total subscriptions have reached \$203,179,038, or \$32,679,038 in excess of the amount asked for by the seven war-relief organizations. As a people, Americans have always been considered dollar worshippers by Europeans, therefore the generosity the country has shown by its tremendous benefactions of food, and financial assistance to the Allies, and even in many cases to the enemy, has astonished the world.

EMBARGO REMOVED

Restrictions against the shipping of cotton from the United States to allied countries and neutrals not contiguous to the territory of the central powers have been lifted. Practically all countries in Europe are in need of cotton, it is said, and in Asia the failure of India's cotton crop has made the demand there also great. Over 500,000 bales in Southern states are ready for shipment now.

W.S.S.
Pay Your Pledge

**RED CROSS CLUBS
FORMED IN GRAPELAND**

Here is a partial list of the clubs formed in Grapeland, a full report will follow later. If you haven't joined leave your dollar at either bank, the Post Office or any store in town. Everybody is expected to get in on this the final Red Cross drive. All it takes is a heart and a dollar. Don't be a slacker in this, the greatest cause for suffering humanity in the world. The work of the Red Cross has been increased with the ending of the war and every cent donated to it will be directly used to alleviate the suffering, feed the hungry and put warm clothing on the soldiers in France who are coming back from German prison camps and to our own America. Do your duty now. Do it without having to be asked.

Geo. E. Darsey and Co.	27
Smith's Drug Store	7
Guaranty State Bank	7
Keeland Bros.	12
A. B. Guice	2
Farmers & Merchants Bank	7
S. E. Howard	3
Shaver Bros.	5
Post Office	8
Murray & Mangum	4
McLean & Riall	12

Other Subscriptions
Hays Springs..... 2
Grapeland High School..... 36
This drive is to secure members for 1919 and unless you renew your membership, you are not a member of the Red Cross. If you joined in the drive last year, your membership will expire this Christmas and you are expected to renew it.

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MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 12.—A movement has been started here to erect a memorial hospital in honor of the Anderson County boys who gave their lives in France and to those who were wounded. The movement was started by the Anderson County Commercial League, and the hospital will be erected instead of a monument.

Renew your subscription.

**DOES YOUR
SUBSCRIPTION
EXPIRE**

JANUARY 1, 1919?

Remember, please, that your paper will stop at expiration, or soon thereafter, without notice. The date printed opposite your name on the margin of the paper shows the exact date of expiration. Watch that date and renew promptly. In stopping papers at expiration, we are complying with the order issued by the War Industries Board, requiring publishers to reduce the consumption of news print paper 15 per cent.

**WATCH THE DATE!
RENEW PROMPTLY!**

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
All Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

You Are Invited

TO ATTEND THE
Largest Sale

In Grapeland's History at Kennedy's

Our December Clearance Sale is now going on. There have been hundreds of people who have taken advantage of this GREAT SALE that is saving thousands of dollars for the people of Houston county. You will find many items that will be suitable for your Christmas gifts. They are very useful and we will be glad to show you anything in this line.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Now

You will find listed below a few items that are extra values offered by this store:

DRESS GOODS

- All wool serge, 36 ins. wide, regular price \$1.50, sale price..... **80c**
- All wool poplin, 36 ins. wide, regular price \$2.25, sale price..... **\$1.20**
- Few pieces left on our all wool plaid that sold regularly for \$2.25 to \$2.75, sale price. **\$1.70**
- Mercerized Gaberdine, 36 ins. wide, regular price 75c, sale price..... **55c**

MEN'S AND LADIES' UNDERWEAR

- You will find the best line of these goods that money will buy now being offered in our big clearance sale at a big reduction.
- Men's heavy ribbed underwear, regular price \$1.00, sale price..... **75c**
- 1 lot of extra quality, regular price \$1.25, sale price..... **\$1.00**
- 1 lot extra quality of ladies shirts, regular price 75c sale price..... **45c**

LADIES' COATS

- We are offering in this sale, 1 lot of ladies' plaid coats, regular price \$15.00, clearance price..... **\$8.95**
- See these good values and you will buy them sure.

We are making some of the greatest sacrificial prices that were ever made in the history of Grapeland and you cannot afford to miss the good values we are offering in this big sale. Come and look at the goods.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Now

Kennedy Bros.

The Store for Everybody