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Augusta News.

(Delayed)

Augusta, Texas, Jan. 2.—There is a time in our lives when we think that life is worth living and that time is during Christmas holidays. Why? Because the crops have all been harvested; the toil of man is done for the time and all is well. We eat, we drink, we congratulate each other and make merry, for we know not what is in store for us in the dim future. We have had a pleasant and quiet Xmas.

Our Christmas tree was a profound success. The house, although a spacious building, could not accommodate the people. The tree was beautifully decorated. The work of evergreens showed that hands of light touch had been there. God bless our ladies! If it is not out of place we will give you a portion of our program. The opening was as it should have been—by prayer by our esteemed pastor, Rev. F. M. Trimble; then music as sweet as e'er fell from the lips of man or woman on earth; music that carried us back to the days of long ago; music that cheered our hearts; music soul stirring that sent our heartfelt greetings to all. Then came the address of that eminent divine, F. M. Trimble, which was listened to with that attention which showed it was acceptable in the brightest terms of application. Next came old Santa Claus. It is said he did his part well. The tree was loaded with handsome presents for the older people and toys to amuse the sweet little children; many presents for young ladies that were handsome and of great value. Miss Mary Belle Holcomb, a beautiful young lady of our town, received a handsome gold bracelet and a solid gold fountain pin, a very costly present. This token of love came many miles and is highly appreciated by Miss Holcomb. Misses Bowman of Laxo, sisters of Mrs. Dr. Blair, received some very elegant presents. Many other young ladies were recipients of costly and beautiful presents too numerous to mention. Many of the married ladies were made glad by beautiful presents. Old Santa Claus received a fine hat which was duly appreciated. All in all

the tree goes down in the history of our town as one to be pleasantly remembered when the years grow old.

Now, we will give you the notes of a double wedding that has recently taken place in our town. A wedding that has been anxiously looked for was consummated on the 26th of December, which was the holy Sabbath, making the occasion more beautiful and more divine than it would have been otherwise. An ideal evening for an ideal wedding. Long before the appointed hour the church was brilliantly lighted and the immense throng commenced gathering. The loud peels of the church bell went forth o'er hill and dale pronouncing the glad tidings that there was an event to happen that would excel anything that had ever occurred in or around old Augusta. The great mass of men and women soon became seated and quiet. The sweet smiles of the ladies and the pleasant faces of the men presented a picture that would have been appreciated by an artist of the highest culture. Your correspondent was kindly invited to the front—a position where we could easily observe everything that transpired. We viewed the decorations with a critical eye and we pronounce them the most beautiful we ever beheld. Such a beautiful array of evergreens a man beholds probably once in the course of a life time. The woodbine artistically entwined in the cedar and arborvitae made us feel that it was an hour of love. The double arch that extended from one side of the church to the other was lovely to behold, designed by Bro. Trimble and executed by hands that are prone to such work or art. The great arch formed of cedar, arborvitae and ferns, intermingled with flowers was beautiful to behold as they protruded from their hiding places among the evergreens. The beautiful spectacle brought to us the sweet thought that under that great and magnificent arch vows were to be taken that should last until death do us part. When the expected hour had arrived Miss Stella Denson of Slocum gracefully took her place at the organ. It is a death-like stillness.

A wave of the hand, the organ by the light touch of Miss Denson renders Mendelssohn's grand wedding march. The ushers, Messrs. Morris Long, Prof. Grubbs, Chas. Wall and Henry Newman entered, closely followed by the bridal parties. With fine step and to the time of the grand march they passed up either aisle gracefully taking their respective places facing the minister and the audience. There stood that good man of God with book in hand to solemnize the rites granted by the laws of God and man. The ceremony was beautiful, grand, sublime. Aside from the ordinary it had the divine ring about it that goes to our inmost soul. Let us say that Bro. Trimble deserves the praise and thanks for such a high cultured ceremony. The ceremony over another wave of the hand, the organ again repeats the grand march, and the bridal parties march away to their respective homes, carrying with them the kindest congratulations of all present. The contracting parties were Mr. W. H. Long and Miss Bula Bolton and Mr. Walter Newman and Miss Lucile Long. We believe these young people are well and truly mated and when the fleeting years of the future shall have placed silver threads among the gold they will not regret the step they have taken. Be kind enough to allow us to give the attire of the young people and the gifts and we will have done. The young men were nicely arrayed in black coat and trousers, white vest and tie. They had the appearance of perfect and noble manhood and seemed to fully realize the solemn vows that they were taking. The young ladies were beautifully gowned in white silk, solid gold bracelets and lovely pearl necklaces. Their hair was arranged in the the latest style, with orange blossoms placed in a fashion well suited to a queen's taste. Their graceful forms as they stood under the wedding bells made them queens of the occasion. Their eyes were bright as diamonds and sparkled like the dew. This added lustre to the bright scene before us. These young ladies were particularly noted for their rare beauty, grace and social charm. The English

language fails to produce language sufficient to do justice to the occasion. The Longs and Newmans are life long people of this community and are of the best citizenship of the county. Dr. Bolton came among us a year ago. His estimable family made a long link in our social circle, and he is one of our best and most enterprising citizens. The gifts were rare and many. A present from Dr. Bolton to each of the brides was a beautiful and fine linen table cloth. Miss Lucile received from her brother in California a handsome chocolate bowl, a solid silver punch spoon, and a very fine Japanese scarf, and many other presents from friends too numerous to mention at this time. Miss Bula is the recipient of a handsome bed room suit from Hugh Long. She, too, has many other presents that we cannot mention in this article. The visitors from a distance were many. O. H. Pitts and family of Hillsboro, Judge Porter Newman of Houston, Mr. Denson and daughter of Slocum, Prof. Albert Moore of Weldon, Robert Sims and wife of Ratchiff, and a great many others the names of whom we do not remember at present. Now that we are about done we had a love feast in every sense of the word. To the young people we wish to say may roses of love and happiness be in your pathway; may flowers of joy and prosperity surround you, and in the end may you be registered in that celestial city high in the heavens.

In conclusion allow us to tender you our kindest congratulations. May the bright star of hope bring you and your fair bride your every wish.

Old Gray.

Water Works at Crockett

Crockett, Texas, January 9.—The work of laying the mains for the water works system for this city is nearly completed, and the installation of hydrants and making connections will begin at once. Work on the water tower will also be commenced within the next few days and the committee in charge of the work hope to have the system ready for operation by March.

Percilla Notes

(Delayed)

Percilla, Texas, Jan. 4.—Editor Messenger and all its readers: I wish you a prosperous new year!

It is with sadness that I try to jot down a few items, for there has indeed been much sadness as well as joy and gladness since I last wrote. Our good friend and citizen, J. C. Daniel has passed away. The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thornton and Mr. D. H. Grounds also. We hope it is well with all of them. There is a great deal of sickness around, but it isn't of a very serious nature in most instances. We have seen the passing of another Christmas and feel sure many enjoyed it very much, but there were no special features except the fire works and Santa Claus. Wish we would get to having a Christmas tree and some special services at the church.

There has been more than the usual amount of moving and trading.

Mr. C. E. Jones has bought Bobbitt & Daniel's store. Mr. Preston Lively has bought out Mr. Bridges Mr. Sewell has built his store twenty feet longer. Mr. Clay Jones has moved where Mr. Bridges lived. There seems to be a general air of prosperity. Quite a number have built new brick chimneys. The farmers are beginning to move around preparing for another crop.

We have had the best time imaginable to save meat, but quite a number failed to take advantage of it, but we hope for much cold yet. Polly.

Revs. Tyler and Lohman, Holiness ministers, begun a protracted meeting at the Christian church Wednesday night, and will continue there until their tent arrives. Bro. Tyler requests us to say that everyone is earnestly requested to attend these services, that he is here to do all the good he can—no harm.

Mrs. Walter McCarty of Diboll is visiting at the home of Dr. McCarty.

Mark Anthony has gone to New Mexico to look out a location. We understand he will move his family there.



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Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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ONE YEAR.....\$1.00
SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS
THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as second class Mail Matter.

Anything is a good thing that helps the town and country grow and progress. Push it along.

If you did not pay your poll tax you are alone to blame. The tax collector was here and we got ours.

Hon. C. F. Stevens of Liberty has announced for Congress from this district. It's useless. That place is reserved for one C. C. Stokes.

Judge M. M. Brooks is down and out, having quit the race for governor. There are some others who might find it profitable to follow suit.

Halley's comet is coming toward us at a rapid rate, and is now discernable with a small telescope if you know when and where to look for it.

It was quite evident that during the rainy spell a few weeks ago Grapeland was sorely in need of some sidewalks. When this old sand gets wet, she's wet all over.

Hogs are bringing record prices, being quoted in Chicago last week as high as \$9.00 per hundred on foot. Raise hogs. Other things will take care of themselves.

We insist that to make our town look more attractive and show it up to an advantage to the public, those abominable seed houses and cotton platform should be moved.

The fact that Dr. Cook failed to make good his claim that he discovered the North Pole, does not make us think more of Peary. Fact is we have our doubts about Peary reaching the goal.

Cotton took a tumble Monday, losing about \$5.00 per bale. This, too, in face of the fact that the census report shows 9,686,285 bales ginned up to January 1, compared with 12,463,208 bales for the crop of 1908. There is something rotten in Denmark.

Mr. A. H. Luker, editor of the Grapeland Messenger, and Miss Callie Spence, were married at Grapeland Sunday, December 26. Mr. Luker announced in his paper that there would be no issue of the Messenger next week on account of the holidays. His friends, however, have their doubts about it being on account of the holidays.—Western Publisher.

The editor of the Grapeland Messenger, Mr. A. H. Luker and Miss Callie Spence, were married in Grapeland Sunday, Dec. 26. Mr. Luker is a young journalist full of energy, has a thorough knowledge of the newspaper business and has a future lined with roses. With a young lady of the worth of the one he has chosen, his path through life is even more brighter and his life is more to live for. Miss Spence is the daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. M. S. Spence, one of the most prominent families of all East Texas. She is a lovely young lady, of sweet disposition and possessed of all those womanly traits that make earthly homes a paradise. The Herald editor has known them both from childhood and no more prominent or better loved young couple ever entered upon the sea of matrimony than Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Luker. We wish for each of you God's richest blessings.—Houston County Herald.

We have before us a copy of the Leon County Siftings, Marquez, with Jno. R. Owens editor and publisher. Jno. R. is merely a boy and was employed by the Messenger up to January, when he went to Marquez to assume charge of that paper. His first edition is a good one and we feel sure if the business men of Marquez will stand behind him, he will give them a good paper. We wish him unbounded success.

A Davidson club has been organized at Lovelady to further the interest of the attorney general in his race for governor. An interesting analysis of the past political affiliations of the club's membership was published in the Houston Chronicle several days ago. Holding membership in the organization are 46 prohibitionists; 56 anti; 51 Bailey men and 51 anti-Bailey men. In the race for governor four years ago 55 of the club members voted for Colquitt, 35 for Campbell, 12 for Bell and none for Brooks.

Mr. C. C. Stokes of this county has been thinking of becoming a candidate for congress from this district. One of the principle reasons why he feels that he can benefit the district and the people who live in it is the hope that he could press to completion the improvements on Trinity river which have been begun by the national government. Strange to say the improvements which have already been made were begun at Dallas, a point probably more than five hundred miles from the mouth of the river. He believes that to be true because thereby the overflows of Trinity river would not have been so serious and would not hereafter be so serious as they have been heretofore, as the water would be given a better outlet to the Gulf of Mexico. As the improvements are now being made, the river cleaned out from Dallas toward this country, the water falling all over North Texas in the Trinity river basin rushes down on us and causes an overflow very much more serious than it would otherwise be. While it would do the farmers and all people having interests in the Trinity river bottoms lots of good to avoid this downrush of the waters of the Trinity, it would do still more good to a greater number if this work had begun at its mouth and the locks and dams constructed from that point up the river, because thereby boats would probably be navigating this river up to points opposite Houston County. Every farmer who raises a bale of cotton could then ship the same to Galveston at a rate possibly very much lower than he has to pay the railroad company or the merchant who buys it from him has to pay, and of course the merchant knows what it cost to ship it by rail and when he buys from the farmer he makes allowances for that amount and takes

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Will be highly Appreciated Through the Year 1910, and we will Give you as good values for the Money as any House in the County.

We are making some very attractive prices, and have a full stock of General Merchandise.

Buy your farm supplies, dry goods, boots and shoes and groceries from us and save money.

Car of SALT to arrive this week.

Don't sell your speckle peas or Spanish peanuts until you see us.

We want your business this year, and will do our best for you. Respectfully,

F. A. Faris & Son

it out of the price. This should be a matter of great interest to people living within eight or ten miles of the Trinity river and who might be able to carry their cotton to boat landings on the river where it could be consigned to any cotton factor in Galveston, or any merchant there who is in the habit of buying cotton. In all events Mr. Stokes thinks it was a great mistake to have begun this work at Dallas just simply to please that city when all the good which was to come from a completion of the work is very much deferred to all the people living in the territory near Trinity river and south of Houston and Anderson counties. He may have more to say about this matter in the near future, particularly should he enter the race for congress.

List of Nominees.

- Miss Mollie Vinsene, Crockett
- " Yola Kennedy, "
- " Myrtle Gossett, "
- " Mae Gregg, Weches.
- " Willie Belle Neel, Elkhart
- " Pauline Langham, "
- " Lucy Stubblefield, "
- " Linnie Ford, Latexo
- " Bula Bolton, Augusta
- " Sadie Story, "
- " Ciny Wall, "
- " Mary Bell Holcomb"
- " Adelle Davis, Grapeland
- " Luna Taylor, "
- " Inez Haltom, "
- " Mada Murchison, "
- " Loraine Hanson, "
- " Lovie Spence, "
- " Sallie Mae Kent, Grapeland, R F D No 4.
- Miss Stella Whitaker, Grapeland, R F D No. 2.
- Miss Jewel Luce, Crockett, R F D No 1
- Miss May Trammel, Ratcliff
- Mrs. Ida White, Crockett, R. F. D. No. 1.

WE WANT PHOTOGRAPHS

Messenger is Anxious to Print Pictures of Contestants

So far not a single Contestant has sent a photograph for publication. We would like very much to print them, so send in your photograph at once. It may help you in your campaign for votes. It costs you nothing. Why not seize every opportunity that makes for success?

This is the seventh week of the contest and the results have been very satisfactory so far. The merchants report a lively demand for coupons.

The standing of the candidates as published this week shows a slight change. Miss Inez Haltom has moved from seventh to fourth place and is going after the special prize of ten dollars in gold at a rate that is calculated to win. The one who wins this special prize on February 1st will have to hustle.

Remember that the votes secured now count for the special prize and also for the piano.

The following is the standing of the contestants this week:

Miss Adelle Davis.....	35,795
Miss Loraine Hanson.....	33,655
Miss Mada Murchison.....	10,810
Miss Inez Haltom.....	8,215
Miss Luna Taylor.....	6,615
Miss Sallie Mae Kent.....	5,840
Miss Lovie Spence.....	5,085
Miss Ciny Wall.....	1,040
Miss Stella Whitaker.....	720
Mrs. Ida White.....	20

To my friends who will give me their subscriptions to the Grapeland Messenger and save me their coupons please hand them to Wyley Caskey if more convenient, and oblige,

Inez Haltom.

A System regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. A. S. Porter, Special Agent.

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What They Will Do for You They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes. A. S. PORTER.

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Another Special Prize of \$10 - IN GOLD - \$10

will be given to the contestant who has not previously won a special prize and makes the greatest gain in votes from now to 10 o'clock, a. m., Tuesday, February 1st, 1910.

Remember the Hustler Wins

How to Get Votes:

New Subscriptions.....	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
General Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
Job Printing.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Popular Voting Contest

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I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

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Address

As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Popular Voting Contest. I present this name with the distinct understanding and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name. This does not obligate me in any way whatsoever.

Signed.....

Address

Be the first to nominate the winner of the Prize Piano and receive \$5.00 in cash.

20 Votes	Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 26, 1909	20 Votes
<p>The Messenger's Free Coupon</p> <p>Good for 20 Votes in our</p> <p>PIANO AND POPULAR GIRL VOTING CONTEST</p> <p>This Coupon is voted for</p>		
<p>These Free Votes must reach our office on or before January 26, 1910, in order to be accepted and counted. No money is required with these votes. Every reader of the Messenger should support their favorite candidate and help her to be a winner.</p> <p>The Prizes offered to the Girls entered \$500 in this Contest amount to about</p>		
20 Votes	Free Newspaper Coupons not voted by Jan. 26, 1910, are void	20 Votes

The Bon Ton Cream Parlor,

NATHAN GUICE, Proprietor
Will give 25 votes with each cash purchase of one dollar. See us for fruits, candy, nuts, etc.



THE PRIZES:

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Furnished by THE MESSENGER

- \$18.00 Ladies Genuine Cut Glass Water Set, given by A. S. Porter, Druggist.
- \$12.50 F. A. Faris, General Merchant, will give a \$7.50 gold Bracelet and a \$5.00 gold necklace.
- \$12.50 Kennedy Bros. will a dress pattern of the winner's selection and a pair of American Lady Shoes.
- \$12.50 D. N. Leaverton, Druggist, will give a Manicure Set and a cut glass puff box, total value \$12.50.
- 10.00 Nathan Guice, proprietor of the Bon Ton, will give a box of fine candy, valued at 10.00

Giving Them Away

The above merchants in Grapeland are giving FREE 25 votes with each \$1.00 cash purchase at their stores. Ask for them and then cast the votes for some girl on the list. You are not doing the square thing by your own or your neighbor's daughter if you do not get the merchants' coupons to which you are entitled, and present them to her, or cast them yourself at our office. Help the girls.

A. S. Porter, Prescription Druggist

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We give 25 votes with each dollar purchase for cash.

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KENNEDY BROTHERS

FOR BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING

Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Ladies' and Gents' Fur-thing Goods, Groceries, etc. We give voting coupons Ask for them

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Dealer in Druggist
ent Medicines, Sundries, Sick Room Supplies, etc. votes with
ent Medicines, Sundries, Sick Room Supplies carefully compounded. We give 25 purchase of \$1.00. Ask for coupons.

Rules of the Contest.

1 Announcement—This Piano and Popular Voting Contest will be conducted on strictly honest business principals, with perfect justice and fairness to all concerned.

2 Prizes—The first Prize shall be a firstclass piano of a leading make, valued at \$400. Many other valuable and useful prizes will be given.

3 Candidates—Any young lady, married or single, in this and adjoining counties, is eligible to a place in this contest. The most popular lady is the one who shall receive the most votes: to her shall be awarded the beautiful upright Piano. Other candidates to receive their choice of prizes in order, according to their standing of votes.

4 Tie in Votes—In case of a tie, the value of the prizes will be equally divided, or a like prize granted to those tying.

5 Classes of Votes—The votes are issued in coupons of the following denominations:

New subscriptions	500 votes for \$1.00
Renewal Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Back Subscriptions.....	500 votes for 1.00
Job Ptg. or Advertising.....	200 votes for 1.00
5-year Subscriptions.....	5,000 votes for 5.00

Right is reserved to add additional classes of votes, and other publications, also to change or modify these rules and regulations as necessity demands.

6 General Instructions.—Names of Contestants will be printed in order according to standing and the amount of their votes published regularly after first count is made.

During first 60 days no candidates will be permitted to cast over 5,000 subscription votes during any one week. Advertising, Job Printing, Merchants' or Free Paper Voting Coupon Votes can be voted in any quantity at any time.

Votes will not be allowed on subscriptions at less than regular price of the paper.

Votes once deposited in ballot box cannot be transferred to another.

Postmasters' and Agents' commissions are suspended during contest.

No Contestant will be allowed to take more than one of the Extra Special Prizes that we may offer from time to time.

The publisher is not to tell whom anyone votes for, except in case of alleged error or irregularity.

Each Contestant is requested to send us a cabinet size photograph for publication as soon as convenient.

Make up your mind who you want to vote for before coming to the office, as the editor will positively not decide for you.

Contestants should keep a list of their votes turned in each week, and see that publishers' figures verify it.

All coupons should be placed in envelopes with name of contestants written plainly thereon.

Free 20 Vote Coupons will be published in this paper during the first 60 days of contest and can be voted without cost for any contest.

An Awarding Committee of three good business men are to be appointed to make final count and distribution of prizes.

Contest to run not less than 90 days; date of closing will be announced about 30 days in advance.

The Contest shall close at 4 o'clock on the on the date to be announced later. Two weeks previous to date of closing, the judges are to take the ballot box, carefully locked or sealed, to the bank, where it will be kept on a table in front window during business hours, and in the vault at night, until close of contest, when the awarding committee takes charge and makes final count.

During last two weeks all voting must be done in the locked box at the bank. If secrecy in voting is desired, place your cash subscriptions together with other votes and coupons, in sealed envelopes with name of Contestant on same, and deposit in ballot box. Envelops and subscription blanks for this purpose will be furnished. The strict compliance with these rules guarantees a fair and square deal to all concerned.

A PHYSICIAN'S DIAGNOSIS OF KIDNEY TROUBLE.

A Seemingly Common Disease which Becomes Fatal through Neglect and which May Be Readily Cured by Prompt Attention.

More than two-thirds of the annual death rate, physicians claim, is directly traceable to kidney disorders.

Interested by this remarkable assertion and desiring to acquire a better understanding of the origin of the disease, a prominent physician was recently interviewed as to the symptoms of such troubles.

"To what do you attribute the great destructiveness of kidney disease?" was asked.

"The hold which the disease gains in the body before the victim becomes aware of his true condition, and the rapidity with which it eats its way into the vital organs."

"Would not the proverbial 'ounce of prevention' check the progress of the disease?"

"There is no doubt of it. The trouble is that victims of this disease mistake the symptoms for some trifling ailment in the stomach or bowels; therefore they do nothing to arrest the course of the disease until it is well advanced."

"What is the origin of kidney trouble?"

"Almost invariably bad digestion, followed by torpid liver and a constipated habit."

"What are the symptoms?"

"Headache, dizzy spells, sluggish brain, restless nights, pale or sallow skin, bad breath, lack of appetite, heart

burn, sour belching, backache or tenderness over the kidneys, nervous weakness, dark rings around the eyes, tired feeling, too much or too little urine, and sediment in urine."

ITS EFFECT ON THE HEART.

"In what way is the heart affected from kidney trouble?"

"In all cases the heart is disturbed, though in many instances the palpitation does not become alarming until the disease has advanced to a serious point. A severe heart throbbing and nervous trembling is noticeable, especially after a little bodily exercise; the victim frequently imagines he has heart disease."

HOW TO CURE IT.

"What is the proper course of treatment for kidney disease?"

"First, to get rid of uric acid and other poisons in the system. This can be done by stimulating the bladder and bowels so that they will act more freely. The suffering kidneys must be strengthened, the liver and stomach toned up and the digestion improved."

Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy that answers these requirements completely. It is not only a system tonic and regulator, but its healing and restorative influence will build up the weakened kidneys and urge them to a better performance of their duties. It gives strength and tone to the liver, stomach and heart and promotes harmony of action throughout the body.

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Read the list of unparalleled guarantees given below, and you will admit that it is no wonder that the Tyler Commercial of Tyler, Texas, is the largest school of Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, and Telegraphy in America. In the first place, it guarantees that every statement made in its catalogue is true and correct and will pay \$100 cash to anyone pointing out an incorrect or misleading statement. In this catalogue it guarantees to give a better course of Bookkeeping and Shorthand or Telegraphy in half the time required by other schools teaching other systems. It guarantees to pay railroad fare both ways if the student upon arriving and attending the school for ten days does not find everything up to the standard represented in the catalogue. It guarantees to place its graduates in a higher class of positions than any other school in the state. It also guarantees that it places more of its graduates in good positions each year than any other three commercial schools in the state combined. It guarantees to give a free scholarship to anyone who can find a graduate of the Byrne Simplified Shorthand or Practical Bookkeeping who has laid these systems aside to master other systems and make a success of them. It also offers a free scholarship, if, upon investigation, one does not find that it has had many writers and students of other systems of bookkeeping and shorthand to abandon them and take up its systems and go out and make a success with them. It guarantees to save the student in time and board from \$100 to \$200 over what it would cost to finish a similar course in schools teaching other systems. Now, is it any wonder, since it guarantees so much, and especially since it guarantees to save its students from \$100 to \$200 in cash and secure them better positions than they could get had they attended another school, that it has in attendance students from over half the states in the Union?

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Simple Remedy for LaGrippe
LaGrippe coughs are dangerous, as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs and is in a yellow package.

Sold by A. S. Porter.

Rev. N. E. Tyler, a Holiness minister, was a caller at the Messenger last week and informed us of a very successful meeting he had just closed at Antioch, having twenty or more professions.

It is a dangerous thing to take a cough medicine containing opiates that merely stifle your cough instead of curing it. Foley's Honey and Tar loosens and cures the cough and expels the poisonous germs, thus preventing pneumonia and consumption. Refuse, substitutes and take only the genuine Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package.—A. S. Porter.

Congressman A. W. Greeg has remembered us with his annual allotment of garden seed.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills purify the blood, restore lost vitality and vigor. Refuse substitutes.

Sold by A. S. PORTER, Prescription Druggist.

The Bones of 6000 Girls.

There is a quaint old church a few minutes from the cathedral that is an interesting feature of a visit to Cologne. A mark admits to this sideshow. It is the church of St. Ursula. In the dark ages, so the story goes, a certain beautiful English girl bearing the euphonious name, Ursula, conceived the notion of organizing a crusade of girls and of marching at their head to the Holy Land to assist in the enthusiastic campaign then in vogue, to rescue the grave of Christ from the heathen Holsaem. Six thousand girls, the last one beautiful and charming, enlisted under the banner of Ursula. But alack and alas, upon reaching that portion of Europe where Cologne is now located, they were attacked by the infidels and massacred to the last foolish and helpless girl. On the holy ground of the place where the massacre occurred, this church was soon thereafter erected and the bones of the ill-starred feminine army collected and interred within the walls of the church; indeed the walls were made hollow and were filled with the bones of the girls. The lintels of the doors, facings of the windows, the decorations of the ceilings, the capitals of the pillars all were gruesomely, hideously adorned with the limbs and ribs and skulls of the girls. It was a clever artist who assembled the relics so happily in the schemes of drapery and friezes and ornaments, here a delicate arm bone finished off with finger joints and meeting another of the same kind and together holding a grinning skull as the keystone of an arch; yonder a row of columns with their tops decorated with skulls; and along the walls near the ceiling, pieces of dismembered skeletons exposed every few feet in a space left open behind a glass covering.

'Tis said that learned physicians have examined these relics and pronounced them genuine women's bones, and they look it. We got our quarter's worth in the Church of Ursula, but we would not go into the place again for a dozen marks. I can see now, in my mind, that awful collection of bones, and I cannot help but wonder now as I wondered then, what a rattling and shuffling there will be in that old church on resurrection day. A skull will jump off a pillar and roll around in search of its spinal column, and ribs will be nudging each other and looking for their mates, and there will be altogether an interesting scene in that dressing room when all the bones have their reunion and the Master upholsters them and they sail away to the skies with 6,000 voices singing "Oh, grave, where is thy victory; oh death, where is thy sting?"—S. J. Thomas in Comanche Chief.

Rev. I. W. Williams Testifies.

Rev. I. W. Williams, Huntington, W. Va., writes us as follows: "This is to certify that I used Foley's Kidney for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that Foley's Kidney Remedy will do all that you claim for it."

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The Bon Ton

is the best place to buy your **Fruits and Candies** **ICE COLD DRINKS IN SEASON**

I have some of those nice Boxes of Candy left, which will be sold very cheap.

NATHAN GUICE, Proprietor
Agency for the Ineada Laundry, Houston

THE BON TON IS THE PLACE

The Messenger is a "live wire" when it comes to giving the news of Grapeland and surrounding country. Are you on for 1910?

On a tour of President McKinley in the South, Mr. Andrew Carnegie was a member of the party. On one occasion he accompanied the President and some others to service in a colored church in Thomasville, Ga. When the deacons passed the contribution boxes, Mr. Carnegie dropped in a fifty-dollar bill.

The old preacher counted their contents. When he had finished he placed a handful of small change on one side and a crispy greenback on the other. Clearing his throat, he said: "Bredden, we has been greatly blessed by dis yer contribution. We has here fo' dollars an' fo'ty cents; dat is good; an' if de fifty-dollah bill was by de white gemman, de gray whiskers is all de better, we is blessed a whole lot more," and he looked sus'picious at the giver of lib'rary contribu'ion again funds.—Ex.

A Traveler

H. F. Be... Ave., Peoria, Ill., was troubled for... with kidney trouble... times I could not... grips. After... Foley's Kidney... entirely relieved... recommended... Foley's Kidney... and anti-septic... health and...

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KENNEDY BROS. *Kentbeest*

Buy men's wool overshirts from Darsey.

You will find Clewis next door to the Messenger office.

Car of chops, flour, meal and bran at Howard's.

Overshoes for men and women at Darsey's.

Clewis wants all your clothes to clean and press.

Have you seen my glass and chinaware? Racket Store

Clewis will fit you better in a spring suit. Give him a trial.

If it is a hat you want see us. We have the newest shapes and colors. Kennedy Bros.

Chas. Royall who is working at Athens arrived Sunday morning to visit the home folks.

Phone 14 for a sack of Prosperity flour. Delivered to your kitchen free. W. H. Lively.

Just received a car of wire, Baker perfect. 80 rod rolls and hog fence. Kennedy Bros.

FOR SALE—A No. 5 Oliver Typewriter. Call on M. L. Clewis.

For leather goods in collars, wagon harness, lines, plow gear, etc, call at Howard's.

Dr. Hill of Montalba was here Saturday to see his brother, T. G. Hill.

Mrs. Geo. Mobley has returned home from Dallas and Forney where she visited relatives.

We have a few more suits left that are selling at a bargain. Kennedy Bros.

Miss Lulu Lewis of Navasota is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. L. Carnes.

We are making a specialty of farming supplies. Our stock is complete. Kennedy Bros.

Mr. W. L. Holloway is now the station agent here, Mr. Davis having returned to his old home at Neches.

The restaurant on back street is open six days in the week. Come around. I will pay top prices for your produce. K. C. Alsup.

Call at Howard's for an oil can that will not leak and will last for ten years. If not satisfactory will pay your money back.

We are requested to announce that Bro. Arnold will preach at the Christian church next Sunday.

See our work shoes before buying. We buy shoes to give service and satisfaction. S. E. Howard.

If you do not buy of me why not? My goods are as good as any and the price as low or lower than many. W. R. Wherry.

Dr. W. D. McCarty will erect a neat six room residence just north of his present dwelling. The property will be for rent, and we are sure it will not stand vacant long after completion, for that is something Grapeland needs—rent houses.

News From Elkhart

Elkhart, Texas, Jan. 11.—News is a little hard to get but we must not be left out this week, so will give all we can catch.

J. H. Hemby, who returned from a visit to his brother, R. B. Hemby at Sweetwater, sick with pneumonia, is reported as doing nicely.

S. B. Parker has been quite ill but is reported better and on the road to recovery.

Mrs. J. W. Paxton (Grandma) is somewhat better after a few days illness with lagrippe.

Mrs. W. D. Hawthorn is now able to sit up most of the time, and we hope to see her up soon. Walter Neel has a very sick boy with typhoid fever.

All others who are sick are reported better and with nice weather we hope to see everybody well soon.

Mrs. A. D. Alkire is visiting in Centralia, Mo., for an indefinite period, visiting her old home and friends.

Our school has resumed its work after the holidays and all are quiet and hard at work.

Some changes took place with our merchants this week. Driskill & Son have moved in the building formerly occupied by J. H. Bowman; Mr. Bowman is now at home in the Boyer building; W. C. Driskill has rented the McCracken building and is filling it with hardware of all kind.

Everybody is busy now getting ready for farming and from the present outlook there will be no idle land in this community this season.

Mr. Lacy, the creamery man, spent the time between trains Monday in talking up the Palestine Creamery, of which he is manager. This we hope will be pushed to a success. There is no reason why it should not be. Get busy and help it along. It's the farmers' friend.

Allie Wright and Z. C. Sheridan of this place and Lum McLean of the Jas. R. Adams Hardware Co., of Tyler, in company with Dick Sheridan spent Sunday at the home of Bob Lee Pridgen enjoying the birthday dinner given in honor of Col. B. F. Pridgen. A royal time was reported by all. Odell.

Elected Officers

The board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank met in annual session Tuesday and re-elected all of the old officers as follows: Geo. E. Darsey, Pres.; T. S. Kent, Vice-Pres.; S. E. Miller, Cashier. The office of assistant cashier was abolished.

NOTICE

Positively no hunting or any other kind of trespassing allowed in my pasture south of town. F. C. Woodard.

NOTICE

Those owing me on accounts please call and pay S. T. Anthony to avoid suit, and oblige, Mark Anthony.

400 new spring and summer samples at Clewis' tailor shop on display. Next door to Messenger office.

Clewis has his new spring samples on display. Come and let him take your measure. He guarantees you a fit.

Just as we are about to go to press we learn of the death of Uncle Mike Davis, an old citizen of this county, who lived east of town.

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If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

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If I could take you into my large factories at Brockton, Mass., and show you how carefully W. L. Douglas shoes are made, you would realize why they hold their shape, fit better, wear longer, and are of greater value than any other make.

CAUTION—See that W. L. Douglas name and price is stamped on the bottom. Take No Substitute. If your dealer cannot fit you with W. L. Douglas shoes, write for Mail Order Catalog, W. L. Douglas, Brockton, Mass.

FOR SALE BY

F. A. FARIS.

Prickley Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, regulates the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. A. S. Porter special agent.

Oscar C. Goodwin was in Grapeland Saturday. Mr. Goodwin is an avowed candidate for County Clerk and will make his announcement at the proper time.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickley Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. A. S. Porter, special agent.

Bro. Mainer of Lovelady requests us to announce that he will begin a protracted meeting here at the dBtist church on January 23. He will be assisted by Rev. R. L. Cole, State Evangelist.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It invigorates the entire system and strengthens the kidneys, so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Bud Oliver of Duncan, Ok., arrived Wednesday morning to visit his brothers, R. M. and John Oliver. Mr. Oliver was raised in Grapeland, but this is his first visit here in twenty-three years.

Caught in the Rain. then a cold and a cough—let it run on—get pneumonia or consumption that's all. No matter how you get your cough don't neglect it—take Ballard's Horehound Syrup and you'll be over it in no time. The sure cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary diseases in young or old.

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FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

Ballard's Horehound Syrup COMPOUND.

CURES COUGHS, COLDS, CROUP, SORE THROAT, WHOOPING COUGH AND ALL PULMONARY DISEASES.

FINDS IT TO BE A SPLENDID REMEDY. Mr. J. E. Ryan, Editor Berwick Register, Berwick, La., writes:—I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup Compound in my family for several years, and find it to be a splendid remedy.

I heartily recommend it to those suffering from coughs and colds. I also recommend it as a safe cure for children when suffering from croup or whooping cough.

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CURES Coughs, Colds, CROUP, Whooping Cough

This remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Price 25 cents, large size 50 cents.

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I am at my office in Grapeland four days in the week, and am better prepared to do PICTURE WORK now than I have ever been.

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FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR BACKACHE, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Thursday a farmer lost \$250 out of pocket as he started to his home in the country. There are three good, reliable banks in the city, and if this gentleman had deposited this amount before starting out, this loss would not have occurred.—Temple Mirror.

Prudent people keep their money in banks where it is secure against loss, theft or fire.

On January 1st, this bank became operative under the State Guarantee Law for depositors, and your money will be doubly safe against loss.

We offer every convenience constant with sound banking, and invite your business.

F. & M. STATE BANK, Grapeland, Texas

LOCAL NEWS.

New goods arriving every day at Kennedy Bros.

Prof. Walker King of Palestine was in Grapeland Saturday.

Buy Prosperity Flour and prosper. W. H. Lively has it.

Wherry wants you for his customer.

Joe Adams of Crockett was here Tuesday.

Plenty of pure corn chops at Kennedy Bros.

40 clothes pines for 5c at the Racket Store.

Bed blankets and comforts at Darsey's.

We still sell you high patent flour guaranteed for \$1.50, at Kennedy Bros.

They have just opened a beautiful line of spring gingham at Darsey's.

There was money saved at W. R. Wherry's in 1909. Trade there in 1910 and do likewise.

Mrs. Jeff Kennedy and children of Lovelady are visiting relatives in Grapeland.

50 pieces of fancy double width suiting, while it lasts at 8½c per yard, at the Racket Store.

Mr. Geo. E. Darsey has installed new cash registers in his dry goods and grocery stores.

Hebert Denby's wife, a negro living west of town, died Monday afternoon from the effects of a cancer.

I am still in the market for your chickens, eggs and butter. Will pay the cash. On back street. K. C. Alsup.

Lost Mule

A small brown mare mule about 12 years old, right eye out, shod in front. \$5.00 reward. Finder will please notify Cleon Goolsby at Crockett, or Gus Carson, Creek, Texas.

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FOR SPASMODIC TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

ARE PEOPLE WITHOUT THRIFT

Zanzibar a Veritable Paradise for the
Conscienceless Money
Lender.

A curious light is thrown on the character of the Zanzibaris in a recent report of the consul general of the protectorate: "There is no country in the world where the habit of borrowing money is more confirmed than it is in Zanzibar. Neither the Arab nor the Swahili has the slightest idea of thrift. The former, when he has sold his cloves, immediately spends the proceeds in entertaining or in the purchase of European articles for which he has little or no use; he then mortgages his property at a ridiculous rate of interest or sells his next year's crop in advance, with the inevitable result that he is always up to the eyes in debt. The Swahili, if he happens to be out of debt at the beginning of the month, spends all his pay within a few days in food or native dances, and has to beg, borrow, or steal sufficient to maintain himself for the rest of the month. The money lender is in both cases the Indian and the interest which he charges varies from 30 to anything up to 300 per cent. Steps have been taken to check the system as far as it is possible amongst government employees."

JOHN KNOX'S YEW.

The tree under which John Knox preached at Finlaystone is a cause of perplexity to Scotsmen at the present moment. It was at first said to be in a flourishing condition. The next contention was that it was felled some years ago, and also cut up for a cabinet maker in Glasgow. While it lay in a woodyard the premises were burned out and the timber perished, states the London Globe. Before the conflagration two paper knives were made out of the tree, and these articles are the sole remains of the famous yew. Then it was claimed that Cunningham Graham possessed a shaving box made from the same tree, but a further account says that the box was made from branches cut down some years ago. Here is a mystery which seems likely to equal that attaching to the authorship of Junius' letters.

SLIP OF THE TONGUE.



He—'Pon my word, I should hardly have known you, you have altered so much.
She (archly)—For the better or the worse?
He—Why, you could only alter for the better.

IDEA IS AN OLD ONE.

Even before the Christian era the penny-in-the-slot machine was in existence. Hero of Alexandria, who flourished about 100 B. C., has described a sacrificial vessel from which the water would flow only when money was dropped into a slot, the coin dropping on a lever which opened the valve. Richard Carlile, the famous English free-thinking bookseller, too, seems to have invented an early type of automatic machine. His shopmen were arrested so frequently that he sold his books by clockwork to prevent the buyers identifying the seller. The names of the books were inscribed on a dial, and the purchaser, having turned the pointer to the one he wanted, deposited his money, and the volume dropped down.

PUT END TO SNAKE'S FEAST

Epicurean Reptile Falls Victim to
Bullets from Revolver of Police
Captain.

A blacksnake fully six feet long and nearly two inches in diameter which has been capturing young pigeons on the rocks just above the Birmingham station of the Panhandle railroad, Pittsburg, has attracted much attention.

Employees at the station and watchman at the mouth of the Mount Washington street car tunnel saw the serpent several times, but none were bold enough to attempt to capture it. More than a score of pigeons have nests on the rocks and the snake is said to have gone down the hillside from the grass and shrubbery to secure a frequent meal of the squabs.

Capt. C. E. Kemp of the police force of the Panhandle railroad was at the station one morning when the snake was perched on a rock in full view. Capt. Kemp fired at the serpent with his revolver. The snake fell from the rock and rolled down the hillside to the rocks above the tunnel. Four or five men climbed the rocks, but owing to the difficult scaling, the snake could not be secured.

SAW FATE AND MET IT.

A remarkable case of a woman reading her own dark fate in a pack of cards occurred at Seattle, Wash., the other evening. Orpha Gerulf, aged 25, a waitress, despondent over a quarrel with a man who had been attentive to her, determined to ascertain, with a deck of playing cards, how her affairs would turn out. After the cards had been laid out she told her friends that she was "all surrounded by death." They tried to cheer her, but without effect. A few hours later, in her room in a lodging house, she shot herself through the heart and died.

LIVED TOO FAST.

"Poor fellow! He is quite broken down, and the doctor says that his condition is due to fast living."
"Fast living?"
"Yes; you see, he is a traveling man, and he was obliged to eat so many dining-car meals and lose so much sleep in sleepers that his constitution gave way."

SCIENTIFIC.

"Why did you get a divorce?"
"My wife poisoned my whole life."
"But you hastened to marry again?"
"Well, I had an antidote coming to me, didn't I?" — Cleveland Leader.

EXCELLENT REMINDER.

"I wish I could remember," said Rivers, "what it was that my wife told me to do to-day."
"Perhaps," suggested Brooks, "she told you to bring my razor back. You borrowed it about a month ago."
"Razor back? Razor back? I know now—I was to be sure to take home some park chops."

OF COURSE.

Teacher—Willie, what do fishes die of?
Willie—Most of 'em go in seine.
—Harvard Lampoon.

SOCIAL STANDING.

"His brother is in a very shady business."
"What's that?"
"Awnings."—Princeton Tiger.

INDIFFERENT TO SURROUNDINGS

"That man made a fortune while he was in a penitentiary."
"Which proves," said Miss Cayenne, "that a genius of finance does not depend for results on the location or furnishings of his office."

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WE WISH

to all a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Respectfully,

A. S. PORTER,
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COULDN'T HELP HIM.

Cholly—Why wouldn't the barber give you a shampoo?
Weggie—Said they had no vacuum cleaners.

THE DUEL.

"Why are you men trembling?"
"I'm so afraid of killing my opponent."

QUESTION OF SUPPLIES.

"There's glory enough to go 'round," said one arctic explorer.
"Yes," answered the other. "There's glory enough. But how about proofs?"—Washington Star.

TOLSTOY'S POPULARITY.

On Count Tolstoy's recent visit to Moscow he was pursued by the cinematograph and pelted with flowers by the thousands assembled at the station to see him off. On reaching Yasnaya Polyana the aged count was visited by faintness.

A BURBANK PRODUCT.

"I'll bet Wizard Burbank had something to do with that man."
"Why?"
"He's senseless."

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SENSIBLE ANSWER.

"Papa, when are the black notes used on an organ?"
"Only at funerals, my boy."—Harvard Lampoon.

QUITE ANOTHER MATTER.

He—Have you ever noticed what small feet Miss Fetcham has?
She (jealous)—No, but I've observed what small shoes she wears."