

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION OF THE
GRAPELAND MESSENGER

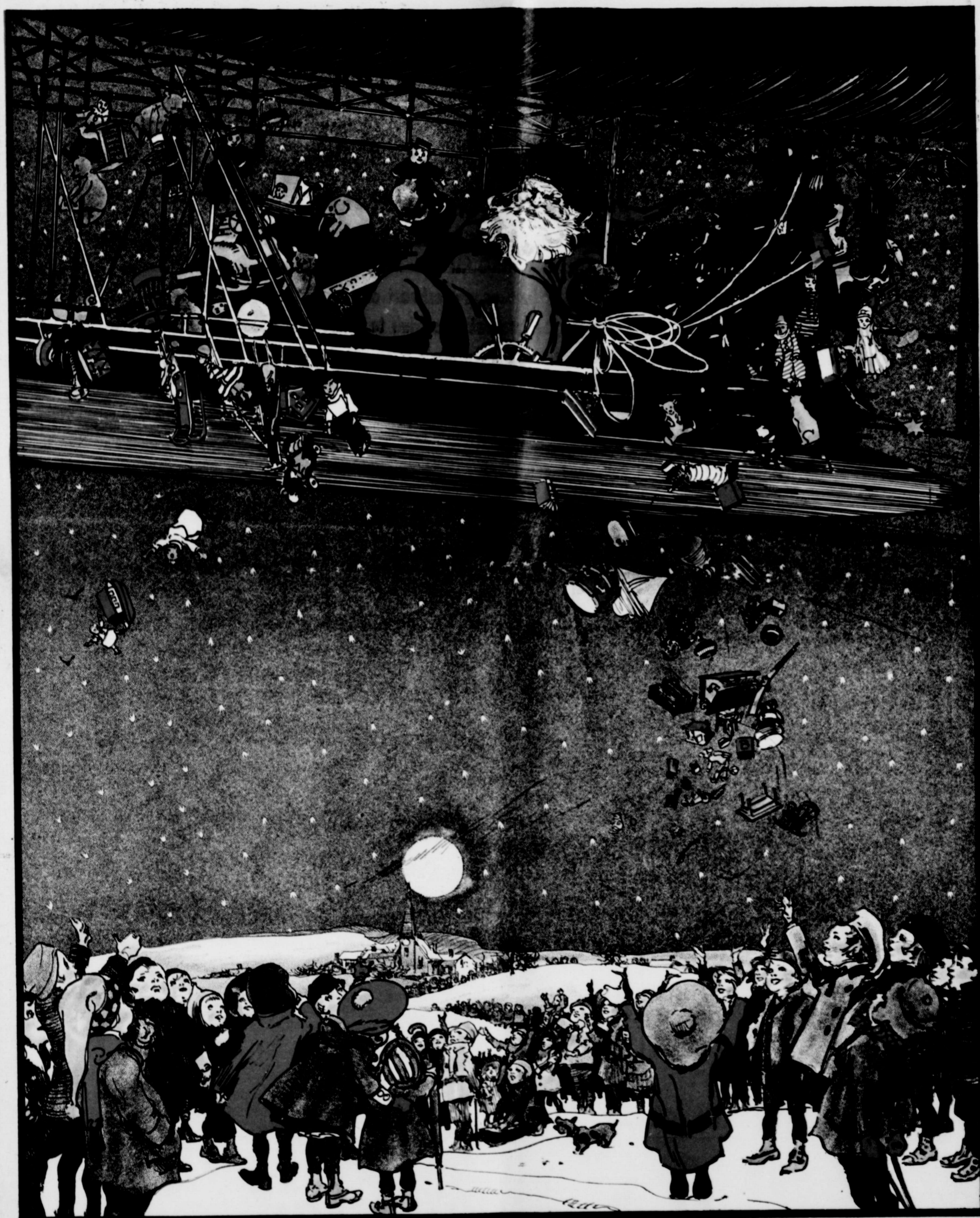
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\$1.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE



The Modern Way.



ON THIS PAGE you will find a special message to the people of Grapeland and vicinity, particularly those who intend honoring Christmas day in the ages old way of remembering their friends with some little present of the kind that is useful as well as pretty. At this season of the year, when even the strings of the "lean purse" are loosened, you are looking for a token of love or friendship, I have selected some of the choicest items, and I am sure they will meet your approval. There is a wide range of these handsome presents from which to make your selection, and for the critical buyer there are some of the daintiest creations to be found.

For wife or husband, father, mother, sister or brother, sweetheart or friend, there is something in this big stock of the season's best offerings that is suitable for the present you wish to make, and these presents are of the kind whose beauty are not their only asset. The selections were made with the greatest care and the prices are within the reach of all. Come and see them before you make you final selection.

Coffee Percolaters	
1 very pretty Percolater, made by Manning & Bowman, at	4.50
1 massive silver plated Percolater, best made, good value at	7.50
Silverware	
1 silver plated baking dish, porcelain lined, a splendid value at	7.50
1 silver baking dish, delf lined, a fine value at	6.50
2 cream and sugar sets, best silverware made at five dollars and	6.00
Syrup Stands, heavy silver plate, \$3.50 to	5.00
Beautiful silver Butter Stands, a big value at	4.00
Very handsomely engraved cake and celery baskets only	5.00
Silver Drinking Cups at from 50c to	1.00
Silver call bells, great value at	1.00
Rogers Bros. "1847"—the best tableware made—knives, forks, spoons, sugar shells, butter knives, gravy and soup ladels, berry spoons, infants' sets, bird carvers, etc., all at prices that will please you.	
Toilet Articles	
Silver back comb and brush sets, from 1.50 to	\$10
Silver back comb and brush sets for Handsome Manicure sets in solid ebony, pretty case	5.00
Very pretty pearl Manicure sets, in traveling cases,	3.50
Handsome Manicure sets in solid silver, plush lined cases	\$5
Tripple mirrors, silver bound frames from 1.50 to	7.50
Hand mirrors in mahogany, ebony and silver, from 25c to	\$5
	3.50

Cut Glass	
Sugar and Cream Sets	4.00
Berry bowls, the finest ever seen here from 1.25 to	4.00
Nappys, very pretty for the dining table, 1.25 to	3.00
Puff boxes, very handsome designs, from 3.50 to	5.00
Presents for Men Folks	
Desk sets, very pretty, 3.50 to	6.50
Shaving sets from 3.50 to	7.00
Tie boxes, handkerchief boxes, collar and cuff boxes; a big variety to select from at prices that will please you.	
Military sets in ebony and silver from 2.50 to	5.00
Clothes and Hat brushes in ebony and silver from 2.50 to	5.00
Cigar Jars, silver tops, splendid values at 1.25 to	2.50
Meerschaum pipes, some plain, some with hery gold mountings, all in fine cases, from \$4 to	7.50
French Brier pipes, a few with gold mountings, all in cases, 2.00 to	5.00
Silver Match Boxes, many pretty designs, from 50c to	1.00
Chaffing Dishes	
1 very heavy plate Cafing dish	11.50
Extra high, Colonial pattern Chafing dish	16.50
Chinaware	
I have an assortment that can't be beat anywhere. It is all of the very best grade and the prices are right. In this lot are decorated plates, berry sets, cake plates, bread plates, and china mats. The designs are all new.	

Pictures	
I have the finest line of pictures ever brought to Grapeland. They are framed in Mahogany, Ebony Holly and Gold. A big variety of subjects to choose from.	
Jewelry	
This department is full of the prettiest presents imaginable. There are watches of all kinds and makes; rings, bracelets, stick pins, brooches, beauty pins, cuff buttons, tie clasps, back combs and a variety of things too numerous to mention.	
Candies	
For this Christmas, I have but in an especially fine line of the celebrated Hughes candies. These goods are known the world over for their absolute purity and delicacy of flavor.	
Cigars	
I am carrying as fine a line of good cigars as ever came into Grapeland. They make a very acceptable present for the father or brother, and I sell them, by the box, at bedrock prices.	
Umbrellas	
There are a few of those extra fine, pure silk umbrellas left. They are mostly ladies' sizes and have very pretty pearl and gold handles.	
Toys and Dolls	
To help Santa Claus make up his pack for the little folks of Grapeland, I have bought a very fine line of the best toys and a big line of dolls. They are the pick of the market and the prices are right.	
Fireworks	
I have the usual stock of fireworks that will help to make the proper amount of noise on this great Christmas day. They are the best of their kind and they are cheap.	

D N Leaverton
DRUGGIST

JOYOUS Xmas Sale

AT
MISTROT'S

Make your Christmas purchases during this big sale. We will save you

25 Per Cent

We want to inaugurate our first Joyous Xmas Sale and we want every one in Grapeland and surrounding country to know about it.

This will be an annual event with us, our prices are bound to make good.

Mistrot Bros. & Co.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

HOUSTON COUNTY IS GOOD ENOUGH

About a month ago, J. L. Ward of the Hays Spring community, sold his farm and started on a tour of the west, looking for a better location. He says: "What I found, I wouldn't have; what I wanted, I couldn't find."

Just a week ago, Mr. Ward returned to Hays Spring and last Friday, he closed a deal for the Hiram Frazier place, near his old home, and is now thoroughly satisfied that there is no better place than good old Houston county for a man who is looking for a good place to live.

STREET GRADING IS NOW FINISHED

The streets in the "Sycamore Addition" to Grapeland are now completed and that suburb is presenting a very pretty appearance.

Many of the owners of lots in this newly opened plat have signified their intention of building on their property, some in the spring, others later, and it now seems evident that this will soon become a popular residence section of the city.

NOTICE—To the Shareholders of the Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland, Texas:

You are hereby notified that there will be a meeting of the Shareholders of the Guaranty State Bank of Grapeland, Houston County, Texas, held in its office on the first Tuesday in 1912, (Jan. 2nd) for the purpose of electing Directors of said Bank for one year, and to transact such other business as may come before them.

Respectfully,
U. M. BROCK J. R. PENNINGTON
Secretary President

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. E. Bean will preach at Hays Springs next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The citizens of the community are invited to attend.

A bad liver robs you of energy, strength and ambition; you feel half sick all the time and, moreover, you are an easy mark for pneumonia, chills, yellow fever, typhoid fever, or some other serious disease. You need a good liver tonic and regulator and Herbine fills the bill completely. Try it. You can't help noticing how quickly you feel its beneficial effect. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Lee Sory and family, Claude Sory and wife and Mrs. J. N. Sory, closed out their confectionery business here, last week and have moved to Christine, Atacosa county.

You'll laugh at Judge Lovetoddy and the funny court room scene in "The Man from the West." Here Saturday, Dec. 16.

Only eleven more days that you can buy goods at Kennedy Bros sale. Cheaper than any house in Houston Co.

This is the last week for free trial package Conkey's Laying Tonic and Big Poultry Book. Call at D. N. Leaverton's.

Trunks suit cases and traveling bags at Darsey's. Better get one before starting on that Christmas trip.

Mrs. Hood Pitts of Austin and Mrs. E. P. Lynch of Trinity are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Ladies, we have a big lot of ladies' skirts, suits, coats and misses' coats to choose out of at bargain prices at Darsey's.

Keeland Brothers

Big Holiday Sale

Is in full blast. We are offering the biggest reduction in prices ever offered in Houston County.

Come early and get your share of the thousands and thousands of bargains.

The place to buy your toys.

"THE PRICE IS
THE THING."

Keeland Bros.

SUCCESSORS TO WHITLEY & KEELAND.

"The Price is the Thing."

Telephone No. 34.

STORY OF GRAPE- LAND'S GROWTH

THE CITY HAS MADE PHENOMINAL STRIDES WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE NEED

EVERY LINE OF BUSINESS IN GRAPELAND HAS PROSPERED DURING 1911. THE PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR WILL MAKE IT A PARADISE FOR THE MERCHANT AND A GLORY TO ITS CITIZENS

If there is a little city in Texas whose future seems assured, that is Grapeland.

In every line of business that is represented in the city there have been phenomenal strides made toward the goal that is the ambition of every man, whatever his vocation— independence, opulence and comfort.

New commercial ventures have thrived and among the older mercantile and professional lines there has been a steady and definite growth that has been not only a pleasure to the promoters but the pride of every man who has the welfare of this live and hustling community at heart. Within the year, has sprung a desire in the hearts of the better elements of this city for the things that tend to municipal advancement, and within the week, there has been perfected an organization that compasses every line of business in the city, aye, almost every man who is identified with any mercantile, industrial or professional pursuit, who will see to it that Grapeland's onward march is not delayed, but, rather, is pushed to the limit of human endurance.

For more than a decade, the Messenger has been a faithful, impartial and veracious chronicle of the aims, ambitions and achievements of Grapeland and its splendid environment. It has labored for the advancement of the city and never before has it seen so glorious a future as now seems unfolding on the dim horizon of the coming year. Many times in the past, the clouds have seemed very near but this city's "hearts of oak" have weathered every storm and now our ship is on sunlit seas and entering the harbor of prosperity and content.

THE YEAR PAST

The year 1911 was well along its course before the fear left by the "lean years" that had preceded it were entirely dispersed. When the news of the great crop that graced the fields was fully verified, Grapeland's business contingent began to get busy. A new bank—I'll tell you about it father along—was started and every mercantile house in the city filed orders with the ever present "drummer" that seemed like tempting fate. The shelves and counters of the marts of commerce filled to overflowing and every available space was utilized for the storage of the great stocks that have, for the most part, found their way into the homes of the

citizens of this and the live, bustling little communities Grapeland is so proud to call our "tributary territory."

FINANCIAL

The financial standing of any city, town or village is gauged only by the probity of its banks and, in this regard, Grapeland is doubly blessed, for here we have two depositories that are second to none in the state in integrity. Aply and conservatively managed, they have been a very potent factor in the upbuilding of the city and surrounding country.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank, the elder of the two institutions, has been caring for the cash of Grapeland for about five years and its standing is beyond question. Its president is one of the commercial giants of the city and its cashier is a gentleman of sterling integrity with whom it is a pleasure to do business. The latest report to the State Banking Board is in this issue of the paper. It is authentic, and by it we see that it has resources amounting to nearly \$77,000 and individual deposits amounting to \$50,798.55. It is a very tidy bunch of money, but that is not all.

The newest essay in the banking business in Grapeland is the Guaranty State Bank. It has been established for a little less than three months and is a very lusty competitor of its older contemporary. Its president is one of Houston county's best farmers and its cashier is a gentleman who has lately come to us from a neighbor city. His life has been an open book and his integrity is armour-clad.

Just a little word further about these banks. The F. & M. bank has steadily increased its deposits and surplus despite the fact that for the past quarter of the year, it has had sharp competition. The new Guaranty State bank has been open less than three months. Its statement is in in this issue of the paper, but since that statement was filed, its deposits have been swelled until now it has approximately \$40,000 in individual accounts.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS

With the banks, railroad, post-office and express companies showing such peculiarly good conditions, there is little use in dilating on individual successes. Another reason for this short paragraph is the fact that we haven't the space to devote to

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GRAPELAND'S GROWTH

that, for it would mean a long story that would embrace every mercantile, industrial and professional calling that is represented here. Interviews with our business men brings out the statements that all are doing even better than they expected, and in every instance, they are planning extensions that will mean a further glory to Grapeland.

POSTAL INCREASE

"Uncle Sam's" business in the good year 1911 has kept pace with the other lines of business in this city. Through the courtesy of Postmaster B. F. Hill, the Messenger representative was given an opportunity "to see the figures" and in condensed form here they are.

In the fiscal year ending May 31st, 1911, the Grapeland office handled 139,552 pieces of mail of all classes, 91,210 of which were letters and postal cards.

The revenues of the office—not including the money order department, where the figures are not available—was for the full twelve months of 1910, \$2,463.82. For eleven months of 1911, the receipts were \$2,790.34. Adding an average amount for December, the post office at Grapeland will show a full 20 per cent increase in business for the year.

The postal business of a town or city is an unerring barometer of the business conditions and the very flattering figures given out by Postmaster Hill show that Grapeland has on her "seven league boots" and is going some in the matter of growth.

PLANS FOR NEW BUILDINGS

There are many plans practically assured, for new buildings to be erected in Grapeland in the spring or during the coming summer. Among them are four new brick buildings on Main street; a new brick livery and sale stable; a \$10,000 school building; a brick store building on the east side, and, more than likely a new modern, brick hotel.

Besides those mentioned above there are several residents of the city who contemplate improvements in their homes and plans have been already drawn for several new residences.

RAILROAD BUSINESS

Full comparative statements or reports of the volume of business transacted by a great corporation are always hard to obtain, but there is enough data at hand to make a story that will fit well into the record of Grapeland's prosperity and growth.

During the "cotton year" of 1910, ending July 31st 1911, 4993 bales of cotton were shipped out of Grapeland. At this date, with seven full months still lacking of the full year, there have been shipped from this station 6,514 bales; there are more than a hundred on the cotton platforms and only the farmers know how many more are in the hands of the producers. A conservative estimate of the 1911 crop for this section of the county would approximate 7,000 bales, but there are many of the best posted cotton men in this city who insist that this is short by from 500 to 1000 bales.

Of cotton seed shipped, there have been 134 carloads, just two carloads less than double the amount shipped last year which was 69 carloads for the entire season.

Of the railroads revenue from freight shipped out of this city, there are no figures available

here, but a very conservative estimate would place it at between \$15,000 and \$20,000, which is easily double the business out of Grapeland in 1910.

The revenue at this station from freight received during November 1911 was \$2,095.44 and for this the I. & G. N. handled 757,256 pounds of freight for the people of Grapeland.

As to the travel in and out of the city, the railroad records show that it is nearly if not quite double that of last year.

EXPRESS

On July 31st of this year, the Wells Fargo Express Co. superceded the Pacific Express Co. at this station and comparative figures are out of the question as all the old books went to the old company. No change in the employees in express service was made however and their statement is that this branch of traffic has kept pace with the general prosperity that has marked the year, and the revenues in this department average \$1,000 to \$1,200 per month.

LISTEN! From the "back-shop" I hear the call "time." It means that the space set aside for this article is almost consumed and that in the interests of our many hundreds of readers, who "kick" if the Messenger is late, I must seek a hasty conclusion. The "boss" says this is imperative and even suggests "boiling down" some of this copy, but it is all good stuff to the man who is interested in Grapeland, so for the present I will write—Finis, but in the issue of next week I will endeavor to tell you of the things that this city most needs, the things that must be achieved if Grapeland would keep in the forefront of the live little cities that make Texas the great "Empire of the West."

DON'T POISON YOURSELF WITH MERCURY

That's What You May Do If You Take Calomel Because Calomel is a Form of Mercury

If you ask a druggist for bichloride of mercury, he will give it to you in a red label bottle marked POISON. Calomel is also a chloride of mercury, as your doctor will tell you, and as everybody knows, mercury is a poison.

When you think you need a dose of calomel, instead of whipping your liver up with the mercury it contains, go to Porter's drug store and pay fifty cents for a bottle of Dodson's Liver-tone, a pure vegetable liquid that starts the liver to action just as surely as calomel does and is perfectly mild and harmless, with no bad after-effects. No restriction of habits or diet is necessary.

Dodson's Liver-tone gives such perfect satisfaction in curing constipation and torpid liver that Porter's drug store will give the money back to any person who tries it and does not find it a perfect substitute for calomel.

Where the Locality Does Not Count

Wherever there are people suffering from kidney and bladder ailments, from backache, rheumatism and urinary irregularities, Foley's Kidney Pills will help them. Belvidere, Ill. E. A. Kelly, an ex-engineer, says: "Three years ago my kidneys became so bad that I was compelled to give up my engine and quit. There was a severe aching pain over the hips, followed by an inflammation of the bladder, and always a thick sediment. Foley's Kidney Pills made me a sound and well man. I can not say to much in their praise." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

AMATEUR YEGGS VISIT DRUG STORE

Last Wednesday night, some time after the south bound passenger had left, a bunch of amateur "gum shoe" operators got in their work in Porter's drug store on Main street.

They effected an easy entrance by breaking the glass in the front door and turning the dead-lock with which it was fastened. Nothing on the shelves or in the showcases was disturbed so far as Mr. Porter could discover, but it was evident that a cash drawer, one of the kind that has an alarm attachment, had been tampered with. In that drawer there was \$25. in currency, but the money was still there in the morning, the robbers having evidently been afraid of the alarm bell.

There have been no arrests and there is no clue to follow.

An Alarm at Night

That strikes terror to the entire household is the loud, hoarse and metallic cough of croup. No mistaking it, and fortunate then the lucky parents who keep Foley's Honey and Tar Compound on hand. H. W. Casselman, Canton, N. Y., says: "It is worth its weight in gold. Our little children are troubled with croup and hoarseness, and all we give them is Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. I always have a bottle of it in the house." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Bank Indorsements

More bankers indorse Draughon's Practical Business Colleges than indorse all other business colleges in the United States combined. For catalogue, address Draughon's Practical Business College, Dallas, Texas, Arkansas or Denison.

Best on Earth

This is the verdict of R. J. Howell, Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. "Her case was the worst I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

TERRACED FARMS RAISE BIG CROPS

A thorough believer in scientific farming, and desiring to get the best results, W. T. Pridgen is now having his big farm just west of the city "terraced."

This work is being done under the direction of W. H. Beason, an expert in the employ of the U. S. Agricultural Department whose chief duty is to give farmers in his district every help in studying and trying out the government methods in agriculture.

Mr. Beason will be at the Pridgen farm for some days to come and will be glad to meet the farmers of this section and to explain to them the value of the work he is engaged in and to assist them in any way possible. Go any day; you will be the gainer by the visit.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that most infectious diseases such as whooping cough, diphtheria and scarlet fever are contracted when the child has a cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will quickly cure a cold and greatly lessen the danger of contracting these diseases. This remedy is famous for its cures of colds. It contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given to a child with implicit confidence. Sold by all dealers.

Mistrot Bro's have recently installed a set of handsome new showcases in their big store. These cases are the new "Colonial" pattern, built of golden oak and heavy plate glass. As a fixture they are very handsome and in facility for display they are the best made.

With the Coming of Middle Age

There is a letting down in the physical forces often shown in annoying and painful kidney and bladder ailments and urinary irregularities. Foley's Kidney Pills are a splendid regulating and strengthening medicine at such a time. Try them. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Luther Lively spent portions of Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Jacksonville.

Without opiates or harmful drugs of any kind Foley's Honey and Tar Compound stops coughs and cures colds. Do not accept any substitute. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Always Makes Good



You'll be delighted with the results of Calumet Baking Powder. No disappointments—no flat, heavy, soggy biscuits, cake, or pastry. Just the lightest, daintiest, most uniformly raised and most delicious food you ever ate. Received highest reward World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, 1907.

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

Paid For
COTTON SEED
See Me Before You
SELL
OLAN DAVIS
With Houston Cotton Oil Co.

WE DO NOT BOAST

But when it comes to serving the
People with good, fresh wholesome

GROCERIES

We claim that no house has us out classed, and too many fail to reach our standard for the best interest of public health.

You can always get the best

Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Hats, Etc.

Here and most of them just a little cheaper than at other places. Our hundreds of customers who trade with us weekly is our best guarantee of high-class service. ... Your Business is duly Appreciated.

W. H. Lively

PORTER'S DRUG STORE

OFFERS A FEW
Christmas Gift Suggestions

For Children

Baby Pins, Bracelets, Silver Cups, Knife, Fork and Spoon, Locketts and Chains, Rings, Rattlers, Sterling Silver Novelties, Dolls, Story Books.

For Grown Folk

Clocks, Watches, all kinds of fine Jewelry, Silverware, Cut Glass, Chafing Dishes, Vases, Manicure Sets, Traveling Sets, Water Sets, Albums, Testaments, Bibles, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Neck Tie Boxes, Jewel boxes, Brush and Comb Sets, Toilet Sets, Medallions, etc.

We have a great variety of other Gifts too numerous to mention and we believe the nicest lot of HOLIDAY GOODS ever shown in Grapland.

Come and Look them Over

A. S. PORTER

DRUGGIST Grapland, Texas

TRINITY EDITOR LIKES OUR CITY

Last Sunday, B. W. Pike, editor of the Trinity Tribune, was the guest of the editor of this paper, and, in the course of the day, looked over the city pretty fully. He says that even Trinity, with its three railroads, has nothing on Grapland when it comes to the ability to "get business".

Mr. Pike is an able, hustling editor and his aggressive business methods and executive ability are rapidly making the Tribune one of the best country weeklies in the state and the good people of Trinity are recognizing his merit by giving his paper the support it merits.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Leaverton visited relatives in Crockett a few days this week.

Purify the sewers of the body and stimulate the digestive organs to maintain health, strength and energy. Prickly Ash Bitters is a tonic for the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels. A. S. Porter special agent.

Rev. F. M. Trimble called at this office Monday and had us change his paper from Augusta to Slocum, having moved recently to the latter place.

Bank No. 768 Official Statement OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE Guaranty State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 5th day of December, 1911, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 14th day of December, 1911

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral-	\$19,134.79
Loans, real estate----	371.65
Overdrafts-----	None
Real estate, (banking house)-----	3,337.36
Furniture and Fixtures-----	1,578.87
Due from approved reserve agents, net---	17,569.55
Cash Items-----	138.05
Currency-----	18,09.00
Specie-----	1,864.66
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund-----	450.00
Total-----	46,053.93

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in--	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, net--	499.89
Individual deposits, subject to check----	30,127.14
Cashier's Checks----	426.90
Total-----	46,053.93

State of Texas, }
 County of Houston. }
 We, J. R. Pennington as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. R. PENNINGTON,
 President.
 U. M. BROCK, Cashier.
 Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9th day of December, A. D., nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
 Notary Public.

DAMAGE BY WATER AT KENNEDY BRO'S

While the great storm of last Saturday night was at its height and old Jupiter Pluvius was giving this section of Texas a thorough drenching, a little section of the roof of the building at the rear, sprung a leak and before the proprietors knew of it, a great stack of mattresses and some other goods that were stored in that part of the store were drenched.

Water ran through the store like a mill-race, but, except to the goods immediately under the leak, there was little damage and the accident has in no way handicapped the Kennedy Bro's great bargain sale which is now in full swing.

WORLD RECORD TO GALVESTON PORT

Galveston, Dec. 12—As Texas continues to be the greatest cotton producing state in the Union, so does a Texas port continue to be the greatest exporting port for the staple of the world. The monthly statement of exports issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor shows that during the first two months of the cotton season, Galveston exported to foreign countries, more cotton than New Orleans and Savannah combined.

The figures for this period are as follows:

	Bales	Value
Galveston	997,000	\$54,408,000.
New Orleans	155,395	8,229,277.
Savannah	554,557	29,794,540.

The
**Old Reliable
 Seed Buyer**
 —wants to buy your—
COTTON SEED

"Will pay as high a price as any buyer, a square deal to all and always on the job. Be sure to see me before you sell"

J. W. Howara
 With Houston County Oil Mill
 GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Foley's Kidney Pills

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.
 D. N. LEAVERTON.



TAYLOR & DAILEY'S MEAT MARKET

Fresh Meat
 at all times
 Courteous Treatment
 and your business will
 be duly appreciated
Taylor & Dailey
 PROPRIETORS

CHILDREN CRY
 Frequently and for no apparent reason when they have worms.
**WHITE'S
 CREAM VERMIFUGE**
 is the remedy needed.
 It destroys and removes worms, strengthens the stomach and restores healthy conditions. A few doses brings back rosy cheeks, vigor and cheerfulness.
 Price 25c per Bottle.
 Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.
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J. W. CASKEY TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business
 will be
 Appreciated
 Baths at any time—
 hot or cold water.
 Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

Not What You Pay, But What You Get Is the Real Test of Value

We make no statement that we are not willing to back up. We are making some very Low Prices and our merchandise will compare in Quality and Price with any house in Grapeland. We don't tell you that our competitors can't sell you as good goods, but we say that for good, clean merchandise with Quality and Low Prices combined, ours is the goods to buy. You get full value for your dollar. We find that we must reduce our stock of shoes, and to do it we have 400 pairs to go regardless of price.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOE THE WHOLE FAMILY FOR A LITTLE MONEY

Our \$10.00 Suits for \$7.50 Our \$15.00 Suits for \$10.00 Our \$17.50 Suits for \$12.50

These are brand new goods, the very latest styles and woollens. The reason we are slashing the price is that we are going out of the clothing business. Come and examine the stock, see the goods. You will be convinced that your money will buy lots of goods, besides if you trade \$25.00 with us you get a \$6.50 Reed Rocker free for \$1.50. Yours for more business,

W. F. Murchison

Grapeland, Texas

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WILL YOU DO IT?

If you will read carefully the resume of the business that has come to Grapeland during the past year, and will note the astonishing increase along all lines, you will have to admit that this town has passed out of the village class and is a lusty candidate for "city" honors.

Do you want to hold the prestige that now attaches to the name of "Grapeland?"

If you do, it is high time that steps were taken to protect and still farther build up this great volume of trade the ability and intelligence of Grapeland merchant gathered here.

This whole section of Texas is rapidly filling up with the most desirable class of settlers. The little towns, like Grapeland, are casting off their swaddling clothes and are reaching out for a share of this trade that comes with increased population.

There is but one way in which to build a city and that is by incorporation as soon as the time comes when the population and wealth of the town will warrant the step.

We now have both of these main factors and it is folly to follow longer the country village idea.

With incorporation, this city could have a system of water works that would reduce the

cost of insurance by sixty per cent; it could have many other necessities and comforts that make urban life worth the living and all at less than we are now paying in taxes and insurance.

There is but one way to these conditions—the self-government that comes only to the incorporated city and a little more of the kind of "push" that has made our city what it already is.

From present indications there is going to be an epidemic of building in this city next spring.

Let the labor unions suppress every advocate of violence and they may depend upon public support in all their just demands.

If you haven't got your name on the Commercial Club list, better do so at once. You don't want to be the only man in town who is not a member.

There are many things our new Commercial Club might turn its attention to, but one of the first should be to fix up Main street so it will look a little less like the back yard of a warehouse.

The community in this day and time that expects to stay in the forefront must hustle and work just as does the firm or individual who succeeds. This is a day of competition and of progress, and the only way to lead or keep up is to hustle. The best way to build a city, a county or a state is to make it attractive to the people. This is accomplished by good roads, good homes, good churches and good schools. When you have got these things in a county and civic attractiveness in the city, you will have no trouble in getting the most de-

sirable class of settlers, and this class will not be content without these things.

For Sale

My store house and lot and stock of groceries. For particulars and price see or write

GEO. SHAVER,
Grapeland, Texas.

Rub the joints with Ballard's Snow Liniment to relieve rheumatism. It penetrates the flesh to the bone, conveying its soothing and restorative influence to the spot where the pain exists. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Plenty of doors and windows at Darsey's.

Plenty of chops and bran at W. H. LIVELY'S.

Hall racks at bargain prices at Darsey's.

Shingles, brick, lime and building material at Darsey's.

"The Man from the West" good singing good music, here Saturday, Dec. 16th.

Ladies will save money on ladies' and misses' hats at Darsey's.

STRICTLY CASH

Remember that all feed-stuff is sold for cash only.

J. W. HOWARD.

Don't pay any attention to what you hear, but go to Darsey's and you can sure save money on furniture and stoves.

I have just received a carload of high grade, pea green alfalfa hay. It comes from New Mexico and is the best feed on the market.

T. S. KENT.

Take your chickens and eggs to Darsey's.

Don't buy anything until you come and see our goods and get our prices.

W. F. Murchison.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

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

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Good Roads

Aid in the commercial development, financial growth, industrial progress and the educational advancement of the country.

If you have property for sale list it with
FREEMAN, Lovelady, Texas

A coated tongue, foul breath and clogged condition in the bowels suggests the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is just suited for such ailments. A. S. Porter, special agent.

Peas Wanted

I want to buy one or two cars of peas in the hull at \$20.00 per ton.

J. W. HOWARD.

Don't forget to use a little Prickly Ash Bitters whenever the stomach or bowels are disordered. It quickly corrects such troubles and makes you feel bright and cheerful. A. S. Porter, special agent.

SHOES — the best line in Grapeland. Come and get your shoes at the shoe store. The Walk Over Shoe — best shoe known. The Clover Brand — known the world over for their wearing qualities. Come and see them. Reduced prices on shoes for the next ten days.

T. S. KENT.

ABSTRACTS

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

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE
ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF
HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Notice

The Stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Grapeland, Texas, are requested to be present at a call meeting of the stockholders of said Bank to be held Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1911, at its Banking house in the town of Grapeland, Texas, between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. to consider the proposition of increasing the Capital stock of said Bank from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

GEO. E. DARSEY, Pres.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier

Christmas Suggestions

Holiday Ties

You will not find a more complete line of men's needwear anywhere. An especially attractive line put up in holiday boxes at **50c**

Men's Hosiery

A big assortment of fine silk and lisle hosiery for men, all good colors and black plain and fancy patterns, silks at 25c and **50c**

Lisle 15c and **25c**

Hats for Holidays

We are showing a big range of pretty new shapes in men's and young men's hats in the popular colors at 1.50, 2.00 and **3.00**

Also a nice line of Stetsons in large and medium shapes, in white and black at each **4.00**



Boys' Clothing

Buy the boys Christmas suit here. We have just received a new line of boys suits. There is a great variety of patterns in the best worsted and cheviot fabrics and the styles are new and correct. Many of our boys suits are all wool and the workmanship is the very best. The better suits have full peg top, knickerbocker pants. Ages 7 to 16 years.

Boys suits, worth 2.50 for **1.90**

Boys suits, worth 3.50 for **2.50**

Boys suits, worth 5.00 for **3.90**

Boys suits, worth 6.00 and 7.50 for **4.90**

Suits and Overcoats for the Holidays

You feel the need of stylish clothing at this season more than at any other season of the year. Our suits and overcoats are correct in every detail—style, fit, workmanship and materials, and the prices are lower than you have ever paid for such dependable clothes.

Men's 10.00 all wool suits for **8.90**
Men's 12.50 all wool suits for **10.90**
Men's 15.00 all wool suits for **12.90**
Overcoats, 7.90, 9.90 and **12.90**

Ladies Kid Gloves

Gloves make nice Christmas gifts and we are showing an unusually good one in fine German Lambskin in black only, special value at a pair **1.00**

Holiday Jewelry

Cuff links, bar pins, brooches, baby pins and cuff pins in attractive styles and dependable, popular priced goods, 25c 50c and **75c**

Two Specials in Christmas Ribbons

All silk taffeta ribbon in the popular plain colors and widths from 2 1-4 to 3 1-2 inches, a particular strong number, specially priced at a yard **10c**

Fine fancy ribbon in a big range of beautiful striped, figured and Persian patterns, 4 to 5 inch widths and will make nice Christmas bows and sashes, a yard **25c**

50c Wool Dress Goods at 38c

Mohair, panama and serges in a good assortment of colors, all are good 50c values, special a yard **38c**

Art Squares for Gifts

In beautiful, rich patterns that will certainly make delightful presents; priced below their value.

10.00 tapestry art squares, 9x12 feet **9.90**

14.00 tapestry art squares, 9x12 feet **10.90**

20.00 tapestry art squares, 10 1-2x13 1-2 ft. **17.88**

20.00 Axminster art squares, 9x12 feet **17.88**

Christmas Shoes

For men our White House will make appropriate presents and nothing will be more practical or more appreciated. A strong line of buttons in Tan, patent and gum metal at \$3.50, \$4.00 and **5.00**

For women a beautiful line of ladies patent, button, velvet top shoes with plain or cap toes and cuban heels **2.00** AND UP

For children we can please both parents and children in their shoes. Our famous "Buster Brown" shoes will make ideal gifts for the youngsters.

Misses & Children's Coats

\$1.50 misses' long coats for **1.15**

\$2.50 misses' long coats for **1.90**

\$3.50 misses' long coats for **2.25**

Children's plain and curly bear skin coats **1.48**

Hardware, Furniture and Grocery Departments

Furniture

In our furniture department you will find many useful and appropriate things that will make suitable Christmas presents, and a glance through this department will surely convince you, for there you will find Rocking Chairs, Book Cases, Writing Desks, Hall Racks, Sideboards, Extension Tables, Bed Room Suites, Iron Bedsteads, Dressers, Leggett & Platt Bed Springs, and hundreds of other useful presents that would be appreciated, so it will pay you to come and look through and if you find anything that you like we will gladly reserve it for you and deliver same when you want it.

Christmas Cooking

No Christmas is complete without giving giving this department your attention, as your Christmas reception can be made a failure or success by one oversight in this line. We have given this department our special attention so as to be able to serve you as correctly as is possible. We will call your attention to only a few items and then extend to you an invitation to call and see us if you want good reliable cookings for Christmas.

Oriole flour, raisins, sugar, good coffee, pickles, currants, extracts' citron, chocolate, nutmegs, spices, onions, potatoes, cabbage, apples, oranges and lots of other good things, so don't fail to see us for the best cookable cookings for Christmas cookings.

In the Hardware Line

Here you will find the largest of assortments to select from and all appropriate and useful. Presents that the whole family will appreciate

A pocket knife; set of table cutlery; a pair of CLAUSE'S scissors; a good razor; a razor strop; a nice lamp; set of glass ware; china ware; bowl and pitcher; boys axe; a shot gun; box of shells; saddle, bridle, saddle blanket, buggy whip, a Buck's stove or sewing machine. We only give a small list of the many suitable presents that you will find in this department, but if you will call we will be glad to show you the many things that we have and exchange ideas with you, and if you find anything that you like we will set it aside for you.

With the best wishes for a happy Christmas, I am, yours very truly,

George E. Darsey

We will give Cash Register Checks up until Saturday Night, December 16th, 1911

Comments and Observations

By George Louis Payne

It would appear that subjects for writing would be scarce indeed to resort to the theme that thousands and millions of words are written about each year, and that is occupying the attention of the whole civilized world in a marked degree at the present hour. And under other circumstances we should let the other fellow have the subject of Christmas, so far as we are concerned, without reserve as a theme; but there are a few words we should like to say right now as the yuletide is drawing so near. But what we wish to say is not so pertinent to the Christmas holidays as it is to the way Christmas is observed.

Christmas is supposed to be observed as the birth of Christ, and not only that, but the birth of Christianity, of the Christian religion. The holiday does not pertain to the beginning of anything politic. True, Christianity is the basic foundation of the politics of civilized nations, or it is supposed to be that; but then there is a line of separation between politics and religion that free government will forever maintain, and this is stated, too, without any disparagement of Christian principles, or any cloud cast upon respectable politics. But there is a marked difference between a political gathering and a religious gathering. Should not a like difference obtain between a political holiday and a religious holiday?

Now, remember, that we are writing this as a layman, only. We are no preacher. The writer is actuated by observations that any citizen could not help making, could not shut his eyes to.

A victory won by any particular political organization might cause the adherents of that faith to make their throats hoarse with shouting, to play off pranks upon their opponents, to shoot guns, and might cause the more zealous of them to get drunk. In observance of some day like the Fourth of July, patriots of the American independence would likely shoot anvils, fireworks, and make the welkin ring with fervid political oratory. But would it be fitting to observe a religious holiday in accordance with above methods? Was the lowly Nazarene's advent into the world heralded by the blare of trumpets and the beat of drums? Or the imbibing of the mocker's wine? Or did the turbulence of revelry break the tranquillity of the Arabian plains? Far from that. "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'"

Should Christmas be observed as though it were a secular holiday, as though it were not directly connected with the souls of men and their future welfare? Should it be observed as though it were the birthday of Jefferson Davis, of George Washington, of Lincoln, of Columbus?

We trust that we will be pardoned for arraying our humble opinion against the settled convictions of men who are learned and who are well versed in the subject of this article, and against the established customs of our people. We say "set-

led convictions" of people, but upon what else could a custom pertaining to a sacred holiday be founded? But how can one who believes in Christianity sit still with tongue in mouth and pen in hand in the light of the way Christmas is now observed?

Christmas is directly connected with all that is serious, all that is solemn, all that is dear, all that is sacred to the human heart. It is the birthday of a man, not a mortal man, but immortal as God himself. And yet it is observed with carousal, with mischief-making, with din, with revelry, with drunkenness! And this with our church spires pointing heavenward! With our multitude of Bibles. With our organizations of faithful ministry. And with our Sunday schools and appurtenant organizations. This is done when the noonday splendor of civilization illuminates our pathway.

Should Christmas be observed as a political holiday?

Apropos of the confession of the McNamara brothers, press dispatches report Mayor Whitlock, of Toledo, Ohio, as saying: "There is much that one is tempted to say, but I have time now only to point out that their desperate and cruel crime was based on an older error, the fundamental error of thinking that there are circumstances which justify force, brutality and violence." There is a great and far-reaching truth in these few words. And it would be no less the truth outside of any consideration of the affair, the famous Los Angeles trial, upon which the statement was predicated.

The right to compete, the right to express one's own opinion, and the right to stand by one's own opinion, so long as a person in so doing does not overstep the limitations of the law, is inherent in every citizen of a free government.

When a person abandons this prerogative and resorts to the use of brutal force in defiance of the law, he generally finds that "the road of the transgressor is hard." If a newspaper wants to wage war on a labor union, or any other kind of a union, it has a right to do so; and if a labor union wants to wage war on a particular newspaper, it has a right to do so. If one manufacturer conducts his business so successfully that he gets the greater part of his competitor's customers, he has a right to do so. If one merchant puts his heart into his business, and, by dint of hard work, leaves his brother merchant far in the rear, he has a right to do so. If one blooming coxcomb is so handsome and beautiful as to win a fair maiden's heart away from some other coxcomb, so long as he stays within the restrictions of the golden rule, he stays within his prerogative.

The person who is not willing to meet his rivals in fair, open, and friendly competition, has no place in civilized society. But there are lots of such people, and sooner or later they are made to see their error, but many times it is too late with them.

There is an old fable about a race between the sun and the wind as to their respective powers and the sun won. And yet the sun was gentle and quiet, and peaceful and modest; while the wind raved and blustered. And it is ever so. Reforms can only be effected through patient and pains-taking work of conciliation and education. People

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.

FOR SALE BY D N LEAVERTON DRUGGIST

can not be converted to a cause through the use of a cannon. A person never appeals to the sense of the world through acting the part of a desperado.

A NEW MACHINE FOR THIS OFFICE

Within the week just passed, the Messenger has installed an Eclipse Folding Machine, one of the kind that is now considered a part of the necessary equipment of the modern newspaper office. This machine will effect a great saving of time on publication day as it has a capacity of 2,000 eight or twelve page papers per hour.

In buying this new machine, the Messenger is simply trying to keep in line with the growth and prosperity that is putting Grapeland in the front rank of the little cities of this great state, and, as the city continues its onward march, the Messenger will, as in the past, be with you to boost, with all its power, this "Jewel of the Houston Hills."

A Des Moines man had an attack of muscular rheumatism in his shoulder. A friend advised him to go to Hot Springs. That meant an expense of \$150.00 or more. He sought for a quicker and cheaper way to cure it and found it in Chamberlain's Liniment. Three days after the first application of the liniment he was well. For sale by all dealers.

"The Man from the West" is a play for men, women and children. Pure love is made, good blows are struck; there is a mountain of real comedy. And there are many thrilling moments. In short "The Man from the West" is a play of great heart interest that will live long in your memory. Here Saturday, Dec. 16th.

When children cough a good deal it is time to take notice or something serious will develop. A few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup may ward off a spell of sickness. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

About January 1st, Keeland Bro's will move into the building recently vacated by Claude Sory and the building now occupied by them will be added to the Mistrot Bro's store, whose business has increased to the extent that they are badly handicapped for room.

You will find that druggists everywhere speak well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. They know from long experience in the sale of it that in cases of coughs and colds it can always be depended upon, and that it is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. Poultryman: When you see your chickens, moping, wheezing, sneezing and swollen-headed; we recommend Conkey's Roup Remedy. For sale and guaranteed by D. N. Leaverton.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

Tonic in action, quick in results. Will cure any case of kidney or bladder disorder not beyond the reach of medicine. No need to say more. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

DON'T BE CONSTIPATED

Everyone knows when he is constipated, and everyone should know the risk he is running when he fails to promptly correct it.

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

Is a Bowel Tonic and Regulator.

It empties the bowels just as thoroughly as the harsh, griping cathartics and does it mildly, comfortably, pleasantly. Moreover, it leaves a beneficial influence behind it because the bowels remain healthy and regular thus there is no return to constipated conditions.

Get the Genuine with the Figure "3" in Red on Front Label. Sold by Druggists. Price \$1.00 per bottle.

A S PORTER SPECIAL AGENT

HERBINE For the Bowels

A Cure for Chronic Constipation, Torpid Liver and Irregular Bowel Movements.

Constipation is the most common disorder of the bowels. It affects both sexes and all ages but is more prevalent among women because their duties in the household require less physical exercise than the occupations of men; therefore women suffer most from its baneful effect.

A constipated person is an easy victim when exposed to any serious disease—Pneumonia, Typhoid Fever, Malaria, Rheumatism, Small Pox, Yellow Fever and Bright's Disease gather their annual harvest of death among those who are habitually constipated. Even though they escape these diseases, such persons are always ailing more or less. They have headaches, bad digestion, dizziness, vertigo (blind staggers), sallow complexion, flatulence, loss of strength, and no energy at all. Herbine has a most admirable effect in the bowels; it is cooling, purifying and regulating. It puts a prompt check on biliousness, wind in the bowels, nervousness, heartburn, bad breath, low spirits, drowsiness in the daytime and nervous wakefulness at night.

Price 50c per Bottle.

JAMES F. BALLARD PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Weak Sight or Sore Eyes, use Stephens Eye Salve. It cures.

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A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

OFTEN MAKES A QUICK NEED FOR THE MEDICINE THAT'S GUARANTEED

DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY

TAKE THIS RELIABLE REMEDY FOR

COUGHS AND COLDS WHOOPING COUGH

AND ALL

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PROMPT USE WILL OFTEN PREVENT

PNEUMONIA AND LUNG TROUBLE

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We would be glad to have YOU as a regular subscriber to the Messenger

10-4 Unbleached Pepperell
Sheeting, clearance price 20c

10-4 Bleached Pepperell
Sheeting, clearance price 22c

You Can't Afford to Miss

Kennedy Bros. Great December

CLEARANCE SALE!

For they are making better prices on First Class Merchandise than any firm in Houston County. When we say "Clearance Sale" we mean all goods at "Clearance Prices." Read the following prices and call at our store when in town and let us save you money on your bill.

Staples	Dress Goods	Shoes! Shoes!	Ladies and Misses' Coats
Brown domestic, 36 inches wide, good weight, regular price 7 1-2c a yard, clearance price----- 5c	All wool dress goods that sold for 50c, clearance price----- 37c	We carry the best selected stock of shoes in Houston county and can fit your foot.	1 lot ladies black coats, with soutache trimming, regular price \$7.50, clearance price----- 4.98
Bleached domestic, 36 inches wide, regular price 8 1-2c, clearance price----- 6c	Few pieces of wool dress goods that sold for 50c, clearance price----- 32c	1 lot American Gentleman shoes patent, veloura and vici, prices from \$3.50 to \$4.00, clearance price----- 2.69	1 ladies coat, large collars, regular price \$8.50, clearance price----- 6.24
Extra heavy cotton checks, regular price 8 1-2c, clearance price----- 7c	You must be sure to see the few pieces of Rainproof we offer in the clearance sale, regular price 75c, clearance price----- 43c	1 lot American Lady shoes that sell for \$3.50, sizes 2 1-2 to 4 1-2, clearance price 2.93	1 ladies' coat, extra large collar, large cuffs, gray, regular price \$12.50, clearance price----- 8.49
Red Seal gingham — quality gingham — regular price 10c and 12 1-2c, clearance price----- 7c	All poplins and pongees that sell everywhere for 25c a yd. clearance price----- 17c	Bed Blankets	1 ladies' coat, gray, large cuffs, regular price \$10.00, clearance price----- 6.69
1 lot Outing, the very heaviest to be had, regular price 10c and 12 1-2c, clearance price----- 7c	Boys' Suits	1 lot extra good, heavy blankets, regular price 1.25, clearance price----- 98c	1 lot misses' coats, regular price \$3.00, clearance price----- 1.48
1 lot Outing, good weight, regular 8c and 10c seller, clearance price----- 7c	5 boys' suits that sell for \$1.75 and \$2.00, clearance price----- 98c	1 lot blanket, extra good value for 1.25, clearance price----- 94c	1 lot misses' coats, regular price \$2.50, clearance price----- 1.74
Bed ticking, an extra good grade for 10c and 14c, clearance price----- 8c	1 lot boys' suits that sell for \$2.25, clearance price----- 1.49	1 lot blanket, medium weight, regular price 75c, clearance price----- 63c	1 lot misses coats, regular price \$3.50, clearance price----- 2.19
Bed ticking that sells for 10c and 12 1-2c, clearance price----- 7c	A few suits for boys with large collars; regular price \$4.50, clearance price-- 2.99	Men's Buck Gloves	1 lot misses' coats, regular price \$1.75, clearance price----- 98c
Apron gingham, a nice smooth gingham for 10c, clearance price----- 7c	Boys' Pants	We are showing 1 lot men's Buck Gloves, regular price 1.00 clearance pre. 79c	1 lot baby bear skin coats, regular price 2.25, clearance price----- 1.49
1 lot apron gingham, a good value at regular price 6c, clearance price 10 yds. 35c	1 lot boys corduroy pants, regular price 75c, clearance price----- 48c	Beaver Brand Hats	1 lot baby bear skin coats, regular price 2.50: clearance price----- 1.93
	1 lot boys pants, regular price 50c and 75c clearance price while they last---- 34c	For you to get the best hat made for the money you must get the Beaver Brand at 3.00, clearance price----- 2.25	1 lot baby coats, regular price 4 00, clearance price----- 2.79

We are saving great crowds of people money by trading with us, so make your visit to our store and be one of the lucky number.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Heaviest Outing to be Bought for 10c and 12 1-2c, CLEARANCE PRICE . . . 7 1-2c

The Best Cotton Flannel to be had for 10c, CLEARANCE PRICE 7 1-2c

LOCAL NEWS

Lively sells good shoes.
Best groceries at Kent's.
Get the boys one of those wagons at Darsey's.
Men's hats at greatly reduced prices at W. H. Lively's.

Buy your hat from Lively and save money.

See "The Man from the West" in big tent Saturday.

The best place to buy boys' clothing at Darsey's.

ACTUAL COST on shoes at W. F. Murchison's.

To save money on everything go to Kennedy Bros. clearance sale.

"The Man from the West" 30 people, Concert Band here in big tent.

A few pieces of matting to be closed out at sale prices at DARSEY'S.

Too many shoes at W. F. Murchison's. Selling out at cost.

FOR SALE—A No. 1 milch cow. Apply at the Messenger Office.

Buy and use Red Cross Christmas Seals. Sold by both drug stores.

See Kennedy Bros. for clearance prices. They will save U money.

When you have a bilious attack give Chamberlain's Tablets a trial. They are excellent. For sale by all dealers.

For coughs and colds use Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It acts soothingly in the irritated lungs and throat. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 Sold by A. S. Porter.

Money Saved on Clothing

We will save you from one to five dollars a suit on clothing. See us for the best clothing values in Grapeland, Texas.

GEO. E. DARSEY.

To reduce our stock we are selling a big lot of goods at actual cost.

W. F. Murchison.

Clothing Clothing

The biggest stock and the lowest prices is what you will find at Darsey's.

Seed Cane Wanted

I want to buy some good seed cane. If you have any see me.

GEO. CALHOUN.

Eugene Yarbrough of Mabank and Swanson Yarbrough of Eustis are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough, for a few days.

Father and mother would appreciate a pair of Legget and Platt bed springs for Christmas. Send them a pair and let them use them 30 days. If not pleased return them and get your money. Geo. E. Darsey.

If you are troubled with chronic constipation, the mild and gentle effect of Chamberlain's Tablets makes them especially suited to your case. For sale by all dealers.

Red Goose School shoes are absolutely the best shoes on the market. They stand the wear and tear of the Tom-boy. Sold only by W. H. Lively.

I want to buy your remnant cotton, beef hides, eggs, cotton seed and other produce. Highest market prices paid.

J. W. HOWARD.

FOR SALE—A scholarship in Draughton's Practical Business College at a discount. See or write the Messenger.

Plenty of corn chops, bran, flour, sugar, coffee and ribbon cane syrup at W. F. Murchison's.

Lively always has it first. A SALE always on at Kent's.
See Darsey for mattresses. Best and cheapest line of iron beds at Darsey's.
Get your pure ribbon cane syrup at T. S. KENT'S.

Shot guns at big sale price at Darsey's.

For Sale
Bronze Turkeys. See R. B. EDENS.

SPECIAL SALE ON SHOES, wholesale cost, at W. F. Murchison's.

We are headquarters for good shoes. Just received a new stock. W. H. Lively.

Ribbon cane syrup 50c per gallon.
W. F. Murchison.

When you need a pair of shoes go to W. H. Lively's and buy the best—the Friedman-Shelby shoe. Saddles! Saddles! at Kennedy Bros. at clearance prices. See them.

Clauss scissors and razors are sold under a strict guarantee to give satisfaction or a new one. GEO. E. DARSEY.

The biggest sale in Houston county. Kennedy's Clearance Sale.

For Sale
Two good young cows, both giving milk. CLAUDE SADLER.

You will save time and worry if you go to Darsey's, where you can buy you bill complete, and for less money.

Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the **Farmers & Merchants State Bank** at Grapeland, State of Texas.

at the close of business, on the 5th day of Dec., 1911, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 14th day of Dec., 1911.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$31,740 49	
Loans, real estate.	3,784 00	
Overdrafts.	597 36	
Real estate (banking house).	2,983 03	
Furniture and fixtures.	2,660 40	
Due from approved reserve agents.	\$23,935 27	
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check.	42 74	23,978 01
Cash Items.	895 92	
Currency.	5,740 00	
Specie.	3,102 25	9,738 17
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.	601 11	
Total.	\$ 76,082 57	

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund.	7,500 00
Undivided Profits.	1,632 79
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.	258 03
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	50,798 55
Time Certificates of Deposit.	550 00
Cashiers' checks.	343 20
Total.	\$ 76,082 57

State of Texas, } ss
County of Houston, }

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of December A. D., nineteen hundred and eleven.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. F. MURCHISON }
W. G. DARSEY } Directors
T. S. KENT }

S. E. Howard Lot & Land Company

Have \$30,000 in homes listed in Grapeland and the Grapeland country. Some bargains for home-seekers and investments that are safe, and we can sell you now cheaper than these lands can ever be bought again. See or write us.

S. E. Howard Lot & Land Co.,
Grapeland, Texas

Lively sells it for less.
Genuine Baker perfect barb wire and hog fencing at Darsey's.

Mrs. S. R. Parker and little Reagan returned to their home in Manning, after spending a few days very pleasantly with relatives here.

English walnuts, nigger toes, pecans, coconuts, stick and fancy candy at Darsey's.

Don't fail to hear the Free Concert given by Prof. Weirz and his "Man from the West" Band on main street at 12 and 7:30 o'clock Saturday, Dec. 16th.

Apples, oranges, coconuts, seeded raisins, citrons, extracts and Oriole flour at Darsey's.

Help the women of Texas fight the great white plague. Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals. For sale by both drug stores.

Bridles, Saddles and Saddle Blankets for Christmas at Darsey's.

Mrs. Mattie Banks and daughter, Miss Ethel, who have been visiting relatives here for some time, left for their home at Alto Wednesday.

Get a set of these heavy oak dining chairs for Christmas at Darsey's.

Henry Richards and family of this city were visiting friends in Crockett, Saturday and Sunday.

More rocking chairs, better rocking chairs and better rocking chairs at Darsey's, the very thing for Christmas.

A. M. Rencher of the Oakland community came in Monday for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. Roy Brewton, of this city.

Writing desk to close out at bargain prices at Darsey's.

Dr. W. R. Cain came in Tuesday night for a little visit with his many friends here. He is rapidly gaining a lucrative practice at Tyler, his old home, but he seems to have lost none of his regard for his friends here.

With a Bank Account

You are no man's servant. You have a servant of your own that is ever willing to work.

Economy and a bank account make a good team to pull a man over the rough places in his old age.

Why not start now to make this good team, you may some day need it.

Let us handle your bank account and you economize, and watch the results.

The Guaranty State Bank
GRAPELAND TEXAS.

MEBANE

Cotton Seed

My experience for the last two or three years with the above Cotton Seed has proved beyond a doubt that it will produce from two to three hundred pounds more of seed cotton per acre than any cotton I ever raised. This Cotton will turn out from forty to seventy pounds of lint cotton more to the bale also. These seed are in my seed house near the depot. KENNEDY BROS. will have charge of them. Call and see them for prices.

GEORGE CALHOUN

Laundry Cash

After January 1st all laundry will have to be paid for when taken out. Experience teaches me that this is the best plan for all. Please do not ask me to violate this rule.

J. W. Caskey.

For Sale

A good farm. One hundred thirty two acres; Seven room house with out-buildings, right in the town of Grapeland. On account of my health this place goes cheap. CLAUDE SADLER

A few sideboards to close out at bargain prices at Darsey's.

The Golden Rule

Applied to Business

If I was a farmer and had worked hard, but on account of conditions over which I had no control, I made a failure I would like for some merchant to apply the Golden Rule to business.

After the first of January 1912, if the people who need feed stuff next year will deposit in either one of the banks here, the money to pay for what they want, I will order it in car lots and they will get it at just what it costs the merchant. Now this is no shell game to try to skin somebody. It is an honest effort to try to help a class of people who are the back-bone of every country. I don't care if you never spent a nickel with me or never intend to spend one with me, you are welcome to avail yourself of this opportunity to get your feed stuff at cost. I realize the fact that when I help the farmer-I help every business man in town.

We have the best editor, the best paper, the best town and the best country west of the Mississippi river.

Come to Grapeland and watch the town grow.

**Our Motto: "Quick Sales, Small Profits
and the Golden Rule Applied to Business**

W. R. WHERRY

P. S.---This offer may look a little like a reflection on this country, but those who know realize that all over Texas the corn crop this year was a failure because of extreme heat and a drouth combined, just when the corn was in the silk.



What Shall I Give?

We Have Solved this Problem for You
This Week We Have Put on a Big

Joyous Xmas Sale

OUR WHOLE STOCK IS LISTED IN THIS BIG XMAS SALE!

You can't afford to stay away, for we have hundreds and hundreds of useful and practical Gifts for Christmas that we can save you 25 per cent on.

Everything Has Been Marked in Plain Figures

Give Him This:



Ask any man what he would prefer for Christmas and ninety-nine times out of a hundred he will say, "Something to wear." Now, what one particular article is man more sure to be in need of---HOSE? It's a man's natural failing, somehow, to always be "short on socks," and you can't please him any better than by replenishing that part of his wardrobe. Four pair in a box, guaranteed to wear four months without darning. If they don't wear four months bring them back and we will give him four new pair. They make good or we do.

BE SURE THAT YOU VISIT TOYLAND AT GRAPELAND'S LEADING DRY GOODS HOUSE---MISTROT'S

Bring the little ones with you to see our display of the very best toys. You are sure to be delighted as they will be. It would be impossible to tell you what you will see. There are lots of new and interesting things---toys that you never saw before---everything that Santa Claus could think of to make the little folks happy. Come and see them.

MISTROT BROTHERS AND COMPANY