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GRAPELAND, TEXAS

NEWSY LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

Jones' Mill, January 7.—The year of 1912 is with us and the prospects are that it will be one of great events. It is a year of general elections, from constable to president. Of course, this within itself, will bring about exciting times, and the country will be in an agitated condition. If our memory serves us right, four years ago Hon. J. W. Bailey made the statement that 1912 would be the year for the democrats to achieve a great national victory. Today everything practically speaking, points to his prediction as being correct. We believe that, judging from the political situation of the United States, we have the best of it in electing a president if the democrats will do their duty and stand by the old flag of the democratic party. Remember the old, but true maxim, "united we stand, divided we fall." It is to be hoped that the democrats will unite and forever down a gang that is sucking the life's blood of the country.

Xmas throughout this section passed quietly and pleasantly. Many receptions and joyful entertainments were indulged in—dinners that would be suited to the most fastidious taste were enjoyed and all was peace and good will to ladies and men.

On Christmas day we had the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. May Jones' company, also the old veteran, Daniel Jones. Many reminiscences of the past were heartily enjoyed. May they live to enjoy the many blessings of this life many years.

As yet, there has nothing been done in regard to reducing the acreage of cotton this year. We have interviewed several of our leading citizens and their opinion is that the farmers at large are so completely disgusted with the low price of cotton that the acreage will be greatly reduced, however we will have more to say about the above matter in the future.

Our community is still being invaded by new comers. Recently Mr. D. A. Locklen and wife of Wilbarger county arrived and will probably make this their future home. They are now guests of their relatives. They are up-to-date people and from appearances they will be a long link in the chain of the great procession that is moving forward for better conditions in our country. To each we extend the glad hand and bid them God speed.

The agriculturists are busy making preparations for the crop of the present season.

Health is fine. No wedding bells. As ever,
OLD GRAY.

Keeland Bros. have bought the stock of goods recently held by George Shaver and have moved it to their new location in the east side brick building.

Last week R. L. Pridgen purchased a small farm south of town from George Calhoun. The consideration was \$1,500. It is a fine piece of land, and as an investment is a good one.

Due to Arrive This Week:

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PAST DUE

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Mattresses and
Springs

AN IMMENSE SHIPMENT OF
Staple and Fancy
Groceries

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Groceries, Glass-
ware and Tinware

EVER SHOWN IN GRAPELAND
AND AT PRICES LOWER
THAN EVER BEFORE OF-
FERED IN HOUSTON COUN-
TY. COME AND SEE.

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LET US BUILD GOOD ROADS

As stated last week, the bonds for the improvement of the roads in Road District No. 1 have been approved and doubtless, ere this, have been sold.

This means a wonderful increase in the prosperity that seems now, to have made the Grapeland district its permanent abiding place.

There is no doubt as to the judicious expenditure of this money. The commissioner and the advisory board for this district are able, conscientious men and there will be only fruitful results from their efforts.

There is but one thing to look out for and that is to avoid trying to stretch this fund too far. The roads built should be GOOD ROADS in every sense of the term. Make them permanent as far as such a thing is possible and the money to improve those that are missed this first time will soon be forthcoming.

That has been the experience in every community in which the "good roads" movement has been started.

This movement has brought hitherto wild land into cultivation and in every case, has added immensely to the value of all holdings in the district.

There are about twenty-five miles of sandy land roads in this district and this first issue of bonds will not put all of this big area into first class shape, therefore we again advise, build good roads as far as the money will go and trust to time and the example to bring the funds for further improvement.

MISTROT BROS IMPROVE STORE

Mistrot Bros & Co., are making improvements in their big store that, when they have finished, will make it the handsomest mercantile home in the city.

The partition between their store and that of Keeland Bros. has been removed and the store is now housed in one huge room 57 by 100 feet in size. The new arrangement of the stock and showcases that the enlarged space permits, gives it a very handsome appearance.

Before the big stock, which has been ordered arrives, the decorators will work on the interior in a way that will afford the patrons of this popular firm a genuine surprise.

Dr. H. S. Robertson of Oakhurst was a Grapeland visitor last Sunday, called here on professional business. Dr. Robertson was formerly the proprietor of the Messenger and he has a host of friends in Grapeland who were very glad to see him again.

George Denny, of the tax collector's office at Crockett, was in the city Tuesday gathering in the Poll and other taxes now due. Mr. Denny had Jesse Woods as assistant and both were busy all day in a way that would make glad the heart of a banker.

George E.

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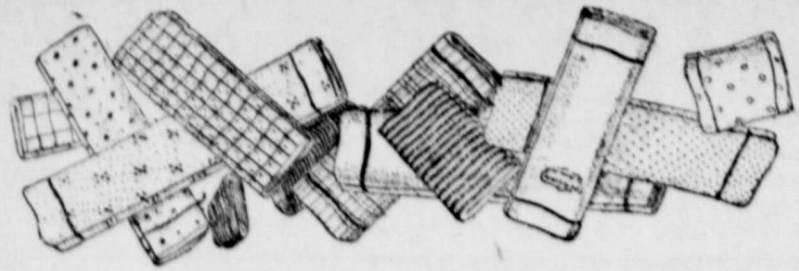
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and can supply you in large or small quantities

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Grapeland, Texas



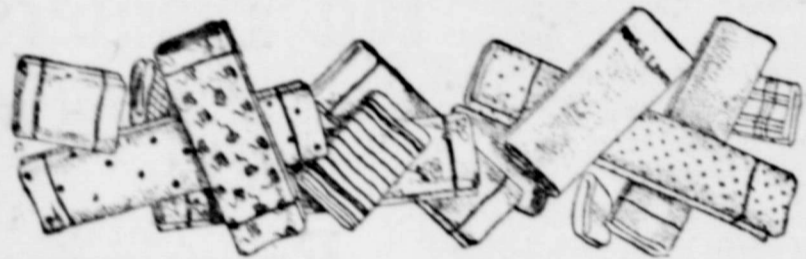
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:- TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN :-

XV. REVENGE

IN ORDER that vengeance might not slumber, King Darius had his secretary to say to him each morning, "Sire, remember Athens," and the Persian army was cut to pieces in the battle of Marathon. Hannibal laid his hand on the altar and swore vengeance against Rome, and the Carthagian army was annihilated on the plains of Italy. Many a nation has gone to destruction or wasted its energy in blindly following its leaders in an effort to avenge grievances.



SIRE, REMEMBER ATHENS

Let him who would stamp his name upon the age in which he lives first convince his fellow men that his blood is not burning with the fever of hatred, that his mind is not chilled with the thaw winds of spite and that his frailties will not ride the State like a pestilence. No greater curse can blight a country than leadership stepped in scorn. Texas needs great men.

SMOKING BY THE SMALL BOY

How the Question Was Smoothly and Easily Settled by One Wise Father.

"The question of smoking came up early in our family. Lawrence has always been greatly attracted by what he considers manly accomplishments. If he had been brought up in a Puritan atmosphere, he would have sown an abundant crop of wild oats—so great to him is the glamour of the forbidden thing. If it savors of fashion or luxury, it becomes almost irresistible.

"He was only fourteen when we noticed a suggestion of cigarette smoke about him.

"Have you been smoking, my boy?" his father asked in a tone suggestive of rebuke. Lawrence admitted that he had. "I should be sorry if it stopped your heart or injured your heart, so that you could not go in for athletics at college," his father went on in a casual tone. "I would rather you did not, if you do care very much about it. I will give each of you boys \$100 if you will not smoke until you are twenty-one. Think it over for a few days. If you decide that you prefer to smoke, and if after you have had a talk with the doctor, you are not afraid of what it may do to you, your mother will find a place for you to smoke."

"A few words from our doctor treating the matter from a scientific point of view, helped Lawrence to decide that he would take the \$100. The other boys decided as he did; this ended it."—Woman's Home Companion.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers.

The Fountain Source of Pies.

The Metropolitan club—usually called "The Millionaire"—experimented for a half dozen years with pastry. Try as they might, this important branch of the culinary service was not satisfactory. The cakes, or tarts, were not up to the standard. The pies were impossible.

Some months ago, a native of New England became chairman of the house committee. When the pastry ghost again walked, he said: "Leave that to me."

He went up to Winsted, Conn., and after much persuasion brought back with him two maiden ladies whom he had known for years. He turned them loose in the Metropolitan kitchen with the direction that they should take orders from no one but himself.

Today the "girls" are putting a hundred dollars a week in the Winsted bank, and the millionaires are slighting the other courses to get down to pie.—New York Sun.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

Dogfish.

A fisherman from Montauk Point was telling his friends of catching a huge dogfish that had a most abnormal skull. The angler operated on the ugly and worthless catch, and found in the skull all that was left of a once strong rubber band. Evidently when that big dogfish was little more than an angler who had rigged up for cod or other bottom fish had caught the dog around its gills and turned it loose, expecting the tortured thing to die.

That recalled the story of how some fishermen not so gentle and humane as the ruling anglers treat the poor but pestiferous dogfishes when they are caught. Generally there is an empty beer bottle handy, and this is tightly corked and tied to the tail of the fish, which is thrown back into the sea. It goes to the bottom, of course, but the steady pull of that air-filled bottle finally proves too much for its strength, and it comes wigging up, tail first, only to go down again and repeat the performance until the wretched thing dies. Frequently, when there is no beer bottle to be had, a piece of wood will do just as well, or just as ill.

NICKNAMES ON THE OCEAN

Tradition Governs Them Among American and English Sailors and They Never Alter.

In the American and English navies, as well as in the merchant marines, are found nicknames that have been in use since before men dreamed that there was land on the other side of the western ocean. Tradition, most inflexible of all rules, governs them, and they never alter, whether the ship clears from the Golden Gate or from London Docks. Some of the nicknames are of obvious origin; others seem to gain force by their apparent lack of reason.

For instance, why should all men named Wright be called "Shiner"? Clark is invariably "Nobby"; Green is "Jimmy"; and a White is a "Knocker." "Spud" Murphy explains itself, as does "Dusty" Miller. "Lofty" and "Shorty" do not need to present cards to their mates when they sign on, and it is not worth while for the brunette sailor to resent it when a friendly chap calls him as "Nigger"—he can't whip the entire crew, one after the other.

The rigid forms of the quarterdeck do not hold during the watch below, and the captain is the "Skipper," and the first lieutenant is familiarly "Jimmy the One." On fighting ships the gunnery lieutenant is "Gunnery Jack," or more briefly "Guns"; the torpedo lieutenant, "Torpedo Jack" or "Sparks," and the navigating officer, "The Navy."

Even a landlubber would know that "Tommy Pipes" was the boatswain, "Chips" the carpenter, "Jimmy Bungs" the cooper, and "Sails" the sailmaker.—The Sunday Magazine.

Foley's Honey And Tar Compound "Cures in Every Case."

Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommended it to many others who have since told me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective. For sale by D. N. Leaverton.

Lure of the Author.

One wonders why so many novels are written. Yet consider the statement just made by the managers of the play adapted from "Ben-Hur." They have paid \$250,000 in royalties to the estate of its author and expect to pay much more before the public tires of it. The book itself has had a sale of over a million copies, never in a cheap form, and has probably earned another quarter of a million for the author.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," a little book of only 20,000 words, has paid to its author as book and play about \$10 a word, and "David Harum" produced a fortune for the heirs of the man who wrote it. Aside from the glory of satisfaction, every novelist, whether man or woman, is expecting to create some day a "Ben-Hur" or "David Harum."

Foley Kidney Pills

always give satisfaction because they always do the work. J. T. Thelut, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine, and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder trouble." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Character's Commercial Value. Character has commercial value, and sometimes men are hired according to law solely because of their political or public requirements because it pays to be honest and courteous of every one, and not virtuous. They are not virtuous, they are not covetousness. They are nothing to self-respect, they have no moral content, and they are not in bolstering up a virtuous characteristic. However, it is to the kingliness of the man, either for its market value or because of its inherent value, they clothe themselves in it when they do not seek it.—From "The Sixty" Charles H. Brent.

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W. H. Lively

WHAT HORSE-POWER MEANS

Example of Great Liner's Turbine Engines Given to Explain the Common Phrase.

In connection with steamship propulsion the average man is apt to speak very glibly of so many hundred or thousand horse-power. But it is extremely doubtful if one person in a hundred really has a due appreciation of what the phrase actually means. On this point some very interesting remarks were made by John Heck, the Glasgow engineer surveyor.

He said that, calculating the strength of twelve men to be equal to one horse-power, it would require 840,000 men to produce as much energy as the 70,000 horse-power developed by the turbine machinery of the express Cunarder Lusitania. Then if the men were to work on the eight hour day system those figures would give a total of 2,520,000, that being the number of men whose strength would be necessary to drive the vessel across the Atlantic ocean. So it would take all the men in Scotland to supply the energy produced all the day round by the wonderful turbine machinery of this great ship.—Railway and Locomotive Engineer.

RELIGION IS HIS BUSINESS

Preacher Knows How It Should Be Transacted and Does It Better Than Others.

In this new movement it is interesting to note the cavalier way in which "business men" give the preachers the back seat. It is as if these committees said, "Now you clergymen are the best of fellows, but you are ignorant of business methods. It is high time religion and business principles applied to it. All that is needed is to take right hold of this thing, the empty pew, and run it as we run one of our corporations. Business is business, and these pews can be filled. A factory with a good product only needs business skill to get its product on the market. Now watch us do it."

Now the preacher's business is religion. Why not let him transact it? He has transacted it up to this time. For centuries he has been miserably paid. He is often old and pensioned with a pittance, and many of the "business men" seem not to care. The old-fashioned preacher, in his old-fashioned ways, gave this country a good religious result. That is the way we seem to remember our fathers and mothers as we see them, in adoring memory, sitting in the far-away pews. We doubt if "business men with business methods," a corporation, factory-running, double entry and money in the bank, will do better.

It strikes us that religion applied to business is more the need of the hour than business applied to religion.—New York Mail.

Naturally So.

"All the parts in this play are fat parts."

"They have to be when the play itself is laid in Greece."

Behind Time.

"What is the matter with this rail way?" asked one irate passenger. "This train is three or four hours overdue."

"Think of me," said the stockholder, "and have patience. Its dividends are three or four years overdue."

TWEED DEFIED BY HOFFMAN

Tammany Boss Could Not Frighten Governor into Giving Approval to Certain Bill.

As a questioning reporter, the writer had been received by Governor Hoffman, in the executive office of the old capitol, with that dignified courtesy that marked the governor's intercourse with any one, high or low. The question had been asked, and the answer given. The reporter rose, and was making his acknowledgements, when the green baize dogs that separated the executive chamber from the outer office were swung violently open and "Boss" Tweed, with red face, flashing eyes and threatening manner, burst into the room.

The governor advanced to meet him, with a heavy frown upon his face.

"I hear that you're goin' to veto such-and-such a bill, Governor Hoffman?" shouted Tweed.

"Such is my intention, Senator Tweed," replied the governor, very white of face.

"Do you know I'm behind that bill?" raising his voice, threateningly.

"I have been so informed," was the answer.

"See here, you expect to have a second term, don't you?" cried the enraged boss.

"Senator Tweed, I propose to be governor of the state of New York one term and to accept no dictation during it," replied the governor, looking straight into the eyes of the frantic boss and standing up very straight. Tweed ripped out an oath as he wheeled around and flung himself out of the room.—From "Random Recollections of an Old Political Reporter," by William C. Hudson.

THAT OLD-FASHIONED LADY

Sweet Picture That Some of Us Are Privileged to Carry in Our Memories.

Everybody loved that old-fashioned lady. And I find almost everyone past forty has, at the back of his mind, vivid impressions regarding her and the social life of which she was the center. One remembers the atmosphere of that day as one remembers the blush roses and spicy pinks of old gardens. Even yet there are gardens where blush roses grow, and I know some women not yet old, and a few young girls, whose mere presence serves today to reproduce that atmosphere. She was dauntless and sweet, that old-fashioned lady; witty but tender; as notable a housewife as a hostess; full of gentle concern for others, with a mind ever at leisure for their affairs, and a heart whose sympathy was instantaneous in their service. She stimulated and she soothed. Fine, complicated and interesting as the old lace and finely wrought gold she delighted to wear, she was a very precious piece of porcelain. The brilliant, soft daguerreotype that has preserved her early likeness for us did not idealize her beyond her just due. Perhaps the intimate secret of her influence was the impression she gave of one whose heart is fixed, one whom the world can no longer harm.—The Atlantic.

THOUGHT HE MEANT TRIPE

Mrs. Mills' Sadly Misled About Husband's Diet by Deaf Old Family Doctor.

Mr. Mills was ill, and Mrs. Mills sent post haste for the deaf old family doctor, who, responding promptly to the call, looked Mr. Mills carefully over and decided he was not going to die that time. As the physician took his leave, Mrs. Mills followed him out into the hall. "Dr. Grimes," she said, "how about Albert's diet? You didn't tell me what I should give him to eat!"

The doctor, who had his deaf side toward his interrogator, mistook her question for an inquiry as to the nature of Mr. Mills' disease and replied gruffly and shortly: "Oh, stomach, stomach—nothing but stomach."

"Dear me!" thought Mrs. Mills, who is not a subtle reasoner. "I suppose, of course, he must mean tripe. It's a singular diet, but perhaps Albert's disease is singular."

Next day when the doctor called he found Mrs. Mills much worse, and at once decided that he had had to

do something for what you told me. Mrs. Mills into the doctor's office, and he said, "Nothing in the world"

incumbrance.

"No," said Mr. Cumrox; "I don't in the least disapprove of my daughter's marrying a tripe."

"But you seem dissatisfied."

"I am. What I object to is the fellow that goes with it."

Opportunity at West Point.

Deeply fixed in the thought of the more well-to-day, is the belief that anything like equality of opportunity or condition would be incompatible with their own enjoyment and with efficiency of work in the lower classes. The dignity of self-sustained leadership on the one hand, and the spur of necessity on the other, seems to them the only forces which can keep the world moving. But this belief has really no higher authority than that of tradition and long-established custom. West Point, and in only a less degree the service outside, demonstrates the impotence of wealth or privilege as a necessary spur to endeavor. Equality of opportunity, privileges, and pecuniary rewards are found to be in no sense incompatible with individual initiative, with efficiency in work and with the general happiness. No loss results—rather, the reverse—from the absence of all extraneous advantages, and from compelling every one to stand on his own merit, performing the work for which he is fitted, without any reference to the pecuniary compensation which he receives.—The Atlantic.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 11, 1912

INCREASING THE PRICE OF COTTON

One of the most practical methods of increasing the price of cotton is to increase its uses. The farmer, by using cotton goods and materials whenever feasible, can add considerably to the consumption of cotton products and many business houses and manufacturers by putting up their merchandise in cotton bags and wrappers can materially increase consumption and by buying from Texas factories will patronize home industry as well.

Increasing consumption of our agricultural products and patronizing home industry will make us prosperous.

THE GLAD NEW YEAR

The beginning of the year 1912 is the greatest hour that ever struck in Texas civilization. The minutes are teeming with golden opportunities, the hours are filled to the brim with marvelous possibilities and the life of state is thrilled with hopes and aspirations of better days.

As the great orb of day mounts the eastern horizon of the New Year and sends its first rays of light over 100,000,000 acres of virgin prairie, warms atmospheres free from the smoke of a factory and illuminates hills and mountains glittering with mineral wealth, we catch our first vision of the glad New Year and while the dew of morning yet lingers, let us all unite in one grand effort to make great Texas greater in 1912.

ATTACKING PROBLEMS

We attack a great many of our economic problems when we should study them and our legislatures have assaulted many problems with about the same degree of courage and skill that the bow and arrow brigade of the native Phillipine army used in attacking Dewey's Fleet in Manila Bay. Men have undertaken to regulate lines of industry, who have scarcely more than a cursing knowledge of the business.

We need students, instead of warriors, in the legislature.

The year is starting out nicely, but like all good things a little enterprise and push will help in the history of Grapeland's year of 1912.

"BOOST" is the word, brethren.

Will you "boost" for Grapeland and the Grapeland country?

What's the matter with someone starting an up-to-date lumber yard in Grapeland? The city and surrounding country needs it.

Texas boosters have sung in no uncertain terms the glories of the Lone Star State, the wonderful opportunities for industrial advancement, the rapid growth of the Texas penny to the full fledged dollar, but a recent news item offers what seems to us the most alluring inducement (especially since we have the pleasure of knowing the Tex. maid) for attracting settlers to our state. It states that there are 325,000 unmarried girls of a marriageable age in Texas. Young men, come to Texas!

Little drops of water, on little grains of sand,
Make Bermuda onions grow to beat the band.
Reckon Old Man Pluvius knew the crops were dry,
So he's irrigatin' from his lake on high.

—Laredo Times.

Old Man Pluvius' bounteous rain
On Grapeland's "Sandy Lands"
Made a crop of ribbon cane
That grew to beat two bands.

Now with the opening of the new year, the traveling men who have always found Grapeland a fruitful field, are again with us and the hotels are crowded every night. Quoting one of these "knights of the grip" who was talking in the hotel office: "You can always find someone knocking on the towns of all east Texas—except Grapeland—and we don't blame them much, for this little burg buys more goods during the season, than any town of 3,000 population on my route."

BANK DIRECTORS INCREASE STOCK

Farmer's & Merchant's Bank Holds Interesting Meeting—T. S. Kent, Vice-President

The stockholders meeting of the Farmer's & Merchant's bank, held at the bank Tuesday afternoon, was short but very interesting. Interesting to our citizens from the fact that its action was very flattering proof of the statements made in the Messenger during the past month regarding Grapeland's stable and steady growth.

A majority of the stock was represented at the meeting and the greatest harmony prevailed. The old board of directors were unanimously re-elected, an increase of \$10,000. in the capital stock met the same approval, and T. S. Kent was elected vice-president, vice W. F. Murchison.

This increase gives this fine financial institution a working capital of approximately \$30,000. and as the field for profitable investment widens, this present fund will be increased.

If your stomach feels uncomfortable from overeating, or from food which disagrees with you, take **HERBINE**; it settles the stomach, strengthens the digestion and relaxes the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter

For Plow Lines, Backbands, Wagon Harness, Bridles etc., call at Howard's.

1912 Bidding for 1912 Your Business

I am thankful to you for your business given me for the year 1911 and I am still at the same old stand, better prepared to serve you and trust that our business relations with each of you have been pleasant and profitable, and I hope by honest dealings with you, which I propose to do, to merit a continuance of your good will and a more liberal patronage.

I am going to sell you your merchandise at as close margins as any reliable house in the county. I will keep the quality up, giving you the best for the least money. My stock is clean, new and up-to-date. You will always find the most desirable goods the market affords at living prices.

Come to see me; make headquarters here; buy your goods from me and be happy, and let us all do our best this year. Yours for more business,

W. F. MURCHISON.

DEATHS

MRS. MARY E. TOTTY

Mrs. Mary E. Totty, formerly of this city, died at the home of her son, Mr. Will Totty, in Palestine, Saturday evening at 7:15 o'clock and the remains were interred in the Davis cemetery, near Grapeland Monday, Rev. L. D. Anderson of Palestine officiating, the service being held in the Christian church in this city.

Mrs. Totty's death was directly due to a fall received about two weeks ago. Everything that loving hands could do was done to relieve her sufferings but her advanced age—the lady was 83 years of age—left her without the vitality to recuperate.

During her years of residence in Grapeland, Mrs. Totty made a legion of friends who will join the Messenger in sympathy with the bereaved family.

Mrs. Totty is survived by her son William Totty of Palestine, and one sister, Mrs. William Campbell.

HARMON

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harmon died Saturday evening and was buried at the Davis cemetery Sunday morning.

FRANK BRIDGES

Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock, Mr. Frank Bridges, a prosperous farmer near Percilla, died at his home near Percilla, the cause of his death being typhoid fever.

Mr. Bridges was a highly respected citizen of Houston county and until about two years ago, was postmaster at Percilla, where he was engaged in the mercantile business.

At the time of his death Mr. Bridges was about 46 years of age. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Eddie Bridges and three children, Mrs. Lorena Bush, and Eugene and Luna May Bridges.

The funeral was held at the family home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. J. F. Lively officiating. The interment was at Evergreen cemetery.

C. J. HASSELL, SR.

Following an operation for appendicitis, C. J. Hassell, Sr. died at the I. & G. N. hospital at

For Sale

Blank Mortgages Blank Notes Vendor's Lien Notes

THE MESSENGER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the July democratic primary:

For County Clerk

O C GOODWIN (Re-election)

Good Cotton Report

According to the railroad reports, Grapeland had up to Tuesday noon, shipped 7,045 bales of the fleecy staple.

At the time mentioned, there were a little over one hundred bales still in the cotton yards and more was coming in all the time. Last year, this city shipped out, during the entire season closing July 31st, a total of 4993 bales. This year's shipments already exceed that by 2,252 bales.

Mrs. Jim Smith, who has again been in the Palestine sanitarium, was brought back to her home Sunday morning. Mrs. Smith has not improved as was expected and her many friends are alarmed over her serious condition.

SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS MEETING

The trustees of the Grapeland Independent school district met in the office of Dr. McCarty Monday morning in special session. The reason of the call was the condition of the colored school.

The board made a visit to the school during the day and it was decided to ceil the room and to build a new flue. There was also some minor matters in the way of school furniture that will be attended to. The teacher thought an assistant teacher was necessary and this matter was taken under advisement.

Prof. Price, unable to attend in person, sent to the board a report that shows the city schools to be in splendid condition and doing the best work in their history.

Invitation

We invite you to call and inspect our large stock, and in the meantime you will find that we have made for 1912, a **RESOLUTION** And that is, offer to the public, the best merchandise for the least money. Men, we invite your rigid inspection of our line of men's hats, that are The most apt to please the most fastidious dresser, and in shapes that are the very latest to be had at prices that will suit any one who is desirous

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A New
Hat
Soon**

**When You Say
You Want a
Beaver
Brand
Hat**

**You Have said you
Can't Better
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Sold Than Any
Other Hat in
America.**

**Kennedy
Brothers**

LOCAL NEWS

Advertising Rates

Display ads up to one-half page 10c per inch each insertion. Discount allowed on page and half-page ads. Locals 5c per line each insertion.

Lively sells good shoes.

Plenty of Salt at Howard's.

Lively sells it for less.

Squire Jno. A. Davis was in Elkhart Tuesday on business.

Don't forget that we are headquarters for flour and feed stuff. J. J. BROOKS.

County Clerk Goodwin was up from Crockett Saturday shaking hands with his many friends.

Ribbon cane syrup by the barrel at 45c per gallon, or retail at 50c, at J. J. BROOKS.

We have only a few barrels of flour in wood, left. Call for one and save money.

S. E. HOWARD.

We have on our bargain counter about 95 pairs of shoes, you take your choice for \$1.00 per pair. J. J. BROOKS.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Edington are rejoicing over the arrival of a pretty girl baby, who arrived at their home Thursday, January 4th.

Mrs. J. B. Lively of this city was called to Palestine to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Totty, last week. She was with the aged lady until her death and accompanied the remains to Grapeland.

Capt. S. J. Stanford is making a very decided improvement in the residence of R. L. Pridgen in south Grapeland. The building is being enlarged and in other ways is being made more attractive.

Kirby Keeland, relieved from the cares of a strenuous business here and pryor to again "getting into harness," says he is going to take in a vacation trip that will include Huntsville (of course) and several other towns in East Texas.

We are requested to announce that Dr. J. N. French of Palestine will deliver a lecture at Oak Grove school house Monday night, January 15. Socialism is the subject to be discussed, and the public is invited to come out and hear him.

Wm. H. Long of Augusta was in the city Tuesday and gave the Messenger an order for a lot of stationery. Mr. Long has purchased the interest of his partner, Jim McLean, and will continue the business in his own name. Mr. Long will greatly increase his stock, adding a line of coffins and burial robes.

Miss Annie Saxon, who has been working in Dallas for some time, stopped over two days with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Hill. She was enroute to Houston, where her employers have moved, and will resume her duties as stenographer after a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. S. Robertson of Oakhurst.

COLEY'S URINO LAXATIVE
FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION

Lively always has it first.
Go to Howard for groceries.

L. L. Wright spent Saturday in Palestine.

Big lot of shoes just opened, call and let us fit you up at J. J. Brooks.

Miss LuEllen Denton returned Monday from a weeks visit with relatives and friends at Lufkin.

We still have a few ladies' scarfs, I will close them out at cost. J. J. BROOKS.

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

Just received a big lot of pretty gingham. Come in and make your selection at once. J. J. BROOKS.

STRICTLY CASH
Remember that all feed-stuff is sold for cash only. J. W. HOWARD.

Seed Peas

Write me for prices on seed peas, Black Eye and Cream varieties, the kind that has made Henderson County famous. J. B. HENRY, The Pea Man, Athens, Tex.

Price of Shoeing Reduced

On account of the continued low price of cotton I have decided to reduce the price of horse shoeing from \$1.25 to \$1.00. If you have any horses that need shoeing bring them to me and save money. WYAT DRISKELL.

O. C. Goodwin Announces For Re-Election as County Clerk

In another column will be found the announcement of Mr. O. C. Goodwin for re-election to the office of County Clerk.

Mr. Goodwin has been a resident of this county for many years and is a man of the highest integrity and a splendid business man as well. For the past two years he has ably filled the position he asks again. He has given the county splendid service and by all political tenets, is entitled to a second term. His fine majority in his first race attests his personal popularity and the Messenger can recommend him to its readers as a thoroughly efficient and capable gentleman.

Mr. Farrar and his son-in-law Mr. Jones, both of the Grand Saline country have moved to Houston county and settled in the Grapeland district. Mr. Farrar has already bought his farm and Mr. Jones will invest as soon as he finds a tract to suit him.

George Moore, formerly of New Waverly, is now connected with the Keeland Bros. store in Grapeland. In the near future it is probable that Mr. Moore will buy an interest in the business and, as he is a "hustler" of the type that "delivers the goods," he will be a decided acquisition to this city's commercial circles.

Dr. J. N. French, the well known doctor of optics, of Palestine, will be at Leaverton's Drug Store on Monday, January 15th, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m. Positively no house to house canvassing. Spectacles fitted and delivered the same day at reasonable prices.

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.

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Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS



**Aim High and Consider Yourself Capable
of Great Things**

Make up your mind to save a few hundred dollars. Start a bank account and persevere. You can do it as easily as others have—you MUST start before you can finish.

F. & M. STATE BANK
Grapeland, Texas.

In Order to Avoid Carrying the
**Men's Clothing and Heavy
Underwear**

I will for the next 20 Days, sell them AT COST.
PRICES AS FOLLOWS:

UNDERWEAR		CLOTHING	
Regular price of suits \$1.00 now	80c	Men's suits, regular price 15.00	12.00
Boys' 50c union suits now	40c	Men's suits, regular price 12.50, now	8.75
Boys' elastic ribbed shirts, regular price 25c, now	19c	Men's suits, regular price 11.50, now	7.75
Men's sweaters, regular price \$1.75, now	\$1.20	Men's suits, regular price 10.00, now	6.85
Men's sweaters, regular price \$1.00, now	80c	Men's suits, regular price 9.00, now	6.25
Ladies' sweaters, regular price 75c, now	38c	Men's suits, regular price 7.50, now	5.25

J. J. BROOKS

NOTHING HARMFUL IN

Baby Cough Syrup

You must be particular—exact, when choosing a remedy for baby's cough. There are so many remedies containing habit-forming drugs that baby's health will be impaired unless you know absolutely just what the remedy contains and the action of each ingredient, so you can be sure it is harmless.

Nyal's Baby Cough Syrup is sold by us under a strict guarantee

We know the contents and the action and know that it will do as represented. It breaks up a cough in short order, protects the membranes of the throat against irritation and infection, rids the throat of all injurious deposits and prevents further accumulations. Contains no habit-forming drugs and can be given with perfect safety.

PRICE 25c PER BOTTLE

A. S. PORTER

Good Roads

Mean prosperous farmers, bad roads mean abandoned farms, settled country and congested populated cities.

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

BACK TO THE FARM FOR HIM

The following from the Palestine Daily Record shows the strong "pull" Grapeland has with the people who have once known its charm:

"C. W. Jones, for sometime past president of the local Carpenters' Union, and well known among the laboring men of the city, left last night for Houston county, where he will engage in farming during this year. Mr. Jones owns a farm about three miles from Grapeland. He says he intends to return to Palestine the first part of next year."

The prediction that Mr. Jones will return to Palestine "next year," may, we believe, be taken with some grains of salt. It is inconceivable that a man of Mr. Jones' ability is credited with, forsaking the beautiful hills and dales of the Grapeland district, for the vanities of urban life.

Mr. Jones and his family are well known here and coming back to us, they will receive such welcome and find such hosts of friends that city attractions will pale to insignificance.

WISCONSIN MAN OWNS LAND HERE

H. R. Bement of Kilbourn City, Wis., was in the city for a few days last week, just while here looked over his present holdings and cast a prospecting eye over Grapeland's surroundings for a chance to acquire a little more of this "sandy land."

Mr. Bement is a prosperous business man in his Wisconsin home, but for some years has had a speculative eye on this section of the Lone Star State. He owns a large tract of land within a few miles of Grapeland and once a year comes here to see how things are going. Speaking with prophetic faith of the future of this environment, he said:

"I know of no other locality in which the man of moderate means can so quickly make himself a home as in this great state, and no spot in it where all the conditions that tend to prosperity are so apparent as right here in this beautiful eastern side. Land is cheap here yet but it won't be that for long now. All this country needs is just a little publicity to develop it into a veritable garden spot."

NEW BUILDINGS FOR CROCKETT

Wm. M. Patton of Crockett has let the contract for the erection of four handsome brick stores, to be built in that city, to C. M. Baughman of Crockett, a fine contractor and builder.

The value of the lots and buildings will approximate \$20,000. They are all rented now and there is still a demand for additional buildings of this character. Mr. Patton says that the six business buildings he now owns in the county seat are the product of a twenty-five years wrestle with the business world and he is proud of the fact that there is not a dollar of "tainted money" in the entire holding.

If you don't sleep well at night, are nervous and low-spirited, you need a system purifier. HERBINE is a powerful liver stimulant and cleansing medicine. It quiets the nerves, promotes energy and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

NEW BANK AT ELKHART

The Guaranty State Bank of Elkhart opened its doors Saturday morning for business. This is the second bank for our thriving neighbor on the north and will help materially in the future development of the surrounding country.

The state's banking commissioner was present at the opening and made a short address. The officers of the bank are: J. D. Dupuy of Elkhart and Palestine, president; B. J. Parker, vice-president; Charles Watkins, cashier. The directors are: J. D. Dupuy, T. M. Campbell, Jr., B. J. Parker, D. S. Lively and Charles Watkins.

GOVERNMENT TO BUILD RAILROAD

Grading was begun on a new government railroad that is to be built from Crockett to the Trinity river, last week. It will be about seventeen miles in length and will be owned and operated by the United States government.

The object of the road, which will be a narrow gauge, will be to carry material to the big lock and dam at Hurricane Shoals, the work upon which will be commenced early in the coming summer.

THE STORY OF A DOLLAR

There was a man in Grapeland
And he was wonderous wise—
He had a dollar—currency—
And he gave it all to Lize.

Lize went down to Daasey's
And "blew the dollar in;"
It wasn't very long until
Dad had it back again.

He took it down to Mistrot's
And bought a dress for Jane;
Within a week that same "old buck"
Came rolling back again.

He spent that coin in Grapeland
Full twenty times or more,
But always got it back again
And spent it o'er and o'er.

He "blew it in" at Kennedy's,
Sent it "up the flume" at Kent's,
He broke it hard at Wherry's
And Lively got odd cents.

Porter got that dollar once,
Leaverton got it twice
And now, I shudder when I write,
Because this isn't nice:

He sent that useful dollar
To a big mail order store
And 'twas gone for good—forever,
And he never saw it more.

Are you looking for a moral
For some meat within the shell?
Then trade with the men who
are your friends—
You have known them long
and well.

Pleurisy pains are located just below the short ribs. Lumbago affects the same region but toward the back. Ballard's Snow Liniment is the remedy in either case. If rubbed in thoroughly it eases pain, relaxes the muscles and the patient can move about freely and comfortably. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

HAD IT EVER OCCURRED TO YOU?

Had it ever occurred to you that you had as well try to be a successful physician without attending a medical school, or a successful lawyer without attending a law school, or a successful minister without attending a theological school, as to try to be a successful banker or merchant or business man of any kind without first getting a practical business training? If you wanted to make a first class doctor, lawyer or minister, you would attend a university with a reputation. Why not secure your training? The Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, is the business university of the South; it enrolls more students annually for Bookkeeping, Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Telegraphy and Station work than any other similar school in America. Its students have come from 36 different states; its graduates are holding the very best of positions in the leading cities of the United States.

If you will spend \$100. for tuition, board and books for a course of Shorthand and Typewriting or \$110. for Bookkeeping and Business Training or \$115. for Telegraphy and Station Work or better still, spend \$175. and complete any two of these courses, you will have made the best investment of your life. What young man or woman with grit and determination cannot raise this amount? Hundreds of students who borrowed every cent of the money to attend our school have found it the best venture of their lives; they were soon able to pay back the borrowed money, continue holding a job, or go into business for themselves, with assurance of success. If you always remain where you are you will always be what you are. More than 100 new students will enroll before this month closes. Why not you be among the number? You can enter any day and take up the work. For large free catalogue, verifying all the above claims, fill in and mail.

Name

Address

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Photograph is a Curiosity

Last week a traveling photographer dropped into Grapeland and made a lot of flashlight views of store interiors and among them one of the Messenger office. The camera worked alright and the gentleman made a good picture of "the whole works," but unfortunately he went on up to Dave Leaverton's drug store and making a view there, he got the two mixed in a funny way.

In the copy we have of the view made in the shop, Mr. Leaverton's cigar case, in the foreground, is mixed up with our paper folder, Aubry Lively reclines gracefully on the big press, and D. N. is hiding discreetly behind the imposing stone. The walls are lined with drugs, and on the left is a glaring advertisement of "Velvet Massage." Now, we don't handle massage of any kind except the "big stick," held in reserve for contumacious readers, and we are thinking of sending Mr. Leaverton a bill for that advertisement at our regular rates.

REMEMBER THIS

During 1912 you are going to need DRUGS and you will want the BEST and PUREST. We handle only that kind and will appreciate your business. We extend thanks for past patronage.

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It promptly checks inflammation, relaxes tightness, clears the air passages, restores tone and strength to the bronchial tubes. Relieves hoarseness, irritating coughs, tickling sensations in the throat; removes congestion and enables the patient to breathe easily and rest comfortably at night.

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Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size, and you get with each bottle a Dr. Herriek's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest.

JAMES F. BALLARD PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

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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.

M. W. Burr, village blacksmith and respected citizen of Starks, La., says: "I was troubled with kidney and liver disorder for 18 years. I was in continual misery until I began taking Prickly Ash Bitters which has entirely cured me, and I am now a strong, healthy and hearty man. I give it to my wife and four children and they are in the best of health, too. I feel that Prickly Ash Bitters is the best remedy on earth and that everybody should keep a bottle at home."

Get the genuine with the figure "3" in red on front label.

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In This Paper

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

From the Ash Tray.

Even the ash of hubby's cigar can be utilized in what way? Why, as a polisher for gold watches, bracelets and rings, let alone chains and a multitude of other trinkets. This comes from a prominent jeweler, so it must be nearly correct. He even goes to the extent of carrying with him a small case in which he preserves all the ashes from the cigars which he smokes. He says that the grain is so fine that it leaves no mark that is discernible to the naked eye.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound

is a reliable family medicine. Give it to your children, and take it yourself when you feel a cold coming on. It checks and cures coughs and colds and croup and prevents bronchitis and pneumonia. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

FORESTS HELP GIVE HEALTH

Mitigate Heat and Cold and Check Tendency of Earth to Excessive Dryness.

Forests contribute to the general health by breaking the force of steadily blowing winds. They mitigate the heat of summer by the vast amount of evaporation that occurs in their leaves by day. By night the corresponding condensation of moisture upon the leaves still further absorbs the heat on the evaporation of the moisture the next morning. They also promote rainfalls. Thus they check the tendency of the earth to too great dryness, which is almost as injurious to health as it is to vegetation, for epidemic diseases are sure to do their fatal work where the soil-water is below the ordinary standard.

Hence cholera often passes a wooded district and reveals in a treeless one. There are numerous facts like the following: A certain road in India leads for sixty miles through a dense forest. Further on it runs for ninety miles through a barren plain. Hundreds of persons travel the entire road daily. Now, in the first or wooded section, cases of cholera seldom occur, while within the latter it has been of frequent occurrence. One year cholera raged in Allahabad. Soldiers whose barracks were on a hill suffered the most from the epidemic; those in barracks surrounded by four rows of trees much less; but not a single case occurred among the soldiers whose barracks were in a thicket. It was the same the next year.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night clear thru on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicine and I was in the drug store looking for something different to help him when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken two thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in bed since." Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

These Gentlemanly Arabs.

The Arab vices and virtues (for they have both) are drawn from the desert. They are the handsomest men in the world, these Arabs; but they are not the cleanest. In reverent demeanor and tactful courtesy they surpass the most cultured gentlemen of Europe, but they are notorious thieves.

Their hospitality is proverbial. For three days the Arab host will protect one who has eaten bread and salt in his tent, even to dying in defense of his guest. When the time limit of the salt brotherhood has expired the host will feel quite free to rob the former guest on his own account. Ordinarily the Arab lives on bread and milk, or bread and cheese. If a guest arrives he will insist upon slaughtering the choicest animal in his herd. If there is no food at all, as frequently happens, the Arab's guests will have to wait a while. —From "The Arab in Paradise Today," by Lewisohn Leary.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

Hoping for the Worst.

"Jimpson doesn't like you."
"I hadn't suspected that. Who makes you think he doesn't like me?"
"I heard him wishing the other day that you would buy an aeroplane."

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

NOT HERE TO BE MISERABLE

We All Have Our Troubles but Should Learn to Keep Them in Background.

If there is anything that is irritating it is the way that some people talk of their troubles, as if they were a kind of a treat—not cheerfully, but with a kind of gloomy joy; in a word, they are resigned. It is only mighty big humbugs that will say they are thankful for troubles. We may eventually live to see that they were right and best for us, but at the time it is sheer hypocrisy to waggle our heads solemnly and say: "Happiness is a snare, anyhow; it is foolish for any one to expect happiness in this grisly old world."

People who talk that way don't deserve happiness. We weren't put here to be miserable. The idea that life is for suffering and not enjoyment is fast being shelved. If the Lord approved of lamentations and tears, he would not have put so much in the world to make us hopeful and happy.

There is nothing more common than trouble. We all have our troubles, but it is the wise ones of earth that keep their burdens in the background. It is so common and cheap and selfish to be continually parading one's griefs and disappointments. Whatever our lot, we should all learn the wisdom of that helpful little prayer: "Help me to win, if win I may; but if I may not win, make me a good loser."—Mary Eleanor O'Donnell in Chicago Tribune.

Persons trouble with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

JUROR FEARED THE DINNER

Conscientious Man Thought Unusually Good Meals Would Keep Him From Thinking Straight.

"The most conscientious man I ever knew served on a jury with me several years ago," said the experienced juror. "It was a criminal case and the jurors were imprisoned in a hotel during the trial. At our first dinner the man with a conscientious refusal to eat the excellent meal provided.

"If I should fill my stomach with all that bifalutin grub," he said, "I should not be able to think straight. I am not used to it at home. No man is able to think normally immediately after a radical change in fare. It takes several weeks to adjust his mental attitude to his physical state. For that reason, every man who serves on a jury ought to eat exactly the kind of food he is used to at home, even if it takes half a dozen cooks to prepare it. If that was done, there would be fewer freak verdicts in this town."

"There was so much sound sense in the doctrine that the 11 other jurors had a fleeting fancy for sticking to their own accustomed simple fare, but the flashpots of the hotel overcame their scruples and for three weeks we feasted sumptuously. Also, to sustain the conscientious man's theory, we returned what the public called a freak verdict."

The Danger of La Grippe

Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of la grippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

An Inquiry.

"Pop, when the rain comes down in sheets—"
"Yes, son?"
"Does it cover the bed of the street?"

Impossibility.

"Does your wife ever attend your lectures?"
"Of course not, that would never do."
"Why not?"
"Could any wife sit and hear her husband talk for two hours without interrupting him?"

HE LENDS MONEY ON ANIMALS

Dr. Martin Potter Takes Strange Pledges—How One of Them Buncoed Him.

Not even the author of the "Club of Strange Trades" conceived of an odder means of livelihood than that of Dr. Martin Potter, says the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star. He runs an animal pawnshop. If you have a lion that you don't need as badly as you need the money, or want to soak a trained bear for a few weeks, or put up an elephant until you hear from home, go around to Dr. Potter. He'll loan you the money against your live stock and he will not charge you any interest. But you'll have to pay the board of your pledge. "I just drifted into the business," said Dr. Potter. "I started out to furnish trained animals to shows. I've rented everything to showmen from a troop of thoroughbred horses to a red eyed Numidian lion. By and by I found that I had to lend money now and then to my patrons and take their stock in pledge. It was a necessity of the business, but now I like it."

His stables contain elephants and camels—if you're a regular showman you'll say cam-u-el—and monkeys and a dozen sorts of dogs and all varieties of the cat tribe and the duce knows what. And his proudest boast is that he was never stuck but once. "Fellow borrowed \$20 from me on a trick dog," said he. "Finest dog I ever saw. I'd have loaned \$100 on him as easy. But I wasn't shown all that dog's tricks by his owner. That night I found that he had been trained to unlatch the door and get out—and his owner had not trained him to come back."

Everybody is liable to "catch cold" but those who give a cold proper attention never have serious lung diseases. It is neglect that makes them serious. Prudent persons use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as soon as the trouble appears and the cold is cured at once. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Matches Used in the World.

It has been estimated that, for each minute of time, the civilized nations of the world strike 3,000,000 matches. This is said to be the average for every minute of the 24 hours of the day. Fifteen hundred billion is the number for the entire year, and those persons who live under the American flag are charged with the consumption of one-half of this amount. Small and insignificant as it is, the match demands as much attention in the choice of woods involved as any other forest product. Only the choicest portions of the best trees are suitable. Sapwood and knotty or cross-grained wood will not do. Instead of being a by-product, the little match is turned out in mills where the by-products are bulky objects like doors, sashes, shingles, sidsings, posts and cordwood. The pines, linden, aspen, white cedar, poplar, birch and willow are the most suitable match timbers.

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. Sold by A. S. Porter special agent.

Style in Mourning.

"Spectacular mourning is becoming popular as it was once," said the manager of a city department store in answer to an inquiry on the subject. "There is still a big business done in all first-class goods, but either the sensible class has grown shatter or the fashion-conscious persons prefer not to be seen in mourning because of their neighbors' scornful glances of mourning goods has been reduced to the stationery department. It seems to be no change—in fact, it is a change for black bordered cards. The stationery paper has increased. To illustrate the quality of some 'new mourning' he said: "At a stationery establishment a short time ago a woman in deepest black asked to see samples of dinner dance cards. She selected one and ordered one hundred to be done on black bordered cards, compromising with her conscience by suggesting that the border be not too heavy."

FOLEY'S ORINO LAXATIVE FOR STOMACH TROUBLE AND CONSTIPATION.

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

SIR KNIGHTS HAVE FUNCTION

Big Company of Brothers From Crockett Assist In Imparting The World Old Story of Brotherly Love

There was "great doings" in the Knights of Pythias Castle hall Saturday night. Bob Spence and Garrett Richards were to tackle the festive "goat" and a big crowd of brothers from Crockett came over to offer advice and assistance. Of course the details of the occasion are hidden in the secret archives of the order, but as Messrs Spence and Richards are still following their respective occupations, it is deduced that the ancient animal was on his good behavior.

Right in the midst of the memorable blizzard of January 6th, the night passenger, north bound disgorged a lusty bunch of Sir Knights from Davy Crockett Lodge at Crockett, who came over to do the "team work," whatever that may mean. They were escorted direct to the Castle Hall and from then until after midnight, the "proceedings" occupied the attention of every body in the neighborhood who happened to be awake.

At the close of the "official" function, the visiting Knights were escorted to Manning's restaurant where a delicious oyster supper had been provided by the local lodge, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The visiting Knights were: Hugh Morrison, Captain of the Rank Team; B. F. Janes, B. F. Dent, I. B. Lansford, George Lansford, George Denny, Lee Barlow, Charles Hassell, George Richards, J. L. Monk, R. J. Spence, Jno. W. Brightman, L. A. Sallas, O. C. Goodwin, Johnson Arledge, and Dr. J. C. Wooters.

Mesdames Ike Lansford and George Richards accompanied their husbands on the trip and were the guests of Grapeland friends during the "festivities."

To The Voters of Houston County

In announcing myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Houston county, I feel that I am asking for a continuance of the time honored democratic principle of giving an officer a second term.

I shall not here take up and discuss matters of importance to the citizens of Houston county, pertaining to the office of County Clerk, but shall at the proper time give you my views on these subjects. This office is one of vital importance to the people, and I have tried to conduct the affairs pertaining to it upon sound business principles always trying to guard the people's interests as I would my own.

If re-elected I shall devote my best efforts to the affairs of the office and try to give you a clean administration.

With best wishes for a prosperous year for all, and grateful to all the people of Houston county for the loyal support received in the last election, I am,

yours to serve,

O. C. Goodwin,
County Clerk, Houston county.
(adv)

The Grapeland country has lost two good families recently in the removal to Dodge of R. A. Hughes and R. M. Weisinger of the Antrim community. They will engage in farming.

A LETTER FROM SALMON

January 8.—Editor Messenger: As I've not seen anything from these parts, I thought I would write the news.

We have a splendid school at Salmon, taught by Prof. C. L. Day as principal, who in my judgement would do justice to any school, and Miss Lorena Morrison as assistant, who is fully equal to the occasion. The enrollment is about 70 pupils who are all in love with their teachers.

Our Sunday school is almost second to none. The officers are Rev. N. S. Herod, Sup't., who is well on to his job. Prof. W. R. Campbell teacher of the advanced class, Miss Minnie Trigg, is secretary and Mrs. W. R. Campbell is teacher of the intermediate class, and has the work well in hand. Miss Dorris Morrison teacher of the juniors and is having wonderful success.

Our Baptist church has a membership of about 45 and is under the leadership of Rev. W. R. White of Rusk Academy. He is our "boy pastor," but a full grown man in his ideas of the Bible. We feel that we are blessed in securing such a leader. It is a rare treat to any one who will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear such a man preach.

We now have a singing class organized, with Prof. C. L. Day as president, W. L. Boyd, vice-president; Miss Bertrice Campbell, secretary; Miss Audrey Campbell, organist; Prof. W. R. Campbell, leader and conductor; Boyd Smith, assistant leader. Our time of meeting for choir practice is first and third Sundays in the afternoon at 2 o'clock. All leaders and singers are cordially invited to meet with us any time. SCHOOL KID.

Worst Blizzrd Of the Winter Came

Saturday morning the weather was all that could be desired, but before noon the mercury commenced to drop and by night the frost king held all Texas in his icy grip.

There is much difference of opinion as to just what the thermometer registered in Grapeland, but the records of the government station at Palestine show a registration of 16 degrees.

Sunday, this section was treated to about all the weather conditions on the calendar. A little sunshine; a little rain; a little snow—but it was cold as Greenland all the time.

By Tuesday morning the sun was out, bright and clear, and under the "Old Sol's" benignant smile, the mercury came up out of the bulb so you could see it. The weather man says that this cold wave is passing and we hope he is right.

Miss Addie Eaves left Tuesday for Beakiss, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. L. Brooks for an indefinite visit.

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

Real Estate For Sale

162 acres of well improved land, eight miles west of town, near Daly. Good water and in good state of cultivation.

600 acres northwest of Grapeland on Elkhart creek for sale cheap. JOHN A. DAVIS.

NO MORE CALOMEL FOR THEM

Persons Who Have Tried Dodson's Liver-Tone Find It Safer Than Calomel, and Just As Sure

Dodson's Liver-Tone is a vegetable substitute for calomel that starts the liver to work just as successfully as calomel does, and hundreds of persons have stopped using the powerful drug, calomel to use Dodson's Liver-Tone, mild vegetable liquid instead. Calomel often shakes up the liver too much, and brings on bad after-effects and sometimes salivation—a terrible condition.

Porter's drug store sells Dodson's Liver-Tone at fifty cents per large bottle, and guarantees it to be harmless to both children and grown-ups. Remember this guarantee and try a bottle next time your liver gets lazy.

J. A. Allen, formerly of Grand Saline, was in the city Wednesday to meet A. A. Steyens of the big Stevens-Butler farm on the Trinity river. Mr. Allen is a practical ranch foreman of large experience and it is more than probable he will undertake the management of the Stevens-Butler place.

YOUNG DEER WAS ARRESTED

Fisherman With the Aid of a Rope Captured the Animal While in the Water.

Patrol wagons have queer passengers sometimes, but surely there was never a queerer one than the deer that the Boston police arrested. The deer was not much more than a fawn, or at least he had not been grown up for more than a few months. Perhaps that is why he got into such trouble. He was found out in Boston harbor, but how or why he got there he refused to tell.

A fisherman saw the animal first. The man was out in a motor-boat when he saw something in the water that did not look like anything he had ever seen before. He steered toward it and found that it was a deer with antlers that rose above the water like branches of coral beneath the sea. The man threw a rope around the deer's horns and towed it to shore, and the police were called. They came with a patrol wagon, into which they loaded the frightened beast. The deer was taken to the police station and fed, and the newspapers were notified to find out who the owner was. It was thought that the deer had strayed from some private game preserve.

ONLY REMEDY TO BE USED

There Are Moments in Life When a Person is Not Satisfied Unless He Is Grouchy.

"What's the use?" is the antidote for the malign effects of the "Cheer-up!" idiot. It is the only remedy when one is afflicted with a friend (sic), when your liver is in revolt and the only satisfaction you can get out of life is in being irritable and grouchy. There are moments in life when deep, dark, purple gloom is the only thing which fits the situation. If you get a sure tip that Mudlark, a hundred to one shot, is going to win in the fifth, and in the course of human events and horse races she is left at the post with your last dollar on her, you are entitled to a great big gloomy frown and all the happiness and satisfaction that is therein. The admonitions, asinine and futile, and the chirrupings of the "Cheer-up!" idiot are a personal insult, to say nothing of an infringement of constitutional rights. Optimism in a case like this is simply pouring oil on a good healthy fire. Nothing the "Cheer up!" idiot can say can make you feel more like the fool that you know you are and it cannot get back those lost plunks.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR SACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

HORSE FEED

Many horses are dying. Are you investigating whether or not it is caused by bad?

Why not use your County Product? Made right here in Crockett by a home concern; if your horses die you will have some one to lay it on, whether it is the feed or not, but we are sure you will be pleased with our

HORSE AND MULE FEED

MADE FROM THE VERY BEST WHOLE CORN AND COTTON SEED MEAL

We are selling it to many of the largest feeders in Houston county.

Don't wait until you have spent lots of money and lost your team before investigating.

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This you can do by depositing a part of your earnings each month in THIS BANK. Not necessary to make large deposits; small and frequent additions to your account will make YOUR BANK balance grow amazingly fast.

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