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Attention Everybody Attention



Don't fail to attend Kennedy Bros. Annual Clearance Sale--the biggest feast of values in merchandise ever offered by any firm in Houston County. Lay aside all your work. Forget everything and make this the time to buy, our store your place to trade, and let us save you the extra profits others are charging you for the same goods.

The feast of values like this may not come your way but once in a life time, so grasp the opportunity and partake of the feast of values which we offer for they will soon be gone.

**Kennedy
Brothers**
The Store for Everybody

ALL THE NEWS FROM ANTRIM

Dec. 9.—Old Jupiter Plurios and Jack Frost seem to be trying a bluff on us, but as this is Texas, we don't pay them much mind.

Say, you fellows that have been boosting for clay roads all summer, have you tried to haul about fifteen hundred pounds over them since the rains set in? If not you have not seen the other side of the clay road question. Now don't draw an idea that I am against good roads, but until the road beds are made wide enough so that the wagons can travel on the sand in wet weather, very little good will be derived from the claying.

The writer, together with several others from these parts were in the "Sandy City" last week and we can vouch for the fact that Grapeland is not a back number by any means.

The big advertisements in the Messenger recently are having their effect in drawing trade from all parts of this country.

Now Bro. Farmers, remember the high prices that prevail during the summer months and lay yourself in a supply of staples while they are cheap.

Most of the men of this community set aside one day last week to saw and haul shingle timber to Jno. Gray's shingle knife, where they expect to meet again and cut them up. A fine lot of heart timber was cut and we'll soon have our church covered anew.

G. L. Waddell went to Palestine Monday in the interest of our school and we think there will be no further trouble.

Mrs. Savanah Martin has broken up housekeeping and is living with her son, Robert Martin. Rev. J. T. Fulgham of Lovelady will live on her farm this year.

Mrs. Amanda Weisinger has been sick the past week, but we hope she will soon recover.

Quite a number of Antrimites were disappointed Sunday on account of the rain preventing them attending service at New Prospect.

The saw mill men say they never had so many bills of lumber to cut for bachelors before, and we predict that something is going to happen. The funny part is they all want their houses finished by Christmas and so we guess it's a Christmas tree.

ANTRIMITE.

TRUCK GROWERS WILL MEET

The Messenger has been requested to call a meeting of the farmers who are interested in truck growing for Friday afternoon at two o'clock at the court house, for the purpose of organizing or forming some plan to raise some kind of truck for a spring money crop. Other places are making money out of the truck business and there is just as good land around Grapeland as there is anywhere, so why not let our farmers get busy and rake in some coin during the "dull season." Mr. Thredford, the truck man of Palestine, has promised to be with us to give any information he can regarding the matter. Mr. Thredford is a practical truck man and we may expect to hear something worth while. Talk up the meeting among your neighbors and get them to come out.

League Program

Subject—Convincing in Conversation. (Personal Evangelism.) John III, 1-11, IV, 1-26, 28; Ps. XIX, 7.

Leader—Miss Alice Fox.

Opening Song—Onward Christian Soldiers.

Scripture Reading by Leader.

Prayer.

Reading—Miss Annie Lois Taylor.

Duet—Misses Carnie Murchison and Ima Davis.

The Tragedy of Domestic Unfaithfulness—Miss Maude McCarty.

Paper (subject selected)—Mr. Hamilton Morris.

Closing Song—Let The Lower Lights be Burning.

Benediction.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—The Duty of Happiness. Prov XV, 15; John XIII 13-17.

Song by League.

Leader—Ruel Woodard.

Song—Jack Murchison, Balis Edens and Murdock Murchison.

Prayer.

Reading—Dorothy Clewis.

Recitation—Adelaide Selkirk.

Roll Call.

Reading—Eva Murchison.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

N. K. Fritz, of Pratt, Kan., is here looking after some business interests. He is a brother of A. K. Fritz, who formerly lived here.

BRAKEMAN SER- IOUSLY INJURED

Bob Arnold, a brakeman, was probably fatally injured late Tuesday evening while switching in the yards here. He had thrown the switch for the cars to pass through and a door of one of the cars fell off, striking him on the head. His skull was badly fractured and one arm was broken. Drs. McCarty and Kennedy were summoned and as quick as possible the injured man was carried to Palestine to the hospital. At last accounts Mr. Arnold was living, but chances for his complete recovery are doubtful.

Hotel Changes Hands

John Smallwood and family of Dublin have moved to Grapeland and are in charge of the hotel. The hotel has been purchased by Mr. Hartt of Palestine, son-in-law of Mr. Smallwood. Frank Denton, who has been in charge of the hotel for some time, has moved to his farm near Crockett.

Mr. Smallwood has had experience in the hotel business and we hope he will be successful in building up the hotel at this place. One of the best assets a town can have is a good hotel.

K. of P's. Elect Officers

Grapeland Lodge No. 410, Knights of Pythias, in regular meeting last Tuesday night, Dec. 10th, elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Chancellor Commander W. G. Darsey; Vice-Chancellor, N. J. Davis; Prelate, Sid Boykin; Master of Works, M. L. Clewis; Keeper of Records & Seals, M. E. Darsey; Master of Finance, J. R. Richards; Master of Exchequer, Chas. Haltom; Master at Arms, Bob Scarbrough; Inner Guard, Garrett Richards, Outer Guard, Bob Spence.

One candidate was initiated into the Rank of Page, and six new applications were read.

C. S. Perkins, who has been employed at Shaver's saw mill for the past thirty days, was arrested Saturday by a deputy sheriff and carried to Upsher County. We could not learn the facts concerning the arrest, friends of Perkins saying it was some trivial matter that needed adjusting.

Read Porter's Drug Store Ad this week and save 10 per cent. Advertisement.

RED CROSS SEAL SALE OPENED

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, Chairman of the local Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign Committee, has received the first consignment of Red Cross Christmas Seals from Mrs. O. B. Colquitt, General Chairman of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign Committee of Texas.

The Christmas Seals are sold throughout the United States for the benefit of public health and anti-tuberculosis work. The price of the Seals is one cent each.

Last year the sales exceeded \$13,000.00 in Texas and the Christmas Seal Campaign Committee is endeavoring to sell 30,000,000 Seals this year, of a total value of \$30,000. If this sum is raised or any considerable part of it, the principal part of this fund will be used for the expense of a public health and educational exhibit car which will be sent about the State stopping in every town where the exhibit may be viewed by the public. Lectures will be given and literature will be distributed. In this way, it will be possible to reach most of the people of Texas and give them information for the protection of the public health.

A part of the funds raised will be used for the maintenance of the Walter Colquitt Memorial Children's Hospital at Galveston, Texas.

The local campaign promises to be lively and the members of the Seal Committee are planning to double up on their sales of last year. The Seals are sold to business houses who in turn sell them to the public. Seals are to be placed on the back of all mail and packages and they are also placed on checks, bills and statements, on invitations to social functions, on hotel menu cards, on children's school books, and are used in many other ways as a reminder of the Christmas spirit of helping one another.

Christmas Seals may be secured from any of the following members of the local committee:

Mrs. J. W. Howard, Mrs. P. H. Stafford, Mrs. Dora Gray, Misses Willie Logan, Mosell Martin, Arline Howard, Annie Lois Taylor, Sallie Mae Kent, Edna Driskell and Mr. Dave Leaverton.

Quite a number from here went down to Galveston Saturday to see Uncle Sam's big battleships.

Tax Collector Denny raked in the coin Saturday. All day long he was rushed waiting upon people who wanted to pay their taxes.

I. M. Baber of the Antrim community was in town Saturday to pay his taxes and paid the Messenger office a pleasant call. Mr. Baber is a life long friend of this paper, having read it from the first issue.

Rev. Walter Day and family have been spending a few days here as the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Craven. Rev. Day will have charge of the Augusta circuit this year.



MY MOTTO:—"QUICK SALES, SMALL PROFITS AND THE GOLDEN RULE APPLIED TO BUSINESS."

The First Thing in the Morning The Last Thing at Night

In good season and bad season, fall, winter, spring or summer we are here to serve you and

We are Here to Stay

Be sure to call on us when in need of any thing in DRY GOODS and GROCERIES.

W. R. Wherry

SELL YOUR Cotton Seed

TO ME AND KEEP HOUSTON COUNTY MONEY
.....AT HOME.....

I will at all times pay the
**Highest Market
Prices**

BE SURE TO SEE ME BEFORE YOU SELL YOUR SEED

J. W. Howard
With Houston County Cotton
Oil Mill & Mfg. Co.



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CLEANLINESS is our HOBBY

**Fresh Beef
Pork**

Sausage, Hams
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PROPRIETORS

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Frequently and for no apparent reason when they have worms.

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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 26th day of Nov., 1912, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 12th day of Dec., 1912.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$16,596.70
Loans, real estate	1,503.77
Overdrafts	798.84
Real estate, (banking house)	3,285.73
Furniture and Fixtures	2,002.75
Due from approved reserve agents, net	35,004.34
Due from banks and bankers, subject to check, net	000.00
Cash Items	136.97
Currency	4,405.00
Specie	2,003.95
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	287.29
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	17.09
Other resources as follows:	
Collections	92.00
Total	66,134.43

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,764.45
Individual deposits, subject to check	48,732.38
Time Certificates of Deposits	540.00
Cashier's Checks	97.60
Bills payable and discounts	
Total	66,134.43

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }

We, E. G. Walling 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.

E. G. WALLING,
President.

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of Dec. A. D., nineteen hundred and twelve.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. N. A. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
C. W. Kennedy, }
J. E. Bean, } Directors
J. R. Pennington }

Fit His Case Exactly

"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablet's in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefitted by them." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Notice to Laundry Patrons

On and after this date we will call for your laundry on Tuesday evening of each week. If you are going to be away from home, please leave bundle out where the boy can get it. (Adv) J. W. CASKEY.

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. Adv.

J. T. McKnight and family of Cooledge have recently moved here and will make their home in the New Prospect community.

Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the

Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 26th day of Nov., 1912, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 12th day of Dec., 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$30,972 35
Loans, real estate	5,320 00
Overdrafts	4,219 05
Suspense Account	50 00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$42,039 34
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check	2,278 62
Cash Items	680 54
Currency	5,295 00
Specie	1,744 15
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	683 37
Collections	326 72
Total	\$98,592 17

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	9,000 00
Undivided Profits	1,180 96
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	000 00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	70,806 20
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,338 56
Cashiers' checks	268 45
Bills payable and discounts	000 00
Total	\$ 98,592 17

State of Texas, }
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 4th day of Sept. A. D., nineteen hundred and twelve.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.

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

Cured of Liver Complaint

"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to everyone." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

J. A. Dennis, Route 2 Elkhart, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Saturday.

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, 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. Adv.

Commissioner S. H. Lively is in Crockett this week attending commissioners' court.

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

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For the rapidly approaching

Holidays

Get your
Fruits
Nuts
and Candies

from the

The Palace of Sweets

J. B. SELKIRK Proprietor



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.

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I want them and will pay you a good price. I am always on the job, rain or shine.

My scales are located between Spence Bros. gin and Lively's cotton platform.

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"You are welcome," says Mrs. Nora Guffey, of Broken Arrow, Okla., "to use my letter in any way you want to, if it will induce some suffering woman to try Cardui. I had pains all over, and suffered with an abscess. Three physicians failed to relieve me. Since taking Cardui, I am in better health than ever before, and that means much to me, because I suffered many years with womanly troubles, of different kinds. What other treatments I tried, helped me for a few days only."

TAKE **CARDUI** The Woman's Tonic

Don't wait, until you are taken down sick, before taking care of yourself. The small aches and pains, and other symptoms of womanly weakness and disease, always mean worse to follow, unless given quick treatment.

You would always keep Cardui handy, if you knew what quick and permanent relief it gives, where weakness and disease of the womanly system makes life seem hard to bear. Cardui has helped over a million women. Try it.

Write to: Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions, and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent free. J 51

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BUNCH OF GOOD ONES

SOME OF THE BEST OF THE AP-
PROVED RECIPES.

Not All New Ideas, but All Are Worth
Remembering—One Especially
That Will Suit Those Fond
of Peppermints.

Squash Fritters—One pint of cook-
ed squash, one pint of milk, three
eggs, and a little salt. Sufficient flour
to make them turn easily on the grid-
dle.

Custard Sauce—Beat one egg and
another yolk slightly, add three table-
spoons sugar, and a few grains of salt,
then stir constantly while adding
gradually one and one-half cups hot
milk. Cook in a double boiler, con-
tinue stirring until mixture thickens
and a coating is formed on spoon.
Strain, flavor with vanilla, one-half
teaspoonful.

Fried Chicken—Cut the chicken in-
to six or eight pieces and season well
with salt and pepper. Dip in beaten
eggs and then in fine bread crumbs in
which there is a teaspoonful of chop-
ped parsley to every small cup of
crumbs. Dip again in eggs and crumbs
and fry in deep boiling fat. Cover the
center of a cold dish with a nice white
sauce.

Peppermints—If you want a good
recipe for peppermints here it is:
Two cups of sugar, one-half cup of
milk, boil ten minutes, then add two
teaspoonfuls of peppermint and beat
till white and creamy and drop on
buttered paper; be sure and get it
thick enough. Keep a basin of hot wa-
ter near so if it gets too stiff you can
melt it a little.

Escalloped Salmon—Remove the
bones and pieces of skin from a can
of salmon and break the fish into
small pieces. Put alternate layers of
fish and bread crumbs into a buttered
baking dish, having top layer of
crumbs. Dot top with pieces of but-
ter and pour in milk until it can be
seen around edges. Bake about half
an hour.

Endive Salad—Use the endive plant
as you would lettuce. It is considered
better than lettuce, being more bleached
and very tender. I like it best
served by itself as a salad, dressed
with French dressing, made as fol-
lows: Two tablespoons vinegar and
four tablespoons olive oil mixed well,
add one pinch of salt and a little red
pepper. Pour over chilled endive plant
and serve.

Sausages Cooked in Batter.

Four tablespoons of flour, one pint
of milk, one egg. Beat the batter five
minutes, pour boiling water over one
pound of sausage and pull off the
skins. Place in baking dish, pour the
batter over them and bake till nice
and brown on top.

Brownies.

Cup cream, one-third cup of butter
and one-third cup of powdered sugar.
Add one-third cup of molasses, one
egg, seven-eighths of a cup of flour
one cup chopped pecan nuts. Bake
in eclair tins with one-half nut on top
of each cake.

Hamburger Steak.

Cook one heaping cup of macaroni
in boiling salted water 20 minutes;
while it is cooking fry two large on-
ions and have your hamburger ready.
Then butter a baking dish and put in
a layer of macaroni, hamburger, on-
ions and one cup of tomatoes (hot);
repeat and cook about half an hour in
hot oven. Salt and pepper to taste.
You can reheat and make a good,
hearty dish.

Interesting Facts About Oysters.

An oyster is wonderfully prolific.
A single oyster in a single season
will produce 20,000,000 eggs. If these
all survive and in turn had normal
families, in a few years many great
bodies of water, such as Long Island
Sound, Peconic, Gardners, Narra-
gansett, Great South and Chesapeake
bays would become filled up. Navi-
gation would have to be suspended.
The oyster shells would form solid
land, as do the houses of the coral
insects of the South Pacific. But in-
stead of increasing, the destruction
of the young oysters by their ene-
mies is so great, together with the
depletion of the natural beds by the
demand for this delicious food by
mankind, that far from increasing, in
past years the supply was greatly de-
pleted. In many cases it has threat-
ened to become extinct. This was es-
pecially true in Great Britain and
some places on the Atlantic coast.

In recent years, however, a vast
industry has been established for the
artificial propagation and cultivation
of oysters. Now hundreds of thous-
ands of acres are employed in oyster
farming in the great bays and sounds
of the Atlantic seaboard. Here
oyster farming under from 20 to 60
feet of water is conducted upon an
enormous scale, at great expense and
labor.



We live, we grow old, and the last years should be free from care, instead of burdened with the weight of having to provide. This should have been done in youth by the practice of frugality and a live bank account.

F. & M. STATE BANK

The Love Letters of a Confederate General

WE begin in the November issue a series of real love-letters written over fifty years ago by one of our national heroes to his sweetheart during the period of '61 to '65. This great general will go down to posterity as having accomplished one of the most brilliant feats of arms in the history of the world. He was as great a lover as he was a general, therefore these letters combine authentic history and exquisite romance. They sound a human note that no other work of literature has done in a decade; it is war, it is romance, it is history, it is literature. You simply can't afford to miss this wonderful series—an inside story of the Civil War now published for the first time and containing all the freshness of a contemporary happening. These letters will grip you hard, and hold your interest from first to last. Fill out the coupon and send it now before you forget it.



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Grapeland Messenger

ALBERT H. LUKER, EDITOR.

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SIX MONTHS.....50 CENTS
THREE MONTHS.....25 CENTS

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Resolutions of Respect and Obituaries are inserted for half price—(2½c per line). Other matter "not news" charged at the regular rate.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12, 1912

In the recent national election it cost about \$1.00 per vote. We got our money's worth, did you?

Leap year is nearly over, but there are plenty of girls left for the man who hasn't been asked.

Why don't Andy Carnegie offer a special prize to the aviator who will soar above the high cost of living and drop a bomb on it?

When woman's suffrage becomes general will it be necessary to give a "special" on election day to get the full vote out?

We suppose the reason women wear hats that come down over their ears is to keep from hearing the mean things men say about them.

Grapeland was crowded Saturday with busy buyers. The big sales brought the people in and our merchants report good business.

An optimist is a man who believes two can live as cheaply as one, while a pessimist is a person who believes divorce to be the happiest part of married life.

Read the article in this issue about Read Cross Christmas Seals, then buy them to place upon your Christmas packages and help stamp out the great white plague.

The time of year for making resolutions, or "swearing off," will soon be here, but why wait until a new year begins to do this? It's always in order to quit your meanness or bad habits.

As a muddy stream can travel but a little way into a body of pure water before it spreads out and discolors the whole body, just so does a moral leper contaminate those with whom he comes in contact.

The merchant who does not buy space in his home paper to advertise his goods is as poor a citizen as the man who sends off to the mail order houses to buy what he might buy at home. The two are in the same class.—Houston Chronicle.

J. B. Sneed was acquitted of the charge of murdering the elder Boyce by a Ft. Worth jury last week. Sneed will stand trial again in the near future for killing Al Boyce in Amarillo, and it's our prediction that he will come clear in this case.

The following is taken from an exchange: "Pencils are being made from potatoes and men's collars from milk. If some friend of humanity would only discover a method whereby the squeal of the croaker could be transformed into an article of food and the wasted energy of the knocker harnessed and used for motive power, we would feel that the millennium was close at hand."

The editors of the League City News and Lindale Reporter are evidently "hard up" when they bodily swipe our editorials without giving credit. The Reporter is not quite as bad as the News—only taking two paragraphs, while the News took nearly a whole column. It pleases us, gentlemen, to know that our paragraphs possess merit enough to be swiped and panned off on your readers as original "dope," but we would certainly appreciate it if you would give us credit. If you need something to "fill up" swipe the "Devil's Column"—he don't care.

Commission Fills the Bill

President Chas. S. Barrett of the Georgia Farmers' Union, writing in a late number of the Farmers' Fireside Bulletin, on the subject of rural credits, says:

"Discussion the country over is raging around the subject of rural credits, but I am convinced the time has come for action and not merely talk. I want to stress right now to every farmer in this country who is talking excitedly about plans that are plans galore. What is needed now are men to execute the plans; men with sufficient initiative in every community to carry these plans into execution."

These are good words by President Barrett, and, as far as Texas is concerned are already fulfilled in the Farm Life Commission, of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, who are not only carrying this measure into effect, but also promoting co-operation between the business man and the farmer, and arranging for a standard system of crop distribution and marketing.

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. Adv.

Jim Keeland, a young man who formerly lived in Grapeland, died at the home of his sister in Huntsville Monday night of pneumonia. He was only sick a few days and the announcement of his death was a great shock to his many friends in Grapeland. His brothers, Bill and Kirby, left for Huntsville Tuesday morning.

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. Adv.

Alton Baker, who lives in the New Prospect community, was the victim of a painful accident Saturday. He was getting ready to shoot a hog, when his rifle was discharged, the powder burning his left eye very badly. He was carried to Palestine and his condition is reported better.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS

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Everybody is respectfully requested to bring on that day, or send check in advance for as liberal a contribution as the personal heart and conscience may suggest. Buckner Orphan Home has never closed its doors against a single child, homeless and without father and mother. It has cared for nearly 7,000 and always supports a family of more than 600. Children are admitted whether their parents are Christians or not, and no distinction is made between religious denominations or territorial boundaries. In making remittances, or writing for further information, address Buckner Orphan Home, Dallas, Texas, Route 3.

Jake Sheridan of Augusta was here Saturday.

Royal, Calumet and Good Luck baking powder at Darsey's. (Advertisement.)

Hermie Howard went to Houston Saturday, returning Tuesday.

Big shipment of Hess' Stock and Poultry foods just arrived. Adv. PORTER'S DRUG STORE.

Apples, oranges, cocoanuts, raisins and fancy candy for Christmas at Darsey's. Adv.

Miss Eola Totty returned to Palestine Saturday after spending the week with her aunt, Mrs. T. H. Leaverton.

How would you like a sack of Oriole flour for your Christmas cooking? There is nothing better. GEO. E. DARSEY. (Advertisement.)

Tax Assessor John Ellis was here Saturday mingling with friends. While here one day last spring Mr. Ellis lost a bunch of keys, among them the keys to his office and vault, and after advertising for them three weeks gave up hope of ever finding them. But a week ago a bunch of keys was brought to this office and we recognized them as the keys Mr. Ellis had advertised for. We delivered them to him, and of course he was glad to get them.

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Christmas Suggestions

From Grapeland's Leading Store



The joyful Christmas time is approaching and with it comes the joy and pleasure of giving. We should be very careful in selecting gifts for our friends and not spend money lavishly on trinkets and gewgaws that are soon lost and forgotten, but when we give, no matter how small, be sure that it is something that will last and be a reminder of your friendship. Nothing is nicer or more highly appreciated than something from which we can derive some benefit and pleasure, by adding to our comfort or beautifying the home.

We have numerous articles in our large stock suitable for making serviceable gifts a few of which are mentioned below:



What to Give "Her"	What to Give "Him"	What to Get the Home
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Ladies and Misses Knit Caps..... 50c and 75c	Boys Hats..... 1.00	Rugs from..... 1.50 to 4.00
Ladies Coats..... 2.90 to 7.90	Boys Shoes..... 2.90 down	Art squares, tapestry, 9x12 feet..... 11.50
Ladies tan button shoes..... 2.50 to 4.00	Boys' Hose..... 10c to 25c	Iron beds..... 10.00 and down
Ladies White buck button shoes..... 2.50 and 3.50	Boys' Sweaters..... 50c to 1.00	Dressers from..... 20.00 to 4.98
Ladies Patent Leather button shoes..... 2.25 to 4.00	Men's Suits..... 8.90 to 14.90	Rockers—large assortment to arrive..... 5.00 down
Ladies White Canvass Shoes..... 1.50 and 1.95	Men's Overcoats..... 5.00 up	Center tables..... 1.00 and up
Ladies lisle hose..... 25c	Men's Sweaters..... 90c to 2.00	Hall trees..... 4.90
Ladies silk hose..... 50c to 1.00	Men's dress shirts..... 1.00 and 1.50	Writing Desks..... 4.90
Misses hose..... 10c and up	Men's Initial Handkerchiefs..... 10c	Sideboards for..... 15.00
Bar Pins..... 25c to 50c	Men's Pearl Cuff Buttons..... 25c and 50c	Suites—3 pieces..... 15.00 and up
Back Combs..... 3.00 down to 25c	Boys' and men's cuff and collar buttons and a big range of fancy and plain four-in hand and bat wing ties, 25c to..... 50c	Kitchen safes..... 3.00
Barrettes from..... 25c to 50c	Men's ties and hose sets in fancy boxes..... 75c and 1.00	Buck's cooking stoves..... 25.00 down
Hand Bags..... 3.00 down to 25c	Men's supporter and suspender sets..... 75c	Sewing machines..... 13.50 to 38.50
Ladies Collars..... 25c to 1.00	Men's hats in new and staple shapes.. 5.00 down to 1.50	<small>A large assortment of springs, mattresses, commodes, etc., tableware, cutlery, covered dishes: dinner sets, coffee percolators, enamelware, stoneware, tinware, Universal food and meat choppers, Rayo lamps and numerous other articles at popular prices.</small>
Girls' Shoes..... 2.50 and down	Men's dress shoes all leather, tan and black 2.50 to 5.00	For the Xmas Dinner
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THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

BY JNO. R. OWENS

HABIT

The habits of the human make-up are the "ruts" in which we allow the "wheels" of the mind to run in. The forming of habits are unnoticed until they are already formed. We should watch our thoughts and actions closely that we may form good habits. A good habit is as difficult to quit as a bad one, and once we have formed a good habit we have laid the cornerstone of a foundation for a useful life.

CHARACTER

The building of character is more important than obtaining knowledge. A man may possess bountiful riches and be a leader in his profession, but if he does not possess a clean character he will eventually fall and lose the respect of his fellow-men. In failing to build character he fails to lay a foundation for his other accomplishments to rest upon. For after all to hold the love and respect of your fellow-men is better than to gain the wealth of the whole world, and it is impossible to do this unless you have built a character that will stand like a rock, unshaken. The man with a clean character is the man who is exemplified by others. His usefulness to his country is inestimable and his exemplary characteristics live after him. He may have many other accomplishments, but his character will stand out above them.

Do not be regretful of the bitter past, but look forward to make the future better.

It's a pity that some men's only use for their head is to hang their hat on.

The trifles in life go to make up the big things, and should not be despised.

A man should choose the same kind of occupation that he does an associate—one that is honorable.

Self-culture is the process of purifying the heart and elevating the mind; throwing off the bad and making room for the good.

The idle man is the evil man, and is worthless to humanity. He comes to a bad end and nine out of ten are eventually prison inmates.

Hope is life! It is the one thing which keeps up courage, and soothes the pain of disappointment, and makes us keep on trying.

A few moments spare time each day, if devoted to self-culture would make the most ignorant man wise in a comparatively short time.

Success is the goal every industrious man tries to reach, but some men have little regard for the way they reach it. True success can only be reached by the right way—by applying the golden rule.

Life's future lies hidden beyond our view. If we could but see our future, many of us would like to turn back and escape the hardships before us. Each day we should better prepare our-

selves for the rising of the curtain which reveals the surprises of to-morrow.

Energy is greater than talent! The energetic man will overcome more difficulties and conquer more battles in life than the most talented man on earth. It is a life inspiring gift of inestimable value.

A philosopher once said: "If the faults of the best man were written on his forehead, they would make him pull his hat over his eyes!" He'd be miserable then, as he couldn't see the faults of others.

Kindness by man to dumb animals make them gentle and obedient. Then kindness to his fellow-men will surely make them love and respect him, for men more highly appreciate kindness than it is possible for dumb animals to do.

A good temper is the most valuable trait of character. The good-tempered man is the man who comes out on top. He meets obstacles which sometimes down him, but he just goes on with a cheerful grin.

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A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is safe and pleasant to take. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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Attorney Jno. I. Moore of Crockett was here Saturday on legal business.

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The Interest Of The Southern Farmer

One day last fall I heard a farmer make the statement that the immediate object of his worry was that he feared he could not get \$60. for a certain bale of cotton that he intended offering for sale the next day—the last bale of his cotton crop; that he wanted to realize that much, for then he could pay off his account and have sufficient money left to purchase himself a thick woolen shirt and a pair of pants.

And being somewhat familiar with this farmer's financial condition, I know that he meant exactly what he said.

And this man has a family, too, a wife and several children, and his only money crop is cotton. Then the question naturally arises: Where is the money to come from to supply the unquestionable needs of this family until another crop is harvested?

And there you are!

Arises a question and interrogates: "Why is cotton this man's only money crop? Why doesn't he raise something else to sell—hogs, poultry, fruits,—why don't he do this and why doesn't he do that?—oh, why doesn't he?"

Never mind; we'll answer you later on.

Some weeks ago there appeared an editorial in the Ft. Worth Record anent this very subject. The caption of that great editorial I have forgotten; I meant to add it to my scrap book, but it was mislaid, and I can't find it; but the theme was that legislative tribunals did not take proper cognizance of the farmers' interests—why not protect struggling farmers as well as infant industries?—that acute recognition of a "business man's" failure was always taken, but that no more attention was paid to a farmer's failure than is given to the chirping of a cricket on a still autumn day.

The very nature of any government is more or less paternalistic; some features of our government are distinctly socialistic.

The National Department of Agriculture, the State Departments of Agriculture are engaged in a socialistic work; the teaching of agriculture in public schools is socialistic; our public free school system itself is socialistic. The National Department of Commerce and Labor is

socialistic. All charity, whether individual, municipal, or of whatsoever other kind, is socialistic. But who would advocate the abolishment of these features of modern civilization?

Please remember that our protective tariff subsidies, and all such are distinctly paternalistic. If paternalism is made to benefit people who need it, if it does not benefit all people alike, then it is rank injustice. And if it is made to benefit persons, businesses and industries that do not need it instead of benefiting people who do need it, under the same government, then it is worse than rank injustice.

There was a time not so far remote when we had no State Departments of Agriculture; there was a time when our National Department of Agriculture was of practically no benefit to this agricultural nation; there was a time when it seemed that the farmer was considered to be merely a necessary evil. And there was a time, and this time is more recent than it is remote, when the rural high school, the teaching of agriculture and domestic economy in public schools, and other improvements for rural life, were hooted at as things chimerical, the dreaming of consummate fools. In fact, I was called a fool for advocating these things only about seven years ago.

The Departments of Agriculture, our public schools, and other agencies are doing a great work today; but, listen: The real good of this work will not be realized in this generation, but in the next generation.

The government ought not to stop nor to be content with this good work; but what about making better the lot of the farmer who is today following the plow?

And listen again: The same persons and the same interests who were so skeptical seven years ago are still skeptical—skeptical of further improvement for rural life.

Viewing the matter as one may he is confronted by this question: Does farming pay? The answer is, no—not in proportion to other occupations.

The farm hand can receive three times his farm wages at

sawmills, railroad shops and such places of public work. Hence help on the farm is hard to obtain. And the farmers cannot afford to pay higher prices for assistance.

Going back to the consideration of the farmer whom we spoke of at the beginning of this article. One reason why he does not "raise something else to sell" is that such would require additional assistance on the farm, and such now seems out of his reach.

The "one horse" farmer, with an investment of about \$1,000, makes a very scant living as a minimum, and about \$75, to \$300 a year as a maximum profit. The shopkeeper or merchant, with an investment of \$1,000, makes about \$500 a year as a minimum profit, and at least doubles his money as a maximum.

If a farmer possesses sufficient capital to farm on a large scale, his profits would be correspondingly large. But consider, will you, that no branch of the industrial world is calling as loudly for capital today as is the agricultural branch. And this money is hardly to be had at any reasonable rate of interest.

Just before the late presidential election, President Taft endeavored to inaugurate a banking proposition for the purpose of furnishing farmers with capital, but the fact that he had had thousands of opportunities to institute such a measure, or, at least, to propose it, before he stared defeat in the face caused the country to look askance at his proposition and say that he was grasping at straws and working only for political effect. Besides some time ago a movement was started by an Illinois banker to furnish farmers with capital, and this movement is rapidly spreading, principally through the northern states, and much good will doubtless come of it. But the fact remains that at present the farmers of the cotton growing states are unable to get that financial assistance they so sorely need.

Reverting again to the farmer who wanted to get \$60. for his bale of cotton: Another reason why he does not "raise something else to sell" is that he does not possess the capital, and more than that, probably can not get it.

And again, in proportion to the

profits of other occupations, and in proportion to what he has to buy, the farmer does not get a sufficiently high price for what he has to sell.

Suppose for sake of illustration, that a merchant with a small family and doing business on a small scale, supports his family respectably, educates his children, enlarges his business from time to time, and makes several hundred dollars profit each year above expenses and business expansion. He employs but little if any assistance in his store. There are thousands of just such cases as that. But that same man, with the same capital and investment, could not make over five or six bales of cotton, and perhaps one hundred or so dollars of other money crop; and with cotton selling at even 15 cents a pound, he would find it either impossible to put any money back into his farm and business or enlarge his bank account. And this outside of any consideration as to the support of his family, the education of his children, and such. And with cotton selling at 20 cents a pound, or \$100. a bale, his situation would not be much better.

And the farmer we have under consideration might "raise something else to sell" if he could only get a living price for what he now has to sell.

Another reason why the farmer does not "raise something else to sell," is that there, in many instances, is no incentive, no encouragement for him to do so. Perhaps the market for these things at his home town is not developed, and he lives such a long distance from that market that he would find it extremely difficult to market his stuff even if the market were good, and the roads several months of the year are something terrible to contemplate. The farmer must depend only on as nearly money crops as possible, and not on anything about which there exists a reasonable doubt.

What are generally known as "credit merchants" generally antagonize crop diversification on the part of their debtors. With them it is cotton and only cotton, because they know that cotton can be depended on when others might not. The town or city in which these "credit merchants" predominate, or in which their influences predominate generally is everything but progressive,

and likewise no encouragement is handed out for the betterment of rural life from these sources.

It was during the day of the great Calhoun, and over his historical opposition, that high tariff in this country came into existence. The idea was to build up a manufacturing interest at home, protect the infant industries, and whether it was the avowed intention or not, it is curious to note that the only portions of the country high tariff has built up have been the North and particularly the New England States. Practically every small city and town in the South looks to the farming interest for its support, and it is strangely true that while the cities and towns are thus dependent upon the farm for support, they have gotten more of this support, and are still getting it, than the rural districts have gotten themselves. The towns have flourished simply because the occupation of their inhabitants have been and are more profitable than agriculture. Thus have the young people left the country for more promising fields, and thus have towns and cities become centers—social, financial, and most every other way of the country. High tariff has been greatly responsible for this, since it raised the price of nearly everything the farmer had to purchase, and did nothing toward raising the price of that which he had to sell.

With the manufacturing interests of New England fostered by this paternalistic and unjust high tariff, an almost limitless market for their produce in the manufacturing centers was created for the New England farmer. But the South has enjoyed no such benefits, and while tariff doctors are handling the tariff as though it were a box of dynamite for fear of harming the bloated interests, it is strange that they find no way to lend a helping hand to the Southern farmer. It is strange that no thought is given to the man who raises a few bales of cotton and a few hundred bushels of corn and other produce that go to make up the year's crops and produce of the average Southern farmer.

But such is the case, and hence the man I referred to in the beginning of this article wanted to get \$60 for his bale of cotton so that he could finish paying his account and have a sufficient amount left over to buy himself a thick woolen shirt and a pair of pants.

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Shot guns, rifles and loaded shells at Darsey's. Adv.

Mrs. Brock of Livingston is here on a visit to her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Odell Faris and son of Palestine are in the city.

Wick Traylor went to Galveston Saturday night.

T. H. Leaverton went to Houston Saturday on business.

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Ladies, have your coat suits cleaned and pressed. Adv. CLEWIS.

Extracts, seeded raisins, nutmegs, sage and citron at Darsey's. Adv.

Dr. C. L. Moore is at the hotel ready to do your dental work. Teeth extracted without pain. (Advertisement.)

10 per cent saved on holiday goods bought up to Saturday night, Dec. 21st., at Porter's Drug Store. Adv.

Winfield Randall of LaCede, Ill., has been in Grapeland for a week or more looking at the country with a view of purchasing property and locating here.

Olan Davis has purchased the Jones place in east Grapeland. Mr. Jones will move to his farm south of town as soon as he completes his residence.

Peas Wanted
I am in the market for peas. Will pay \$20.00 per ton. Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

Bronze Turkeys For Sale
Best strain of Mickle turkeys for breeding purposes. Toms \$3 00; Hens \$1 50. See or write, Adv. E. H. DARSEY.

North bound passenger train No. 2 now arrives in Grapeland at 11:54 A. M., instead of 12:17 P. M. The change in schedule was made last Sunday, but no other trains are affected.

Peas Threshed
I am equipped with gasoline engine, ready to thresh your peas. Charges one tenth. See or write. J. D. KEEN, Adv. Route, 1.

Remnant Cotton Wanted
We will pay the highest market price for remnant cotton. See us if you have a remnant for sale. SPENCE BROS., Adv. Ginners.

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. Adv.

Go to Howard's For Christmas Presents in Watches, Razors, Pocket Knives, Jewelry of all kinds, Watch Chains, Watch Fobs, Necklaces, Locketts, Bracelets, Finger Rings. Satisfaction guaranteed on every piece. Adv.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals.

Wm. H. Long of Augusta was here on business Wednesday.

Do you want any cabbage or turnips? If so, see Darsey. (Advertisement.)

Forslickers, leggings, overalls, men and boys pants, call at Howard's. Adv.

Cooking stoves, heating stoves and stove pipe at Darsey's. (Advertisement.)

Scott Yarbrough of Reynard was here Wednesday and paid this office a pleasant call.

Be sure to read the ads in this issue. They are teeming with bargains.

The Messenger and Galveston Semi-Weekly News one year each for \$1.75. Let us have your subscription.

When children cough a great 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. Adv.

World's Oldest Museum.
The oldest museum in the world may be found in the city of Nara, the former capital of Japan. Since its foundation, in 756, it has gone through all the changes of the Japanese empire without one single addition to its collection. Dr. Otto Kummel is one of the few Europeans who were permitted to visit this museum. It opens its doors but once a year, on a day in spring, when a special committee inspect the collection, and a new list is made out. The museum contains about 3,000 articles, which are said to be the most beautiful specimens of decorative work which have ever been produced by human hand, such as lacquer ware, decorative furniture, enamel ware, cambrie-like fabric, etc. The origin of the majority of the articles is uncertain; some came from China and others from Korea, but most of them appear to be of a more exotic origin. All, however, came of a year prior to the year 756.

Queen's Apt Rebuke.
Queen Victoria, who hated unpunctuality, once administered an apt rebuke to a certain mistress of the robes:

A day and an hour had been appointed for a certain public ceremony in which the queen had to take part. The hour had arrived, and of all the court the duchess alone was absent, and her absence retarded the departure. The queen gave vent more than once to her impatience, and at length, just as she was about to enter her carriage without her first lady of honor, the duchess, in breathless haste, made her appearance, stammering some faint words of excuse. "My dear duchess," said the queen smiling, "I think you must have a bad watch." And as she spoke she unloosed from her neck the chain of a magnificent watch which she herself wore, and passed it round the neck of the offender.

For your Xmas fruits and candies call at Howard's. Adv.

Claude Sadler informs us that he and his family will leave this week for Mineral Wells to make their future home. Messenger regrets very much to give up this good family, but of course, wish them well in their new home.



THE PICK OF GOOD DRESSERS

Your clothes bring out your individuality, which can not be done—unless they are made by a tailor who knows how.

FIT-U-BEST CLOTHES

(MADE TO MEASURE)

offer you the pick of this Fall's advance styles.

We being tailors who make garments for thousands of men, can give you better fabrics—the latest styles—the best workmanship and individual made-to-measure fit for the least money. Your friends expect you to keep up your appearance, let us help you to do it.

Always nobby for business, church, club, street, or reception. Be the well-dressed man, make your selection now—hundreds of samples. Our Fall styles, direct from the big style markets of the world, are just in. The best that the woolen mills of the world turn out are offered you. Workmanship and fabrics—are top class, and at a price to fit your purse. It's time for your suit or overcoat today—NOW.



Call on
Clewis, the Tailor

NO BIG Sale On

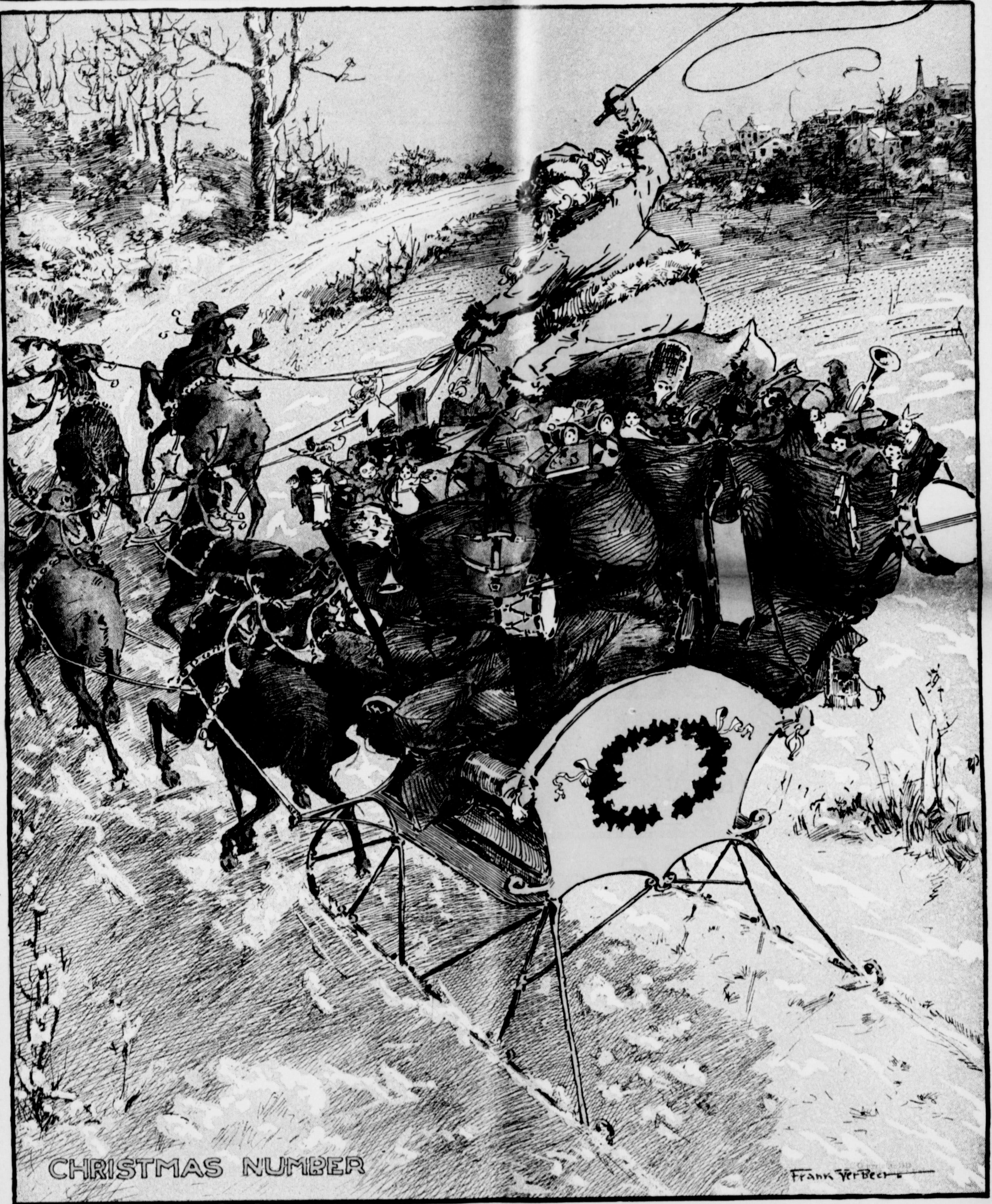
Nor do we advertise our goods below cost, because our prices are already low enough. We've got the darndest best prices on clothing you ever saw or heard of. Don't take our word for it, but come and see for yourself. We carry a complete line of SUPERB Clothing. The price we have placed on these clothes is too low to quote. They are yours at your own figure. We don't want 'em.

Call and see us and we will fill your entire bill.

T. S. Kent
"Quality Is The Thing."

The Grapeland Messenger

Grapeland, Texas, Thursday, December 19, 1912



CHRISTMAS NUMBER

Frank VerBeek



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Yes, your Christmas shopping will be made easy at our store, for we have lots and lots of useful presents. You can make father, mother, sister or brother happy by giving them. We suggest any of the following:

For Father, Husband or Brother

For father, husband, or brother we suggest a nice pair of House Slippers from our place, the kind that fit and look nice, for the small sum of..... **\$1.48**

A pair of nice dress Gloves would be appropriate, in dressed or undressed kid, we are showing them at \$1.00 to..... **\$1.50**

There is nothing nicer than a pair of cuff buttons in a one-piece pearl. Ask to see them. Only..... **50c**

Father or brother would not object to having a nice tie clasp to hold his tie in the position that will make him look nice, only..... **25c**

Any man would appreciate a pair of nice silk hose. They are nice presents for the season of the year. We offer the prettiest line to be had for the money..... **50c**

Don't fail to see our pretty ties for Christmas. All men, and young men especially, appreciate ties, they always come in handy, 25c to..... **50c**

We are showing something very nice indeed in a man's set of hose, tie, handkerchief and cuff button; this is a beautiful set. See it. Only..... **\$1.00**

Handkerchiefs are always appropriate. We have something very nice in these at all prices. Mufflers, yes! They are very nice presents and useful, too. 25c and..... **50c**

For Sister, Wife or Mother

For sister's or mother's Christmas present we suggest the following, and will help you select your gift:

A nice lace collar would be very appropriate for them at prices from 25c to.... **\$2.00**

Nice, high grade kidd gloves would be a lovely gift. We are showing them at the small price of..... **\$1.00**

Iron Clad Silk Hose—fashioned, fully made—not pressed into form, but "knit to fit and fit to wear" and the shape stays in, no matter how hard the wear or washing. We show them in black, tan and white at..... **50c**

Garters in all colors, and put up in a neat box. See them..... **25c**

We are showing pretty handkerchiefs in all prices that make useful presents. 10c to See our Bar Pins, Belt Buckles, Puff Boxes, that are we showing for the holidays. All prices. **25c**

Ladies Hand Bags, new shapes, in fine leather, all prices, from 25c to..... **\$2.00**

Why not give her a Robespierre collar for Christmas? We have them at..... **50c**

A pretty silk scarf would be useful. See what we have and then you'll buy one. From 25c to..... **\$3.00**

Why not give wife, sister or mother a pretty long hair switch? We are showing some nice ones at..... **\$2.50**

You must not fail to see our line of hat pin holders. They would make nice and useful presents, at 25c and..... **50c**

Buy them a nice rug for the parlor. They are very appropriate presents. We offer Axminsters at..... **\$1.75**

Sister would like one of our mirrors very much for a present, they are so handy. Only..... **50c**

We have many useful gifts at our store and will be glad to show you any item in our stock. It is a pleasure to show our goods.

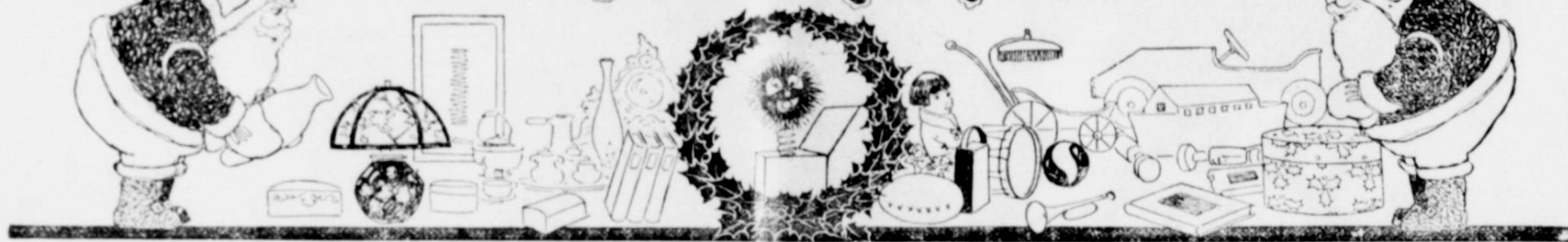
We want to thank each and every person for their liberal patronage, and ask that you call and see us when in the market for anything in our line; we wish for one and all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

KENNEDY BROTHERS

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

Christmas Presents



We Have Something Appropriate for Everyone

HERE IS A PARTIAL LIST OF OUR OFFERINGS:

Silver Dressing Sets	China cake Plates	Smoking Sets	Cigar Jars	Cut Glass Bowls
Silver Combs and Brushes	China Berry Sets	Shaving Sets	Air Guns	Cut Glass celery Trays
Parisian Ivory Manicure Sets	China Chocolate Sets	Safety Razors	Books	Cut Glass Nappys
Parisian Ivory Dressing Sets	China Solid Bowls	Desk Sets	Sewing Sets	Cut Glass Toilet Water Bottles
Chaffing Dishes	Hand Painted Jugs	Silver back Clothes Brushes	Dolls of all kinds	Cut Glass Perfume Bottles
Jewel Cases	Silver Casserols	Silver back Hat brushes	Toy Sewing Machine	Cut Glass cream and sugar bowls
Gold Handle Parasols	Silver Water Sets	Military brushes	Silver Cups	Cut Glass Vases
Silver Mesh Bags	Silver Berry Sets	Traveling Slippers	Silver Coin Purses	Cut Glass Puff Boxes
Silver and Gold Vanity Bags	Silver Cream and Sugar Bowls	Match Cases	Gold Coin Purses	

The Famous 1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware needs no introduction to the people.

HH Knives and Forks, Table Spoons, Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Sugar Shells, Oyster Forks, Orangs Spoons, Cold Meat Forks, Cream Ladels, Barry Spoons.

D. N. Leaverton's

The Gift Store

Complete Lines of

Watches, Rings, Bar Pins, Tie Clasps, Cameo Lavaleirs, Cameo Stick pins, Cameo Brooches, Locketts, Locket Chains, Cuff Buttons, Watch Chains, Fobs, Charms, Gold and Silver Thimbles, Lodge Emblems.