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Plow Time IS HERE

And we have moved a large portion of the G.-A. Kelly Plow Co's. plows in to our warehouse—the plows that made East Texas famous.

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"LITERARY CONVULSIONS"

Being a Series of Dementia Hallucinations Reported Semi-Occasionally for The Messenger by ERNEST C FOSTER

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JANUARY

January, unlike any other month, is the first one of the year. It is also the most unwelcome one. People have foolishly established a custom of making January 1st an international pay day, and thus robbed New Year's Day of whatever pleasure it otherwise might have had.

January has been playing first fiddle in the orchestra of Time ever since Numa knocked the socks off of March away back in the early days of mythology and handed the honor to Janus, who, up until that time, had been but a janitor for the gods. Janus, it seems, had made quite a hit with the Romans while keeping their lawns mowed and their autos in repair, and one day when he was cavorting around in about as much clothes as a twentieth century woman wears, Numa decided the cycle of then ten months brought birthdays too often, so she put in a couple of extra ones, naming the first for Janus and calling the other one February. This twelve-cylinder arrangement has been in vogue ever since, but now that women are getting hold of the ballot, they probably will see a method of growing old still more leisurely and put in six or eight more installments.

January, month of bills, robber of our scanty tills; tell me, Jany, do I pray, what's the object, anyway? I pay Jones and he pays White; White pays Brown and Brown pays Wright; Wright then settles with the Lowes, and thus on and on it goes. And to liquidate a debt always takes more than we get from the fellow owing us—why, then, Jany, start the fuss?

By consulting any good almanac, one will find that January is to be a cold month this year—unless the temperature should remain around thirty above, and, unless considerable rain or snow falls, the month will be dry. However, no gardens should be made this month—coal bills and rheumatism are about the only things that grow well in January. Of course, some scientist that is long on hair and short on brains may tell you there is absolutely no difference between January and July, and that our thinking there is, is due solely to misinformation unconsciously conveyed to the brain via ignorance. Most of us, however, will cling stubbornly to the old-fashioned belief that there is a difference of about 180 days and 120 degrees of temperature, and, that while the scientists may do as they like about it, so long as we know the difference between frost-bite and sun-burn, we are not going to frolic with January unless we are clothed in more than imagination.

The first day of January, 1914, is the 2,420,134th day since the commencement of the Julian period. You may not believe this, offhand, but any old maid

who has been at all observing, will confirm the statement.

Another interesting fact in connection with the new year is, that there are to be four eclipses during the twelve months, the honors being equally divided between the sun and the moon. The annular eclipse of the sun comes on February 24, and if you will row out into the middle of the Pacific ocean, and take along a piece of smoked glass you may see it clearly. A total eclipse of the sun is scheduled for August 21, and if you happen to be in Europe, Asia, or Africa on that particular date you are entitled to gaze at this phenomenon as much as you like, free of charge. The other eclipses, too, will be staged for globe-trotters only, so there is no use of our advertising them very extensively.

Sunday, of all days in the week, would seem to be the least desirable on which to get stewed, but the moon evidently figures it differently and will become full on Sunday, the eleventh. This will be its first spree of the year and will last until the seventeenth.

The weather during January will be almost as changeable as a woman's waist-line, but the following forecasts are correct. First to tenth, cold and wet or dry and warm. From the tenth to the twentieth look for wet and cold, or warm and dry weather, and from the twentieth to the close of the month we are almost certain to have it damp and chilly unless it should be dry and warm.

January is about as liberal with holidays as was the proverbial dog in the manger. The opening day is considered a legal lay-off in all states, excepting Kansas and Massachusetts, but bankers are about the only ones who can afford to observe it.

The Lyceum Course

The next attraction of the Lyceum Course will be Alvah Green, the impersonator and "funny man," who will be at the school auditorium, Wednesday night, Jan. 21.

The manager at Dallas will send the Hawkeye Glee Club back here sometime in March, so you will get to hear this famous quartette after all.

The Messenger received a very pleasant call Friday afternoon from W. H. Harrison, who chatted with us several minutes. We are always glad to see our friends. Mr. Harrison has recently moved to the Leaverton place west of town from Percilla.

On January first, Connor Denson became a partner with Wyley Caskey in the barber shop and the firm will now be known as Caskey & Denson. Connor has been working in the shop for several years, and now that he is one of the "props" we wish the firm a successful career.

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Friday Night, January 9.
 Miss Addie Eaves will entertain for an hour and a quarter, with

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An hour and a quarter of first-class entertainment, interspersed with good music throughout the program. 20 per cent of the proceeds will be given to the school.

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Take Care of the Pennies this New Year.

IF YOU should resolve now to do your trading with us through 1914 your savings of a few pennies on almost every purchase would amount to a big sum by the time another year rolls around.

Good Goods Cheap
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WE HAVE no cheap goods, but we buy the best in a way that enables us to sell at the price of cheap goods. A TRIAL WILL PROVE. We want your business this year.

W. R. Wherry.

Mrs. R. H. Wherry and little daughter of Memphis, Texas, are visiting relatives at Daly's. Mrs. Wherry was accompanied by her sister, Miss Florence Pennington, who has been attending school in Memphis.

Ladies' work a specialty. adv Clewis, the Tailor.

Mrs. Mark Anthony and children of Austin are here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Dora White, and will remain several weeks.

GOOD SCHOOL AT SAN PEDRO

On New Year's Day, in company with Mr. J. C. Kleckley of Crockett, the Messenger representative was a caller at the San Pedro School, and spent a very pleasant hour there with the teacher and the pupils. Miss Lula Jones, of Percilla, is the teacher; and from the work she has started and the way she is carrying on this work we are impressed with the idea that the trustees could not have done better than employ her. Most of her pupils are in the primary grades—it clearly being a primary school, and we are much impressed with what was conspicuously evidenced in the construction of splendid primary foundations in the student mind upon which scholarly edifices may in future be erected. The school has an enrollment of 46 and a term of six months.

The educational world, we believe, agrees that the most difficult and responsible pedagogic work lies with the lower grades. And rightly and naturally so. "The way the twig is bent the tree's inclined," and if the twig is started rightly, the work that will come later will be incomparably mild considered in the light of what the primary teacher did and what responsibilities were shouldered. Poets are never made, but born—it is an instinct and an instinct purely. The culture, the science and what-not of teachers of higher grades can be more or less altogether acquired, but, like the poet, the successful primary teacher is never made, but born. With the primary teacher the culture means much, but the natural aptitude means nearly everything. The instinct that leads the young minds, that guides the little footsteps, that parts the visionary curtains of morning and bids him or her behold the world and its glory and the future's glimmering promises—to do this, the work must fit the instructor and the instructor fit the work, and with a cultural fitness, to be sure, but the indispensable is the natural fitness. Miss Jones is peculiarly qualified for the work she is engaged in, and we predict for her continued and unmeasured success.

City Building Notes

Skill, without will, is bound to stand still.

Business prosperity is measured by eternal hustling.

Energy and perseverance are the stepping stones of success.

The greatest field and the least pastured is that of city building.

That city is best known abroad whose citizens are most loyal at home.

Dead men are better than lazy ones in that they don't clog the wheels of progress.

The development of the sanitary facilities of a community is a good index to its progressiveness.

The commercial organization is the pivot upon which a city revolves and throws out its flagrant lights of publicity.—L. M. Ward.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This remedy has no superior for coughs and colds. It is pleasant to take. It contains no opium or other narcotic. It always cures. For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

A GOOD MOTTO FOR EVERY CITIZEN

When Hon. J. J. Strickland of Palestine was here on Nov. 27th, and delivered an address to our people on the occasion of our "Possum Walk," he read a little poem, and said that it was a good motto for every citizen to have. He gave us the poem to publish, but some how we lost it. Mr. Strickland was kind enough to furnish us with another copy, and so we give it to you:

If you like the old town best,
Tell 'em so.
If you'd have her lead the rest,
Help her grow.
When there's anything to do,
Let the fellows count on you.
You'll feel better when its
through,
Don't you know.

If you want to make a hit,
Get an aim.
If the other fellow's it,
Whose to blame?
Spend your money in the town,
Where you pull the Sheckels
down.
Give the mail concerns a frown,
That's the game.

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style,
Throw bouquets instead of rocks,
For a while.
Let the other fellow roast,
Shun him as you would a
ghost.
Meet his hammer with a boast
and a smile.

When a stranger from afar
comes along,
Tell him what and who we are,
Make it strong.
Needn't flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, that's enough.
Join the Boosters, that's the
stuff,
Say we belong.

Colds To Be Taken Seriously

Intelligent people realize that common colds should be treated promptly. If there is sneezing and chilliness with hoarseness, tickling throat and coughing, begin promptly the use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It is effective, pleasant to take, checks a cold, and stops the cough which causes loss of sleep and lowers the vital resistance. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Mrs. E. P. Lynch of Groveton visited relatives here, returning home Monday morning.

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. (Advertisement)

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Keeland of New Waverly spent a few days here this week visiting relatives and friends.

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. Adv.

LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

Silver Creek, Jan. 4.—On 19th of Dec. the wedding bells pealed forth their joyous sound announcing the marriage of Miss Freda Lockler and Mr. J. H. Douglass and at the same time Miss Florence Lively and Mr. Vernon Miles, Rev. Wright officiating. Miss Lockler was reared in this community, and by her high traits of character and amiable disposition she endeared herself to all who knew her. Johnnie Douglass is a high toned, honorable young man. He was reared at Augusta where he has a host of friends. The many friends of this young couple wish them a happy and prosperous life. Miss Lively and Mr. Miles are very highly appreciated young people, and their many friends wish them smooth sailing through life.

Christmas in this portion of the vineyard was very quiet. Several dinner entertainments.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Betsill entertained their children and Mrs. Betsill's aged parents Xmas day. Of course it was very pleasant for these good people to have those they love with them and enjoy with them the good things of Xmas.

On the 26th Mrs. Dora Douglass entertained with a fine dinner, having as guests, Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Betsill, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Betsill, Mr. Tom Betsill and family, also Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Douglass. The day was passed very pleasantly.

At a late hour in the evening the guests left, hoping that we may meet again.

The weather has been so bad that little has been done toward farming. Some few have commenced ploughing. Some of the farmers are short on hands. Some desirable places to rent, and anyone wishing to rent would do well to come this way.

We are well pleased with our new location.

Johnnie Douglass and wife are pleasantly located on the farm of Bill Betsill.

There is some sickness.

Mr. Tom Scott of this community died a few days ago with pneumonia.

We wish the Messenger and staff a prosperous New Year. As ever,

OLD GRAY.

A Difference In Working Hours

A man's working day is 8 hours. His body organs must work perfectly 24 hours to keep him fit for 8 hours work. Weak, sore, inactive kidneys cannot do it. They must be sound and healthily active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot take them into your system without good results following. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Two bad wrecks occurred, one Saturday at Phelps, the other Sunday at Dodge, and the passenger train both days was delayed several hours. The I. & G. N. has suffered many wrecks the past month.

Do you begin to cough at night, just when you hope to sleep? Do you have a tickling throat that keeps you awake? Just take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It will check the cough and stop the tickling sensation at once. Does not upset the stomach, is best for children and grown persons. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

LADIES

RESOLVE IN 1914, to give your face a fair show. It will be all you desire if you will aid nature with the toilet preparations we handle.

Clear Complexion

is as easily possessed as the sallow, spotted kind, if you use the preparations that science has found needful for a clear, soft, velvety skin.

Ivory-Like Teeth

If your teeth are not white as ivory, make them so, and if they are keep them that way. We have the best brands of tooth washes and powders that medical science produces, and you owe it to yourself to use no other.

If you will let our store help you in 1914 it will prove a pleasant year for you.

D. N. Leaverton

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THAT we will also keep in stock everything that goes to make up a complete and up-to-date stock of drugs, sundries and accessories.

THAT the new year may bring you much joy, peace and prosperity is our sincere wish.
Your friends,

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The Messenger

THE PASSING OF COL. EXALL

In the death of Col. Henry Exall, Texas has lost its master optimist. His life was a tremendous answer to the pessimist, the doubter and the indifferent. His body returns to dust, but his spirit will lead the pioneers of progress for generations to come and his life stands as a beacon light to hope, and a challenge to despair. He was more than a builder; he was a creator of human purposes and an organizer of mankind. He was one of the most kingly men that America ever produced and he crowned his life with the jewels of self-sacrifice. He loved everybody and his magnetic personality swung men around him.

His titanic nature shook the state. His life is one of the State's greatest heritages. He taught lessons in citizenship that made patriotism common and benevolence popular. His iron courage, sublime faith and magic enthusiasm lifted him into an altitude of greatness that made his life little less than a miracle. He is gone, but we can all dwell in the reflection of his glory, warm in the glow of his soul and walk in the pathway illuminated by the powerful rays of his mighty life.

Texas has had none of the Exall type to come before and none will follow. He was in a class by himself.

CUPID LETS AN ARROW GO

Thursday evening of last week at the home of the bride's parents, took place the marriage of Mr. Olan W. Davis and Miss Mada Murchison, Rev. H. A. Matney pronouncing the sacred words of holy wedlock, uniting as man and wife two of Grapeland's most distinguished and estimable young people.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Murchison, and is one of Grapeland's most popular young ladies, known and loved by all for her sweet disposition and true spirit of friendliness toward all. Mr. Davis is one of our young men who has been raised here, and represents the highest type of citizenship. He is thrifty and industrious, being engaged in farming, and represents a large Houston corporation in the cotton seed business.

These young people have the best wishes of the Messenger and our entire citizenship for a happy and successful life.

Irregular bowel movements lead to chronic constipation. Prickly Ash Bitters is a reliable system regulator; cures permanently. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Business Lots For Sale

I offer for a limited time a few business lots in the coming business district of Grapeland. These lots will be sold on easy terms and if you are interested it will pay you to see me at once as only a few lots will be sold at present prices.

Adv. Geo. E. Darsey,
Grapeland, Texas.

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Every case of cough can with that
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Ballard's Horehound Syrup

It is a Fine Healing Remedy for
Sore Lungs, Coughs and
Hoarseness.

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. Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest.

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Human Trait That is Shown in Their
Attitude Toward the Young and
the Weak.

One of the most interesting of all the human traits in the animals is that of chivalry, as shown by the animals in their attitude toward the young and weak. It is an unwritten law in the animal world that the young have rights which must be respected. This accounts for the unusual sight, sometimes seen, when a fierce dog who has thrashed every other dog in the neighborhood, and has become a terror to every upstart in puppydom, will turn tail and flee in an apparent terror when a young dog or kitten is presented to him.

The maternal and paternal instincts are among the strongest of all. Parents will grieve over the loss of the young, but they apparently have no conception of death. There is deep sympathy, or something very close to it among animals. A cry of distress from a fellow-beast or bird in trouble will bring others from all directions. There is a powerful instinct on the part of all animals to protect the young when in trouble. Hogs and cattle are among the most dangerous of domestic animals when aroused; the surest way to arouse them is to injure their young. Let a bird utter a call for help, and instantly the air around will be filled with feathered champions of the victim.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 8, 1914

AIDING THE FARM MOVEMENT

By a systematic campaign to advance the study of agriculture in suburban and rural schools in the country, promote actual gardening and farming among pupils and aid the farmer by placing at his disposal the services and advice of experts in the various agricultural fields, Chicago has set the example for American cities, towns and hamlets, large and small, to get in actual touch and co-operation with the "Back to the Farm" movement. And Chicago has done no more than to take advantage of every community's realization of dependency upon the farming and gardening localities.

Every town needs the product of the farmer's skill and soil to sustain town life; besides, the town must have the farmer's trade. If the farmer is more successful, his products and trade will increase in proportion. By aiding him to make two blades grow where one grew, the town is helping itself. This does not mean that the town should tell the farmer when to plow for corn. It should aid him, but the aid must be a practical aid. Co-operation is the best form of assistance.

Through the co-operation of the Chicago civic organizations with the county commissioners, it has been possible to engage a "farm professor" for Cook county. He, with five rural directors outside the city, has general charge of farm work and they give all their time to lending the farmers experience and assistance. Chicago also organized boys' one-acre clubs, interested parents, introduced university methods of farm training, urged girls to cultivate home gardens and offered substantial prizes. The result was that the whole public took a new interest in the farm movement. Chicago will soon be but one of many cities and towns adopting the Chicago methods. It is an opportunity for smallest communities as well as the large ones. It is an opportunity for this town and county and would produce unbounded results for good.

THE REASON

Why is it that people will live in such districts as those now flooded, and risk their lives and the loss of their property, when this and other sections of East Texas are the veritable Paradise of the universe and above the high water mark?—Grapeland Messenger.

The Grapeland Messenger wants to know why people prefer living in flood districts than to live in other sections where they don't have water. The writer can say that a great many of those people who are living in the flood districts are just as contented as the editor of the Messenger is. Some people in the flood districts have got nice and comfortable homes and the best land that a crow ever flew

WITH THE EDITOR IN HIS SANCTUM.

The Messenger is pleased to announce an innovation it has in store for its readers in 1914. We have contracted for a series of "Literary Convulsions" and other stuff from the Foster Service Company, a syndicate furnishing humorous articles such as has heretofore been found only in large daily papers.

This matter is calculated to eradicate blues, repair wrinkles, and make a man love his wife more and other women less, besides doing a lot of other extraordinary things. The author says too, it has a much more agreeable effect upon those whose subscriptions are paid in advance, so it wouldn't be a bad idea for you to arrange to get the full benefit.

Ernest C. Foster, the perpetrator of these articles, is a country newspaper man himself, and he's been in the business long enough

to know how to write what people like to read. He has smuggled much of stuff into the larger papers and magazines, so we are assured his articles will please you.

Foster's main grouch seems to be at the Weather Man, and he has prepared twelve bombs to be hurled at the months of the new year as they come into view. He's rather dippy on rhyme, too, and can sing a dirty, unsightly alley into a flower-decked avenue for angels.

A little nonsense is not a bad ingredient to mix with one's life, and we are going to give you some real sensible nonsense this year.

If you who are reading these lines borrow your neighbor's paper every week, it will be well for you to come in and subscribe, for the Messenger is going to be hard to borrow after these articles get started.

over. They can make from a bale to two bales of cotton per acre. The corn crop will average them from 65 to 80 bushels per acrs. They can make all kinds of good crops that can be grown under the soil, and are just as well contented as the Messenger editor is sitting at his desk writing about what other people ought to do. This flood water may never come again, and still it may come again within six months. We can't tell, it's God's will and we have got to be contented. If the editor of the Messenger had lived in the flood districts as long as the writer had he would be just as contented as he is now, where you could sit on the front porch of your nice comfortable home and smoke your pipe and catch cat fish in your front yard, and when the sun goes down in the evening you can quietly go to your bed and lay down and listen to the sweet sounds of the music that falls from the lips of the bull frogs and tadpoles all through the night, it would make the Messenger editor feel like he was in Paradise. So my brother, be contented and let what may come, as it is all God's will.—Willis Star.

The Star man missed his calling. He ought to quit the newspaper business and go to preaching.

The 'possum crop around Grapeland has not been exhausted by any means, notwithstanding the fact that we barbecued quite a number of these little animals for our public dinner on November 28th. Some of the younger boys went out hunting last Thursday night and brought in the biggest 'possum we ever saw. He must have been the grand-father of the 'possum family.

THE COST OF PEACE

It will take \$106,000,000 for the war department of the United States next year. Counting five to a family, this sum would provide a home for more than a half million people. The annual appropriation if used in caring for the destitute would in a few years banish poverty from the land. In European countries far greater sums are spent in keeping the natives prepared for war. May we not hope that the time is near when the nations will beat their cannons into implements of industry and their battleships into homes for their people. Civilization and Chris-

tianity can then rejoice over the perfection of their work.—Honey Grove Signal.

J. H. Lowry is editor of the Signal and will likely be a candidate for congress-man-at-large from Texas. The above item is a good sample of the sensible views which this splendid Christian gentleman holds on all questions affecting the interests of the people and the character of legislation he would favor or oppose. Texas voters will never regret the day they elect Jim Lowry to congress—or to any other position of trust for that matter.—Hamilton Herald.

For Sale

I have a big lot of frost proof cabbage plants for sale; price \$2.00 per thousand delivered at Grapeland. Place your orders with S. E. Howard.

J. R. Luce, Adv. Grapeland, Rte. 2.

Notice To Our Customers

On January 1st, Connor Denison, who has been connected with the shop for several years, purchased a half interest in the business, and as we are going to do all work ourselves, we have decided to return to the old price of 25c for hair cuts, as we can now afford to do so. We will appreciate your patronage, assuring you that at all times we will endeavor to give you good work and efficient service. Yours truly, J. W. CASKEY, CONNOR DENSON, Barbers.

The "Tom Toub" wedding at the school auditorium last Saturday night was a decided success and quite a laughable affair. Those who failed to attend missed something. The children, forty or fifty in all, were trained by a lady who makes it a business, and they all carried out their part of the program in a very creditable manner. Buster Traylor, age 5, was the groom, and Imadell Lively, age 4, the bride. Jim Kennedy, age 4, best man, Doris Davis, age 3, maid of honor. Frank Granberry was the preacher. The Mother's Club had charge of the entertainment, and realized a neat sum from the door receipts.

NEWS FROM NEW PROSPECT

Jan. 5.—Having seen nothing from this part of the country lately, will write a few lines.

Health of the community is very good at present, very little sickness being reported.

Yesterday was Bro. Weatherby's regular meeting day, but very few attended on account of bad weather. His appointment has been changed from morning to evening services, also Sunday school in the evening every first Sunday. Quite a crowd from New Prospect attend prayer meeting at Oak Grove every Sunday night.

Mrs. Virgil Musick of Keltys who has been visiting friends and relatives in New Prospect community returned home Jan. 2nd.

Mrs. Mary Blackwell is visiting her sister, Mrs. Z. A. Parker.

Mr. John Collins and family of Oak Grove community visited Mrs. Mat Guice Saturday night and Sunday.

Mesdames Parker, Blackwell and Brown visited Mrs. Bud Brown one day last week.

Mrs. Mat Guice visited Mrs. Phoebe Smith Saturday.

Mrs. Sophia Morris of this community has gone to make her home at Grapeland at the home of Miss Moselle Martin. Mr. Sim Finch has sold his

place and moved on Mr. John Bridges farm.

Willis Morris has returned from a visit to his grandfather at Victoria. He reports it a fine country.

The young folks attended a birthday party at Mr. Jim McKnight's Saturday night, given in honor of his daughter, Miss Nannie. All report a nice time.

Christmas and New Year's passed off very quietly, every one seemed to want a safe and sane Christmas and New Year.

ALMA MATER.

The post card kings are in town. By reference to their ad in this issue you will note their announcement. G. Fletcher, chief artist, is a native of London, England, and "grew up" in the picture making business. There is not a branch of photography with which he is not familiar, and his long years of experience assures you of the best work. Associated with him are Louis McCarty and A. J. Orrick, who are good in field work. They make a specialty of post cards, family and school groups, etc. They are at the Goodson hotel and will be in the city only a couple of weeks.

W. O. W. Installation

The W. O. W. will install their new officers on Wednesday night, January 14th. All members are requested to attend.

B. F. Hill, Clerk.

Bargains in Plow Tools

- 1 Stalk Cutter with 7 blades for - - \$25.00
- 3 Cultivators at - - - - - \$25.50

I am closing them out at these prices. See me at once if you want one

PLENTY OF Alfalfa Hay, Bran and Oats.

Remember we carry a complete line of groceries and dry goods and can fill all your bill.

We thank you heartily for the business given us the past year, and with best wishes for the new year of 1914, I am, yours truly,

T. S. KENT
QUALITY IS THE THING

'Tis Gone! The Old Year

And with it our disappointments, our successes, and we have added another to the past, and in entering upon this another new year, we are thankful to a kind providence over us, and the words of help and encouragement and little acts of kindness from our many friends and a generous public for their help and sympathy, and **HERE GOES** to make this **NEW YEAR, 1914**, the best of all, forgetting the failures of the past, and pushing forward to higher and nobler achievements, and finally success will crown each one of us, and we hear "well done."

S. E. HOWARD.

LOCAL NEWS

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop. adv.

Geo. Kent, a merchant of Reynard, was transacting business here Monday and Tuesday.

Hulls and meal are **POSITIVE-
LY CASH—NO CREDIT.** Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

Miss Willie Bush of Percilla was the guest of Miss Eulalia Lively last week.

Misses Jewel and Annie Lois Taylor visited the family of Dr. Taylor at Latexo Saturday and Sunday.

WANTED—A hand to do general farm work. Will pay a good price for a good hand. Apply to R. M. Brooks, Route 3, Grapeland, Texas. Adv.

A girl should never marry a young man until she knows all about him; then the chances are she'll not care to, unless she knows that he has his clothes made by Clewis, the tailor. Adv.

D. C. Hill and Albert Kent returned to their homes in Eldorado last week. They are both former East Texans, but have been living in the west for several years.

The many friends of A. S. Porter will regret to learn that he is sick at the home of his mother in Crockett, and has been for several days. While visiting his mother he was stricken with an attack of bilious fever. We hope he will soon recover and be back at his post of duty.

True to its name, it will in the future be more so, for property owners in Sycamore Addition are putting out at least one hundred sycamore shade trees in this beautiful residence section. In a few years it will be a veritable grove of shady sycamores, affording plenty of shade in the summer and making it a more desirable place to live.

Will sell improved berry cuttings. Leave orders with S. E. Howard. T. E. Hague. (Advertisement.)

John Yarbrough of Trinity came here Sunday, and Monday morning entered school for the remainder of the term.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Kerr and baby left Sunday for Cleburne to spend a week visiting Mr. Kerr's mother.

M. L. Clewis has purchased a steam cleaning and pressing machine, which he hopes to have in operation by January 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. George Isabell of Waco, after spending awhile here with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent, have returned home.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas, and will pay \$27.00 per ton in the hull. See me if you have any to sell.

J. W. Howard. Adv.

We are always willing to accommodate our patrons. Phone us your wants and we will fill them quick.

City Meat Market. Adv.

J. J. Thompson called Tuesday and had us send the Messenger a year to his step-son, M. L. McPherson at Moody, Texas. Mr. McPherson will visit Grapeland this summer, and he may like it well enough to move here. John Shaw also had us send the paper to J. S. Holland at Munford, Ala.

Hogs Wanted on Saturday, January, 24th.

On that date I will ship hogs in car lots, and will pay the following prices delivered in Grapeland: Hogs weighing over 150 pounds 6c per lb.; under 150 pounds 5 1-2c per lb. I want all I can get on the above date. Please call and see me for further information. You will find me at Calhoun & Leaverton's Livery Stable.

Adv. GEORGE CALHOUN.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

January 5.—And we are ready for duty, but guess it will be the middle of the month before all will get settled down for business. The holidays were all that we made them, with the exception of the weather, and nothing unusual took place outside of the Eaves-Meriwether wedding, in which only a few participated. And while all may not have had on "Geo. E. Darsey clothes," all had on that "Million Dollar Look." We regret to lose Miss Jessie from our midst, but hope, however, it will only be temporary.

C. H. Beazley and family, Bro. C. F. Trimble and County Treasurer Sheridan were Crockett visitors.

Mrs. T. J. Clark and son, Grady of Coleman visited in our midst.

Mrs. C. R. Taylor of the "Possum City," Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Pennington, Mrs. Wherry and little daughter, Florence, and Miss Florence Pennington, all of Daly's and Memphis, Texas, visited here during the holidays.

Pledger Chiles says he attended two weddings—the Eaves-Meriwether and the "Tom Thumb" weddings.

Now, as the New Year is here, let's all try and be a man or woman and not play the baby in anything that may come up, and have great respect for duty, obligation and authority, and while old leaves may be blotted, but help us all to know that the future's fair pages are white as the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Stevens came in Tuesday from their holiday visit.

Let's all predict a good year and push and boost.

Cordially,
ZACK.

Bank Elects Officers

The stock-holders of the Guaranty State Bank held their annual meeting at the bank last Tuesday and elected the following officers:

C. W. Kennedy, President.
R. E. Pennington, Vice-President.
U. M. Brock, Cashier.
J. E. Bean, J. B. Thomas, W. H. Holcomb and E. G. Walling, with the above officers, constitute the board of directors.

The business of the bank is in splendid condition, and at this meeting \$2,000 was added to the surplus fund, making the total surplus \$3,500. There is an undivided profit of \$1,040.66, making the total surplus and undivided profits \$4,530.66. This added to the bank's capital stock gives them a good working capital, and we predict they will have another year of good business.

Woodman Circle Installation

At its last regular meeting in December, the Woodmen Circle elected the following officers, who will be installed at the next regular meeting, Friday night, January 9th: Fannie Stafford, Guardian; Sallie McCarty, Advisor; Dora White, Clerk; Dent Lively, Banker; Eleanor Kennedy, Attendant; Julia Lively, Chaplain; Fannie Edens, Inner Sentinel; Loyal Stowe, Outer Sentinel; Letha Owens, Manager, and W. D. McCarty, Physician.

All members are requested to attend and assist in the installation of these officers. Meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Dora White, Clerk.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

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

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

**WOULD YOU HAVE
YOUR
HOROSCOPE
CAST
FOR
SUCCESS**

Astrology, palmistry or resorting to the occult as to what the future will bring all are merely guess-work, but there is a sure way to fortune, combining frugality, industry, and a BANK ACCOUNT.



FARMERS & MERCHANTS State Bank

GRAPELAND, . . . TEXAS

The Cash Grocery Co.

Headquarters for

Staple and Fancy Groceries

We buy for Cash and sell for Cash. We divide the profits with you. Just a trial will convince you

**SPECIAL PRICES on
Seed Oats, Flour and Feed Stuff.**

Phone us your orders. We deliver the goods right now

The Cash Grocery Co.

A Man's Best Friend Is His BANK BOOK

The reason we solicit your bank account is because we want our deposits to grow as great as possible, as the benefits to our customers grow proportionately with the amount of deposits.

Do not neglect this important matter; see to it at once that you start a bank account, however small, and then add all you can spare to it. Remember the rainy day is bound to come.

The GUARANTY STATE BANK

GUARANTY FUND BANK

Miss Moselle Martin left Monday for Bay City to take a position in the city public school.

Mrs. Annie Tatum and son, Henry, of Camden, Ark., returned home last week after a pleasant visit here with relatives.

Winter MERCHANDISE

I still have a big stock of winter merchandise that I must dispose of, and will make you **SPECIAL PRICES** on account of the lateness of the season.

See me for men's work shoes, work shirts and pants. I also have a nice line of winter dress goods left; also have a big line of **Flour, Meal and Feed Stuff.** CALL AND GET MY PRICES BEFORE YOU BUY

We are always glad to see you, and will exert every effort to please you.

J. J. BROOKS

HAS YOUR SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRED?

At the beginning of the new year, many subscriptions expire. You probably know whether yours has or not. It is needless to say that we would appreciate an early renewal--you know we can find a ready place for the money.

We offer you several attractive clubbing offers and can save you money on your reading matter for this year. Look over the list below and select what you want. Mail the coupon to us, enclosing the proper amount by check or money order.

The Messenger - - \$1.00
 Farm & Ranch - - \$1.00
 Holland's Magazine - \$1.00

All 3 \$1.75



The Messenger and either one of the above for \$1.50

The Messenger and Galveston Semi-Weekly News for - **\$1.75**

The Messenger and Houston Semi-Weekly Post for - **\$1.75**

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Clip the Coupon and send in your subscription at once.



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 Grapeland, Texas.
 Enclosed find \$..... Please send to my address below the Messenger and the.....

 Yours truly,

 P. O. R. F. D. No.
 Please state if you are a new or an old subscriber.

The Grapeland Messenger, Grapeland, Texas.

Did You Ever Stop to Think?

If you read this article through thoughtfully you will, and if you are young you will think twice. Did you ever stop to think that you do four things, just four and no more? You think; you remember; you imagine; you act. When you learn to think better, remember better, imagine better or act better you are increasing your efficiency, and, therefore your income. You may feel that you are very successful now. Suppose you are; it isn't a question of what you know, but of how beneficial a practical business education will be to you in addition to what you already know. You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all the laws means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of success, and therefore enable you to be nearer the maximum success. The late Prof. James of Harvard declares that the average man only uses ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a maximum of proficiency with a minimum effort. Did you ever stop to think that eighty-five per cent of the men of this country are only earning \$15 a week or less? That ninety-two per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That ninety five per cent have no money at the age

of 60? We have been very successful in getting men out of the eighty-five per cent class. Why not let us help you? We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven by the letters in our catalog from former students. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man; you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a hundred thousand dollars a year from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell the higher type of brains; you can't afford to be a chin downer; there's no room for such a man in the high salaried class. Take our thorough, practical courses of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Business Administration & Finance and Telegraphy; learn how to think, to remember, to imagine and act.

Our large catalog is free for the asking, if you will only fill in and mail the following blank, giving your name and address. Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name

Address

Course Interested in

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. Forter. adv

His Stomach Troubles Over

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

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

J. S. Holland, wife and mother of Munford, Ala., are visiting the family of John Shaw, north of town. Mr. Holland is a brother of Mrs. Shaw.

Sneffels, Col. A. J. Walsh was badly done up with rheumatism and sent for Foley Kidney Pills which was the only thing that would cure him. Geo. Potter of Pontiac, Mo., was down on his back with kidney and bladder trouble and Foley Kidney Pills made him well and able to work. It is a splendid medicine and always helps. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Community Co-Operation

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Few communities in the Southwest are not beyond the pioneer stage. In most of them—even in the country communities—the progress made in community betterment is already remarkable. It is no uncommon thing for a town of 3,000 to 4,000 population to have water works, sewer system or even paved streets, and country communities with good roads, efficient, graded schools and strong churches are not at all uncommon. But whatever advance has been made there is always something else that can be done to make the community a better place to live in, something that can be accomplished, as was that already done, only through the hearty co-operation of all concerned.

If the roads still are inadequate the people that use them must work together to make them better. If the school is not meet-

ing the requirements of the community its standard can be raised only through the thoughtful co-operation of its patrons with its management. If roads, school, water supply, sidewalks and such are adequate and efficient, there still are advantages. Less material, but none the less valuable, such as a public library and a lyceum course of lectures and entertainments, that can be had in nearly any reasonably populous, prosperous community if the people only co-operate to secure and maintain them.

Co-operation enriches a community materially, and it broadens and deepens the social and moral life of the community. Co-operation of its people in every laudable undertaking for betterment alone can give them a satisfying environment in which to live. The greatest word in community life is co-operation.

Chronic Constipation Cured

"Five years ago I had the worst case of chronic constipation I ever knew of, and Chamberlain's Tablets cured me," writes S. S. Fish, Brooklyn, Mich. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son, Rollie, visited relatives in Houston this week.

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. Adv.

Best Cough Medicine For Children

"I am very glad to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy" writes Mrs. Lida Dewey, Milwaukee, Wis. "I have used it for years both for my children and myself and it never fails to relieve and cure a cough or cold. No family with children should be without it as it gives almost immediate relief in cases of croup." Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant and safe to take, which is of great importance when a medicine must be given to young children. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

THE ONE GREAT THING

By GUY MARKHAM.

"Ah, roses! and I love them so," and the girl lifted the great armful of fragrant and beautiful flowers and crushed them almost roughly to her swelling bosom.

"Oh, why, why, cannot Will send me such things?" she whispered passionately to herself. "I like him so much better than any other man—yes, yes, indeed I fear I love him; but I cannot, no I cannot face life of 'love in a cottage' and know that I must always do without all the nice things of life."

Then she smiled a wonderful smile—the smile which had made her the most sought after girl in her set; and she blushed a rosy little flush and whispered still more softly to herself: "But I'd rather live a year with Will in a cottage than a lifetime in a palace with any other man. Besides they say Will is bound to rise and all the men say he will some day be an ornament to the bar—and all that sort of thing. Even papa approves of Will along with all the other men."

Then she shivered a little shiver. "But mamma does not take any stock in Will," she thought soberly, "and mamma is the practical one in our family."

The girl buried her face in the great bunch of roses—they cost the sender a cold twenty-five dollars—and looked up defiantly.

"Well, why should I not marry Mr. Hadley?" she soliloquized. "He is a man who has demonstrated his ability and is not an offensive person in any way."

Then, without apparent excuse she cried out, aloud: "With never could have sent me these roses—and I love them, I love them, I love them."

Then exercising her woman's prerogative, she sat down and had a good cry. Then she arose, glanced at the bit of pasteboard which came with the roses and which bore only the words "Nell—from W. T. H. Wear them tomorrow night," and went to her dainty desk to acknowledge them.

The note Hadley received at his office the next morning puzzled him not a little, but delighted him a great deal. He never had been able to pierce the reserve of the girl he desired so earnestly to marry, and being a keen judge of human nature he detected a warmer and more receptive ring to her words than there had been any others she ever had addressed to him.

"Roses," he exclaimed in a puzzled way to himself. "There's a mistake somewhere, but inasmuch as it seems to have warmed her toward me I reckon the way is to say nothing."

The incident so interested him that he lost all track of the market and made so many mistakes during the day that he came out a considerable loser—an unheard of thing for Walter Hadley.

In the meantime the young man who had gone broke to send the roses to the fair Miss Nell, ate his heart away in disappointment at receiving no word of acknowledgment. Before night he had decided that there was no use trying any longer and had planned a campaign in the Klondike, where he would acquire a fortune or leave his bones to bleach.

Miserable as he was, however, he could not refrain from sliding into his evening clothes that night and attending the ball at the Price's, where he was assured to see the idol of his dreams and his despair.

Hadley appeared at the ball early, easy and confident and proceeded immediately to take possession of Miss Nellie Ross, whom he found as gracious as her note indicated. Hadley knew well how to avail himself of an opportunity and before he had talked to her five minutes she knew that the great question was to be asked and that her answer was to be demanded that night. And she knew what the answer was to be. She was vaguely glad that Will was not there.

It was about midnight, when, after walking through a quadrille with her Hadley decided that the propitious moment had come and turned to lead her to the conservatory. Pale and trembling with excitement, for she, too, saw the moment had arrived, she turned to take his arm.

At this particular time Will Hunter, who had just come into the room, appeared before them in a state of more or less suppressed excitement. He had arrived late and with the instinct of love his eyes had rested at once upon the object of his devotion. With a start he observed that she wore the roses he had sent.

"As you wear my colors I think I may claim a waltz," he said with easy assurance. And before Miss Nell fairly knew what was going she found herself swinging round and round in the clasp of a strong arm.

"Did my roses bring any subtle message with them?" he whispered. "Your roses!" she repeated, puzzled.

"Yes, I see you wear them," he replied in ecstasy, "and I hope they conveyed all I meant them 'to.'"

"You great goose," she said softly, looking up at him with swimming eye. "You know you could not afford

to. Besides, don't you know any better than to sign initials when so many men have the same initials. You deserve."

"Let's go out on the veranda a moment and cool off," and Nell found herself whisked through the French windows onto the broad veranda overlooking the moonlit lawn; and of a sudden it came to her that it mattered not at all about an establishment and relations and position in society and flowers and all other inconsequential things so long as she had the one great thing in the world.

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FINED FOR DISHONEST "AD"

Oregon Merchant Convicted on Charge of Inserting False Advertisement in Newspaper.

The first conviction has just been obtained in Oregon under a law which makes it a misdemeanor to insert false advertisements in the newspapers. There have been attempts in congress and in some legislatures to enact laws providing that leather shall be of hide and cloth, just what it claims to be, but Oregon is, so far as we are aware, the only state where this sort of legislation has reached the statute books.

It appears that the proprietor of a dry goods store in Portland advertised "\$15 all-wool dresses for \$6.95." Portland has a very alert and aggressive branch of the Advertising Clubs of America, and this branch sent out a woman to ascertain if the all-wool dresses were "as advertised." She bought one, submitted it to an expert in wool fabrics and when he reported that the "all-wool" was only 50 per cent, what its claims set forth, the storekeeper was arrested and prosecuted, with the result that he was fined \$40.

There is a lesson in this for the advertiser as well as the purchaser. The first will learn that common honesty demands that his wares shall be exactly as he represents them; the purchaser will be taught to give his trade only to those who are known to meet this reasonable test. If the Oregon idea shall become nation-wide, says the Nashville Tennessean, it will mean a larger bestowal of confidence by the one and an increase of sales by the other. The moral is obvious: Honest advertising pays.

TWO WAYS TO PROSPERITY

Successful Competition Means Wealth but United Boosting of Home Town Also Pays.

There are two ways for a business man to become more prosperous. The first is by active competition among his neighbors. If he is a live one, he realizes to the full the law of life, that he must hustle, or young and brighter men will get ahead of him. He must get out after trade, or he will get out of trade.

But an additional prosperity can be acquired, outside of whatever can be realized as the result of successful competition with your neighbors, by united efforts to make the home town grow. The advance of a whole community brings an accretion to every one who owns real estate or a business, or who has an income dependent on the prosperity of his neighbors.

This increment brings a new prosperity without much effort. As your household grows in value the more houses are built around it, so your business grows more valuable as more people read your advertising or pass your door.

No man is doing his duty by his own business, unless he sets apart a certain modicum of effort to be devoted to measures to make his home town grow.

Any town can be made to grow by systematic and common sense efforts to attract new residents and industries. Communities are like stores, it takes advertising to attract interest and attention.

Often it is not advertising spread broadcast that lands new business. If every community does all it can to help its own young men who have new enterprises to start, it lays the foundation for concerns that will become prosperous and bring people to the town.

A dozen active business men, who have faith in the future of their own town, who will give some time each week to working out plans and taking advantage of opportunities that would otherwise pass unnoticed, can work wonders.

NEWS IN THE ADVERTISING

Test of Effective Publicity—Reduction in Cost of Goods of Supreme Interest to Women.

The test of effective advertising matter is found in the question: "Is it news?" In accordance with this principle, the present is a time when

advertising in these columns is particularly effective.

This is the time of year when things are happening in the retail stores. It is one of the two critical periods of the year's sales. No merchant can forecast six months ahead the currents of trade. He must always buy ahead of his wants. Some of his ventures will go astray, chiefly because he can not forecast popular whims. Consequently, if he is to be a live one through the fall trade, he must clear his shelves and turn goods into cash to pay for more seasonable goods.

The advertising columns of the newspaper tell the story of these doings. They report many bargains sold at prices below their real value, to meet these inevitable conditions of retail trade.

The reader who fails to study the advertising and to follow up the bargain news there reported, is much like the dealer in food stuffs who should fail to read the produce news in the daily papers.

No one can buy intelligently without acquiring information in advance as to what merchants feel the pressure of the season most keenly, are enterprising in keeping their stock fresh, and will make the greatest sacrifices to clean out unseasonable goods.

Fortunately in these high cost of living times few people fail to realize this. To the women particularly, the advertising columns of a home newspaper seem more vital than the story the telegraph brings. The fact that boys' clothing can be had 25 per cent off at a certain store is far more interesting to a housewife than the feverish doings down in far Mexico.

THE PENALTY OF STRIFE.

The scars of strife that deface the visage of industry in Texas should serve as a warning to platform makers against drawing the sword in the present campaign. There is scarcely an important line of industry in Texas that has not been a battle ground of factional strife and many political warriors are now marching up and down the public thoroughfares crying aloud for more blood. If we are going to keep up these industrial struggles our records will soon look like unburied bones.

We are now facing gigantic industrial possibilities and Dame Opportunity is knocking at our door, but if the lady finds us knocking on each other, she may become disgusted and walk away. The Panama Canal will soon be calling upon our railroads for double tracks and our manufacturing plants to increase their capacity. There are our educational and eleemosynary institutions that need consideration. The farmers are demanding better marketing conditions, cheaper money and better transportation service, and it would seem as if these problems are sufficient to engage the attention of all citizens, however able and patriotic, who desire to render a real service to their country.

We ought to cease trying to put our opponents in sackcloth and ashes and adopt the slogan of the Farmers' Union—"Co-operation." Let us lay aside bitterness and strife and turn our attention toward helping each other. The interest of the farmer is universal and he is the most competent citizen we have, and we can afford to clasp hands and follow his lead. Many of our present day statesmen may, under this plan, perish for want of adaptability, but the wise ones have already felt the rush of new life and are leaving the old order of things like men trying to outrun their sins. No country ever has or ever will lead in civilization without co-operation.

We need laborers, not warriors, in the vineyard of industry, and it is little less than a tragedy that many of our leaders look upon our opportunities with as much indifference as a veteran soldier would the plow handles. We have so long taken beligerent views that we face, without duly appreciating, the monumental problems now confronting us. Malice never built a city and hate never made two blades of grass grow where one grew before. Let us have an area of peace and prosperity.

GOOD ROADS IN CALIFORNIA

Pacific Coast State Ranks Next to New York in Making Appropriations for Improvement.

Next to New York, California is doing the big thing in road building. It has 2,300 miles of main routes and 400 miles of laterals, and it is spending its lump appropriation of \$18,000,000, of which it is said, "Approximately 70 per cent, of the burden will

OUR RIVERS AND HARBORS

The Brazos River One of the Most Important Commercial Streams in Texas.

THE opening of the Panama Canal has given a tremendous impetus to gulf port commerce and greatly stimulated interest in water navigation and waterway improvements in Texas. The interoceanic canal now in course of construction connects the Texas rivers forming one of the most gigantic systems of commercial waterways in the world as well as drains a vast area of the most fertile land on the American continent.

Texas has eight large rivers on which steamboats have plied on regular schedules, many of them going as far as two or three hundred miles inland and the restoration and extension of navigable conditions can be secured at a minimum cost. We have ten harbors which have received government recognition and five ports that are regularly made by ocean-going vessels.

The Brazos river is 950 miles in length and waters a valley unexcelled in fertility and in agricultural possibilities and as a commercial stream can be easily improved and cheaply maintained. The government engineers have designated Waco, which is approximately 300 miles from its source, as the head of navigation on the Brazos and the work of improving the river for light draft boats is now under way.

At the mouth of the river is Freeport with a harbor unexcelled in natural advantages by any port on the Atlantic coast and a port where no wharfage or dock charges exist. The sulphur deposits now being actively mined afford an enormous local tonnage. The deposits contain seventeen millions tons of sulphur and machinery is now being installed to develop the field to an output of 300,000 tons per annum.

The vast tonnage of the Brazos valley will empty into this port and the Interoceanic Canal will be a splendid feeder, giving the port an immense outgoing water tonnage. Three of the leading system railroads enter the port and large and extensive terminals are being built where the commerce of the Trans-Mississippi valley can be handled without congestion.

When the Brazos river is made navigable to Waco it will afford a saving of millions of dollars in freight per annum on inbound shipments as well as on originating tonnage and its advantages will be extended far into the interior, benefiting at least a million people.

fall upon the incorporated cities." California communities have the spirit of the times. For instance, Los Angeles county alone spent \$3,500,000 on oil macadam highways.

In Alabama a system of trunk roads from north to south and from east to west has been laid out. Louisiana has spent almost \$10,000,000 in four years. Mississippi counties have declared bond issues of \$600,000, and the state will spend millions in the next three years. Utah spent \$2,000,000 in the past two years. Minnesota is preparing to build 2,700 miles of road next year. Maryland has got its road-building under a rigorous system. Its newest program calls for about \$5,000,000 in two years in the 23 counties. This is the latest expert knowledge.

PRECIOUS METALS IN TEXAS.

Precious and semi-precious metals, consisting of gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc produced in Texas in 1912, had a value of \$269,798, which is \$38,798 more than the output of the previous year. The most important of these minerals is silver, valued at \$249,731, or 93 per cent of the total. The actual production of silver in 1912, compared with that of 1911, shows a decrease of 18,327 ounces in quantity, but an increase in value of \$24,802, due to the increase in price from 53 cents in 1911 to 61 1-2 cents per ounce in 1912.

The first discovery of silver in Texas is said to have been made more than a half century ago, but the first mining recorded by the United States Geological Survey was in 1885, when 169,342 ounces with a value of \$181,196, were produced. Since that date up to the present time, nearly eleven million ounces have been mined, with a commercial value of \$7,372,000.

The value of other precious and semi-precious metals produced in Texas in 1912 is: Zinc, \$16,422; lead, \$2,939; copper, \$119, and gold, \$63.

TEXAS SECOND IN QUICK-SILVER.

More than a million dollars worth of quicksilver was produced in the United States in 1912, according to a recent report of the Geological Survey, and a large portion of the output came from the Texas mines. The principal quicksilver States are California, Texas and Nevada, and they rank in the order mentioned. The Texas output is 3,320 flasks, valued at \$154,413, according to the latest reports.

Prior to the discovery of quick-

silver in Brewster county, California furnished practically the entire output of the United States. With the increased production there has also been an enlargement of its uses and during the past thirteen years the functions of this mineral have practically doubled. The Texas product is consumed mainly in the manufacture of explosive caps, drugs, electric lighting and other scientific apparatus and in the recovery of gold by amalgamation.

An Unfortunate Mix-Up.

Once upon a time a gentleman entered a florist's shop, ordering two bunches of flowers. One was to go to a lady friend and the other was to go to the home of a friend who had just died. On the first he wrote: "To help you bear the heat," the weather being very warm; on the second he inscribed "Sympathy." When the flowers were delivered a mistake was made. The lady received the bunch marked "Sympathy," and immediately answered, asking why she needed his sympathy. He never heard from the other box.

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FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Darsey's Store News.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER.

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Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, Jan. 8, 1914

You Can Always Get High Quality, Moderate Prices
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Start Right

"The distance you go between the rise and the set, always depends on the start you get."

This is an old saying but it is just as true today as it ever was. The person setting out to make a journey and makes all preparations beforehand, will make better progress than the man who waits until he is ready to start before he begins to pack up. And again, the man who is not hampered with setbacks and other difficulties at the beginning, will go farther than the man who is. As this is true with a trip, so it is in anything we set out to undertake. The school boy will go further in his books if he starts out right; merchants will make their means go farther if they start out right; banks will greatly increase their capacity by making a right start; and farmers will make their labors go farther by starting right.

Now is the time to start. Are you, Mr. Farmer, in a position to start the New Year right, that is, in a way that will mean a greater harvest and more money to you next fall? Have you been

preparing for the start in 1914? If you have, you are in a position to meet this year's battle without fear. If you haven't, NOW is the time to start.

There are many ways in which to make a right start. We mention these: Prepare the land for cultivation by using adaptable tools, and buy your goods and supplies where your dollar is worth 100 cents in dependable merchandise.

We offer you our big stock of general merchandise to select your stock from, for our many years record of being headquarters for farming supplies puts us in a better position than any one to know what the people of this country can use to the best advantage. Our matchless store service gives you the opportunity to make your trading a pleasure and your dollars go further.

If you want to do your trading economically; if you want to make your dollars buy more goods and better goods; if you want your money to go further this year than ever before, start right, by spending it with us.

We buy peas, and pay the top market price for eggs, chickens, turkeys, hides, etc.

We have plenty of salt.

If you have peas to sell, see us.

Just received a car of choice Bermuda Hay.

Visit our dress goods department when in town.

We still have a few remnants left. Maybe we have what you want.

You won't have that tired feeling every morning if you sleep on a Rip Van Winkle Mattress. Made in Texas and sold by Darsey.

See or 'phone us when you want fresh groceries. We deliver your orders promptly.

Men; it is not too late for you to get that suit of clothes. We still have some good patterns left that will fit your person and pocket book.

We have just received our big car of Oriole and White Wave flour which was delayed several days enroute. We regret this delay very much, but are in a position to take care of your wants in this line if you want the Best.

Bring us your chickens, turkeys, eggs and get the top price.

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Buck's stoves give perfect satisfaction. Come in and see our line and you will be convinced.

Free sewing machines are insured against loss, which with their many other features, make your buying one a safe investment. Come to our store and have our salesman demonstrate one to you.

Do you need a suit case? We have all kinds in solid and imitation leather at prices that appeal to you.

If your floors are scratched, or your buggy or wagon needs touching up, a can of Acme paint or varnish will make them new again.

It is not too late for you to get that "Million Dollar Look." If you need a suit, coat, overcoat or a pair of pants, come and look through our line of Royal Tailored Samples, they appeal to the taste of good clothes wearers.

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Every housewife will be interested in this wonderful ware and the attractive prices we are making on it. We now have on display a complete line and invite you to call at our store and see this display. Commence now to acquire a complete set of this beautiful everlasting ware, and you will be surprised how easy it is. We have added this line of

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