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"Don't Rush"



No, don't rush in buying your bill of **SHOES**

Until you have seen our line, for if you do you will regret doing so.

We are in a position to show you shoes of merit, quality and comfort, and at prices that are lower than the lowest. **QUALITY** first, then snappy styles that are pleasing to the eye as well as comfortable to your feet.

When you need shoes just think of Kennedy Bros. and then you'll know where to buy good shoes at lowest prices.

Winter isn't over.

You must not think winter is over because we have had a few warm days, for it isn't.

See us for Sweaters, Wool Shirts, Men's Suits, Overcoats, Ladies' Coats and Coat Suits, plenty of Blankets and Comforts, Wool Dress Goods, Trimmings, Ruchings, in fact, we are in a position to serve you well at this season of the year.

See us and save your money for we will sell you goods closer than anyone.

Kennedy Brothers
The Store for Everybody

WAREHOUSE BILL EXPLAINED

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Farmers' Union of Texas closed its meeting here today. About 1,000 delegates were present from over the State and much interest was manifested in the called session. The two days meeting was devoted principally to the Ousley-Williams warehouse bill, and the visitors were attentive listeners while Clarence Ousley thoroughly defined this subject. He said, in part, the bill provided for a state warehouse commission for the purpose of organizing a warehouse system in Texas under the supervision of the State. The bill prescribes for the sampling of cotton at gins and also that the gin sample shall be graded by a state officer of a bonded warehouse. The purpose of these provisions are to prevent the cutting of bales after being wrapped. The warehouse cooperations are to be composed of at least 60 per cent of farmers and stock raisers and are to be financed by the subscription of one-half the capital required. The bill included numerous other provisions of vital importance to the farmer. Among the prominent Farmers' Union officials attending this convention were Messrs. C. S. Barrett and A. C. Davis, of Atlanta, Ga., who are connected with the National organization of farmers.

School Honor Roll

Honor Roll for month ending January 16.

1st Grade: Mayo Murchison.
2nd Grade: None.
3rd Grade: Dimple Cromwell, Zelda Herod, Nat Sadler.
4th Grade: Louise Selkirk, Ava Skidmore.
5th Grade: Bess Howard, Eva Gene Murchison.
6th Grade: Adabel Leaverton.
7th Grade: Adelaide Selkirk, Mable Boykin and Jesse Willis.
8th Grade: Adela Duitch, Prewitt Dubose and Arwine Skidmore.
9th Grade: Clinton Parker, Robert Sadler and Jim Asa Bynum.
10th Grade: Lura Mae Owens, Winnie Davis, Murdock Murchison.

Irregulars: Ben Keen, Audrey Campbell, Annie Lois Taylor, Preston Morrison.

Card of Thanks

We take this means of publicly thanking those good people of Grapeland who were so kind and attentive to us during the long siege of sickness in our family. Your many acts of kindness are appreciated more than we have words to express, and your watchful attention was instrumental in nursing our sick back to good health. With hearts full of gratitude we thank you for it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Haltom.
(Advertisement.)

Just received a big line of men's low quarters, Howard & Foster shoes. Come in and take a look.

Adv. Traylor Bros.

NEWS ITEMS FROM ANTRIM

Jan. 18.—Since our last letter we have had some of the most beautiful weather any man ever saw in this part of the moral vineyard, if you will allow us the privilege of calling it a moral vineyard.

We are of the opinion that the mudhole that James R. saw, or at least reported seeing, that rode the good road down, has dried up and nobody will probably know in a hundred years that the mudhole was there at all.

People are very busy turning land and preparing in a general way to make some more high priced cotton to fatten the good old speculator's wallet.

It cannot be said that the farmer is not a broad gauged, liberal hearted fellow. He works twelve months in a year and goes through many hardships, not only himself, but his wife and children are very often deprived of many of the necessities of life, while he fails to make a crop, and as soon as he gathers it, every fellow on the road from his farm (if he is fortunate enough to own one) to the factory has to have part of the product of his labor. And to show you how liberal he is, he is generally willing to divide without so much as making a protest at our present method of marketing. Now, I know that I am in deepwater, but I can swim some, although I'm no whale. But there is a thought I want to leave with you and that is this: If the U. S. Congress and the President of these United States and the legislatures of the several different states were to set themselves friendly to the task of finding a way whereby the farmer could market his crops without so much cost and loss to him, and dissatisfaction that always accompany such things as depressions and fluctuations in the market, and also a way of cheap financing for the farmer so that he could borrow money direct from the government at a rate of interest that would pay the operating and clerical expenses of such banks, then we would have made some history that we would be proud to point back to and say, "we helped to solve it."

Now some fellow may want to take issue with me on this subject and say I am wanting the government to operate a chain of banks for the people at such a low rate of interest that the private banks could not exist. To such a one I want to say that if they cannot exist and do business upon the merits of help they afford, then they ought to go out of business, and a government that is a friend to the laboring people should not stand behind them and protect them to the extent that people are forced to pay ten percent for money when the government could operate banks and lend it to the people for less than half of the amount they now pay. Good people, did you ever stop to think that you are the being upon which all these parasites of the commercial world feed? I know that we are slowly

Due to Arrive **25th**
About January the...

THE LARGEST **BUGGIES** I HAVE EVER HANDLED
CAR OF

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT--BUY A NEW BUGGY from me

PLOWS! .. PLOWS!

If you have never bought your plows from me, try me this year and see how much longer the plow will last. I TEMPER and SHARPEN all my PLOWS. I also have the old fashion **GUICE HARROW**—the best harrow on the market. The teeth are **GUARANTEED NOT TO BREAK**. If they do you **GET A NEW ONE FREE**.

Thanking one and all for the business you have given me in the past, and wishing all a prosperous new year, I am,
Yours truly,

.....**A. B. GUICE**.....
BLACKSMITH SHOP



THE
LITTLE
HOUSE
WIFE

and all other shrewd buyers find our store the trading center of Grapeland.

There's a reason. Ours is the store of "Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business."

One visit will convince you and assure us of a continuance of your patronage.

W. R. Wherry.

awakening and now another election is drawing near and a big bunch of fellows are out for governor. Some are bankers, some lawyers, and first one thing and then another, and so far none of them have said anything about getting laws through the legislature that will materially benefit the man behind the plow. They talk about our institutions of learning needing attention, the railroads and such things, and that is something we are not very well acquainted with, so we don't know any more when they finish than when they begin.

We want to hear something about the farmer and some plans for his betterment, and then the big things like the dollars will take care of themselves.

Rev. W. D. Andrews preached Sunday and Sunday night to a very attentive audience. He is preaching a series of sermons on the origin and institution of the church.

I am going to ask the readers

one question and then I will ring off, as I have not time and space to give any news.

How many that read this believe that when Christ said in Matt. 16-18, that he would build his church that he done what he said he would do, and if he told the truth, (and he could not lie) then what are these institutions that have been founded in the 18th. century? This is food for thought.

ANTRIMITE.

Junior League Program

Subject.
Leader—Balis Edens.
Opening Song by League.
Prayer.
Reading by Loreta Sadler.
Song—Alta Kershner, Mary Lou Darsey and Carrie Spence.
Recitation—Mildred Haltom.
Reading—Rena Ross Richards Roll called.
Business session.
Closing song.
Benediction.

CROCKETT IMPROVEMENTS

Crockett, Tex., Jan. 17.—The three story brick building being erected by J. W. Young on the east side of the square and Public Avenue will be completed within thirty days and will be occupied by the DeCuir-Bishop Drug Company.

Colonel W. B. Page is having his three brick buildings on the east side of the square remodeled with modern fronts.

Contracts have been let by the owners of three other buildings on the east side to remodel the fronts.

The sidewalk on that side is to be torn out and made wider and uniform from one end of the block to the other.

The government has purchased a lot from R. E. McConnell on the corner of Washington and Main Streets for a postoffice site. The consideration was \$7,000, \$1,000 of that amount being contributed by citizens.

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.

Vendor's Lien Renewal

The last legislature passed a law making it necessary for the execution of a written instrument in cases where vendor's lien notes are not paid at maturity, but are extended. If you are holding notes which you expect to extend, better look into the matter, and see that the necessary papers are signed. We carry in stock extension and renewal blanks.

THE MESSENGER.

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.

Legal Blanks

The Messenger carries a supply of legal blanks and can furnish you with

- Notes
- Mortgages
- Vendor's Lien Notes
- Release Deeds
- Warranty Deeds
- Bill of Sales
- Transfer of Vendor's Lien Notes
- Extension of Vendor's Lien Notes

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)

WANTS TO BE CLERK AGAIN

The first man to publicly announce for a county office is O. C. Goodwin, who aspires to continue in the capacity of County Clerk. In a letter to this paper Mr. Goodwin says: "I want to be County Clerk again. Enclosed find \$5.00 for which I wish you would tell the people about it through your paper." Now, there is nothing plainer than that Mr. Goodwin is in the race to the finish, and his candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic primary July 25th. We have heard vague rumors that Mr. Goodwin will have opposition to his re-election, but we do not know it to be a fact, and whoever tries to wrest the office from him will find they have a job on their hands. Mr. Goodwin has made a faithful officer, he has been true to the trust placed in his hands by the people, and should they, in the approaching election, demand of him that he relinquish his commission, will find it untarnished, and that the records of the office have been well kept. It will be remembered that the finance committee, which unearthed so many irregularities in the affairs of the commissioners court, exonerated Mr. Goodwin and complimented him highly on his well kept records.

We commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

PALESTINE IS VICTORIOUS

Rusk, Texas, Jan. 17.—The International & Great Northern shop removal case, which has been on trial in the district court for the last two weeks, resulted in a verdict for Palestine, and the effect of the verdict will be the retention of the shops and roundhouse at Palestine.

If the case is affirmed by the higher courts it will result in compelling the road to move the general offices back to Palestine from Houston.

PALESTINE CELEBRATES THE VICTORY

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 17.—Palestine this afternoon at 2 o'clock was the scene of one of the greatest demonstrations ever witnessed here when the attorneys representing this county and county witnesses returned over the State Road from Rusk, where a verdict was rendered giving Palestine the International & Great Northern general offices.

Nearly all the stores closed and when the train pulled into the station, fire, school and church bells began ringing and many shrill whistles began to blow. A great number of people and the band met the train and escorted the attorneys and witnesses in a big parade to the Bungalow, where it is estimated five thousand people gathered to hear addresses. Speeches were made by attorneys T. B. and A. G. Greenwood, City Attorney W. C. Campbell, R. C. Sewell, Col. George A. Wright and Judge N. B. Morris, who was one of the attorneys for the railroad.

The next hearing of the case will be at Beaumont Jan. 28, when attorneys for Palestine will seek to have a writ of mandamus issued that will compel the offices to be brought back to Palestine immediately.

COST SALE!

This Sale Begins Saturday, January 24th

To the Trading Public:

Owing to very short collections last year we find ourselves behind with our creditors. In order to meet these obligations we propose to put on an

Absolutely Cost Sale

on all merchandise in our stock, consisting of Dry Goods, Men's Furnishings, Shoes, Hats, Groceries.

This is done in order to raise the cash quickly and will continue until we announce to the contrary

Now is the time to stock up on your needs at wholesale cost. Come in and get prices on anything we have before you buy and if we can't save you money, then buy where you can buy the cheapest.

We want the buying public to consider this a genuine, honest offer and only ask you to call and price our goods.

Our Necessity is Your Opportunity!

We prefer to raise the money in this way than borrowing it. Remember-- NOTHING CHARGED at these prices. Every purchase SPOT CASH.

Again asking you to call and investigate, we are, yours truly,

J. N. PARKER

IN WOODARD BUILDING, SOUTH GRAPELAND

National Editorial Association

The executive committee of the National Editorial Association has announced that the twenty-eighth annual meeting of that organization will be held at Houston, April, 23rd to 25th. This is the third time the Lone Star State has been selected as a meeting place by this body, and all Texas appreciates the compliment. The membership of this association constitutes men and women engaged in all phases of newspaper work and delegates from every state will be in attendance at the Houston session. The convention will be an experience meeting, where accounts of success in all lines of journalistic endeavor will be related. Copy writers, made wise by experience and graduates from the school of practical knowledge will discuss the numerous problems of the nation's press. The program includes addresses by some of the most prominent pen wielders of the continent, and their sayings will be of inestimable value, not only to all followers of the profession, but to every Texas citizen, as well.

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.)

Community Co-Operation

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Is your community everything that you wish it? Is your school efficient in building and equipment and its work satisfactory? Is your church doing its fullest measure for the moral welfare of your family and your neighbors? Have you as good roads as you want? Are the streets and sidewalks and other conveniences of your town all that your needs and comfort demand? In other words, does your community afford you and yours ideal environment in which to live?

Communities are made by individuals and families of more or less common ideals and common interests coming together in one locality to live. When the community is young every man is for himself, every family is self-centered, in the struggle to become established. There is little community effort beyond the starting of an elementary school or the founding of a primitive church. When mater-

ial competence is reached by a big part of the population and they have the means of living comfortably at home, then they begin to give more thought to getting conveniences and necessities that the whole community may enjoy. This thought crystallizes around the community school, the church, the roads, and, if it is a growing town, sidewalks, water supply, fire protection, sewage disposal and so on.

Right here is where community co-operation is needed in earnest and must prevail or there will be little satisfactory progress. Public improvements are a public work and must be accomplished by the public, and the public cannot do work with every man independent, both in thought and plan and in action. Those communities are best equipped for satisfied living on the part of their people where the spirit of genuine, active co-operation prevails most.

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.

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

Just Received:

We invite your attention to the fact that we have just received one of the newest and most complete assortments of

COLGATE'S TOILET PREPARATIONS

to be found in the city, which are guaranteed to give satisfaction to the most particular users of toilet goods. Call at our store and allow us to show you the complete assortment.

Porter's Drug Store

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of the
Quality
Kind

LET US KNOW YOUR
PRINTING WANTS

WE'LL EXECUTE THEM IN A
SATISFACTORY MANNER
AND QUICKLY

The Messenger

FOR KIDNEY AILMENTS

Pains in the Back or disturbances in the Urinary Organs, there is no remedy more powerful and effective than

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an exceptionally fine restorative for ailing kidneys. Inflammation of the kidneys, Bright's Disease in the early stage, Diabetes, and all irregularities in the urinary organs yield to its great tonic and renovating influence. Weak, nervous people who suffer from pains in the back, too frequent calls to pass urine, torpid liver or constipated bowels, need this admirable cleansing stimulant because it contains the necessary medicinal properties for correcting these debilitating diseases.

Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle

Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

A. S. PORTER, SPECIAL AGENT

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY
ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

I. N. Whitaker

**WATCHMAKER and
PHOTOGRAPHER**

You will find me at my office in Grapeland every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

I repair watches, clocks, guns and sewing machines.

BILLY'S LAMP SHADE

By LOUISE OLIVER.

May 10th—I am dreadfully unhappy. I cannot really tell whether it is because Billy and I have quarreled or because I am disappointed in Billy. If he did not respect my judgment, why did he ask me to go with him to buy a lamp. The one he wanted was atrocious. It had big brass roses all around the base and the shade was covered with red and purple grapes. There was a very pretty one that I wanted him to buy, with a plain dull brass standard and a dome-shaped shade of green and amber glass.

May 12—I was too unhappy to write yesterday. I sent Billy his ring and then cried all day. I just had to do it. If he doesn't think I know how to buy anything and intends to laugh at whatever I select, I can imagine myself going out with him to buy furniture for our bungalow.

May 14—I haven't heard from Billy. I cannot understand him at all. He has always shown deference to my judgment before. Just a week ago today he complimented me on two gowns that came from Mme. Starr's.

May 15—Very busy. We are packing to go to the country. Not a line from Billy. He hasn't even phoned. It is very queer for him to keep the ring and never ask me if I really meant it.

May 16—Mother and the trunks and servants are gone. I am alone in the city house. Am waiting until the evening train to go with dad.

May 20—The country is lonesome. Not half so pretty as last year. And the house looks bare and empty.

May 23—Went to the postoffice this morning, and coming home I got sick. The sun was hot and I guess I walked too fast.

Just as I reached the little white farm house—the first one beyond ours on the road to the village—I got dizzy and I guess I fainted. When I came too, I was in the parlor of the little house with the nicest, dearest, coziest little country woman fussing over me.

She gave me elderberry wine and made me lie still on the most comfortable red plush sofa.

Then she told me all about herself and "Pappy." How he had been gardener and she had been cook at the same place for years and years, until the old mistress died and the home was broken up. They had loved each other for a long time, but let the years slide along as some people do without taking things into their own hands. When the old lady died they decided to get married and buy a little farm with their savings. So "Pappy" is not really pappy at all. There are just the two of them. But she says the son of their old mistress is very good to them and comes often to visit. I was very much interested.

When I felt better Pappy drove me home in the wagon.

May 25—I stop in the little farm house every day. Molly and Pappy are darlings. And their house is so cozy with its bright-colored wallpapers and curtains and carpets.

"Don't you have a lamp for your parlor table, Molly?" I asked.

"No, honey," she said; "not yet. It takes time to get everything, you see."

"How would you like one with grapes on?" I asked impulsively.

"Oh, wouldn't it be grand, though, honey! I'd be so proud and stuck up I wouldn't be speakin' to any one. Me with a grape shade lamp and a morning glory phonograph!"

May 26—Oh! I don't know what to write first or how to say it all. There is so much to—but there I will try to get it all down in order.

I got up early and went into town with dad and went straight to Morley's china store, where Billy and I went two weeks ago—it seems like two years! The lamp with the grapes was still there, but was marked "Sold."

But the salesman said he would see if they had a duplicate in stock. Sure enough they had, so I paid for it and had it sent out by express.

I did some shopping in town and came home on the 4 o'clock train. On my way from the station I met Pappy and asked him to bring the box. Then I stopped in to congratulate Molly. (I forgot to say it was their anniversary.) She wouldn't let me go till she made me a cup of tea.

Then Pappy drove up to the gate with Billy. And they lifted two boxes out of the wagon instead of one.

Billy was so surprised to see me he waited until Molly had introduced us

before he spoke to me at all. She called him "her boy," and he kissed her on both cheeks, told her she was prettier than ever, and said he'd brought her an anniversary present.

So Pappy unpacked the boxes and out came two lamps exactly alike—all covered with grapes and brass roses. I began to cry, and Billy seemed to understand it all in an instant. He is a darling. He just folded me in his arms and kissed me and said he was glad I didn't mean it, and reached in his pocket for my ring. He didn't pay any attention to Molly and Pappy.

TEXANS HEAVY TOBACCO USERS

Tobacco raising in Texas is still in an experimental stage. Experts of the Federal Government claim that there are 500,000 acres of land in East Texas suitable for tobacco culture, but according to the latest reports of the United States Department of Agriculture, only 200 acres are planted to this product. The production in 1912 was 140,000 pounds, which had a value of \$24,000.

Texans, as a rule, are heavy users of tobacco and last year spent for this weed two and one-half million dollars, practically all of which went outside the State. We consume more than 100 times as much tobacco as we produce, and statistics show that the demand is ever increasing, while the production at the present time is less than that of 10 years ago.

The manufacture of snuff, chewing and smoking tobacco is limited in Texas, although cigarmaking has developed into an important industry. The latest Federal Census Reports show 67 cigar factories operating in this State, employing 500 persons and turning out products valued at \$509,000 annually. Nearly a half million dollars is invested in this line of industry and the yearly payroll of the employes amounts to \$160,000.

Cigars made in Texas, from Texas raised tobacco have become popular among smokers everywhere, and although the supply is limited, they find a ready market in all parts of the country. Practically all of the tobacco grown in this State is made into cigars of fine quality. Raw material consumed by the Texas factories is grown principally in Cuba, Kentucky, North Carolina and Virginia.

The cultivation and use of tobacco are of such antiquity that authentic history does not record their origin. The claim of certain European and Asiatic countries to an acquaintance with the plant prior to the discovery of America by Columbus is not supported by accepted history nor satisfactorily demonstrated by the researches of the antiquarian. It is generally accepted that tobacco is indigenous to the Western Hemisphere and that the aborigines practiced its cultivation and use from remotest times, and spread their knowledge to the rest of the world. It is not definitely known when the first tobacco was planted in Texas, but its first propagation on a commercial scale was attempted in Nacogoches county during the past decade.

Value of Talk.

Talk has the reputation of being the cheapest thing there is. As supply and demand have something if not all to do with values, doubtless the supply of talk is what gives it a bargain counter value.

Things that are cheap lack enduring quality.

If talk were confined to the things done more than to the thing said, it would have a greater value.

Some one asked Edison if he experienced much inconvenience on account of his deafness. He replied that he thanked God for it every day, since it protected him from the distracting effect of other people's talk. He could thus live his own life, think his own thoughts, do his own work in his world of silence.

Finger Prints of Babies.

At Spokane, the finger prints of all newly-born children are taken upon the certificate of birth. By this means, the identity of a citizen can be traced from the cradle to the grave. If that method were resorted to at founding asylums, when unfortunate mothers leave their babies, there would always remain a means of identification. A recent case has called attention to this class of human grime.

A Suggestion.

"Are electric wires quick-tempered steel?"

"Why do you ask that?"

"Because it seems so dangerous to cross them."

PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT

Galveston Daily and Semi-Weekly Farm News.
Houston Daily Post and Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.
RENEW WITH US

ADVERTISING RATES:

Regular ads, 8 inches and over per inch----- 12 1-2c

Under 8 inches, per inch-- 15c

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LIVER BUTTONS FROM HOT SPRINGS, ARK.

Daily Liver and Stool Remedies Quickly Put in Prime Condition.

When the best physicians in the world's greatest health resort don't

bother to write prescriptions, but just say "Get a box of Hot Springs Liver Buttons for your bowels and liver," then all who suffer ought to know enough to get out Calomel, and get a box to-day. They surely put your liver and bowels in regular working order—25 cents.



A S PORTER

WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE

FOR CHILDREN.

It destroys worms and parasites, strengthens the stomach and bowels, and quickly restores health, vigor and cheerful spirits.

Price 25c per Bottle.

Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

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A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

Caskey and Denson Barbers

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

Dr. Sam Kennedy

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office in Leaverton's Drug Store
Main Street

For Sale

Two desirable corner lots in Sycamore Addition. Three new residences have been completed near them. For price and terms apply to JNO. R. OWENS.

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.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Is The Remedy That Does the Work.

It relieves coughing immediately, eases soreness in the lungs, loosens phlegm and clears the bronchial tubes. It is a fine family remedy, pleasant to take and good for children and adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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.

James F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.
Stephens Eye Salve Cures Sore Eyes.

A. S. PORTER

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. B. LUKER, Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

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

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2.50 per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE	
1 YEAR.....	\$1.00
6 MONTHS---	.50
3 MONTHS---	.25

Phones—Farmers Union System
Office.....27
Residence.....67

THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 1914

After being kicked around for a long time, the postoffice has at last found a respectable home in the Howard brick building on South Main Street.

F. M. Littlepage has been succeeded by Emmet W. Smith as editor of the Nacogdoches Sentinel. Mr. Littlepage goes to Bowie, Texas, where he has purchased a newspaper.

In our neighboring counties, we notice candidates are getting thick, and some of the papers carry a string of announcements almost as long as our arm. What we want to know is, who is going to run for office in Houston county?

The Messenger is indebted to the Galveston News for a copy of the 1914 Texas Almanac. It is a complete compendium of Texas statistics and a very valuable book to have around a newspaper office, as well as good for every citizen to read and study.

The little town of Bronson, over in Sabine county, suffered a severe fire one night last week, causing a damage of about \$150,000. Chireno, over in Nacogdoches county, was almost wiped off the map on the night of December 31. Grapeland knows how to sympathize with both of them.

The Messenger is in favor of some plan that will systematize the cleaning of this town. Cleaning up days will not solve the problem. The town needs a general cleaning—in every nook and corner, then after this is done, it would not be much trouble or cost much to keep it that way.

The government spends millions of dollars every year in trying to make streams navigable that wouldn't float a chunk when the stream was on a rise. The money is absolutely wasted. Why don't the government abolish such a practice and engage in a system of road building? The people would then derive some benefit from the money that is now thrown away.

Sam Sparks has announced for governor, making the fourteenth man to offer for the place. Mr. Sparks says he believes he is the Moses to lead the people out of their present political bondage and unite the warring factions in the democratic party. Mr. Sparks is ex-sheriff of Bell

How Does Genius Differ From Talent?

By GEORGE JAY SMITH

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There have been great poets who filed and polished their lines, writing and rewriting. Tennyson did a good deal of revising for later editions, and probably most poets of limited output, such as Poe and Coleridge and Gray, have labored over every line. Somehow we feel that, so far from being a capacity for hard work, genius does its most felicitous and perfect things lightly and with ease.

Is the difference between talent and genius one of kind or merely of degree? The achievements of the human spirit at its highest are so far beyond the power of mankind in general that men are prone to think of genius as something from above, something more than human, supernatural. Hence we hear talk of "inspiration," of "the divine afflatus." Even your dictionary will have recourse to some such phraseology, saying that genius reaches its end "by a kind of intuitive power."

But of course genius differs from talent, or wisdom, or ability, or cleverness, only in degree. There can be nothing supernatural about it, because nothing in the world is supernatural. But that is not to say that everything is explainable. In the last analysis nothing is explainable!—why gold is yellow, why frost forms crystals, why flowers bloom, why caterpillars turn into butterflies or girls into women—all we can say is these things are true, there's no doubt about them, and—how wonderful and final and beyond inquiry they are!

So it is with genius. This supreme phase of what we call mind is of course more capable, more admirable, more rare, but not a whit more mysterious and inexplicable than the fact that a boy can learn his multiplication tables or the fact that a man can reason. All we know is that mind, mental ability in its various degrees, does inhere in man; but whoever presses the question as to what mind, or talent, or genius is, can only be answered after the fashion of the word play: "What is matter? Never mind. What is mind? No matter."

It may be that usually genius, like the pinnacle of a mountain, is somewhat narrow, it is more likely to specialize and be peculiar than is talent, for example. The latter implies general mental power that is capable of being molded or directed into various lines of employment. But genius is not (as a rule) so adaptable. A Da Vinci and an Angelo, great in several directions, are exceptions among geniuses. Usually the genius can do one kind of work supremely well—always imaginative or creative work. He is no Jack of all trades, as the man of talent can so readily be.

The essence of the genius is not, however, in a merely technical or superficial excellence. It is in nothing less than his personality, his greatness as an individual. This quality of personal force—quite beyond imitation, unique, absolute, unmistakable, undeniable—permeates all he produces and gives it his stamp or hall-mark.

The great genius appears but seldom in our world. When he comes he is the Awakener and the Answerer. As Whitman puts it—

"The singers are welcomed, understood, appear often enough, but rare has the day been, likewise the spot, of the birth of the maker of poems, the Answerer."

When he appears, blessed are they who have the grace to know him for what he is.

That genius is a "capacity for hard work" has long since gained place as a favorite bromidium. Notwithstanding which, we have Ben Jonson's word for it that Shakespeare's manuscripts showed scarcely a blot or the erasure of a line. ("Would he had blotted a thousand!" exclaimed Ben piously, or enviously; whereat the world has grinned.) As for Byron, he is on record as saying, "I can't correct, and I won't;" so we probably have his poems as they came white-hot from his brain.

county, ex-treasurer of Texas, and, after next July, he will be an ex-candidate for governor. Incidentally, that makes two candidates for the office from Bell county, and it looks like to us that Houston county could afford one.

An exchange remarks: "Abraham Lincoln never said 'hello central,' never dodged an automobile, never held to a strap in a trolley car, never pushed a button for a light, never heard a phonograph and never posed for a motion picture, and Lincoln died only forty years ago." A pretty good evidence that time flies. What will take place in the commercial world forty years hence? Taking the achievements of the past as a criterion for the future we will "go some."

You have heard of people who say that advertising doesn't pay, or they do not believe in advertising, but you always feel sorry for the individual who thus throws to the wind the greatest force in sales building today because he disbelieves. Usually such statements are made by men who have never advertised and have not tasted the victory of having people or orders brought to their business places by the printed word. Some men get rash and spend an entire appropriation of five dollars all at one time, and then, when they fail to become rich, they dis-

card advertising as a play-thing for the wealthy and go back to the "waiting for something to happen" game and to ultimate oblivion.

The Houston Chronicle is publishing "Going-to-Church Coupons." They are to be filled out, stating that the party signing will on a certain Sunday attend some church. Why not pledge them to go every Sunday—Hurlingen Star.

That would be "too" much church" for the average Houstonite. Have to give it to them in broken doses to get them used to the unusual performance.

Society Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Will Musick entertained quite a large crowd of young people at their home Tuesday evening in honor of their friend from Rice, Texas, Mr. John D. Spencer. The evening was very pleasantly spent in "Forty-two," "Chasing the Buffalo," etc., and the guests departed at a late hour, after having enjoyed delightful refreshments in the way of nuts, fruits, etc. Such delightful evenings as those spent in Mr. and Mrs. Musick's home come very few and far between, and the "bunch" is anxiously awaiting another invitation.

Let us show you our new Georgia stocks, the kind that are easy to hold.
Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Book-keeping
and
Penmanship.

The Palestine Business College

Will Begin its Next Term

Monday, January 5th

A good position awaits every boy or girl who will come and take any two of our courses. The demand for our graduates is so great that we now guarantee positions to all who complete in a satisfactory manner the courses prescribed. Write today for new catalog. It is full of fine pen work and useful information. Address—

PALESTINE BUSINESS COLLEGE
PALESTINE, TEXAS

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

Car Chops, Bran and Oats to arrive this week; also a car of Wolf City Flour and Meal—you know what Bob White is. See me for your feed and groceries, and remember quality is the thing

T. S. KENT

QUALITY IS THE THING

NEWS FROM NEW PROSPECT

Jan. 18.—We are all preparing for another crop. Plows are running, brush is burning and everything is moving along nicely. The weather is as pleasant as in early spring. It makes us want to plant gardens, and dig in old mother earth. We are sure glad to see such pretty weather, as it gives us a chance to work.

News is very scarce this week. Miss Ethel Clewis has returned home.

Mesdames. Hudson, Brown and Garrard visited Mrs. Bud Brown last Sunday.

We made a mistake in our last letter. We said Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith visited Mrs. Z. H. Parker, but we should have said Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Ritchey.

Mrs. Mat Hudson visited Mrs. Z. A. Parker last Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Herod visited in Oak Grove community today today.

The commissioner is at work on the road, and it is high time, as in places it is lost in a mud hole. Our road is in worse fix than we ever saw it.

The young folks were entertained with a party at Mr. Tucker Herod's last Saturday night. Every one reports a fine time. Mrs. Ezra Garrard spent the

week end with her brothers, Bud and Oscar Brown last week. It is reported that Mr. W. F. Hopper, who formerly lived here, here, but removed to New Mexico several years ago, has returned here to live. We are glad to have him back with us again. ALMA MATER.

A petition signed by practically all of the business men and a large number of the patrons of the Grapeland post-office has been forwarded to the postmaster general and Congressman Gregg at Washington City asking for a primary to select a postmaster for this office. It has been nearly a year since Mr. Hill resigned, but the department has not yet appointed a man to take his place permanently. It is to be hoped that those in authority will grant this request, so the people here can select a postmaster that will be acceptable to all, and do away with any outside influence that has been brought to bear upon the candidacy of some of the applicants.

Peas Wanted At Once

I will pay you \$1.50 per 100 for your peas in the hull, and would be glad to buy all you have to sell in the next few days, as I want to thrash out and ship what I have. See me TODAY about your peas.
Adv. J. W. HOWARD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th, 1914:

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin (Re-election)

For Sheriff:

R J (Bob) Spence

LOCAL NEWS

Kelley walking plows at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

We keep the price down. Adv. Traylor Bros.

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

Bring us your peas. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

We are in position to save you money on your bill. Adv. Traylor Bros.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Trigg.

Don't fail to take advantage of the COST SALE at J. N. Parker's. Adv.

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

Don't forget we have any kind of a plow tool that a farmer needs. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Rev. W. N. Warlick of Holly was mingling with his Grapeland friends Saturday.

Get our special prices on groceries. Adv. Traylor Bros.

We pay \$1.75 per bushel for peas. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement.)

Clyde Davis of Nome is here spending the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Davis.

H. S. Harrison has recently moved from the Percilla community to the Stevens farm on Trinity river.

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

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

Our big COST SALE begins Saturday, Jan. 24. See ad elsewhere in this issue. Get prices before you buy. Adv. J. N. Parker.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

"Pig Slats" For Sale

Phone the City Market for anything in the meat line. We deliver quick and give satisfaction. Farmers' Union phone. (Advertisement.)

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.

Chops, bran and hay at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Bob Scarbrough spent Sunday in Palestine.

See The Messenger for all kinds of legal blanks.

Bring us your chickens and eggs. Kennedy Bros. (Advertisement.)

Come to our store and save money on your next bill. Adv. Traylor Bros.

George Scarbrough was down from Palestine last Friday looking after business matters.

Stalk cutters, something that every farmer needs at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Get our prices on flour and feed. We can save you money. Adv. Traylor Bros.

J. D. Spencer of Rice, Texas, is here spending the week with his friend, Will Musick.

Points and land sides to fit all sizes of Kelly plows at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Bring us your produce. We will give you the highest price. Adv. Traylor Bros.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVELY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

Steel and wooden beam middle busters, all sizes, at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

John Tyer of Dodge was in Grapeland a few days this week looking after business matters and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

Fresh car of flour and feed just arrived, on which we can save you money. Adv. Traylor Bros.

Wood For Sale

I have some 2-foot wood, stove wood and heater wood for sale. See me for prices. Adv. Ben Brooks.

For Rent

A good farm 4 miles west of town; about 75 acres; will rent all or part. For particulars see, A. B. Spence, Adv. Grapeland, Texas.

Arthur Holcomb, constable at Augusta, was here Tuesday, leaving on the noon train for Hearne after a negro wanted at Augusta for a minor charge.

The work on Dr. C. L. Cromwell's new residence in the east part of town is progressing rapidly and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Dr. Cromwell will be in his office only three days in the week after Monday, the 19th, until further notice. Office days—Thursday, Friday and Saturday. (Advertisement.)

Constipation leads to liver trouble, and torpid liver to Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a certain cure at any stage of the disorder. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

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.

Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank

At Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business, on the 13th day of Jan., 1914, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 22nd, day of Jan. 1914:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$44,365 82
Loans, real estate	4,625 00
Overdrafts	347 40
Bonds and Stocks	80 00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents	\$14,010 35
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check	96 07 14,106 42
Cash Items	216 13
Currency	3,779 00
Specie	3,178 40 7,173 53
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	857 73
Other resources as follows: Collections	332 81
Total	\$76,871 74
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	10,500 00
Undivided Profits	1,710 81
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check	000 00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	46,694 39
Time Certificates of Deposit	2,701 94
Cashier's Checks	214 60
Bills Payable and discounts	000 00
Dividend Unpaid	50 00
Total	\$ 76,871 74

State of Texas, } ss
County of Houston, }

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

W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid. J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.

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

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.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery, who has been here several weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Spence, returned to her home in Shreveport, La., Saturday night.

The Messenger man met up with A. S. McLeod of Augusta, who was here on business Saturday. Mr. McLeod was a resident of Grapeland about seven years ago, and since that time has been living near Alto. He has recently moved to Augusta to make his home.

Joe N. Miller, who lives just across the line in Anderson county between here and Elkhart, was in Grapeland Saturday, bringing in his last bale of cotton of the 1913 crop. Mr. Miller called at the Messenger office and left the editor a mess of fall Irish potatoes, which he had just harvested. They were very large and a fine specimen. About sixteen bushels were harvested from a fourth of an acre.

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



MONEY placed in the bank is secure, and provides against want, degradation and loss of social position. In no other way can you secure an INDEMNITY AGAINST THE RIGORS OF TIME.



FARMERS & MERCHANTS State Bank

GRAPELAND, TEXAS

We Deliver the Goods

We Deliver the Goods

The Cash Grocery Co. THE FANCY GROCERY HOUSE

We keep what you want. Phone us your orders and get your goods when you want them.

SPECIAL PRICES on

Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Pure Corn Chops, Mill Run Bran and Wheat Shorts.

Give us a trial. We can save you money.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup in 5 and 10 gallon kegs

R. B. Edens accosted the editor Saturday and severely arraigned him (in a friendly way, of course) for using his name in connection with the Farmers' Union "pow-wow" in Ft. Worth last week. It was the word "pow-wow" Mr. Edens objected to, thinking perhaps that some people would construe it to mean of a political nature. This meeting of the Farmers' Union was for the purpose of discussing the Warehouse bill, and while it was political in its nature, yet it was non-partisan, and the one thousand delegates in attendance manifested much interest in it. We publish an account of the meeting elsewhere in this issue.

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.)

In order to renew and extend the payment of vendors' lien notes that are running out of date the last legislature enacted a law requiring that same be done on regular form, in writing and signed and acknowledged before a notary public. To meet the requirements of this new law the Messenger office has had prepared and printed the necessary form for the renewal of these notes, and anyone having occasion to need them can procure them at this office.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS FOR SACKACHE KIDNETS AND BLADDER

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

CO-OPERATE FOR GOOD ROADS

State and Federal Governments Should Work Together for Highway Improvement, Says Mr. Houston.

Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture says that the state and federal governments should work together for highway improvement, in order that a large proportion of the money annually spent for road construction may not be wasted.

In his own department, the office of public roads has been demonstrating the value of proper road building by the construction of certain object-lesson roads, and the forest service is carrying out his idea of national and state co-operation in road building. The law requires that ten per cent. of the gross receipts from the national forests shall be spent in the states in which the forests are situated. This money is expended for road improvement, under direct control of the secretary of agriculture.

The amount appropriated under this act, based on the receipts of the national forests for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913, is \$234,638.68. From the 1912 receipts for this ten per cent. road item, there is an additional \$134,331.10 which is still available.

In administering the ten per cent. road fund, forest officers charged with the actual plans and expenditures in the neighborhood of their forests have, in almost all cases, secured an equal or a larger co-operative fund from state authorities for the building of certain pieces of road.

With the money thus expended, many important roads are being built or put in repair. One on the Wyoming national forest, six miles long, makes accessible to farmers a large body of timber and opens up a region of great scenic beauty. In northwestern Arizona, part of the fund will be used in connection with the LeFevre-Bright Angel road, important because it makes accessible to tourists the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. In one place, the ocean highway crosses the Apache national forest, Arizona, and on this project the forest reserve service and the local authorities co-operated enthusiastically. On the Florida national forest in western Florida, steel bridges and graded roads have, under the stimulus of this fund, taken the place of corduroy, bog and sand.

This federal road fund is now available in all national forest states of the west. Just as fast as returns come in, the forestry officials say, a similar fund will become available in states in which eastern national forests are being secured.

CASH VALUE OF GOOD ROADS

One Fact Alone is Sufficient to Justify Expense of Construction Under Efficient System.

No one questions the statement that good roads have a high money value to the farmers of the nation, and it may be said that this alone is sufficient to justify the cost of their construction as rapidly as practicable under an efficient, economical and equitable system of highway improvement.

The big point in favor of this expenditure is the economy of time and force in transportation between farm and market, enabling the growers to take advantage of fluctuations in buying and selling, as well as enhancing the value of real estate. It is estimated that the average annual loss from poor roads is 75 cents an acre, while the estimated average increase resulting from improving all the public roads is \$9.

The losses in five years would aggregate \$2,432 for every section of land, or more than enough to improve two miles of public highway. The necessity of good roads is obvious, as it would enhance the value of each section of land about \$5,760, or more than double the estimated cost of two miles of improved highway, which constitutes the quota for 640 acres of land.

Ambulances.

Ambulances date from the closing years of the eighteenth century. Prior to that time surgical assistance did not reach the battlefield till the day after the engagement, or later, when, to a large proportion of the wounded, it was of no avail. About 1792 Larrey introduced the "flying field hospitals," capable of moving from place to place with speed, like the "flying artillery" of the time. Nobly assisted by Napoleon, Larrey brought his system to a high degree of perfection. It was not until the great Civil war in the United States, however, that the ambulance system reached a thorough organization. Since then the system has, of course, assumed many important improvements.

The ONLOOKER

HENRY HOWLAND

Sonnets of the NEW YEAR



I.
This year I shall endeavor to be just,
To judge men as I wish them to judge me,
To try to keep myself from envy free,
To more than earn my wage, to merit trust,
To cease from being swayed by every gust
That blows across my path; to try to see
The good there is; to labor honestly
For honor's sake, and not because I must.

This year I shall endeavor to be brave,
To give no other reason to complain,
To be no foolish habit's slave,
To cease to dread the smirking fool's disdain,
To ever hope for better things to come,
To keep from swearing if I pound my thumb.



II.
This year I shall endeavor to give cheer
To those who sit in doubt and those who sigh,
To those who, bearing bruises, wonder why
The world has grown so barren and so drear;
And, though the sky be overcast or clear,
My heart shall be serene, my purpose high;
No task shall be too hard for me to try,
My breast shall have no room for foolish fear.

This year I shall endeavor where I may
To comfort those whose burdens bear them down,
To let no man as I shall go my way
Behold my face disfigured by a frown,
To try, when others walk upon my toes,
To smile because they haven't humped my nose.

Cause of His Trouble.

"Poor man," said the lady who was passing through the lunatic asylum, "how long have you been here?"
The gray-haired, round-shouldered little man to whom she had spoken looked at her strangely for a moment and then replied:
"Seven years."
"Do you realize your condition?"
"Yes."
"How sad. Can you remember why you went insane—what your trouble was?"
"Oh, yes, I wore out my mental faculties trying to make people believe I was a reincarnation of Oliver Cromwell. They simply wouldn't believe me and the humiliation was more than I could bear."

The Model Dad.

Lives there a dad with soul so dead
Who never to his son hath said:
"When I was your age I would run
To do the things I had to do;
I never till my work was done
Found any pleasures to pursue;
My parents never had to scold,
And every rule they ever made
For me was honestly obeyed;
I never frowned and never told
A falsehood when I was a boy;
I gave my parents daily joy
By doing well and being kind,
By being truthful and polite;
My speech was proper and refined,
My heart contained no room for spite!"
If such there be, go mark him well,
For he's a bird! But none such dwell
Upon this earth—unknown, unseen,
Such wonders all die very young.

Fatal Oversight.

"But your story seems to lack atmosphere," the magazine editor explained.

"Dear me," replied the young lady who desired to contribute, "how stupid of me not to have thought of that. And the hero carries the heroine away in an airship, too."

Sir Isaac's Loss.

"I have discovered the law of gravity!" exclaimed Newton.
"Too bad," said his neighbor, "that the chautauque circuit hasn't been organized yet."

HOME TOWN HELPS

BILLBOARD AS A NUISANCE

Unnecessary and Unsightly, There is Absolutely No Reason for its Existence.

There is evidence that the movement against the billboard nuisance is becoming national. There is evidence that it is accomplishing things, in spite of local reverses inflicted by unprogressive judges too ready with injunctions or of slothful and incompetent officials.

It is stated that in New York state nearly 100,000 signs illegally posted on the highways have been torn down. Hundreds of business men have formally pledged themselves to discourage the illegal billboard nuisance.

But what of the legal billboard nuisance? Sooner or later the statutes and ordinances against the former nuisance will be vitalized by public sentiment. But it is supposed to be all but impossible to regulate billboards placed on private property. Are citizens interested in civic progress to admit defeat in this direction? By no means.

France, it appears has abated the billboard nuisance along the principal lines of travel by means of a high tax. "The right to tax," we know, "is the right to destroy." Cannot ugly, offensive and depressing billboards be taxed out of existence? The plan is being advocated in New York by a commission that has just reported on the subject, as well as by citizens and newspapers, and it is worthy of attention elsewhere.—New York Sun.

PROVIDING FOR SHADE TREES

Maine Town Has a Method That Would Seem to Be Well Worth Copying.

A novel method of providing and maintaining shade trees for the streets is in effect in Farmington, Me., where a disastrous fire twenty years ago killed practically all the trees. Following this fire some of the philanthropic citizens of the town originated the plan which is in effect today



Street in Maine Town, Where Each Tree is Maintained by a Citizen.

and under which each tree is bought, set out and cared for by some one person. Each tree bears a number, and in the courthouse there is a map showing the location of each tree and the name of the donor. Many trees are maintained by former residents of the town.—Popular Mechanics.

Model English Homes.

In speaking of the housing of the working classes by the London county council at Tottenham, a northern suburb of London, Mr. Watrous said: "There within reach of the very poorest are airy and substantial dwelling places with all facilities, recreational and otherwise, of a class seldom to be met with in the United States."

"It is a fine thing when a municipality buys land, builds the premises and rents them at a nominal sum to the working classes. We were so impressed with the wonderful success of the Tottenham scheme that we have brought back photographs of the dwellings and other useful details concerning them with the idea of utilizing them as a model in our own country."

School Wall Flower.

A word ought to be said about your duty to the students who are always "left out of things." Many a real tragedy has been silently lived by misunderstood or disliked boys and girls at schools. If you are one of them, make up your mind that you will be agreeable. Don't resent it; that only makes it worse. Just be cheerful and patient; watch yourself to see if you have any little oddities that make you an undesirable companion; try to like everybody—and you will soon find people liking you. If you are one of the popular set be on the lookout to cheer those who are among the "left outs." You will be surprised at the pleasure you will find and at the sweetness of some of the friendships thus formed.—Christian Herald.



OUR COUGH MEDICINE

QUICKLY CURES

Coughs, Colds and Catarrh

If you could think of the many that have been cured by the use of OUR COUGH MEDICINES you would not go on suffering from a cough or cold that leads to catarrh or something far worse, that would surely sap up your whole life if allowed to continue. GET IT NOW!

D. N. Leaverton

THE LEADING DRUGGIST

Anything to Sell,
Buy or Exchange?
ADVERTISE

MURDERED!



We are killers of good fat beeves and hogs. When you want nice fresh meat that is cut right and kept sanitary, phone us your order and we will deliver promptly

We also keep sausage and packing house meats

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

J. B. LIVELY, Proprietor.

FARMERS UNION PHONE

FREE DELIVERY

STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die."

I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good.

I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest.

Get a package today.

Only a quarter.



OUR SHOP—Pressing while you wait



THE OTHER SHOP—Waiting while you press (pire)

A WORD TO THE PUBLIC:

When sending your clothing to be pressed have you ever realized, and every clean man would shudder with disgust at the thought, that the cloth used to press your suit had just previously been used to press the suit of a man suffering from disease, filthy habits, etc.—the cloth in the interim being wet and wrung out in a pail of probably dirtier water, especially so toward the end of the day's work?

To overcome this we have installed a sanitary steam pressing machine known as "the Hoff-man." A garment that passes through this machine is disinfected; no germs can exist under a temperature as high as the dry steam we inject; at the same time it removes any odor, takes away the away the grimy appearance, raises the nap, revives color and imparts that freshness desired by all dressers.

M. L. CLEWIS, CLEANING AND PRESSING

Corn And Peas

A great combination for the sandy land farmer, everybody will agree who has tried it.

The writer has sowed the peas broadcast in the corn at last cultivation, and drilled between 8-foot, 7-foot and six-foot corn-rows, preferring the latter.

Now that there is coming to be a stable market at fair prices for cowpeas, there is greater inducement than ever to plant them. But even where they are of no value except as feed and fertilizer, their growth would be highly profitable.

Besides the cash value of the corn and peas, after they are gathered there is usually enough of both left in the field to start a bunch of hogs well along toward the killing stage.

And then, after the cattle and horses and hogs get about all they can, the litter plowed, supplying humus, the moisture holding content of the soil, performs a most valuable function in farm science.

However, in an up-and-down-hill country, with a 45 to 50 inch annual rain-fall, fall plowing, even for the sake of covering the stalk litter, is of doubtful utility, owing to the liability of the land, uncovered, to leach and wash all winter long.

The thing to do when the stock are through with the field,

is to cut the stalks, broadcast small grain upon the litter, and turn it all under. The oats, wheat, rye or barley, as the case may be, make a pasture, a cover, and a green manure crop to plow under ahead of a spring crop, or it may be permitted to mature if desired.

As the best grain for cover crop, I prefer oats if sown not later than October, 15th. After that date, wheat has given me best satisfaction.

A suggestion: Let the people in a neighborhood find out who have more or less peas, with view to bunch-up to ship in car-lots. It makes them independent of local buyers of small lots, but does not prevent selling to local buyers if they bid up to suit.

R. R. Claridge,
Agricultural Agt. T. & P.—
I. & G. N. Rys.,
Longview, Texas.

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.

Here's a Good One

At the moving picture theatre one evening there was thrown on the screen a view of a group of young ladies preparing to disrobe and go in bathing in a sheltered lake in the background. Just as they started to undress a long freight train came along the track between the camera and the bathers. By the time it had passed the young ladies were in their bathing suits and in the lake. At the close of the evening's performance at the theatre, a man hurried out to the box office and throwing down a bill demanded a seat for every night during the balance of the week. "I will be glad to sell them to you," explained the man in the ticket window, "but we show the same pictures every night this week." "I know you do," replied the prospective purchaser, "but I'm an old railroad man and I know that freight train is not going to be on time every night."—Ex.

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.

DON'T LET CONSTIPATION RUIN YOUR HEALTH

It Deadens the Brain and Weakens the Body. Nature Needs Real and Harmless Aid to Overcome It.

Nature does her best to fight constipation and its evil effects. She fights to the last atom of her strength, but usually she has to have assistance.

To avoid the sluggish brain and weakened body, the sick headache, coated tongue and biliousness, it is unwise to use unpleasant calomel, a medicine so strong that it leaves most people "all knocked out." Don't take chances with your health.

A great number of people have learned that Dodson's Liver Tone (50c.) makes one brighter, healthier and happier in a perfectly easy and natural way, with no pain nor gripe and no bad after-effects.

A. S. Porter guarantees it without condition and will refund purchase price if you are not entirely satisfied. Dodson's Liver Tone is an absolutely safe, pleasant tasting vegetable liquid which takes the place of calomel, but be sure you get Dodson's. (Advertisement.)

Advertising Farm Sales

An exchange tells of a farmer who spent \$25 advertising his public sale, which is about four times the amount usually spent. The result was that the sale brought him over \$700 more than his highest estimate, so he thinks that it was money well spent. Farmers are just beginning to learn the value of liberal newspaper advertising of public sales. A few dollars spent in advertising in the local paper will be read by ten times as many people as read the bills, which cost nearly as much as the advertisement, and therefore is a much better investment. We would not advise dropping the sale bills, but it should be supplemented by some vigorous newspaper advertising.—Ex.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of Bright's Disease. The proper course in such cases is to take a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and bowel regulator. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

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 13th day of Jan., 1914, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of Jan., 1914.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$34,853.47
Loans, real estate	3,080.78
Overdrafts	92.30
Real estate, (banking house)	3,328.90
Furniture and Fixtures	2,189.40
Due from approved reserve agents, net	7,438.48
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	7,667.59
Cash Items	57.44
Currency	3,069.00
Specie	2,850.70
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	394.88
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	12.86
Total	57,597.32

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net	1,344.78
Individual deposits, subject to check	35,772.21
Time Certificates of Deposits	1,392.00
Cashier's Checks	338.33
Other liabilities as follows: Reserved for taxes	250.00
Total	57,597.32

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, C. W. Kennedy 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.

C. W. KENNEDY,
President.

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 20th day of Jan., A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

JNO. A. DAVIS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
E. G. Walling }
J. R. Pennington } Directors
J. E. Bean. }

Some Attractive Clubbing Offers

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**

The Messenger and the Dallas Semi-weekly News for - **\$1.75**

NEWS ITEMS FROM PERCILLA

Jan. 18.—Well, it looks as if winter was gone and spring was here. Farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather and are making preparations for another crop.

Health of our community is not as good as we would like to have it. Mrs. Lizzie Jones is on the sick list. Mr. Harrison Jackson's baby is very sick.

Mr. Hugh Hamilton of Gainsville, Texas, is here on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Mattie Smith, who has been sick for some time.

Miss Ruby Cook came home sick Thursday from her school. We hope she will be able to be on duty soon.

Mr. Smith Harrison has moved near Trinity river, where he will make his future home. We are sorry this good family moved away, but our loss is a gain for the community to which they moved.

Mr. Marion Buckalew of Waneta took supper with ye scribe last night. He was billed for the W. O. W. Camp at Waneta last night to answer charges preferred against him for non-attendance. Marion says he had a lawful excuse for not attending. His excuse was looking after the fallen sovereigns' widows. Stay with them Marion and discharge your sworn duty.

Mrs. Lula Jones entertained the young folks at her home last night. After enjoying themselves for some time with different kinds of games, hot chocolate and cake was served, and all went home feeling glad they had had the opportunity of meeting with this good family.

About four months of our school has passed into history just like we thought it would under the able management of Prof. Driskell and Miss Della Rains. Its a history we are all proud of. With the co-operation of the patrons with the teachers we are sure the remainder of our school will be a success.

Next Friday the Lively school and Percilla school will have a spelling match at Percilla. So come over and hear some good spelling.

We have been asked since our

last letter if we found that road. Well, we have found part of it, but it was in such a delapidated condition it could not be used, so the overseers just built another one where that one was. Some one may ask, "When are you going to quit writing about roads." We are like the preacher who was asked when was he going to quit preaching repentance. He said when they all had repented he would quit preaching repentance. So when you fix the roads we will quit writing about roads. We are going to make some suggestions. If the people would act on them we could overcome this great trougle to some extent. When crops are made most every farmer has some leisure time, in which he could take his teams and tools and spend a week or ten days on our roads and put them in fine condition, and no one would be damaged by putting in the time, and would profit thereby. We have the material to build roads with. There are places that need sanding and there are places that need claying. There is some other trouble in building roads. In some instances the fence is where the road should be. The thing to do now is for the road overseer to take the matter up with his commissioner and let him acquaint himself with the roads, if he is not already acquainted with them. So by the overseer and commissioner co-operating and the overseer talking it up in his respective road beat, by the time crops are finished everybody can be ready to spend a few days on the road. So let's all feel that it's our duty to make Houston county a better county to live in, and for a side line, if there is any money in the road and bridge fund it would be alright for the commissioners to use some of it. This call is not for the farmer alone, but for the merchant, lawyer and everybody else, with no age limit to it. If you can't do hard labor you can sit on a wagon and pull the bell cord over "old beck."

Say, reader, when you read this, just say this means me, and say "when the roll is called I'll be there." As ever,
JAMES R.

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

BOB SPENCE FOR SHERIFF

Since receiving the announcement of O. C. Goodwin for Clerk, the Messenger has been authorized to announce the candidacy of R. J. (Bob) Spence for Sheriff of Houston County, subject to the action of the July democratic primary.

Mr. Spence needs very little introduction to the people of this section of the county, as practically all know him personally, and those who do not, know of him by reputation.

Mr. Spence is thoroughly qualified to fill the office for which he is asking with credit. He is an experienced peace officer, having served the Crockett precinct as constable for several years, in which time he has built up a good reputation as an officer of the law. We can commend him to your consideration with the firm belief that if you should see fit to elect him sheriff you will have no cause to regret it.

Literary Society

As announced in last week's issue of the Messenger, the Grapeland Literary Society was reorganized last Friday night, January 16th. Quite an enthusiastic crowd of young people met and elected the following officers: President, A. E. Owens; Vice-President, Campbell Lively; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Arline Howard; Critic, Miss Sallie Mae Kent; Censor, Rev. W. A. Matney; Program Committee, Misses Ima Davis and Sallie Mae Kent, Messrs. J. A. Adams and M. E. Darsey.

The following program will be carried out next Friday night, January 23rd:

Piano Solo: Miss Loraine Hanson.

Address by the President.

Debate—Resolved: That Greece gave more to civilization than Rome. Affirmative: Miss Georgia Belle Richards and Mr. Campbell Lively. Negative: Miss Lura Mae Owens and Mr. Jim Asa Bynum.

Duet: Misses Howard and Kent.

Jokes: M. E. Darsey.

This subject has been argued by rising young debaters from time immemorial, but these young people promise to bring out some new and interesting lights on it, and we are sure it will be well worth your time to come out and help the young people of Grapeland in their worthy effort to put Grapeland on the map in things "literary."
Secretary.

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.

C. C. Jones and family of Frisco moved to Crockett this week to make their home. Mrs. Jones is a sister to Prof. W. L. Smith of this city, and she and her children spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

DARSEY'S

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Store News.

Darsey's Store, Grapeland, Texas, January 22, 1914

ORIOLE FLOUR—best all the time.

If you have peas to sell bring them to us.

We have plenty of onion sets—all kinds.

We want to buy your chickens and eggs.

Work Gloves—see our line—75c—\$1.00—\$1.50.

We carry Standard Patterns in stock. Get a fashion sheet free at our pattern counter.

'Phone us your order for fresh groceries. We deliver promptly.

Just received—A shipment of Knox's Assidulated Gelatine—the best for desserts.

We have plenty of feedstuff. Let us supply you with chops, bran, oats, bermuda and alfalfa hay.

You can keep up with the leading styles in dress goods if you visit our dry goods department.

Let us sell you your collars, hames, and, in fact, any kind of harness or gear you may need.

We have a big line of trunks, suit cases, traveling bags, etc. Let us show you our line.

Now is the time to build or patch your fence. We have plenty of hog fencing, poultry wire, Baker Perfect and 80 rod spools of wire, staples, nails, etc.

When you need anything in the furniture line, we invite you to come and let us show you through our line. We can fit out any room in the house from kitchen to parlor.

An Epidemic

Of "Garden Fever" is beginning to break out with these sunshiny days, and if you have been afflicted, you can get the "best" gardening tools and "surest" seeds from us.

We have just received our Royal Tailor sample book for Spring and Summer 1914. It is full of new, all-wool samples and snappy styles. If you want to be one of the "best dressed" men in town this season, we invite you to see this book. Let us help you to get That Million Dollar Look, and you will be surprised how little it costs.

Just Received

Solid Car of John Deere Implements

Solid car of Kelly Plows

Solid Car of Texas-Ohio Implements

The arrival of these tools gives us the biggest and best line of farming tools adapted to this East Texas Soil ever carried in Grapeland Come to our store and see these implements on display

KELLY Walking Plows, Wood Beam, 1 to 6

KELLY Walking Plows, Steel Beam, 6 to 12

Stalk Cutters, Middle Bursters

John Deere Cultivators

John Deere Planters

Twentieth Century Planters

Empress Planters

Dow - Law Planters

Spring Tooth Harrows

Section Harrows, 50 and 60 Tooth

Texas-Ohio Cultivators

We have a complete line of farm accessories, such as steel and cast points, all sizes, land-slides, heel sweeps, wing sweeps, bolts, clevises, shovel plows, lap links, plow lines, trace chains, extra beams and handles, Georgia stocks, etc.

Geo. E. Darsey

LEGAL BLANKS

We Carry in Stock and Offer for Sale the Following:

Warranty Deeds

Vendor's Lien Notes

Release Deeds

Bill of Sale

Transfer of V. L. Notes

Mortgages

Promissory Notes

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