

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

Dec 6.—Our friend, Antrimite, has gently aroused us from our dream of the past, present and future, and we realize that we are still in the land of the living.

Yes, we have been thinking of some way to better conditions, but when we look in the future the mist gathers thick and we are left with the hope that there is a bright ray of sun shining behind the clouds. Many suggestions, many proposals have been made to the farmers, but none of them seem to fit the occasion. They are turned down as not worthy of notice. Government specials are abroad in the land telling the farmers what to do, but what they say is lost on the desert air. The farmers, as a rule, are a hard-headed set of fellows, and they are becoming threadbare at so much free advice. What they most need is a better price for cotton so they can meet their obligations, then they can be able to paddle their own canoe without aid from the state legislature or the national government. It is up to the farmer to work out his own salvation. The warehouse and government aid is all a myth. We have interviewed a good many people in regard to the cotton crop of next year and all express themselves as being determined on cutting the acreage of cotton one-half. We have some faith in the small farmer, but the large farmers in the black land and on the rivers, we don't know about them. The best we can say is to trust to luck, stare fate in the face and let 'er go Bill!

Crops are all in and they are coming up short compared to last year.

There is a good deal of sickness, and almost a steady rain for two weeks. As ever,  
Old Gray.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor and son visited relatives in Houston a few days this week.

## NEWS FROM ROCK HILL

The news from Rock Hill has been coming to the readers of the Messenger rather intermittently, but if you will lend your attention to another correspondent he will attempt to make the news continuous.

I am quite sure that all are well aware of the disagreeable weather we have been having, I wish to tell you that it has served us as well as others.

The corn crop having been very short this year, some of our farmers have acted extremely wise in sowing fall oats, in order to have a winter pasture for their stock.

O Stranger! If you be told that this is a secluded country, and I say if it be such a one—then we are leading lives of seclusion for the same reasons that Socrates did—in order to acquire an immense learning. It does seem rather still at times, only for the purpose of diligent work, but if you will remember there is in operation at Rock Hill, a literary society, which is to present a programme every two weeks. The next meeting is to be held Friday night, Dec. 18. There is not a person within the limits of this country, but that we would welcome at our society. This society is for the school pupils only, but we have arranged a joint debate between the people of Antrim and Rock Hill, from which we hope to derive much learning, and bring the people in close communication.

If there be no misunderstanding as to my part, the subject will be "Woman Suffrage," and we will present the discussion on the night of the 18th., unless otherwise selected.

The assistant of Rock Hill school, and myself, have enrolled thirty-six pupils to date. This number, although small, is sufficient to make school life happy, and the thing to be noticed most is the interest that the people are taking in the school. If they continue as they have begun, the consequence will be a beneficial school term.

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## NEW PROSPECT HAPPENINGS

December 7. — Thanksgiving has come and gone and we people of the U. S. have lots to be thankful for. We have had good harvests, and most of all, we should be thankful for not being at war as are all the nations of Europe. If we had not have had a president with so much tact and sagacity we would now be involved in an expensive war with Mexico, but our wise president has kept us out of such a disastrous step as that, for which we are profoundly thankful.

Health of our community is very good. Mrs. Newman is reported convalescent now. Her sister, Mrs. Hicks, of Oklahoma, is here on a visit to her.

Mrs. Nettie Musick was called home by the severe illness of her husband, who was reported to be in a dangerous condition. Her children are still here, being water bound, as the river is out of its banks.

There was a singing at H. M. Brown's Friday night. Everybody reports a nice time. Also a pound supper at Mr. Morris' Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Mrs. Bud Brown visited Mrs. Minnie Brown yesterday. She reports the arrival of a boy baby at Mrs. Brown's.

Mrs. John Collins and family visited Mrs. H. M. Brown Sunday.

Mrs. Lila Scott has returned home to her father, H. M. Brown, her husband having died November 13th.

"A Farmer" come again. I can guess who you are.  
Alma Mater.

The burglars who entered Traylor Bros. store Tuesday night of last week have so far made good their escape. They were tracked several miles north of town, but the trail was lost. The officers have no clue.

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High patent flour per sack.....	1.40
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50 lb can Swift's Jewel Lard for.....	4.00
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### NEW BAPTIST PASTOR

Last week at a conference held by the members of the Baptist Church, a new pastor was called to this church for the ensuing year. Rev. S. W. Edge of Waco was selected, who will serve this church and Elkhart. Bro. Edge preached at the Baptist church several Sundays ago, and those who heard him were delighted with the splendid sermon delivered. The new pastor arrived Tuesday and will make Grapeland his home. We extend him and his family a hearty welcome and wish for the church a successful year under his pastorate.

### BASKET BALL SATURDAY

The Grapeland and Latexo basket ball teams will play a game on the school campus in Grapeland Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. An admission fee of 15c will be charged, because the young ladies want to make enough money to play games with Trinity and Lovelady. They want you to attend this game.

### MOTHERS' CLUB PROGRAM

The meeting of the Mothers' Club will be held at the auditorium Friday afternoon, Dec. 18, and the following program will be rendered:

Roll Call—Responded to by name of some local or state beneficent work or institution which is a development of a Christian ideal.

Paper—"The Great Christmas Lesson for us and our Children," Mrs. T. S. Kent.

Papers—(a) "Some Practical Ways to Teach the Christmas Spirit in the Home." (b) "Some Ways to Develop and Impress the Christmas Spirit at School." (c) "Christmas Ways of Doing for Others—the Homefolks, Companions and Friends, the Needy About us, The Red Cross Fund, etc." Misses Denny, Hill and Kennedy.

Fifteen minute discussion of these respective practical holiday plans.—Mr. Jackson.

J. B. Lively and J. S. Brimberry shipped a car of cattle to the Ft. Worth market last Saturday.

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Grapeland, Texas



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The creation and existence of this ideal community necessarily depend upon individual prosperity, which in turn depends upon local commercial activity.

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## YOU MAY BEGIN WITH US AT ONCE

Our students are with us from many different states, and they do not go home for the holidays, owing to the great distance, therefore, we have no vacation, and new students may enroll any day, and do splendid work right through the holidays. The advantage of enrolling now instead of January 1st, is, the sooner you enter, the sooner you will be through and holding a good position. Second, and you get the advantage of selecting a better boarding place before the big January crowd gets in. Our school is like a big bank or mercantile establishment, it runs throughout the year, we are always well organized and ready for new business, rendering the same service throughout the year. Practically every student gets individual instruction; he is not held back by slow students, or crowded too fast by bright ones; he goes just as fast as his ability will permit. Should he happen to be slow or backward in his work, he is not embarrassed by others knowing how he is getting along, for under this individual method of instruction, they have no way of finding out. With our methods of individual instructions, and our own copyrighted systems, we are demonstrating to young people that it is useless to attend a commercial school teaching other systems, and requiring from seven to ten months to finish the course, if they ever finish, when they can finish with us in half the time at half the cost, and be more efficient, get a better salaried position and more rapid promotion because of their more thorough and extensive training. It is our practical methods, our personal attentions and our modern systems that enable us to accomplish so much in so short a time. In short, we know exactly what the business office demands, and we teach that and teach it accurately and thoroughly.

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# STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

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Pomeroyton, Ky.—An interesting advice 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 Theiford's Black-Draught, and quit

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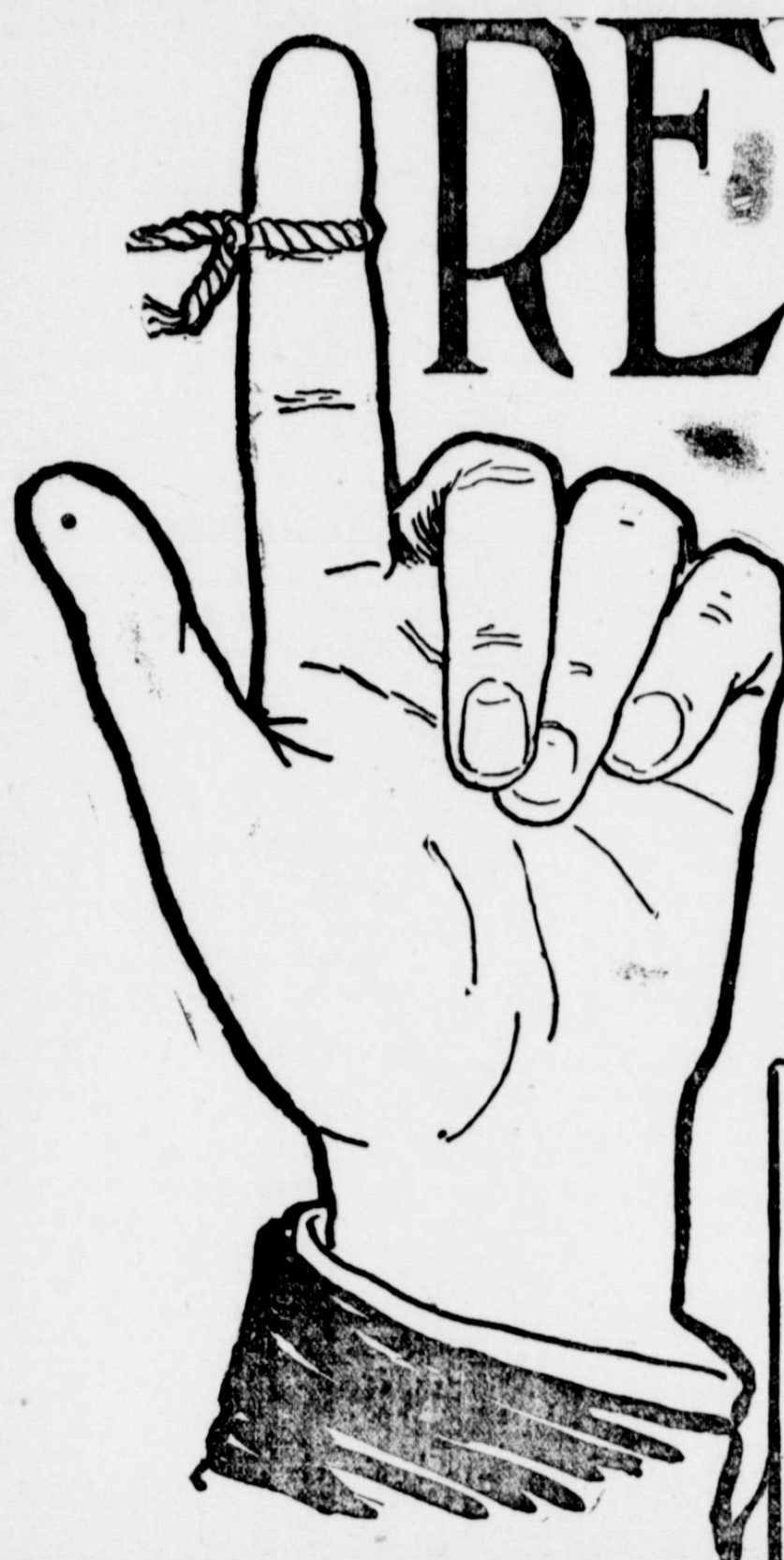
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THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1914

"Do your Christmas shopping early" has been shortened to "shop now."

It's a dull day down in Mexico when a new revolution is not born and some warrior declares himself the whole cheese.

The proven facts of the great war are bad enough. Heaven save us from alleged atrocities that never happened.

The American soldiers left Vera Cruz because there was no use waiting any longer for the Mexicans to salute the flag.

The beauty part about raising a crop of peanuts is you can market them for cash or use them at home for feed. Plant some peanuts.

Personally we can't see that the regional reserve banks have helped us a bit. We find it just as hard to pay our bills now as formerly.

It is announced that the cotton loan fund of \$135,000,000 is now ready. We do not know how to advise you to connect with it, but suggest that you consult your banker.

A writer in the Houston Post Monday consumed nearly a column telling what war is. Gen. Sherman told what it is in three words, and his description has never been improved upon.

Don't forget the peanut meeting Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at the Cozy Theater on Main street. Plans will be perfected to give peanuts a trial as a money crop next year.

How to obtain American bottoms with which to ship goods across the ocean is bothering Washington statesmen. What became of the idea to use warships? Will they sink if they carry a load?

By our own military expert: In the eastern theatre of war the present condition may be expected to continue, unless one side or the other gains some advantage, which would, of course, alter the situation. In the western arena the same conditions exist, and we have no hesitation in making the same prophecy concerning the outcome.—Houston Chronicle.

Always the "weather damage" to cotton that is held mounts up into the millions. This year the damage will be as much above normal as the holding of cotton is above normal, unless more than the ordinary precaution is taken to save it from this damage. If the weather damage is prevented, as it can be, easily and thoroughly, what we may lose by reason of low prices will be largely made up in the better quality of the cotton brought to the market.—Galveston News.

The GrapeLand country is resourceful, and the end of next harvest season will find this country in good shape. 'Tis true that now we feel the pangs of hard times to a certain extent, because in years past we have devoted our time to raising high price cotton and neglected other things that would have brought in the cash just as well. But we are going to quit that now, and practice diversification all along the line. Our soil is adapted to many different things, and a meeting will be held next Saturday afternoon at the Cozy Theater at 1:30 o'clock, to organize a peanut association for this community. Make your arrangements to be on hand and be prepared to state how many acres you can devote to this crop.

Holiday Excursion Rates Via I & G N

Tickets on sale at 1 1/3 fare to all points in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and to Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan. 1; return limit January 4; and to St. Louis, Chicago, Washington, Kansas City, and all points in the southeast, and to certain points in Colorado, on Dec. 20, 21 and 22; return limit Jan. 18. For particulars, see ticket agent, I & G N Ry. adv.

NEW SAN PEDRO LITERARY SOCIETY

A regular meeting of the New San Pedro Literary and Debating Society and Social Center Club was held on the evening of December 5th. There was an interesting recitation by Miss Jewel Davidson. Then little Miss Beryl Whitaker entertained us with another recitation; also little Clebie Belle Tyer, Annie Lou Clarke, Chester Tyer, Miss Minnie Anderson and Miss Dora Bynum. Then Miss Jewel Davidson and Miss Robbie Whitaker entertained us with a delightful song, after which we had a most enjoyable play by Masters Garrett and Gail Luce. Miss Jewel Davidson was elected secretary.

Ikey Tyer entertained us with a beautiful recitation. Following this came a dialogue by Messrs. Dan, Willis and Norman Whitaker, which was thoroughly enjoyed. Then there was a recitation by Raymond Whitaker, and a dialogue by Wilburn Smith and Edens Bean. There were also recitations by Herbert Clarke and Miss Ruby Davidson.

At this juncture came the debate, the question being, Resolved, that in the present war Germany is justifiable. The affirmative was represented by Messrs. Monroe Anderson and Dan Whitaker; the negative by Messrs. Mark King Winfree, of the Crockett High School, and J. M. Anderson. Both sides were ably represented, but the decision of the judges was in favor of the negative.

Following this came recitations by little Miss Elma Lee Tyer and Monroe Anderson.

Next we were treated to a most enjoyable dialogue by Messrs. Dan Whitaker and Garrett Luce. Then we had a beautiful song by Misses Robbie Whitaker and Elma Lee Tyer. The next on program was a most successful play by Misses Ora Bynum, Robbie Whitaker and Elma Lee Tyer, and Messrs. Tom, Norman and Willis Whitaker.

The joint debate between our society and the GrapeLand Society will take place on the evening of the 18th inst., at GrapeLand. On the evening of the 19th, the GrapeLand boys will join us in our next meeting.

For this, our next meeting, on the evening of the 19th, we have two especial features. One of them is an entertainment by Miss Jack Eaves, of GrapeLand, who is an impersonator of note, and the other is an address by Prof. D. McDonald, Superintendent of the Crockett Schools. Prof. McDonald is one of the foremost educators of the state, and Miss Eaves enjoys an enviable reputation. She will entertain with recitations, monologues and plays, both comic and pathetic. There will positively be no charges. All is free. But come early that you may get a seat. Society will be called to order at 6:30 o'clock. Correspondent.

OUR HONOR ROLL

Those who have paid their subscriptions the past two weeks are as follows:  
J. C. Green, H. J. Shaw, J. L. Jackson, W. N. Irwin, Dudley Ellis, W. E. Allen, Geo. Allen, Homer Beazley, Douglass Beazley, B. R. Guice, Jas. Owens, W. H. Kolb, G. M. Cunningham, W. W. Adams, GrapeLand.  
Albert Gainey, Creath.  
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- 3 only, \$8.50 iron beds, close out price..... 7.50
- 1 only, \$6.50 iron bed, close out price..... 5.55
- 2 only, \$7.50 wood bedsteads, close out price..... 5.75
- 5 only, \$11.50 & 12.50 wood bedsteads, close out price..... 9.90
- 2 only, \$12.50 dressers, close out price..... 9.90
- 1 only, 15.00 dresser, close out price..... 11.50
- 1 only, 16.50 dresser, close out price..... 12.85
- 1 only, 15.00 brass bed, close out price..... 10.50
- 1 only, 15.00 kitchen cabinet, price..... 10.50
- 1 only, \$6.00 kitchen safe, price..... 5.00
- 2 only, \$4.00 kitchen safes, price..... 3.50
- 1 only, \$8.00 extension table, price..... 5.90
- 2 only, \$10 extension tables, price..... 7.90
- 2 only, \$2 baby cradles, close out price..... 1.80
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- 1 only, \$15 sideboard, close out price..... 10.50

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For some time the prices of leather and leather goods have been going up, and the following prices are bargains. If you need a saddle, now is your chance to get a good saddle cheap.

- 1 only, \$5 side saddle, now..... 2.90
- 2 only, \$16.50 men's saddles, now..... 14.50
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- 1 only, \$25 men's saddle, now..... 21.50
- 2 only, \$35 men's saddles, now..... 29.80
- 1 only, \$37.50 men's saddle, now..... 33.50
- Buggy harness at cut prices.
- 1 set, \$10 single harness for..... 8.50
- 1 set, \$11 single harness for..... 9.50
- 1 set, \$15 single harness for..... 12.50
- 1 set, \$20 double harness for..... 17.50
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- 1 16 g. single barrel shot gun, \$8.50 value, now..... 6.50
- 1 16 g. double barrel shot gun, 15.00 value, now..... 12.50
- 1 16 g. double barrel shot gun, 16.50 value, now..... 13.50
- 1 16 g. double barrel shot gun, 12.50 value, now..... 9.90
- 1 12 g. double barrel hammerless shot gun, 20.00 value, now..... 15.75
- 1 12 g. double barrel shot gun, 15.00 value, now..... 12.50

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Extra special low prices on high grade cooking stoves and ranges.

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- 1 only, \$22.50 Buck cook stove for..... 19.50
- 1 only, \$30.00 Buck range for..... 24.90
- 1 only, \$50.00 Buck range for..... 43.75
- 1 only, \$25.00 Buck stove for..... 21.75

We also have a big line of popular priced cooking stoves at \$6.50 to \$20.00 at greatly reduced prices. If you want a good stove cheap, see us.

All of the above goods listed we have in stock and will sell at prices quoted for cash and the prices are good for stock on hand and until we take inventory Christmas week.

We buy Cotton, Cotton Seed, Chickens, Eggs, Turkeys, Geese, Hides and Bees Wax.

When you come to town come to see us, get our prices and we will trade. Yours for business,

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Porter Says:—

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Prescription Specialists  
Everything in the Drug Line



# Big Cost Sale Starts Friday!

## December 11th and will Continue Until December 24th

Realizing the hard and depressed condition the country is in and the hard times that are ahead of the people and the scarcity of money and the great needs and wants of the people, I have decided to help them all I can and help myself to raise money to meet my obligations, I shall beginning Dec. 11, sell my entire stock at actual cost, which consists of

### Dry Goods, Shoes, Hats, Groceries, Hardware

In fact, everything that goes to make up a general line of merchandise. This sale will continue until December 24th. COME EARLY and make your selections before the stock is broken. NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

MEN'S HATS	SUIT CASES	DRY GOODS	CURTAIN GOODS
All men's 3.00 hats going at..... <b>\$2.05</b>	4.50 suit cases this sale..... <b>\$3.50</b>	50c wool dress novelties at..... <b>40c</b>	20c curtain swiss at..... <b>16c</b>
All men's 2.00 hats going at..... <b>1.55</b>	2.50 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.75</b>	60c serge at..... <b>48c</b>	20c curtain voil at..... <b>14c</b>
All men's 1.50 hats going at..... <b>1.05</b>	1.75 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.05</b>	50c Panama at..... <b>40c</b>	10c curtain goods at..... <b>8c</b>
All men's 1.25 hats going at..... <b>.90</b>	1.25 suit cases this sale..... <b>1.00</b>	50c suiting at..... <b>40c</b>	10c creton at..... <b>8c</b>
All men's 1.00 hats going at..... <b>.80</b>	1.00 suit cases this sale..... <b>.80</b>	40c suiting at..... <b>36c</b>	9c creton at..... <b>7 1 2c</b>
SHOES	MEN'S SUITS	TABLE DAMASK	LADIES' SKIRTS
Men's 4.50 dress shoes at..... <b>\$3.55</b>	Men's 15.00 suits at..... <b>\$10.15</b>	50c damask at..... <b>40c</b>	Ladies 75c outing skirts at..... <b>45c</b>
Men's 4.00 dress shoes at..... <b>3.00</b>	Men's 12.50 suits at..... <b>8.75</b>	30c damask at..... <b>25c</b>	Ladies 1.00 knit wool skirts at..... <b>80c</b>
Men's 3.50 dress shoes at..... <b>2.65</b>	Men's 10.00 suits at..... <b>7.75</b>	35c red damask at..... <b>26c</b>	Ladies 50c cotton skirts at..... <b>40c</b>
Men's 2.50 dress shoes at..... <b>1.90</b>	Men's 9.00 suits at..... <b>6.25</b>	25c red damask at..... <b>20c</b>	LADIES' RAIN COATS
Men's 3.25 work shoes at..... <b>2.70</b>	All boys' suits and boys' extr pants AT COST	75c set of napkins at..... <b>60c</b>	5.50 values at..... <b>\$4.15</b>
Men's 2.50 work shoes at..... <b>1.90</b>	Men's 1.00 overalls at..... <b>80c</b>	50c set of napkins at..... <b>40c</b>	All 1.00 umbrellas at..... <b>80c</b>
Ladies 3.50 dress shoes at..... <b>2.55</b>	A few men's all wool overshirts, 2.25 values, at..... <b>\$1.75</b>	BLANKETS	Everything in this stock not mentioned here is included in this COST SALE!
Ladies 3.00 dress shoes at..... <b>2.05</b>	All men's 1.50 white linen dress shirts at..... <b>\$1.05</b>	1 pair all wool 5.50 blankets at..... <b>\$4.20</b>	
All misses and children's shoes AT COST.	All men's 1.00 dress shirts at..... <b>80c</b>	3.50 nice sateen comforts at..... <b>2.90</b>	
TRUNKS	Boys' 50c shirts at..... <b>40c</b>		
7.00 values at..... <b>\$5.75</b>	GLOVES		
6.50 values at..... <b>5.50</b>	1.00 work gloves at..... <b>80c</b>		
6.00 values at..... <b>5.10</b>	75c work gloves at..... <b>58c</b>		
5.00 values at..... <b>4.25</b>	50c work glove at..... <b>40c</b>		
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4.00 values at..... <b>3.00</b>			
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### THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Monday, 7—Cicero assassinated, 43 B. C.  
Tuesday, 8 — Chilean treaty ratified, 1892.  
Wednesday, 9 — John Milton born, 1608. Battle of Great Bridge, 1775.  
Thursday, 10—Women granted suffrage in Wyoming, 1877. Mississippi admitted to the union, 1817.  
Friday, 11—Landing of Pilgrims, 1620.  
Saturday, 12—The arbitration treaty with England signed, 1904.  
Sunday, 13—First Lowell Institute lecture, 1839.

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

A seventeen months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. John King died yesterday afternoon at the family home on Rainey Street. The remains were carried to Grapeland for interment. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow. They lost an infant child several days ago.—Thursday's Palestine Record.

## BIG JIM SENDS ANOTHER LETTER

Route 3, Dec. 6.—I enjoy all of the letters, as I get lots of good information out of them.

As the poor old farmer gets so much free advice, I am going to tell you what the farmers around here are going to try next year. We are going to plant lots of corn, peanuts and peas and sweet potatoes and try to raise plenty for home use and some to sell. Oh yes, we are going to plant some cotton, but we want to have something to sell besides cotton. We are going to plant some cane so we can have some home made syrup. Of course we will have to buy some things on credit if we can, but we want to stay out of debt the best we can and at the end of the year both farmers and merchants will be better off.

I hope James R. hasn't bogged down, for I want to hear from him again, and if Old Gray has been thinking of some way that will get us out of this bad fix and has thought of something that will work, we hope he will let us hear from him soon.

As for Big Jim, all he can find out about eggs and potatoes is that eggs are a good price, but the price of potatoes is not so good. Hope Antrimite will come again soon and tell more about how to raise potatoes, for it is the successful farmers we like to hear from.

On last Friday some of the patrons visited the school and heard some of the boys debate and the girls read some splendid pieces. We are glad to see the young people doing so well; to hope the patrons of the school

will take more interest than they have been, for it encourages the teacher and also the children. We are glad to see the school doing so well.

Last Saturday Jim McKnight and family and David Caskey and boys visited Sim Finch on Route 2, and while there John Skidmore gave the young people a musical entertainment. There was some good music rendered on the organ and violin by Tracy Skidmore and Louis Chapman and all report a nice time.

For fear of the waste basket, will close by wishing the Messenger force and readers a happy Christmas. Big Jim.

Gore, Ga.—P. A. Morgan had occasion recently to use a liver medicine and says of Foley Cathartic Tablets: "They thoroughly cleansed my system and I felt like a new man—light and free. They are the best medicine I have ever taken for constipation. They keep the stomach sweet, liver active, bowels regular." D. N. Leaverton. adv

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### PEANUT MEETING SATURDAY

The Messenger is requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the farmers Saturday at 1:30 at the Cozy Theatre for the purpose of discussing peanuts as a money crop for next season. O. C. Goodwin of Crockett, who had phenomenal success with peanuts this year, and who organized a peanut association at Crockett, has promised to be present to assist in organizing the Grapeland farmers. Every farmer and business man is urged to attend this meeting.

Several teachers from this end of the county attended the local teachers' institute at Creek last Friday and Saturday.

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# RATE INCREASE NECESSARY

FARMERS' UNION OFFICIALS THINK RAILROADS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE REVENUE.

Products of Plow and Farmer Who Lives at Home Should Be Exempt From Increase.

Fort Worth, Texas.—It is the policy of the Farmers' Union to meet every economic issue squarely and it is the duty of the organization to promote and protect the interests of the men who follow the plow and we shall do so in every instance where the business of the farmer is vitally affected. The application for an increase in freight rates now before the Railroad Commission is of more importance to the farmer than to any other class of citizens, for he pays directly or indirectly the greater portion of the freight revenues and we want to ask permission of the press to express our views on the subject.

The Farmers' Union in convention assembled at Ft. Worth last January declared "Our railroad facilities should be improved and our mileage increased" and as the set of resolutions, of which the paragraph above quoted is a part, was adopted as the platform of a majority of the members elected to the 34th legislature, it fairly reflects the will of the people as well as represents the views of the farmers of the State, and, if in the wisdom of the Railroad Commission, an increase in rates is necessary to accomplish this result then an increase should be granted.

We have at present approximately 2500 miles of railroad in Texas in the hands of receivers and during the calendar year 1914 less than 50 miles of new track was laid. It is quite clear that to "improve our facilities and increase our mileage" there must be an increase in net revenue, which can only be obtained by an advance in rates or a reduction in expense of operation. We leave with those who have authority to deal with the problem the responsibility of determining which course should be pursued.

The Farmer Wants a Square Deal.

We are perfectly willing that capital invested in railroad property should receive as good compensation as capital invested in agriculture, which, as a general average, is about 5 per cent per annum, and we want employees on railroads to receive as good wages as employees on the farm, who get an average of about 7 cents per hour, board and washing, and work 13 hours per day. The farmer should not be expected to pay a better wage to capital and labor employed in hauling his products to market than he pays to these same agencies employed on the farm, but he is willing to pay them as well. We do not advocate a reduction of wages as a solution of the present difficulty but think the farmer is entitled to earn as much for his labor as any other class of industry.

Perhaps the regulation of expenses in operating railroads and in constructing and manufacturing railroad equipment and supplies is not entirely within the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission or the legislature, and relief can only be obtained by an increase in rates. If, in the judgment of the Commission, such a course is necessary we want to say a few words concerning the class of commodities that should bear the burden of increase.

Freight Rates Follow Lines of Least Resistance.

The freight rates of the nation have been built up along lines of least resistance. The merchant, the manufacturer, the miner, the miller, the lumberman and the cattleman have had their traffic

bureaus thoroughly organized and in many instances they have pursued the railroad without mercy and with the power of organized tonnage they have hammered the life out of the rates and with unrestrained greed they have eaten the vitals out of our transportation system and since we have had railroad commissions, these interests, with skill and cunning are represented at every hearing in which their business is involved and they will be at Austin when the case is heard by the Railroad Commission, carefully preserving their interests.

The farmer is seldom represented at rate hearings as his organizations have never had the finances to employ counsel to develop his side of the case and as a result, the products of the plow bear an unequal burden of the freight expense. A glance at the freight tariffs abundantly prove this assertion. Cotton, the leading agricultural product of this State, already bears the highest freight rate of any necessary commodity in commerce, and the rate on agricultural products as a whole is out of proportion with that of the products of the factory and the mine.

We offer no schedule of rates but hope the Commission will be able to give the railroad such an increase in rates as is necessary without levying a further toll upon the products of the plow. The instance seems to present an opportunity to the Railroad Commission to equalize the rates as between agricultural and other classes of freight without disturbing the rates on staple farm products. This is one instance in which we do not relish a "back to the soil" movement and would like to see it confined as nearly as possible to the city limits.

What is a Fair Rate?

We do not know what constitutes a basis for rate making and have never heard of anyone who did claim to know much about it, but if the prosperity of the farm is a factor to be considered and the Railroad Commission concludes that an increase in rates is necessary, we would prefer that it come to us through articles of consumption on their journey from the factory to the farm. We would, for example, prefer that the rate on hogs remain as at present and the rate on meat bear the increase, for any farmer can then avoid the burden by raising his own meat, and a farmer who will not try to raise his own meat ought to be penalized. We think the rate on coal and brick can much better bear an increase than the rate on cotton and flour. We would prefer that the rate on plows remain the same, and machinery, pianos, and such articles as the tenant farmer cannot hope to possess bear the burden of increase.

The increase in rates should be so arranged that the farmer who lives at home will bear no part of the burden, but let the farmer who boards in other states and countries and who feeds his stock in foreign lands, pay the price of his folly.

Let the Guilty Suffer.

The greed of organized shippers, organized capital and organized labor has contributed largely toward depleting the railroad system of the country and oftentimes outraged the public welfare by its conduct, and the present condition should seek revenge upon those who brought this situation about, and not punish the farmer who is in no way responsible for the results. Likewise the farmer, by his hesitation to work through organized channels, must suffer for his lethargy.

In closing let us again appeal to all farmers who follow the plow to rally around the Union and give their organization sufficient power and energy to cope with the problems that confront agriculture and avoid the penalty of indifference from which they now suffer.

W. D. LEWIS, President, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas. PETER RADFORD, National Lecturer, Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America.

# EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king."

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has plead with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter an European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanently assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

More Pharoahs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results

would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharoahs who build.

# RAILROADS APPEAL TO PRESIDENT

The Common Carriers Ask for Relief—President Wilson Directs Attention of Public to Their Needs.

The committee of railroad executives, headed by Mr. Frank Trumbull, representing thirty-five of the leading railroad systems of the nation, recently presented to President Wilson a memorandum briefly reviewing the difficulties now confronting the railroads of the country and asking for the co-operation of the governmental authorities and the public in supporting railroad credits and recognizing an emergency which requires that the railroads be given additional revenues.

The memorandum recites that the European war has resulted in general depression of business on the American continent and in the dislocation of credits at home and abroad. With revenues decreasing and interest rates increasing the transportation systems of the country face a most serious crisis and the memorandum is a strong presentation of the candle burning at both ends and the perils that must ultimately attend such a conflagration when the flames meet is apparent to all. In their general discussion the railroad representatives say in part: "By reason of legislation and regulation by the Federal Government and the forty-eight states acting independently of each other, as well as through the action of a strong public opinion, railroad expenses in recent years have vastly increased. No criticism is here made of the general theory of governmental regulation, but on the other hand, no ingenuity can relieve the carriers of expenses created thereby."

President Wilson, in transmitting the memorandum of the railroad presidents to the public characterizes it as "a lucid statement of plain truth." The President recognizing the emergency as extraordinary, continuing, said in part:

"You ask me to call the attention of the country to the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and the railroads helped in every possible way whether by private co-operative effort or by the action, wherever feasible of governmental agencies and I am glad to do so because I think the need very real."

The conference was certainly a fortunate one for the nation and the President is to be congratulated for opening the gate to a new world of effort in which everyone may co-operate.

There are many important problems in our complex civilization that will yield to co-operation which will not lend themselves to arbitrary rulings of commissions and financing railroads is one of them. The war with the money is a factor that cannot be eliminated from any business transaction, and the public is an interested party that should always be consulted and happily the President has invited all to participate in the solution of our railroad problems.

# SOMETHING WENT WRONG

By SADIE WOODS.

"My, but you've got a cold!" said the girl with the accentuated robes-pierre collar at the enamelware counter as she paused in the act of putting a nicked saucepan under the pile out of sight.

"Gold?" echoed the girl at the small hardware counter in a tone of infinite scorn. "Got a gold? What I've got is as an iceberg to a small icicle when it comes to golds! But I thought I had a good time getting it, M'ree!"

"Howjuh do it?" inquired the girl with the robespierre collar.

"Why, the Jolly Rover Social club gave a midsummer party the other night," explained the afflicted one.

"In zero weather!" cried the girl at the enamelware. "For the land's sake! Were they crazy? S'pose you had a beach party and went for a swim, and had ice cream for refreshments afterward! B-r-r-r!"

"Nod exactly," said the sufferer. "Of course, it was zero, but that's what made it interesting. It's always interesting to do things people don't expect you to do, isn't it?"

"Maybe," agreed the girl at the enamelware counter. "But there are limits! Now, if any one requested me to go on a violet picking expedition in January it would be unexpected, but, nevertheless, crazy. I hope I have sense enough to know a snowbank from a steam radiator. I don't wonder you have a cold!"

"We had the party at the hall," explained the girl at the hardware counter. "And it would have been all right only something seemed to go wrong with the heating plant. The president of the club said he told the janitor to have it hotter than usual, but the janitor must have got mixed and done the opposite. So when we came in dressed in white organdies and such things everybody turned purple almost at once."

"Now, it doesn't help a girl's temper to know that she's a light heliotrope (ginge and she can't be her own sweet self when she realizes that she has a bright red nose and goose pimples on her hands and arms! So everybody started with a bad temper. Jimmy said I stepped on his feet, but I didn't—it was his last summer shoes that were too small for him and his feet were numb from cold, anyhow. He didn't listen kindly to my explanation, because when we sat down to talk there was an icy blast from the window right down his collar, and Jimmy is awfully sensitive to drafts. So he got mad at me and went over to talk to that Flossy Soller—her in the ribbons—because he said he wouldn't get pneumonia for any girl and I had put him there on purpose."

"To get even with Jimmy I smiled at Percy Wagner and he took me to have some lemonade that ought 'a' been boiled, it was so cold, and then he sat me down in a corner and talked to me, and Jimmy could see us, and I wouldn't 'a' moved if I'd frozen to the spot. I 'most did, too, because there was a cold air radiator in the floor right there and I know the other end was connected with the north pole. I had on my ruffled dimity and white shoes and hostery and my teeth were chattering. Percy's nose looked frost-bitten and his knees knocked together. When we tried to dance we sort of fell around like clothespins."

"Then we sat in a circle and ate ice cream and our throats froze up till we ought 'a' called a plumber and everybody said, 'Ain't we having a fine time?' And Jimmy glowed till I was afraid his face would crack with the cold and everything. Then finally, just as Percy and I were getting some more lemonade, Jimmy grabbed me by the arm."

"Say," he hissed, "I've had enough of that sissy fellow trailing after you!"

"Just as I drew away, indignant like—for nobody can boss me even if it is Jimmy—Percy sort of fell against the lemonade bowl and it tipped over and soaked Jimmy and me. I'd hate to think it of Percy, but I can't see how he could have upset that bowl without planning it."

"Well, of course, Jimmy and I had to go home then, and my! the language that man used was something wonderful! I didn't see how there could be any more language in the world, but I found there was, for when we started to get off the street car Jimmy found his duck trousers that had got soaked with lemonade were frozen to the seat. The conductor wouldn't hold the car while Jimmy tore them loose! He said there were no rules 'n' regulations requiring a conductor to delay service just because a passenger got frozen to the seat."

"By the time we got home my dimity dress skirt was so frozen with lemonade that it rattled like tin, and when I hit the doorknob it cracked and ruined itself. I s'pose I must 'a' got my gold somehow during the evening."

"It looks that way," agreed the girl at the enamelware counter.



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## LETTER FROM MR. H. A. TYER

Gardner, Ill.,  
Nov. 29, 1914.

To the readers of the Messenger:

One night, quite a while ago, I went to a Salvation Army meeting, in a tent, at the corner of Commerce and Poydras Streets, in Dallas, Texas. When they sang the first song, it started with these words:

"Oh Where is my boy tonight,  
Oh where is my boy tonight,  
Where ever he goes,

I love him he knows,  
Oh where is my boy tonight."

There was an old lady in the meeting that put her face in her hands and went crying, out of the tent. Of course, I did not know who she was, nor where she lived, but I suppose she had a wayward son that had gone wrong; was then, perhaps, in jail or the penitentiary, and the song made her think of him, hence her crying.

When I read "A Subscriber's" letter in last week's Messenger, it made me think of the Salvation Army meeting and the old lady.

I have travelled quite a little, have now been "on the road" for nearly six years, and what I have seen in that time would take me more than a month to write, and you more than a week to read.

It does seem to me that the people of the north are not as religious as the people of the south. It is no uncommon sight to see little boys here take a pail and go to the saloon for beer, and as strange as it may seem, I have seen little girls, 5 or 6 years old, come out of saloons with a pail of beer. That, however, is not true of the little town of Gardner, so far as I know. These sights can be seen any day in the summer time among the foreigners around the mining towns, but the sad thought is that these people seem to hold the balance of power, and always swing the mining towns to the wet side. And of course there is where one will find so many men who are always ready to buy beer for young boys that are growing up, and around such towns a mother may well cry out: "Oh where is my boy tonight."

I do not know which is the saddest sight to see, an old man whose shadow is lengthening toward the east, that has lived a misspent life, never done anything to better the moral standing, much less the religious condition of the community in which he lives, or to see a young man whose life is ahead of him, starting out the same way in which the old man has gone.

Let me tell you of one of the saddest cases I know of, viewing it from one standpoint:

I know a young man about 18 or 20 years old. When he was 14 or 15, he got both arms cut off in a railroad accident. His right arm is off just as close as it could be cut to his body, and his left arm is off just about half way between his shoulder and elbow. As the accident was all his fault, the R. R. Company settled with his father for \$5000. Now the boy's father has opened up a saloon with the boy's money, and I am told the armless boy drinks beer and whiskey at the rate of 10 to 20 drinks per day. Think what the ending will be. Now of course, there are other stories that have bright sides to them, but as "Subscriber" says, "If we could raise our boys right it would help all around."

So boys just stop and ask

## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



yourself the honest question, are you living as you should, or as you would be willing that your sister, mother or best girl would.

Long live the Messenger and its many readers.

Yours Truly,  
H. A. Tyer.

### Checks Croup Instantly

You know croup is dangerous. And you ought to know, too, the sense of security that comes from having Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in the house. It cuts the thick mucus and clears away the phlegm, stops the strangling cough and gives easy breathing and quiet sleep. Every user is a friend. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

### COMMENDS ANTRIMITE

Crockett, Texas,  
Dec. 4, 1914.

Dear Mr. Editor:

You will kindly permit me space enough to congratulate Antrimite for having made one expression in his article of Nov. 29, in the Messenger, which is as follows: "I am sure a well ordered literary society would be preferable to little parties and "42" games."

May God speed the day when the people shall awaken to this blessed fact. Uplift.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy---The Mother's Favorite

"I give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vandergrift, Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial. For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

Bad taste in the mouth is removed with a dose of Herbine. It sweetens the stomach and purifies the liver and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

## RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

(Delayed)

Reynard, Nov. 30.—So much rain has got us water wound and the roads are in bad shape, but there is no need of much travel.

The Messenger was brim full of good reading last week. Mr. Tyer's safety advice was good; also "Observer" on how to make our paper better was good, and we say amen, and then Mr. Radford's toast. Somehow we believe Mr. Ferguson is going to make us a good governor, but one thing sure, the prohibitionists need not expect anything along that line. At any rate, we should look on him as our governor, although not our style.

Reynard is sure going to have a Christmas tree and show the children and old folks that Old Santa is not over in Germany and dead.

Prof. Jameson of Palestine was a Thanksgiving guest of C. C. Smith. He came down to duck and squirrel hunt a few days, but the weather was too bad.

J. L. Chiles has stayed in town so much lately that he is kinder town like. He says town is a mighty nice place to be, and so is the country, and the best place for anyone is where they are contented, and it is a little bit strange to us that some people will harshly criticize their own town or community and say things are not like they used to be, and are not doing one thing to make things go better.

While in Crockett the following sign was seen in front of a merchant's place: "No goods sold on Sunday and darn few in the week days." The sign that most of us are looking for just now is prices cut to fit our pocket books. (Read the ads every week.—Editor.)

Fish tales are out of season, but turtle ones are not. Pledger Chiles says he saw twenty five turtles on one log in the river, all sizes, and more swimming around, but the log was full.

Zack.



# Don't Forget Our Reduced Prices

## On all Men's and Boys' Clothing and Ladies' and Misses' Suits and Coats

We are well pleased with the results obtained from our ad in last week's Messenger, as a result of which we have moved a considerable number of men's suits and overcoats, boys' suits and ladies' and misses' coats. We have some good sizes left, all in popular numbers. Come in at your first opportunity and take advantage of this offer while it lasts.

We have everything marked in plain figures, nothing marked up so that we can tell you we are selling you something worth more than it is. Here are some of the popular ones:

**Boys' \$4 Suits - - - - \$3.20**  
Every Suit a Bargain

**Men's \$10 Suits - - - - \$7.90**  
Every Suit a Bargain

**Men's 8.50 Overcoats - \$6.75**  
Every Coat a Bargain

**Ladies \$15 Suits - - - \$12.60**  
Every Suit a Bargain

**Ladies' \$6 Coats - - - - \$4.90**  
Every Coat a Bargain

**Misses' \$4 Coats - - - - \$3.15**  
Every Coat a Bargain

### Do Your Christmas Shopping Now

while you have plenty of time and a better selection of goods to make your choice from. Try giving useful gifts this year and see how much more highly appreciated they will be. If you cannot decide what to give, come to our store and we will help you. We have lots of things that would make useful gifts for each member of the family and something that can be kept long and remembered

### When You Come to Grapeland

make our store your stopping place. We keep two hot fires and plenty of fresh water and appreciate a call from you whether you buy or not. We sell everything used on the farm or in the home and are complete outfitters for men, women and children.

**We Buy Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Hides, Bees Wax and Cotton and Pay the Highest Market Price for them.**

## GEORGE E. DARSEY

WE SELL EVERYTHING THAT MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WEAR

### LOCAL NEWS

Henry Richards has returned home from Texarkana.

Mrs. J. O. Edington visited relatives in Tyler last week.

Oliver Aldrich of Crockett was a Grapeland visitor Saturday.

Mrs. M. C. Hollingsworth has returned home from Kingsville.

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

Stokes Pelham of near Lovelady was home Saturday and Sunday.

Pure home-made ribbon cane molasses in 5 gallon lots or more, 60c per gallon, at Darsey's. adv

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Kennedy announce the arrival of a boy baby.

W. P. Kyle of the Daly's community was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday.

Dr. W. D. McCarty has torn down his old barn and is erecting a new one in its place.

Mrs. Keisling of Huntsville is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Kennedy.

### FOR SALE

2-foot and stove wood for sale. See Jim Bean. Adv.

Have Clewis to press your trousers. One leg pressed 15c, two legs 25c, top free. adv

Geo. E. Darsey buys chickens, turkeys, geese, eggs, hides and beeswax. If you want the top prices for yours take them to him. Adv.

### LAST CALL FOR COTTON

December 15 is the last day we will accept cotton on subscription. If you are going to pay your subscription this way, you had better hurry and bring it in. 35 lbs. pays for a year. The Messenger.

### CLEWIS SAYS

if you order your suit now you will get it in time for the Christmas holidays, but you'll have to hurry. Drop in and get fitted

### NOTICE

According to contract must have cash for meal and hulls when delivered. No exceptions. adv. J. W. Howard.

### NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be at Grapeland Saturday, Dec. 19, for the purpose of collecting 1914 tax.

Geo. H. Denny, Tax Collector. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Davis received a telegram Wednesday announcing the birth of a grandson—a boy to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Blalock of Livingston.

### Sick Headache

Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. John Bishop of Roseville, Ohio, writes, "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headache that lasted for two or three days at a time. I doctored and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until during one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by all dealers. (Advertisement.)

### LYRICAL LIES

By the Office Poet

### THE WEATHER

Why kick about the weather, be it hot or cold or wet? I always like whatever comes And no one has as yet Heard me complain, for well I know 'Tis very very true It cannot please us all, and so I hope it pleases you.

Wm. Dillard of Falls county spent several days here last week looking at some property with a view of buying. He expects to return soon and close a deal.

Geo. W. Mack of Wisconsin, who has been here for several weeks, has purchased the Edge Farm, east of town, and will live here. His family will arrive later.

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

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

Rev. H. A. Matney and children arrived home last week from Madisonville, Bro. Matney having stopped there on his way from conference to accompany them. Augusta and Percilla have been added to the Grapeland work for this year, and Bro. Matney filled his appointments there last Sunday. He will preach at the Methodist church in this city next Sunday.

## WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

Large or small, guaranteeing to you the very best accommodations, consistent with existing conditions. Bring your deposit to us.

**The GUARANTY STATE BANK**  
GUARANTY FUND BANK

### WHAT FARMERS SHOULD DO

They should plant black-eyed peas between six-foot corn rows and see that the town puts in a dry kiln to render them immune from the weevil.

They should plant to ship strawberries in car lots, if their section is adapted to them, and likewise other things, co-operating in planting so as to load mixed cars.

It is getting a little late to sow oats, but not too late for wheat, which makes a good winter pasture and cover. It also makes good bread, and cut in the dough stage makes almost or quite as good hay as oats.

They should get together and agree on a breed of hogs for their section, purchasing sires of that breed, and then breed to load cars together, so that they

may have uniform weight and color.

They should work into dairy cattle close to town and beef cattle further away, uniformity as to breed being as important as in hogs, and this is specially true in beef breeding. It would not be long till a home creamery would take care of the cream out put.

They should enlist the aid of the town in securing the location of a sweet potato curing warehouse of not less than 40,000 bushels capacity, and grow the sweets to fill it, if theirs is a sandy land section.

They should plan together to raise and ship poultry in car lots, taking the women into partnership with them.

They should, along with the South in general, grow only enough cotton for it to be worth 20c a pound and help to evolve a better market system for it than obtains at present.

R. R. Claridge.