

# Grapeland Messenger.

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their cotton, got it ready for for it. Then the panic came; that much. everything was on a standstill; no money in circulation. Our local merchants, who strained every nerve to help make the crop, were handicapped. They wanted to help their customers as I know. but didn't know how. The same conflict is going on as it was then and we are getting twice as much for the same stuff as we did last year. Well, some will say that it is due to a short crop. We will admit that the crop is short, but we won't admit that three or four million bales will make such a difference in price. If the farmers last year had gathered their cotton and housed it in a good dry house and had kept it and the ginner had refused to gin a bale until the middle of October, the war wouldn't have had so much effect on the price. I hope the cotton planters will get an idea in their head that a short crop of cotton and a full crop of feed stuff is Friday visiting his homefolks. worth more than a big crop of cotton and no feed stuff. Come now, Brother Farmer, let's cut day morning. Among the visiour acreage some more next year and plant more to consume at home and we will get a good price next fall. There are several things that we can raise that bring more money to the acre than cotton on this poor land. I know some cotton that didn't make 50 lbs. to the acre that dred pounds of peas. Speckle thin.

and went my way rejoicing and market and there was no market been glad to help the poor man

> Our school is doing fairly well. New students come in every week.

The health is very good so far

I will report the changes in this community later.

As Ever, Old Timer.

LOCAL NEWS

Oct. 25.—We had a nice rain last Monday night which was very much appreciated.

There is quite a lot of sickness, Mr. Preston Morrison, our assistant teacher, has been real sick this week. He had malarial fever, but he is getting along nicely now. The school has lost no time.

Miss Ola Willis is teaching in the assistant's place.

Mr. Morgan went to Lovelady Bro. J. W. North preached us a very interesting sermon Suntors present were Bro. Larue of Salmon, Messrs. Joe Miller, Earl Monzingo from Rocky Mound and Mr. Luther Warner from Hays Springs.

Chas. R. Streetman went to Crockett last week to attend school at that place.

It is most time for Jack Frost and that old coat we have been would have made five or six hun- wearing so long will be rather Scribbler.

Deep Cut in Prices It's a money saving

proposition for you FROM ROCK HILL to supply your needs during this big sale, which includes our entire stock.

> We are the people who put the price down in Grapeland and sell you goods at live and let live prices the year 'round.



Men's Blue Serge Suits



You owe it to yourself to see our line before you buy.

Shoes for the whole family

Dress Goods that are sure to please at pleasing prices.

> Let us fill your next bill WE BUY COTTON

McLean & Riall THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE BOTH PHONES FREE DELIVERY

#### CORN WANTED

Since losing my barn and contents by fire, I am in the market for 1000 bushels of sound corn; will pay 50c per bushel. I have made arrangements with Olan so bring it to his scales.

Geo. Calhoun.

THE REPORT OF THE PARTY OF THE

Hon. Morris Shepard was the principal speaker at the W. O. W. unveiling at Trinity last Sunday. days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe The following from Grapeland at- Kellman, after which they will tended: Messrs. Jim, Henry, visit the Dallas fair.

Hugh and Harry Richards, C. L. Haltom, Eugene Walling, W. E. Kerr, M. E. Bean, Lonzie and Sampson Tyer, Tom and Bill Spence, Chas. Story, John Collins, Herod Parker, E. L. Berry, J. F. Fulmer and A. E. Owens Davis to weigh and pay for same, and Mrs. Jas. Owens and Mrs. Loye Stowe.

> Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Darsey left Tuesday afternoon in their car for Kauffman to spend a few

# Ghept DM A TALE OF CIVIL STRIFE

revenge! 1-1 would not be frightened

but for that-that awful alternative.

She stared pleadingly into my face,

but, reading no answer there to her

wild appeal, sank to her knees, and

buried her face in her hands. All that

was strong about the girl seemed

swept away by sudden uncontrollable

terror-by dread of Anse Cowan. A

hoarse, strange voice roared out an

order, seemingly from the very foot of

"That's enough of that, Samuels!

Here, take your men up above. Be

lively now, and don't let a rat get

The girl lifted her head; then got to

her feet, clinging to the bedpost. I

could see the glitter of a pistol in her

hand. A thought swept through my

brain-so daring, so reckless, I gasped

at the mere wildness of the sugges-

tion. Yet it might answer; it might

succeed! But would she consent; even

in her desperation, in the extreme of

her terror, would she grasp at such a

straw? There was nothing else-not

another chance. This might not be

one-yet it would surely serve to de-

lay; it would place me in between

her and Anse Cowan. She could not

legally marry him, if she were once my

wife! Only the girl whose eyes just

"I-I have thought of one way," I

said eagerly, the words coming forth

almost incoherent. "That is if you will

listen to what I propose. There is

nothing else feasible so far as I can

see. They-they are in the front

rooms now-hear them! We haven't

a moment to lose. Will you-will you

She shrank back a step, staring at

"Marry! marry you?" she faltered

wildly. "Why what can you mean! I

"Of course not-"the conception is

wild, impractical, perhaps. It must

seem so to you-yet listen. It is the

"This is no time to question. They

are coming here now, those fellows

with Anse Cowan at their head. You

know what for. The question is not

do you wish to marry me; but do you

trust me more than you do Anse Cow-

me with wide-opened eyes, breathing

consent to marry me?"

-- I do not understand!"

do trust me, do you not?"

"Ye-es-but-"

heavily.

then met mine-

the stairs.

away."

Tell me-tell me what to do!"

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COPYRICHT

CHAPTER I-Confederate Sergeant Wyatt of the Staunton artillery is sent as a spy to his native county on the Green Briar by General Jackson.

CHAPTER II-Wyatt meets a moun-aineer named Jem Taylor, with whom he rides to a house beyond Hot Springs.

CHAPTER III-In the house Wyatt and Taylor meet Major Harwood, father of Norcen and an old neighbor of Wyatt, who is sent to bed while the two other men talk. Wyatt becomes suspicious, and finds that Taylor has murdered Harwood and escaped

CHAPTER IV-Wyatt changes to the CHAPTER IV-Wyatt changes to the U.S. cavairy uniform he has with him. and rides away in the night, running into a detachment of Federal cavairy, to whom he identifies himself as Lieutenant Raymond, Third U.S. cavairy, by means of papers with which he has been pro-vided. Captain Fox finds Harwood's body and follows Taylor's trail.

CHAPTER V-Fox and Wyatt believe Taylor to be old Ned Cowan. The de-tachment is ambushed. Wyatt escapes to the Green Briar country and goes to Harwood's apparently deserted home.

CHAPTER VI-Wyatt finds Noreen Harwood alone in her home. She does not recognize him, and he introduces him-self as Lieutenant Raymond.

to the house and tells Noreen of her fa-

CHAPTER VIII-Wyatt forces Parson Nichols to confess that he has been sent in advance of Anse Cowan, who proposes to marry Noreen at once, and so quiet title to the land in dispute between the Cowans and Noreen's dead father.

CHAPTER IX-Anse Cowan and his gang arrive and find the preacher bound in a closet. Wyatt and Noreen have con-cealed themselves in the attic.

CHAPTER X-The Cowan gang ran-sacks the house but fails to find the hid-den couple. Wyatt tells Noreen who he is.

CHAPTER XI-Wyatt and Noreen return to the second floor and await the next move of the gang, forcing the preacher to silence.

### CHAPTER XII.

#### A Marriage by Duress.

Daylight was coming; the gang meant to search the house again, perhaps fire it as they had the stable. and then ride away before the Federal garrison at Lewisburg could receive the alarm. I turned away from the one way left open to save you from window to perceive Nichols sitting up Anse Cowan. You can trust me? You on the edge of the bed.

"What's afire?" he asked.

"The stable," I answered, crossing the room. "Get down in the corner, where you cannot be seen from the windows. Oh, yes you can; you are not so badly hurt. Miss Noreen, is there any other place better than this in which to hide?'

She shook her head

#### THE MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

marriage in all the world. The dying embers of the stable fire shot red gleams of flame over us through the unshaded windows, giving Nichols a ghastly look, and glowing on the steel barrel of the revolver I held poised at his head His voice faltered and broke, and clotted blood rendered hideous one side of his face, while his hands shook as if with palsy. All the sneaking coward in him was manifest. Outside a dozen voices roared, one rising gruff above the others shouting orders. Once a single shot crashed through the upper panel of the door and broke the glass of a window opposite. The girl, startled, reeled against me, and the preacher stopped, gasping for breath. "No firing, you fool!" roared a deep voice angrily. "We don't want any dead

ones-beat down the door!" "Go on!" I ordered grimly, and thrust the black muzzle hard against

his cheek. The preacher choked, but the usual words of the ritual-sounding almost like mockery-dropped mechanically from his tongue.

"And now I pronounce you man and wife, and whom God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Amen."

She gave vent to a little sobbing cry, half stifled in her throat, and shrank away from me. I knew that her face was buried in her hands, yet had no time to look that way, or utter a word. Rifle butts were crashing in the panels of the door; I could perceive already dim figures revealed through the jagged openings made in the light wood, a vista of faces, a gleam of weapons.

"Hit lower down!" yelled the same gruff voice of command. "There is a bolt that holds fast-reach in, Saunders!"

"Get back-beyond the bed," I called, pushing her behind me, and bracing myself for the first shock. The door gave, sagging aside on its hinges, and half falling inward, and through the opening men tumbled forward, carbines gripped in their hands. The red light gleamed ghastly across their faces and revealed-the blue uniform of Federal cavalry.

#### CHAPTER XIII.

#### Before Lieutenant Raymond.

The headlong rush stopped in startled amazement at sight of us, and I stood there staring at them, unable to speak, my revolver lowered. In that instant of pause, an officer thrust the men aside and faced me, sword in hand.

"What does this mean, sir? Who are you?" he questioned, sweeping his glance over my uniform, and then beyond me at the two others.

"I would ask the same question." I returned, not yet assured as to whom I confronted, and suspecting some trick. We believed ourselves attacked by guerrillas. Are you soldiers?"

"Well, rather," with a short. grim laugh. "These are Pennsylvania cavalrymen My name is Raymond, and I demand to know, first of all, where you got possession of that Third U.S. covalry uniform "

a tall, well-proportioned fellow, with incipient mustache, black and curled at the points; a rather long face, and eyes sternly serious. There was about him an appearance of force-a bit of a bully I should say-and his uniform was new, and carefully fitted.

A man stood in the doorway, bowing, his mild blue eyes surveying us nervously. He sported a light beard, closely trimmed, the top of his head scarcely reaching to the lieutenant's shoulder. Miss Noreen greeted him with a welcoming smile, and he stepped gallantly forward, bending low as he accepted her hand.

"So pleased, so delighted, Miss Harwood, to find you safe and well. We were, indeed, greatly worried at the thought of your being here alone," he exclaimed, a slight lisp in his voice. "You have not suffered, I trust?"

"Not seriously, Captain Whitlock; the guerrillas were outwitted-"

"Ah! do not attempt to explain, I beg. We understand what you have passed through, as we have captured two of the villains. You sent for me, Lieutenant Raymond?"

"Yes, sir, I did." the young officer's expression exhibiting clearly the contempt he felt for his superior. "I preferred that you decide what shall be done with this fellow," pointing at finger at me. "Miss Harwood vouches for him, but I fail to understand how he comes to be in the uniform of my regiment."

The captain fitted a pair of glasses to his eyes and surveyed me with care.

"Why, bless me, so he is," he ejaculated, "and you never saw him before?"

"No, and there is not another Third U. S. cavalryman west of the Alleghentes."

The girl laughed and laid her hand on Whitlock's arm.

"I told Lieutenant Raymond that I would explain fully," she said, pre-



that uniform?" burst in Raymond.

"Will you be courteous enough to permit me to tell you? I have endeavored twice already to fully explain. Mr. Wyatt came here in the midst of the storm last night. He had found his own home destroyed, and this was the nearest shelter to be found. He supposed the house deserted, and merely sought protection until morning. How I chanced to be here you gentlemen both know, and that matter requires no explanation. Mr. Wyatt arrived with his clothing muddy, and soaked with rain. I gave him the only change to be found in the house -a uniform belonging originally to a cousin of mine, Lieutenant Anton Harwood, Third Kentucky cavalry."

"But this is not the uniform worn by volunteer troops. Captain Whitlock, I insist-"

"Really, Lieutenant Raymond," the girl said, fronting him, her eyes sparkling, "this is becoming most tiresome. What do I care what uniform it is! I have told you where it came from, how it chanced to be there, and the reason it was worn by this man. I cannot be expected to know all the petty distinctions of the service."

"But surely," spoke up the captain, plainly bewildered, "the suit he wore when he came can be produced. You know where that is?"

"I know where it was," she answered coolly. "Hanging before the fireplace in the dining room. However I cannot guarantee that it remains there now-this house has been gutted by Cowan's guerrillas, and, from the sound, your own men were none too careful."

Whitlock fiddled with the tassel of his sword, evidently far from satisfied himself, yet unwilling to make final decision unaided.

"I hardly know just what to do," he confessed reluctantly. "Ordinarily, you know, a lady's word would be sufficient, but somehow, I-I-well, this looks just a little queer. What do you think, lieutenant?"

"That the fellow ought to be taken before Major Hawes and made to explain what purpose brought him here. I have no desire to question Miss Harwood; indeed, I am perfectly willing to accept her statement. But this man is not a civilian-he is a soldier: he has had military training. He should be made to account for himself, sir." The speaker's eyes fell upon the preacher, huddled back in the corner, now clearly revealed by the gray daylight which was stealing in through the windows. "Hullo! here seems to be yet another specimen we have overlooked. Who are you?"

Nichols shuffled forward, looking woebegone and miserable, his cheek disfigured by Cowan's blow, sneak and coward written all over him. His shifting eyes met mine, and he must have read in my gaze a threat he dare not ignore. Twice his mouth opened and closed before he could make words issue.

"One of Cowan's gang?"

"God be praised-no. Made to serve that human fiend by force. I am a

"Well, then we must fight it out here if they come; you have your revolver-ah! the squad is already below; listen!'

We stood side by side, scarcely breathing, close to the bolted door. The flames of the burning stable were dying down, yet there was sufficient light to render every object in the room plainly visible. Intent as I was on every slight sound below and without, I kept my eyes on Nichols, seated dejectedly in one corner. Feet tramped noisily back and forth in the lower hall, and the sound of voices reached us, the words indistinguishable. There was an echo of splintered wood, the crash of dishes, and a loud laugh. The fellows seemed to be looting the kitchen and pantry, destroying whatever they could not use. Suddenly there arose a sound of smashing glass at the front of the house, and the tinkling of a piano as if some rough hand swept across the keys. Noreen pressed closer, lifting her eyes in appeal.

"They-they are searching the house," she whispered, her voice shaking, "and-looting it. Do you hear that? They are even tearing the carpet from the floor. Some of them will come up here."

"I am afraid so-but you must not lose your nerve. We shall have to fight!"

she grasped my arm with both hands. "I-I would not be so afraid, only for that man. I cannot fall into his power. I will kill myself first! You do not ed sternly. "Come now, not a word; know Anse Cowan; but I do. I would rather die than have his hands touch me. I hate and despise him; he is an incarnate brute-and-and he is here after me!"

"Hush," I urged, holding her tightly, her slight form trembling. "Do not let go yet: they may not even come up the stairs."

"But they will," she insisted. "I tell you I know the man. He-he swore he would marry me two years ago; he told me so, and I laughed at him. He stopped my father on the road, held a trembled, and once, when she had to rifle to his head, and boasted that some day he would make me pay his debts. This is no mere incident of war-it is

an? Listen! it will be a form only-1 am not conceited enough to believe you desire me for your husband. But you know who I am; you have confidence in my honor. He cannot marry you if you are already my wife-'

"He-he could kill you." "Yes, there are enough of them; but that might happen anyway. No doubt it would, for otherwise I should fight to the end. I do not think being your husband will add in the least to my danger-and it will possibly, legally, protect you.'

"But how can I? Will it be legal?" "Noreen, don't stop to argue, or doubt," I urged, grasping her hand in eagerness. "We haven't time. Listen | tery." to those voices in the hall! Of course it will be legal-Nichols is an ordained minister, and no license is required. I shall never attempt to hold you, Noreen, and any court will set you free the moment you tell the story. The one, the only thing, for you to consider now, is escape from Anse Cowan.'

"You do this to-to save me?"

"To keep you from falling helplessly into the clutches of a beast-tell me yes! My God, girl, there they are now trying the door! Answer-will you?" "Yes-yes, Tom Wyatt-"

With one leap past her I had Nichols by the collar, the muzzle of my revolver at his head. A heavy foot "Fight? yes; but what use?" and crashed against the locked door, and a prefer greater privacy than this. You voice without gave utterance to an are in command?" oath

> "Marry me to this girl," I commanddon't wait to ask a question. Noreen, take my hand-"

"Open up in there or we'll break down the door!" came hoarsely from the hallway.

My eyes never left Nichols' face. What he read of threat I know not, but his lips began to stumble through the form, though I could scarcely distinguish a word. His face was gray with terror, and I dared not look aside at the silent girl-only I vaguely realized that the hand held in mine speak, the two words uttered were almost a sob.

Never surely was there a stranger his eyes.on me. Raymond fronted me,

Perhaps in his excitement he had not really recognized her before; but these words were scarcely out of his mouth when the lady stood beside me, facing him. I caught one swift flash of her eyes as though warning me to silence. Whatever fear she had formerly felt seemed to have left her in this crisis, for she stood erect, her cheeks flushed, her eyes frankly meeting those of the surprised officer.

"You will, however, recognize me.

lieutenant," she said pleasantly, and extended her hand, "and if you will listen I think I can clear up the mys-

"Miss-Miss Harwood," he murmured, slightly embarrassed, but still belligerent, his glance wandering from her face to mine. "Certainlywe hoped to find you here. It was to rescue you we came-at least it was that hope which led me to request the sending of troops, and to accompany them. This outrage has been committed, I believe, by Cowan's gang, and this man here-'

"Is my friend," she interrupted quietly. "Lieutenant Raymond, if you will kindly order your men to retire I will gladly explain his presence in the house."

"You wish to speak to me alone?" "Not necessarily; but I certainly

"No; Captain Whitlock is below." He turned toward the crowd blocking the doorway and I grasped the opportunity to breathe a hasty word of warning into the ear of Nichols. The girl never glanced again at either of

"Take the men back into the hall, sergeant." the lieutenant ordered, "and look through whatever rooms have not been visited. Request Captain Whitlock to join me here."

We waited motionless, the lieutenant's hand on the butt of his revolver, as though he half suspicioned treachery. Twice he endeavored to open conversation with the lady, but her response was not encouraging, and he evidently did not feel safe except with

#### "And Now I Pronounce You Man and Wife."

tending to be amused. If it is the uniform my friend wears, I must assume all responsibility, as I furnished it."

"You!" there was a sarcastic sneer in the lieutenant's surprised exclamation. "Why should you have in your possession a uniform of the Third Regulars?"

"I did not," she answered sweetly, but looking at Whitlock. "That uniform belonged to my ccusin, an officer of the Third Kentucky."

Raymond uttered a smothered expression, stared an instant at her slightly averted face, and then, with one stride forward, swung me to the light.

"See here, Captain Whitlock," he exclaimed indignantly, "I cannot conceive what object Miss Harwcon may have in desiring to protect this man, but this is not the uniform of any volunteer regimen

"Do I understand, lleutenant, that you dare question my word?" she asked proudly, her eyes gazing straight into his. "I am unaccustomed sir, to such treatment."

"Wait a moment, Raymond," broke in the captain. "There is no doubt of Miss Harwood's loyalty. Let us hear her explanation first. You say, Miss Harwood, you know this man? that he is a friend? May I ask his name?"

"Surely; I only desire an opportunity to answer any question. He is Thomas Wyatt, the son of the late Judge Wyatt, whose home was on the ridge yonder. We were children together."

"A rebel?"

"Really, I never thought to ask," carelessly. "I was too glad to have his protection. We-we spoke only of our childhood days together, still I gathered the impression that Mr. Wyatt had never joined either side, and was merely here to look after his property. Of course he can explain all that."

"But how came he to be dressed in

minister of the Gospel."

"You!" The lieutenant broke into a laugh. "By Jove, you fit the part. Whitlock, did you ever hear of the fellow ?"

The captain rubbed his glasses. "Are you the Baptist preacher at

Cane Ridge?" he asked doubtfully. "For twenty years I have ministered to that congregation; the young

woman can vouch for my labor.' "Then, I presume you are also ac-

quainted with this fellow?" questioned Raymond impatiently.

Nichols turned his glance again in my direction, but his gray face was devoid of interest.

"I have no knowledge of the young man," he asserted solemnly, "but I knew the old judge well. The resemblance is strong, and I have no doubt but he is a son. The father was a Christian and a gentleman."

"And a rebel, I presume?"

"Judge Wyatt died before the breaking out of the war, sir, but was known throughout these parts as a Unionist."

There was a silent pause, Whitlock fumbling at his eyeglasses, Raymond, a perplexed frown on his face, staring first at Nichols and then at me, as though more than half convinced he was being made a fool of. The girl had seated herself in a chair, and was leaning forward, her face hidden. The lieutenant turned and strode across the room, glancing out the window: then back again.

"Well, we cannot remain here discussing the matter," he said tartly. "It we do we may have a real fight on our hands before we are safely back in Lewisburg." He planted himself squarely in front of me. "See here,

it is time you did some talking. You haven't opened your mouth yet."

"There has been no occasion," I replied pleasantly. "The others have told all you need to know without my even being questioned."

"I have a mind to search you," he retorted, completely losing his temper.

"At your pleasure, lieutenant," I. spoke coldly enough, although there was a catch in my throat at sudden memory of the paper I bore containing his name. "And there is no guessing what you might find in Lieutenant Harwood's uniform."

We were still looking defiantly at each other's eyes when a trooper appeared in the open doorway, saluted, and said something in a low tone to Whitlock. I failed to catch the words spoken, but heard the captain answer: "Certainly, corporal, have him come up at once."

The soldier disappeared down the hall, and the lleutenant stepped back across the room, bending his head to whisper something privately into Whitlock's ear. My eyes followed his movement, and then sought the face of the girl; she sat motionless, the long lashes shading her eyes, the only visible sign of excitement



"I Demand to Know Where You Got That Third United States Cavalry Uniform."

the swift rise and fall of her bosom. Then a man came hastily into the room through the opened door. My heart leaped into my throat at sight of him-he was Captain Fox.

(To be Continued)

#### HIS IDEA.

Bill-Now I'll give you a new one on the phonograph.

Jill-Who is that making the noise?

"That's the lightning quartette." "Sounds like thunder."

#### GENERAL POLIVANOFF



RAILROADS OF TEXAS OFFER RATES NEVER BEFORE KNOWN, IN EFFECT THIRTEEN DAYS.

# ALL ROADS LEAD TO NO-TSU-OH

This Year's Carnival, Beginning Nov. 6 and Lasting Until Nov. 17, Will Be Featured by Great Historical Parade, Liberty Bell Day, Etc.

Such rates as have never before been offered in Texas by the railroads for any fair, congress or celebration, have been secured for the No-Tsu-Oh Carnival at Houston this year. Moreover, the rates are in effect for thirteen days, November 5 to 17, and special rates will be offered for November 18, the day of the Liberty Bell's

arrival in Houston. These rates present the whole state with an invitation, a temptation so strong as to be irresistible, if resistance were planned, to secure a combination of pleasure and material advantage such as has never been given the citizens of the state before in its history. Everything this year seems to have conspired for the crowning effort of the sixteen years of monarchy under the dynasties of King Nottoc and King Retaw which has marked Houston's prosperity.

This year's Carnival in many respects promises to be the most attractive the No-Tsu-Oh Association has ever presented, particularly in the agricultural display which has been entered by twenty-five counties. Coming with this feature, and with the other attractions which promise so much for the entertainment, are rates from the railroads which make it doubly easy for persons from all over the state to reach Houston.

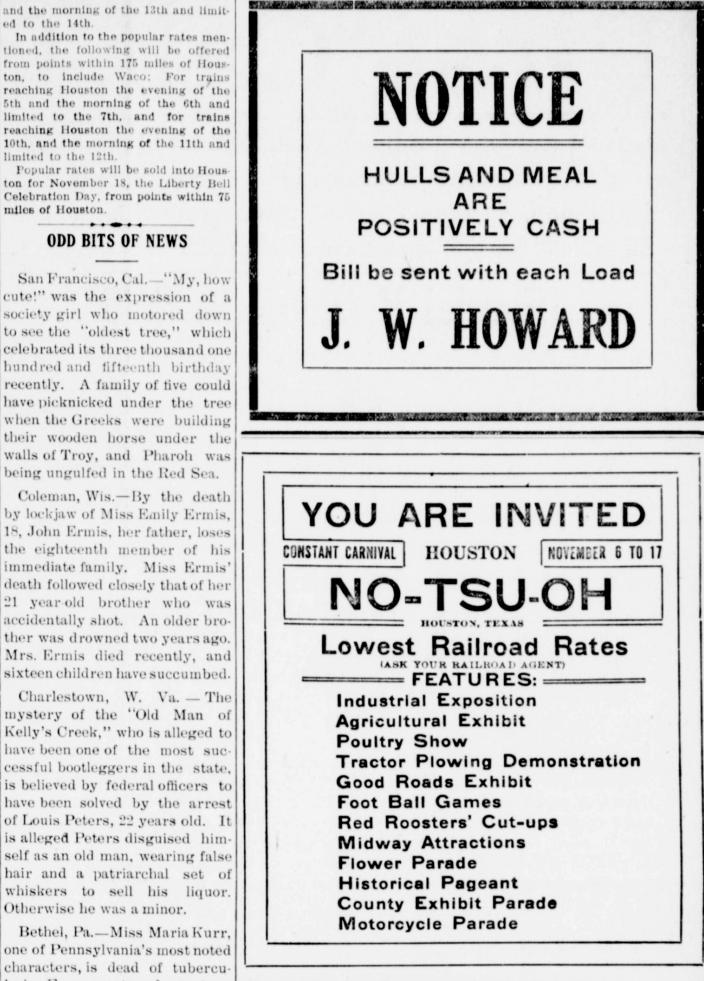
Your average farmer would be well content to go 200 or even 300 miles if he knew he could see demonstrated the latest apparatus for plowing, mowing, reaping, shearing and binding, as to this the pleasures of seeing two or three big football games, not the least on the opening day when particularly low rates are offered by the roads, the delights of seeing all the show windows of a city the size of Houston bedecked with tempting displays of clothes, furniture, household goodsthrill of viewing the Liberty Bell, he will feel that it is an opportunity of a lifetime not to be overlooked. These will see when he gets to Houston.

San Francisco, Cal.-"'My, how cute!" was the expression of a society girl who motored down to see the "oldest tree," which celebrated its three thousand one hundred and fifteenth birthday recently. A family of five could have picknicked under the tree when the Greeks were building their wooden horse under the walls of Troy, and Pharoh was being ungulfed in the Red Sea.

Coleman, Wis.-By the death by lockjaw of Miss Emily Ermis, 18, John Ermis, her father, loses the eighteenth member of his immediate family. Miss Ermis' death followed closely that of her 21 year-old brother who was accidentally shot. An older brother was drowned two years ago. Mrs. Ermis died recently, and sixteen children have succumbed.

Charlestown, W. Va. - The mystery of the "Old Man of Kelly's Creek," who is alleged to have been one of the most successful bootleggers in the state, is believed by federal officers to have been solved by the arrest will be one of the attractions of the of Louis Peters, 22 years old. It present Carnival. But if he can add is alleged Peters disguised himself as an old man, wearing false of which is the Sewanee-Texas game hair and a patriarchal set of whiskers to sell his liquor. Otherwise he was a minor.

Bethel, Pa.-Miss Maria Kurr, one of Pennsylvania's most noted farm accessories, even-the patriotic characters, is dead of tuberculosis. For a quarter of a century she kept the Kurr house at Millare only a few of the things the Texan ersburg, which was famous as a place to eat and stop. She was the confidant of politicians and controlled elections in her own read the attractive advertisements, township. She was an expert at mixing drinks, a horsewoman, a clared the show each year to be bet- hunter and could outplay the men at chess, cards, pool and checkers. She was six feet tall. strikingly handsome and refused steadfastly to marry. Monroe City, Mo.-Farmers of this community are spending their nights in the marshes catching frogs by which Albert "open sesame," the magic key, to even Farquer hopes to be cured of a cancerous growth which threatens his life. The breast of a living frog is placed against the sore, and absorbs the poisons. Farquer is rapidly recovering. The farmers hunt frogs with sacks and electric torches, which they flash into the eyes of the croakers and blind them.



#### THE MESSENGER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS

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miles of Houston.



General Polivanoff is the new Russian minister of war, whose special task it will be to develop the manufacture of munitions. He has announced that he is preparing a new army of 2,000,000 men.

#### AND RICE GETS PUFFED UP.

Bix-Scientists claim now that vegetables have feelings, emotions. Dix-That's right. We frequently see cabbages with swelled heads."

#### NEW YORK GOLF COURSES.

There are 110 golf courses within the New York, or what is known as the metropolitan, district. These can take care of 50,000 golfers with ease. ing Houston the evening of the 12th Leaverton.

ever, there has been many a man and woman throughout the state who has has heard the enthusiastic comments of returned villagers who have deter than it was the year before, has sat for hours trying to figure out how he could take his family to the big city for a week's entertainment, and then has been compelled by force of circumstances to give up the cherished idea of his boys and girls, the insistent but unexpressed hopes of the cheerful

Even with such attractions, how-

mother-on account of the price. The railroads this year, however, seemed to have decided to give the the hardest worked farmer, the man to whom every nickel is as valuable as days of toil, and have made rates which seem ridiculously low-so low that the railroads' own agents have laughed at their generosity.

'Wonderful," cried a prominent director of the No-Tsu-Oh Carnival when he heard the announcement of the rates. "We couldn't be a failure now even if we tried to be. With such rates, the whole state of Texas will pour into our midst. The advantages, both educational and pleasurable, to be derived from our undertaking will spread all over the state, and we will know that in this Carnival we have struck the key-note of a really democratic institution. The railroads certainly have come through."

As a matter of fact, he was right. The man within a radius of 175 miles can come to Houston for almost less than his gasoline would cost him if he were to drive an automobile, and if he hasn't an automobile, almost for the cost of feed for his horses and wear and tear on his buggy. The man at a more distant point can get to Houston as cheap as he ordinarily could get to his county seat for court. From November 5 to 17, limit the 19th, round trip rate from all Texas points is the price of a one-way ticket

plus one-fifth. On the following occasions popular rates, which are only 70 per cent of the one-way fare for the round trip, will be given: Trains reaching Houston the evening of No-

vember 8 and the morning of the 9th,

limited to the 10th, and trains reach-

#### It Always Does the Work.

"I like Chamberlain's Cough Remedy better than any other," writes R. E. Roberts. Homer City, Pa. "I have taken it off and on for years and it has never failed to give the desired results.' For sale by all dealers.

Forty per cent of the cotton production in the U.S. is consumed at home. Let's wear cotton goods and increase the consumption to fifty per cent next year-and then some!

Prickly Ash Bitters cures dis ease of the kidneys, cleanses and strengthens the liver, stomach Crockett, : : : : Texas and bowels. Sold by D. N. adv

# BARBERS

**CASKEY & DENSON** 

#### Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

INEEDA LAUNDRY, Houston Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

# WATCH THE DATE!

Our subscribers are requested to watch the date printed on the paper opposite the name and renew their subscriptions promptly. For an example, your name appears like this-

> John Doe 8 1 15

Means that the subscription expired Oct. 1st, 1915.

# **RENEW PROMPTLY!**

# John Spence

Lawyer Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

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IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

### 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

### VETINARY L. S. HARRIS

Crockett, Texas Will visit Grapeland second Saturday in each month. At Bobbitt's Stable

# CLIFTON' THE PHOTOGRAPHER

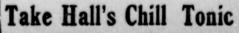
Will return to Grapeland and make photographs when there are enough orders to justify. See samples and leave orders at Leaverton's Drug Store.

#### Palestine, Texas

# Take Hall's Chill Tonic EUCALINE

You will not have the best if you fail to get EUCALINE for Malaria, Chills aud Fever. It acts on the liver and bowels and relieves the system of the cause, pleasant to take.

FIFTY CENTS by YOUR DRUGGIST



# First Call for Votes

Our first call for votes in our Cash Register Check contest is made for all votes issued by us up to the close of business Saturday, October 30, which must be received by us not later than Monday night's mail, November 1. All votes received later than by Monday night's mail November 1, will be held for our second call, which will be announced later.

# Special Premium in Gold

Will be given as follows: To the contestant sending in the largest number of votes in this first call will receive as a special premium \$10 in gold; to the contestant sending in the second largest number of votes will receive as a special premium \$5 in gold. These special premiums are open to all contestants and means that we will give \$15 in gold at the first call.

# SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL OUR CONTESTANTS:

This Cash Register Check contest, we are glad to state promises to be the most interesting one that we have ever had, and we hope the interest will continue to grow. However, there is one rule we must add, which we hope you and all contestants will look at and consider from a fair point of view. That rule is this: No Contestant Shall Solicit Votes from uCstomers while

# they are in the Store.

This rule, which applies to all contestants, is fair and equal to all alike. Our idea is for you to see your friends and solicit their support in the contest and get them to save up their votes for you. If this rule is complied with your friends can help you, if they are left free to do as they like with their votes. Now, this rule is added, as stated above, with a desire to be fair and equal to all contestants ants alike, and we hope we will have the support of all contestants in enforcing this rule, effective Monday, October 25, and to continue during the life of contest.

# Letters from Contestants Printed Free

As a favor to all contestants we will have printed free in the Messenger a letter from any and all contestants, not to contain more than 50 words, announcing and soliciting votes from their friends. This will be free to all contestants and will be published two weeks.

# **Bargains in Groceries**

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We are still selling best	1 00
granulated sugar, 18 lbs for	1 00
Best high patent	1 45
flour per sack	I 4J
Best second natent	1 95
flour per sack	1 35
Rest green coffee	1 00
8 pounds for	
Good roasted coffee	1 00
8 pounds for	
Rest compound land	4 00
per can	. 4 90
Garrett Snuff	
per bottle	<b>20</b> .
Brown Mule Tobacco	05
3 plugs for	25.
Brown Mule tobacco	0 40
a 10 pound box for	. 310
\$5.00 Shot guns	0 00
for	3 90
\$5.50 Shot guns	
for	4 40
\$12.50 Shot guns	
for	. 9 80
\$16.50 Shot guns	40.00
for	13 65
101	10 00

## Bargains in Furniture

\$2.00 bed springs for \$1.50 3.00 bed springs for \$2.50 2.00 iron beds complete with rollers and slats \$1.75 \$3.00 iron beds complete with rollers and slats \$2.65 \$4.00 iron beds, complete with rollers and slats \$3.60

Big 2-in. post 6.00 iron b	oed,
complete with rollers	and
slats for only\$	4.40
75c double cane seat	-
chairs for	60c
6.50 kitchen safes for-S	
4.50 kitchen safes for-S	
10.00 dressers for \$	
12.50 dressers for \$1	0.60

Free votes on Stoves and Furniture will be continued until Saturday, Oct. 30, as advertised.

# Extra Free Votes

### Contestants Always Welcome at Our Store.

Our contestants and their friends are always welcome at our store and we hope you will at all times feel that way and make it your stopping place, and the only request is not to solicit votes from customers in the store.

### Special Free Votes With Stoves and Furniture

Beginning Thursday, October 21, and continuing until Saturday, October 30, we will give extra free votes with stoves and furniture as follows:

	With	each	Cooking	Stove	under \$10 we will give 500 free votes	
	••	**		••	over 10 and under \$20 1000 "	
	**	**	"	;	\$20 and over 2500 free votes	
ac	h bill	of Fi	irniture	over S	2. and under \$3. we will give 200 free	v

1	With	each	bill	of	Furniture	over	\$2.	and	under	\$3.	we	will	giv	re 200	free	votes	
	••	**	**	••	"	••	\$3.	••	**	\$5.	••	••	•	400	••	••	
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each \$1.00 purchase.

A bill of furniture will include Bedsteads, Dressers, Tables, Chairs, Baby Cradles, Kitchen Safes, Side Boards, Hall Racks, Bed Springs and Mattresses. During this Furniture and Stove Sale we will not only give free votes as above stated, but continue our sale prices on furniture, stoves, springs and mattresses, which will begin Thursday, October 21, continuing only until the close of business Saturday, October 30th.

Contestants and customers will please note that these extra votes will only be given as above stated and for the time advertised, and changed every week. WATCH THIS SPACE EVERY WEEK.

I Thank You

# George E. Darsey.

We will give extra free votes as follows, on shoes and hats from Thursday, October 28, until Saturday, November 6 only:

With every pair of shoes that cost up to \$1.50—100 votes over 1.50 and up to 2.50 we will give 200 free votes.

With every pair of shoes that costs over \$2.50-300 votes "man's or boys' hat from 50c to \$1.50-100 votes "over 1.50 to 2.50-200 votes "2.50-300 votes

" " ladies or misses hat from 50c to 1.50—100 votes " " " " over 1.50 to 2.50—200 votes " " " 2.50—300 votes

REMEMBER THE DATE—Free votes on hats and shoes will be given only from Thursday, October 28, to Saturday, November 6.

### Do you need a good Saddle?

If so we have some special inducements to offer you on the best lot of saddles in the county. Don't fail to see our saddles if you want a good one at a bargain price.

Also buggy harness, lines, whips, bridles and a big lot of leather strap goods.

### Seed Oats

We have in stock and to arrive this week 1000 bushels of selected seed oats. See us for what you want.

See us for brick, lime and cement. We can fill your bill complete.

# Contestant's Application

Geo. E. Darsey, Grapeland, Texas. Please enter Mr., Mrs. or Miss (state which)

as a contestant in district No
Post office
Do you take the Messenger

LOCAL NEWS

Trunks, suit cases and hand

Miss Arline Howard left Wed-

nesday for Round Rock, where

Don't fail to see Darsey's line

Best and cheapest line of sad

D. J. Jones of Artesia, N. M.

is here on business, and meeting

You can save from 15 to 25 per

cent on your dry goods and

A beautiful line of ladies and

Mrs. J. R. Pennington and

New dry goods received every

A large shipment of dry goods

and shoes just arrived at the

I will appreciate your help and

influence in the contest at Dar-

H. J. Shaw of Route 1 has the editor's thanks for a lot of sweet

potatoes brought to the office

last week. They were large, nice

ones of the pumpkin yam variety.

was a guest at the home of Rev.

and Mrs. H. A. Matney a few

Wilburn Rayburn of Lovelady

R. F. D. No. 2, Box No. 59.

shoes at the Bargain Store.

misses hats just received at

Darsey's.

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to visit relatives.

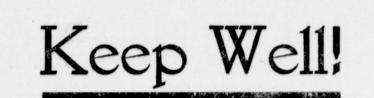
day at Darsey's.

Bargain Store.

days last week.

sey's.

his many old friends.



Every man and woman should keep in touch with this drug store. It is the fountain of health and youthfulness in old age. We can sell you the little remedies from time to time that keep sickness away. It is cheaper to prevent than to cure.

# Be Beautiful

Any lady can improve her personal appearance materially by using our high grade toilet preparations, compounded by the most expert chemists in the world. Softens the skin, removes blemishes, restores that youthful appearance, and emphasizes the feminine charms that are so attractive to all people.

# "THE PEOPLES' DRUG STORE"

WADE L. SMITH

# VIOLIN LESSONS

I have decided to teach violin and can guarantee satisfactory work if pupils follow instructions. It is not play work, but standard note system and anyone studying with me can continue on in any conservatory if he so desires. See or write me for time and rates. Address-

R. D. WALLING SALMON, ANDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

### Read all the Ads in this Issue

Overalls for men and boys at Darsey's. Plenty of seed oats at Darsey's.

Flour in barrels and sacks at Darsey's.

Misses Kathleen and Angeline Allee and Ed Dawes of Crockett were the guests of friends here Sunday.

J. E. Hollingsworth returned Messrs. W. G. Darsey, D. N. Tuesday morning from a trip to Leaverton, Dr. Kennedy and morning for Dallas to see the fair. They made the trip in a car.

#### NOTICE .- GIN DAYS

tinuing until further notice, we will run our gin on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only of Spence Bros., each week. Ginners.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

There will be a special meeting of the W. O. W. Circle Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Important business to transact and all members urged to be present. baby left Saturday for Houston | Refreshments will be served. Mrs. W. D. McCarty, Guardian.

Miss Cora Walling, who lives north of town, left Saturday for Gunter, Texas, to attend school. weighs 5 1.2 pounds.

> NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS\_ All those that have saved votes for me, please get them to me by Saturday or leave them at the Barber shop. I thank you and for sale. Pat Taylor, Elkhart, hope you will continue to save them for me.

(Miss) Katie Caskey.

I have entered Darsey's Cash Register Check Contest in the 2nd District, and, if you have not Saturday. already promised your tickets to some one else, I will appreciate it very much if you will save at S. E. Howard's store. (Miss) Helen Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Walton left Monday for Dame's Ferry, Ga., where they will reside in the future.

#### **HOGS WANTED**

I want to buy 300 hogs in the next thirty days. Will pay the highest price for same. See me before you sell. Geo. Calhoun.

I have entered Darsey's Cash Register Check Contest and to Frank Leaverton left Wednesday any one who has not promised their checks to some one else, I will appreciate it if you will save them for me. Address me at Grapeland, Route 3. (Miss) Ola Willis.

### Beginning next week and con- PREACHING AT LIVELYVILLE

The Messenger is requested to announce that a meeting will begin at Livelyville next Saturday night, October 30, conducted by Bro. Hodges of Kennard. A cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend.

#### WANTED TO BUY

\$50,000 worth of Land Notes. Robinson Guaranty State Bank and Trust Co., Palestine, Texas.

TO MY FRIENDS-I have en-Willie Gee was exhibiting a tered Darsey's Cash Register potato Monday that weighed 4 1-2 Check Contest in the 5th District, pounds. W. R. Campbell of and would appreciate any assist-Salmon has one on exhibition at ance you might give me. Please the Guaranty State Bank that leave your tickets at either of the drug stores. Thanking you in advance for any favors you may show me. (Miss) Polly Pridgen.

#### FUR SALE

21-2 inch Leudinghaus wagon S. T. Parker,

Route 3.

Mrs. J. W. Madden, who has been visiting here at Augusta, returned to her home in Crockett

Mrs. H. A. Matney, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. J. W. them for me. Please leave them Madden of Crockett, visited relatives at Augusta a few days last week.



# This is the store that saves you money on every article you buy. That means that the more goods you buy at this store the more money you save. IT PAYS TO BUY HERE!

### Save on Groceries

Supply your table at the smallest possible expense. A little something saved on every purchase, no matter how small it may be. Just note these prices, always a little saved.

Best s	rade of flour	r per	Sa	ck							 \$1	.60
Granu	lated sugar,	18 lb	s	for	•	 			 •		 \$1	.00
Brown	n sugar, 19 ll	os fo	r.							• •	 \$1	.00
1 peck	of coffee for	r				 					 \$1	.00
10 lbs	green coffee	for.				 		• •			 \$1	.00
9 bars	silk soap fo	or				 	• •					25c
	tt snuff per											

### Save on Dry Goods

Women will be more than delighted with our splendid line of dress patterns, linens and general dry goods.

Dress patterns, stylish, attractive and dur-
able, per yard from 50c to\$1.00
The Madam Grace Corset, most popular on
the market and easy to wear \$1.00
High grade silk hosiery, all colors, a splen-
did article, per pair75c
Near silk, extra good, per pair 25c
High grade cotton, per pair 10c

# Save on Clothing

Men, women and children can buy clothing very cheaply at this store. They Get GOOD clothing and pay the LEAST for it.

MEN An all wool suit of high grade material, well lined and tailored in the lat-\$7.00 and up est style, as low as .....

**WOMEN** Our coats for women are selling rapidly, and it is style, quality and price that does it. Even the most particular of \$4.75 and women can fit themselves at.....

CHILDREN The little ones are well taken care of here. You can get an ex-25 and up cellent coat for all occasions for ...

Our stock in all lines is very complete and upto-date. Material is of the best and prices have been squeezed down to the last penny. Great savings are effected in our clothing department.

Everybody buys clothing here and they all save money.

# **MATTRESS SPECIAL**

40 lb cotton mattress for - \$4.25

### Save on Shoes

You need those winter shoes now and you want them to stand up under the severest weather tests. Our shoes are noted for their high quality and low prices. Best man's shoe on the market, stands 2.00 any test, easy to wear, looks O. K..... Very stylish shoe for women, comfort-1.50able and of the highest quality ..... Children's school shoes, and just as good 1.50 for any other occasion .... Save on Farm Tools Every farmer can save money by buying his light hardware and tools at this store. Every tool has quality and is marked at the lowest selling price.

Blue Grass axe for \$1.25
Long handle shovels for 65c
Stoves from \$7.00 to \$40.00
We have any kind of a stove you want.

# **KENNEDY BROTHERS** The Store for Everybody Grapeland, Texas

#### THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER DISTRICT COURT HAPPENINGS Editor and Owner A. M. LUKER, -.

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas every 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-Obituarles and Resolution of Respect are printed for half price-2 1-2c per line "Other matter "not news" charged at regular rate

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quote apon application.

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

SUBSCRIPTION - IN ADVANCE 1 YEAR------\$1.00

.50 6 MONTHS ---3 MONTHS .... .25

THURSDAY, OCT. 28, 1915

Grapeland ought to have a big trade's day early in November.

We don't imagine there will be a very big scramble for diplounatic posts in Mexico.

Don't waste your time figuring out why a black hen lays a white burglary. egg-but get the egg.

They are now making ammunition out of cotton. Let's take a shot at the boll weevil!

We're commanded to love our enemies. But that doesn't mean that we must go crazy over them. -Ex.

President Wilson has proclaim ed Thursday, November 25, Thanksgiving day. We have plenty to be thankful for.

California has the best regulated system of marketing of any state in the Union. Why not follow its example?

A Brooklyn judge has decided that the tomato is a fruit, and mot a vegetable. Perhaps he thinks the egg plant is a hen .-

Crockett, Texas, Otctober 25. The Grand Jury adjourned for the term at a late hour Thursday night and Friday at noon Judge Prince left for his home Kirksep, murder, Nov. 15, venire at Athens to spend Saturday of 40 men. and Sunday. The jury for the week was discharged Monday morning, there being no cases ready for trial to hold them. The Grand Jury returned 27

felony bills and 3 misdemeanor 11. bills, felony bills being divided as follows: Murder 4; forgery 2; burglary 4; bootlegging 7; swindling 1; felony theft 6; as- 25, venire 40 men. sault to murder 3; attempting to

wreck train 1. Of the felony bills returned, Sheriff Spence has arrested and placed under bond or in jail, the following parties:

forgery, 2 cases.

sault to murder.

murder.

bootlegging.

bootlegging.

Diboll Camp, bootlegging, 1 case day night a Cantata by fifty against each.

Costromo Wells, col., Crockett, burglury. Elmer Wallace, col., Ratcliff,

attempting to wreck train. Grand Jury Report

The following report was filed by the Grand Jury upon adournment:

To Hon. John S. Prince, Dis trict Judge, Third Judicial District:

We, the Grand Jury, impanel ed at the present term of the District Court for Houston county, have been in continuous session for the past nine days, working steadily eight to nine

#### DIVORCE DOCKET A large number of divorce cases were tried, all colored with the exception of two.

#### CRIMINAL

The following cases, mostly capital, have been set: Zeke Williams and William

Geo. W. Bishop, Assault to rape, Nov. 17.

Lee Jones, murder, Nov. 12, venire 50 men.

Geo. Howard, burglary, Nov.

Hattie Mae Ellis, murder, Nov. 10, venire 50 men.

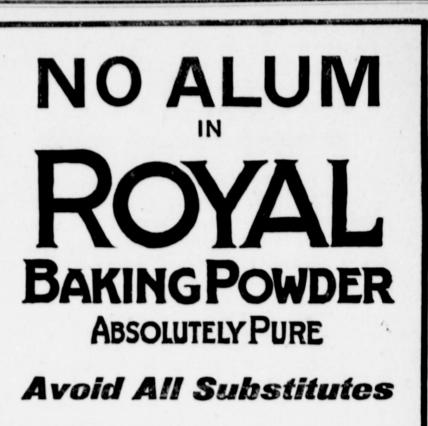
Noah Simpson, murder, Nov.

Hill Bagwell, murder, Nov. 22, venire 75 men.

DEDICATORY ORGAN EXERCISES

The dedicatory exercises of the new pipe organ of the Methodist church were held Wednes-Henry Wright, col., Crockett, day and Thursday nights of last week The building was filled Dave Cannon, col., Belott, as- each night, a large number being unable to obtain seats. Mrs. Hattie Mae Ellis, col., Daly's, Kitty Buford Peeples, formerly of Crockett, now of San Marcos, Emmet Burrell, col., Crockett, was concert organist, rendering a number of selections that were Adam Lane, col., Crockett, very enjoyable. Wednesday night vocal solos by Mesdames J. P. Ike Foreman, col., Crockett, Hail and A. M. Deucir, "Memories" by Mrs. Peeples, were Tom and Oscar Rambo, white, the principal features. Thurstrained voices, a violin solo by Mrs. M. L. Shepherd, a duet by Mesdames D. O. Kiessling and Johnson Arledge, a quartett by D. O. Kiessling, Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss, and Mesdames J. P. Hail and A. M. Decuir, "March of the Crusaders" and "In the morning" by Mrs. Peeples, attracted a great deal of attention.

GIN ACCIDENT The boiler at Lang Smith's gin at Lovelady blew up Saturday evening, Herman Tillis, and telephones in these buildings of the negroes, was blown a dis- withal a high moral tone, the fence, and when found, was standing up dead, tangled up in another wire fence. The flesh on Houtchins body was literally cooked.



## PARAGRAPHS

Prosperity -- Clipped from FARM AND RANCH

Break every acre possible this all and sow as much as you can opportunities and if the comn a winter cover crop.

Surplus corn in the producer's crib will earn dividends if held until there is an active consumer demand.

an old German proverb, express- | congenial, social and progressive. es the farmer's present state of Good schools, churches, roads, mind.

way of doing things on the farm social and moral development of is a farm artist. The country is full of them.

Let us make our farm a suburb of heaven itself-make home like heaven and teach the children about the heavenly home.

More interest should be taken Amos Anderson, Sam Bailey and in planting nut trees. There are another negro being instantly thousands of acres not now prokilled, Frank Houtchins (white) ducing revenue that would be being so badly scalded that profitable in pecans, walnuts, he died at six o'clock, and hickory nuts and chiquapins Tyler Cox (white) also scalded Encourage the children to plant and physicians say he can't re. these trees and in a few years cover. The glass in buildings you will be rewarded with the for two blocks was shattered, pleasure which these trees bring.

citizens, and every farm in that community will have a social value commensurate with the ideals of the people. In this respect, the interest of every man in the community is more or less mutual. The best people demand that their children have educational, social and financial munity affords this, there will be an added value to every farm in the neighborhood. It will be seen, then, that the social value of the farm has also a financial value. It is profitable for the "Less advice and more hands," people of a neighborhood to be etc., mean greater value to land The man who knows the best as well as factors for educational, the people.

#### NO-TSU-OH CARNIVAL, HOUS-TON, NOV. 6-17.

**I&GN** Popular Low Rate Excursions for special days. Season tickets on sale daily. For rates and other particulars, see Ticket Agent, I&GN Ry.

Toned Up Whole System. "Chamberlain's Tablets have

Pertaining to Community

#### Detroit Free Press

The Houston Carnival is the mext big attraction. By the way, what progress has been made in getting up an exhibit from this end of the county? The time is growing short.

thing we know of is to try to demeanor cases. While viola borrow money from a deaf friend tions of the law have been all too in a crowd.-Grapeland Messenger.

Isn't it strange how difficult it is sometimes to make a friend find bills, still we believe the understand what you want when you are trying to "touch" him for a small loan?-Bonham Favorite.

# Wait Paint

Which am I going to do? Paint hard working district and counor wait.

Which is better?

any property waiting? How much so wish to extend our thanks to ens the stomach, liver and kidif I paint? Will my house be the Court for courtesies and valworth more or less if I paint?

Say it costs \$2 a gallon Devoe -I wouldn't paint any other- respectfully ask to be dismissand \$3 or \$4 more for putting it ed. on. That's \$50 or \$60 a 10-gallon job.

The money is gone. Is it in the house? Is it all in the house? Suppose I were selling; what should I get for that house freshpainted and what should I get

for it needing-paint? I wonder why men paint be-DEVOE fore selling! Kennedy Bros. sell it.

Mrs. Barton Taylor left Saturalay for Crockett to visit relatives. ing the past week.

hours each day we have been in session, and have carefully investigated all violations of law brought to our attention. We have brought true bills in all cases where we believed the testimony would sustain a conviction and are returning bills in 27 About the most embarrassing felony cases and 3 bills in misnumerous, in some of which we were for various reasons unable to secure enough evidence to moral condition of the county is improving and that crime is on the decrease. The length of this session of the Grand Jury

has been much shorter than usual, much of the credit for There are painters and waiters. which is due to our efficient and ty attorneys, who have been with us almost continuously, and uable assistance rendered to us.

Having finished our labors, we Respectfully,

J. C Kennedy,

Foreman. T. H. Leaverton, D. E. Holcomb, D. C. Appleton, G. L. Murray, W. N. Blair, F. M. Patton, T. R. Cook, Arch Baker. CIVIL DOCKET

No civil cases were tried dur-

Constipation is the rock that wrecks many lives, it poisons the very life blood. Regularity can be established through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It How much am I worth with tireless in their efforts. We al. is mildly cathartic and strength. neys. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

> Visitors to this office are always welcome, particularly so when they have a dollar in their mit.

W. J. Hughes and family of Victoria have moved to the Grapeland community, and are living out on the Crockett road about three miles from town. They made the trip from Victoria in two automobiles without a mishap. They had a camping outfit and took their time. Mr. Hughes stated to the Messenger man that they enjoyed the trip immensely.

The social status of the comwere put out of commission. The munity is a factor to be reckoned gin caught fire immediately after with in the value of the farm. tired out feeling, but toned up the explosion, but flames were With agreeable, congenial neighextinguished before building was bors, desirable public schools, all dealers. consumed. Herman Tillis, one live churches, passable roads and

tance of a hundred and twenty neighborhood will be attractive ett passed thru early Monday five yards, through one wire to other and more progressive morning enroute to Dallas.

done more for me than I ever dared hope for," writes Mrs. Esther Mae Baker, Spencerport. N.Y. "I used several bottles of these tablets a 1ew months ago. They not only cured me of bilious attacks, sick headaches and that my whole system. For sale by adv

Two automobiles from Crock-



A GUARANTY FUND BANK

#### **COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION**

#### **GET TOGETHER MEETINGS**

A TORPID LIVER **KILLS ENERGY** 

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

# PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach. stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

Sold by all Dealers in Medicine.

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Local News, General News, Latest Novels

I met a man not long ago who was bewailing the fact that one along soon now and the farmer of his farm impliments, for which he had urgent need, was lying idle awaiting a new part that had hours. And right here we want been ordered.

Reason! The impliment in question had been bought from a distant house, and, not being a standard make, the local dealer was unable to supply a part to match the broken one.

Inquiry on my part elicited the information that the owner thought he was saving approximately \$6.50 in the original purchase price, although the local merchant claimed the difference was represented in quality.

At any rate, the time lost wait ing for necessary repairs more than balanced the difference by several dollars, to say nothing of similar accidents likely to occur again.

Small-town dealers can sell as cheaply as anyone else-quality considered-and the service they are in position to render purchasers is an attraction worthy of serious consideration.

If you will demand standard goods of established worth, you will invariably be assured of full value for the amount of money expended. You can obtain this class of merchandise to as good FEATURES advantage locally as elsewhere, and your money spent at home will benefit you and your neighbors in many ways.

The winter months will be will be wondering what he can do to while away the evening

to throw out a suggestion that means both pleasure and profit. Arrange to have a meeting at one of your school houses or other public places at least one evening a month, at which you

can all compare notes on the season's work, note the mistakes that have been made and devise the best methods of correcting them the coming year. You can not get a dozen farmers together but what some one of them will have something to say of value to you, something that perhaps you have not known before, something that will make work lighter and profits greater in future years. The social features alone of such meetings would drive away the monotony of the winter evenings, and from a practical standpoint they would be of great value to every one who participates. Get together, gentlemen, and compare notes. What is good for one is of equal benefit to all.-Exchange.

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#### What Would You Do?

There are many times when one man questions another's actions and motives. Men act differently under different circumstances. The question is, what would you do right now if you had a severe cold? Could you do better than to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by people who have used it for years and know its value. Mrs. O. E. Sargent, Peru, Ind., says, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is worth its weight in gold and I take pleasure in recommend. ing it." For sale by all dealers.

#### INCREASED FREIGHT RECEIPTS

As an indication of how business has been picking up, Station Agent J. O. Edington reports that during the month of September inbound freight receipts had increased over 500 per cent against the same month last year, and the out-bound receipts had increased over 200 per cent. This shows that the merchants are receiving more goods and that more produce is being shipped out.

# \*\*\*\*\* Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

# THEDFORD'S CK-DRAU

in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

If you suffer from any of these complaints, try Black-Draught. It is a medicine of known merit. Seventy-five years of splendid success proves its value. Good for young and old. For sale everywhere. Price 25 cents. 

#### LOCAL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, erty? J. B. Driskell, Harry

The Local Teachers' Institute 5, 8 p. m., and close Saturday Herod? W. J. Starkey. night Nov. 6. The program is as follows:

FRIDAY, 8 p. m.

Song. Welcome address, W. H. Kolb. Response, Arthur Milliken.

Snell. popular with his school, S. P. Wilcox?

SATURDAY, 9 a. m. Opening exercise. Grading and promoting pupils, C. T. Sims.

Combining work of different grades, B. F. Freeman and J. A. Mason.

What part of my time do I owe to the community in which I teach? C. W. Butler, Preston Morrison.

composition, Mr. McRee.

Brewton.

What should be the patrons' will meet at Union Friday, Nov. attitude toward the school, N. S.

Adaptability, S. D. Webb. Round table discussion, Geo. Manning, Mr. Morgan of Rock Hill.

Address, Supt. Snell.

All teachers of Houston county In what way can the local in- are invited to attend this instistitute be made a success? Supt. tute. Conveyance will be furnished for all teachers from Grape-How can a teacher become land Saturday morning, Nov. 7.

Respectfully, S. W. Duitch, Alice Montgomery, Rosa Ford, (Committee.)

> ..... IN THE CONTEST

I have entered the Cash Reg. ister Check Contest from District No. 2, and if you have not pledged your votes to others I The use of classics in teaching would appreciate your help very much. Address me on route 2,

# M. L. CLEWIS, Tailor CLEANING

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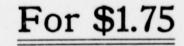
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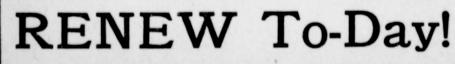
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WHAT'S THE USE TO PUT IT OFF?

#### Why Not Publish It?

When you want a fact to become generally known, the right way is to publish it. Mrs. Joseph Kallans, Peru, Ind., was troubled with belching, sour stomach and frequent headache. She writes, "I feel it my duty to tell others what Chamberlain's tablets have done for me. They have helped my digestion and regulated my bowels. Since using them I have been entirely well." For sale by all dealers. adv

Any help extended to Baby Ruth McDonald in the contest at Darsey's will be appreciated. Address me Grapeland, Route 1. Mrs. G. W. Garner.

Dizziness, spells of blindness, headache and sour stomach are caused by torpid liver and constipated bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters removes the cause of the trouble and puts the system in perfect order. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. Old clothes renovated and made new. Charges most Adv. reasonable.

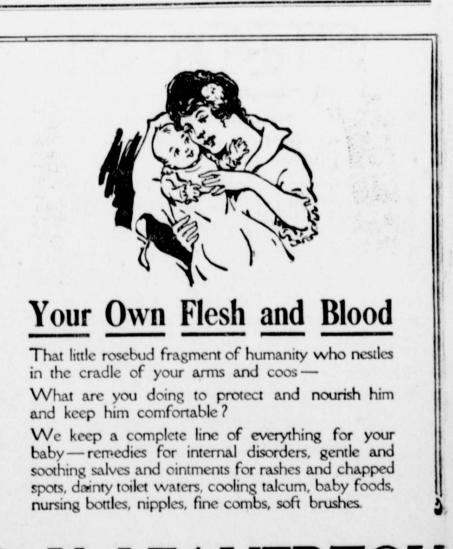
Primary methods in language and geography, Miss Louise Derny, Miss Mae Fitchett.

SATURDAY, 1:30 p. m.

work, O. C. Goodwin. boys from damaging school prop- day goods.

Grapeland. George McCorkle, Jr.

Wade L. Smith spent a few Cooperation and social center days in Dallas the first part of the week taking in the great fair What can be done to prevent and purchasing his line of holi-



N. LEAVERTON

GRAPELAND'S LEADING DRUGGIST

#### THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER Price \$1 Per Yr.

### LOCAL NEWS FROM ELKHART

Oct. 25 .- Cotton and seed have been a good price all fall and we the management of Prof. Geo. farmers feel better than we did Manning, is progressing nicely. last fall. If we could have made When the school first began atmore cotton we could have done tendance was small but at this better but we are never fully time there is a large number of satisfied and we better be thank- pupils attending and adequate ful its as well with us as it is.

Bro. Hooks delivered two good a good winters work. sermons at the M. E. church Our Sunday school is also yesterday,

themselves immensely.

Mrs. Robert Hays is on the sick list.

the proud parents of a new boy. by a large crowd of young peobeautiful little daughter, Gwen- pleasant time. dolyn, of Bryan, Texas, came in Saturday on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Hooper Hemby. It seems their crops and the extremely good to have Nannie Maude with good price of cotton brought us again

were at home Saturday and Sun. feared that most farmers, in day from their schools.

The Circle had its social meeting last Wednesday evening. We labor to this crop next year, in all had a nice time.

party at Miss Cecil Ray's next will give way to a low price next Saturday night.

Mrs. S. J. Morris.

Hudson of Percilla visited Mr. W. J. Bridges at the home of Jim Bridges one night last week.

Willie Woodard went to Palestine today.

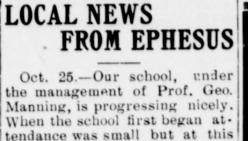
Our literary school is progress. ing nicely and Miss Campbell has a large class taking music a great many strange things and expression.

are 20c a dozen. \* Polly.

#### A CORRECTION

Editor the Messenger:

in the Messenger that on the during a democratic adminisnight of Nov. 13, there would be tration. Not only are cotton a big celebration at LaTexo. We products high, but most every



preparations are being made for

prosperous and has thus far ac-The lite ary aid society will | complished much good. The enmeet with Sister Hooks this terprising citizens are heartily coming Wednesday evening. The literary society met with Mrs. Huggins last Friday night. Re-freshments were served and the think we have as successful a young people seemed to enjoy community Sunday school as can be expected.

There was an entertainment at the home of Mr. Dave Turner Mr. and Mrs. Will Rogers are Friday night. It was attended Mrs. A. S. Weatherford and ple all of whom report a very

with it prosperity-the chief ele. Misses Eula Quarles, Donnie ment of enterprising and opti-Powers and Harietta Deaton mistic livelyhood, but it is to be view of this years' good price, will devote too much land and which case, the "good price" There will be a Halloween which we have enjoyed this year fall

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brown of Although you can now "sell a the New Prospect community couple of cotton seed and buy a spent last Friday night with pair of diamond ear rings," if a large crop is grown next year Mr. Will Wilkins and Mr. Fred the price is likely to decline.

Correspondent.



Oct. 24.-Since our last letter have happened. For instance, Elkhart is on a boom. Eggs cotton has sold above 12c, cotton seed has sold for over \$40.00 per ton in a great many places. Now, listen to those who are always ready to find fault of our govern-The announcement appeared ment. All of this has happened



Don't fail to Call. You Might Find Other Things You Need at a Bargain

Traylor Bros.

now wish to call the attention of agricultural product is selling at the public to a mistake in this a fair price. Of course, there announcement. This meeting are a great many things rewill be on the night of (Friday) sponsible for these high prices Nov. 19th. This promises to be too numerous to mention. We a mostenjoyable occasion. Every- believe supply and demand is the greatest factor in fixing the body is especially invited.

Don't forget the date, the night price of cotton. The point we of Nov. 19th. Correspondent. want to impress on the farmer

# SHOES!

We are now prepared to sell you your entire shoe bill as cheap as the cheapest. Be sure to see our line.

Our BOYS' SUITS are dandies. We have all sizes.

Plenty of good flour \$1.40 to \$1.65 per sack Plenty of lard at 10c per pound. See us for your overalls, \$1 value for . 85c

Still have several sets of buggy harness at at a bargain.

We can fill your entire bill

#### **REMEMBER QUALITY IS THE THING**

T. S. KENT

Keep the Price Down

is this: Do you believe if all of Sewell's arm is getting better. DETAILS OF THE this land that was planted to Mr. Sewell got his arm hurt corn, peas, peanuts, sorghum for some time ago in a gin belt. hay and syrup, potatoes and so Mr. and Mrs. Allen of San

on, had been planted to cotton Pedro were visiting Mrs. Allen's that cotton would be selling for parents today, Mr. and Mrs. T. 12c? We believe the answer J. Cook.

and stock and let the cotton invited.

market go hungry. We believe we had rather make and gather to make two bales for the same money.

We believe Mr. C. W. Butler, Sr., has taken a step in the right ett yesterday. direction. We have told you in a former letter of him buying a threshing machine and now he is sowing wheat. There are al great many advantages in sowing wheat or oats in this part of the state. They will be ready to grain, besides you can follow your grain with a feed crop which has proven very satisfactory in this community this season. Some people seem to doubt wheat being grown successfully in East Texas. The writer has lived in a wheat country and will say any land that will grow oats will grow wheat. Of course you may expect a short crop of wheat occasionally, same as cotton or any other crop.

We are sorry there is so much sickness in our neighborhood. Salmon and Mr. T. E. Shaw of siderable distance around, break-Mrs. Tom Cook has been on the Elkhart. Mr. Shaw is 87 years ing hundreds of window lights. sick list for the past few days. old, but despite that fact he is Causes of explosion unknown. Mrs. Dora Daniels is still sick, very active and enjoys good Loss about two thousand dollars, but improving slowly. Mr. G. R. health.

from every one would be no. So There is to be a box supper at et's act wise in this matter and Percilla school house next Saturset a resolution to feed our family day night Oct. 30. Everybody

Miss Lola Dennis spent today with homefolks, accompanied by one bale of cotton for \$60.00 than Mrs. Bula Newman of Augusta. Prof. Driskell and Miss Mae

> Fitchett and Miss Nannie Cook were business visitors in Crock-

#### Jemes R.

### NOTICE

I have entered Darsey's Cash Register Check Contest in the 6th District and if you have not from gin, team hitched to wagon harvest 10 to 20 days earlier than already promised your tickets to uninjured. in the northern part of the state, some one else, I would appreciate ; insuring a fair price for the it very much if you would save them for me. Address me at Percilla,

Miss Lila Dennis.

#### WANTED

To rent or buy 40 or 50 acres of good farming land 4 or 5 miles from town. Address me Route 2, Grapeland.

M. E. Bean.

The Messenger received a pleasant call last Friday morning but was quickly extinguished. from Rev. C. A. Campbell of Houses were shaken for con-

# **BIG EXPLOSION**

(Special to the Messenger) Lovelady, Texas, Oct. 25 .-Saturday evening at exactly 1:30 p. m. one of the boilers at Lang Smith's gin exploded with the following disasterous results:

Herman Tillis, negro fireman, blown one hundred and fifty yards from gin.

Amos Arnold, negro fireman, blown to atoms against adjoining building.

Coleman Nelson, negro wood hauler, standing on wagon unloading wood directly in front of boiler, blown about fifty yards

Frank Hotchens, white, operating grist mill, fatally scalded. dying at six p. m. same day.

Tyler Cox and son, white, bystanders waiting for meal, badly scalded, Cox dying slater; son will recover.

Dick Crouch, negro bystander, fatally scalded, dying later.

Willard Willis, farmer, standing about two hundred yards from explosion, was struck on hand by falling brick, breaking bone in hand.

Fire broke out immediately insured.