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We, the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our respective places of business Thursday, Nov. 30th., same being Thanksgiving day, a legal holiday. We respectfully ask our customers to make arrangements for this day earlier in the week.

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I take this method of informing the public that I will allow no hunting on my farm. Geo. Calhoun.

Big Minstrel-Carnival Coming Soon Here One Night Only ... Friday, Dec. First

Under the auspices of the 'Grapeland Musical Club" a first-class minstrel-carnival has been scheduled to appear one afternoon and night only at the school auditorium and campus. No definite announcement can be made at present, except that this high class novel entertainment is under the management of an experienced and efficient be installed within the next director and will be strictly first more definite details will appear in next week's Messenger. Remember the date, one afternoon and night only, Friday, isfactory manner to our patrons. Dec. 1.

FOR SALE

J. W. Jones.

TO THE FARMERS OF HOUSTON COUNTY

Doubtless many of you already know about the meeting of the committee composing "The Farm Bank Board" in the city of Hous ton on the 16. Realizing the great benefit such an institution would be to Houston county, and in fact, all of East Texas, and that I might become thoroughly familiar with the law, and its practical effects, and to be in a position to impart such knowledge to you, I was in attendance upon that meeting in the city of Houston. In an article like this, of course, you must realize how impractible it would be, not only to give you some concrete idea of the meaning of what is known as the "Farm Loan Bank Law" but to advise those, either seeking or needing its benefits, how to secure the same. On this particular point I will simply say, that I will be very glad at any time to explain these matters to the farmers of Houston county without any cost whatsoever.

If the intents and purposes of this law are put into effect and those wanting and seeking homes will but avail themselves of its liberal provisions I see no reason why every man should not own a home.

The failure of thousands of men to buy a home and provide a place of refuge for themselves and family in their declining years has not been the high price of the land or the initial cost of the home, but the fear of that high rate of interest increasing the cost beyond their ability to pay. Lands in Houston county are cheap, and there is room for many times its present population. I, for one, would like to live in a community where there was neither landlord nor tenant, and, as visionary as the statement may seem. I think this law will make that a possibility.

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J. W. Young.

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G. W. Weisinger of the San Pedro community was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday and requested us to announce that work will begin on the San Pedro and Grapeland road again next Monday. Everyone interested in this road will please respond and do his por-We have just received a car tion of the work necessary for



SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch are heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized phonograph by the defeat of their champion in a footrace with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is on at the Flying Heart. J. Wallingford Speed, cheer leader at Yale, and Culver Covington, intercollegiate champion runner, are expected.

CHAPTER II—Helen Blake, Speed's sweetheart, suggests to Jean Chapin, sister of the owner of the ranch, that she induce Covington, her lover, to win back the phonograph. Helen declares that if Covington won't run, Speed will. She tells Stover, the foreman, that the phonograph will be won back.

CHAPTER III—Stover's announcement that they have a new foot-runner causes great joy among the cowboys. Speed and his valet, Larry Glass, trainer at Yale,

CHAPTER IV—Helen Blake asks Speed, who has posed to her as an athlete, to race against the Centipede man. The cowboys join in the appeal to Wally, and fearing that Helen will find him out, he consents. He insists, however, that he shall be entered as an unknown, figuring that Covington will arrive in time to take bis place.

CHAPTER V-Speed begins training under Glass' direction.

CHAPTER VI-The ladies fix up training quarters for Speed.

CHAPTER VII-Fresno, glee club singer from Stanford university and in love with Helen, tries to discredit Speed with the ladies and the cowboys.

CHAPTER VIII-Speed and Glass put In the time they are supposed to be training playing cards in a secluded spot. The cowboys explain to Speed how much the race means to them, that they have wagered all their possessions and their pay for a month in advance. Speed assures them he will do his best.

CHAPTER IX-The cowboys tell Glass it is up to him to see that Speed wins the race. Willie, the gunman, declares the trainer will go back east packed in ice, if Speed falls.

CHAPTER X-A telegram comes from Covington saying he is in jall at Omaha for ten days. Glass in a panic forces Speed to begin training in earnest.

CHAPTER XI-Speed declares to Larry hat the best way out is for him (Speed) o injure himself. Glass objects strenu-ously, saying that his own life will be terfeit if anything happens to his prin-

CHAPTER XII—Glass forces Speed out at sunrise to practice running. At the instigation of Fresno the cowboys put ice in Speed's shower bath.

CHAPTER XIII.



O you know, Larry, I'm beginning to like these warm showers; they rest me." As he spoke. Wally took his place beneath the barrel and pulled the cord that connected with the nozzle. The next instant he uttered a piercing shriek and leaped

beneath the apparatus, upsetting Glass, who rose in time to fling his charge back into the deluge.

"Let me out!" yelled the athlete, and made another dash, at which his guardian bellowed:

"Stand still or I'll wallop you! What's got into you, anyhow?'

The heads of Stover and Willie, thrust through the door, nodded with gratification.

"It's got him livened up considerable," quoth the former. "Listen to that!'

It seemed that a battle must be in progress behind the screen, for, mingled with the gasping screams of the athlete and the hoarse commands of the trainer, came sounds of physical contact. The barrel rocked upon its scaffold, the curtains swayed and flapped violently.

"Stand still!"

"It's-it's as c-c-cold as ice!"

"Nix! You're overheated, that's all." "Ow-w-w! Ooo-h-h! I'm dying!"

"It'll do you good." "He's certainly trainin' him some,"

said Stover. "Larry, I've got a cramp!"

"It did harden him," acknowledged Willie.

"What's wrong with you, anyhow?" demanded Glass.

"It's not me, it's the w-w-water!" Evidently Speed made a frantic lunge here and escaped, for the flow of water ceased.

"It froze d-d-during the night. Oh-h! I'm cold!"

"Cold, eh? Get onto that rubbingboard; I'll warm you."

An instant later the cowmen heard the sounds of a violent slapping mingled with groans.

Ge easy, I say! I'll be black and blue all-look out!-not so much in one spot! Ow!" "Twrn over!"

"He's spankin' him," said Stover admiringly.

Again the spatting arose, this time like the sound of a musketry fusilade, during which Berkeley Fresno entered by the other door.

"Don't be so brutal," wailed the patient to his masseur.

"I'm pretty near through. There! Now get up and dress," ordered the trainer, who pushing his way out through the blankets, halted at sight of the onlookers.

"How is he?" demanded Stover. "He-he's trained to the minute, I'm

doin' my share, gents." "Sounds that way," acknowledged Stover's companion. "Say, does it look

like we'd win?" "Well, he just breezed a mile in forty, with his mouth open."

'A mile?" Fresno queried. "A mile?" Fresno queried.

"Yes, a regular mile-seven thousand five hundred and thirty feet."

"Is 'forty' good?" queried Willie. "Good? Why, Salvator never worked no faster. Here he is now-look for yourselves."

Speed appeared, partly clad, and glowing with a rich salmon pink.

"Good morning," said Fresno politely. "I came in to see how you liked the cold water." "So that was one of your California

jokes, eh? Well, I'll-Speed moved ominously in the direction of the tenor, but Willie checked

"We put the ice in that bar'l, Mr.

Speed." "You!"

Willie and Stover nodded.

"Then let me tell you I expect to have pneumonia from that bath." The young man coughed hollowly. "That's the way I caught it once before, and it



"Stand Still or I'll Wallop You!"

wouldn't surprise me a bit if I'd be too sick to run by Saturday."

"Oh, no; you don't get pneumony but once." "And, besides," Fresno added, "It

wouldn't have time to show up by Saturday."

"Get that ice-chest out of my room, that's all; it makes the air damp."

"No indeed!" said Still Bill. "We're goin' to see that you use it reg'lar." Then of Glass he inquired: "What do you do to him next?"

"I give him a nerve treatment. A jack-rabbit jumped at him this morning and he bolted to the outside fence." Larry forced his employer to a seat, then, securing a firm hold of the flesh, began to discourse learnedly upon anatomy and hygiene, the while his victim writhed. It was evident that the cattlemen were intensely interested. "Well, sir, when I first got him his sploven was in terrible shape." said Larry. "In fact, I never saw such a-

"What was in terrible shape?" ventured the tenor.

"His sploven." "Sploven! Is that a locality or a

beverage?" Glass glowered at the cause of the interruption. "It's a nerve-center, of course!" Then to the others, he ran on, glibly: "The treatment was simple, but it took time. You see, I had to first trace his bedildo to its source, like this." He thrust a finger into Wally's back and plowed a furrow upward. "You see?" He paused, triumphantly. "A fore-shortened bedildo! It ain't well yet."

"Can a man run fast with one of them?" inquired Willie. "Certainly, cer-tain-ly—provided, o

course, that the percentage of spelldiffer in the blood offsets it."

Both cowboys came closer now, and

hung eagerly upon every word.

"And-does it do-that?" they questioned, while Fresno suggested that it was not easy to tell without bleeding the patient.

"No, no! You can hear the spelldiffers." Glass motioned to Willie. "Put your ear to his chest. Hear anything?"



"Heart's Pounding Like a Calf's at Brandin'."

"Heart's poundin' like a calf's at a brandin'."

"Which proves it!" proudly asserted the trainer. "Barrin' accidents, Mr. Speed will be in the pink of condition by Saturday."

The cowmen beamed benignantly. "That's fine!"

"We are sure pleased, and we've got something for you, Mr. Speed. Come on, Mr. Fresno, and give us a hand. We'll bring it in."

"It's a present!" exclaimed the athlete, brightly, when the three had gone out. "They seem more friendly this morning."

"Yes!" Glass laughed, mirthlessly. "They think you're going to win." "Well, how do you know I can't

win? You never saw this cook run." "I don't have to; I've seen you." "Just the same, I'm in pretty good shape. Maybe I could run if I really

tried." "Send yourself along, kid. It won't harm you none." The speaker fanned

himself, and took a seat in the coseycorner. "Ah! Here they come, bearing

gifts." Speed rose in pleased expectancy. "I wonder what it can be?" The three who had just left re-entered the room, carrying a trayload of

thick railroad crockery. "We've brought your breakfast to you," explained Stover. "We'd like you to eat alone till after the race." Still Bill began to whittle what appeared to

be a blood-rare piece of flesh, while Willie awkwardly arranged the dishes. "You want me to eat as well as sleep

"Exactly."

"Oh, I can't do that! I'm sorry,

"Don't make us insist." Willie looked up from his tray, and Glass raised a moist hand and said:

"Don't make 'em insist." With fascinated stare Speed drew nearer to Stover and examined the meat bone.

"Why-why, that's raw!" he exclaimed. "Does look rar'," agreed the fore-

"Then take it out and build a fire under it. I'll consent to eat here, but I won't turn cannibal, even to please

"I'm sorry." Stover did not interrupt his carving. "Your diet ain't been right," ex-

plained Willie. "You ain't wild enough to suit us.'

"Is this a joke?" "We ain't never joked with you yit, have we?" 'No. But-"

"This breakfast goes as she lays!" Glass broke abruptly into smothered merriment, "When I laugh nowadays

it's a funny joke," he giggled. That grown men could be so stupid was unbelievable, and Wally, seeing himself the object of a senseless prank, was roused to anger.

"Lawrence, get my coat," said he. "I've been bullied enough; I'm going up to the house." When Stover only continued whittling methodically, he burst out: "Stop honing that shinbone! If you like it you can eat it! I'm going now to swallow a stack of

hot cakes with maple syrup!" "Mr. Speed," Willie impaled him with a steady glare, "you'll eat what we tell you to, and nothin' else! If we say 'grass,' grass it'll be. You're goin' to beat one Skinner if it takes a human life. And if that life happens to be yours, you got nobody but yourself to blame.'

"Indeed!" You heard me! I've been set to ride herd on you daytimes, the other boys 'll guard you nights. We been double-crossed once-it won't happen

again." "You intend to make me eat this diagusting stuff, whether I want to or

not?" Even yet the youth could not convince himself that this was other than a joke.

"No." Willie shook his head. "We just aim to make you want to eat it." Then Larry Glass made his fatal mistake.

"Say, why don't you let Mr. Speed buy you a new phonograph, and call the race off?" he inquired.

Stover, stricken dumb, paused, knife in hand; Willie stared as if bereft of motion. Then the former spoke slowly. "Looks like we'd ought to smoke up this fat party, Will."

Willie nodded, and Glass realized that the little man's steel-blue eyes were riveted balefully upon him.

"I've had a hunch it would come to that," the near-sighted one replied. "Every time I look at him I see a bleedin' bullet hole in his abominable region, about here." He laid a finger upon his stomach, and Glass felt a darting pain at precisely the same

"That's where you hit the gambler at Ogden," he heard Stover say-it might have been from a great distance -"but I aim for the bridge of the nose."

"The belly ain't so sudden as the eye-socket, but it's more lingerin,' and a heap painfuller," explained the played a pallid, anaemic cake garlandgun man, and Speed was moved to sympathy.

"Larry only wanted to please youeh, Larry?" he said, nervously, but Glass made no reply. His distended orbs were frozen upon Willie. It was doubtful if he even heard.

"Our honor ain't for sale," Still Bill

Here Berkeley Fresno spoke. "Of course not. And you mustn't think that Speed is trying to get out of the race. He wants to run! And if anything happened to prevent his running he'd be broken-hearted, I know he would!"

Willie's hypnotic eye left the trainer's abdomen and traveled slowly to

"What could happen?" questioned he.

"N-nothing that I know of." 'You don't aim to leave?"

"Certainly not." "Oh, you fellows take it too seri-

ously," Fresno offered carelessly. "He might have to." Willie's upper lip drew back, show-

ing his yellow teeth. "They don't sell no railroad tickets before Saturday, and the walkin' is bad. There's your breakfast, Mr. Speed. When you've et your fill, you better rest. And don't talk to them ladies, neither; it spoils your train of thought!"

CHAPTER XIV.



OW that the possibility of escape from the Flying Heart was cut off, the young man felt agonizing regret that he had not yielded to his trainand taken refuge in flight so sorry I intruded." while there was yet time.

Everything was too latenow. Even if he made a clean breast of the whole affair to Jean, or to her brother when he arrived, what good would that do? De doubted Jack's ability to save him, in the light of what had just passed; for men like Willie cared nothing for the orders of the person whose pay roll they chanced to grace. And Willie was not alone, either; the rest of the crew were equally desperate. What heed would these nomads pay to Jack Chapin's commands, once they learned the truth?

There were still, however, two days of grace, and to youth two days is an eternity. Therefore, he closed his eyes and trusted to the unexpected. How the unexpected could get past that grim, watchful sentry just outside the door he could not imagine, but when the breakfast-bell reminded him of his hunger, he banished his fears for the sake of the edibles his custodians had served.

"Don't you want anything to eat?" he inquired, when Larry made no move to depart for the cookhouse.

"No." "Not hungry, eh?"

"I'm hungry enough to eat a plush cushion, but-" "What?"

"Mary!"

pathized.

"Mariedetta?"

"Sure. She's been chasin' me again. If somebody don't side track that Cuban, I'll have to lick Carara." He sighed. "I told you we'd ought to tin

can it out of here. Now it's too late." It was perhaps a half-hour later that Helen Blake came tripping into the gymnasium, radiant, sparkling, her crisp white dress touched here and there with blue that matched her eyes, in her hands a sunshade, a novel, and

a mysterious little bundle. "We were so sorry to lose you at breakfast," she began.

Wally led her to the cosey-corner, and seated himself beside her. "I suppose it is a part of this hor-

rid training. I would never have mentioned that foot race if I had dreamed it would be like this." Here at least was a soul that sym-

"The only hardship is not to see you," he declared softly. Miss Blake dropped her eyes

"I thought you might like to go walking; it's a gorgeous morning. You see, I've brought a book to read to you. while you rest-you must be tired aft-

er your run." "I am, and I will. This is awfully good of you, Miss Blake." Speed rose, overwhelmed with joy, but the look of

Glass was not to be passed up. "I-I'm afraid it's impossible, however." The blue eyes flew open in aston-

ishment. "Why?" the girl questioned. "They won't let me. I-I'm supposed to keep to myself."

"They? Who?" "Glass."

Miss Blake turned indignantly upon Larry. "Do you mean to say Mr. Speed can't go walking with me?"

"I never said nothing of the sort," declared the trainer. "He can go if he wants to."

"Just the same, I-oughtn't to do it. There is a strict routine-' A lift of the brows and a courteous

smile proclaimed Miss Blake's perfect indifference to the subject, just as Willie sauntered past the open window and spoke to Glass beneath his breath: "Git her out!"

"I'm so sorry. May I show you a surprise I brought for you?" She unwrapped her parcel, and proudly dis-

ed with wild flowers. Speed was honestly overcome.

"For me?" "For you. It isn't even cold yet, see! I made it before breakfast, and it looks even better than the one L

baked at school!" "That's what I call fine," declared the youth. "By Jove! and I'm so fond of cake!"

"Have a care!" breathed Larry, rising nervously, but Speed paid no at-

"Break it with your own hands, please. Besides, it's too hot to cut." Miss Blake broke it with her own hands, during which operation the brown face of the man outside reappeared in the window. At sight of the cake he spoke sharply, and Lawrence lumbered swiftly across the floor and laid a heavy hand upon the cake.

"Mr. Speed!" he cried warningly. "Here, take your foot off my angelfood!" fiercely ordered the youth. Buti the other was like adamant.

the honor of this ranch! That cake will make a bum of you!" "Oh-h!" gasped the author of the

"Bo, you are about to contest for

delicacy. "Stop before it is too late!" Glass held his hungry employer at a distance, striving to make known by a wink the necessity of his act.

"There is absolutely nothing in my

cake to injure any one," Helen ob-

jected loyally, with lifted chin; whereupon the corpulent trainer turned to her and said:

"Cake would crab any athlete. Cake and gals is the limit." "Really! I had no idea I was the least bit dangerous." Miss Blake, turner's earlier importunities ing to her host, smiled frigidly. "I'm

> "Now don't say that!" Speed strovel to detain her. "Please don't be offended-I just have to train!"

"Of course. And will you pardon me for interrupting your routine? You. see, I had no idea I wasn't wanted." "But you are, and I do want you!

"Good-by!" She nodded pleasantly at the door, and left her lover staring after her. When she had gone, he cried, in a! trembling voice: "You're a fine yap, you are! She got up early to do some-

thing nice for me, and you insulted! her! You wouldn't even let me sit, and hold her hand!" "No palm-readin'." Speed turned to behold his trainer ravenously devour-

ing the cake, and dashed to its rescue. "It's heavier than a frog full of backshot. You won't like it, Cul." "It's perfectly delicious!" came the choking answer.

"Then get back of them curtains. Willie 'd shoot on sight." And that morning the prisoner idled! about the premises, followed at a distance by his guard. He could not bear to read the future; anything seemed possible. Time and again he cursed that spirit of braggadocio, that thoughtless lack of moral scruple, which had led him into this predicament. He vowed that he was done with false pretenses; henceforth the strictest probity should be his. No more false poses. Praise won by dissimulation and deceit was empty, anyhow, and did he escape this once, heneceforth the world should know J. Wallingford Speed for what he wasan average individual, with no uncommon gifts of mind or body, courage or ability.

At noon Wally went through the mockery of a second blood-rare meal, with no cake to follow, and that afternoon Glass dragged him out under the hot sun, and made him sprint until he was ready to drop from exhaustion. His supper was wretched, and his fatigue so great that he fell asleep at Miss Blake's side during the evening With the first hint of dawn he was again, and Friday noon found him terly hopeless, when, true to his pr diction, the unexpected happened. I one moment be was raised from the

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Willie's Hypnotic Eye Traveled Slowly to Speed.

blackest depths to the wildest transports of delight. It came in the shape of a telegram which Jean summoned him to the house to receive. He wondered listlessly as he opened the message, then started as if disbelieving his eyes; the marks of a wild emotion spread over his features, he burst into shrill, hysterical laughter.

"Do tell us!" begged Roberta.

"Covington-Covington is coming!" Wally felt his head whirl, and failed to note the chaperon's cry of surprise and see the paling of her cheeks. "Covington is coming! Don't you undermand?" he shouted. After all, the gods, were not deaf! Good old Culver, who had never failed him, was coming as a

Even in the face of his extraordinary outburst the attention of the beholders was drawn to Lawrence Glass, who caused the porch to shake beneath his feet; who galloped to his employer, and seizing him by the hands, expered about like a hippopota-

"I told you 'Allah' was some guy," he wheezed. "When does Covington arrive?"

Wally reread the message. "It says 'noon Friday.' Why, that's today! He's here now!"

'Rah! 'Rah! 'Rah! Covington!" bellowed the trainer, and Mrs. Keap sank to a seat with a stifled moan.

"Why all the 'Oh joy! Oh rapture! stuff?" questioned Berkeley Fresno. "As Socrates, the Hemlock Kid,

would put it, 'Snatched from the shadow of the grave," quoth Glass, then paused abruptly. "Say, you don't think nothin' could happen to him on the way over from the depot?"

"I'm so sorry we didn't know in time to meet him, lamented Miss Chapin.

"And I could have run over to the railroad to bid him welcome," laughed Speed. "Twenty miles would do me good."

Still Bill and Willie approached the gallery curiously, and in subdued tones

"What's the matter, Mr. Speed?" "You ain't been summoned away?" Willie stared questioningly upward.



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"No, no! My running partner is on his way here, that's all."

"Running pardner?" "Culver Covington."

"Oh, we was afraid something had happened. You see, Gabby Gallagher has just blowed in from the Centipede to raise our bets."

"We think it's a bluff, and we'd like to call him."

"Do so, by all means!" cried the excited athlete. "Come on, let's all talk to him!"

The entire party, with the exception of Mrs. Keap, trooped down from the porch and followed the foreman out toward the sheds, where, in the midst of a crowd of ranchhands, a burly, loud-mouthed Texan was discoursing.

"I do wish Jack were here," said Jean nervously, on the way.

Gabby Gallagher seemed a fitting leader for such a desperate crew as that of the Centipede, for he was the hardest-looking citizen the casterners had beheld thus far. He was thickset, and burned to the color of a ripe olive; his long, drooping mustaches, tobaccostained at the center, were bleached at the extremities to a hempen hue. His bristly hair was cut short, and stood aggressively erect upon a bullet head, his clothes were soiled and greasy beneath a gray coating of dust. A pair of alert, lead-blue eyes and a certain facility of movement belied the drawl that marked his nativity. He removed his hat and bowed at sight of Miss Chapin.

"Good evenin', Miss Jean!" said he. I hope I find y'all well."

"Quite well, Gallagher. And you?" "Tol'able, thank you."

"These are my friends from the

The Centipede foreman ran his eyes coldly over Jean's companions until they rested upon Speed, where they remained. He shifted a lump in his cheek, spat dexterously, and directed his remark at the Yale man.

"I rode over to see if y'all would like to lay a little mo' in this y'ere foot race. I allow you are the unknown?" Speed nodded, and Stover took occasion to ramark:

"Them's our inclinations, but we've about gone our limit."

"I don't blame you none," said Gallagher, allowing his gaze to rove slowly from top to toe of the eastern lad. pretty rapidly. No, I cain't blame you none whatever. But I'm terrible grieved at them tidin's. Though we Centipede punchers has ever considered y'all a cheap an' poverty-ridden outfit, we gives you credit for bein' game, till now." He spat for a second time, and regarded Stover scornfully.

A murmur ran through the cowboys. 'We are game," retorted Stover, "and for your own good don't allow no belief to the contrary to become a superstition."

"Don't let a Centipede bluff you!" exclaimed Speed. "Cover anything they offer-give 'em odds. Anything you don't want, I'll take, pay or play, money at the tape. We can't lose."

"I got no more money," said Carara, hat, "but I bet my sombrero. 'E's ly, but you will pay the penalty." wort' two hondred pesos." Murphy, the Swede, followed

"Aye ban' send may vages home to

may ole' moder, but aye skall bat you

"Haven't you boys risked enough already?" ventured Miss Chapin. "Remember, it will go pretty hard with

"Harder the better," came a voice. "Y'all don't have to bet, jest because I'm h'yar," gibed Gallagher.

"God! I wish I was rich!" exclaimed Willie.

But Miss Chapin protested. "You are two months overdrawn, all of you. My brother won't advance you any

"Then my man, Lawrence, will take what they can't cover," offered Speed. "That's right! Clean 'em good, brothers," croaked the trainer.

"If you'll step over to the bunkhouse, Gabby, we'll dig up some personal perquisites and family heirlooms." Stover nodded toward his men's quarters, and Gallagher grinned joyously.

"That shore listens like a band from where I set. We aim to annex the wages, hopes, and personal ambitions of y'all, along with your talkin'-ma-

"Excuse me." Willie pushed his way forward. "How's she gettin' along?"

"You mule-skinners ain't broke

"No; we plays her every evenin'."

The little man shifted his feet; then allowed himself to inquire, as if regarding the habits of some dear departed friend:

"Have you chose any favorite ree-

'We all has our pick. Speakin' personal, I'm stuck on that baggage coach song of Mrs. More's."

"Mo-ray!" Willie corrected. "M-o-r-a! Heleney Mo-ray is the lady's name." "Mebbe so. Our foot-runner likes that Injun war-dance best of all." Carara smiled at Cloudy, who nodded, as if pleased by the compliment.

Then it was that the Flying Heart spokesman made an inquiry in hushed, hesitating tones.

"How do you like "The Holy City?" -he removed his hat, as did those back of him. "As sung by Madam-osella Melby?"

"Rotten!" Gallagher said promptly. "That's a bum, for fair."

During one breathless instant the wizened man stood as if disbelieving his ears, the enormity of the insult robbing him of speech and motion. Then he uttered a snarl, and Stover was barely in time to intercept the backward fling of his groping hand.

'No voylence, Willie! There's ladies present."

Stover's captive ground his teeth and struggled briefly, then turned and made for the open prairie without a

"It's his first love," said Stover, simply. The other foreman exploded into hoarse laughter, saying:

"I didn't reckon I was treadin' on the toes of no bereafed relatif's, but them church tunes ain't my style. However, we're wastin' time, gents. Where's that bunk-house? Nothin' but money talks loud enough for me to hear. Good-day, white folks!" Gallagher saluted Miss Chapin and her friends with a flourish, and moved away in company with the cowboys.

"I never," said Glass, "seen so many tough guys outside of a street-car

informed him. "He's a wonderful shot."

"I knew it!" Speed spoke up brightly: "Well, let's go back to the house and wait

for Covington." "But you were getting ready to go running," said Helen.

"No more running for me! I'm in good enough shape, eh, Larry?"

"Great! Barring the one thing." "What's that?" queried Fresno. "A little trouble with one of his nerve-centers, that's all. But even if it got worse during the night, Coving-

ton could run the race for him." The Californian started. At last all was plain. He had doubted from the first, now he was certain; but with unhis own careful plans. If Covington ran in Speed's place, how could he effect his rival's exposure? On the way back to the house he had to think

Mrs. Keap was pacing the porch as the others came up, and called Speed

broke out, with blazing eyes: "You said you had stopped him!" "And I thought I had. I did my

"But he's coming! He'll be here any minute!"

"I suppose he learned you were Wally laughed.

"Then you must have told him." "No, I didn't." "Mr. Speed"-Roberta's cheeks were

pallid and her voice trembled-"you"didn't-send that telegram-at all."

emoving his handsome bespangled all now. You arranged it very clever You surely won't tell Helen?"

"This minute! You wretched, deceitful man!"

Before he could say more, from the front of the house came the rattle of wheels, a loud "Whoa!" then Jean's

voice, crying: "Culver! Culver!" while Mrs. Keap

clutched at her bosom and moaned. Her companion bolted into the house and down the hall, shouting the name of his room-mate. Out through the front door he dashed headlong, in time to behold Fresno and the two girls assisting the new arrival toward the veranda. They were exclaiming in pity, and had their arms about the athlete, for Culver Covington, Intercollegiate One-Hundred-Yard Champion, was hobbling forward upon a pair of

crutches. The yell died in Speed's throat, he telt himself grow deadly faint.
"Crippled!" he gasped, and leaned

against the door for support.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Houston

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, 'Gallagher has been in prison," Jean on the 6th day of November, 1916, by John D. Morgan, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Thirty-one Hundred, twentythree and 33-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgement in favor George E. Darsey, Plaintiff, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 5620, and styled George E. Darsey vs. A. E. Bradley et. al., placed in my hands keeping the editors broke. for service, I, R. J. Spence, as Sheriff of Houston County, Tex., did, on the 6th day of November, A. D., 1916, levy on certain Real derstanding came also a menace to Estate situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows,

Twenty-five acres of land, a part of the C. C. Marsh 960 acre survey near the town of Grapeaside; then, when they were alone, land, 42 acres of land more or less, a part of the C. C. Marsh survey on the waters of Elkhart Creek about 12 miles northwest from Crockett, 213 acres of land, more or less, a part of the William Watson survey about 11 miles northwest from the town of Crockett, and 110 acres of land, more cr less, a part of the W. L. Burton survey, patented "You wanted him to get here in to Patrick Hayes, assignee of time to run in your place. I see it the said Burton, on the waters of Elkhart Creek, about 10 miles northwest from the town of Crockett, and which said four tracts of land is most generally kown as the Bradley place, and the field notes of all of which said tracts is fully set forth and contained in the said Order of Sale now in my possession, and levied upon as the property of the said defendents, and that on the first Tuesday in December, A. D., 1916, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virture of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication. in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day sale, in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper published in Houston County.

Witness my hand, this the 6th day of November, A. D., 1916.

R. J. Spence, Sheriff, Houston County, Texas

Mr. Jim McLean of Augusta returned Saturday night from a hunting trip near Houston. He brought home the "bacon" as he usually does and had a fine trip.

"JENTLE JABS"

By Jno. R. Owens

"Sambo" will fare good this winter, as the 'possum and tater crop is fine.

The reason a man lies to his wife some times is because she expects it, and he cares too much for her to disappoint her.

It is conceded that the high cost of living and the high cost of loving are only jokes, but it's the high cost of paper that's

Hughes batting average was poor and his last trip up, the best he could do was to "fly out" to Wilson.

Aakansas has a real woman football coach. This state should no longer receive the jests and jokes that have heretofore been hurled at her.

When a few more wives of Houston kill their husbands, that city will then rank with Dallas and Ft. Worth in this exciting

The G. O. P. elephant failed to chase the democratic donkey from his pasture, and this little animal will continue to graze on the green grass and enjoy the fragrance of the wild flowers.

We wonder how many good husbands would contribute to a fund to induce all the fashion artists to take a two years leave of absence.

As leap year draws to a close, we notice accounts of numerous weddings in Crockett and little Dan Cupid has been kept on the jump in that city for the last few months.

Probably the reason Wilson carried the women vote was because his face was not adorned with whiskers. Politicians who need the woman's vote should not wear whiskers-during the campaign at least.

We suppose that Teddy is still engaged in making deductions from his political desires. Retractions are also necessary from this "ferocious specie of the human race."

Thanksgiving Day this year will find everyone with something to be thankful for. We should be thankful for the retention of Mr. Wilson, no matter what other trials and tribulations we may have.

A doctor warns women that the germs of fifty persons are found in the mouth of the average man and advises them not to kiss. All who agree with the doctor will please pay up for a year's subscription to this paper SERVICE FIRST STORE

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Grapeland, Texas, Nov. 23, 1916.

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THIS STORE WILL BE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY---NEXT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

Thanksgiving Day

commemoration of the season of should see this line in all sizes. Thanksgiving and Praise set \$1.25 to \$3.00 each. aside by our forefathers several centuries ago. Then, they had many things for which to be thankful; prosperous crops, deliverance from Indian raids and others. How much more thankful should we be today. Our harvest has been bountiful and we have reaped a good price in return; our country is enjoying its greatest era of prosperity, a season of peace and plenty. On next Thursday, let us review the many causes of our thanksgivings and make it a real Thanksgiving day.

Thanksgiving day means good things to eat. If you want to be sure of the purest ingredients on your table, you will do well to supply yourself at Darsey's where purity is the first consideration in placing our order for groceries. Phone us your orders. We deliver them to your door.

and confidence placed in us as a ley show you. store by our many many friends. May we ever hope to retain this confidence by a strict adherence to our rule of giving the best values possible for the money.

Our prices on some articles may seem a little high. But if money than anyone.

Good ginghams, 81-3, 10 and 12 1-2c. American calicoes, 8c. Heavy cheviots 12 1 2c.

dress goods. We ask you to 10c up to \$1.00. Original quality compare values.

WOOL SHIRTS. Our wool shirts are here and they are Once again, we, as a nation, pippins. If you want the best will suspend business affairs in values for your money, you

Do your Christmas shopping now. You will lose by putting it off. There are many advantases in buying now. You save time and worry and have more time in which to select your gifts. We have many customers who have bought Christmas things and have them marked for Christmas delivery. We will do this for you. Our entire store is bulging with gift sug-

We have a beautiful line of Parisian Ivory toilet articles, silver picture frames, etc. Darsey's is a real gift store.

Let us send you up a Buck's Stove. Cook on it thirty days and if not satisfactory, we will gladly take it off your hands.

A man who uses a Leudinghaus wagon will have no other kind. That's why we sell them. A new car received last week. We have some good second hand We are thankful for the trust wagons at a bargain. Let Char-

> Automobile accessories that we can look you in the face and sell you. That's the kind you want-the best. We have 'em. Come here for your air, gasoline, oils, etc. We change tires free.

Chicken prices dont roost too you consider the high price of high for us. We pay the top cotton, and by a comparison of for turkeys, chickens, eggs, of our goods, you will find we hides, bees wax etc. Bring 'em are giving better values for the to Darsey's. We'll help you save by paying you more.

Underwear and sweaters for Heavy outings, 10 and 12 1-2c. the whole family. We also have a complete line of hosiery for We have other good values in men, women and children from at old prices. Get 'em here.

INSURE YOUR HEALTH

Protection is the first real health insurance. With proper clothing you can stand most any kind of weather. Our line of winter wearing apparel for men, women and children should merit your approval.



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We are showing a real snappy assortment of Thanksgiving neckwear and belts for men and boys. You should see these lines for here we give you the very latest ideas at

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Local News Items From Rock Hill Community

Nov. 20.—We must remember twenty cent cotton money to night. greet Santa Claus

weather has caused a great last week at school. many colds, but this is always common with cold weather.

Little Velna Streetman has been sick for three or four days. Tommie Helms was on the

sick list last week.

Our literary society met last Friday night. We had a nice crowd present and a good program. The debate was omitted and a spelling match substituted in its place.

Quite a number of people of this community attended church at Antrim Sunday.

There was a nice crowd present at Sunday School Sunday evening, among whom were: cay for Grand Saline to visit rel | within the next 30 days, to any-Misses Lula Belle Taylor, Alma atives there. Jones, Messrs. Ed Pierson, Virgil Durnell and Jim Ritchie.

night with Mr. C. M. Streetman. port a nice time.

Messrs. J. L. Nichols and A. the "game country" across the Mr. Sammon Saturday night Trinity river to spend a few and Sunday.

that Christmas is not but a daughter, Miss Eva Mae, attend- Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Barnes Sunmonth off and save some of that ed church at Antrim Sunday day.

Rev. R. L. Brooks, Universalist preacher, will begin a meeting at this place Tuesday night, Nov. 21.

Local News Items From The

Nov. 20.—We have been having some real cold weather the past Grapeland Sunday. week. Several have killed hogs.

Church was well attended at New Hope Sunday.

Mr. Ollie Harrington left Sun-

Mr. Parker spent Sunday Springs Saturday night. All re- ture frame 23X27 inches.

Mr. J. E. Shoemaker and fam-U. Streetman have gone back to ily of Percilla were the guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Buckalew of Mr. J. L. Nichols and his near Percilla were the guests of

Miss Ruby Harrington, accom-Mr. Dewey Willis had the panied by her father, went to The sudden change of the misfortune of spraining his ankle Palestine Friday to have an operation performed on her eye.

> Mr. Ross Sammon went to Alto Saturday.

> Quite a number of young people of this place attended a show at Grapeland Friday night.

Our school is progressing nicely. We have an enrollment of almost 100 pupils. The boxes at Waneta Country our box supper sold for \$46.45, which has been used to buy more desks for the school.

Mr. Ross Fortson went to

Bonnie

\$125.00 TO BE GIVEN AWAY

one trading with J. J. Brooks, Several people of this place at- to the amount of \$10.00, will retended a box supper at Denson ceive as a present one \$2.50 pic-

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There are a number of hogs on the streets and Grapeland has a hog law.

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When a person has no sympathy for others when they experience adversities, how can he expect others to sympathize with him when he is in trouble?

The time for planting shade trees is rapidly approaching and it would not be a bad idea to plant a few more in Grapeland. They would add to the beauty of the town and make hot weather more endurable.

of civic improvement more prename.

We would like to see the use of narrow-tired wagons eliminated. They ruin roads and kill teams. The passing of the narrow-tired wagon shows a mark of intelligence in the farmers who desire to be progressive and who are considerate in the care of their teams and the roads, upon which they travel with heavy loads. If you have a narrow-tired wagon now, let the next wagon you buy be a widetired one.

Grapeland needs a Young concerted action.

your acreage in potatoes, corn, peas, peanuts or other food and feed crops, and increase your made a fairly good feed and food cotton acreage, you will lower crop and a cotton crop just a lit-small of the back is a serious the price of cotton and raise the tle under the average, and the symptom. The kidneys are sufprice of food stuff. Be conserv- larger plantings of feed and food, fering. Take Prickly Ash Bitative and escape having to take the slow result of much exper- ters at once. It is a reliable a low price for your cotton and lience, had brought this section kidney remedy and system regpay exhorbitant prices for to a condition admirably pre- ulator and will cure the trouble something to feed yourself and pared to test all the theories of before it develops its dangerous your stock.

issue clipped from Farm & new ground will be taken in, too. Ranch, entitled "Going Cotton truth it contains.

the town has only two public are higher than cotton. wells now. A new well is needed on front street for the accommodation of those who make the town.

In many ways Grapeland surpasses other towns of the same size, but in some ways the town is not what it should be and could be, if the citizens would work together in a systematic way. Do not work and plan for things that benefit self alone, but exert your efforts for the things that are beneficial to the entire citizenry and which add to the worth of the town as a whole.

Clipped From Our Exchanges

Other's Views on Current Items

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TIME TO BE GOOD

The time to show your good We would like to see the spirit is when he is struggling against great adversities; when everyare not pleasing to the eye. his behalf; when misfortunes Strangers are not favorably im- pile in his life thick and fast unpressed with the town when til his very existence is one about the first thing they see is great struggle against overpowa street literally covered with tin ering calamities is the time to cans, rags, paper, bottles and speak a friendly word or lend a goods boxes. Cleanliness should helping hand. When everything be the motto of every town that is lovely and nothing goes wrong, desires good health and a good when the sky of life is without a cloud and everything seems bright and cheerful and he has nothing to struggle with, is a time when man can take care of himself and no words of yours can make him much the happier. The single ray of sunshine that finds its way into a dungeon cell is much more appreciated by the lonely prisoner than the world of sunshine is to the man outside who is free to come and go.-Memphis Herald.

GOING COTTON WILD

termined.

The Southwest, at least, has

It is to be hoped that the cents. The test will now have farmers of the Crapeland count to be postponed to another year try will not go "cotton wild" |--will it be next? Hardly. There next year and neglect the food is talk of planting the fence corand feed crops. We call your ners and all the land that "laid attention to an article in this out" in cotton next year. Some

If ever a man could afford to Wild". Every farmer reader of plant all cotton and buy everythis paper should carefully read thing else it would seem as if this article and fully realize the that time had come. But has it? He would have to buy feed, and feed is as high as cotton. He The public well on main street would have to buy bacon, bread caved in several weeks ago and and other foods, and foodstuffs

Financial authorities agree that warring Europe is rapidly approaching the end of prodigious Grapeland their trading place. buying in America. She soon Besides, to fill up the old well will have nothing to buy with and dig a new one would add to and will begin to confine her takthe appearance of the street and ings to the things she needs most. And Europe's greatest needs are food and munitions. She may do without cotton, but food and munitions she must have in ever increasing quantities until the war ends, which means high prices. The Southwestern farmer is not concerned with munition prices-but what about the prices of food which he raises cotton to buy?

> Every bushel of wheat, of corn, of potatoes, every pound of meat, of beans and peas, of butter, every gallon of milk and of syrup, which the farmer uses, he pays for at war prices-what warring Europe in her straits is willing to pay. But if he raises those supplies at home he is paying himself the war prices-and what a profit he reaps.

The demand for cotton may slacken and the price may go down. Or the demand may strengthen and undreamed of will and charity towards a man levels be reached. But one thing is sure—the Southwestern farmer, warring Europe, and the dominant in the citizenry of the thing seems dark and hopeless world at large will have to eat. town. There are many things and there are many to condemn Blessed indeed is he whose on the streets of Grapeland that and few to speak a good word in granaries, bins and meat boxes are filled from the home acres .-Farm & Ranch.

Some people think that the county demonstration agent is employed by the county as a sort of vetinarian, and that it is his business to get up and go to see any case of animal sickness that may be called to his attention. This is not true at all; the county agent is supposed to visit communities where contagious diseases break out among hogs, cattle, horses, etc., and give such information to the farmers of that community as he may be able to impart concerning treatment of the disease and necessary methods to be taken to prevent its spread, but he is not supposed to act as a vetinary and take charge of any particular case, thereby saving the owner of the stock a fee. Farmers of the South have He is expected to give demon-Men's Business League. We dreamed of 15-cent cotton for a strations in terracing when a have advocated the organization generation. The dream is more group of interested parties may of a Y. M. B. L. before, but it than realized. It has been meet at a given point for inseems that the business men of thought and argued that an av- struction, but it is not his busithe town are slow to realize the erage price of 15 cents would ness to go to every farm that fact that such a league would bring prosperity and put the needs terracing and do for the greatly benefit every line of bus- cotton farmer on an equal foot- owner what he ought to learn to iness in the town, and there are ing with producers in all other do for himself. His business is many things that can never be lines. But after the season op- to give information to groups of secured for the town only thru ened the price so rapidly passed farmers and not to individuals. the long-coveted mark that what If the farmers are not interest-15-cent cotton would do for the ed enough to form groups, they Remember, if you decrease Southern farmer is still unde- cannot expect to receive instruction.-Cherokee County Banner.

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says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

Sores and Wounds on the limbs or body should not be neglected. They quickly become ulcers and are hard to cure.

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Heals Quickly

It is an excellent remedy to keep in the house for prompt use when accidents occur. Try it for Cuts, Wounds, Sores, Galls, Swellings, Chafed Skin, Sore Feet, Oak or Ivy Poisoning. It is good for human or animal flesh. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor, ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

Notice to the Public

I have rebuilt my mill and can now supply your needs in all kinds of lumber needs at very reasonable prices. My mill is located three miles southeast of Grapeland.

Let me figure with you before you buy.

J. C. Lawrence

Guard your kidneys, the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause Dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion and cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

CORN WANTED

I am in the market for 2000 bushels of good ear corn delivered in Grapeland. Will pay 75c per bushel cash. I have arranged with J. W. Howard to weigh and pay for this corn.

Geo. Calhoun.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I shall be at the following places on the following dates:

Weches, Dec. 6. Augusta, Dec. 7. Percilla, Dec. 8. Grapeland, Dec. 9.

In order to save unnecessary trouble I shall discourage the use of checks.

C. W. Butler, Jr., Tax Collector, Elect.

Prickly Ash Bitters can be depended on to cure the kidneys, 15 years ago. correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. of the twenty-eight state banks main-

Mrs. Holland Scarbrough of Augusta was carried to Palestine last week, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to report her cash reserve above legal requirements, condition improved.

The Bureau of Child and Animal Industry met at Austin last week.

week as high as 20.50 per pound.

The increase of milk prices over the state will be investigated by the attorney general of Texas.

The convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs closed its annual session at Sherman Friday.

The Texas Fraternal Congress at its fifteenth annual session at Dallas Friday selected Houston as the convention city for 1917.

A special effort is being made by the Texas National Guard to secure 1,500, which number is needed to bring it up to full war strength.

Several test wells are being put down in the Goose Creek oil field near Houston to find if better results can be obtained at greater depths.

Charles L. Stowe of Sherman has been named to succeed the late Captain Owens as state superintendent of public buildings and grounds at Aus-

The Texas State Conservation and Reclamation Association met in Waco last week. A meeting for permanent organization will be held at Austin

The Inland Waterways League will work to secure an appropriation from congress to aid in opening the Sabine-Houston-Galveston section of the canal.

probably cost you 30c per pound. Many birds are being sent East and the crop in Texas is shorter than for many years.

The attorney general's department has approved the record in Port Arthur bond issues for \$100,000 for sewer extension and \$80,000 for water works extensions.

In the past few years Corpus Christi has expended \$500,000 for street paving, \$250,000 for a court house, \$300,-000 for a sewer system and \$300,000 for water works improvements.

At the instance of the railroads, who complained of the car shortage, the railroad commission has set down for December 12, at Austin, Texas, the matter of increasing demurrage

The drawbridge across the Sabine-Veches canal at Port Arthur, which was damaged by the Italian tank steamer Splendor six months ago, has been put in commission again at a cost of \$22,000.

Exports of cotton through the port of Galveston for European markets during the month of October amounted to 284,662 bales, valued at \$25,536,399, as shown by figures compiled by the custom service.

The bulkhead across Turtle Bay, near Anahuac, which was destroyed during the August storm of last year, will be rebuilt in time to insure a fresh supply of water for next year's rice crop on the Anahuac canal.

The bureau of markets of the Texas department of agriculture at Austin is daily in receipt of inquiries, both by mail and telegraph, from Northern buyers who want large quantities of peanuts, hickory nuts, black walnuts, sweet potatoes and jack rabbits.

In 1850 only one acre in every 250 in Texas was improved farm land; in 1860 one in 60 acres was improved; in 1870, one in 50; in 1880, one in 13; in 1890, one in nine; in 1910, one in eight, and at the present time one of every six acres is improved farm

Texas has 60,000,000 feet of standing timber and employs 25,000 people in the lumber industry. The state is ninth in the amount of standing timber, eleventh in the number of lumber workers, and fifteenth in the value of its lumber products. The annual cut of timber is three times what it was 25 years ago and twice what it was

A condensed monthly statement of the condition of savings departments taining such departments at the close of business October 31, issued this week by Commissioner of Insurance and Banking Charles O. Austin, shows total amount of savings deposits, \$4,-180,216; required cash reserve, \$602,-309; actual cash reserve, \$867,245;

Building activities continue at "Old Timer" Brownwood and at the present time a goodly number of business buildings are under construction.

Banks, bank directors and bank officials are the next medium through which the tick eradication campaign will be pushed in South Texas. Every Cotton was sold at Houston last bank in the sixty-one countles of the South Texas district has been placed on a mailing list. Each of these will A well is being sunk in search of soon receive literature from the Housof animal industry to be distributed throughout their respective districts.

IMPROVE ROADS IN ILLINOIS

Expected That State Will Spend Nearly \$200,000,000 for Better Highways in Next Few Years.

(By H. A. JEFFRIES, Member of Illinois Good Roads Association.)

Illinois has been one of the last states to take up seriously the problem of improving its roads, but now it to make big advancement in a short time. A commission of Illinois road enthusiasts has been touring the states, inspecting roads and investigating the methods of road building. It is expected that the state will spend in the next few years nearly \$200,000, 000 for good roads, and necessarily our people want to get the best roads possible.

The question of whether there shall be macadam roads, brick roads or concrete roads is one to be determined. Many of the new roads are of macadam construction, and there has been a lot of sentiment for the brick high-Your turkey for Thanksgiving will ways. Concrete roads have been objected to largely because of the great cost of construction. It costs \$14,000 a mile for an 18-foot concrete road, it ordinarily scares any community. The advantage of the concrete road, however, lies in the small cost of maintenance.

The expense of keeping up a concrete road, it is said, is less than \$30 a year per mile, with the experience of New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania shows that it costs \$800 a mile to maintain macadam and brick roads.

It makes no c Terence what kind of construction, so long as we get improved roads, and we can well afford later on to change the style of road if we get a first-class highway across the continent, which, I believe, will be accomplished in the next ten

Exposure of Wound to Rays of Incandescent Electric Bulb Has Splendid Effect.

An interesting use of a household appliance has just been given to the medical profession. By exposing a wound to the rays of an ordinary incandescent electric bulb several times a day, to a total of eight or nine hours, the Current Medical Literature says, Doctor Schottelius has obtained some interesting results.

The immediate local effect, he says. was as striking as the general effect from day to day later. All of the pa-



tients told of relief from pain from it. Paper and a sheet are thrown over the whole, and the temperature of the inclosed space grows high, but he ascribes the benefit to the light rather and guided and utilized. than to the heat. The bulbs used were of 30, 50 and 100 candlepower.

NOTICE WOODMEN

be present at the lodge Saturday night. Important business to attend to.

C. L. Haltom, C. C.

Writes The News From Oak Grove

Nov. 20.—The freeze last week was the coldest weather I remember of ever seeing at this time of year, and this morning oil on the Navasota River near Bryan. ton office of the United States bureau the signs are right for rain. A good season in the ground would not be a drawback.

While prices continue to go higher, people still try to make ends meet. Some are clearing land, some cutting wood, some improving.

Our school is doing nicely,

S. T. Parker had business in Crockett Saturday.

Mrs. A. E. Baxley spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Walling in the Guiceland community and returned home

What do you think of the \$110-000 bonds that the Commissioners' Court issued at its last is going into it with a determination meeting? I guess we will have some taxes to pay next year.

ADVERTISING AND BUSINESS

Advertising as an organizing force in business is beginning to be appreciated. The student of conditions-even the intelligent man who is also an observer-is beginning to understand what it means to business in general to have advertising persistently and intelligently applied by here and there a producer or distributor.

One product after another is and this initial outlay is so great that so efficiently advertised as to cause it to flow out to consumers in a manner, along routes and in quantities, to spread it over its territory adequately and economically. Diffusion is regulated in two major ways: the creation and manipulation of demand, and a process of standardization of product. Both of these ways for control of diffusion and consumption are operated thru advertising, and advertising methods. This idea may be visualized from the experience of anyone who has been a consumer long enough to enable him to recall brands of goods he used ten, twenty, thirty years ago.

The nature, character, quality and form of commodities are being fixed by advertising-not by any arbitrary or obnexious methods, but through gradually germinating in the minds of consumers subconscious tendencies toward advertised articles. Gradually, lines of advertised goods are gaining dominating positions in the market. Gradually, lines of unadvertised goods are disappearing.

For good or for evil, advertising is every year assuming a greater influence in the life of everybody. Even now there is scarcely an article in common use in any household that does not owe its quality, character, value, spread, utility-and price -to advertising, wholly or in part. The social, religious, political and cooperative phases of life are coming under the dominance of advertising.

Advertising cannot be escaped, cannot be avoided, cannot be hindered-it must be studied

Miss Lucretia Riall delightfully entertained several couples of her young friends at the home of her brother, W. A. Riall, Saturday evening. Several fas-All woodmen are requested to cinating parlor games were introduced and enjoyed by the guests.

LOCAL NEWS

For a full dollar's worth, buy it from the Cash Grocery Co.

When you are in town, eat at Hatchell's restaurant.

If you consider quality, you will give us your next order for groceries. Cash Grocery Co.

Try the Barnyard shoe and keep your feet dry. Sold by S. E. Howard.

You will find fresh fish and oysters at Hatchell's restaurant on Fridays and Saturdays.

Rev. S. M. Tenny of Rusk visited his nephew and niece, John and Louise Denny Monday.

New fall samples are now on display. Call and see the many pretty patterns. Clewis.

FOR SALE

My place in southeast Grapeland. For price and terms see W. S. Johnston.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

We deliver on the dot. Try us with your next order. Farmer's Union phone 73.

Cash Grocery Co.

Miss Mary McLean of Crockett was the guest of her cousins, Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall a few days this week.

Perfect workmanship, guaranteed fabrics and excellent service is what you get when Clewis Societies-S. D. Webb. orders your suit.

We guarantee satisfaction with every order we fill. We have hundreds of satisfied customers. Are you one of them?

Cash Grocery Co.

WANTED

100 turkeys; peas in 'the hull; cow hides-green or dry; pea-J. W. Howard.

a small cost. Made to look new and give good service. M. L. Clewis.

HOGS WANTED

I am in the market for good hogs and will pay the top price. See me if you have any to sell. Geo. Calhoun.

NOTICE

All persons that have Mebane Cotton Seed bought of us will please call for them, as we can not supply the demand for them, nor hold them very long.

Geo. E. Darsey.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two young high grade Jersey cows and calves, fresh; 4 full blood angora goats, one pair of gentle mules, one pr. registered Center-Arthur Milliken. W. T. Pridgen. collie dogs.

NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland Satur- School. day, Nov. 25 with a car of young horses and mules. Good and sound. Prices right.

Hosea Anthony.

Try us for groceries-S. E. Howard.

The Grapeland Music Club will meet with Miss Carrie Spence next Wednesday afternoon. Remember the music items. Lura Mae Owens, Pres.

For farms or homes in town see S. E. Howard.

A. H. Luker and sister, Mrs. Frank Leaverton, left Monday morning for Hemphill in response to a message stating that their father, Rev. J. B. Luker was dangerously ill.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

The Tom Thumb wedding, under the auspices of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church, and under the direction of Miss Mildred Randall, Tuesday night, was enjoyed by a good sized crowd, notwithstand ing the inclement weather. The program was well rendered and reflected credit to the director.

PROGRAM OF LOCAL TEACHER'S INSTITUTE

A Teacher's local institute will be held at Belott, Dec. 8 and 9. All those who are interested in education are cordially invited to be present.

Friday night-Address of welcome-Nat Patton.

Response-Arthur Milliken. The Future Outlook of Schools of Houston County-J. N. Snell,

County Sup't. What is the Value of Literary

Saturday, 9:00 a. m .- Classification of Rural Schools-R.J. Dominy.

What Should be the Attitude of a Patron Towards his School -Albert Gainey.

What Would be a Satisfactory Use of the Text-book During the Recitation—R. L. Eaves.

Has Latin a Place in the Rural School-Coleman Scarbrough.

Formal Examinations as a Hats cleaned and re-blocked at Means for Testing the Efficiency of Instruction-T. F. Richard

Intermission.

When Should a Pupil be Promoted-J. H. Rosser.

Sanitation in the School.-J. B. Driskell.

Noon Intermission 12:00 to 1:00 What Has Become of the Million Dollar Appropriation School Fund-J. N. Snell.

Value of Athletics in the School-Henry Whipple.

Mid-Term Promotions- Miss Ruth Patton.

Correlation of Studies-Claude Andler. Aims to be accomplished by

the Primary Teacher. - Miss Bess Dickerson. Saturday night-In What Way

Can the School Act as a Social

Lecture-J. N. Snell, Co. Supt. Discussion-What are We Doing for Our School-Patrons of

> Miss Lula Jones, Miss Johnnie Duren,

G. S. Hart,

G. E. Parker, Prin.

Dr. Sam'l. Miller

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EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

To be held at Oak Grove on Thanksgiving day.

Opening song by W. R. Camp-

Invocation—R. D. Parker. Welcome address by C. E. Brooks.

Response by Arthur Sawyers.

Short talk by J. E. Bean. Song.

Short talk by J. F. Lively. Song. Dinner.

Reassemble at one o'clock. Singing, led by all the different leaders for the entire after-

All singers are especially invited and the adjoining communities are expected to be represented with full baskets of good edibles.

> M. E. Bean, D. A. Montgomery, J. A. Bean.

Program Committee

McLean & Riall will pay you more for your turkeys.

Found-An automobile lamp. Owner can have same by calling at the Messenger office, describing same and paying for this ad.

Prices are soaring skyward, cotton by leaps and bounds, and everything following except land Buy a home while you can, I have it. S. E. Howard.

We have all ingredients for making fruit cakes, also will have fruit cakes for sale Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Cash Grocery Co.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that can-not be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and pelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.

After you have taken Heal's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

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Pedestrians Co Around Bad Streets to Reach Shops on Good Highways -Add to Realty Value.

(By L. K. COOPER.) It would seem that in this late day and age advocating good roads as good for mankind generally and business particularly would be unnecessary.

Good roads mean good business. Have you ever noticed that in towns immediately after a street has been paved or resurfaced, pedestrians and vehicles begin to multiply on those

It does not take long before everybody, it seems, knows of the newly paved streets and many go out of the way to travel them. Last summer the pavement on a street near my home was torn up for repatching. The contractors were so long in even attempt ing to get started on the work that merchants along the street started suit against the city for business they knew they had lost because the street was impassable.

If good streets-and street is only another name for road-mean so much to the city business man, it is to be supposed they are just as valuable an asset to the business man or the farmer located on the highways of the country. Good roads, in the first place are a benefit to every individual in this big land of ours. If all roads are good, the people residing in their immediate locality find it easier to get



When your digestive organs lack vitality and begin to act more slowly and less effectually than they should, the circulation becomes poor, the blood gets thin, the appetite fails and the digestion weakens. TANLAC is the powerful reconstructive tonic, is the ideal strengthener and body builder for run down people because it creates a good, healty appetite, strengthens digestion, enriches the blood, and in this natural manner builds up and invigorates run down and nerveous people.

TANLAC is sold exclusively in Grapeland by-

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

REMEMBER

We have the dry goods and the price to fit your pocket book, and can save you money on all of your bill. Plenty of shoes of the very best, the kind that gives satisfaction.

25 Boys' Suits, former price 2.25, now 1.50 25 Boys' Suits, former price 3,50, now -

25 Suits for men, price 5.00, now 25 men's suits, former price 12.50 and 10.00, now

8.00

Overcoats that will keep you warm and please you. We can save you money. Come and see us when you need goods and remember, "Quality is the Thing."

QUALITY IS THE THING

City Cafe And Bakery

We have opened an up-to-date Cafe and Bakery in the Dr. Black building on the east side of the railroad and will bake Good Bread, Cakes and Pies, which will be kept fresh and sanitary at all times.

We will also serve anything you want to eat. We have ten tables and can serve forty people. Especially do we invite the ladies to visit our place. We have spared neither pains or money to equip our place, and trust you will give us your patronage, for which we sincerely thank you in advance.

FISH AND OYSTERS AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU MAY DESIRE TO EAT -- COOKED RIGHT

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Spend your money with merchants who advertise.