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Illinois Pure Spun Aluminum will be demonstrated at

DARSEY'S

One week beginning Thursday, February 7th and ending Wednesday, February 13th. This demonstration will be conducted by a factory expert and you are urged to attend.

Watch next week's Messenger

ANNOUNCEMENT

I take pleasure in announcing to my friends, patrons and the general public that I will have with me again Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th, Dr. G. Ward Shelfer, Optometrist. Dr. Shelfer needs no introduction in this section, as many of the best people of Grapeland, Crockett, this county and East Texas, have been using glasses fitted by him for years with best results. Don't put off having your eyes examined or wear your old glasses too long. And beware of peddlers, especially those trav-

eling in automobiles, claiming to be "eye specialists," charging you extortionate prices for nothing and ruining your eyes. Remember the dates. Come to see us and bring your friends.
D. N. Leaverton, Druggist,
48 t3 Grapeland, Texas.

We build more mileage into your old casings. You may think your old casing is gone, but we may be able to repair it and save you from buying a new one. We have an up-to-date vulcanizer and guarantee our work.
GUICE'S GARAGE.

EPHESUS

REGULAR CORRESPONDENT

January 27, 1918.—The farmers of this community have a broad smile on their faces. They say that the recent snows insure for them a good corn-crop. We sincerely hope that it does, for at the present price of wheat it appears that we will need it for bread.

Our school, under the management of Prof. L. B. Harrington and Miss Martha Mae Sharpe, is doing nicely.

The little son of Mr. Leonard Murdock has a bad case of erysipelas, and at present is very low.

Mr. Deckert Anderson and family visited at Mr. S. H. Graham's Sunday.

On account of bad weather, we had no Sunday school on last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Turner recently left for Hot Springs, Ark., where he will take treatment for pellegra.

There was a delightful entertainment at Mr. Jesse Graham's Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed a fine time.

We notice several cases of mumps and rosola in the community. They are light cases and no one seems to suffer much from it.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

In view of existing conditions, we feel that as a matter of self preservation we are forced to raise our prices slightly for medical services, and in raising them as per schedule below, we are only bringing them up to standard prices charged by physicians everywhere:

Visits in town, or within 2 1-2 miles, \$2.50 each, when made and we return by 9 p. m. Night visits \$4.00 each.

Visits beyond 2 1-2 miles, \$1.00 per mile, when made and we return by 9 p. m. Night visits \$1.50 per mile.

Office treatment, \$1.00.

Consultation \$10, plus mileage.

Obstetrical cases within limit of 6 miles, \$20; beyond 6 miles, \$20 and mileage.

Stop call visit, \$2.50.

These prices take effect immediately.

(Signed:)

W. D. McCarty, M. D.
Chas. C. Hill, M. D.
P. H. Stafford, M. D.
48t2 Sam Kennedy, M. D.

Bob Wherry made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

Five cars of hogs and one car of cattle were shipped out of Grapeland during January, to Fort Worth.

FOR SALE

A 1917 Model Ford car, in good condition and for sale at a bargain.—Tucker Campbell, Salmon, Texas. 49-t2p

WANTED TO BUY

I am now in the market for several car loads of old scrap iron and other kinds of junk. See me for prices and sell me what you have.

J. W. Howard.

WORK TIME IS HERE

Big shipment of Kelly Plows, Points, Landsides, Bolts of all kinds. Single Trees, Backbands, Trace Chains, Collars, Bridles, Hames.

Our Hardware department is complete.

Two cars of Furniture bought at old prices.

It will pay you to get our prices.

Keeland Brothers

THE PRICE IS THE THING

New Arrivals

We Have Just Received an Advance Showing of Beautiful Fancy Silk and Wool Skirts and Waists

To appreciate these exceptional values you will have to visit our store and see them. They are priced right, considering the quality and style.

Let us impress upon your mind the fact that you need a pair of our WORK SHOES—the all leather kind and the kind that keeps your feet dry and protects your health.

We have received a big line of Hog Fencing

and Plow Implements

Get Our Prices

We have received a big line of leather HORSE COLLARS and HARNESS.

Summing up the whole situation, without further details, we are better prepared than ever before to supply your needs on the farm and in the home and we strive at all times to give you 100 cents worth of GOOD MERCHANDISE for every DOLLAR you spend with us.

McLean & Riall

Dependable Merchants

We are Prepared to Serve You

OUR stock of General Merchandise is more Complete than ever before, new goods arriving every day.

Men's Furnishing Goods

Star Brand Hats, Howard & Foster Shoes, Red Cross Shirts, a beautiful line of Neckwear to select from. We especially invite the young men of the town and country to make our store headquarters; we are glad to have you come and loaf with us whether you buy or not.

A Beautiful line of Ladies' Waists in all the latest styles

New Piece Goods arriving every day

Remember We are Headquarters for Plow Goods

We have in stock all sizes of Kelly Plows, in cast and chilled goods. Plenty of Georgia Stocks, Cultivators, Diverse Cultivators, Section Harrows, Middle Busters, etc. See us before you buy your plows.

Don't forget that our Grocery Department is Complete at all times.

We have just unloaded a car of Swift's Fertilizer, which is as good as the best.

In view of the high prices for farm products there never was a time when it would pay the farmer better to fertilize his crops. Don't fail to see us for your fertilizer wants

Telephone us your orders for your Groceries, etc. We deliver promptly.

W. H. Long & Co.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Collison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Callison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John Collins, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Reuben Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. F. C. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. L. W. Edens, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John F. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of R. E. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Robert Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Rebecca Edens, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of B. F. Edens, deceased, hereinafter styled defendants, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the seventh (7th) Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1918, the same being the 25th day of March, A. D. 1918, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 18th day of January, A. D. 1918, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5728, wherein Ray Wiess and wife, Edwina Wiess, are plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs of S. C. Heirs of S. C. Callison, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John Collins, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Reuben Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. F. C. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Mrs. L. W. Edens, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of John F. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of R. E. Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Robert Mathews, deceased, the Unknown Heirs of Rebecca Edens, deceased, and the Unknown Heirs of B. F. Edens, deceased, are defendants; said petition alleging that plaintiffs reside in the City, County and State of New York, and that the names and residences of the defendants above named are unknown to plaintiffs; that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract of land, lying and being situated in Houston county, Texas, on the S. C. Callison (or Collison) survey, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to wit:

Beginning at a rock on the Grapeland and Navarro road 352 vrs. N. 26 W. from the Forest Spring. Thence N. 26 W. with the Crockett and Magnolia road at 308 vrs. a corner, from which a Hickory 10 in. dia. brs N. 32 E. 13 4-10 vrs. Thence 84 E at 854 vrs. a corner on Collison's E. B. line, from which P. O. brs. S. 71 E. 1 vara, a Hickory Brs. N. 33 1-2 W 1 vara. Thence N. 30 E. with said Collison's E. B. line at 680 vrs. a corner, from which a B. J. 14 in. dia. brs. N. 55 W. 4 2-10 vrs. Thence S. 82 1-2 W. at 1400 vrs. a corner on the Magnolia and Crockett road, from which a P. O. brs. N. 70 E. 8 vrs. Thence N. 30 W. with the Magnolia and Crockett road at 1538 vrs. a corner on the bank of the Big Elkhart creek, from which a

Sweet Gum brs. N. 76 E. 2 vrs. Thence down with the meanders of said creek at 1900 vrs. a corner on the West bank of said creek on the N. B. line of the John Edens league. Thence S. 60 E. with said Edens league line at 1580 vrs. to the S. corner of the J. R. Edens 30 acres tract, on said Collison survey and on the Mill branch, from which a Sweet Gum brs. 64 W. 6 vrs. Thence N. 55 E. 402 vrs. to the East corner of the said J. R. Edens 30 acres tract, a stake for corner, from which a Sweet Gum brs. S. 14 W 3 vrs. Thence N. 32 W. 352 vrs. to the place of beginning, and containing 620 acres of land, more or less.

That defendants are setting up some sort of right or claim to said land the exact nature of which are unknown to plaintiff and for which reason plaintiffs sue herein, such right or claim casting a cloud upon plaintiffs title to said land. That plaintiffs claim title to said land by through and under the following instrument, to wit: Patent to S. C. Collison (or Callison); deed from said Collison (or Callison) to John Collins, the original of this deed being lost or mislaid, and the record thereof being burned with the court house of Houston county, Texas; deed from John Collins to Reuben Mathews; deed from the heirs of Reuben Mathews and his wife F. C. Mathews, to H (J) R. and L. W. Edens in partition; deed from J. R. Edens, Bettie Edens, A. N. Edens, Fannie May Wall, Douglass Wall, Annie Murdock and Lee Murdock to Luna W. Hollingsworth; deed from Luna W. Hollingsworth and J. E. Hollingsworth to Ray Wiess and wife Edwina Wiess; deed from J. P. Edens to A. N. Edens; deed from A. N. Edens to Mrs. Edwina Wiess; deed from R. E. Mathews to B. F. Edens; deed from B. F. Edens to J. R. Edens; deed from J. R. Edens to Ray Wiess and wife, Edwina Wiess. That plaintiffs have had and held under color of title from and under the State of Texas, the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession of said land and premises for a period of more than three years after defendants cause of action accrued and before the commencement of this suit. Plaintiffs further allege that they and those under whom they claim title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit; and that plaintiffs and those under whom plaintiffs claim title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiffs specially plead the statutes of three, five and ten years limitation in bar of any claim asserted to said land by the defendants, wherefore plaintiffs sue for the title and possession of said tract of land, and that all clouds be removed therefrom, for costs, and writs of possession and restitution, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in

Crockett, this the 18th day of January, A. D. 1918.

JOHN D. MORGAN, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. 49 t4

For the ailments common among women, such as sick headache, backache, heartburn, nervous weakness and constipation, Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid remedy. It purifies the bowels, tones the stomach, clears the complexion, sweetens the breath, restores energy and cheerfulness. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, [special agent.

WAR SAVINGS

Thrift stamps and war savings stamps are the most democratic of investments and America expects every American to show love of republican institutions by investing in this democratic security. The aggregate amount of the investments and the number of investors in these war savings securities are in a way the answer of the people of this great Democracy to the call of the cause of democracy throughout the world and the vindication of civilization and humanity.

They afford every person, however humble and however small his means, the opportunity to contribute his part, to do his bit, in this great struggle against the military masters of Germany who seek to dominate the world in contempt of justice and right and freedom and without conscience and without mercy.

Surely every American desires to have a part in the defeat of autocracy and the success of liberty and right.

EPIDEMIC OF DISEASES

January has been an exceptional month for sickness throughout the Grapeland country. Local physicians have been kept very busy, going day and night. There have been epidemics of pneumonia, measles, mumps and nearly every other disease to which human flesh is heir to. However, conditions show a slight improvement, and with the coming of spring, health conditions will no doubt become normal.

FOR TREASURER

Willie Robison authorizes his announcement in this issue as a candidate for Treasurer of Houston county, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

Two years ago Mr. Robison was a candidate for this office and came very near landing the job, only being defeated by the small margin of eight votes.

In announcing again, he expresses profound appreciation of this vote, and requests his friends to remain loyal to him in this race and overcome the vote by which he was defeated two years ago.

He has lived in the county practically all of his life, and his friends and neighbors of the Jones School House community, where he lives, will vouch for his integrity and his capability to hold the office to which he aspires. He will greatly appreciate your support, and we commend his candidacy to your careful consideration.

EDUCATIONAL RALLY

There will be an all day educational rally at the Baptist church in Grapeland the first Sunday in February. Some of our prominent state men will be with us. Everybody is invited to attend. 48t2 H. E. Harris.



Advantages of Buying Advertised Goods

Merchandise that is advertised moves much faster than that which is not, and therefore the stock is kept new and up-to-date. There are no shopworn, slow sellers to be disposed of in the store that keeps the advertising columns at work selling goods.

And you can always depend upon the quality of advertised articles. The merchant's reputation is back of his merchandise and he cannot jeopardize it by misrepresenting his goods even the least bit.

Furthermore, the dealer's newspaper announcement usually offers money-saving bargains, and every thrifty person should take full advantage of such opportunities. Read the advertisements today.

When You Feel Bad
Stomach and Bowels out of order, appetite poor and general disinclination for work,
HERBINE
Is the Remedy You Need
It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities and stimulating activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.
JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY D. N. LEAVERTON

For 65 Years
MASURY PURE PAINTS have been used by the discriminating buyer. Your great grand parents knew this paint was good, and used it. . . WHY NOT YOU?
T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.

The Difference
Between the Cost of Good and Cheap Printing
is so slight that he who goes shopping from printer to printer to secure his printing at a few cents less than what it is really worth hardly ever makes day laborer wages at this unpleasant task.
If you want good work at prices that are right, get your job printing
At This Office
C. C. OFFICER
Veterinarian
Telephone Goodson Hotel or Drug Stores

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

City Barber Shop
Denson & Walton, Proprietors
Your Business will be Appreciated
Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.
LAUNDRY AGENCY
Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

THE COUNTRY EDITOR

We have sung about the Sammies and our sailor boys in blue; they are men we love to honor, they are fighters through and through. Yet I know a shrinking hero, one who wears no martial dress, so I'll sing about the gentlemen who run the country press.

They're the men behind our Sammies and the soldiers of the sea, and they back the work of mercy and the loans for liberty and they write the brief of freedom, state the cause succinct and clear, shooting broadsides at the Kaiser once a week throughout the year.

When our Uncle Sam needs billions for to carry on the fray, then our country scribes are mobilized for service without pay and they freely give their columns and the power of their press and they write and boost with fervor and the loan is a success.

Though they raise the price of paper, yet he sticks beside his guns; though his days are almost eatless watch him swat the haughty Huns. Here is to you, country scribe, and may you prosper all your days, though the devil joins the colors and the foreman wants a raise, though the merchant stops his ad and takes a moving picture slide, may you weather out the year to come and make some dough beside.

They have gathered in our city from the corners of the state; on the problems of their calling they have come to cogitate. Rivals from the town off yonder meet and talk about their jobs (in the days of Horace Greeley they would whang each others knobs). May they carry home some pointers on the art of getting by; may they get the best of eatings 'stead of only printers' "pi"; may their forms be full of gladness and with happiness type-high, spaced with love of home and country, lift without a second try. May their trouble be in agate; their success in pica-bold. May their fonts be full of joyful days, their pockets lined with gold!—Carlton Fitchett.

IF YOUR FOOD DOES NOT DIGEST

You feel a hot burning sensation in the throat, fullness or bloated feeling in the stomach, belching, sour risings and a loss of your usual vim and energy. You need the help of

PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is an admirable digestive stimulant. It cleanses the stomach of fermented food, cools and tones the digestive organs, drives bilious impurities into the bowels where its excellent cathartic properties force the bowels to operate thus ridding the body of the disturbing matter. It acts quickly and thoroughly, checks heartburn in a few minutes, restores the appetite, comfortable digestion and cheerful spirits.

Sold by Druggists and Dealers in Medicine.

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

WADE L SMITH

John Spence
Lawyer

Crockett, : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

Some Time

You will be in need of printing of some kind. Whether it be letter-heads, statements wedding invitations or public sale bills, remember we can turn out the work at the lowest cost consistent with good work.

Our Prescription Department Is Our Pride

We give our personal attention to the correct filling of every prescription that comes to our store.

Full strength drugs and no substitution is our watchword. We solicit your custom with this guarantee.

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

Read all about the contest in this issue.

\$2.50 FREE!

Read the page advertisement in this week's Messenger about the contest. You will note that we offer \$2.50 as a present to the person first placing in nomination the winner of the \$125.00 diamond ring. It does not cost a cent to make nominations, and you may make as many as you please.

Quite a number of young women have been nominated by their friends, but it may be that the one who will win the first prize has not yet been nominated. Any way, we want a good many more names to add to the list, for some who are nominated may not care to do the work we want done and others may be so situated that they cannot work.

We are going to give away some mighty nice and valuable prizes to the four contestants doing the most effective work. And keep in mind the fact that every person entering the contest and securing any business at all will be given a prize according to the work accomplished. Ours is a contest in which everybody gets a square deal and every worker wins a prize.

This Is Our Winter of Test

SERVING food is a local problem for each community. Prices and definite rules for every one cannot be formulated. It is a duty for each one to eat only so much as is necessary to maintain the human body healthy and strong. This winter of 1918 is the period when is to be tested here in America whether our people are capable of voluntary individual sacrifice to save the world. That is the purpose of the organization of the United States Food Administration—by voluntary effort to provide the food that the world needs.

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

NEED BIG HERDS

Europe's Meat Supply Must Come From America.

Warring Nations Have Depleted Live Stock at Enormous Rate, Even Killing Dairy Cattle For Food.

American stock breeders are being asked to conserve their flocks and herds in order to meet Europe's tremendous demands for meats during the war and probably for many years afterward.

The United States food administration reports that American stock raisers have shown a disposition to co-operate with the government in increasing the nation's supply of live stock.

Germany today is probably better supplied with live stock than any other European nation. When the German armies made their big advance into France and then retreated virtually all the cattle in the invaded territory—approximately 1,800,000 head—were driven behind the German lines.

But in England—where 2,400,000 acres of pasture lands have been turned into grain fields—the cattle herds are decreasing rapidly. One of the reasons apparently is the declining maximum price scale adopted by the English as follows: For September, \$17.76 per 100 pounds; October, \$17.28; November and December, \$16.08; January, \$14.40. The effect of these prices was to drive beef animals on the market as soon as possible.

In France the number of cattle as well as the quality have shown an enormous decline during the war. Where France had 14,807,000 head of cattle in 1913, she now has only 12,341,900, a decrease of 16.6 per cent. And France is today producing only one gallon of milk compared to two and one-half gallons before the war.

Denmark and Holland have been forced to sacrifice dairy herds for beef because of the lack of necessary feed.

Close study of the European meat situation has convinced the Food Administration that the future problem of America lies largely in the production of meat producing animals and dairy products rather than in the production of cereals for export when the war will have ceased.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR SACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

FACE the FACTS

LET us face the facts. The war situation is critical. Unless the Allies fight as they never yet have fought, defeat threatens. Hungry men cannot fight at their best; nor hungry nations. France, England, and Italy are going hungry unless we feed them.

Wheat Savings—They must have wheat. It is the best food to fight on. It is the easiest to ship. We alone can spare it to them. By saving just a little—less than a quarter of what we ate last year—we can support those who are fighting our battles. And we can do it without stinting ourselves. We have only to substitute another food just as good.

The Corn of Plenty—Corn is that food. There's a surplus of it. Providence has been generous in the hour of our need. It has given us corn in such bounty as was never known before. Tons of corn. Trainloads of corn. Five hundred million bushels over and above our regular needs. All we have to do is to learn to appreciate it. Was ever patriotic duty made so easy? And so clear?

America's Own Food—Corn! It is the true American food. The Indians, hardiest of races, lived on it. Our forefathers adopted the diet and conquered a continent. For a great section of our country it has long been the staff of life. How well the South fought on it, history tells. Now it can help America win a world war.

Learn Something—Corn! It isn't one food. It's a dozen. It's a cereal. It's a vegetable. It's a bread. It's a dessert. It's nutritious; more food value in it, dollar for dollar, than meat or eggs or most other vegetables. It's good to eat; how good you don't know until you've had corn-bread properly cooked. Best of all, it's plentiful and it's patriotic.

Corn's Infinite Variety—How much do you know about corn? About how good it is? About the many delicious ways of cooking it? And what you miss by not knowing more about it? Here are a few of its uses:

There are at least fifty ways to use corn meal to make good dishes for dinner, supper, lunch or breakfast. Here are some suggestions:

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| HOT BREADS | DESSERTS |
| Boston brown bread. | Corn-meal molasses cake. |
| Hoecake. | Apple corn bread. |
| Muffins. | Dumplings. |
| Biscuits. | Gingerbread. |
| Griddle cakes. | Fruit gems. |
| Waffles. | |
| HEARTY DISHES | |
| Corn-meal croquettes. | Corn-meal fish balls. |
| Meat and corn-meal dumplings. | |
| Italian polenta. | Tamales. |
- The recipes are in Farmers' Bulletin 565, "Corn Meal as a Food and Ways of Using It," free from the Department of Agriculture.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HELPS PAY FOR BREAD

There has been much misunderstanding about the bread program in England. It is true that the Englishman buys a loaf of bread for less than an American can, but it is poorer bread, and the British government is paying \$200,000,000 a year toward the cost of it.

All the grain grown in Great Britain is taken over by the government at an arbitrary price and the imported wheat purchased on the markets at the prevailing market price. This is turned over to the mills by the government at a price that allows the adulterated war bread loaf of four pounds to sell at 18 cents, the two pound loaf at 9 cents and the one pound loaf at 5 cents.

In France, under conditions somewhat similar, but with a larger extraction, the four pound loaf sells for 16 cents.

MAKING MEATLESS DAYS PERMANENT.

In the meatless menu there is a fer-

tile field for developing new and nourishing dishes, according to E. H. Niles, writing in the Hotel Gazette, who believes that the present shortage of meat and fats will not end with the coming of peace, but may grow more acute and continue for five or six years, thus making it worth while to develop menus of grain, vegetables and fish on a more or less permanent basis. Meat can be replaced by cereals and other protein foods, or may be served in very small portions as a flavoring for other food. In making up meatless menus this author finds our American Creole and southern cuisine a broad field for investigation.

Cowpea is Valuable.
If you haven't cowpea seed, buy it. As a food and feed crop, the cowpea should have a big place on nearly every farm.

Cream Grading.
Cream grading will be required in the near future. Why not start now to improve quality? It will pay in the long run.

Bond Issue for Ohio.
Ohio is talking of a \$500,000,000 highway bond issue.

At Darsey's---THE SERVICE FIRST STORE---At Darsey's

A Word About Your Spring Suit

This store's "HOOVERIZING" in Clothing Purchases Means DOLLARS FOR YOU

Styleplus Clothes

\$17 and \$21

This line for Spring offers you the most seasonable styles in ALL PURE WOOL fabrics with the original guarantee.

By making your purchases NOW you can effect a saving in this line of \$4.00, as STYLEPLUS received a little later on will be priced \$21 and \$25.

Coming!

Madras Shirts

Stetson Hats

New Neck Ties

New Florsheims in the Styles of the Times

In making our spring clothing purchases we had one thing in view--to give maximum value for the price. And in accordance with this idea we are confining our men's clothing purchases to the two biggest clothing makers in the United States. These lines need no introduction to the menfolk of Grapeland. Whether you want a custom tailored or made to measure suit for this season, you will find here your ideal in fabric, pattern and fit.

MAKE YOUR PURCHASES NOW! In order to properly equip our boys who will soon make the trip "across the pond" the entire output of clothing manufacturers may be commandeered by our government and clothing may go to \$100 a suit before the war is over. You may say that is impossible, yet shoes sold for \$40 a pair during the Civil war, a little more than a half century ago. Come in today and take advantage of the values we offer. Look over the lines and make your selection. There is nothing to save by waiting.

MEASURES TAKEN BY A "A MASTER OF THE TAPE LINE"--FIT GUARANTEED.

The Royal Tailors

Made to Measure Clothes

We are confining our made to measure business to ROYAL for two reasons:

1st, because it is the most complete line of high class clothing on the American market, affording maximum value for the price.

2nd, because by taking on two or more lines we cut the woolen fabric supply of our country just that much. Wont you come in today and see the new samples for spring with the real values carried over from last spring?

Now in!

Silk Shirts, Dressy Hats

Snappy Shoes and a complete line of men's kid and work gloves

George E. Darsey

The Service First Store

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. H. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

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.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

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

SUBSCRIPTION -- IN ADVANCE

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| 1 YEAR | ----- | \$1.50 |
| 6 MONTHS | --- | .75 |
| 3 MONTHS | -- | .40 |

THURSDAY, JAN. 31, 1918

Mary had a little lamb,
The beast was greatly prized--
But it climbed the golden stairway
When its feed was Hooverized.

There are meatless days and wheatless days--

And days when we shouldn't smoke--
But most we fear that the day is near
Of the reign of the jokeless joke.

And another reason why the peace conferences between Germany and Russia have so far come to naught, is because Germany wants too big a "piece."

Whatever else you may do, do not let your interest in good roads lag out. We need good roads now worse than ever.

Help stamp out Kaiserism by investing in thrift stamps.

Have you bought a war saving certificate? After today they advance in price one cent.

We are strongly in favor of intimidating plotters and dangerous alien enemies instead of internment them. A few hangings or shootings at sunrise would have a dandy good effect.

Did it ever occur to you that the man who neglects or refuses to pay his poll tax is in the slacker class; and today is the last day on which that civic duty can be performed.

If the energy expended in Washington lately in making a display of oratorical pyrotechnics had been turned loose in France against the forces of the Kaiser the war would have been in a fair way of having been won.

For the benefit of our inquisitive subscriber down at Crockett the snake editor wishes to state that Senator Chamberlain, who is being given so much front page space, top of column, next to reading matter, is not the inventor of Chamberlain's cough remedy.

When these January thaws come along don't yield to the temptation to "take 'em off." Remember that the weather clerk is fond of his little joke

and it is probable that we will yet have cold snaps that will run the temperature down to a point where it will be impossible for a man to tell the truth. It has already been that cold this winter and it is greatly feared that some who were affected in that way never fully recover.

Uncle Sam seems to have it in for the poor newspaper man. Not only is he censoring all the heart out of the news and threatening to raise the postage rate on their product, but he has "gone and done put" a war tax on diamonds--the last straw.

And now comes the report that some forty Mexicans crossed over from Juarez into El Paso a few days ago and started a rough house. If Mexico had been properly spanked and put to bed several years ago, things would be quieter down on the border, and, besides, think what splendid practice it would have been for Uncle Sam in preparation for his present task of assisting in making good citizens out of the Kaiser's banditti.

HUGHES & SON AUTO SHOP

We are prepared to do your auto work and will appreciate your patronage. Right treatment to all. Located in old livery stable building. Calls answered anywhere. Phone us at any time. 48 tf

Avoid Leaky Roofs

That leaking roof is a great annoyance to your family, besides being very dangerous to health.

Whether your house needs patching or a new roof, we invite you to see us at once for

Roofing Materials

We can furnish you the best wood shingles CYPRESS or HEART PINE, or a popular brand of COMPOSITION ROOFING.

We have a thorough knowledge of all roofing materials, and will protect your interests if you buy from us.

We frame Pictures

**T. H. LEAVERTON
LUMBER COMPANY**

FOR SALE

We have a scholarship for sale in the Tyler Commercial College. If you are thinking of taking a business course, see us.

The Messenger.

Miss Junie Pridgen, who is teaching school near Palestine, came in Saturday and went out to the home of her parents at Daly's. She has been sick and came home to recuperate.

LOCAL NEWS

Plenty of seed potatoes at W. H. Long & Co. 1t
 Comforts, Outings and Blankets at Darsey's. 1t

Miss Fannie Goodson visited at Lindale this week.

Breaks your Cold or LaGrippe with a few doses of 666. tf

Miss Fannie Goodson visited at Lindale this week.

Plenty of boys' pants at Darsey's. 1t

J. W. Howard will buy your peanuts and goober hay and pay the highest market price. tf

1892 is the best line of pure aluminum ware in the world. See it Darsey's. 1t

Make your hens lay by feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Buy it from I. H. Shaver & Bro. 4744

Buy your Work Shoes from McLean & Riall. They are better. 1t

Clewis' Tailor Shop Phone Number is 73. Phone when you want work. tf

Plenty of mattress and feather-tickings, pepperell sheetings and house linens at Darsey's. 1t

Don't fail to see the pretty line of Silk Skirts and Waists at McLean & Riall's. 1t

A complete line of mattresses, iron beds and other furniture at Darsey's. 1t

Don't forget Murray & Mangum when you want all leather shoes. 1t

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Allen, of Troupe, spent a few days here this week visiting relatives.

FOR SALE

7-octave, piano case organ, as good as new, for sale. See me. 1t Mrs. Frank Allen.

1892 Illinois Pure Spun Aluminumware will be demonstrated a whole week by a factory expert at Darsey's. 1t

FEED STUFF

I have a car load of maize feed stuff. If you need any, better get it at once, as it is scarce. 45-tf J. W. Howard.

SEED POTATOES

We have plenty of Triumph seed potatoes. Better get yours early, the demand is heavy. 1t Murray & Mangum.

W. L. Fox, of Reynard, was in to see us a while Saturday. He reports Mrs. Fox greatly improved, after an illness of several weeks' duration.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

I will make the season with my mammoth Kentucky Jack at my place 4 1-2 miles east of Grapeland on the Grapeland and Augusta road. Fees: \$10.00; \$2.00 when served and remaining \$8.00 at foal. 49 t5p L. D. Anderson.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Circulars free. All Druggists, 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

It will be to your interest to trade with Wherry. 49tf

W. A. Wright, of Elkhart, spent Sunday in Grapeland.

Call on Wherry. He will give you a square deal. 49tf

RUB-MY-TISM—Antiseptic, Relieves Rheumatism, Sprains, Neuralgia, etc.

Try Wherry for Dry Goods, Shoes and Notions. 49tf

WANTED

Good farm hand; will pay good wages. R. M. Brooks, 48-t2 Grapeland, Route 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Smith and children visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett McCall, of Jacksonville, visited relatives in Grapeland this week.

Don't fail to cure that meat with Liquid Smoke, at W. H. Long & Co. 1t

Dr. Officer, the veterinary surgeon, has a new typewriter and is already quite an expert stenographer.

Our shoe department is complete. We handle Peters Diamond Brand Shoes—all leather. 1t Murray & Mangum.

Aubrey Lively and Willie Finch returned Monday from Austin with a Maxwell roadster for D.N. Leaverton.

A whole week! Seven days! Think of it! Special values in 1892 pure spun ILLINOIS Aluminum will be offered during the Demonstration at Darsey's. 1t

Buy your groceries from us and "Hooverize" on prices. Our line is complete at all times. 1t Murray & Mangum.

Oscar Maxwell, of Crockett, and Miss Ruth Patton, who is teaching at Latexo, were married in Crockett at the home of Judge E. Winfree Tuesday night, January 23rd.

Columbus Woodard, formerly of Grapeland but now of Electra, with the Magnolia Oil Co. in the engineering division, spent a few days here this week on business and greeting his many friends.

Miss Lucretia Collins, who has been here with relatives and friends for some time, will return in a day or two to Dallas, where she has employment with a telephone company.

FOR SALE

My restaurant at a bargain. For particulars call and see me at restaurant, east side of railroad opposite depot. 49t1 Mrs. M. C. Robinson.

Thursday, February 7th, to Wednesday, February 13th, is 1892 week at Darsey's. Every lady who is interested in economizing, should attend this factory expert demonstration. 1t

Sergt. Geo. E. Darsey, of Camp Bowie, spent a few days here last week with his parants. He left Sunday night for Jacksonville, Florida, where he has been transferred to the quartermaster's division.

Master Cal Newton Sullivan, the small son of Mr. and Mrs Leonard Sullivan, has been very ill for several days and for a while it was feared that he could not recover, but he is better, and it is now thought that he will soon be all right.

FERTILIZERS

The U. S. Government is arranging to furnish nitrate of soda to farmers at cost, and as nitrate of soda contains about twice as much nitrogen as cotton seed meal, and is a quicker form of nitrogen, we suggest farmers do their own mixing, using about one-half as much nitrogen as you do cotton seed meal, adding what phosphate that is needed, and buying your acid phosphate to suit the crop to be made.

We are anxious for the farmers to raise as big crops, and as cheaply as possible. We are more interested in big crops of cotton seed, peanuts, etc., than we are in the little profits made on the fertilizers we sell.

We are prepared to furnish formulas to anyone doing their own mixing, and to give such advice as may be needed. We will also make the usual amount of regular mixed fertilizers that you can buy at the same price.

Do not fail to discuss your needs with us before purchasing.

HOUSTON COUNTY MILL AND MANUFACTURING CO. J. W. HOWARD, Local Agent.

Three mules, belonging to Wherry, Lively and Spence, died Monday. They were shipped here with a number of others from Fort Worth, leaving there on Wednesday of last week and arriving here last Saturday. Soon after their arrival it was noticed that several of the animals were sick and Dr. Officer, a veterinary surgeon, was called; but three of them had been neglected too long and died a short time afterwards. The doctor says they died from pneumonia, caused by exposure, and it is likely that the railroad company will have to pay damages for neglect of the animals while on the road. They were worth about \$150 each. John Buckalew also lost a pony one day this week.

NOTICE

To my friends and the general public: Remember, please, that I will be in Crockett again at Bishop Drug Co. on Wednesday and Thursday, February 6th and 7th, two days only. In Grapeland at D. N. Leaverton's drug-store, Friday and Saturday, February 8th and 9th, two days only. Eyes examined, glasses fitted at most reasonable prices. Will gladly straighten up your old glasses and if any of you find the frames you bought from me not wearing as they should, I will give you a new pair without any charges. Come in as early as you can and have your eyes examined. If you do not need glasses, or if your old ones do not suit you as they should, I will gladly tell you so, and it will cost you nothing. Again I thank you. G. Ward Sheffer, Optometrist, P. O. Box 133, Dallas, Texas. 48-t3

NOTICE...POSTED

Positively no hunting, killing or catching hogs will be allowed in our pasture without permission. Eugene Walling. 49-t2 Mrs. Dave Walling.

NOTICE...FOR SALE

One second-hand 5-passenger Maxwell car; in good condition mechanically. See me. 46 tf A. B. Guice.

MULE STRAYED

One large brown mare mule, about 16 hands high, strayed about four weeks ago; will pay a liberal reward for her return or for information leading to her recovery. 46-tf W.A. Shaver.

NOTICE FARMERS

Those who wish to purchase nitrate for fertilizer at cost from the government, should see W. A. Riall and give him the order for the amount wanted. All applications must be turned in by February 4. 1t

**More Eggs—
More Nickels**

Eggs are about a nickle apiece. Do not kill by neglect the hen that lays the "golden egg," but feed

Dr. Hess' Poultry Panacea

25c and 60c Packages

Makes healthy hens
More eggs and
more money

HONESTY AND QUALITY

The Peoples Drug Store

WADE L. SMITH

IT IS WORK TIME!

It is now time to begin the "spring drive" for a bumper crop in the Grapeland country. The secretary of agriculture, Mr. Houston, says there must be no break down on the farm—we must raise food and feed for the armies.

Come here for your

Plow Goods, Traces,
Backbands, Clevises, Shovel
Plows, Single Trees, etc.

WE HAVE PLENTY OF

Poultry Wire, Hog Net Wire,
Nails, Staples, etc.

Be sure to call on us when you
need anything in our line.

T. S. KENT
Quality is the Thing

DEATH OF MRS. LIVELY

Mrs. Taylor Lively died Monday, January 28, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Langham, in Elkhart, Texas. The remains were shipped here Tuesday morning and carried out to Livelyville cemetery for interment. Deceased formerly lived in this community, moving from here to Maydell several years ago. She is survived by her husband and several children and one sister, Mrs. S. T. Anthony of this city.

A. B. Spence has sold his bottling works to W. P. Whittington of Tyler. A new building is now being erected for the plant on the east side, next to the Woodmen building. Mr. Whittington and family will arrive the latter part of the week to make Grapeland their permanent home.

"OVER THERE."

Arnold Clewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Clewis, who joined the navy soon after war was declared, has the distinction, so far as we know, of being the first Grapeland boy to "go over." He writes his parents that he has just returned from France, and while there was permitted to go to Paris, and from there he went out to see where the Germans were halted on their march to Paris. Upon his return trip a German submarine was encountered, which was sunk by one of the convoy ships. It required ten shots to put the sub out of commission.

Archie Collins, who some time ago joined the navy, writes us from San Francisco, Calif., that he is well pleased with his new work, and sends greetings to all his friends in this community.

Helps Sick Women

Cardui, the woman's tonic, helped Mrs. William Eversole, of Hazel Patch, Ky. Read what she writes: "I had a general breaking-down of my health. I was in bed for weeks, unable to get up. I had such a weakness and dizziness, . . . and the pains were very severe. A friend told me I had tried everything else, why not Cardui? . . . I did, and soon saw it was helping me . . . After 12 bottles, I am strong and well."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Do you feel weak, dizzy, worn-out? Is your lack of good health caused from any of the complaints so common to women? Then why not give Cardui a trial? It should surely do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women who suffered—it should help you back to health.

Ask some lady friend who has taken Cardui. She will tell you how it helped her. Try Cardui.

All Druggists

L. 67

PEANUT HAY WANTED

Will pay \$25.00 per ton for good, clean Peanut Hay.

J. W. HOWARD.

HERE IS AN ARTICLE WORTH READING

You do just four things: you think, you remember, you imagine, you act. When you learn to think better, imagine better or act better, you increase your efficiency, and, therefore, your income. Perhaps you are very successful now, but of how much benefit will a practical business education be to you. You will agree with us that to violate a part of the laws of business means partial failure, and to violate all the laws means complete failure. You are also aware that to observe part of the laws of business means partial success, and to observe all the laws means complete success. Our aim is to help you observe a higher per cent of the laws of business success. The late Prof. James of Harvard, declares that the average man uses only ten per cent of his brain power. Suppose you are twice as capable as the average man? Even that would mean you are only twenty per cent of your maximum possibilities. The purpose of our course is to produce a greater efficiency with less effort. Did you ever stop to think that 85 per cent of the men of this country are earning only \$15 a week or less? That 92 per cent fail in business between the ages of 40 and 50? That 95 per cent have no money at the age of 60? We have been very successful in getting men out of the 85, the 92 and the 95 per cent class. Let us increase your salary. We have been marvelously successful in raising salaries, as is conclusively proven in our catalogue by the letters from former students. The business world wants thinkers and doers. There's a famine of high priced men today; there are thousands of men worth a thousand dollars a year, but only a few worth ten thousand a year. Be the latter kind of a man, you can if you will. We know that a man is worth only about \$2.00 a day from the chin down, selling muscle, but as high as a \$100,000 a year from the chin up, selling brains. Be a chin upper and sell brains; but remember you

must get them before you can sell them. Take our thorough, practical courses of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance and Telegraphy; learn how to think, to remember, to imagine and act. We can teach you and will therefore greatly increase your usefulness throughout life.

Our large catalogue is free for the asking. Fill in and mail the following blank at once.

Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name.....

Address.....

Correspondence Course Interested in.....

VULCANIZING

We wish to inform auto owners that we have installed an up-to-date vulcanizer and can now repair your casings and put them in good shape at a reasonable price. Don't throw away old casings but bring them to us and have them fixed.

GUICE'S GARAGE.

Preparedness applies to the human body as well as to nations. A bottle of Prickly Ash Bitters on the shelf at home is the best and cheapest form of preparedness for indigestion, constipation and kidney troubles. It is the dose taken in time that wards off sickness and saves money. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special agent.

TYER'S STORE

We are late preparing for another crop, some not got their fencing in good shape nor lands cleaned up ready for plowing.

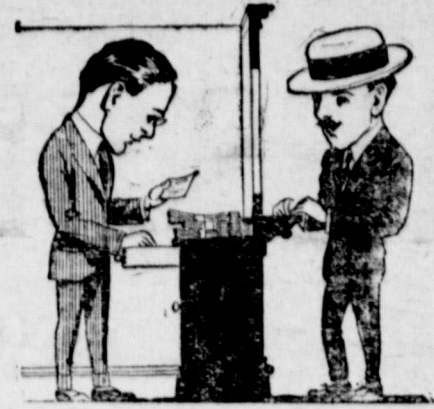
We have some good, fertile lands here. We can raise nearly everything we want, from the speckled pea to the tall waving ribbon cane and the best syrup that can be made. As to education, we have as good a school as there is. The principal of our college here is R. J. Dominy, and a fine teacher he is, and his estimable wife is one of the very best instructors of the young. Then comes Miss Vantris Snell, a most excellent young lady and a splendid teacher. Then comes Mr. Thomas Whitaker, a most excellent young man. Therefore we believe we are well equipped with good instructors.

Mr. Editor, you ought to have been at the reunion at Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Tyer's home on the 25th day of December, 1917. Mr. and Mrs. Tyer's children and grandchildren all met there, and of all the happy days and fine dinners that one could wish for, was had. There was two long, old fashioned tables built out in the yard adjoining their cook room, and both were filled to their strength. Their two sons, Albert of Wisconsin, and Clyde of Camp Bowie, were there, and it seemed like they all thought the day was too short. Some never left until late and some never left until next day. H. A. Tyer's wife is still with us yet. All that partook of that bountiful dinner were seventy-eight people old and young. Then Mr. Ike Whitaker with his big camera was there and took a shot at the group of them. But we are told he did not get a good picture and would not finish it up.

We are having quite a cold spell down here; plenty of snow and ice. Observer.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR BACKACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

Checks on This Bank



Are payable at sight. We always carry a cash reserve large enough to meet all demands. Have your account here and your checks will give you an added standing with your creditors. Be up to date by having an account with an up-to-date bank.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

ANTRIM

BY H. WATKIN

January 27, 1918.—Health of this community is not so very good at present. Bad colds and fevers seem to be the complaint.

We are still having some bad weather, although I guess there is no room for complaint, for it is not quite as cold here as it is where Mr. Tyer lives. I hope the snow storm has ceased and all those people who were in the depot have gotten home by this time. We should like very much to visit Mr. Tyer, but think it would be best to make our visit in the summer time, so there would be some chance of getting back home.

Mr. Walter Mathews died at his home near Myrtle Springs Tuesday night, January 22, of pneumonia. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery the next afternoon. This was the third time Mr. Mathews had had pneumonia. He leaves a wife, mother and several brothers to mourn his loss. To the bereaved ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Our Literary society met last Friday night. A large crowd was present and a very good program was rendered; new officers were elected and we will have our next meeting February 8th. Everyone is invited.

Rev. W. R. Darnell filled his regular appointment at Hickory Grove Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Nora Williams is visiting in Grapeland.

Mrs. S. J. Martin has been visiting her son, R. E. Martin of Grapeland, who has been quite sick. He is better now.

B. F. Collins, wife and children of Grapeland, visited Mrs. M. E. Williams Friday.

Miss Ola Kiser was the guest of Miss Emma Charm Edens Wednesday night.

Prof. J. A. Bynum spent Saturday and Sunday at his home near Lovelady.

CAMPBELL RESIGNS

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 25.—Former Governor Thomas M. Campbell Thursday wired his resignation to Governor Hobby, as a member of the East Texas Exemption Board.

Former Governor Campbell was chairman of the board and during his absence at San Antonio,

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rates—Cash in Advance.

County Offices.....\$6 00
Precinct Offices.....\$3 00
District Offices.....\$12 00
Congress.....\$20 00

The Messenger is authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July:

For County Judge:

Nat Patton.

For Sheriff:

Preston Lively.

For Tax Assessor:

Will McLean.

For County Road Superintendent:

G. R. Murchison.

For County Treasurer:

Willie Robison.

EARL P. ADAMS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office in First National Bank Building

Crockett, Texas

where he was retained in a murder case, the members of the board voted to move the headquarters from Palestine to Tyler. All of the papers, furniture, etc. were packed Tuesday ready to be shipped to Tyler.

Governor Campbell said he had given months without pay to the board, with great personal sacrifice to himself and the neglect of his law practice, and now the board was going back to Tyler he could not go there and give his whole time to the duties devolving upon the board.

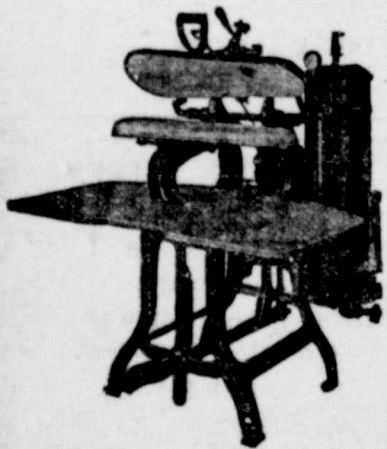
Avoid irregularity in the bowel movements, it leads to chronic constipation; a condition that poisons the blood and breeds disease. Prickly Ash Bitters restores regularity and puts the system in order. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, special agent.

Walton Matthews died at his home in Antrim community on Tuesday, January 23. He was buried in the Matthews cemetery. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He had been married only a short time, and is survived by his wife.

Miss Ola Baker, of Palestine, came in Sunday and went out to New Prospect to visit her parents.

Personal Appearance

Everybody Notices It



It's a fact—you can not walk along the street or road without some one taking note of your personal appearance. And personal appearance is a great asset in this world. Your efforts are discounted if you don't stack up in appearance. You can not impress your personality on the public if you shamle around in a "mussy" suit of clothes. You should have your suits regularly

Cleaned and Pressed

Correct, neat appearance is evidence of a concise, orderly mind. Slovenliness without begets sluggishness within.

Don't discard the old suit until you bring it to us. Let us see what we can do for it first. It may pay you well.

M. L. CLEWIS
F. U. Phone 73

THE MESSENGER CONTEST

will last but a short time, and every contestant will win a prize. The closing date will be announced in next week's paper.

\$300⁰⁰ Worth of Valuable Prizes Will Be Given Away.

WE will actually give away four prizes that are worth \$300.00 to the four persons receiving the largest number of votes in a contest we have started. The reason why we can do this is because we get new subscriptions and renewals from old subscribers by running the contest. Subscriptions are secured that would cost us more than they are worth if we got them in the regular course of our work. The money we would spend is put into the prizes and given to the contestants for the work we wish done, and The Messenger will be talked of in hundreds of homes and its popularity will be increased and its subscription list more than doubled. The contest will be honestly conducted and there is no trick about it. We want the thorough co-operation and enthusiasm of the people of this territory, and we guarantee value received.

SOME OF THE RULES

Anybody, married or single, is eligible to compete in this contest, provided the conditions are complied with.

Every contestant must be regularly nominated on the nomination blank printed in The Messenger or one furnished by this office.

Ballots sent in for names not properly nominated will be destroyed uncounted.

Any question that may arise will be determined by the contest manager and his decision will be final and complete.

To secure votes, subscriptions to The Messenger must be paid. There is no other way to get them.

Votes can be cast at The Messenger office any time from 9 o'clock a. m. until 5 p. m. on any week day while the contest is on.

This contest is being conducted for subscriptions, and there will be no partiality shown any one. "Equal rights to all and special privileges to none" is our motto.

LIST OF PRIZES

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| DIAMOND RING, Value..... | \$125.00 |
| DIAMOND RING, Value..... | 75.00 |
| LA VALLIERE, Value..... | 60.00 |
| WRIST WATCH, Value..... | 40.00 |

Nomination Blank

Good for 1000 Votes

I hereby nominate

M

whose postoffice address is

.....
AS A CONTESTANT IN THE MESSENGER'S CONTEST

My name is

Hour and date

The first five nominations count for 1000 votes each if they are signed by five different people. Contestants will be allowed only five nominations.

It Does Not Cost a Penny to Nominate Yourself or Your Friend.

\$2.50 Free

The person who first places in nomination the winner of the first prize will be paid \$2.50 in cash.

Fill out the nomination blank and bring or send it to the office. It does not cost anything to try, and you may win the \$2.50.

Nominate yourself and come to the printing office and get a receipt book. A \$125 diamond ring is worth working for. Commence getting subscriptions now

The Prizes Are Valuable

and well worth working for. They are on display at the two Grapeland drug stores--the rings at Leaverton's and the la valliere and wrist watch at Smith's. Go around and see them. Ask about their value and you will be told that the prizes are listed at their real value and that they are just what we claim them to be.

There is but one way to get votes, and that is by paying on subscription to The Grapeland Messenger. Every time a cash subscriber is enrolled votes are issued and may be cast for any one of the young women becoming a contestant, and all votes and all money collected will be subject to inspection by the judges appointed by the contestants. The four contestants receiving the most votes will get the four listed prizes, and all others will get prizes according to the work accomplished.

We want several workers at Grapeland and on the different rural routes from this place, and at least one at each of the following places: Augusta, Percilla, Weches, Latexo, Salmon, Elkhart, Crockett, Daly, Reynard, Belott and Waneta.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE

You will want from time to time in the Dry Goods line items to fill midseason wants, and we want to say that you will find our stock very complete and we will be able to fill your wants in this line.

Ladies' Skirts

We have just received a big shipment of Skirts, in all colors, sizes and prices, and ask that you call and look them over. You will find wool and silk skirts on display at prices from

\$3.50 to \$6.50

Men's and Boys' Caps

We have just received a big shipment of Caps with ear flaps; just the caps for the cold weather and at prices to please everyone.

Shoes for the Family

We want to call your attention to our line of Shoes for the Family. We have in our Shoe Stock several pairs of shoes that were bought at the old prices before the big advance went into effect, and if you are able to get fitted in any of these shoes you have made an extra good buy. Call and see them.

Men's and Boys' Gloves

Now that you will want something in Work Gloves, we will ask that you see the good values in Gloves.

Matting

We have a few pieces of Matting that will suit you for the price, in colors, white green and blue.

35c per Yard

Men's and Boys' Clothing

If you need a suit to finish the season on, you will find the size you want in our Clothing Department at prices that will please any clothing buyer.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

YOUNG LADIES NOMINATED

By Their Friends for Contestants in The Messenger's Big Campaign for a Wider Circulation.

The names of those who have been nominated in The Messenger's subscription boosting campaign are printed in this paper.

It is a long list, and every person whose name appears has been regularly nominated and is requested to call at The Messenger office as early as possible and inform us whether or not she intends to enter into the work of soliciting subscriptions.

Of course many who are nominated by their friends for contestants will not care to do the work we want done and others are situated so they cannot do it. We are therefore anxious to add a whole lot more names to the list so that we may be sure to have as many workers as will be needed. We want several workers at Grapeland and on the different rural routes from here, and at least one at the following places: Augusta, Percilla, Weches, Elkhart, Crockett, Daly, Salmon, Reynard, Balott and Waneta.

The person who first places in nomination the winner of the first prize will be paid \$2.50 in cash. There is no limit to the number of nominations you may make and it costs nothing to make them. So why not try to win the \$2.50?

The Messenger has bought \$300 worth of mighty nice prizes to be given to the four persons receiving the largest number of votes. Every time a cash subscription is received votes are

issued and these votes may be cast for any one the subscriber wants them cast for. The first prize is a \$125 diamond ring, and the second is a \$75 diamond ring. These prizes are now on display at D. N. Leaverton's drug store. The third prize is a \$60 la valliere and the fourth a \$40 wrist watch. The la valliere and watch are on display at W. L. Smith's drug store.

The prizes are listed at their real worth and it would be no trouble for any one to get convincing evidence that they are just what we claim them to be.

We have the best and fairest subscription contest ever planned, and every person taking part in it is guaranteed fair treatment.

The contestants themselves appoint the judges who will count the votes and every penny paid on subscription while the contest is on is subject to the inspection of these judges. The subscription money collected is all placed in one of the banks in a separate account, and the judges will see that the money and votes will tally correctly.

Votes are given on renewals the same as new subscriptions. Nearly any man you see will subscribe for The Messenger if you will ask him to; and even if he is already taking it, you can get him to renew for another year or two if you will tell him what you are working for. A list of all persons whose subscriptions have expired or will expire soon will be furnished contestant on request.

Contestants are also asked to write short addresses to their friends soliciting votes and subscriptions and we will gladly publish same in The Messenger.

If you have not been nominated, nominate yourself and come around to The Messenger office and let us tell you how to win one of the prizes. Every worker gets rewarded for what she does.

NOMINATIONS

Grapeland

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| Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth | 5000 |
| Miss Winnie Davis | 1000 |
| Miss Rena Ross Richards | 6000 |
| Miss Thelma Lee Clewis | 5000 |
| Miss Esther Darsey | 5000 |
| Miss Carrie Spence | 5000 |
| Miss Owena Johnson | 1000 |
| Mrs. Willis Goodson | 1000 |
| Miss Eula Mae Riall | 5000 |
| Miss Melba Brock | 1000 |

Percilla

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| Miss Edwina Bush | 1000 |
| Miss Beulah Bobbitt | 1000 |
| Miss Rosa Branch | 5000 |

Elkhart

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| Miss Grace Mae Baber | 1000 |
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Elkhart Route 2

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| Miss Ellen Bridges | 5000 |
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Grapeland Route 3

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| Miss Ola Willis | 5000 |
| Miss May Martin | 1000 |

Grapeland Route 4

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| Miss Fannie Pridgen | 1000 |
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Salmon

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| Miss Maybel Murdock | 1000 |
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Augusta

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| Miss Cloe Scarbrough | 5000 |
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Miss Rosa Branch Wants to Win the \$125.00 Diamond Ring

I have entered the subscription contest being conducted by The Grapeland Messenger and am

anxious to win the first prize—the \$125.00 diamond ring.

It will be impossible for me to put in a great deal of time soliciting subscriptions, as I have to spend five days of each week in school, and if my friends will instruct the editor or contest manager to credit their votes to me when paying their subscription at the office it will be appreciated.

Give me your subscription if you can, or you may leave your name and the money with my father, W. J. Branch, at McLean & Riall's store and he will receipt you for me.

Sincerely,
ROSA BRANCH,
Percilla, Teqas.

GET TOGETHER PARTY

Wednesday afternoon of last week at the beautiful new home of her parents, Mr and Mrs. Ed Darsey, their daughter, Mrs. Loye Stowe, was hostess to a number of old friends with a "get together" party, honoring Mrs. Ed Marsh of Dallas, and Mrs. Swanson Yarbrough of Palestine.

Ferns and pink carnations were used as decorations in the parlor and dining room.

Two very interesting contests were enjoyed, Mesdames W. H. Long and E. E. Hollingsworth being the winners of the prizes, silver and gold jabot pins. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to pleasant conversation, and music was furnished by the grafanola.

The guests were invited into the dining room, where they found the table artistically decorated in patriotic colors with ribbons and flags. A cut glass vase of lovely pink carnations adorned the center piece. Re-

freshments consisting of blanched almonds, a palatable salad course, hot chocolate with whipped cream and cake. Place cards were laid for the following: Mesdames Ed Marsh, Swanson Yarbrough, W. E. Kerr, N. J. Davis, Frank Leaverton, Sam Kennedy, Wade L. Smith, A. H. Luker, E. E. Hollingsworth, W. A. Riall, J. S. Yarbrough and W. H. Long.

When goodbye time came, all expressed themselves as having spent a most delightful time and wished Loye would have us again soon.
Guest.

LIBERTY HILL SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Miss Estelle Holcomb and her brother, Jim, have just returned from a week's visit to friends and relatives in Alto.

During this new year we have had quite a number of additions to our neighborhood. Mr. Sidney Lively and family have moved into the Shivers' home; Mr. McConally, from Denson Springs is also on the Shivers place. Mr. Bays and family are living on the Wilson place; Mr. Garner, from West Texas has bought Elam Holcomb's "old place." We are indeed glad to have them in our community.

We are glad that Miss Irvine Tally has recovered from a bad case of the measles. We have missed her very much.

Miss Emma McLeod gave a candy breaking Friday night. It was a very enjoyable affair.

D. E. Holcomb went to Crockett on a business trip this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holcomb went to Alto Saturday.

There was a musical entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Avera Saturday night. The Lively brothers' string quartette accompanied by Miss Leila Lively, held the large crowd spell-bound through the evening. We hope to have the Waneta crowd with us again.