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Gov. Hobby Sets Aside Cotton Reduction Day

Austin, Tex., Nov. 22.—Governor Hobby, in order that all those concerned may have the fullest possible knowledge of the best procedure in the matter, and in line with the suggestion of the American Cotton Association, today issued a proclamation designating Saturday, Dec. 11, as cotton reduction day in Texas. He invites the attention of those engaged in the growing of cotton to the reasons that may be set forth for the limiting of the acreage to be planted in cotton next year.

Governor Hobby recommends that the county judge and commissioners court of each county take charge of this matter, that they bring it before their citizens in such a matter and take such steps as are deemed necessary to meet the situation that confronts the cotton growing industry.

"I invite all farmers and all others concerned to acquaint themselves in the most thorough manner possible with the circumstances involved, in order that their actions may be toward not only their personal advantages, but for the common good of all Texas," said Governor Hobby in his proclamation.

Rub-My-Tism relieves Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sprains.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Nov. 22.—The new house which is being built at Guiceland near here will soon be completed and will be a nice little building and a great benefit to old Guiceland community. It was badly needed, as the old house had almost rotted down. This will be the fourth house built on the ground and we are proud of it, even though a few out of many interested in the cemetery had to do the work.

Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Black and son of Grapeland visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Garrison and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lasiter Sunday afternoon.

W. J. Starkey, formerly of this place, now of Rusk, was here all last week transacting business. He says that he is well pleased in his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davis and Miss Prudie Campbell spent Sunday with home folks.

J. H. Tucker has moved to W. J. Starkey's place. We are glad to welcome this family to our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Lish Walling spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor in the Center Grove community.

We will have our regular preaching service Saturday night, Sunday at 11 o'clock and Sunday night. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend these services.

Texas Turkey Loses in Fight at the White House

Washington, Nov. 22.—President Wilson's prospective Thanksgiving feast was temporarily in the balance today when the two turkeys sent for the event began a battle for supremacy back of the White House. One was sent by the Chamber of Commerce of Cuero, Tex., and the other a large bird arriving yesterday from South Trimble farm, in Kentucky. The birds were released to pick up a little more weight from the yard.

The Cuero bird made a jump for his rival, landing well on the other's head, but through a quick recovery the Kentucky product came back with telling effect, and for a moment put the Cuero turkey out of commission. White House attendants separated the gamesters, both bleeding as the result of the assaults. They are now in separated inclosures.

UNION DOTS

Union, Nov. 22.—Farmers in this community have been real busy for the last few weeks making syrup. The cane crop is turning out fine this year.

Little Elvira Smith has been real sick for the last week. We hope she will soon recover.

Miss Annie Lee Mills and Ruzie Brown spent Sunday with Miss Gladys Beeson.

Ruth and Earl Smith spent Sunday with Paul and Ruth McDonanld.

Nellie and Inez Caskey visited Ima Lee and Fannie Bell Weisinger Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brumley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Gaines.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Caskey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Smith.

Mrs. Byron Keene and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Dillard Haltom Sunday.

Miss Lennie Keene is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Keene.

Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Moseley spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hopper.

Goes to Livingston

Rev. J. E. Buttrill, who has been pastor of the Methodist church here for two years, was transferred to Livingston, in the Timpson district, by the conference at Houston, and the Livingston pastor, Rev. B. C. Anderson, will succeed Bro. Buttrill as pastor of the Grapeland church.

Bro. Buttrill expects to leave for his new charge the latter part of this week, and it is expected Bro. Anderson will be here to preach Sunday morning.

During his two years with this church, Bro. Buttrill made a faithful and efficient pastor and the church made great progress under his administration. The best wishes of his membership and the people of the entire community go with him to his new charge.

ENON NEWS

Enon, Nov. 22.—Thanksgiving is almost here again, a time when we should all be thankful. The health of our community is very good, altho there is some sickness.

Mrs. Neal H. Montgomery and baby of Colorado are visiting relatives here.

Roy Ferguson visited in the Ephesus community Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry are the proud parents of a fine boy baby born Nov. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Whitaker visited at the home of M. L. Whitaker Sunday.

Miss Eula Mae Shaver visited Miss Bessie Brimberry Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Chapman visited Miss Wessie Hague Sunday.

Little Miss Ruth Colkin has been very sick for the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Whitaker and their baby boy have moved to Grapeland from the San Pedro community, and are occupying their home in north Grapeland, which Mr. Whitaker purchased from Burton Wallace.

Business Houses Will Close all Day Thanksgiving

We, the undersigned, announces that our places of business will be closed all day next Thursday, November 25, in order to observe Thanksgiving Day.

George E. Darsey & Co.,
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C. E. Lively,
D. N. Leaverton,
Keeland Bros.,
Henry Dailey,
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**Greater Need of Protection
Baled Cotton from Weather**

A series of experiments to determine the extent to which, under various conditions, baled cotton is destroyed by weather was recently conducted by the Bureau of Markets, United States Department of Agriculture, at Jefferson, Ga. The results are striking. In one instance, a bale of cotton placed out in the open flat on the ground with no covering, was damaged to the extent of 370 pounds at the end of eight months. Another bale placed on edge, with no further attention, lost 167 pounds. A bale on edge and turned over once a week, lost 110 pounds. A bale placed on end and not turned lost 78 pounds. A bale placed on timbers off the ground and turned once a week lost 49 pounds, and a bale placed on timbers and covered with tarpaulin lost but 14 pounds. A warehoused bale of cotton during the same period lost only 1 pound. Other tests have been conducted from time to time that corroborate these results and prove that the ideal conditions under which cotton may be held by growers before marketing are afforded by properly constructed, efficiently operated, bonded warehouses.

With an enormous over-supply of lowgrade cotton in the South at this time, the necessity for protecting the crop from weather, fire, and other loss is greater than ever before. The potential weather damage and other risks to which exposed cotton is subject increase in direct proportion as the time that cotton remains in the hands of the growers lengthens, and if the cotton growers are not to lose millions of dollars every safeguard against hazard of loss must be employed. In the matter of weather damage alone it has been estimated that in normal times \$70,000,000 worth of baled cotton is lost annually as a result of permitting cotton to remain exposed to the elements months at a time without covering or attention of any kind.

When it is considered that in many instances the total cost of warehouse cotton, including insurance, is no greater than the fire-insurance rate alone on exposed cotton, it would appear to be the utmost folly for a grower not to spend his money to the greater advantage. This insurance rate on exposed cotton is about \$4 a hundred per annum. Every \$100 worth of cotton stored in a properly constructed and protected warehouse can be insured for 25 cents per annum. The differential of \$3.75 would in many cases pay all other warehouse charges.

Of 50 bales of cotton that a cotton grower of Maysville, Ga., sold to a local buyer a short time ago, 65 pounds in each bale was found to be destroyed because of exposure of weather. At 30c a pound the grower lost nearly \$1,000. If this grower insured his exposed cotton it cost him at the rate of \$300 a year for fire insurance alone. He neither had protection from weather damage or theft nor was he in a favorable position to negotiate a loan upon his product. To have secured these advantages would cost him at the maximum but little more than the cost of the fire insurance alone. By diverting his investment into a channel that would have given him the fullest value

For the 1920 Thanksgiving Feast



for his money, he would have saved the \$1,000 that he lost through neglecting his product. From a financial viewpoint, ability to make loans upon his crop is of paramount importance to the cotton grower. Almost all cotton growers must depend upon the banks to finance them. No banker is anxious to lend money for even a short period on cotton inadequately protected; he emphatically will not do so under such conditions on long-term loans. To be able to furnish gilt-edged security to the banks for loans it is necessary not only to warehouse cotton but to select a warehouse whose receipts are readily acceptable as collateral.

The governor of the Federal Reserve bank of Dallas, Texas, recently declared that with the present wool, grain, and cotton situation in that district the question of adequate, licensed warehouses and the vital necessity for valid and binding negotiable receipts for all warehoused commodities are of prime importance to banking and business interests. It was further stated that nonnegotiable warehouse receipts, or receipts that do not carry with them the title to the stored goods, would not be accepted as security to notes offered for rediscount, and that therefore it was important that the banks immediately take up with local warehousemen the matter of arranging for the issuance of negotiable receipts in approved form.

Notice School Tax Payers

I will be in Grapeland every Friday for the purpose of collecting the tax for the Grapeland Independent School District. Please pay your tax at the earliest possible date, as the school needs the money.

Paul Kennedy,
Collector.

Renew your subscription.

Tossing the Boomerang

A mighty cry has gone out of the South, protesting the price of cotton. The government has been importuned to lend farmers financial assistance.

This sorry business has been fostered by men who ought to know better. It has placed us in a false light, impaired our credit abroad, hampered our legitimate enterprises, made us out a lot of whimperers.

Deflation is going to cause every branch of agriculture, industry, business and professional endeavor some loss, and the government has neither the means nor the talent to cure a condition which has been brought on by its stockholders, the people.

In order to prosper, the farmer must apply business principles to farming. He must make his land more nearly self-sustaining. Merchants and bankers must

help him extend the season of marketing, in order that his goods may not be dumped into the laps of manipulators.

There is not a chance on earth that cotton can be made to bring a fixed price. Like every other commodity, it is subject to economic variations. The best way to hurt cotton is to make it the object of charity.—Holland Magazine.

Irregularity in the bowel movements makes you feel uncomfortable and leads to a constipated habit which is bad. Herbine is the remedy you need. It restores healthy regularity. Price 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Cash for Produce

We are cash buyers of produce and it will always pay you to see us when you have anything to sell, especially chickens and eggs.

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THE "OLD RELIABLE" THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

"Black-Draught will relieve indigestion and constipation if taken right, and I know for I tried it. It is the best thing I have ever found for the full, uncomfortable

feeling after meals. Sour stomach and sick headache can be relieved by taking Black-Draught. It aids digestion, also assists the liver in throwing off impurities. I am glad to recommend Black-Draught, and do, to my friends and neighbors."

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**Prices on Down Grade;
Lighter Demand Did It**

The fall of prices is now too plain to be denied even by those who are interested in keeping prices up. It is accurately shown by Bradstreet's index number, which on November 1, was \$15.675, a decline of 7.3 cents since Oct. 1, and 24.9 cents Feb. 1.

An index number is based on market prices of a large number of staple articles. When it goes down it shows that average prices of some things may have gone up. In the present case it means that \$1,5675 would buy on November 1 as much of average staple goods as \$1.8165 would buy last February—a decided gain, if not a great one, for the low cost of living.

That was up to November 1. Since then the fall of prices has been still more marked.

A modern discovery for the rapid healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, sores and scalds is Liquid Borozone. It is a clear, colorless liquid possessing marvelous healing power. Price, 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Our Gladdest Christmas

Christmas is a perpetual joy. So long as there are children, star fingers, and glad eyes, there will be a Santa Claus made real by love and understanding. This Christmas is more than a festival for the little folks, for it brings lower prices, a subsidence of greed, and a promise of better relations.

The world has skidded terribly lately, and there have been times when students have feared the break-up of civilization. Now there is an undercurrent of reason in the air and people are thinking more of the fundamental virtues; everywhere there is a tendency to discount extravagance and take up the guest of tranquility.—Holland's Magazine.

If you are subject to attacks of heartburn or indigestion, it may do you good to learn that Prickly Ash Bitters is a prompt and efficient remedy. It strengthens digestion, relieves heartburn, tones up the stomach and by its agreeable cathartic effect, it empties and purifies the bowels. Try it. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

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Mr. Buck Tunstall
Mr. Buck Tunstall, 74 years old, died at his home near Kennard Tuesday night. Mr. Tunstall was one of the county's oldest citizens and had lived in Houston county the most of his life. He was a son of "Uncle Tom" Tunstall who lived in Crockett a number of years ago. He leaves three younger brothers, Messrs. Bud, Peyton and Barker Tunstall who live in and near Crockett. Among others of his immediate family living in Houston county are a sister, Mrs. Perkins, and a son, T. S. Tunstall, who live near Kennard, and another son, Floyd Tunstall, who lives near Crockett. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon and interment followed in the cemetery near Kennard.—Crockett Courier.

Special Session

The county commissioners are to meet in special session today to hear the petition presented by a majority of the property tax payers along the Trinity river who are praying for an election to be ordered for the issuance of \$150,000 levy bonds, to draw six percent interest, and to mature in thirty years from date, to be used in levying the Trinity river. If the order is granted by the commissioners the district will be known as levy district No. 1. The petition presented to the court is signed by Arch Baker and five other properay owners, who compose a majority of those owning land in the district that is to be levied.—Houston County Times.

A Record Harvest

"Crop failures?" asked the old-timer. "Yes, I've seen a few in my day. In 1854 the corn crop was almost nothing. We cooked some for dinner, and my father ate 14 acres of corn at one meal!"—Life.

Horse Sense
If you work for a man, in Heaven's name work for him. If he pays wages that supply your bread and butter, work for him, stand by him, speak well of him, think well of him, stand by him and stand by the institutions he represents.

I think if I worked for a man, I would work for him. I would not work for him part of the time, but all of the time. I would give an individual service or none. If put to a pinch, an ounce of loyalty is worth a pound of cleverness. If you must vilify, condemn, and eternally disparage, why, resign your position, and when you are outside, damn to your heart's content. But, I pray you, so long, as you are part of an institution, do not condemn it. Not that you will injure the institution—not that—but when you disparage the concern of which you are a part, you disparage yourself. And don't forget, "I forgot" won't do in business.—Elbert Hubbard.

A Christmas Sermon By Henry Edwards

Christmas is just around the corner. You do not feel that you will care to give anybody but your own children anything. You feel this way because you have not had big luck in business and made a lot of money. But, as the time approaches, you will catch the spirit, and it will be in your bones to want to make some widow, or some little orphan, or some aged person, or some unfortunate fellow-human a little happier than that person would otherwise be at Christmas times.

If you should not get this feeling into your bones, you will be an object of pity. Why? Because that person who is blessed with health and strength and good eyes and strong limbs and a sound mind is to be pitied if he or she does not feel the call to go a little out of the way, at least at Christmas times, to bring happiness and sunshine and joy to those less fortunate.

Here is hoping that you get the feeling that ought to spring up in the heart of everybody in Christendom at Yuletide.—Troup Banner.

The Great Battle for the Post-offices is about to break on this peaceful country.

No. 768
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
THE GUARANTY STATE BANK

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of November, 1920, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of November, 1920.

Resources:

Loans, and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 79,397.88
Loans, real estate	41,303.39
U. S. Certificates of Indebtedness	25,000.00
Bonds and stocks	31,019.00
Real Estate (Bank-house)	3,428.90
County Warrants	2,216.68
Furniture and Fixtures	2,651.70
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	36,447.90
War saving stamps	854.76
Interest in Depositors' guaranty fund	1,700.87
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	126.97
Acceptances and bills of exchange	7,148.48
Other resources	304.55
Total	\$194,428.08

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in	\$ 20,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits net	4,075.92
Individual deposits, subject to check	123,572.82
Time certificates of deposit	19,403.19
Cashier's checks	478.58
Bonds deposited	16,350.00
Other liabilities	547.57
Total	\$194,428.08

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

We, C. W. Kennedy, as president, and U. M. Brock, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. Kennedy, President.
U. M. Brock, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November, 1920.

Chester Owens,
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
J. C. Kennedy,
P. H. Stafford,
M. P. Herod,
Directors.

One has to admit that every moral code worth having spring up from some kind of religion.

No. 183
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of
Farmers & Merchants State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 15th day of November 1920, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 25th day of November, 1920.

Resources

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$ 88,134.41
Loans, real estate	12,779.37
Overdrafts	436.85
Bonds and stocks	12,700.00
Real estate (banking house)	2,983.03
County Warrants	1,441.61
Furniture and fixtures	2,000.00
Due from other banks and bankers and cash on hand	56,400.35
Collections	252.00
ors guaranty fund	2,139.47
Assessment depositors' guaranty fund	159.99
Acceptances and bills of exchange	2,500.00
Cotton seed account	226.25
Total	\$182,153.33

Liabilities

Capital stock paid in	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus fund	16,500.00
Undivided profits net	2,211.86
Individual deposits, subject to check	119,910.92
Time certificates of deposit	15,830.55
Bonds deposited	12,700.00
Total	\$182,153.33

STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

We, George E. Darsey, as president, and W. D. Granberry, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Geo. E. Darsey, President.
W. D. Granberry, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 1920.

J. R. Richards,
Notary Public, Houston County, Texas.

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M. E. Darsey,
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Conference Appointments

The appointments made by the Texas Methodist conference in session at Houston last week for this, the Navasota District, are as follows:

Charles U. McLarty, presiding elder; Anderson and Richards, J. H. Stuckey; Bedias and Iola, J. L. Webb; Belott, W. F. Marquis, supply; Bryan, H. C. Willis; Cleveland and Fostoria R. A. Gates; Cold Springs, P. W. Norwood, supply; Conroe, A. T. Walker; Crockett, E. A. Maness; Crockett Circuit, R. F. Hodges; Dodge and Oakhurst, W. F. Stephens, supply; J. W. Thompson, junior preacher, supply; Grapeland, B. C. Anderson; Groveton, A. A. Tharp; Huntsville, L. B. Elrod; Lovelady and Onalaska, J. W. Treadwell; Madisonville, F. E. Few; Midway, S. W. Stokely; Millican, E. A. Sample; Montgomery, J. F. Everett; Navasota, H. M. Timmons; Shiro, W. S. Easterling; Trinity, Ed J. Harris; Walker County Mission, John B. Davis, supply; Willis, J. I. Weatherby; chaplain state penitentiary, W. T. McDonald; chaplain United States army, E. P. Newsom; conference missionary secretary, D. H. Hotchkiss; missionary evangelist, C. B. Fuller; Italian missionary, Francisco Zito; student pastor A. and M. College, King Vivion.

Some Prayer

A celebrated revivalist came to address his flock, and before he began to speak the pastor said: "Brother Jones, before you begin this discourse, there are some powerful bad negroes in this here congregation, and I want to pray for you," which he did in this fashion:

"O Lord, give Brother Jones the eye of the eagle, that he may see sin from afar. Glue his ear to the gospel telephone, and connect him with central skies. Illuminate his brow with the brightness that will make the fires of hell look like a tallow candle. Nail his hands to the gospel plough, and bow his head in some lonesome valley where prayer is much wanted to be said and anoint him all over with the kerosene oil of Thy salvation and set him afire."—Congressional Record.

Monroe Jones and family, who have been living at Corsicana the past year, returned Monday and will reside at their former home at Percilla, where Mr. Jones owns a farm. We are glad to have these good people with us again.

Ark Party

On last Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mangum entertained with an "ark party" honoring the former's sister, Miss Alice Bell Mangum, of Mississippi, who is visiting here.

The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gilbert cleverly disguised as Mr. and Mrs. Noah, and by the host and hostess.

After two very interesting contests, Mr. and Mrs. Noah were asked to judge the age of the costume which each guest wore dating back from our Pilgrim fathers. Miss Doris and Mr. Dick Murchison received the prizes for their out-of-date appearance.

In the dining room the table was arranged in "Noahish" style with small wooden animals placed in stalls. Benches were placed around the table and a menu was given each guest from which they selected their favorite dish.

After the splendid repast, the table was cleared away, and to the music of Mr. Noah's jazz band, the guests danced the "Virginia reel."

Ginning Notice

On December 11, our gins will close permanently for this season. Up until that time we will gin three days each week—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Those having cotton to be ginned, please take notice.

Herod & Leaverton,
A. B. Spence,
J. F. Bridges.

Shoe Repairing

I have bought the Bowman Shoe Shop and am prepared to repair shoes, harness, etc. East side of the railroad. Your business solicited.

Rufus Stockbridge.

Renter Wanted

To work 40 to 100 acres of land; will furnish plows and cultivators and teams, cow to milk. Apply to

A. N. Edens,
Grapeland, R. 3.

N. H. Montgomery and J. S. Brimberry returned home from the west, where they spent several days looking at the country. Mr. Montgomery says he expects to move to Colorado City in the near future. Mr. Brimberry does not contemplate moving, merely going to see the country.

REMEMBER

That we can send 50 pounds by PARCEL POST and we pre-pay everything we send. This will enable you to get most anything you need out of a Drug Store. We appreciate ALL orders, small or LARGE and fill them promptly. Do not do without something you need—send us your order and ask for your package in the NEXT MAIL.

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For the many blessings of life that are ours--national peace, good health and true friends--we are thankful today. We are truly grateful to you, our friends, for your loyal patronage and hope to merit a continuance of the same. If we can serve you, command us.

Speed Up!



Overcoats

are specially priced at this store

We have a wonderful assortment of the season's newest styles and colors in overcoats for men, young men and boys. Whether you want a light weight, loose fitting model now so popular, or a heavy full length coat, you will find it here.

For Men at \$18 and up
For Youths at \$10 and up
For Boys at \$7.50 and up

Your Holiday Hat

Stetson's \$7.75 and \$8.80
Mallory Hats \$6.75
Worth Hats \$5.55
Mogul Hats \$4.95
Benton Hats \$3.95

War tax included

These hats are all new, fall 1920 styles and colors. We feature a complete range of sizes in men's hats up to 7 3-4.

Boys, Get This!

SILK SHIRTS—the kind you've been used to paying \$9, \$10 and \$12.50 for—new fall patterns—now only \$6—\$6.65 and \$8.65. Silk neckwear, hosiery, etc.

Men's and boys suits, underwear, sweaters, caps, shoes etc. are being sold here for less than you will find the same styles and qualities elsewhere. We can save you money.

Gloves for the Holidays

Right now, our selection of men's dress gloves is complete. We have all sizes in the following colors: dark grey, cordovan, and tan in cape and undressed kid. Also women's kid gloves in black, white and tan, few pairs of 16 button length kid gloves.

ALL KINDS OF KNIT GLOVES

George E. Darsey & Co.

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We Mean to Sell this Stock of Goods, so Come to See Us and Be Convinced

1 Blue chiffon broad cloth coat suit with fur collar was \$75, cost \$56.50, now **\$50.85**
 2 Brown velour coat suits were \$55.00 cost \$43.30, now **\$38.97**
 1 Navy blue all wool serge, large size was \$55.00, cost \$44.00 now .. **\$39.60**
 1 Nevy blue all wool serge, large size was \$50.00 cost \$38.50 now .. **\$34.65**
 A few cheaper suits going at ... **\$18-25**
 1 short coat black silk plush was \$45. cost \$33.50 now **\$30.15**
 1 short coat grey imitation fur was \$33.50 cost \$25.30 now **\$22.77**
 1 short coat brown silk plush was \$49. cost \$37.40 now **\$33.60**
 1 long coat black silk plush was \$45. cost \$33.60 now **\$30.24**
 1 Brown Velour coat was \$39.75 cost \$30 80 now **\$27.72**
 2 long coats in brown and blue silver tone were \$37.50 cost \$28.05 now only **\$25.25**

1 lot of cheap long coats ranging from \$10. to \$18.
 1 lot children's coats going at 10 per cent below cost.
 1 lot of pleated serge skirts in plain plaids were \$20 cost \$14.25 now only **\$12.85**
 1 lot men's dress suits in black and brown were \$25. cost \$16.85 now only **\$15.00**
 1 lot of young men's overcoats in dark green and grey were \$20 cost \$13.50 now **\$12.15**
 1 lot of young men's all wool pants in dark green and brown were \$6.50, cost \$4.90 now **\$4.50**
 1 lot of men's corduroy suits were \$16 50 cost \$15. now **13.50**
 1 lot of boys wool suits in fancy and up to the minute style. All going at 10 per cent below cost.

Good heavy outing in solid colors now only **22c**
 1 lot of LL unbleached domestic now only **19c**
 1 lot dress gingham **19c**
 Men's extra heavy blue overalls now only **\$1-75**
 All trunks and suit cases going at 10 per cent below cost.
Get Your fall Supply of Groceries now
 Extra high patent flour **\$3.25**
 Calumet baking powders **.25**
 7 lb Arm & Hammer Soda **.50**
 8 lb bucket of lard **\$1.90**
 7 cans tomatoes **.98**
 2 lb can Del Monte Peaches **.38**
 5 cans of corn for..... **.80**
 3 cans of beans for..... **.40**
 All laundry soap for **.05**
 6 boxes of matches for..... **.30**
 11 boxes of Gold Dust for **.50**

W. H. LONG & COMPANY

THE VALUE GIVING STORE

LOCAL ITEMS

To prevent a cold take 666.
 Clewis' new fall samples are arriving.
 Dr. W. D. McCarty was in Houston a few days last week.
 Rub-My-Tism cures bruises, cuts, burns, sores, tetter, etc.
 See the new fall samples at Clewis'.
 J. H. Leaverton was a visitor to the Houston fair and exposition the first of the week.
 You will find what you need in Ford parts at Hodges' Garage.
 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wherry left Monday for Houston, where they will visit relatives a few days.
 Jas. T. O'Hara was in Houston several days last week on business.
 David L. Brooks and family left last week for Corsicana, where they will reside in the future.
 M. L. Clewis, C. E. Lively, Nathan Guice and J. J. Guice were visitors to the Houston fair and exposition this week.
 John McKennie of Magnolia, Ark., visited his sister, Mrs. W. W. Gilbert, several days last week, leaving Monday for Houston to visit relatives.

To break a cold take 666.
 R. Hassell was a business visitor to Palestine Monday.
 Select your suit now from Clewis' new fall samples.
 Mrs. John Barrett is visiting in Houston this week.
 666 breaks a cold quicker than any remedy we know.
 County Clerk Owens was here from Crockett Monday.
 Mrs. O. T. Adams of Palestine spent last week end here with her sister, Mrs. Owen Johnson.
 Remember that after December 11 the gins of Grapeland will close permanently for the season.
 Mrs. C. W. Kennedy visited relatives in Houston several days this and last week.
 S. H. Lively of Palestine was down a few days last week on business and meeting his many friends.

For Rent

7 room bungalow of Mrs. Frank Allen. Apply to Mrs. George Calhoun.
 The school rally at the auditorium last Saturday night was attended by a large crowd and the program was well rendered and appreciated. A lecture by Prof. M. W. Robinson of Rusk Baptist College, was a feature of the entertainment.

We offer our present stock of EDISON'S DIAMOND POINT AMBEROLAS



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Remember when you buy an Edison you play unbreakable records. No needles to buy or change and at the same time you get better reproduced music than from other makes. Our present supply is limited. Act quick.

SMITH & RYAN DRUGGISTS

It's not the Thanksgiving Day turkey but the Thanksgiving Day thankfulness of the heart that makes the dinner a feast.
 Frank Willis and Miss Beatrice Bean were married last Saturday, Esq. John A. Davis officiating. The many friends of these young people will join us in best wishes.

John R. Owens and his mother of Trinity visited relatives and friends here last Friday and Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Luker and son and Mrs. J. E. Buttrill and son went to Houston last week end to attend the annual conference of the M. E. church, returning home Monday morning.

Miss Thelma Lee Clewis was the guest of Miss Bessie Satterwhite at Crockett the latter part of last week.
 Earl Singletary and family, Mrs. Garrett Holcomb and Mack Stowe of Alto spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gainey, returning to their home Monday morning.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 25, 1920

THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

With the harvest from another year's labor garnered, with our people comfortably sheltered from the icy hand of winter and our homes unclouded by want or misery, we come again to the season of Thanksgiving.

The lapse of twelve months since last we were called upon to pour out our thanks to a Providence who has guided us aright, have found us blessed with good health, prosperous as to finances, blessed with the same good neighbors who have long stood shoulder to shoulder with us in life's battle, and happy in the knowledge that our homes and our institutions are safe and secure from harm. We have labored as a home-loving people out in the fields made bright by the sunlight of liberty. We have shared each others joys, and have aided those in sorrow with the spirit of equal justice which has made us brothers all. We have come through a great political conflict stronger in our love of country and capable of again demonstrating to the world our ability to lay aside political differences and meet upon one common level—Americanism.

Off from our own shores the grim skeleton of misery, and starvation and want still stalks. Yet of this we have not been unmindful, and never have we lost sight of our duty to humanity in distress. Blessed as is no other nation upon God's footstool, we have out of the abundance of our harvest sent succor to our needy and distressed brothers in the flesh across the sea. We have further bound up the wounds of war, while lending a helping hand to nations struggling for a new and stronger foothold in a Christian world. We have been mindful of the golden rule of our fathers, we have applied it in the conduct of our affairs with our sister nation. We have cast upon the waters loaves which must bring in return blessings from those abroad who have learned to look to us in times of stress.

As to the united people, a people of one purpose and that to keep American ideals untarnished, we have come to the season of Thanksgiving proud of our achievements, and thankful to the One who has made them possible. Today we offer up to

Him who has comforted us through the years our heartfelt thanks. Over paths that were rough we have been safely led through another year, and ahead of us burns more brightly than before the guiding star of hope.

Realizing in the fullest how richly we have been endowed, appreciative of the manifold blessings bestowed upon us, we again join as one people and one God in sincere praise and thanksgiving. Mindful always of the power which alone makes our happiness possible, we bow again before the giver of all good gifts; we renew again our allegiance to the land we love; we pledge again a deeper consecration of our lives to Him who made the harvest both abundant and complete.

The little city of Cleveland, Texas, boasts of a citizen named "Will Shine." That's a good name to have on a cloudy day.

Cultivate a disposition of cheerfulness. Do not form the habit of giving away to depression. Such a habit will get on your nerves and eventually knock you out.

We have no desire to "but in" on your personal affairs and tell you how and what to do, but we cannot refrain from passing along the thought that it will soon be time to do your Christmas shopping.

Upon finishing his vacation in Texas and just before leaving the state, President-elect Harding expressed the hope that Texas would soon swing into the republican column. There's not the remotest chance, Mr. President. Texas must remain democratic in order to hold the universe down.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Nov. 22.—We are having some real nice weather now. Every body is about through making syrup.

Mrs. Minnie Gaines spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Velma Hendrix.

Our school is progressing nicely; think we are going to have a good school this term.

Lewis Hendrix spent Saturday night and Sunday with home folks.

Miss Oveta Barnes entertained with a birthday party Saturday night. All report a nice time.

J. S. Sheffield and wife visited J. E. Harrington and wife Sunday.

Willie Barnes has purchased a new car.

Ollie Harrington and wife spent Saturday night and Sunday with Ollie's parents.

Mrs. Ola Hendrix visited Mrs. Jessie Hendrix Sunday.

Fate Barnes is building a new house on his place.

Charlie Ramey and wife visited Charlie's parent's at Liberty Hill Sunday.

Mrs. Hallie Sammons visited her mother, Mrs. Bettie Barnes, Sunday.

We are glad to see Mrs. Elmer Goff able to be up again.

Most everyone that went from here west to pick cotton have returned home.

See where a Paris steed won the race after having been slipped the cognic but many a man has lost the race through the same cause.

NEW PROSPECT NEWS

New Prospect, Nov. 22.—Moving seems to be the order of the day at this time. Claud Brooks is moving today to the farm purchased from Alton Baker, while Mr. Baker is moving to the farm formerly occupied by A. M. Box and family. Alva Caskey and wife moved last Friday to Joe Harrison's farm.

The new room to the school building will be completed soon and we are sure both teachers and pupils will be glad to move from the church to their new home.

Attendance was small at Sunday school last Sunday. We have been rained out so much lately we fear some are losing interest in the work. However, we hope to see a larger number present next Sunday.

The young people enjoyed an entertainment at the home of C. C. Rose last Friday evening.

Several couples of our young folks went to Antrim last Sunday.

Miss Letha Collins, who is now at Tyler, attending school, writes that she is doing fine with her work. Her many friends here wish her success.

Gilbert Cherry is real sick at this time.

Sam Bridges and family from Grapeland were visiting at Jim Musick's Sunday.

Mrs. Leola Herod and Mrs. Pearl Musick visited Mrs. Ashwood, in the Oak Grove community last Thursday.

Mrs. L. C. Smith spent last week with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Baker.

We wish to thank Mr. Editor for making excuse for negligence last week. We have always heard that a poor excuse was better than none so we will let the cold snap bear the blame—and will try to do better next cold spell. If it gets too cold to write we will kill a "poroker" and take the editor a piece of pork and we are sure he will excuse us again.

Richey-Patterson

Mr. W. A. P. Richey of Grup Springs, Miss., and Mrs. Dora Patterson of Percilla, were united in holy wedlock Wednesday afternoon, November 17th, by County Judge Nat Patton. Mr. Richey is 58 years of age and has never been married. He purchased his marriage license with pennies, nickles and dimes he has found since 1912. Mrs. Patterson is well known to the people of Percilla community, where she has many friends. They will make their home in Percilla. The Times joins others in extending congratulations.—Houston County Times.

If your digestion is bad, your bowels constipated and you don't eat or sleep well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters, the remedy that men use for cleaning the system. It purifies and invigorates the vital organs, restores appetite, energy and cheerful spirits. Price \$1.50 per bottle.—Sold by Smith & Ryan.

It is said that the "insurgent" Republicans won't accept any offices under Harding. This is a devotion to ideals almost worthy a Democrat. Still, when the call to the public trough sounds, it's a strong pig that can deaden his ears against it.

READ THE ADS

Saving is Essential

The man who builds his fortune by consistent and persistent saving is the type the world refers to as "self-made." And well does the title fit.

He made the money that made the deposits in the account that made him independent. Honestly earned and purposely saved, his riches are his due; and no man begrudges him the achievement.

There are other methods of attaining wealth—some shorter, some easier. But saving is unique. It lets you feel that in gaining something for yourself you have not taken away from someone else.

With one dollar you can open an account. With one dollar, then, you can take the first step to independence.

LET'S GO!

Absolute safety, and every courtesy are features which make this an attractive depository for your savings.

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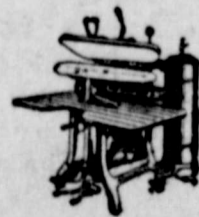
Let Us "Renew" Your Old Clothes

Your suit, seemingly "done for," may be easily restored to service by having it cleaned, pressed or repaired.

We care for your clothes in such a way as to prolong their life.

We bring out the colors, raise the nap, set the fabric, and give the garment an appearance of newness.

We can have your old suit, ladies' skirts, waists, etc., dyed at small expense and make them new, and you can get several months more service out of them.



Clewis

This Drug Store

Affords you many attractive conveniences and beneficial opportunities. It Helps You

When you want a dish of ice cream or a cold soft drink, a cigar, a can of tobacco, or a good pipe, a stick of gum or the daintiest of confectionery, reliable complexion specialties or a toilet set, a lead pencil, or a box of the choicest stationery, or any of the many little daily wants—you just naturally drift around to this store and find what you want.

When the doctor hands you a prescription you have every confidence that it will be accurately filled and that the price will be moderate. When you need only a simple remedy for some slight ailment you know you can find it here and that it is highly recommended by others who have used it.

Confidence creates habit and a good habit is an aid to health. Keep coming and keep well.

D. N. Leaverton

LEADING DRUGGIST

We feature Goodrich Rubber Goods

What Do Rats Cost Texas?

The damage caused by rats and their role as carriers of disease are well known. They are active agents in the distribution of bubonic plague. The presence of this disease in cities of Mexico and its occurrence in Texas seaports last summer prompted the health authorities in these seaports to institute in August measures for the destruction of rats. Occasional new cases of plague in these cities shows the menace still to be present and in danger of being carried to inland towns. Rats perpetuate and transmit the disease trichinosis, so much dreaded by humans. They gnaw into boxes of drygoods and cut furs, silks, carpets and leather goods. They gnaw matches and cut the insulation from electric wires, and so start many costly fires. They flood kitchens by gnawing through lead pipes and cause disastrous floods by burrowing through embankments and levees. They consume grain, fruit and vegetables in the fields or orchards and continue their depredations in the shock, cellar and bin. They cut containers of flour and breakfast foods and by pollution render unfit for food far more than they consume. The U. S. Public Health Service declares that in cities the rat population is at least equal to the human population and that in agricultural sections, it is from four to ten times as great. The annual upkeep per rat, estimated on prewar values, was \$2.00, so that at present prices the annual cost of keeping a rat is at least \$4.00. Using these figures as a basis, R. R. Reppert, Entomologist Extension Service A. and M. College of Texas, estimates that this means that Texas rat population is at least 18,000,000 and that their annual cost is \$72,000,000. This is exclusive of fire loss and other damage due to them.

With such facts staring us in the face, the Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas, feels that strenuous efforts should be made to encourage rat extermination campaigns and is prepared to render some valuable cooperative effort and assistance.

The New Congress

The Republican majority in the House of Representatives now appears to be 157. There will be 296 Republicans, 135 Democrats, 2 Independents, 1 Independent Prohibitionist, and 1 Socialist. The majority may be increased a little on full returns, for in several districts now classified as Democratic the margin is very small and a recount may give these seats to the Republican candidates.

The Senate will apparently have a Republican majority of 22. There were 28 Democrats and 34 Republican holdovers, and the Senators elected this month number 9 Democrats and 25 Republicans. This makes the Democratic total 37 and the Republican 59.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirit. Price, 60. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Have Old Clothes Dyed

Beat the high cost of clothing by having your old clothes dyed. We represent one of the best dyeing establishments in the state and their work is very satisfactory.

M. L. Clewis.

When the kidneys are ailing, use Prickly Ash Bitters. It is a fine kidney tonic. Relieves backache, bladder troubles, indigestion and constipation. Men of advanced years get great relief from its use. Price \$1.50 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

Secret Conclusion

A narrow-minded man is one who won't admit it but really believes the world would be better off if there were no one living on it but himself.—Detroit Free Press.

A gentleman lecturer says Satan will be overthrown by 1925. Isn't that about the time when the Republicans finish their four years?

The Country Printer and Publisher and His Revenue

In these times of reconstruction and readjustment it becomes the advertiser and buyer of printing to object to the reasonable advances in prices which country publishers and printers are establishing for the continuation of their business.

The country printer and publisher, with few exceptions, has never enjoyed the remuneration demanded by his banker, grocer, clothier, lumberman, carpenter, bricklayer, plumber, painter, and representatives of various other mercantile lines and trades. It may have been his own fault. He may have been "fair" with his patrons and not fair enough with himself. Be that as it may, within the last several months he has been given stern object lessons in business economics, and as a class has become convinced that he is entitled to a compensation for his capital employed, labor and money expended and intelligence and ability required, on a par with other business comparable to his. And he is right.

Even though there is a general falling market, prices will for several years remain at a higher level than before the war. The printer and publisher will have to pay more for the things he has to buy for himself, his family and his business, and it is therefore right for him to ask and receive better prices for what he has to sell, and lay a new foundation that will hold up his business structure under the new conditions which will assail it. Those publishers who have not already done so should lose no time to protect themselves in this matter. And those printers and publishers who have been able to establish a price level fair to themselves and their customers should be deaf to importunities for a reduction.

It is to the shame of hundreds of communities all over the country that the local papers and printing plants have been closed for lack of patronage sufficient for the proprietor to continue them and maintain his self-respect as a citizen and a business man.—Publishers Auxiliary.

If somebody gets your "goat" maybe all they want is the glands.

WRIGLEY'S

5¢ a package before the war

5¢ a package during the war

and

5¢ a package NOW

The Flavor Lasts So Does the Price!



Bean-Chaffin

On last Thursday evening at seven o'clock at the home of Mr. John A. Davis, Miss Mamie Chaffin and Mr. Edens Bean were quietly married, Mr. Davis, Justice of Peace, performing the ceremony. Only the father and mother of the bride and a brother of the groom were present.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Chaffin, and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Bean, both of the Oak Grove community.

Cotton Report

There were 19,182 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1920, prior to November 1st, 1920, compared with 5,938 bales ginned to Nov. 1st 1919.

E. B. Hale, Agent.

Job Printing

The Messenger's prices for job work are based upon the Franklin Printing Price List, which are scientifically arrived at—no guess work, fair to the buyer and seller.

Answer Your Door Bell!

Emerson said that if a man did something better than his neighbor, no matter what it was, the world would make a beaten path to his door.

But times have changed—Now a-days the men who make the "better" things are "making paths" to YOUR door.

Every time a newspaper comes your door-bell. Merchants and a host of people are ringing

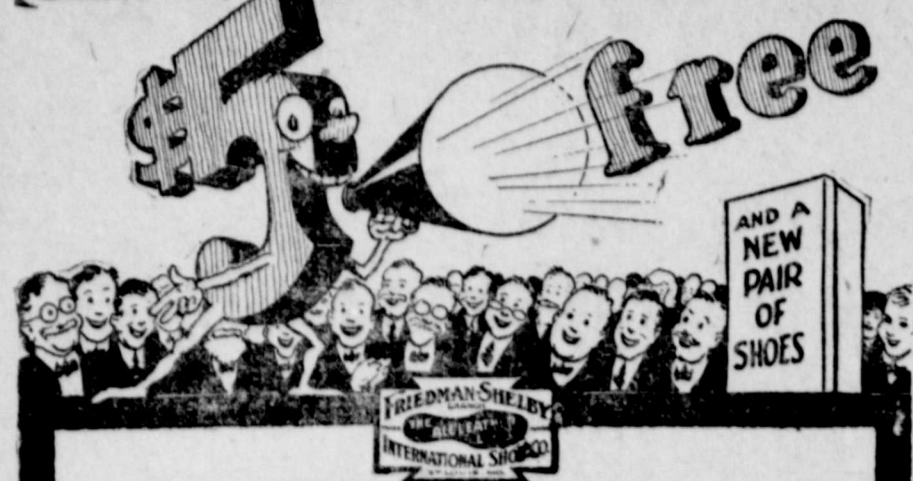
manufacturers are waiting on the doorstep to spread their goods at your feet for you to look at.

Don't let the opportunity that advertisements offer you slip by.—No matter what you want, clothing, groceries, a fountain pen or a farm, you will find the "better" ones in the advertising columns.

The advertisements tell you where you can get what you want, when you want it.

Buying with a definite knowledge is so much better than shopping at random. Study the advertisements

"Hear Ye, Hear Ye" Says \$5 Bill



\$5.00 cash and a new pair of shoes will be given to the wearer who finds paper in the heels, counters, insoles or outsoles of any shoes made by us, bearing the above trade-mark.

All we ask is that you give Friedman-Shelby "All-Leather" Shoes a single trial. They're made in a wide variety of styles and leathers, in all sizes, for men, women and children. You'll be enthusiastic about them because they look well and because they fit and feel well. They'll repeat with you because of the "extra wear in every pair".

"It Takes Leather to Stand Weather"

George E. Darsey & Company
Service First Store

Friedman-Shelby
ALL-LEATHER SHOES

Bale of Cotton Sold for Just Enough to Buy Pair of Shoes

Temple, Tex., Nov. 21.—A bale of cotton sold here yesterday for 3c a pound, the lowest price recorded recently. It was dog-ear cotton, weather stained and damaged. The seller invested the proceeds of his sale in a pair of Sunday shoes, receiving 15c in change. This he concluded to dissipate in riotous living, and ordered a cold drink at the fountain for that amount. His chagrin was greatly increased

3 PER CENT REAL ESTATE LOANS

The best plan to borrow money at the lowest rate of interest. The best and safest investment for your savings. Under supervision of the Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas. THOS. B. COLLINS, and CHAS. W. JONES AGENTS CROCKETT, TEXAS.

when he was called on for 2c war tax, and being out of funds he was obliged to make a borrow from a friend.

Newspaper Gems

Eventually we may be forced to concede that woman's sphere is this one on which we live—San Diego Tribune.

The reason nobody wears old clothes is because the kind being sold now wears out before they get old.—Dayton News.

We apprehended, when the silk-shirt craze began to die down, that cotton would be more or less hard hit.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

We have learned of no casualties, so far, resulting from the ultimate consumer having been hit by falling prices.—Columbia (S. C.) Record.

666 quickly relieves a cold.

Even radium can't cure a chronic knicker.

Old Fashioned Girls

In Songs and Stories of the Sixties

A Lyceum Attraction

High School Auditorium Dec. 2nd

Out of the "Long Ago" step four charming girls, bewitchingly attractive in hoop skirts, hand mitts and "bummits." In a minute they sweep aside the work-a-day worries, cares and troubles by carrying you back with them through story and song to the olden golden days. Here are visualized for you the quaint pictures which through all your years have hung on "Memory's Wall." See this attraction.

STORE CLOSED TO-DAY

(THURSDAY)

OPEN AS USUAL FRIDAY MORNING

Our store will be closed to-day (Thursday) for Thanksgiving, but will open Friday morning with the usual better values to offer you than any ever offered you by any firm in the county.

MEN'S SHIRTS

Never have you had a chance to select your own kind of a shirt as you will have Friday and every day after until our stock is exhausted. We can show you the swellest line of shirts your eyes have ever fell upon and we will guarantee the price will suit you. Come look these shirts over and you will make your purchases at the moment you see them.

CORRECT FOOTWEAR OF BEST QUALITY

The result of our constant aim to combine grace and comfort in our shoes is seen in the distinctive styles of shoes we have. They are suitable and practical, especially for the women who realize that the only economy for them is to buy the best. Come and look them over. They are worth while.

UNDERWEAR OF KNOWN QUALITY

Men who are seeking heavier underwear for cold weather should inspect our display of unionsuits of soft, heavy ribbed cotton. These suits are woven from the finest staple cotton finished the way you like them. We know this line and will be glad to show you the merits of it. See the line.

Kennedy Brothers

THE STORE FOR EVERYBODY

Berry Plants

Macatawa plants now ready to move. Let me supply your wants while they last. M. L. Williams, R. 4.

H. R. Howard of Lake Charles, La., is here for a few days visiting relatives and friends, and will be accompanied home by his wife and baby, who have been visiting relatives at Augusta.

C. H. Jones, former citizen of Crockett, now residing at Denton, spent Sunday here with his brother-in-law, Wade L. Smith, and will look after business interests at Crockett this week before returning to his home.

Olan Weisinger and Miss Ruby Smith, two young people living east of town, were married last Thursday in Grapeland, Rev. G. H. Black officiating.

A few doses 666 break a cold.

For Sale

1 practically new Singer hem-stitching and picoting machine. For price write Mrs. Maud Allen, 419 South May St., Palestine, Texas.

Renter Wanted

To work 75 acres of land on third and fourth. Good land; also hog pasture furnished. Mrs. Lucy Willis, Rte 3.

Rev. Frank E. Luker and wife returned Tuesday from the annual conference at Houston, and after spending a few days here with relatives will go to their home at Athens, having been returned there for another year.

Strayed

5 year old brown mare mule, mealy nose, about 14 hands high; had on halter. Finder please notify Bob Wherry.

Rev. J. L. Willis, a Grapeland boy in whom all of us are interested, was sent to Wills Point circuit by the M. E. Conference in session at Houston last week. In connection with his ministerial work, Mr. Willis is attending school at Southern Methodist University, Dallas. He is a young man of promise, very enthusiastic in his work, and we predict for him a successful career in the ministry.

If we die to beat the H. C. L. game the undertaker's bill is still to face.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Nov. 22.—We are still in existence, even if we haven't been heard from in a long time, so we will take a few minutes of our time and see what we might write that would interest you.

A nice little crowd attended Sunday school yesterday, as it was a pretty day for it. We all want to build our church and Sunday school up, so all who can, come every Sunday and do his part. Next Sunday is preaching day—everybody come.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Streich visited at C. M. Streetman's Sunday.

The stockholders of the telephone company met a few days ago and report the line now completed to Grapeland and giving good service.

Quite a crowd from our community attended the singing at Mr. Kiser's last Friday night and all report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lasiter and Mrs. Mary Gray visited at Marvin Streetman's Sunday.

Teachers and pupils have moved into the new building and are well pleased with it. All are doing their part to make the school a success.

W. A. Streich is visiting his brother at Oakwood.