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SAMPLE COPIES. If this is marked with a pencil, it means a sample copy. We are sending out a large number this week, and if you get one, you are kindly asked to look over it carefully, and if you think THE MESSENGER is worth 50 cents a year, we would be glad to have you subscribe. This means you!

## GROCERIES, GROCERIES,

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For the Best, and at Prices to Suit the Dull Season.

#### Oriole Items.

Thanks to Divine Providence for the good rain we have just been blessed with. We have had bountiful showers and all growing crops have been benefited. Glad to learn from the newspapers that crops in western and northwestern Texas are good, and that there will be fine crops of corn, oats and wheat made.

The time is drawing near for the big picnic at Tyer's Lake by the Farmers' Union and hope that everybody is getting ready to attend and have a good time. The Messenger, I suppose, will be represented there and give us a full account of the proceedings. I hear the Messenger well spoken of in this community, and hope you may get a good list of subscribers in these rural routes.

Can't something be done to improve the roads for the carriers on these routes? They are expected to make their daily rounds, and at times the roads are almost impassible. K.

#### Can't Take it With You.

According to the very best information obtainable, we pass this way but once, and when we step into the valley of the shadow all our earthly belongings will be left behind. Not a cow, not a sheep, not an acre of land, not a dollar will go into the grave with us. Why then, should men rush through life in a mad fight for gold, brushing the better things aside, when at last it must be unloaded at the tomb? would it not be better to smile and do a few good deeds as we go along? Would it not be better to put a flower in some sadhearted human hand struggling along the road of life, than to cling to an almighty dollar until death forces us to relinquish it?—Ozona Texan.

With a Hogg for the Senate and a Campbell for governor, Texas promises to take her place in the political circus as the most interesting menagerie extant.—Weekly Ledger.

#### East Texas Prosperity.

East Texas is attracting the attention of the country more than any other section in it. Where else in a like area of country can be found the elements on which to build an enduring prosperity in as great number and variety? Every product of the farm is grown in its perfection; tobacco as fine as that of Cuba; sugar, and every kind of fruit have here their natural home. The foundation for gigantic manufacturing enterprises are in evidence on all sides. Iron, coal, oil, salt, lumber and cotton with other crops to feed a teeming population. Nature has designated this section as a great laboratory of wealth and manufacturing center by placing in such close relation all the necessary elements and materials for such an accomplishment. There is no need to go beyond East Texas for the greatest opportunities for wealth and development that exist today in this country, while the conditions and expenses of living are far less than in the North and East. Years from now the survivors of this generation will look back by the light of the great development that will then exist, and wonder why we were so blind to all our interests as to neglect such golden opportunities.—Grand Saline Sun.

#### Want Sober Men.

George Gould has ordered that all bars that sell liquor shall be discontinued in all depots of roads over which he has jurisdiction. George Gould is a pretty good practical temperance man himself. Railroads are getting to demand sober men for their employes, and the public will feel safer in consequence.—Greenville Banner.

Myrth is like the flash of lightning that breaks through the gloom of the clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a daylight in the soul, filling it with a steady and perpetual serenity.—Rusk Journal.

#### La Texo Happenings.

Messenger: July 4th. As you have heard nothing from La Texo since the "demis" of the Messenger, we write again to assure you that no one was better pleased at its "resurrection" than your correspondent. The Messenger is a very valuable paper and under its present management seems to be up-to-date and willing at all times to serve the best interest of all the people.

The crops of this section were very badly damaged by the excessive rains, but since the fair weather set in they are improving some. There will be enough corn made now to supply the home demand, and cotton never looked better, and the boll weevil seems to be scarce so far, in proof of which your correspondent visited the cotton field of Mr. D. Poe and on examination found a great many stalks with 7 and 8 half grown bolls on them and full of maturing squares with very few punctured. The tobacco crop is a decided success. It is now being harvested and hung in the barn to cure. Mr. Haye, the Cuban expert, who is managing the crop, says it will yield 600 pounds to the acre and is already sold at 15c per pound, though this company is thinking of making it all into cigars. Tobacco seems to stand the extremes of the seasons better than any other crop. Irish potatoes, tomatoes and cataloupes are a failure owing to the wet weather.

Mr. Nat Wetzel and family have gone to Kelbourn, Wis., to spend the summer.

Mr. U. J. Smith is now in Cleveland, Ohio, but his return here is expected every day.

Mr. J. B. Young visited Palestine this week on business.

Mr. Riley Murchison is shipping cantaloupes this week. They are quoted at \$1.25 per crate.

The farmers are now digging their potatoes and housing them and are getting ready to put in a fall crop.

J. F. Brill of the church of Christ preached here last Sunday and Sunday evening to a large audience. He will preach again on 3rd Sunday in August.

A big rain last night and a Fourth of July picnic to-day makes things refreshing.

REX.

#### Reynard

Or "rainyards" would suit better at this time. We had caught slap up with our work and had begun to get in a good way fishing and there had been several little skirmishes of picnics when the rain came, and guess we have had as much, and as detrimental, as anybody, but still there is room for greater damage. Usually when we go to see our neighbors they want to show us over their crops, but such is not the case now. They would rather you would not go into their fields. We are now

### Grapeland Public School, Grapeland, Texas.

On the last Monday in August, a special examination will be held at the school house for the benefit of students who failed to pass last commencement. Students take examination in only those subjects in which their grades were below F (70) last year. Average of F on examination required for pass. The following students are advised NOT to try the examination: first, those who have not studied during the summer; second, those whose class standing was below 68 last year. New students will be admitted on trial without any examination.

Students who have their passes may get their books at any time they may desire, as no book will be changed except third grade arithmetic. Physiology will be dropped out of seventh, agriculture out of eighth, economics out of ninth and astronomy out of tenth grade. The courses in history and literature from sixth grade up will be enlarged and enriched by map-drawing, supplementary reading and essay writing.

A. W. CAIN, PRINCIPAL.

hoping for some hot dry weather.

Rev. J. L. Whitescarver has made us his usual visit. Hope it has been a pleasant one for him. He is ripe with old age, but looks well, and we believe will to the end. He has a kindly welcome to our homes.

Rev. Parker of Parker county came out last Saturday to fill Rev. Cox's appointment, but did not have any services on account of the rain. He is a nice young minister, and one we believe the Baptists should feel proud of.

A. E. Kent and family came out Sunday and have been enjoying a wetting and an outing this week.

Many thousand feet of potato vines were set out last week.

We are glad to note our literary school is about to be resurrected again.

P. L. Fulghum and hands gave the road a two days working this week.

The fourth is right here, but guess we will celebrate it in the field as everything we have except corn needs stirring around.

The mosquitoes have retreated only to reinforce and we look for them to come at us again.

Mrs. Bertha Beazley has been right sick, but glad to state she is up again. Right sharp sickness and Dr. W. B. Taylor is kept right busy. Let's stand by our boy doctor and after awhile he will be a man and we will be proud to think we had part in the making.

Hogs seem to be doing well in these parts.

If we had plenty of money Grapeland might dispose of some of her peaches down this way as there will not be enough for home use. Not a single nice orchard in the community. We ought to raise enough for home use and some for our neighbors, if no more. ZACK.

Mr. Whittle of San Pedro was a pleasant caller Wednesday. Mr. Whittle says the recent rain has put him behind with his farm work.

#### Leg Cut.

M. D. Murchison had the misfortune of getting his leg badly cut by barb wire between the knee and foot last Friday. He was riding very fast trying to head a cow, when his horse some way struck the fence with such force that both horse and rider were completely thrown over the fence, the horse falling on Mr. Murchison's leg. The horse was also badly cut.

We are glad to state that Mr. Murchison is improving fast, and in a few days will be able to be out again.

#### Attempted Rape.

Wednesday morning, W. M. Brown came to town and reported to squire Davis and deputy sheriff Leaverton that Johnnie Jenkins (colored) had attempted to rape the 10 year old girl of Jim Robertson, who is a negro tenant on Mr. Browns place.

Deputy sheriff Leaverton immediately went out and brought Jenkins in and in the presence of 'Squire Davis, W. M. Brown and Deputy Sheriff Leaverton he (Jenkins) confessed. He has been placed in jail at Crockett.

#### A Slight Change.

A slight change was made in railroad schedule last Sunday. It is as follows.

No. 5, going South formerly due here at 9:05, P. M., now due at 9:37, P. M.

No. 2, going North formerly due here at 3:10 P. M., now due at 3:15 P. M.

You can tell a successful farmer by looking at his wife's truit in the closet. You can tell a slouchy woman by her hair, you can tell a dry goods box statesman by the patches on his pantaloons. You can tell the poisonous serpent by the bluntness of his tail. But the easiest thing of all, you can tell the enterprising merchant by a glance at the local papers. This is not divine revelation, but business and gospel truth.—Mount Pleasant Eagle.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JULY 6, 1905.

Miss Elberta Peach of Truckers' Orchard is a guest of our town this week.

John D. Rockefeller has donated \$10,000,000 to American schools. Wonder if it's tainted.

Large shipments of Elerta peaches are now going out daily. The first solid car was shipped today.

Returns from fourth of July celebrations shows the death list to be about as heavy as usual.

Steal a 15c toothbrush and go jail for a year; steal a bank and live easy and have a good time. That's what happened in Milwaukee.

The cotton market made an advance of \$5.00 per bale last Monday. The sensational rise was due to the crop report, which was much lower than had been guessed.

The newspapers of Texas are waging war against the knockers equal to the one against pistol toting. 'Tis well that they should, for the knocker is a contemptible fellow, and there is no room for him in the wheel of progress. Down with the knocker!

We have heard rumors till our head swims about a new depot for Grapeland. The latest report is that the material is all ready to be shipped and work to begin at once. We hope it is true, for if Grapeland needs any thing it is a new depot. The present old hull is a disgrace to the town.

The recent rains have insured a corn crop, the outlook is good for a fair cotton crop with good prices this fall, thousands of dollars have been realized on the fruit crop and next year 'twill be even greater—what's the matter with the Grapeland country anyway? Nothing, she's all right. Better come this way if you have a notion of moving.

## Struck By Lightning.

A negro house just back of the Totty hotel was struck by lightning wednesday night, shattering the brick flue, and injuring several of the occupants. However, none were seriously hurt. All the negroes in that part of town—known as negro town—were considerably frightened.

Secretary of State John Hay died at Newbury, N.H., July 1st., and buried in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 5th. The funeral party consisted of the largest representation of the executive branch of the government ever assembled on one train. It included, besides the President, all except one member of the present cabinet, and the former members of President Roosevelt's Cabinet.

## The Fourth.

All the business houses in Grapeland were closed last Tuesday in honor of this eventful day.

Every thing was very quiet in the city as every body left town to spend the day. Some went to picnics, some to the ball game at Palestine, and some went fishing.

The crowd that went to Elkhart Creek (we will not mention any names) tell a tale that sounds like a fish story. They claim they caught a cat fish that weighed between 25 and 32 pounds, but as they only brought back the head as evidence we are unable to say whether it tasted good or bad.

Those who attended the ball game between Palestine and Crockett were Messrs. Odell Faris, W. B. Faris, Charles Faris, Will Lively, and the Messenger man, who went along to see to it that the boys kept straight—and they did. The game took place on the Jackson Field diamond, and Crockett was defeated in a well played game by a score of 10 to 4. A large crowd was present and the Palestine Juvenile Band rendered selections. About one hundred people went up from Crockett.

## How We Grow.

The following names have been added to our list since last issue:

C. L. Haltom, Grapeland.  
J. H. Leaverton, "  
George Shayer, "  
Joe Dunnam, "  
Cleveland Saddler, "  
W. F. Murchison, Percilla.  
Seth Brimbory, Swartz, La.  
W. L. Smith, Wheeling, W. Va.  
J. F. Rosamond, Weldon.  
Ola Hardmon, Palestine.

Say, farmers, those of you who live on rural routes should have some stationery printed with the number of your route thereon. It gives your letters a neat appearance, and we can print it about as cheap as you can buy the blank paper. Call at our office for prices.

# J. J. BROOKS GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

...NO SPECIAL OFFERINGS THIS WEEK...

Just a Continued Performance of Bargains in Every Department We are not quoting prices this week because we are not making any leader prices, but we want you to call and see how much lower our regular prices are than any Other place in town.

Then it is the proper time to decide who should have your patronage. We have no dreads of the results if you will call and get our prices. Everything in our house is brand new. No old stock to offer you.

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## Milking And Courting.

A Hiawatha young man says he has gone with thirty—three girls during the last five years and that for the time being he thought he was in love with each one. His love affairs were after the order of one that "Oklahoma" Dan Payne once had. Payne lived on a farm when a boy and his raiment consisted of a lindsey sack with holes for his head and arms. He was deeply in love with a neighbor farm girl. One evening he went over and sparked the girl while she was milking the cow. She sat on one side of the cow and he squatted on the other so he could look her in the eyes while she milked. Dave felt his love for her growing rapidly. It affected him in a peculiar way. Something warm would chase itself up and down his spinal column. He was sure it was love. Just when the sensation was the greatest the girl remarked: "Dave, the calf is chewing the back out of your shirt."

Carey Peter, the well known jobber of Louisville, tells this story: A fellow was addressing a Sunday school down here, and he mentioned to the boys how good the Lord was to them, that He gave them two eyes to see, a nose to smell, a mouth to eat, two ears to hear, and two feet to run, and as he finished one of the little fellows commenced to cry, and the good man asked the little boy what was the matter with him. He replied: "I am all made up wrong." "Why, what do you mean, my son?" asked the lecturer. "Bohoo! bohoo! my nose runs and my feet smells."

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Everything Neat and Clean.

Courteous Treatment.

The railroad companies of Texas have decided not to enjoin the new cotton tariff promulgated by the railroad commission, but while testing it in the courts, to adopt the recently made rates so that there will be a test of the new rates while the legal action is pending, instead of a return to the rate of 1898, which would result from injunction. It is possible that the early launching of a political campaign may have had something to do with the adoption of this policy, for railroads are a fruitful source of campaign thunder, Mayhap they believe that a practical demonstration of the failure of the new rates to do justice to the railroads will result in the raising of rates again by the commission. At any rate, the action will be accepted as a graceful concession on the part of the railroads. —National Rice and Cotton Journal.

The newspapers are falling in line right along in their support of Tom Campbell for governor. This is right for the state of Texas needs such a man as chief executive. Mr. Campbell has character, brains and manhood, he loves his fellowman with all his heart and is true to his friends, he is a friend of the people and the people will see that he is elected. —Kosse Cyclone.

Rev. J. Brill and son Henry went to Springs today, where Brother Brill will conduct a ten days meeting.

## The Messenger

Has just received a nice line of Stationery and is prepared to do the kind of Printing that pleases.

We print calling cards for Ladies

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Letter Heads, Note Heads, Statements, Cards, Tags, Circulars, in fact, all kinds of Commercial Printing

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### I. & G. N. Time Table.

#### NORTH BOUND.

No. 2 Arrives.....3:15 P. M.  
No. 4 Arrives.....8:30 P. M.

#### SOUTH BOUND.

No. 1 Arrives.....1:37 P. M.  
No. 5 Arrives.....9:37 P. M.

### LOCAL NEWS.

Buy White Plume flour at J.B. Lively's.

Gail Clinton was here on business Saturday from Reynard.

Get your fruit jars from W.B. Faris.

J. B. Lively wants your hides, green or dry.

A. M. Woodell spent Sunday afternoon in Elkhart.

Best fancy Y. C. sugar 15 pounds for \$1.00 at Darsey's.

Fruit jars extra extra tops and rubbers at—Shippers.

Mrs. George Woodard of Salmon is reported to be very sick.

Plenty of White Wave flour at W. B. Faris'. None better.

Fruit jars cheap at J. B. Lively's.

S. T. Anthony went to Houston Monday on business.

Keep Kool. 5 palmetto fans for 5c at Darsey's.

Lee Sory was down from Palestine Tuesday.

Tanglefoot and insect powder at Carleton & Porter's.

Jar caps only 25 cents per dozen at—Shipper's.

We are making special low prices on our entire stock for the cash or produce. W. B. Faris.

Tom Whittaker called Saturday and left the proper stuff for some more of the Messenger.

Flour, bran, chops, meal, sugar, coffee and fruit jars at Saxon's

Will Lively left Tuesday for West Texas and will be absent several days.

We still have a few mail boxes left. See one if you want the best dollar box made. Darsey.

Special prices on groceries at G. R. Whitley's next week. Call to see us.

A sure cure for the blues—a year's subscription to the Messenger.

Miss Ida Stubblefield of Elkhart is in the city visiting friends.

Come to see us when you come to town whether you want anything or not. You'll be welcome. W. H. Lively.

A large crowd of our citizens attended the Old Settlers' reunion at Salmon on the fourth. They report a nice time.

Shipper sells Walk Over shoes.

Lime in any quantity from 5c worth to a barrel at Darsey's.

Walk Over shoes for \$3.00 and \$4.00 at—Shippers.

We want to buy hides, green or dry. Geo. E. Darsey.

Dr. Meriwether and son Lewis Keen, were in town Wednesday from La Texo.

Base ball goods—full line at Carleton & Porter's.

Master Willie McRay Totty of Palestine visited his little friends here several days this week.

Some mighty good lemons at 20c per dozen at the Bon-Ton.

Mrs. B. F. Hill and children went to Crockett Monday to visit relatives.

Fruit jars, tops, rubbers and jelly glasses cheap at Darsey's.

Miss Mary Lou Thompson of Ioni visited relatives here Saturday.

Bed springs, mattresses, cots, window shades and matting at Darsey's.

Wright Pridgen came in from Tyler Monday where he had been on business.

Both men and ladies low cut shoes go cheap at J. G. Shipper and Son's.

Mrs. John R. Taylor and little son of Gum Springs community were very pleasant callers at our office Saturday.

A new lot of Courtney's shoes just received at Saxon's. Call and see them before you buy.

Augusta and Grapeland are preparing to play a game of ball here in town next Friday afternoon.

Best assorted patterns and sizes in cotton pants for \$1.00 at—Shippers.

Prof. Jas. O'Keefe of Mt. Selman was in the city Wednesday on business and shaking hands with old friends.

Every patron and pupil of the Grapeland Public School should note the change in the "ad" this week. It contains something important.

Just received at the Bon-Ton a nice line of non-intoxicant wines, such as Tokay, Port and Blackberry. Get a bottle and go your way rejoicing.

We still have plenty of such things as fly paper, "skeeter" lotion and insect powder. W. H. Lively.

Prof. L. G. Sutarrall of Percilla passed through Monday en route to Tyler, where he goes to look after the principalship of a school near that place. While we hope the professor will be successful, yet we hate to give him up as a citizen of Houston county.

Wm. Harris of Glendale, Tenn., was in the city last week prospecting. He was well pleased with our country and will return in August to select a location. Mr. Harris is a relative of Mr. B. F. Campbell.

Mrs. Hubert Toler left Tuesday for her home in Hico, after a several days visit here to home folks and friends. She returned by way of Allenfarm to spend a few days with her brother, Octa Hollingsworth. She was accompanied by Miss Ida Coleman Lively.

# Geo. E. Darsey,

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## GEO. E. DARSEY,

We Buy Chickens; Eggs, Bees Wax, and Will Buy Your  
Hides, Dry, Half Dry, or Green, Just Any  
— To Get Them. —

Buy from Shipper.

White Wave flour in sacks or barrels at Darsey's.

All sizes in underwear, prices and color at Shipper's.

Miss Lillian Eaves of Groveton is in the city visiting her cousins, Misses Etta and Birdie Eaves.

We want to buy your chickens, eggs, hides and bees wax. Geo. E. Darsey.

Rev. S. F. Lively came in Monday from near Lovelady where he had been for several days.

You can get ground meal at Darsey's—either fresh home ground or bolted—just as you like.

People living in the Oriole community wishing to subscribe for the Messenger can do so by calling on our agent, Alex King, at the Oriole News Agency.

Olan Davis and Ainsworth Selkirk are nursing Fourth of July wounds, received while playing ball.

Mrs. Jas. Whitley of Palestine who has been visiting relatives in our city, returned home Sunday.

We use nothing but highest quality goods in our prescription department. W. H. Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lively left Saturday for Groveton to visit their daughter, Mrs. A. N. Henry.

Mrs. R. H. Lacy and Mrs. Pritchard Millar visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony Sunday and Monday.

Major Whittaker has returned from Turney, where he has been for several months, and will spend the summer here at home.

Mrs. J. Edward Stowe of Waco has arrived in the city and will spend some time visiting her mother, Mrs. G. M. Hollingsworth. Her many friends are glad to see her.

New lot of dress goods this week at—Shippers.

Mrs. Bert Guice spent several days at Salmon this week visiting.

Tom Kenedy, an old and respected citizen living near Elkhart died at his home last Friday.

The protracted meeting will begin at the Methodist Church next Sunday.

The missing link to your happiness can be found in a year's subscription to the Messenger.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson and little Austin Flint returned from Crockett Saturday night where they had been visiting relatives.

FOR SALE—Big red Jersey cow with heifer calf for sale; good milker; perfectly gentle; they go cheap. Apply at Messenger.

George Scarbrough, Fletch Harmon, F. A. Faris and Geo. E. Darsey are on the river this week hunting and fishing. We are sure they are having a good time.

Good rain. Buy your goods from us. Good goods for a little price. It will cure the blues. W. B. Faris

### Your Trade

is appreciated and all orders entrusted to me will receive careful and prompt attention.

### My Stock

of staple and fancy groceries is always complete and you are invited to inspect the same. I make a speciality of high grade goods and make my prices as reasonable as possible.

I carry a well selected and up-to-date stock of notions and shoes. Come in and look through my stock.

### Jim Saxon.

Miss Cora Woodard visited relatives at Salmon several days this week.

Mrs. J. J. Davis and Miss Joe Vauda visited relatives at Elkhart Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Maude Sory has returned from Lufkin and will make Grapeland her home in the future. Her many friends extend her a glad and warm welcome.

## We Save You Money

On your purchases whether it be dry goods, notions, clothing, boots, or shoes, or whether it be sugar, coffee, flour, salt, tobacco, snuff, on anything you keep in a first-class store. We figure on small profits. We pay spot cash for what we buy. We appreciate your trade; we strive to please you.

## Just Received

New goods this week. Come to see us and get our prices; we know money is scarce, but we have made our prices mighty little; bring your chickens, eggs and bees wax with you; we pay the top price for them; don't forget that our stock is complete and we have got to sell the goods. We thank you for your trade.

# W. B. FARIS, Agt

**Do It Now, Boys**

The strong, strapping boys who will lay in bed and allow their gray headed mothers, or feeble fathers to get up and make fires and do other chores that they should do, will be sorry in the sweet by and by. There will come a time in their lives when they will suffer with remorse—remorse deep and bitter and still more cutting, because they have the full knowledge of their own cussed selfishness. They may not know it now, or not think of it, but when the tired hands have ceased from toil, and the features are tranquil in the unwakable sleep of death, they will then gaze upon "the voiceless lips and wrinkled brow" and with tears of unavailing regret blurring their vision, will think how much they could have spared mother. Say, you over grown, lubbery, no account hulk, did you ever stop to think you were once a little puny, feeble child? Did you ever think how much trouble you were to your mother and how uncomplainingly she ministered to your every need? How she guided you through the troublesome paths of infancy? Do you still expect this to continue through life? Alas, no. Her years are numbered. But a few more days and the race of life will have been run. Appreciate your mother while she is here boys. Help her while you can. Remember that one rose bud of your affection is worth more to her in life than a whole coffin full of blossoms when the heart has ceased to beat and the eyes are glazed in the unseen stars of death.—Corpus Christi Caller.

**The Troupe Fair.**

Mr. Editor—On July 12, 13 and 14 our community joined by Arp, Omen and all the communities adjoining us will have their annual Community Fair at Troupe. The fair is designed to show what progress this section of East Texas is making under the new order of things, namely, Diversified Farming. It will be educational in its scope and an interesting program is arranged for each day.

A number of the most able speakers in the state including Hon. T. M. Campbell, Hon. Gordon Russell, Hon. R. T. Milner, Hon. Sam H. Dixon and others of equal note will address the people on important topics of an agricultural, horticultural, livestock or industrial nature. An old fashion Sacred Harp singing, band concert by Troupe's fine band, popular theatrical performances and other similar features will furnish additional entertainment and instructions.

The first day is designated as Agricultural and Horticultural Day, the second, Live Stock and Poultry Day and the third, Educational and Home Comfort Day.

Low rates will be in effect from all points on the I. & G. N. Railroad north of and including Palestine, and all trains will stop at smaller stations so as to give the fullest accommodations to the travel.

The invitation committee request the honor of your presence and wishes through your columns to invite all your readers to visit our fair and be Troupe's guest during the continuance of same. Wilson Arnold, Sec. Program and Invitation Com.

W. M. Bamburg of Houston, the government boll weevil map, was in the city Wednesday.

**An Essay On Man.**

Man born of woman is of few days and full of promises. He buyeth freely at the market place and sayeth "Charge it," and it is charged. On the first day of the month the collector called at his domicile and finding him out, neither is he at the synagogue nor at the well. He abideth not at the caravansary and no man hath seen him that day. Night cometh on apace and the collector giveth up the chase and wendeth his way homeward sorrowing. The second day cometh and he who has bought at the market place is seen of all men; he perambuleth the highways and looketh large; yea, he weareth a chrysanthemum in his button-hole. He applaudeth his own pride and seemeth to own the whole earth. The seller in the place eyeth him from afar and sayeth, to the collector: Behold him who thou soughtest the whole of yesterday. He that was hid from view hath appeared again. Go thou and seek of him the seven dollars and fifty cents he oweth thy master. And straightway the collector calleth out and sayeth: Here is thine account which is due the merchant at the market place, seven fifty six, please. And lo, the man sayeth: "Thou comest too late, oh, son of a gun; I sought thee on the first day and found thee not; now my purse is empty and I am shy of a sou." Then the collector lifted up his voice and weepeth bitterly.

Oh, Solomon, wisest of all sages, hast thou said 'All men are liars.'—Ex.

In looking through our exchanges last week, we noted eight cases of accidental shooting, two of them fatal. A fool and a gun make a bad combination. Four of the cases were of the didn't know it was loaded type, but the victims are just as dead as if they had been murdered with malice aforethought.—Sun.

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**Percilla Notes.**

Crop prospects have improved a great deal since the rains set in. On account of the ground being so wet farm work has been hindered for several days and has given General Green a decided advance.

The protracted meeting at Evergreen, under the leadership of Rev. W. C. Banks, assisted by Rev. A. F. Watkins, is still in progress and seems to be gathering interest.

The Sunday school is progressing nicely as we now have a good attendance.

Rev. J. G. Braly filled his regular appointment at Percilla Sunday.

Miss Ethel Braly will begin a private literary school here on July 10.

Miss Ella Pipkin of Buffalo is visiting friends and relatives here.

Mr. Louis Tipton of Corine is visiting relatives and old friends in this community.

A young man has recently made his advent into the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sumrall.

Mrs. J. G. Braly has been suffering greatly for several days on account of a carbuncle.

Mr. W. E. Gainey was in Percilla Saturday night fulfilling a special appointment.

On account of sickness the debate for last Saturday night was postponed till next Saturday night.

Mr. Seth Fitchet is just up from a spell of chills and fever it now being Mr. Alton Murchison's time. LA PEN.

**Boll Weevils Leaving Williamson County.**

From information given by a number of leading farmers around Taylor, it is learned the boll weevil is disappearing from the cotton field. The cause for their leaving is not known but farmers say it is a fact.—Ex.

Rev. J. G. Braly and W. F. Murchison of Percilla left Monday for Troupe to attend the Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church.

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**Farmers' Union Picnic.**

Following is the programme for the farmers' union picnic at Tyler's Lake on July 7th:

Address of Welcome—J. F. Garrett, Pres. of Grapeland Dist. Union.

Song of Welcome, lead by Prof. W. R. Campbell.

Address by T. M. Walton of Jacksonville, Texas.

Music. Dinner.

The union will re-assemble at 2 o'clock.

Music. Address by some of our State Lecturers in behalf of the F. E. & C. U. of A.

We extend a cordial invitation to everybody to come and bring that box full of good things to eat. Everybody wishing to witness the opening exercises be on hand promptly at 10 a. m.

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