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**We Are After Your Trade and are Willing to Make Liberal Concessions to Get it.**

On account of a contemplated change in our business on January 1st, 1906, we are going to sell goods cheaper than any firm in Grapeland has ever done. We have got to reduce our stock. We have the goods, you have the money; we need the money, you need the goods; call and let's see if we can't make a trade.

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—HAVE TO BUY—

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We have a very complete line of groceries, such as flour, salt, bran, sugar, coffee, hams, bacon, lard, dried fruits and canned goods. We have these different brans of flour: White Wave, \$1.25; Texas Pride \$1.25; Mascot, Cat Brand, \$1.25; Cuckoo \$1.45; Grand Saline Salt, fine, per 100 lb. sack 45c; Bran in 100 lb. sacks \$1.10; new ribbon cane syrup per gal. 50c; Sugar, the kind you want; coffee as you want it, green, parched or ground, in buckets, cans or packages; We also keep in stock mackerel, onions, Irish and sweet potatoes. We want to sell you your groceries; we promise full weights and measures and a new fresh stock.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 1905.

Cotton is still "it."

Christmas guns are a popin'!

It's in the wind that there are going to be some changes made in business here on January 1.

Pay your poll tax and your subscription to the Messenger and therefore be a respectable citizen.

A few thousand gallons of paint judiciously applied on the residences of Grapeland would help the looks of the town more than anything we can think of.

Editor Habermacher of the Shiner Gazette (our old boss) is a prospective candidate for the legislature from Lavacca county. We always hate to hear of a good man going wrong.

The other day while we rested from writin' a heavy editorial, we made a hog trough. (We make everything at the Coaster office besides printin'.) We went out to pick up some news around the court house and when we got back our trough was gone. As nobody but a doctor "knowed" we made it, and we told him when asked us that it was a hog incubator. We are of the assumption that the doctor got the trough and is endeavorin' to hatch out some little hoglets. Nearly everybody in Fort Bend has gone hog wild, anyhow.—Richmond Coaster.

### A MAIL ORDER BUGGY.

Charley Harger tells the following story on a Dickenson county farmer. The farmer was in the market for a buggy. He went to town talked with his local dealer, priced everything in sight and went home. He told his wife all about it and together they hunted up a catalogue of their mail order house and looked it over. "Yes here's the same buggy," said the woman, only \$37.23 and you said them town fellows want \$55. "My but those fellows

are high." They grabbed for and filled out an order blank. Then to make the buggy the same as the one in town they had to give an additional order for rubber tires which come to \$13.16. In about two weeks the buggy arrived and when the farmer went to the depot he was presented with a bill for \$8.14. This he paid without murmur. Going into the freight room he found the buggy lying there in a half a dozen crates—knocked down. He returned home, hitched to his wagon the next day, landed the buggy—knocked down—at home. The next day he "set it up." One wheel was pretty badly smashed. He wrote the mail order house about this and was in turn referred to the railroad. Becoming tired waiting for the two companies to act, he sent an order for another wheel which arrived safely at a cost of \$5.19, plus \$1.21 freight, making a total of \$6.40. Now the buggy was complete and the farmer started thinking. "Say, mother, do you know we've been beat on this buggy deal? This buggy has cost us, after waiting five week's time, just \$64.90 and that town man only wanted \$55. Where's that pesky catalog? Let's burn it right now even if the weather gauge is 100." And they did. That was a year or so ago, and the mail order buggy looks worse than an ordinary buggy should after five year's wear. The paint has blistered, the wheels are badly dished and the rubber in the tires was worthless—so was the buggy.—Emporia Kansas Gazette.

The moral to the above is easily found and that is "buy from your home merchants," not only your buggy, but everything else. Your home merchants appreciate your trade and will treat you right for he expects you to buy from him again, while a mail order house never expects the second order. Patronize home industry even if seems to cost a little more.—Merkel Mail.

## FROM LA TEXO.

Messenger Correspondent Believes in Good Time.

La Texo, Dec. 12.—We have had a nice spell of hog killing weather and back bones and spare ribs are plentiful and when we come to sum it all up this is a very good old world to live in any way. As Judd Lewis of the Houston Post says:

"It's a good old world my brother My sister, ain't it good? When the evening lamps are lighted

And the wood box full o' wood, And a dish of red cheeked apples Is a settin' handy by— It's a good old world indeed And

that ain't no lie."

T. H. Leaverton spent a few hours in town last week investigating the location for his planer.

Mr. Hayes will begin shipping cabbage soon. They are very fine and will turn out well.

Some farmers are beginning to plow already for another crop. This is business and the ones that hustle early next year will be the ones who jingle the \$\$\$\$\$

Tom Taylor is preparing to move to the Jesse Jones place near Grapeland.

Chas. Allen has moved to Leaverton's mill and has charge of the log transportation department.

Henry Foley, who has been at the 4C mills for some time, has come home and will make a crop on the Brince Dickson place.

We are haying rain today and Christmas is near by. Have to look out for Santa Claus and he may come this year with his snow shoes on.

Mrs. Ira Wall has been very sick this week but is better today. REX.

We are wearing a smile a yard long these days. Those who have remembered us are: J. B. Phillips, J. F. Lively, D. C. Poe, T. D. Zachery, Wilson Whittaker Geo. L. Tyer, Frank Leaverton, J. L. Ward, Edgar Bean, Miss Jessie Meriwether. Now let others follow suit.

Prof. Walker King was down from Palestine Saturday for an other quail hunt. We saw his game and it looked like the limit had been reached.

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CANDY TOILET ARTICLES GREAT VARIETY. CANDY

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WITH EACH \$1.00 PURCHASE.

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**25 PER CENT DISCOUNT**

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Address,

**The Messenger,**  
Grapeland, Texas.



## KILLING AT CROCKETT. ELKHART HAPPENINGS.

**E. A. Corbin Shot and Killed by J. B. Satterwhite.**

Crockett, Tex., Dec. 9.—John B. Satterwhite, a respected farmer living about six miles south of Crockett, today shot and instantly killed E. A. Corbin. The killing occurred on Main street in Crockett about 3 o'clock this afternoon, and is the culmination of trouble between these parties of some months' standing. Corbin at the time of the shooting was in a wagon and had with him a loaded Winchester, when Satterwhite met him and opened fire with a shotgun. Death was instantaneous, the shot penetrating the skull.

The body fell from the wagon and was dragged some fifteen feet before the team was stopped. The body was then taken in charge by the officers and carried to the jail pending investigation.

Satterwhite gave himself up to the officers and is awaiting a preliminary trial. His bond was set at \$1,500, which he readily gave.

At the time of the shooting the street was crowded with wagons and thronged with people, and it is almost a miracle that no one else was injured.

The very best Christmas gift, the most useful one for your son or daughter, is a scholarship for a business course, shorthand or telegraphy in Tyler Commercial College. It is a gift which will last through life, repeating itself in value and money returns year by year. It is one which does not perish with the using, but grows better the more it is used. It is a treasure none can steal, worth most when most needed, always ready for use, always valuable, useful every day and costs but \$45. It will be worth that much every month through life. A mail course, which can be taken at home at leisure moments, is only \$15. Leave your son or daughter money and it may be wasted; property, and it may be lost; and if one should have money or property, that training will enable it to be kept secure. You can make no better present, no finer investment. Your boy must be in business; he will, then, need business training. Your girl may some day have to make her own living; if so, a practical course will be worth many times the French, art, and society manners of the average female college. The best place for the best courses is the Tyler Com'l. College, Tyler, Texas.

A man in Arkansas was recently tried for assault and battery with intent to kill. The state brought into court, of the weapons used, a rail, ax, a pair of tongs, a saw and a rifle. The defendant's counsel, as the other man's weapons, a scythe, a pitchfork, a pistol, a dog, a razor and a hoe. The jury decided the case as follows: "We the jury, would have given a dollar to have seen the fight."—Ex.

The negro question is the gravest one that now confronts the American people. The assaults which the daily papers report with almost every issue will not be tolerated much longer, for the people have stood about as much of it as they will. Just how it will be settled remains to be seen, but it looks like colonization is the only rational way in which it can be disposed of without serious trouble.—Brownwood Bulletin.

**All the News of the Past Week by a Correspondent.**

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 11.—Misses Katie and Almarine Allen of Palestine were visitors to our city Sunday. While here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lawrence.

Misses Manerly and Jennie McDemott were among the many visitors to our city Sunday.

Mr. Clayton Neel and daughter, Miss Clara, of Augusta, visited relatives in our city the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Will Neel went to Crockett last Friday to spend a few days with relatives.

Rev. Campbell of Guiceland preached to an appreciative audience Sunday.

The stockholders of the Elkhart Lake have been making good time this week shooting ducks one and a half miles east of this place.

Messrs. Bob Glenn, Louis Walling and Oscar Knox left for Clarendon, Texas, Sunday where they will work at the carpenters' trade.

Mrs. Buck and daughter, Miss Daisy, of LaFayette, Ind., arrived in the city Saturday night to spend a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Bratz.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Neel went to Augusta Friday to see relatives, returning Sunday.

Messrs. W. J. Bridges and C. P. Quarles went to Palestine Sunday to attend court for this week.

We are very glad indeed to chronicle Mr. Will Neel's condition better since the run away several weeks ago. He was bruised up considerably, but is getting along nicely now.

Mr. T. F. Kerr, one of our progressive farmers, had business in Palestine Saturday.

The warehouse of Weatherford and DuPuy is being recovered. Rev. A. L. Houston has bought the Perkins place one mile west of here. Consideration unknown.

The crate factory is running regular now to be ready to handle the spring truckers.

Mr. Zeno Morris, who has been confined to his bed with typhoid fever for several weeks, is no better we are sorry to say.

The school is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

Speaking of the most mysterious of all mysteries, the Hamilton Rustler says: "For a man to be cut down in the battle of life before the sun of his possible achievements have reached its meridian; for a human heart to be stilled that throbs with noble ambition unrealized; for eyes to be forever closed that are gazing upon a beautiful bow of promise that spans the horizon of life, is something we cannot understand. Perhaps we will know when we no longer see through a glass darkly."

When a woman with a lot of children and baskets and valises leaves on a train, says an exchange, there is no one to see her off; but when a girl with nothing but an empty pocket book and a mouth full of gum goes away, there is enough people with her to start a town.—Merkel Mail.

# Farm Rights

FOR THE

...PLASTER AUTOMATIC GATE...

Are Worth \$3.00.

FOR SALE BY

Wyley Caskey,

Grapeland, Texas.

OR AT THE

Messenger Office.

Apply to either of the above, purchase a farm right and put up as many gates as you need. They are simple in construction and any man can put up one after reading the instructions.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

The last names on the roll are Lucy Brimberry and Ethel Ellis, first grade; Bennie Williams, second grade. Now the enrollment is 183 pupils.

When Mr. Cain was recently absent a day, Mrs. Cain taught high school department and Mr. Frank Leaverton filled intermediate department.

Friday afternoon Mr. Jim Lively who lives some sixteen miles out in the country came in after his daughter, Miss Gertrude. They were accompanied by Miss Clara Lively.

Olen Beazley spent Saturday with his parents at Reynard.

Miss Howard, the primary teacher, was in Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

Did the boys who attended the show at Crockett Saturday night tell you it was only a little old bummy medicine show?

Mr. N. S. Herod was in to see us awhile Friday afternoon. He was accompanied out home by his son Sam.

Beula and Webb Kersh who have been driving about six miles to school every day are now boarding in town since the days have become so short. Mrs. Kersh came in after them Friday evening.

Since the sixth grade have finished their physiology they have taken up literature in its place. The seventh grade are taking literature instead of Tex-

as history.

None of our teachers attended the institute at Kennard Mills, and in fact only one teacher in this whole section went. The institute was located at such an out-of-the-way place that very few would attend except those who had something special to do.

The ninth grade have just completed Last of the Mohicans. In one month they read the book and prepared essays on special subjects connected with the book. They seemed to have enjoyed it immensely.

Annie Robertson writes back from Lytle that she is making perfect on nearly all her examinations. Our students never fail to make high records when they go to other schools.

Of all the measly mongrels of demonical damedness, that creature that sits on the street corner with a mountain torrent of tobacco juice and vile language running out of a hole in his face and his person perfumed with rot-gut and general corruptedness, is the most detestible. And yet the average sappy-headed kid thinks it more honorable to emulate the example of such a character than to do hard work. Much is being said about the degeneration of the human race, and judging from the ever present facts there is much foundation for the argument.—El Campo Citizen.

Hermie Howard of Crockett was in the city this week for a quail hunt.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 11.—Dear Santa—Will you please bring me the following: Knife, wagon, apples, oranges, cocoa nut, candy, English walnuts, negro toes, negro shooters and bring some sugar and soda to cook cake with. A good little boy. Tucker Campbell.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 11.—Dear Santa—Please bring me the following: A big doll; I want one that can open and close its eyes; bring me a little bed for it to sleep in; bring me some apples, oranges, candy, English walnuts, butter nuts and a big cocoa nut; You will find my stocking hanging by the fire-place. A good little girl. Prudie Campbell.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 11.—Dear Santa—Please bring me the following: A big doll that can close its eyes, with black curly hair and blue eyes; also a bed and carriage, oranges, apples, candy, butter nuts, English walnuts and a blue calico dress. You will find my stocking by the fire-place. A smart little girl. Audrey Campbell.

We frankly admit that a dollar is a very convenient thing to have, yet there are other things in life far more important. A good name, a bright reputation, a spotless character is of much more value than gold, and young people should be taught that life consists of nobler higher duties than the mere attainment of money. In localities it really appears the people have gone mad.—Merkel Mail.

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 "THE TEXAS ROAD," Palestine, Texas.

### AN APPROACHING WEDDING.

Friends of the bride and groom to be have received the following:

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Collins invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter  
**Mattie**  
 to

Mr. William Isaac Kennedy  
 Wednesday evening, December the twenty-seventh nineteen hundred and five at eight o'clock  
 Presbyterian Church  
 Crockett, Texas.

Both young people are very popular in the social circles of Crockett, and have a host of friends here who join the Messenger in advancing congratulations.

On the discovery of a bedbug on a hotel register, Horace Greeley is quoted as having once remarked: "I've traveled from the pineclad hills of Maine to where the meekeyed maiden of the 'Sunny South' bathes her tiny feet in the Gulf of Mexico and from the turbulent waters of the Atlantic to where the waters of the Pacific kiss the golden shores of California. I have traveled all over the United States and parts of New Jersey, visiting the principal cities and seeing all natural curiosities—the Niagara Falls, the natural bridge of Virginia and the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky. I have seen the 'Star in the East' that guided the wise men of Bethlehem to the place where Christ was born, and I have stood on the summit of Pike's Peak and looked on the firmament and plains below, but never in all my travels have I stopped at a hotel where bedbugs came down to see the number of the room assigned to an unsuspecting and well-fed tenderfoot from the east."

"If newspaper editors knew how many knocks they receive behind their backs they would adopt another calling," remarked a citizen the other day, says the Noble County Sentinel. The newspaper editor who succeeds expects to be malignd by every law breaker, swindler, hypocrite, every harping critic and lover of notoriety who is ignored and in fact by all persons who do not agree with him in all public and private matters. The newspaper man that expects to go through without being misrepresented and unjustly censured should buy a monument, get measured for a coffin and prepare to die young. His day of usefulness is ended—Wills Point Chronicle.

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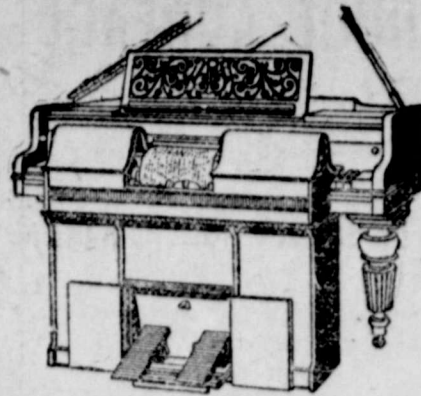
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What more refined present of a musical instrument of moderate price could be given than a MUSIC BOX. We have them in stock for

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Easy payments on these.



### PIANOS

If You Want a Piano in Time for the Christmas Holidays

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## Will A. Watkin Music Co.

276 E. Elm Street, Dallas, Texas



### GUM SPRINGS NEWS.

Messenger Correspondent Tells the News.

Gum Springs, Dec. 12.—After an absence of two weeks, and as the latch of the Messenger office hangs on the outside, I will pull the string and come in.

Mr. Smith has about recovered from the rapid growth of the Smith family.

C. A. Campbell is at home this week preparing for the county union which meets at Guiceland Thursday.

Miss Jennie Oliphant has been quite sick but is back at her post of duty and under her management the school is moving out.

Rev. Campbell accepted an invitation to preach at Elkhart last Sunday. He was requested to preach again the next second Sunday.

Well, Mr. Editor, Xmas is near by and from the smell ye scribe got while in town yesterday it looks like things will be getting bad by that time. I wish all that drink the stuff would go away back and sit down. The way some talk there is a lot of the stuff comes to Grapeland. Wonder who will spend Xmas like we should think of the day.

Say, what did you get for your thanksgiving dinner? All the beef is not gone up this way so when it gives out down there come up here and share with the rest of us boys. (Now don't you worry about our thanksgiving dinner. We were well fed and ate turkey till we gobbled.)

Long live the Messenger and the "kid." **SCHOOL BOY.**

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kennedy of Augusta returned from Crockett Sunday where they had been visiting.

### WHEN THE KIDNEYS ARE AILING.

The Urgent Need of Prompt Restorative Measures is Something That Every One Should Understand.

"A Stitch in Time Saves Nine."

Slight disorders in the kidneys or urinary organs are more serious than most people think. The first warning symptoms should receive prompt medical treatment to ward off Bright's Disease or some other dangerous malady. When the kidneys are ailing and the symptoms become sufficiently pronounced to be noticeable the condition calls at once for prompt measures to stay the progress of the disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is the remedy needed. Taken on the appearance of the first symptoms, such as pain in the back, puffiness under the eyes, irregularities in the urine, digestive disorders, it will save the victim incalculable misery and suffering, mental torture and expense. Used at the beginning of the trouble it cures quickly. Used in the more advanced stages it will win back health and strength as rapidly as circumstances will possibly permit.

Accept no substitute. Insist on having the genuine Prickly Ash Bitters with the large figure 3 in red on the front label.  
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#### 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.....8:05 P. M.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Representative Warren J. Kelfer purposes to introduce a bill to reduce representation in states where suffrage is restricted by suffrage legislation.

In 1878 only two tons of aluminum were produced in the world. In 1900 the production was 7,300 tons. The price was then about \$8 a pound, and is now about 40 cents.

Gen. Stephen D. Lee has sent a message to Mr. Roosevelt thanking him for recommending in his message that the graves of Confederate dead be made a care of the Government.

High water in the Laguna district of Mexico is damaging the cotton plantations and has temporarily tied up the Mexican Central Railroad. The Nazas River is out of its banks.

Capt. Carter B. Harrison, brother of the late President Benjamin Harrison, is dead at Murfreesboro, Tenn., aged sixty-six years.

The resignation of Robert H. McCurdy, general manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, was presented to the board of trustees Friday and accepted. The resignation takes place Dec. 31.

It is stated that John A. McCall has stated that he has no intention of retiring from the New York Life Insurance Company, but on the other hand, will fight it out with his enemies.

W. H. Brown, of Plainfield, N. J., arrived a few days since from Russia, and brought with him a present to President Roosevelt, sent by the Czar in recognition of his services in bringing about peace.

Railroads in the West have had considerable bad luck during the past few days with floods and high waters. Trains have been delayed and much inconvenience has resulted to travel as a consequence.

The union scale for brick layers in Chicago is \$2 1-2 cents an hour, but nearly every brick layer in the city is now receiving 75 cents an hour. Even with the increased wages enough men cannot be found.

The German Union of Oklahoma held its annual meeting at Kingfisher Friday and adopted resolutions asking for immediate joint statehood and the same were forwarded immediately to Congressman McGuire.

J. C. Gengler, for the past several years Chief Deputy District Clerk at Galveston, was appointed by the District Judges of the local courts to the position of District clerk. He succeeds J. F. Simons, who died Thursday.

Train going south from Longview on the Texas and Gulf, was wrecked one mile south of Beckville Friday, and Cad Booth, colored porter was instantly killed and John R. Alexander, conductor, painfully but not dangerously hurt, and several passengers bruised and shaken.

Jack McDougald, a local athletic champion of Chicago is dead, as the result of a knockout in the ninth round of a ten-round bout Wednesday night. Sid Roberts is in jail charged with murder.

A. J. Johnson, a carpenter employed on the government snagboat Mayfield, died on board the boat Thursday, which is working in Brazos channel. He had drunk about half a pint of wood alcohol, which caused his death.

Fine varnish won't hide a marred place any more than fancy phrases will cover up poor quality.

George L. Dobson has resigned his position as consul general at Hangchow, China, after but a few weeks. He says Hangchow is the filthiest city on earth.

A fire broke out in the hold of the Rosalie, a Joy line steamer, laid up for the winter at a South Brooklyn pier New York, Thursday, and five men nearly lost their lives.

The first annual exhibition of poultry by the Hopkins County Poultry Association began at Sulphur Springs Tuesday morning and continued two days. Between seventy-five and fifty pure bred fowls were on display and the exhibit drew many sight-seers.

# REDUCE ACREAGE

HARVIE JORDAN ISSUES APPEAL TO SOUTHERN FARMERS.

## LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

This Constitution, Says Jordan, Only True Medium of Regulating Cotton Prices.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association issued a circular letter to the farmers of the South yesterday regarding a reduction in cotton acreage for 1906. The letter says in part:

"The Southern Cotton Growers' Association will not ask the farmers of the South to reduce the cotton acreage for 1906 less than that planted in 1905. The association does ask and insist with all the force at its command, however, that the acreage planted in cotton throughout the belt in 1905 be not increased during the planting season of 1906. Let the watchword of every Southern farmer be 'Diversification,' and through that agency produce an abundance of food supplies to maintain each farm.

"The present estimated 27,000,000 acres planted in cotton is sufficient under normal climatic conditions to produce enough cotton to meet the demands of spinners for the American staple. Any material increase in the cotton acreage for 1906 will tend to stagnate the cotton market and depress prices below their legitimate value. The legitimate laws of supply and demand is the only true medium of regulating fair and legitimate prices for our great staple product."

President Jordan closes the letter with a strong appeal to the farmers to plant an abundance of small grain, corn and side crops and urges them to raise more hay, cattle, hogs, etc., that the farmers may become more self-sustaining.

### National Farmers' Union.

Texarkana, Texas: The executive committee of the National Farmers' Union did not leave for home until Saturday night, and one of them remained over until Sunday morning. It is learned now that a meeting of the committee was quietly planned Saturday afternoon, but nothing was done further than to decide on a meeting of the committee to be held at Dallas on Jan. 7. At that meeting plans will be discussed and adopted for the publication of a national newspaper organ. The question of a national headquarters will also be settled, and from what could be learned the choice of this honor will be between Dallas and Texarkana. Other matters of importance to the order will also be taken up and disposed of at the meeting.

### Pacific Mail Monopoly Broken.

Panama: Guatemala cables that the agent of the Panama alioard makes the official announcement that he will accept freight from those countries via that line from any steamer, thus abolishing the Pacific Mail monopoly. This will mean a big increase in coastwise trade and German steamers will probably go into the trade, resulting in an increase of Panama Railroad freight and saving of the trip around the Horn.

### Luke Wright in Washington.

Chicago: Governor General Luke T. Wright of the Philippines left Sunday night for Washington, where he expects to remain over until the opening of railroad bids for the construction of approximately a thousand miles of track in the islands. The governor was accompanied by his wife and son.

### Bullet Hole in His Breast.

Memphis, Tenn.: B. L. Cox, a clothing salesman, was found dead on the Fort Pickering road in South Memphis, with a bullet hole in his breast. William McCarker, city scavenger, has been arrested in connection with the killing.

### Snow at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas: Snow has been falling in El Paso continuously for fifteen hours, with weather indications that the precipitation will continue for some time. Very little of the snow remains on the ground owing to the weather not being cold.

### McDade Voted for Prohibition.

McDade, Texas: An election was held here Saturday, resulting in the defeat of the anti-prohibitionists as follows: Pros, 130; anti, 42.

HOLD FOR 15c.

## Cheatham Urges the Southern Cotton Planter to Stand His Ground.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 11.—Richard Cheatham, secretary of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, issued an open letter to the cotton growers of the South yesterday, in which he urges them to hold for 15c cotton. He says in part:

"The cotton growers of the South, through and with the assistance of their organization, the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, are slowly but surely winning the greatest commercial battle ever known to the world.

"On September 7 the association advised the farmers to ask 11c for their cotton, as conditions fully warranted that price. Many fixed that price and sold for it.

"Now on December 1 the fact that the crop is a very short one has been established beyond a shadow of a doubt, and only a small remnant of that left unsold, also that the markets are bare of dry goods, with future prices formally advanced, cotton mills loaded down with contracts and orders for goods for several months ahead and only with about one-half enough cotton in sight to fill them. Will they pay 15c for cotton? Why, of course they will, if you ask it. If you do not they will take it at 5c, as they have done in the past.

"Decide for yourselves—let them have it its actual value, 15c, or let them take it at their price, 5c—it is yours, do as you please, but remember that if you sell for less than its value, 15c, you are not only injuring yourself, but every other owner of cotton is being denied his price while you are giving yours away, which prevents the advance as long as they can get it at less than its value.

"Hundreds of thousands of bales are being pledged to the Southern Cotton Growers' Association for 15c, enough to force the price to its value very soon unless buyers can continue to get yours that is not pledged at their price; in this event the price cannot reach its value until yours has been taken out of the way and at their price—then the loyal ones will again reap the benefit of their association's hard work in their behalf."

### A Kentucky Killing.

Lexington, Ky.: In attempting to arrest Jake Noble at Jackson yesterday, Grant Holliday, a deputy sheriff, was shot and killed. Holliday had a warrant charging a misdemeanor and sought out Noble in the suburbs. It is no known what words passed between them, but Holliday shot Noble in the face with a shotgun. Raising to his elbow, Noble fired six bullets into Holliday, killing him instantly. Noble is not expected to live.

### Launching the Idaho.

Philadelphia: The United States battleship Idaho was launched at 12:30 o'clock Saturday at the yards of the Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company. The vessel was christened by Miss Louise May Gooding, the 13-year old daughter of Governor Frank R. Gooding of Idaho. After the launching luncheon was served in the mold loft.

### Praise for Roosevelt.

St. Petersburg: The belated press comment on President Roosevelt's message to congress is extremely friendly. The Slovo described the message as the voice of the leader of a great and united country conscious of its right to a position in the first rank of the council of nations.

### Struck by a Meteor.

Ravia, I. T.: The southbound Meteor knocked Frazier McLish off the track, seriously injuring him in the hip and kidneys and internal organs. His home is at Kingston.

### Paris Bourse Firm.

Paris: Prices on the Bourse were very firm Saturday owing to the belief that the Russian strike is nearing conclusion. Prices went steadily upward till the close.

### Child Labor Legislation.

Washington: Felix Adler of New York headed a delegation which talked to the president about the enactment of child labor legislation. The president expressed his hearty sympathy with the objects of the commission and promised to give them his earnest support.

### Uvalde Goes Dry.

Uvalde, Texas: Uvalde county went prohibition in Saturday's election by 76 majority.

# THE MAILED HAND

REACTION AND REVOLUTION CONFRONT EACH OTHER.

## ARMED REVOLUTION PLANNED.

Durnovo Claims Irrefutable Proof Against Krustaleff, the Strike Leader—Witte's Ministry Tettered.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—It is ascertained on high authority that the government has finally decided against universal suffrage and practically in favor of the old project of twenty-one workmen representatives and the extension of the ballot to the small rent payers, merchants and the educated classes. However, the law must still pass the Council of the Empire and receive imperial approval.

The railroad men claim that they have been informed that several sections of the southwestern systems have already responded to the appeal for a general strike. Cooler heads, however, are advising against precipitating action which might result in failure and are urging a postponement of action until the organizations throughout the country have been consulted.

It is believed that if the attempt at reaction is persisted in, the Moderate Liberals, who are disgusted with the tactics of the revolutionaries, fearing anarchy, will surely be driven back into the camp of the extremists.

Premier Witte's friends declare emphatically that he has never been in favor of an armed repression, and they intimate strongly that the arrests of the strike leaders must be charged to Interior Minister Durnovo, who insisted that he had proof, which could be established in the courts, that M. Krustaleff was planning an armed revolution and that, besides attempting to subvert the government, he had attacked its credit in circulars advising the peasants and workmen to withdraw their funds from the savings banks. Notwithstanding this, doubt is expressed as to whether M. Durnovo can establish his case, as the specific law making agitation for political strikes which interfere with the railroads, telegraphs, posts, etc., a criminal offense, has not yet been promulgated. It is expected, however, that the law will be promulgated before the end of the week, when it is said the government can proceed legally against the present agitators.

It is understood that Gen. Dedulin, Prefect of St. Petersburg, has refused to carry out Durnovo's orders, that he has resigned and that he has been succeeded by Baron de Meyendorff, commander of Emperor Nicholas' bodyguard.

A humorous sidelight on the situation is the action of the cooks, laundresses and porters of the asylum for the insane in striking and demanding that the chief physician be chosen by the equal, direct and secret ballot of the employees.

The printers of the Russ, the chief organ of the Liberals, an edition of which was seized last night, have now struck because the proprietor has refused to pay them for the time lost during the strike.

The situation is exceedingly ominous.

Public opinion is practically unanimous that the government has entered upon the fatal path of reaction and that Witte's ministry must fall.

Reaction and revolution confront each other in a death struggle. Both Gen. Treppoff and Gen. Count Ignatieff, according to popular impression, are being held in reserve to execute the program of repression. It is again said that the entire Cossack strength of 400,000 will be mobilized in a supreme effort to crush the revolutionary forces.

Gen. Parseneff said: "I think we are coming to rivers of blood in which the revolutionary party will lose their game and Russia her liberty."

Certainly the appearance of street demonstrations yesterday seemed to justify this gloomy picture of the future. The capital resembles a great military camp. The patrols everywhere were doubled, and grim looking cannon rumbled the streets. What happened smacked strongly of the old regime. A large workmen's meeting was dispersed by Cossacks.

Gonzales, Texas: L. Martin shipped one car of calves, and Houston & Boothe one car of cows to New Orleans Friday.

MAC STEWART STRICKEN.

Vocal Organs Are Paralyzed—To Be Placed in a Sanitarium.

Sherman, Texas, Dec. 12.—Released from a Mexican prison, in a dungeon of which he had lain for ten years, Mac Stewart, the Confederate veteran in whose cause noble, sacrificing efforts were made, was fated to enjoy surcease from woes but a short season. Word has reached Sherman that a few days since at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Harn, at Chillicothe, Hardeman county, he has stricken with paralysis, which has practically left him unable to articulate. His kinsman, Tom R. Stewart, of Whitney, left for Chillicothe Saturday to place him in a sanitarium for treatment.

### Live Wire Killed Bride.

Ballinger, Texas: A terrible accident occurred at the electric light plant in this city about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, in which the young wife of Solan Hughes lost her life. She was Miss Viola Mater and was married to Solan Hughes on Thanksgiving Day, and just a day or two ago they returned from their bridal visit, visiting relatives at San Antonio and other points.

Mr. Hughes has been employed at the plant for some months and his duties kept him there all night, last night being his first at his post since his return. His wife, it seems, had gone there to be with him and during the night came in contact with a live wire.

### Roosevelt's Critics.

Valparaiso: Roosevelt's message elicited no comment here, but the opinion is expressed that if his promises regarding America's dealings with the South American Republics are to be regarded anything like the settlement of the outrage committed by the cruiser Baltimore in 1891 they are not worth the paper on which they are written.

The government intends to call a conference of all nitrate producers with a view to the prompt organization of a new combination.

### Killed by a Gun.

Houston, Texas: Last night George Barnett, colored, was shot and killed accidentally at 1416 Austin street. Justice McDonald held the inquest, and the evidence showed that Elijah Patterson was cleaning a gun and Barnett was standing near, when the gun was accidentally discharged and the death of Barnett occurred. The shooting was purely accidental.

### Nantucket Crew Saved.

New Bedford, Mass.: The light-house tender Azalea arrived here at 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning with the crew of the Nantucket South Shoal Lightship.

The lightship foundered at 4 o'clock a. m. Monday, seven miles west of her station, while in tow of the tender.

### Tuskegee's Anniversary.

New York: It is announced that the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute will be celebrated in April, 1906. President Eliot of Harvard University will be one of the principal speakers.

### Pickers Wanted in Stamford.

Marlin, Texas: Farmers from Stamford county have been in this section of late in quest of cotton pickers. The price generally offered was 85 cents per 100 pounds. A great deal of cotton is said to be in the fields in that section.

### Cabbage Growth Retarded.

Alvin, Texas: The continued cold weather is retarding the growth of young cabbage in this section.

The truck growers are making large shipments of vegetables, and the demand seems to be good.

### Bell Has Sold Its Land.

Temple, Texas: The Commissioners' Court of Bell county has sold 173 acres of land owned by the county, and located in Montague county, realizing \$1,000 therefor.

### Life Insurance Trust Opinion.

Austin, Texas: Assistant Attorney General Jewell P. Lightfoot will render an opinion today on the question of whether a life insurance trust exists in Texas. He declined to say yesterday what the nature of the opinion would be.

### Six Persons Cremated.

New York: Six persons were burned to death and one injured in a fire which destroyed a five-story tenement house at One Hundredth street and Columbus avenue last night.

# ...DARSEY'S CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS...

Next week everybody will want to get something for Christmas presents for husband, wife, daughter, son, mother, father, or friend, and we submit some good practical presents that will be useful and appreciated by anyone. Not a lot of things that are of no use, but something that will cause the giver to be remembered for a long time. ❄ ❄ ❄ ❄ ❄ ❄

## LADIES' FINE SHOES

No. A96 Ladies White House Patent kid blutcher, McKay soles, dull tops, fast ilets, military heels, a very dressy shoe, price \$3.00

No A8 Ladies Usona patent colt blutcher, McKay soles, large fast ilets, dull top, military heel, swing last and a very nobby shoe, price \$2.50

No A10 Ladies Usona, same as A8, in all kid with patent tip.

A3, kid lace, goodyear welt, extension soles, fast ilets, Cuban heel, patent tip, a very serviceable winter shoe, yet it is dressy, price, 2.50

A 5, Ladies Usona kid lace, Brown's flexible turn soles, fast ilets, straight last, soft cap toe, 1-2 heel, an old lady's dress shoe, price \$3.50

A73, Ladies Queen Bee, kid blutcher, McKay sole, swing last, military heel; patent tip, fast eyelets, a neat serviceable shoe, price \$2.00

No. A68 Ladies Queen Bee, kid blutcher, McKay soles, swing last, large fast ilets, military heel, patent tip dill, kid down front and around top, looks like a \$2.50 shoe, price \$2.00

## MEN'S FINE SHOES

Star 60, Men's President, all patent leather, blutcher Goodyear welt, extensive sole, full swing last, new heel, as dressy a shoe as you will find at any place. Price \$4.00

Star 40, Men's White House tan, Russian leather, blutcher, light weight, welt extension sole, does not peel, one of the most serviceable dress shoes made, price \$3.50

Star 36, Men's White House, all kid blutcher, goodyear welt, extension sole, straight last, price \$3.50

Star 37 White House, patent leather, blutcher dull top, goodyear welt, extension sole, swing last, full across toe, price \$3.50

B11, Men's Usona, all kid, blutcher, goodyear welt, extention sole, swing last, a light dressy shoe, price \$3.

B16, Men's Usona, kid lace, light weight, welt sole, straight last, plain toe, an ideal dress shoe for old men, price \$3.00



Men's overshirts, all wool, cloth, medium weight, 1 and 2 pockets, four good clear pearl buttons, nice finish and nice fitting collars, colors, navy blue, gray and castor, price \$2 and \$2.50

Also a cheaper overshirt, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

No 4805, boys' overcoat, black beaver fly front, velvet collar, center slit in back, price \$5.00

4803, Men's sack overcoats, blue black beaver, fly front, velvet collar, 42 inches long, center split in back, every one a warm coat at a medium price—\$5.00

3473, men's sack overcoat, blue black beaver, extra quality, 44 inches long, fly front, velvet collar, piped facing, center slit in back, price \$7.50

7695, Men's sack overcoat, made of high grade black beaver, strictly all wool, raw edges, and raw seams, 45 inches long, no slit in back, high grade velvet collar, will not fade or crack, made by skilled labor, price \$10.00

8541, Men's belt overcoat, black cashmere with indistinct red threads interwoven, with narrow thread running both ways, forming an invisible plaid, 50 inches long, velvet collar, fly front, this is a very stylish garment, price \$10.00

If any of your friends are going off to spend Christmas we suggest you give them a nice trunk. We have them at \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and up to \$8.

A nice set of furniture, dresser, rocker, center table, bedstead, window shades, matting, set of bed springs, mattresses, comforts or a pair of nice bed blankets would be something nice and useful. Our assortment is complete at lowest prices. See our bedsteads at \$1.90, \$2.40, \$2.90, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$10.00. See our line of new matting, at 25c and 30c, worth 10 per cent more.

A BIG SHIPMENT OF GROCERIES have for several days been arriving and we were never better prepared than we now are to sell you your Christmas bill of Groceries.

See us before you buy. If we have it we will save you money on your bill,

RESPECTFULLY,

# GEORGE E. DARSEY.

We Want Turkeys, Eggs and Hides.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

Darsey buys peas.

If it's to be had Darsey has it.

We want your eggs, chickens and turkeys. W. B. Faris.

Plenty of cotton seed hulls to arrive this week. J. J. Brooks.

Ask the first man you meet about Plaster's Automatic Gate.

Prettiest line of Christmas goods in town at W. B. Faris'.

A. M. Carleton went to Crockett Sunday returning Monday.

George E Darsey has a change of ad this week.

Cooking stoves, heating stoves and stove pipes at Darsey's.

Ask your neighbor about the Plaster Automatic Gate

Big lot Hereford brand shoes just in at W. B. Faris'.

Note the change in the ad of W. B. Faris this week

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

Dr. and Mrs. P. H. Stafford visited in Crockett Monday.

Take your choice, Electric Light, Cat Brand or White Wave flour at Darsey's.

Best new crop YC sugar for Christmas cooking, 18 pounds for \$1 at Darsey's.

For your Christmas flour buy the Invincible from W. B. Faris.

Dolph Carter came in Wednesday night from Cado, I. T., to spend the holidays,

At Darsey's store they are continually receiving new goods and you will always find something new there.

Get our prices on domestic, calico, canton flannel and outing. Best goods in town for the money at Darsey's.

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in the McKinney Business College valued at \$40 and goes for 25 per cent discount. Who wants it?

If the Plaster Automatic Gate was a fake I would not advertise it. I would want to keep it a secret, but I know they're all right and that's the reason I am telling you about it. Want one? Wyley Caskey.

G. W. Springmann and A. J. Boughman of Brownston, Ill., are here prospecting. Mr. Springmann has purchased 340 acres of land from J. J. Brooks on little Elkhart. Bourland Bros., also of Illinois, have closed a deal with D. W. Martin for his farm west of Grapeland. They will move here in the near future.

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

Plenty of cotton seed hulls to arrive this week. J. J. Brooks.

Buy your Christmas goods at W. B. Faris'.

N. T. Tims wants to buy your chickens and eggs.

- Extra good coffee 8 pounds for \$1.00. W. B. Faris.

Odell Faris visited in Crockett Sunday evening

The best flour for Christmas or any other time is the Invincible, only at W. B. Faris.

Full cream cheese—just what you want for Christmas—at Darsey's.

A big lot of men's and boys' over coats just arrived at Darsey's. See them.

G. R. Whitley went to Galveston Thursday on business, returning Saturday.

Iron bedsteads from \$10.00 to \$25.00, oak bedsteads from \$7.50 to \$19.00, also bed springs, mattresses, etc., at Darsey's.

Good oranges 30c per dozen; best large oranges 40c per dozen at Darsey's

Plaster's Automatic Gate is practical, durable, inexpensive and convenient. You ought to have one. See Wyley Caskey.

Use Texas Stock Food. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Sold by Nat Davis.

Darsey has just received a car of genuine Baker Perfect barb wire and hog fencing. Will continue to sell at old prices until January 1.

Raisins 10c per pound or three pounds for 25c. Cheaper than any in town. Guice & Son.

If you have any speckle peas to sell take them to Geo. E. Darsey. He will buy them.

Prettiest line of knit shawls and facinators at 50c to \$2.00. They are beauties. W. B. Faris.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cooke of Jacksonville were in the city Saturday and Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk.

Dave Leaverton has shipped two cars of hogs to the Ft. Worth markets this week. He accompanied the last shipment.

B. R. Guice and family have moved back from Tyler and are occupying their residence in west Grapeland. We welcome them.

Don't fail to see our line of Star-5-Star shoes if you want shoes that will stand the winter. Geo. E. Darsey.

Attorneys John Spence and Earle Adams jr., of Crockett were here Saturday attending Judge Davis' court.

Artie Spence is erecting a residence in west Grapeland. That part of town is rapidly growing, and improvements are constantly being made. A wide street has been opened one mile west and shade trees will be planted.

For flour see Howard.

Best pure wheat bran \$1.10 per 100 pound sacks at Darsey's.

Miss Freddie Luker of LaTexo visited here Sunday.

Good coffee 8 lbs. for \$1 at Darsey's.

Plenty of cotton seed hulls to arrive this week. J. J. Brooks.

Candies, candies, go to Howard for your Xmas candies.

Big lot iron bedsteads this week. Darsey.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Pure corn chops, pure wheat bran at W. B. Faris.

Don't fail to get the boys one of those suits cheap at Darsey's.

Heart shingles, doors and windows at Darsey's

New goods. New shoes this week at W. B. Faris'.

Galveston News and the Messenger one year \$1 25. Want em?

A big shipment of decorated chinaware in sets, or just as you want them at Darsey's

Great reduction on all woolen goods. Don't buy till you get prices. J. J. Brooks.

For an Xmas present buy a nich knife or razor from Howard.

Plenty hog fencing and barb wire now at Darsey's at old prices until January 1.

Write us about that scholarship we have for sale in the McKinney Business College.

I now have plenty of cotton seed hulls on hand. See me before you buy. Polk Taylor.

A box of good baking powder free with each barrel of flour from now till Christmas. Geo E Darsey.

For groceries, Howard has the best that can be bought. Prices always right.

12 best black coats and vests, worth \$7.50, to close out at \$4.90. W. B. Faris.

Misses Nannie and Leila Howard visited in Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

**Do it THIS YEAR**

That long promised trip to the old home; Had you thought of it again? We have—and to enable you to make it

**THE I. & G. N.**

Will have in effect excursion rates to the Old States and to Mexico for the

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**

Tickets on sale Dec. 21, 22 and 23. Good 30 days for return.

**SPECIAL THROUGH CAR SERVICE**

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For rates and particulars see I & G N ticket agents or write D J PRICE, G P & T A, Palestine, Texas.

## Blind Headache

"About a year ago," writes Mrs. Mattie Allen, of 1123 Broadway, Augusta, Ga., "I suffered with blind sick headaches and backaches, and could get no relief until I tried

### WINE OF CARDUI

**A Non-Intoxicating Female Tonic**

I immediately commenced to improve, and now I feel like a new woman, and wish to recommend it to all sick women, for I know that it will cure them as it did me."

Cardui is a pure, medicinal extract of vegetable herbs, which relieves female pains, regulates female functions, tones up female organs to a proper state of health. Try it for your trouble.

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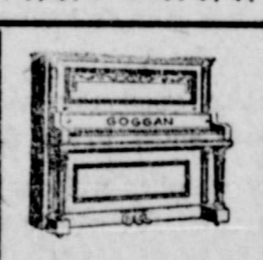
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