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State Road Being Built.

Mr. Jno. W. Wright, State Financial agent, passed through last night going to Austin. This writer met him at the depot and in conversation asked him: "Are you building the state road as fast as you can to Palestine?" Mr. Wright replied: "Well, may be not as fast as we can, but at any rate as fast as we are!"

Which goes to show that the road is being built, and to this city. We expect to hear the engine whistle if the weather doesn't interfere, by St. Patrick's Day.

Listen for the whistle.—Palestine Advocate.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended Mrs. M. White, of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Some one told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." for sale by Guice & Son.

Deeply Interested.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat referring to the president's message says: "But those who read it from beginning to end will find that the national government touches them and touches the rest of the world at more points than they ever dreamed of."

It is because so many men have failed to appreciate their deep concern in the government that the republican party has won the victories. Some who have habitually voted the republican ticket seem to have regarded the national government as an affair to be given to the republican party to use as a plaything. The country is to be congratulated that men are at last awakened to the important part they must play as citizens.

Bryan, s Commerner.

Christmas Giving.

Two little girls were talking about what they were going to buy for Christmas. The wealthy girl said, "I have twenty five dollars to spend on my family: how much have you?" The poor one replied "I have two dollars and fifty cents to spend but not on our family. They do not need it. I am going to buy presents for poor children who have no money for Christmas."

We are apt to think too much about Christmas presents for our family, and too little about gifts for those who have no Christmas money to spend.

Most people seem to think that if they have no money they cannot make Christmas presents. But even if they have no money they probably have something lying about the house or office which they do not need half as much as others less fortunate than themselves and which they could easily spare. There are plenty of things in many homes put away in the attic as rubbish which would be of very great service to somebody.

The trouble is that we are too selfish. We may have clothing that we are very sure we are shall never wear again, but we cling to it, as we do to books, which we have read—and many other things simply because we think we may want them sometime.

It is a good time to clean house just before Christmas, and to pick out all the things you do not really need. You will be surprised to see how many things you have to spare which would cheer and help somebody.—Orson Sweet Marden, in Success Magazine.

Are you having trouble with your kidneys? There are lots of people today who wonder why they have pains across the back why they are tired and lacking in energy and ambition. Your kidneys are wrong. They need relief without delay. Take De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills; they are for weak back, inflammation of the bladder, backache and weak kidneys. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

The Messenger and the Galveston Semi-Weekly News one year \$1.75. Want 'em?

A Letter From Mr. Cain.

Arayat, Pampanga, P. I. Nov. 2, 1907. Editor Messenger:—I am getting along swimmingly. Nothing the matter except that my socks are almost gone. The feet have been worn off them for a long time but I didn't care a starw for that. Now the legs are worn off to the tops of my shoes. This enables the old grandpa mosquitoes to job their ravenous bills into my tender skin, which always makes me jump and kick somewhat like a horse when the blacksmith "quicks" him with a nail. 'Pon my honor I believe this is all there is to it but Miss Nannie declares that my fits of kicking are sometimes accompanied by a low muttering about Moses or some other mild Sunday school topic.

Not long since we were guests at the farmhouse of a wealthy farmer who lives here in town but has vast rice and sugar farms out near the barriers. I can best tell you how we fared by comparing the day to a day spent in the congenial and hospitable home of some of Houston County's substantial farmers; for instance, a day with Mr. E. H. Darsey during watermelon time. While I am saying, I might say that we have twice been invited to grand receptions at the palace of the provincial governor. For this latter honor we feel much indebted to our division superintendent who is next door neighbor the governor.

Some one asked in a letter whether the Filipinos cook their food or eat it raw. Why, they cook it; and besides, they are good cooks. When it comes to making good bread they are ahead of any people I ever saw. There is an excellent bakery here and every evening a half-dozen girls with baskets supply the town with all kinds of bread and cakes. The bread is usually baked in loaves about the size of a biscuit and one may buy twelve of these loaves for five cents in U. S. money. The people eat nothing raw except a few of the fruits. The health laws, if nothing else, would forbid their eating uncooked food. I believe the economic situation in the South would be greatly improved if a few hundred thousand of the saucy, worthless negroes who will not work but a short while at any price were hustled out of the country and Filipinos imported for cooks and servants.

The question is frequently asked whether Filipinos are black. By no means. I would call them light brown. If an American should go bareheaded and work in the sunshine all summer he would be about the color of the average Filipino. Those who are much exposed to rain and sun are as dark as a Mexican, while the fine lady who guards her complexion well and uses her quota of swan-down is as light as the brunette type of the American lady. As far as appearance goes, no kind of comparison can be drawn between the Filipino and the negro. A picture in possession of the Grapeland High School will verify this statement.

Shortly before I left home I was in conversation with Hon. J. W. Maduen of Crockett concerning things he had learned from a kinsman of his about the Philippines. I remember that I asked him whether pictures, books, papers, musical instruments, etc. would be found in the best Filipino homes. He said such was his understanding of the matter. Now I am able to

say that not only the best but indeed all Filipinos have pictures in their homes. Those who are very poor may have nothing more than pictures of the virgin and a few imaginary saints but the well-to-do have many real works of art. Books are not so common as they should be but quite a number of the people read papers. Almost all Filipinos can play some kind of musical instrument.

History tells us that the old Romans used to promise the gods rich gifts and splendid games in return for good crops. The Filipinos do not make any trade to this effect but in case the good crop comes, they have a gay old time on the last day of the harvest. They erect a platform in the middle of the rice field, bring out a priest, have mass, then a dance followed by a big feast. If the crops are bad or if an earthquake comes at the wrong time and shakes the grain out of the rice, they do not hold the celebration. It seems to be the surplus and not the bare living that they are thankful for. I wonder if this is true of our people.

The dress of the people varies more, perhaps, than anything else in the islands. Some men wear clothes, shoes and hats of the same style worn by the Americans. Others wear pants with a kind of doublet which might be considered the connecting link between coat and shirt. These wear chinelas, a kind of sandal, or wooden shoes and an ordinary hat. The poorest of the peasant class wear anything or nothing for a shirt. Their pants are made of red calico and are generally rolled up above the knees. They wear no shoes nor hat of any kind. They often have a rag tied horizontally around the head just above the ears. This of course does not cover the top of the head but it doesn't need to do so. The wilderness of stubby black hair is amply sufficient to protect the most delicate brain from the tropical sun. The fine lady wears clothes of good material. Her skirts have trains to them about as long in proportion as the tail of a comet. Her waist is made of gauzy hemp and has sleeves the size of a two gallon jug, with the largest part at the hands. This outfit is capped by a kind of hood somewhat like a little shawl. There is no head gear of any kind for women

(No wonder the men respect Easter!) The lady in question carries an umbrella, rain or shine. She sometimes wear chinelas but as a rule she wears wooden shoes. These shoes have thick soles and high heels of wood. They have no uppers except a little leather vamp not much larger than the tip of an ordinary shoe. The Filipino maiden places her little brown bare foot on this shoe and by means of the leather tip, half drags and half lifts the shoe while walking. In this way she manages to get along by making a noise not altogether as loud as that made by the tramp of a fresh shod horse. Women who do manual labor (that is, wives who have to support the man they married) wear short skirts and go barefooted. Instead of a skirt some of them wear a kind of winding sheet which is tucked close under the arms and extends down towards the ankles. The latter class is seldom ever seen without some kind of burden on their heads. The dress of children is simple indeed. You may see six year old children on the streets as innocent of clothes as when they were born.

We had ten policemen until

the outlaws swooped down on the town a few days ago and laid one of them in the shade. I was glad, not because the ruffians killed our cop, but because they did not get me. The policeman was buried with military honors. I went with the procession to the swamp called the cemetery. Two men were digging the grave. One spaded out the mud while the other kept the water dipped out with a bucket. The coffin was lowered, the salute fired and the mud raked into the grave on the naked coffin. The grave is often spoken of as the "final resting place" but I'll vow I don't believe there is much rest for the fellow who is stuck down in this mud, especially if he should have to lie there a few million years waiting for the general judgment. Am I orthodox on this point? It has been a long time since I heard a preacher but it strikes me that they will tell us that the body will, at some indefinite time in the future, shake off its Rip Van Winkle snooze which we call death. I think it was no preacher but only a poet who said that the body goes "to mix forever with the elements; to be a brother to the insensible rock and the sluggish clod", or rather the sluggish mud.

Willie Taft is here. He came over to launch the Philippine ship of state. Willie is getting ready for a high dive after the presidency. For my part I had rather see Charlie Culberson, John Sharp, or even Billy Bryan in the chair than Taft; but if we must have a republican and can't get Roosevelt, then let us have fat Willie. He is an able man and is as honest as politicians generally are. Then he would always be backed by the wisdom and prestige of Roosevelt. Besides, the election of Taft would mean political annihilation to that old tom-cat Foraker who became so infatuated with the coons that shot up Brownsville. May we have another president who will dare to do the right, party or no party! The south will not soon forget the man who had courage enough (and teeth enough) to strip a gang of murderers of their gallant uniforms and send the infamous villains job-hunting to "Bosting."

A. W. CAIN.

Just a little Cascasweet is all that is necessary to give your baby when it is cross and peevish Cascasweet contains no opiates nor harmful drugs and highly recommended by mothers everywhere. Conforms to the National Pure Food Law. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Peanut Pointers.

The Terrell Transcript publishes quite a lengthy address by Mr. Geo. O. Morgan, of Terrell peanut plant, to producers in regard to handling the product from which the following points are selected: The inferior quality of the nuts brings low prices. The inferiority of the nuts is due to carelessness in handling them to preparation for market. The nut should be thoroughly dry before packing. He is putting up 1500 bushels daily and is running on half force because he cannot get enough nuts to run his full capacity.

The pay roll of the plant is about \$200 per week. The demand, Mr. Morgan says is unusually good. He could sell 50 cars if he had them. He has shipped a number of cars this season and has orders away ahead now.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.



GLAD TO SEE YOU and you will be glad to see this splendid display of JEWELRY. Buy if it suits, otherwise don't—but do inspect, compare and get posted. The roof of this store covers lots of good things, including goggles cheer.

S. E. HOWARD
GRAPELAND, TEX.

Careful thinking
Wise decision
Honest Profit

Will win every time. We can and do buy cheap,
and sell cheap

S. E. HOWARD.

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LETTERS TO Santa Claus

Dear Santa Claus:—It is nearly Xmas and I thought I had better tell you what I want. I want you to bring me a pretty doll that can go to sleep, a little doll bedstead, a little stove and some dishes also some candy, apples and oranges. Hoping I have not wanted too much.

I am your little friend.
Mable Woodard.

P. S. I want a little doll trunk

Dear Santa Claus—I am a little boy five years old and I try to be a good little boy, I want you to come to see me. I want a little drum, and a little watch, a wagon, some firecrackers, a little horse and some candy, apples, oranges. I want ask you for anything else this time. I will go to bed early.

Your little friend,
Frank Woodard.

Dear Santa Claus:—Will you please bring me a little train, a ball, a drum and some candy, apples, oranges and firecrackers. I am mamma's and papa's little baby boy, I am two years old. My sleepy times comes early, and I will be a good little boy, so please come to see me.

Your little boy,
Wesley Woodard.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Teddy Bear, a wagon, a train, some oranges, apples, bananas, candy, a chest of tools some fire works and a whole lot of "nigger toes." Your little friend.

Charlie Jones

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a pistol, a horse, a cow, a few hogs, a whole lot of candy oranges, bananas, apples, a knife, a bank full of money if you can anything else you can think of and oblige your little friend,

Homer Jones.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me something pretty to play with. Such as a negro doll that can cry, a rubber ball, a little hammer, candy, apples and a great big orange. Santa bring Grandpa a good soft apple: If you see a little stocking hanging up by the chimney fill it full for me. Bye, bye, Gerald Lee Jones

Dear Old Santa Claus: Please bring me a little sleepy doll and a bed for it. And bring me some candy, apples and a set of little dishes. Bring me a little lamp and a finger ring if you can find one that will fit a little girl seven years old so don't forget me. I am a little girl. Laura Robert.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a toy pig that can squeal, some candies, fruits and fire-works of all kinds. I want you to bring mamma something nice.

Your little boy,
Dewey Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a cap and some nuts, apples, candy, oranges and something nice to keep, and don't forget little sister.

Your friend,
Curtis White.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—Will you please bring me a speech book, a little wagon, candies of all kinds, and all kinds of fruits and nuts, fire works.

I am your little boy,
Willie W. Jones.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to come to see me again this year. I live in Grapeland now and I hope you can find our house. It is close to uncle Frank

Woodard. I want a train, a little wagon, some apples, oranges, coconuts, candy and some fire-crackers. I want ask for any more for I know you have so many to go to see. Bye by.

Your little boy,
Grady Woodard.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a cap, some little horses, peccans, fire crackers, oranges, apples, candy and a nice cup and saucer. Bring Annie Alma a little doll and lots of nice things.

Your little friend,
Lester White.

Largest of The Entire United States, And She Keeps Growing Too.

The Tyler Commercial College Tyler Texas, has this year had about 1500 enrollments, the largest annual enrollment of day students of the entire Union, and three times the number in any other Southern Business College.

With sixteen expert teachers, 145 ft. of office fixtures enclosing tanks, freight, wholesale, commission, real estate and other offices, equipped with Burroughs adding machine, Huber account register, McCaskey account register, electric railroad handling freight daily, with actual business from the start, with the wonderful Byrne Simplified Shorthand used by thousands of court reporters and office stenographers and with telegraphy under several experts, this great institution has a brilliant future.

Every indication points to the heaviest January enrollment of its history. The College is daily placing in \$600 to \$1500 positions students, who three or four months before were earning less than half as much. Students, who, less than two years ago, began at \$50 per month, are now drawing \$150 to \$200. If you know how great is the demand for Byrne graduates, how easy it is to place them thru the calls from business men everywhere, the 200 agents, and the 5 employment offices, you would give the college an opportunity to equip you with such a practical education as would keep you in demand and to then, place you in one of the many positions open to its graduates.

Young man, young woman, invest a little time, money, and effort in education that insures success. It's quick; it's easy; it's sure; is secured in half the time, at half the cost of other schools, yet covers far more ground. Unlike other schools, The Tyler Commercial College gives positive guarantees as to time and proficiency and it guarantees every statement true.

Act to-day. Clip this ad and mail for free catalog, or better still, pack your trunk, come to Tyler under the guaranty that if when you arrive, investigate our work, if it is found not to be as advertised, we pay your railroad fare both ways, and all necessary expenses. Should you doubt our making good this guaranty, write us the cost of a round trip ticket, and we will deposit that amount plus \$5 for incidentals, in a bank before you leave home, subject to your order, as to above conditions.

Name.....
Address.....

For your Xmas flour, buy Ruth at Howard's.

Oriole flour for Christmas cooking. Cakes made of Oriole flour will be very popular this Christmas. Don't take flour said to be as good, but go to Darsey's and get the Oriole.

We Invite Comparison

We know we have the right prices and the goods. You are safe when you make your purchases from us.

We are selling goods at the lowest price that any merchandise can be sold.

You may see flaming advertisements, goods at cost, but if you will compare our prices and quality you will be convinced that we are selling goods as cheap as any house in the county.

We make a specialty of shoes, prices from 50c to \$5. We are selling lots of dry goods, boots, shoes, groceries, of which our stock is complete.

We pledge you full value for every cent you spend with us. We pin our faith to honest goods, bottom prices and straightforward dealings.

We will show you some mighty pretty things in Christmas goods in a few days.

I am paying cash for cotton. Bring it to me and receive the top price for same.

F. A. Faris

UNLOADED

Santa Claus

Has Unloaded all of his Holiday goods at our store and they are now ready for your inspection. We have a pretty display, and

Gifts for Everyone

Carleton & Porter,

PRESCRIPTION DRUGGISTS

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For Sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Cocoanuts grated cocoanut, evaporated apples, oranges, apples. Bananas, onions, seeded raisins, figs, bricks, candy, extracts, pecans, ground sage, and Oriole flour for Christmas, at Geo. E. Darsey's.

Mr. Ed Brown and Miss Jewel Oliver, daughter of Mr. John Oliver, were married Sunday night at the residence of W. N. Warlick, that gentleman officiating. A few friends witnessed the ceremony.

DOCTORS IN GRAND JURY NET.

Two Indicted in Iowa for Conspiracy to Force an Independent Physician from a Surgical Case.

Waverly, Ia.—The Bremer county grand jury, which a few weeks ago indicted fourteen members of the county medical association, alleging violation of the anti-trust law...

Couldn't Discharge Him.

When the jury had filed in for at least the fourth time, with no sign of coming to an agreement in the bribery case, the disgusted judge rose up and said: "I discharge this jury."

At this, one sensitive talesman, stung to the quick by this abrupt and ill-sounding decision, obstinately faced the judge.

"You can't discharge me, judge!" he retorted. "Why not?" asked the astonished judge.

"Because," announced the talesman, pointing to the defendant's lawyer, "I'm being paid by that man there!"—Lippincott's.

FREE TO OUR READERS.

Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for 48-page illustrated Eye Book and if this paper is mentioned they will send you a Free Bottle Murine for Your Eyes.

The Eternal Feminine.

"Did your wife scold you much for getting in so late last night?"

"You bet she did—for about four hours!"

"Whew! What did you do?"

"Fell asleep, as usual, during the lecture."

"But didn't she wake you up?"

"Come to think of it, she did. Wanted to know if I loved her as much as ever—or something of the sort."—Young's Magazine.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COU. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid...

Unswallowed. She had been to her first party and had indulged not wisely but too well in delicacies that cause internal woe when partaken of to excess.

Its Dangerous. To neglect a cold the results are too often very serious. Bronchitis, Pleurisy, Pneumonia and Consumption are frequently the consequences.

Where Legislature Meets Every Year. There are now only six states in the United States whose legislatures meet every year.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Peck & Co.

A Certainty. "Every woman thinks she would make an actress." "Not every one."

Some of Them. "Don't you think it is dreadful for society to be taking up any of these esoteric Oriental ideas?"

"Nails" "Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching..."

Nqt Caretaker's Fault. In answer to a complaint made by the town council of Camborne, England, that the caretaker of the recreation ground had allowed the grass to grow to an inconvenient height...

The time is the worst employed which we give up to regrets, unless we learn from them lessons for the future.—Levis.

Useless. A short time ago an old negro was up before a judge in Dawson City, charged with some trivial offense.

The Sequel. "Funny thing about Dubley, He said he needed a little whisky because he was run down."

Nature's Management. "There is no way, is there, to keep wrinkles from showing?" "How can there be when wrinkles are head-liners?"

NATURE PROVIDES FOR SICK WOMEN

a more potent remedy in the roots and herbs of the field than was ever produced from drugs.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is an honest, tried and true remedy of unquestionable therapeutic value.

Wintersmith's CALL TONIC Cures Chills and Malarial Fevers. Standard for 45 years...

STIFF, YES? WET AND DAMP CAUSE COLD IN THE JOINTS ST. JACOBS OIL TAKES OUT THE PAIN AT ONCE...

OLD SORES FED AND KEPT OPEN BY IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD

S.S.S. PURELY VEGETABLE Then the sore begins to heal, new flesh is formed, all pain and inflammation leaves...

Pain Paint Return this with 50 cents and I will mail you a bottle of Wintersmith's Pain Paint...

For old people who suffer from rheumatism, stiff joints, gout, lumbago, neuralgia, sciatica and paralysis Sloan's Liniment gives quick relief.

Proved Useless. "When you was little was you spanked like I am to make you good, papa?"

W. L. DOUGLAS \$3.00 & \$3.50 SHOES BEST IN THE WORLD

You Look Prematurely Old Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA OREOLE" HAIR RESTORER.

Oak Grove, Dec 12.—I guess the readers of the Messenger think it is a long time between drinks.

Health of this community is improving. Mr. May Bean's child, who has had Pneumonia, is getting well. Albert Smith who has been sick the past ten days with Pneumonia is improving, but there is danger of slow fever setting in.

We have a new addition to our community—J. W. Ellis, who has moved to the Geo. Chaffin place.

We have a new bridge over the Down branch, which fills a long felt want, and adds a lot of convenience to the traveling public.

Our school is moving along nicely under the management of Miss Roxy Brimberry. Our school building came very near being destroyed by fire yesterday, caused by bad flues.

I had the pleasure of attending the district union last Saturday at Antrim. We had a very interesting meeting, and a fine dinner. The next meeting will convene at LaTexo the first Saturday in January. All union members are invited to be present as there will be much business of importance.

We understand that the cotton speculators of New York have turned old Theo. Price out of the cotton exchange. I wonder what they will do for some one to lie for them. I guess he failed to make up his shortage for this month's delivery and they gave him his walking papers.

Success to all and a merry Christmas.

Old Timer.

What's

worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be well "cured". A positive cure for Sprains, Neuralgia, Bruises, Contracted Muscles and all the ills that flesh is heir to. A. G. M. Williams, Navasota, Texas, writes:

"I have used Snow Liniment for sprained ankle and it gave the best of satisfaction. I always keep it in the house." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Lumber! Lumber!

At my mill 4 miles south of Grapeland and at LaTexo. I have the largest stock of lumber ever offered to trade in this part of the county. I am anxious to sell. See me and let me supply your wants.

T. H. Leaverton.

See our line of jewelry, at Howard's, watches, chains, fobs, bracelets, necklaces, buttons, etc. Cannot be excelled for Xmas presents.

Buy your goods from people who are your friends and will sell you as cheap as anybody. F. A. Faris.

Muscular Pains Cured.

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with muscular pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedlar, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Guice & Son.

We are requested to announce that Rev. J. F. Lively will preach at Lockout on the fifth Sunday. There will be dinner on the ground and everybody is invited.

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Our Twenty-second Annual

Christmas Greeting



To Our Friends and Customers

We thank you for your patronage this year and we hope that by continuing in the future as in the past, giving you value received for your money whether your purchases be large or small, that we will maintain your good will, friendship and patronage in the future as in the past.

Wishing each and everyone of you a merry Christmas and happy New Year' I am yours very truly,

George E. Darsey,

GRAPELAND, TEXAS. DEC. 18, 1907

Our Store will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 30th, 31st and January 1st, TAKING INVENTORY

Below you will find a List of the Contestants in our Premium Contest that closed Saturday 14th, showing the name, number of votes and Premium Received:

Boys List:		Girls List.	
SHOT GUN EACH		BUCK'S JR. RANGE EACH	
	No Votes		No Votes
Smith Dailey.....	37,801	Lileene and Edith Brown.....	47,760
Tandy Dailey (col).....	31,950	Louise Selkirk.....	45,352
Aubry Lively.....	31,416	Elizabeth Ingham.....	8,614
BUSTER BROWN SHOES EACH		BUSTER BROWN SHOES EACH	
Stovall White.....	17,560	Stella Whitaker.....	5,600
Bob Scarborough.....	12,495	Ruby Dunnam.....	4,500
Cullin Dunnam.....	11,150	Ether Davis.....	3,565
KEEN KUTTER POCKET KNIFE EACH.		LARGE DRESSED DOLL EACH	
Will Herod (Col).....	10,659	Fannie May Brimbery.....	3,405
Hiram Gaines.....	8,954	Annie Louis Taylor.....	3,340
Claude Masters.....	7,825	Carrie Spence.....	3,229
Leslie Bridges.....	7,800	Allie Marshall.....	3,065
Louis Lee.....	7,565	Arline Howard.....	3,025
Compton Lively.....	6,050	Fannie May Woodard.....	2,980
J. E. Cunningham.....	5,655	Maude L. Owens.....	2,645
M. A. Gadway.....	3,365	Birdie May Blount.....	2,005
Elma Spruill.....	3,185	Lura Herod.....	1,935
Herbert Whitaker.....	2,911	Annie R. Hollingsworth.....	1,635
Bennie Arnold Frisby.....	1,845	Elizabeth Leaverton.....	1,580
Nathan Ferrell.....	1,725	Ima Oliphant.....	1,085

We are now delivering the premiums as per above list. Please call and get yours. Thanking you for the interest you have taken in the contest. I am yours very truly,

Geo. E. Darsey.

W. N. Lane Suicides.

Wyatt N. Lane committed suicide in the county jail at Grapeland sometime during Thursday night by drinking carbolic acid. The Cricket Courier says:

"Wyatt N. Lane was indicted, tried and convicted at the October term of court for the murder of Henry Dudley, the husband of his granddaughter. The sentence was for life. A new trial was asked for, but refused. An appeal to the court of criminal appeals was being prepared when Mr. Lane took things in his own hands and ended all. A son Clint Lane was indicted for the same crime and is now serving a fifteen years' sentence in the Huntsville penitentiary. Wyatt Lane's case now goes to a higher court than any on earth, and a just and merciful God will pronounce the final sentence."

Might Have Been.

When Shakespeare said: "Aye there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

To My Friends and Customers.

Owing to the present condition of the country, my collections have been very short, and I will not be in a position to continue my present system of credit business the coming year, and will continue to run on a strictly cash basis, which will be more pleasant to you as well as myself.

I will be glad to extend any favors that my abilities may allow and solicit your business on those terms. Thanking you for past favors.

I remain your friend,
J. J. Brooks.

That's It!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will try a bottle of Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all Pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

My prices will compare with the bankrupt sale prices, and a good many things are cheaper at F. A. Faris'.

DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve—don't forget the name, and accept no substitute. Get DeWitt's. It's good for piles. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

An interesting communication from A. S. Price on peanut culture and diversification is crowded out on account of its length and being received late.

For bedsteads, dressers, chairs, bed springs, mattresses, tables, rockers, cooking stoves, or anything in the furniture line at our prices, see J. R. Richards at the furniture store.

LOST—A hand bag containing a pair of gold spectacles, a dollar bill, one silver dollar and some small change. Finder please return to postoffice.

Rocking chairs, Hall racks, center tables, book cases, lounges and scores of other nice things suitable for Christmas presents at the furniture store.

Christmas candies, apples, oranges and fireworks and useful presents cheap at, F. A. Faris'.

A beautiful line of wool and silk shawls, scarfs, children muffs, side and back combs, handkerchiefs, and hundreds of useful articles suitable for Christmas presents at Geo. E. Darsey's