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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.

THE DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We have a well selected line of Fancy Dress Goods such as Panama Cloth, Cecilians, Mohairs, Brilliantine, Trelcot Cashmere and French Flannels, in fact everything in the best dress goods line. Not many of these are higher than 25c a yard. Also have trimmings and linings to match with medium priced goods. We have a big lot of Percales, Gingham, Chambry, Outings, Ducks and Flannelettes at 10c per yard. Some new patterns to select from. We are selling all prints at 5c a yard. prices and colors guaranteed. We have one grade of outing at 25c a yard for \$1. This is 24 inches wide and will answer for many purposes.

SHOES.

We have something special in the Ladies' and Children's shoes. TAPPAN SPECIAL for Ladies and Children. Our Ladies' shoes for \$1.50 can't be beat as we have them in any shape toe or heel, or in any kind of leather (except patent) in this price shoe. In ladies all over patent leather we handle the nicest thing in Grapeland. Newest lasts, price **\$3.50**

Our stock of Children's and Infants' shoes was never as complete as at present. We have an infant shoe with white kid tops, patent vamp, that is a beauty. Sizes 5 to 8 **\$1.25**

Same as above 3 to 5 for **\$1.00**

We also have a cheaper one for 75c and 50c a pair and as cheap as **25c**

We have children's shoes, sizes, 12 to 2, \$1.00. Same as above in smaller sizes for **90c**

In Misses' shoes we have something nice, in prices from \$1.50, \$1.35 to **\$1.25**

In boys shoes we have the box and valoura calf, something nice and new \$1.75 and **\$1.50**

We have the boys Work Shoes in buckles and congress, sizes 3 to 5, for **\$1.00**

In men's shoes are where we shine. We have the patent leather Walk Overs for **\$4.00**

Vici kid, both box and valoura calf for **\$3.50**

We have an all over patent blutcher lace, newest last, heel and toe for **\$4.50**

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Our Shoes now cost us more, but you get your shoes at the Old Price, better made and better values.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

We call you special attention to our Christmas Goods, which we will offer you special inducements to buy for the next twenty-five days. In this selection you will find something that will suit every member of the family. Not only have we got a beautiful line of toys, but have a line of ornamental goods that would be beneficial to any household. Something for your wife, mother, father, sweetheart, brother, sister and the children. Call and see 'em, ask the price, buy if the goods and price suit you, and we will both be satisfied.

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OUR DRUG LINE.

We are the only people having a general line of merchandise who buy drugs from wholesale drug dealers, and we can buy and sell you drugs as cheap as anybody. We have added to our line and it is both complete in staple and patent medicines and we want to sell you your drugs when you

—HAVE TO BUY—

FRUITS AND CANDIES.

We will handle until after Christmas both box and barrel apples, oranges, prunes and raisins. Prices on oranges, 60c, 50c, 40c and 30c per doz. We want to sell you your fruits, candies, flavoring extracts, etc., for Christmas.

THE GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

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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The Time for Considering is Past, the Time to Buy is Now.

We are receiving new goods every day. We spot cash every purchase and always keep our stock filled with the best goods money can buy, and sell you good goods at the smallest margin. Our space is too small to enumerate every article and prices, but we ask you to come and compare our prices, and be convinced that ours are the lowest. Big stock of dry goods and shoes received this week. Prettiest line of knit goods in town; shawls, shoulder wraps, facinators, dress goods, trunks, gingham, etc. We are up-to-date on groceries. Special invitations given you to trade with us.

W. B. FARIS, GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 7, 1905.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Christmas holidays are near at hand and it is entirely proper that we should have a Christmas tree. Up to last year it has been the custom of Grapeland to have a splendid tree every year and there is no reason why we should not have a good tree this year. To the little folks a Christmas without a tree is not much Christmas, then why should we deny them their childish pleasures? We suspect the old folks would enjoy it, too.

Messrs, Carleton & Porter, the druggists, have agreed to furnish the tree and put it up free of charge. The question now arises, where shall we have it? Let's have a meeting, say next Monday night, and decide on the place, appoint the proper committee, get enthusiastic over the matter and have the best Christmas tree Grapeland has ever had. The editor, of this rag is at your service to assist in any way possible.

Grapeland is a good town, but we can make it better.

The matter of good roads should not be overlooked. Let's have better roads.

In the election Saturday the vote was 30 to 19 in favor of the corporation. Quite a number were barred from the election on account of not having a poll receipt. Now that the agony is over, it behooves us as good citizens to lay aside the petty prejudices we may have and do something for the betterment and upbuilding of Grapeland. To keep pace with the rapid procession of progress, we must clear away the obstacles so that Grapeland can have smooth sailing, and maintain her good name of being the best town to its size in Texas. Let's get busy.

Ah, now, come on across with that four bits so we'll have some Christmas change. No trouble to write receipts.

Last Saturday's election should serve as a lesson to those of you who failed to have a poll tax receipt. It's a bad thing for a good citizen to be deprived of the right to vote on this account, but who's to blame? Go now and pay your poll tax for 1906.

The government cotton crop report was issued last Monday and the estimate was a little over ten million bales. This caused a panic among the buyers and the fleecy staple jumped to thirteen cents like a top. The man who has held his cotton is certainly in luck and will have Christmas change galore.

Hurrah for Palestine! The city council has granted two franchises—one for a gas plant, the other for a street car system and an interurban line to Corsicana. Palestine has been doing so many wonderful things here lately we hardly know what to expect next. That interurban line will be a great convenience to the traveling public. The way connections are now you can't go anywhere without taking a lay off.

Mrs. Waltrip's music class gave a recital at the public school building last Friday night, but on account of inclement weather the audience was small. However, this did not interfere with carrying out the program, and the selections were all well rendered. Miss Mary Wilson, a pupil of Augusta, was absent on account of the bad weather. The pupil deserving special mention is little Miss Joe Vauda Davis, a wee tot of only six years. The entertainment ended with a pantomime and a tableau of "Rock of Ages."

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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Following are the appointments for the Palestine district made at the recent session of the Texas conference held at Pittsburg:

J. B. Sears, presiding elder; Aito, J. I. Weatherby; Augusta, R. B. Jones, supply; Brushy Cr., I. F. Pace; Centenary, Palestine, P. H. Morris; Crockett station, J. B. Manly; Crockett and Elkhart to be supplied; Grapeland, C. M. Coberley; Groveton, Jesse Lee; Howard Avenue, Palestine, Guss Garrison; Jacksonville station, F. A. Downs; Jacksonville circuit, J. M. Smith; Larue to be supplied; Mt. Selman, S. W. Allen; Neches, Frank Platt; Rusk, C. A. Hooper; Trinity and Lovelady, Stuart Nelson; Westfield and Bufford, Thomas F. Rucker; Willard to be supplied; conference missionary secretary, J. B. Sears; chaplain penitentiary, J. L. Dawson; president Alexander Collegiate Institute, J. K. Strother; financial agent Alexander Collegiate Institute, J. T. Milam. The next annual conference will convene at Tyler.

Rev. C. M. Coberley, the new pastor of the church here, is formerly of West Virginia, but recently of Idaho state, this being his first work in this state. He is a single man.

Rev. J. B. Luker, father of ed-

itor of Messenger, and formerly pastor of the church here, was changed from Burke to Garrison. Rev. Frank E. Luker was sent to Melrose.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The Houston county board of examiners was in session at Crockett last Friday and Saturday. Fourteen applicants—seven white and seven negroes—were examined. All the negroes failed. The white applicants received certificates as follows:

First grade six years, J. F. Mangum; second grade three years, Mrs. Robb Anderson, Miss Vina Smith, Miss Pauline Hopper; third grade one year, Miss Roxy Brimberry, A. S. Daniels, Miss Minnie Driskill.

The low grade record was broken by Mike Obershine, a negro applicant from Augusta. His general average was 17, the lowest average on which any certificate is issued being 70.

N. J. Tims and family have moved to the Dr. McCarty residence, recently purchased from Fletch Harmon. The house has been repaired and painted.

Misses Ida Coleman Lively and Ada Caldwell visited in Crockett several days this week.

OAK GROVE CULLINGS.

Our Correspondent Sends a Newsy Letter.

Oak Grove, Dec. 1.—A few more days and the year 1905 with all its joys and sadness and sore disappointments will be in the history of the past and all of us who are spared to see another year will enter it with the same responsibilities resting upon us. Then we should hope to make more friends and less enemies and take the duties of life upon us with a lighter heart and resolve to be better citizens, better christians and better farmers than we have in the past. There have been hundreds of good men and women that have passed into the vast unknown region, but their influence will be as a living monument for years to come. Then there are others that have gone the same way that will soon be forgotten and their influence will be felt now. Then what a grand thing it is to live a life that will be remembered for generations to come.

How careful then ought we to live,
With what religious fear;
A strict account we must give
For our behavior here.

Our school has closed its second month and we haven't heard any complaint against our teacher yet.

Rev. J. T. Furgerson preached for us last Sunday and will continue next year as pastor of the Baptist church. His regular day is the fourth Sunday.

Mr. Edgar Bean was elected a deacon of the church. Mr. Bean is one of our best citizens and a prosperous young farmer and a christian gentleman. We can safely say that he will fill the office to the satisfaction of all.

S. T. Parker says he don't want any more spiders in his shirt and had rather not cut his leg any more, especially on thanksgiving day.

Mr. Ben Masters and boys and Abb Smith went to the river last week and we hear that Ben had a severe attack of squirrel colic. We hope Ben will be more careful next time. OLD TIMER.

On account of supper and breakfast the telephone office will close from 7 to 7:20 a. m. and from 7 to 7:20 p. m. and on Sundays from 10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

Yours truly,
Fred W. Caldwell.

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Exercise Essential.

Exercise is of immense benefit in treating the skin. A woman should exercise until the skin is in a glow. She must exercise until she can feel that her lungs and heart are stimulated. Then she is ready for the skin lotions and for the scented bath. The exercise upon which the belles of other days depended for their beauty was dancing. Dancing and horseback riding were the two diversions.

Try It Once.
There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

In New Guinea the ladies wear nose rings, piercing the nose in the same fiendish way that civilized women pierce the ears.

Insist on Getting It.
Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

While the little dog is barking the big one is likely to quietly abscond with the bone.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 20c a bottle.

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The trouble with most tonics and medicines which have a large, booming sale for a short time, is that they are largely composed of alcohol holding the drugs in solution. This alcohol shrinks up the red blood corpuscles, and in the long run greatly injures the system. One may feel exhilarated and better for the time being, yet in the end weakened and with vitality decreased. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery contains no alcohol. Every bottle of it bears upon its wrapper *The Badge of Honesty*, in a full list of all its several ingredients. For the druggist to offer you something he claims is "just as good" is to insult your intelligence.

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MORE OF LYTLE.

Dr. Robertson Again Writes to Grapeland Friends.

Lytle, Texas, Dec. 1, 1905.—Dear "Kid"—Since my first epasm seems not to have proven fatal I'll try again.

We have been here about four weeks, I think, and each day we are more and more impressed with the greatness of this country. With due respect for the claims of other sections, this to my notion, is the best country I have seen, all things considered, for everything except my business and that sure is dull. But I'm not discouraged. I've done about as much as I expected and everybody tells me there's a good time coming. Just when we know not. Honestly, in all candor, taken all together, healthfulness, mildness of climate and fertility of soil, this is the best farming country I ever saw and the farmers are in better shape than anywhere I've been and you know I've been about a bit myself. It would tickle me most to death to see some of you good farmers, like D. W. Martin, Artie Spence, Wm. Brown, Bob Edens, the Lively boys, or any of a hundred others who are struggling about in that poor sandflat country, get a hold of some of this rich black loamy land. If they worked here as they do there, there's no telling what they would make and best of all, they'd feel like doing it. Since my last I have been on a short trip to Frio county just to the south of us. That's a fine country, but dangerously near the border of the land where it never rains.

My other half raised cane because I told you about her and the girls going to the party and threatened me with violence if I told anymore, but I'm tempted to tell it anyway, but since the hair is already getting thin on top of my pate guess I'd better not.

Well, well, we sure see some comical sights here. Wish I could draw you open pictures of some of them. Every "type louse" in the office would laugh himself to death at the sight, but you know I never was good at descriptive writing so will have to resist the temptation. We are on the main traveled road from San Antonio to Mexico. About this season of the year the climate here becomes uncongenial to our Mexican fellow citizen and he hikes himself away to where the weather conditions are more in keeping with his ward robe. Like birds of a season, they are all headed south now. Scores of them are passing every day and we new comers find no end of amusement in contemplating their turnouts, many of which are absolutely too ridiculous to be funny. They generally consist of a burro, a rickety two wheel cart in which is stored from three to three dozen Mexicans of various ages and sizes, together with all their earthly possessions. "Yet, Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." At first we thought surely the country would be depopulated, but we are assured that when the flowers bloom again the procession will change its course and hence the equanimity will be maintained.

Perhaps I've said enough and none but a fool says more than that, so I'll quit. Good bye and good luck to you and all the good folks of Grapeland.

H. S. ROBERTSON.

REV. J. E. MORGAN

Writes to His Friends About Eagle Pass.

Eagle Pass, Texas, Nov. 28.—Ed. Messenger—I ask space in your paper to say a few words to the Grapeland people about Eagle Pass and surrounding country. We did not get to see much of the country on our trip until we left San Antonio. From that city on for many miles there are some pretty scenes. The prairies are broad and level; the land seems to be very fertile. But as we came farther West, through Kinney and Uvalde counties, the scene changed; there was less and less verdure until we reached Maverick county, our new home. It looked desolate indeed. The only plants to be seen were cactus and mesquite bushes, the latter about four feet high.

More than half the people it seems to me speak Spanish. We felt like hanging our harps on the willows (or mesquites) and saying, "How can we sing the songs of the Lord in a strange land?" The country is very sparsely settled. From Spofford, where we left the main line of the S. P. railroad, to Eagle Pass, a distance of thirty miles, there were not over a half dozen houses to be seen except some shanties at some mining camps near here.

Mrs. M. had the "bules" dreadfully bad before we reached our destination, and I did not feel jubilant myself. But when we finally arrived we were met by a good lady, who drove us to the parsonage. There were some half dozen other ladies there and they had a nice warm supper and although our freight had not arrived, they made arrangements for us to keep house at once. We felt profoundly grateful and a little bit ashamed for having had the blues.

I thought what a contrast between our reception here and that of Paul and Silas at Phillippi. They were provided a place to stay, but it must not have been as comfortable as the place prepared for us, else they would not have been awake at midnight to have prayermeeting.

We have a nice little church and some excellent people. The number of Sunday school scholars present last Sunday equaled the entire membership of the church—a fine Sunday school. One of the stewards came by yesterday and carried me in his buggy to his pasture about eight miles from town. On that trip I saw many things that I never saw in Houston county. We passed a wooden cross almost covered with rocks. My companion told me that where a Mexican is killed they erect a cross and every one who passes that way throws a stone on it. We carried a gun and brought back a nice mess of quails for each of us. I did not kill them all.

I have not yet been to Mexico, although I have been in sight several times. I am anxious to spend a few hours over there. Just across the river is the city of C. P. Diaz with a population, I think, of thirty or forty thousand or perhaps more.

If Albert can read this and publishes it I think I shall write again and tell the readers something about Mexico.

Best wishes for the Messenger and the people of Grapeland.

J. E. MORGAN.

Prof. A. W. Cain was in Crockett Friday and Saturday assisting in the teachers' examination.

UNION NEWS NOTES

As Gathered Up by a Messenger Correspondent.

Union, Dec. 4.—As I have seen nothing from this place in a good while will try to write a few lines this morning. Health is getting better in this community.

Mr. Dave Walling has returned from Houston where he sold a car load of hogs.

All the crops are gathered in store and the farmers are cutting wood for winter.

Mr. Munroe Weisinger and Will DuBose have added another mail box to route 1.

Mr. Sam Braly of Percilla came up to Union last Friday to accompany his sister, Miss Ethel home. Miss Ethel is a good teacher and has won many friends in this community. I think if we pupils will do our duty we will have nothing to regret at the close of school unless it is that school did not continue longer. If we will all do our duty we will gradually come to the front if our school terms are not so long. We should all strive very hard for an education so we must begin while we are yet young to climb the ladder of fame and when to the top we have climbed we may look down the changed shores of time and cheerfully review the things which we have accomplished.

Well, as I can almost hear Mr.

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Editor saying that is enough I will bid you all adieu.

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"POPLAR SHADE."

The above is the name of a new waltz just out, composed by Barker Tunstall, the sweet musician of Crockett. Mr. Tunstall was here Monday and disposed of quite a number of copies among the musicians of our town. Mr. Tunstall has a broad reputation as a first-class musician and this new waltz is in keeping with his good taste for music.

MULES WANTED.

I will be in Crockett on Saturday, December 9th, 1905, to buy mules. Nothing wanted but the very best. Highest prices ever paid for good mules. Will be on public square.

H. A. EVERETT.

F. P. Kennedy and family left Sunday for New Bedford, Mass., where they will reside in the future. Mr. Kennedy came from that place to Grapeland twenty-eight years ago, and 'tis needless to say that he and his good family will be greatly missed after such a long residence among our people. Messenger wishes them much success.

Prof. J. G. H. Buck of Elkhart was in the city Monday in the interest of that popular magazine "Success."

THE PERCILLA BUDGET

Fire Alarm. Jack Frost Appears. Other Items.

Percilla, Dec. 5.—Saturday morning there was an alarm of fire sounded at the residence of Mrs. Newsom, to which the entire village responded, to find the chimney was burring almost throughout, so that all agreed that the only thing to do was to tear it away and accordingly Mr. Charley Bush knocked it loose from the house and pushed it down.

Rev. J. G. Braly, the Presbyterian preacher, filled his appointment here Sunday, the last for the year, and left for Nacogdoches Monday where he goes to attend the Presbytery.

Jack Frost, after a long hesitation, came this way spreading a white sheet over the grass and all nature appeared as though the snow king had cast his sheen of whiteness upon its face; we think with a few days of sunshine the tardy green bolls of cotton will throw their white fingers open to the sun.

Miss Ethel Braly, who is teaching the Union school, visited the homefolks Sunday.

Miss Luvera A. Ston is visiting this week, the first of the week.

P. M. Watkins Elkhart was in the city on some business reports quiet time hart.

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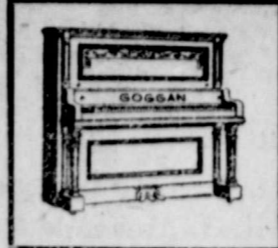
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8 p. m. Friday, Address of welcome, Judge E. Winfree.

Responsee, Douglas Cater. Resolved, That we ought to have compulsory attendance of free school pupils in our public schools. Affirmative, Jno. Snell, O. C. Goodwin; negative, Festus Mangum. Fifteen minutes to side. Other subjects will be discussed.

9 a. m. Saturday. Class led C. E. Godbey. Topics as follows:

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- 7 Double function of supervisor.
- 8 Danger of giving superintendent absolute power.
- 9 Should superintendents be allowed to elect teachers?
- 10 How may the superintendent best aid the teacher?
- 11 Describe the mediocre superintendent.
- 12 What part should superintendent or teacher take in the school election?
- 13 School is ultimately as good as the people want it.
- 14 Responsibility of the superintendent to the public. When and to what extent?
- 15 General discussion.
- 16 Question box.

R. L. DEWEES,
Chairman Committee.

A quiet home, vines of our own planting, a few books full of the inspiration of genius, a few friends worthy of being loved and able to love us in turn, a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or remorse, a devotion to the right that will never swerve, a simple religion empty of bigotry, full of trust and hope and love—and to such a philosophy the world gives us all the joy it has.—Alvin Sun.

Miss Iva Dailey and little Joe Vauda Davis visited relatives at La Texa Sunday and Monday.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The Czar has signed a decree abolishing martial law in Poland.

The Catholic Bank of the City of Mexico, has closed its doors. The bank had about \$500,000 deposits.

C. B. Galloway, one of the most widely known hotel men in the South, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., Friday.

The demolition of frontier fortifications in accordance with the treaty recently signed between Sweden and Norway is actively proceeding.

Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, gave his first recital in America this season at Carnegie Hall Thursday night. His program consisted of concertos by Mozart and Wieniawski.

The Canadian steamer Mokos Haven of the Algoma Central Line, is ashore at Pie Island, near Port Arthur, Ontario. The crew were saved but the vessel is a total loss.

The Boldien, an iron steamer of 2021 tons, sailing from Marseilles, France, went down in the Bosphorus with all on board, about twenty-two men, all of whom were drowned.

The District of Columbia commissioners have decided to send to the committee in congress a bill providing for a juvenile court with request for its passage.

Practically the business portion of the town of Arcadia, Fla., was destroyed by fire, starting at an early hour Friday morning. Both telegraph and telephone communication were cut off.

A serious fire broke out in Buenos Ayres Friday in a warehouse containing inflammable merchandise, including 100,000 cans of petroleum. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

During a mass play in a game of football Thursday at Bridgeport, Conn., between local teams, Leo McNamy, aged 21, had his spine fractured and is not expected to live.

Silver is jumping up in price. It is now 65 1/2 cents per ounce. This is the highest price since 1896. Two months ago the market quotation was 50 c. Demand is greater than the supply, say the brokers.

Santa Fe passenger train No. 1, westbound, went into the ditch at Romero, N. M., four miles south of Las Vegas. Engineer R. B. Brackett was cooked alive by escaping steam and died in great agony.

Bubonic plague is raging in Yokohama according to officers of the steamship Dakota and possibly no more vessels will be given a clean bill of health until the scourge is wiped out.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Zwolle and Eastern Thursday afternoon in which six people were injured one fatally, three seriously and the others slightly. The main line log train ran into a tree that had fallen across the track, smashing the locomotive.

The death sentence was again imposed upon J. G. Rawlings, his two sons, Milton and Jesse, and the negro, A. B. Moore, all convicted of the murder of the Carter children last June at Valdosta, Ga. Jan 6, next was fixed as the day for execution of the four.

There is alarm among the authorities of St. Pierre, Miquelon, the French colony near Newfoundland, at the extent to which immigration from the colony has grown, over 1,000 persons of a total population of 6,500 having left there within the past three months.

The Panama sanitary department has extended its work to Chepo, forty miles away, where recently a few cases occurred among the foreigners employed in building the government road.

Three hundred Americans celebrated Thanksgiving day at a banquet at the Kaiserhof Thursday night. H. Percival Dodge, secretary of the American embassy, presided. Dr. Francis G. Peabody of Harvard University, made the principal address.

Drugs worth from \$25,000 to \$50,000 have been stolen from wholesale chemists in New York in the last few months according to detectives who arrested two men on the confession of a thief.

PRESIDENT OUTLINES ISSUES OF THE DAY

Important Recommendations as to Legislation Made in Annual Message to Congress—Large Part of Document Devoted to Corporations and Railroad Rate Legislation—Relations of Labor and Capital Dealt With Fully.

The message of President Roosevelt, read at the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress, congratulates the people on the continued prosperity of the nation. The close relationship and mutual dependence upon each other of capital and labor are pointed out, and the message continues:

Corporations. Yet, while not merely admitting, but insisting upon this, it is also true that where there is no governmental restraint or supervision some of the exceptional men use their energies not in ways that are for the common good, but in ways which tell against this common good. The fortunes amassed through corporate organization are now so large and vast such power in those that wield them, as to make it a matter of necessity to give to the sovereign—that is, to the Government, which represents the people as a whole, some effective power of supervision over their corporate use. In order to insure a healthy social and industrial life, every big corporation should be held responsible by some effective power of supervision strong enough to control its conduct. I am in no sense hostile to corporations. This is an age of combination, and any effort to prohibit all combination will be not only useless, but in the end vicious, because of the contempt for law which the failure to enforce law inevitably breeds.

We must recognize in cordial and ample fashion the immense good effected by corporate agencies in a country such as ours, and the wealth of intellect, energy and ability devoted to their service, and therefore normally to the service of the public, by their officers and directors. The corporation has come to stay, just as the trade union has come to stay. Each can do and has done great good. Each should be favored so long as it does good. But each should be sharply checked where it acts against law and justice.

The President shows the impossibility of the individual states dealing successfully with corporation greed, and the necessity of conferring power upon the general government even to the extent of a proper amendment to the constitution. He says:

The Department of Justice has for the last four years devoted more attention to the enforcement of the anti-trust legislation than to anything else. Much has been accomplished; and the moral effect of the prosecutions has been the moral effect of the prosecutions; but it is increasingly evident that there will be a very insufficient beneficial result in the way of economic change. The successful prosecution of one device to evade the law immediately develops another device to accomplish the same purpose. What is needed is not sweeping prohibition of every arrangement, good or bad, which may tend to restrict competition, but such adequate supervision and regulation as will prevent any restriction of competition which tends to the detriment of the public—as well as such supervision and regulation as will prevent other abuses in no way connected with restriction of competition.

The first consideration to be kept in mind is that the power should be affirmative and should be given to some administrative body. If given to the present Interstate Commerce Commission, or to a reorganized Interstate Commerce Commission, such commission should be made a true administrative body. I do not believe in the government interfering with private business more than is necessary. I do not believe in the government interfering with any work which can with propriety be left in private hands. But neither do I believe in the government flinching from its duty when it can be shown that an evil exists which it is governmental supervision. It is not my province to indicate the exact terms of such change should be made, but I call the attention of the Congress to certain existing conditions with which it is desirable to deal. In my judgment the most important provision which should be made is that conferring upon some competent administrative body the power to decide, upon the case being brought before it, whether a given rate is in fact a reasonable and just, and if it is found to be unreasonable and unjust, then, after full investigation of the complaint, to prescribe a rate which it shall not be lawful to go beyond. This is the maximum reasonable rate, as it is commonly called—this decision to go into effect within a reasonable time, and to be made from thence onward, subject to review by the courts. It sometimes happens at present, not that a rate is too high, but that a favored shipper is given a low rate. In such case the commission would have the right to fix this already established minimum rate as the maximum and to give such decision by the commission to cure railroad companies of the practice of giving improper minimum rates. I call your attention to the fact that my proposal is not to give the commission power to initiate or originate rates generally, but to regulate a rate already fixed or originated by the roads, upon complaint and after investigation.

Continuing, the President earnestly disclaims any spirit of hostility to the railroads, pointing out the benefits to be derived by the fair-dealing roads in the even-handed administration of justice. In this both the honest railroad man and the honest shipper alike would be benefited. Ending the subject, the President says:

The question of transportation lies at the root of all industrial success, and the revolution in transportation which has taken place during the past half century has been the most important factor in the growth of the new industrial conditions. Most emphatically we do not wish to see the man of great talents refused the reward for his talents. Still less do we wish to see him penalized; but we do desire to see the system of railroad transportation so handled that the strong man shall be given no advantage over the weak man. We wish to insure as fair treatment for the small town as for the big city, for the small shipper as for the big shipper. In the old days the highway of commerce, whether by water or by a road on land, was open to all; it belonged to the public and the traffic along it was free. At present the railway is this highway, and we must do our best to see that it is kept open to all on equal terms. Unlike the old highway it is a very difficult and costly thing to manage, and it is of such importance that it should be managed by private individuals than by the government. But it can only be so managed on condition that justice is done the public. It is because, in my judgment, public ownership of railroads is highly undesirable and would probably in this country

entail far-reaching disaster, that I wish to see such supervision and regulation of them in the interest of the public as to make it certain that the roads are for public ownership. The opponents of government regulation dwell upon the difficulties to be encountered and the intricate and involved nature of the problem. Their contention, true, is a complicated and delicate problem, and all kinds of difficulties are sure to arise in connection with any plan of solution, while no one will admit that the benefits hoped for by its more optimistic adherents. Moreover, under any healthy plan, the benefits will develop gradually and not rapidly. Finally, we must clearly understand that the public servants who are to do this peculiarly responsible and delicate work must themselves be of the highest type both as regards integrity and efficiency. They must be well paid, for otherwise able men can not in the long run be secured; and they must possess a lofty probity which will revolt as quickly as they are tempted by any suggestion at the thought of pandering to any gust of popular prejudice against rich men as the thought of anything even remotely resembling subservience to rich men.

The necessity for safety appliances on railroads, recommended in the President's message to the last Congress, is emphasized, together with the necessity for a law regulating the hours of labor of railroad men.

On the labor question, the message says:

There has been demand for depriving courts of the power to issue injunctions in matters involving the limitation of the equity powers of our courts, which is most unwelcome. It is true that some judges have misused this power; but this does not justify a denial of the power any more than an improper exercise of the power to call a strike by a labor leader would justify the denial of the right to strike. The remedy is to regulate the procedure by requiring the judge to give due notice to the adverse parties before granting the writ, the hearing to be a part of the adverse party does not appear at the hearing, and the judge to be satisfied that the case is not a mere pretext to permit violation of law, or a pretext to permit violation of property. Of course, the judge should have authority to issue a restraining order or injunction in any case in which it is not already authorized by existing law.

In any great labor disturbance not only are the interests of the public, but also a third party—the general public. Every considerable labor difficulty in which interstate commerce is involved results in the way of economic change, and the facts officially reported to the public.

The question of securing a healthy, self-respecting, and mutually sympathetic attitude toward employer and employee, capitalist and wage-worker, is a question which must be solved as a whole. We can get justice and right dealing only if we must face accomplished facts, and the procedure for the making of such a man as a man rather than with reference to his social position, his occupation, or the class to which he belongs. There are many ways in which we may go wrong. If they are capitalists their selfishness and brutality may take the form of hard indifference to suffering, greedy disregard of every moral restraint which interferes with the accumulation of wealth, or the cold-blooded exploitation of the weak; or, if they are laborers, the form of laziness, of such an envy of the more fortunate, and of such a willingness to perform acts of atrocious violence. Such conduct is just as reprehensible in one case as in the other, and all honest and farseeing men should insist upon the strictest justice. It becomes manifest, individual capitalist and individual wage-worker, corporation and union, are alike entitled to the protection of the law, and must obey the law. Moreover, in addition to mere obedience to the law, each man, if he be a really good citizen, must show sympathy for his neighbor. We should look at any question arising between them from the standpoint of that neighbor no less than from his own; and to this end it is essential that each man, whether he be a wage-worker, should strive freely with the other, should each strive to bring closer the day when both shall realize that they are properly partners in the great industrial revolution. The questions which inevitably arise between them solely from the standpoint which treats each side in the mass as the enemy of the other side, are both wicked and foolish. In the past the most dreful among the influences which have brought about the downfall of republics have been the growth of the class spirit, which tends to make a man subordinate the welfare of the public as a whole to the welfare of the particular class to which he belongs. This inevitably brings about a tendency to treat each man not on his merits as an individual, but on his position as belonging to a certain class. The growth of a class spirit grows up in this Republic it will ultimately prove fatal to us, as in the past it has proved fatal to every community in which it has occurred. We must, therefore, as a nation, continue to keep a quick and lively sense of the great fundamental truth that our concern is with the individual, not with the class. This government cannot permanently hold the place which it has achieved among the nations. The vital lines of cleavage among our people do not correspond, as indeed, at right angles, to the lines of cleavage which divide occupation from occupation, which divide wage-workers from capitalists, farmers from bankers, men of small means from men of large means, men who live in the towns from men who live in the country; for the vital line of cleavage is the line which divides the honest man who tries to do well by his neighbor, in other words, the standard of honor, from the dishonest man who does ill by his neighbor. It is the man's moral quality, his attitude toward the great questions which concern all humanity, his cleanliness of life, his power to do his duty toward himself and toward others, which really count; and it is this which the standard of personal judgment which treats each man according to his merits, another standard in accordance with which all men, one class are favored and all men of another class discriminated against, we shall do irreparable damage to the body politic. I believe that our people are too sane, too self-respecting, too fit for self-government, ever to adopt such an unworthy standard. We must do our best to see that it is kept open to all on equal terms. Unlike the old highway it is a very difficult and costly thing to manage, and it is of such importance that it should be managed by private individuals than by the government. But it can only be so managed on condition that justice is done the public. It is because, in my judgment, public ownership of railroads is highly undesirable and would probably in this country

Insurance. The great insurance companies afford strict examination of whose business has extended so far beyond the jurisdiction of the states which created them as to preclude strict enforcement of supervision and control by the parent states. In my last annual message I recommended that the Congress carefully consider whether the power of the Bureau of Corporations cannot be extended to cover interstate transactions in insurance. Recent events have emphasized the importance of an early and exhaustive consideration of this question. Our revenue laws must be readjusted to furnish better safeguards than the several states have been able to furnish against corruption of the kind which has been exposed.

The Revenues. Touching the question of tariff and revenue, the views of the President are as follows:

There is more need of stability than of the attempt to attain an ideal perfection in the methods of raising revenue; and the certain to attend any serious change in these methods render such change inadvisable unless for grave reason. It is not possible to lay down any general principle by which to determine a maximum when the reasons for will outweigh the reasons against such a change. Much must depend, not merely on the needs, but on the desires, of the people as a whole, for these are necessarily identical. Of course no change can be made on lines beneficial, or desired by, one section of one state only. There must be something like a general agreement among the citizens of the several states, as represented in the Congress, that the change is needed and desired in the interest of the people as a whole, and that there should be a sincere, intelligent, and disinterested effort to make it in such shape as will combine, so far as possible, the maximum of good to the people and large with the minimum of necessary disregard for the special interests of localities or classes. But in time of peace the revenue must on the average, taking a series of years together, equal the expenditures or else the revenues must be increased. Last year there was a deficit. Unless our expenditures can be kept within the revenues, or our revenues be increased, it is as yet too early to attempt to outline what shape such a readjustment should take, for it is as yet too early to say whether the revenue will be used more wisely, or whether it is not desirable that the tariff laws should provide for applying as against or in favor of any other nation maximum and minimum tariff rates established by the Congress, so as to secure a certain reciprocity of treatment between other nations and ourselves. Having in view even larger considerations of policy than those of a purely economic nature, I would not, in my judgment, be well to endeavor to bring about close commercial connections with the other people of this continent. I am happy to be able to report that Russia now treats us on the most-favored-nation basis.

Currency. The currency question is dealt with as follows:

Every consideration of prudence demands the addition of the element of elasticity to our currency system. The evil does not consist in an adequate volume of money, but in the rigidity of this volume, which does not respond as it should to the varying needs of communities and of seasons. Inflation must be avoided; but the provision should be made that will insure a larger volume of money during the fall and winter months than in the less active seasons of the year; so that the contract against speculation, and will expand for the needs of legitimate business. At present the Treasury department is at irregularly recurring intervals obliging the public to purchase the American public to try to avert financial crises by providing a remedy which should be provided by Congressional action.

Federal Elections. On the subject of federal elections, the President says:

In political campaigns in a country as large and populous as ours it is inevitable that there should be much expense of an entirely legitimate character, and that the number of many contributions, and some of them of large size, must be made, and as a matter of fact, in any big political contest such contributions are inevitable. Not only so, but it is entirely proper both to give and receive them, unless there is an improper motive connected with either gift or reception. If they are of a kind of pressure or promise, express or implied, direct or indirect, in the way of favor or immunity, then the giving or receiving becomes not only improper, but criminal. It will undoubtedly be difficult as a matter of practical detail to shape an act which shall guard with reasonable certainty against such misconduct; but if it is possible to secure by law the facts and verified publication in detail of all the sums contributed to and expended by the candidates or committees of any political parties in connection with their campaign, and all contributions by corporations to any political committee or for any political purpose should be forbidden by law; directors should not be permitted to receive money for such purposes; and, moreover, a prohibition of this kind would be, as far as it went, an effective method of stopping the evils aimed at in this proposal. Not only should both the national and the several state legislatures forbid any officer of a corporation from using the money of the corporation in this way, but they should also forbid such use of money in connection with any legislation save by the employment of counsel in public manner for distinctly legal services.

Army and Navy. The President insists upon the necessity for a well trained body of soldiers as a nucleus for an army in time of trouble, and that maneuvers of a practical kind should be undertaken to adapt the forces to actual conditions of warfare. An increase in the artillery force so that the coast fortifications can be adequately manned is also recommended, with liberal appropriations for the building and bringing to a state of perfection of the United States navy.

Naturalization Laws. Of our present naturalization laws, the message says:

During the past year wholesale has accumulated to confirm the expressions contained in my last annual message as to the importance of revising by appropriate legislation our system of naturalizing aliens. I appointed last March a commission to make a careful examination of our naturalization laws, and to suggest appropriate measures to avoid the notorious abuses resulting from the improper or unlawful granting of citizenship. This commission, composed of an officer of the Department of State, of the Department of Justice, and of the Department of Commerce and Labor, has discharged the duty imposed upon it, and has submitted a report which will be transmitted to the Congress for its consideration, and, I hope, for its favorable action.

The distinguishing recommendations of the commission are:

First. A federal bureau of naturalization, to be established in the Department of Commerce and Labor, to supervise the administration of the naturalization laws and to receive returns of naturalizations pending and accomplished.

Second. Uniformity of naturalization certificates, to be charged and issued by the government.

Third. More exacting qualifications for citizenship.

Fourth. The preliminary declaration of intention to be filed in the United States district courts and to such State courts as have jurisdiction in civil actions in which the amount in controversy is unlimited, in cities of over 100,000 population, in United States district courts to have exclusive jurisdiction in the naturalization of the alien residents of such cities.

Merchant Marine. On the subject of the merchant marine, the message says:

To the spread of our flag in peace and the defense of our flag in war, a prosperous merchant marine is indispensable. We should have ships of our own and seamen of our own to convey our goods to neutral markets, and in case of need to reinforce our battle line. It cannot but be a source of regret and uneasiness to us that the lines of communication with our sister republics of South America should be chiefly under foreign control. It is not a good thing that American merchants and manufacturers should have to send their goods and letters to South America via Europe if they wish security and dispatch. Even on the Pacific, where our ships have held their own better than on the Atlantic, our merchant flag is now threatened through the liberal aid bestowed by other governments on their own steam lines. I ask your earnest consideration of the report with which the Merchant Marine commission has followed its long and careful inquiry.

Praise of the good work of the pension bureau with an acknowledgment of the debt of the country owes to the veterans of the Civil war follows.

Immigration. Continuing, the message shows clearly the necessity for checking the steamship companies in their activity in promoting the importation of undesirable immigrants, while pointing out how warmly welcome is the man of good health and moral character, who bids fair to add value to the community. An increase in the stringency of the immigration law is advocated.

On the subject of Chinese immigration the message urges the necessity for courteous treatment of the Chinese students, business and professional men who visit this country, while asserting unalterable opposition to the admission of coolies or skilled or unskilled labor from China.

The Philippines. Despite the series of disasters which have afflicted the Philippine islands since the American occupation—the rinderpest, the locusts, and the drought—conditions are shown to have steadily improved and tranquility is now almost universal. The Filipinos are beginning to realize the benefits of education, and a school attendance of 70 per cent is the result. Referring to trade between the islands and the United States, the message says:

A statute in force, enacted April 15, 1904, suspends the operation of the coastwise laws of the United States upon the trade between the Philippine Islands and the United States until July 1, 1905. I earnestly recommend that this suspension be postponed until July 1, 1909. I think it of doubtful utility to apply the coastwise laws to the trade between the United States and the Philippines under any circumstances, because I am convinced that it will do no good whatever to American bottoms, and will only interfere and hamper the trade between the Philippines and the United States; but if the coastwise law must be thus applied, certainly it ought not to have effect until free trade is enjoyed between the people of the United States and the people of the Philippine Islands in their respective products. We do not anticipate that free trade between the islands and the United States, or a revolution in the sugar and tobacco production of the Philippine Islands. So primitive are the methods of agriculture in the Philippine Islands, so slow is capital in going to the islands, so many difficulties surround a large agricultural enterprise in the islands, that it will be many years before the products of those islands will have any effect whatever upon the markets of the United States. The problem of labor is also a formidable one with the sugar and tobacco growers of the islands. The best friends of the Filipino people and the people themselves are utterly opposed to the admission of Chinese coolie labor under any circumstances, because the only solution is the training of Filipino labor, and this will take a long time. The enactment of a law by the Congress of the United States making provision for free trade between the islands and the United States, however, will be of great importance from a political and sentimental standpoint; and while its actual benefits have doubtless been exaggerated by the people of the islands, they will accept this measure of justice as an indication that the people of the United States are anxious to aid the people of the Philippine Islands. Especially in the agricultural development of their Archipelago, it will aid the Filipinos without interfering with American interests.

Discussing the needs of Alaska, the President recommends that the territory be given an elective delegate who will be able to speak with authority on the needs of that section of our country. The message concludes:

Admission to Statehood. I recommend that Indian Territory and Oklahoma be admitted as one State and that New Mexico and Arizona be admitted as one State. There is no obligation upon us to treat territorial subdivisions, which are matters of convenience only, as binding on us on the question of admission to statehood. Nothing has taken up more time in the Congress during the past few years than the question of what territories should be granted to the four Territories above mentioned, and after careful consideration of all that has been developed in the discussions of the question, recommissioned by the President, immediately admitted as two States. There is no justification for further delay; and the desirability of making the four Territories into two States has been clearly established.

The Panama Canal. The treaty between the United States and the Republic of Panama, under which the construction of the Panama canal was made possible, was made effective by the act of the United States Senate on Feb. 23, 1904. The canal project of the French Canal Company were transferred to the United States on April 23, 1904, on payment of \$40,000,000 to that company. On April 1, 1905, the Commission was reorganized, and it now consists of Theodore P. Shonts, chairman, Charles E. Macoon, Benjamin M. Harrod, Rear-Admiral McDowell T. Endicott, Brigadier Peter C. Halsey, and Col. Oswald H. Ernst. John F. Stevens was appointed chief engineer on July 1 last. Active work in canal construction, mainly preparatory, has been in progress for less than a year and a half. During that period two points about the canal have ceased to be open to debate. First, the question of route, the canal will be built on the Isthmus of Panama. Second, the question of feasibility; there are no physical obstacles on this route that American engineering skill will not be able to overcome without serious difficulty, or that will prevent the completion of the canal within a reasonable time and at a reasonable cost. This is virtually the unanimous testimony of the engineers who have investigated the matter for the government.

What is needed now and without delay is an appropriation by the Congress to meet the current and accruing expenses of the commission. The first appropriation of \$2,000,000 was made in 1905, and the \$100,000,000 authorized by the Spooner act was made three years ago. It is nearly exhausted. There is barely enough of it remaining to carry the commission to the end of the year. Unless the Congress shall appropriate before that time all work must cease. The best course for any length of time, however, matters are advancing satisfactorily, and we can be deplored. There will be no money with which to meet the needs of the canal, and with which to meet the needs of the canal, and the materials and supplies, and these will be deposited in the levees, here and on the Isthmus, now working so harmoniously and effectively. If there is delay in this appropriation, the progress of the canal will be seriously retarded, and the interests of the Secretary of War and the commission.

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On staple dry goods such as bleach and brown domestic, cotton checks, cotton flannels, outing, mattress, feather ticking, drilling and calico, we have what you want at the right price.

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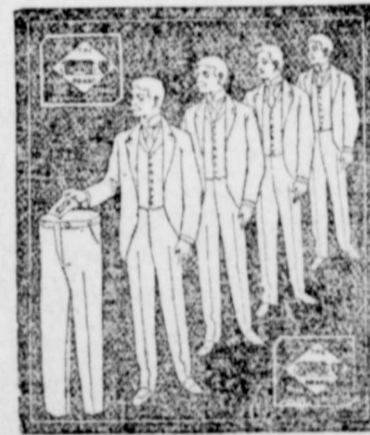
Blankets in white and colors from 50c up to a heavy wool or cotton blanket. Comforts from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Large enough for your bed.

Men's and Boys Overcoats.

We have just received a good line of boys' and men's overcoats in black, beaver and fancy worsted in both long coats with strap back and short sack coats. Call and see them, it will turn cold some of these days.

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We are showing a complete line of children's knee suits in good styles and patterns from 75c up. In men's and youths' suits we have good snappy suits at prices to suit you.



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Wood and iron beds, bureaus, dressers, wash stands, chairs, rockers, baby rockers, tables, kitchen safes and the celebrated Leggett & Platt noiseless spring—the best made.

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The Holidays approach. Just a few more days and Christmas will be here in all its glory. It is then the good housewife has the satisfaction of knowing that the cupboard is full of something good to eat for the week.

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LOCAL NEWS.

For flour see Howard.

Big lot new goods this week. Come and buy at W. B. Faris'.

John R. Sheridan of Crockett was in the city Monday.

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

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

Big lot iron bedsteads this week. Darsey.

Frank Taylor was in the city Sunday from Reynard.

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

Gus Porter went to Crockett Sunday to see his friends.

Darsey has another car of brick ordered.

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

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

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

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

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

Wear the Brown Shoe Co's. Star-5-Star shoe for comfort and durability, for sale at Darsey's.

Write to Wyley Caskey, Grapeland, Texas, for information about the Plaster Automatic Gate.

If you have not already done so, turn now and read the full page ad of Shipper & Son. It's chuck full of bargains.

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Dan J. Kennedy of Crockett is in the city this week visiting relatives and friends.

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

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

Ed Janes of Crockett is in the city this week doing some work on the Ed Parker house in south Grapeland.

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

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

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

Let me put up a Plaster Automatic gate for you or sell you a farm right and you can put up as many as you want. Wyley Caskey.

Mrs. Dora Adams returned to Palestine Tuesday night after several days spent here with relatives.

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Santa Claus at Shipper's

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

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Shipper sells lemon soaps, zuzus and uneeda a pair of Walk Over shoes.

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

Xmas is coming for it has already got to Shipper's.

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

Cotton 11 to 11½ per pound; plenty calicoes and cotton checks for 5c per yard at W. B. Faris'.

J. S. Newman of Augusta was here Monday trading.

Cold weather is here—we are the shoe people. W. B. Faris

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

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

Darsey buys peas.

If it's to be had Darsey has it.

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

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

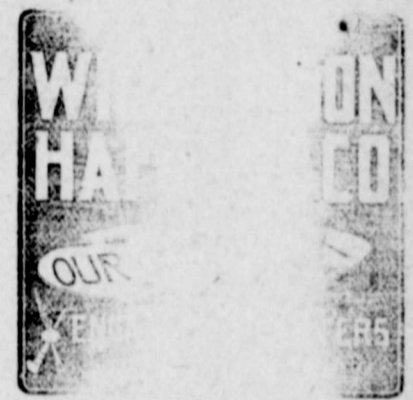
5 pounds of Anvil brand soda for 25c at W. B. Faris'.

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Ask your neighbor about the Plaster Automatic Gate

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

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

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.