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We Are After Your Irade and are Willing to Make Liberal Concessions to Set 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, Ginghams, 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 yards for \$1. This is 24 inches wide and will answer for many purposes. outing at 25

SHOES.

We have something special in the Ladies' and Chaildren'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 we handle the nicest thing in Grape- C? land. Newest lasts, price ...

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 -----

Same as above 3 to 5 for

We also have a cheaper one for 75c and 50c a

We have children's shoes, sizes, 12 to 2, \$1.00.

Same as above in smaller sizes for 900

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

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, new-

est last, heel and toe for \$4.50

Our stock of rubbers in misses', sizes 1 to 2, price 40c. Ladies' sizes 3 to 7, price 50c. Men's rubbers, sizes 6 to 11, 65c. Felt lined, sizes 5 to

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

10, · price.....\$1.00

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

this price shoe. In ladies all over patent leather 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.

HARDWARE.

Our hardware consists of air tight heaters, stove pipes, rain proofs, elbows, flat files, plow goods, rope, loaded shells, single trees, traces, nails and staples, Prices on air tight heaters, \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50 Stove pipe and elbows, 5 and 6 inches, 15c or

QUEENSWARE.

Queensware is something that everybody buys when they have to have to have it. We have something nice and new. Dishes and plates from We also have something cheaper. A set of plates, large size, 50c. Small plate......40c Cups and saucers from 50c up. Bowl, with

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.

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 mackeral, onions, Irish and sweet potatoes. We want to sell you your groceries; we promise full weights and measures and a new fresh stock.

SHIPPER AND

Ready For The Holiday

Visit Our Store and Make Your Purchases.

For your wife, your husband, your children your friend. Don't wait until the last days when the rush is on, but come now. We have a nice assortment of useful article for presents for every member of the family. Also remember that we have and are prepared to sell you at BED ROCK PRICES, your dry goods, gent's and ladiess' underwear, hand knit shawls, facinators, ladies' skirts and dress goods, outings, teazledowns, shirt waist goods, prints, ginghams, flannelettes; a beautiful line of men's fancy shirts, brown hats, fine line men's, ladies', misses' and boys' shoes.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT is full of the best flour, sagar, coffee, rice, salt, extracts, pickles. Come give us your trade on the merit of the goods. Full weight, honest measure and courteous treatment. Respectfully,

B. FARIS,

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TELEPHONES:

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

Cotton is still "it."

Christmas guns are a popin'.

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

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

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

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

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

A MAIL ORDER BUGGY.

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

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

The moral to the above is easiyour home merchants," not only your buggy, but everything else. Your home merchants appreciate your trade and will treat you right for he expects you to buy from him again, while a mail order house never expects the said the woman, only \$37.23 and second order. Patronize home other quail hunt. We saw his

FROM LA TEXO.

Messenger Correspondent Betieves in Good Time.

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

"It's a good old world my brother My sister, ain't it good?

When the evening lamps are lightea

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

that

ain't

Lyon's Chocolates

T. H. Leaverton spent a few gating the location for his planer.

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

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

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

Chas. Allen has moved to arrived safely at a cost of \$5.19, Leaverton's mill and has charge of the log transportation depart-

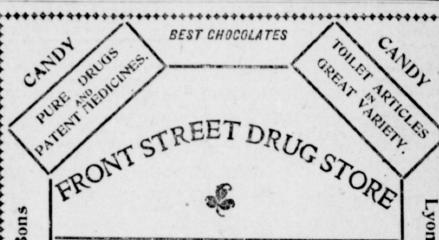
> Henry Foley, who has been at the 4C mills for some time, has come home and will make a crop on the Brince Dickson place.

We are haying rain today and man only wanted \$55. Where's Christmas is near by. Have to to look out for Santa Claus and he may come this year with his snow shoes on.

> Mrs. Ira Wall has been very sick this week but is better to-

We are wearing a smile a yard rubber in the tires was worthless long these days. Those who have remembered us are: J. B. Philips, J. F. Lively, D. C. Poe, T. D. Zachery, Wilson Whittaker ly found and that is "buy from Geo. L. Tyer, Frank Leaverton, J. L. Ward, Edgar Bean, Miss Jessie Meriwether. others follow suit.

> Prof. Walker King was down from Palestine Saturday for an game and it looked like the limit had been reached.



FREE DRAW AT THE

WITH EACH \$1.00 PURCHASE.

Our line of Holiday Goods is complete. We have Xmas presents suitable for anyone; big, little, old young, with prices to suit any purse. We cordially invite you to come and see our display whether you buy anything or not.

> CARLETON & PORTER. DRUGGISTS.

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25 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Is the way we are going to sell a \$40. scholarship to some ambitious young man or woman who desire to take a business course in the McKinney Business College of McKinney, Tex. This scholarship entitles the holder to a full business course, and is good until the course is completed. If you are interested write about this scholarship. Address,

The Messenger,

Grapeland, Texas.

A WHOLESOME SIGN.

Damage Suit Industry in Texas on the

For the year ending July 30, 1905, the railroads operating in Texas paid out in damage suits \$1,368.583.37; for the preceding year \$1,873,793.28. There has been therefore a decrease in the returns to the credit of the damage suit industry of \$505,209.91. This is encouraging. If it indicates that the decrease is to continue in wholesome ratio until damages paid by the railroads shall not exceed amounts in just proportion to the damages they inflict on life and property, it is a subject for congratulation. However, we have no data at hand by which we can analyze the returns or justify so desirable a conclusion. Still, we hope that the reduction is largely due to the barretry statute enacted, we believe, by the Twenty-eighth Legislature and ever afterwards vigorously supported by the Texas press. At any rate it is a wholesome sign. The public has come o believe and know that the plaintiff gets rarely more than half the sum named in the verdict, while the plaintiff's lawyers rarely get less than onehalf and not infrequently more of the amount recovered. Besides, the public has come to know that the railroads must earn the immense sums annually disbursed to meet the rapacity of the damage suit industrfy out of their traffic, and that, therefore, the public is taxed to pay as much of it as that traffic can stand. The enlightenment of the public to the extent of these two pertinent facts, we conclude, has had something to do with cutting down the earnings of the damage suit business by a half million of dollars. If anybody thinks it is not a business, or that it lacks any of the constituent elements of Simon pure graft, they have but to refer to the grand jury report of Hunt county for May of this year .- The Current Issue.

WOUNDED SOLDIER'S NERVE.

Wrote Last Message to His Wife While Doctor Reld Back His Life's Blood.

One day an army surgeon was dressing the wound of a soldier who had been shot in the neck near the carotid

Suddenly the blood vessel gave way, and just as quickly the surgeon thrust his finger into the hole to stop the

"Doctor?" said the soldier, "what does that mean?" "It means death " said the surgeon,

"How long can I live?" asked the soldier, whose mind was perfectly "Until I remove my finger," said the

The soldier asked for a pen and paper, wrote his will and an affectionate letter to his wife, and when the last thing was done said, quietly:

"Let it go." The surgeon removed his finger. the blood rushed out, and in a few minutes the man was dead.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Frozen Deep.

The soil of Siberia at the close of the summer is found still frozen for 56 inches beneath the surface, and the dead that have lain in their coffins for 150 years have been taken up unchanged in the least.

Some Hope for Generation.

That English astronomer who announces the sun is losing its heat startles the world until he gives the assurance that we may worry along with what is left for a trifle over 21,-000.000 years.

Saved Him.

"It didn't kill me, but I think it would if it had not been for Hunt's Cure. I was tired, miserable and well nigh used up when I commenced using it for an old and severe case of Eczema. One application relieved and one box cured me.

"I believe Hunt's Cure will cure any form of itching known to mankind." Clifton Lawrence, Helena, O. T.

The Review of Reviews for Decem ber gives a nation-wide survey of the recent elections, with valuable editorial comment on the results in New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, San Francisco, and elsewhere.

Every husband ought to make his wife a regular allowance. Every wife you know, is constantly making allow ances for her husband.

Mother Cray's Sweet Powders for Children. Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Testhing Disorders, move and regulate the Bewels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Medical Education Needed.

To supply the medical and sanitary needs of the Philippines 2,000 or 3,000 native physicians and sanitarians should be educated there during the next 20 years. There is a unique op-portunity for the establishment of the ideal university and affiliated professiant schools in the Philippines, and ting in with mighty small keys. there will be no lack of earnest, capa-ble students.—Medical Record.

Biting the nails is called "onchyo symptom of degeneracy.

Every housekeeper should know that If they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in %-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoy-ance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

London Zoo Gorilla.

Miss Crowther, the largest and fiercest gorilla ever captured, lately arrived at the London zoological gardens. She is five feet six inches in height, measures 42 inches around the chest and possesses great strength. Occasionally she has fits of rage, but usually she is very shy and hides her face from visitors with her hands.

AN AWFUL SKIN HUMOR.

Covered Head, Neck and Shoulders-Suffered Agony for Twenty-five Years Until Cured by Cuticura.

"For twenty-five years I suffered agony from a terrible humor, completely covering my head, neck and shoulders, discharging matter of such offensiveness to sight and smell that I became an object of dread. I consulted the most able doctors far and near, to no avail. Then I got Cuticura, and in a surprisingly short time I was completely cured. For this I thank Cuticura, and advise all those suffering from skin humors to get it and end their misery at once. S. P. Keyes, 149 Congress Street, Boston,

The Era of Specialization.

"What do you think of the simple

life?" asked the earnest friend. "It is a fine idea," answered Senator Sorghum, as he lit a perfecto. "We do the real living and let the producing public furnish the simplicity."

HOLIDAY RATES.

Via H. & T. C. R. R. to all points in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florlda, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indian and Oklahoma Territories, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, Wyom-

Rate of one and one-third fares. Dates of Sale, December 21-22-23. 1905.

Final limit, thirty days from date of sale. Round trip tickets will also be on sale between all Texas points, Unexcelled service. Convenient connections.

For information relative to rates, connections, etc., see local agents or address.

M. L. ROBBINS, G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

For Afternoon Tea.

For light refreshments for an afternoon get the long, narrow reception flakes, spread them with boiled frosting, set in the oven to harden and serve with lemonade punch. To make the frosting boil one cup of granulated sugar with a little water till it hairs.

BYATE OF ORIO, CITY OF TCLEDO,
LUCAS COUNTY.

PRARE 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, and that raid firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and nuccous surfaces of the system. Send for testimentals, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Sold by all Druggists. 75c. Take Hair's Family Pills for constipation.

Huge Cannonball.

The biggest cannon ball ever made weighed 2,600 pounds, and was manufactured at the Krupp works, Essen, for the government of the czar. The gun from which the projectile was fired is also the largest in the world. and is placed in the fortifications of Cronstadt. This gun has a range of 12 miles, and it has been estimated that each shot costs \$1500.

Joanna Maestrich of Berlin was for eight years Oporto's champion bull fighter.

On one white cloth dress there are showers of various lozengers of black

One pound of washed wool produces on an average a yard of cloth 36 inches

Galon done in gold and reseda silk is a superb trimming. Many hig sins have a way of get-

Lord Roberts arises at ten minutes to eix both winter and summer.

Listen when two women quarrel if you would hear the truth.

A Valuatle Agent.

The glycerine employed in Dr. Pierce's medicines greatly enhances the medicinal properties which it extracts and holds in solution much better than alcohol would. It also possesses medicinal properties of its own, being a valuable demulcent, nutritive, antiseptic and antiferment. It adds greatly to the efficacy of the Black Cherrybark, Golden Seal root, Stone root and Queen's root, contained in "Golden Medical Discovery" in subduing chronic, or lingering coughs, bronchial, throat and lung affections, for all of which these agents are recommended by standard medical authorities. In all cases where there is a wasting away of flesh, loss of appetite, with weak stomach, as in the early stages of consumption, there can be no doubt that glycerine acts as a valuable nutritive and alds the Golden Seal root. Stone root, Queen's root and Black Cherrybark in promoting digestion and building up the flesh and strength, controlling the cough and bringing about a healthy condition of the whole system. Of course, it must not be expected to work miracles. It will not cure consumption except in its earlier stages. It will cure very severe, obstinate, chronic coughs, bronchial and laryngeal troubles, and chronic sore throat with hoarseness. In acute coughs it is not so effective. It is in the lingering coughs, or those of long standing, even when accompanied by bleeding from lungs, that it has performed its most marvelous cures. Send for and read the little book of extracts, treating of the properties and uses of the several medicinal roots that enter into Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and learn why this medicine has such a wide range of application in the cure of diseases, It is sent free. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y. The "Discovery" contains no alcohol or harmful, habit-forming drug. Ingredients all printed on each bottle wrapper in plain English.

Sick people, especially those suffering from diseases of long standing, are invited to consult Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to p

Sympathetic Lady-Very sad that your husband should have lost his

leg! How did it happen? Mrs. Muggles-Why, he got run over by one o' those 'ere subtraction engines, miss!-Punch.

Instantaneous Action.

"I was almost distracted by a terrible itching which defied all treatment until I obtained a box of Hunt's Cure. The first application afforded instant and absolute relief. The one

box effected a complete cure. "It is simply wonderful in its instantaneous action.

Geo. Gilliland, Manitou, O. T.

Just Be Glad.

We should be glad-really glad-of everything that has come to us, no matter if it is sorrow or pain, when we find that our experience fits someone else's need-that some one else can build on our lives .- Detroit Free

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 os in a package, which they won't be able to self first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. or same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds. Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At drug-gists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Add the beaten whites and stir till it is smooth and stiff enough to spread. A pretty baby is a prize. And Flavor with vanilla.

After all, a pretty baby doesn't nee?

a prize. A pretty baby is a prize. And all babies are pretty.—North Adams Transcript.

> Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recent ly and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker. Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

No Youngsters.

A family in the city of Tiflis, Caucasus, consists of five members, whose combined age is 395 years. The father is 105 years, the mother 59 and the three sons over 60.

Curea Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison. Greatest Blood Purifier Free.

Purifier Free.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every cruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, atrengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, it per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in scaled letter. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-scated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

His Faverite.

First Insurance Magnate—What is your favorite theatrical production?
Second Insurance Magnate—"Other People's Money."—Baltimore Ameri-

When a man presents a woman with an engagement ring it is equivalent to declaration of war.

No Others.

It is in a class to itself. It has no rivals. It cures where others merely relieve. For aches, pains, stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc., it is the quickest and surest remedy ever devised. We mean Hunt's Lightning Oil.

Many a man who owns an automo- morrow. bile ought to be pushing a wheelbar-

Withholding affection is one of the most wasteful economies in life.

Mrs. Winelow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, softens the gums, reduces to
Sammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

You can get the flavor of life's hickory without eating the shell.

Why It is the Best

is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

It is awful hard to believe all the things you want your children to.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Bilnd, Bleeding, Frotruding Piles. Drug-gists are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT falls to cure in 6 to 14 days. 80c. Signor Caruso, the famous tenor, is

gifted black and white artist.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Housion, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. they render written opinions in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

Enjoy life today. The joys of yesterday are past and those due tomorrow my fail to arrive.

Senator Platt says he intends to die with his business suit on.

Avegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of

INFANAS: (HILDREN

Promotes Digestion.Cheerfulness and Rest.Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral.

Aperfect Remedy for Constipa-tion, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea

Worms, Convulsions, Feverish-

ness and LOSS OF SLEEP.

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If you are going to the Old States during the holidays go via the South-ern Pacific-Sunset Route. Cheap rates to all points in the Southeast and North Central States. Round trip tionets on sale Dec. 21, 22 and 24, return limit 30 days. For further information

consult nearest Railroad Ticket Agent, or write to T. J. Anderson, G. P. A.,; Jos. Hellen, A. G. P. A., Houston, Tex.

It's the wise boy who is considerate of today and doesn't worry about to

A knot will not come untied if it would rather knot than not.



has traveled round the world, and everywhere human

Aches and Pains

have welcomed it and blest it for a cure.

Price, 25c. and 5Qc.

900 DROPS For Infants and Children The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature

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The man who keeps his own coun- FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY sel has less use for a lawyer than the man who goes about talking over his affairs in general to every man he meets.

Defiance Starch

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water

Pride holds a few people up and throws a good many down.

bas an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN BOYES. Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 18, 1900.

It is a waste of money trying to feed people on bread labels.

TO CURR A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quipine Tablete. Druggists refund money if it fells to cure. E. W. GROVE's signature is on each box. 28. Burglars who rifle sales should be shotgunned.

Many a lawyer has discovered that a wife's word is law.

The Santa Fe Announces Special

to the old states in the Southeast. Tlebou co cale December Sist, Mad and Sird, limited to 53 days from date of sale. QUICK DIRECT CONNECTION

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J. B. Satterwhite.

Crockett, Tex., Dec. 9 .- John killing occurred on Main street Mrs. Jas. Lawrence. in Crockett about [3 o'clock this of trouble between these parties of some months' standing. Corbin at the time of the shooting was in a wagon and had with him a loaded Winchester, when Satterwhite met him and j opened fire with a shotgun. Death was ing the skull.

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

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

street was crowded with wagons Clarendon, Texas, Sunday where and thronged with people, and it they will work at the carpenters' is almost a miracle that no one trade. eise was injured.

The yery best Christmas gift, or daughter, is a scholarship for and Mrs. Bratz. a business course, shorthand or telegraphy in Tyler Commercial College. It is a gift which will last through life, repeating itself in value and money returns year by year. It is one which does grows better the more it is used. It is a treasure none can steal, that much every month through getting along nicely now. life. A mail course, which can Mr, T. F. Kerr, one of our be taken at home at leisure moments, is only \$15. Leave your son or daughter money and it may be wasted; property, and it may be lost; and if one should have money or property, that training will enable it to be kept secure. You can make no better present, no finer investment. Your boy must be in business; he will, then, need business training. Your giri may some day the spring truckers. have to make her own living; if so, a practical course will be worth many times the French, art, and society manners of the average female college, The best place for the best courses is the Tyler Com'l. College, Tyler, Texas.

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

The negro question is the gravest one that now confronts the American people. The assaults which the daily papers report with almost every issue will not be tolerated much longer, for the ceopla have stood about amuch of it as they will. Just how it will be settled remains to be her off; but when a girl with seen, but it looks like colonization is the only rational way in book and a mouth full of gum which it can be disposed of without serious trouble.-Brownwood ple with her to start a town.-

KILLING AT CROCKETT, ELKHART HAPPENINGS.

E. A. Corbin Shot and Killed by All the News of the Past Week by a Correspondent.

Elkhart, Texas, Dec. 11.-B. Satterwhite, a respected far- Misses Katie and Almarine Aimer living about six miles south len of Palestine were visitors to of Crockett, today shot and in- our city Sunday. While here stantly killed E. A. Corbin. The they were the guests of Mr. and

Misses Manerly and Jennie afternoon, and is the culmination McDemett were among the many visitors to our city Sunday.

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

Mrs. Will Neel went to Crock. in tantaneous, the shot penetrat- ett last Friday to spend a few days with relatives.

Rev. Campbell of Guiceland and was dragged some fifteen preached to an appreciative audience Sunday.

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

Messrs. Bob Glenn, Louis Wal-At the time of the shooting the ling and Oscar Knox left for

Mrs. Buck and daughter, Miss Daisy, of LaFayette, Ind., arrived in the city Saturday night the most useful one for your son to spend a few weeks with Mr.

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

Messrs. W. J. Bridges and C. P. Quarles went to Palestine not perish with the using, but Sunday to attend court for this week.

We are very glad indeed to worth most when most needed, chronicle Mr. Will Neel's conalways ready for use, always dition better since the run away valuable, useful every day and several weeks ago. He was costs but \$45. It will be worth bruised up considerably, but is

> progressive farmers, had business in Palestine Saturday.

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

The crate factory is running regular now to be ready to handle

been coafined to his bed with typhoid fever for several weeks, is no better we are sorry to say.

The school is progressing nicely with a large attendance.

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

When a woman with a lot of children and baskets and valises eaves on a train, says an exchange, there is no one to see nothing but an empty pocket gues away, there is enough peo-Merkel Mail.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

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

When Mr. Cain was recently absent a day, Mrs. Cain taught high school department and Mr. Mr. Zeno Morris, who has Frank Leaverton filled intermegiate department.

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

ulen Beazley spent Saturday with his parents at Reynard.

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

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

us awhile Friday afternoon. He was accompanied out home by his son Cam.

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

Since the sixth grade have finished their physiology they have taken up literature in its place. The seventh grade are was in the city this week for a taking literature instead of Tex-quail hunt.

as history.

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

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

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

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

Hermie Howard of Crockett

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

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

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

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

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



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AN APPROACHING WEDDING

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Collins marriage of their daughter Mattie to

Mr. William Isaac Kennedy Wednesday evening, December the twenty-seventh nineteen hundred and five at

> eight o'clock Presbyterian Church Crockett, Texas.

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

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

"If newspaper editors knew dopt another calling." remark. the string and come in. ed a citizen the other day, says the Noble County Sentinel. The newspaper editor who succeeds expects to be maligned by every law breaker, swindler, hypocrite, every harping critic and lover of notoriety who is ignored and in fact by all persons who do not agree with him in all public and private matters. The newspaper man that expects to go through without being misrepresented and unjustly censured should buy a monument, get measured for a coffin and prepare to die young. His day of usefulness is ended-Wills Point Chronicle.

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the number of the room assigned Messenger Correspondent Tells the News.

Gum Springs, Dec. 12.-After an absence of two weeks, and as how many knocks they receive the latch of the Messenger office behind their backs they would a- hangs on the outside, I will pull

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

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

quite sick but is back at her post noticeable the condition calls at once of duty and under her management the school is moving out.

Rev. Campbell accepted an invitation to preach at Elkhart last Sunday. He was requested to preach again the next second culable misery and suffering, mental Sunday.

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

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kennedy of Augusta returned from Crock ett Sunday where they had been

SPRINGS NEWS. WHEN THE KIDNEYS ARE AILING.

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

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

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The union scale for brick layers in Chicago is 62 1-2 cents an hour but nearly every brick layer in the city is now receiving 75 cents an hour. Even with the increased wages enough men cannot be found.

hold its annual meeting at Kingfisner Fricay and adopted resolutions asking tion of a national newspaper organ. for immediate joint statehoo; and the same were forwarded immeditely to Congressman McGuire.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Messenger. REDUCE ACREACE

HARVIE JORDAN ISSUES APPEAL TO SOUTHERN FARMERS.

LAW OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND

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

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

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

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

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

National Farmers' Union.

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

Pacific Mail Monopoly Broken.

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

Luke Wright in Washington,

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

Bullet Hole in His Breast.

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

Snow at El Paso.

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

McDade Voted for Prohibition. McDade, Texas: An election was defeat of the anti-prohibitionists as follows: Pros, 130; antis, 42.

HOLD FOR 15c.

Cheatham Urges the Southern Cotton Planter to Stand His Ground.

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

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

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

"Now on December 1 the fact that | the crop is a very short one has been classes. However, the law must still established beyond a shalow of a pass the Council of the Empire and doubt, and only a small remnant of that left unsold, also that the markets are bare of dry goods, with future prices formally advanced, cotton mills loaded down with contracts and orders have done in the past.

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

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

A Kentucky Killing.

arrest Jake Noble at Jackson yester- criminal offense, has not yet been proday, Grant Holliday, a deputy sheriff, mulgated. It is expected, however, was shot and killed. Holliday had a that the law will be promulgated bewarrant charging a misdemeanor and fore the end of the week, when it is is no known what words passed between them, but Holliday shot Noble in the face with a shotgun. Raising Prefect of St. Petersburg, has refused to his elbow. Noble fired six bullets into Holfiday, killing him instantly, Noble is not expected to live.

Launching the Idaho,

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

Praise for Roosevelt.

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

Struck by a Meteor.

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

Paris Bourse Firm.

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

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

Uvalde Goes Dry.

Uvalde, Texas: Uvalde county went prohibition in Saturday's election by leans Friday.

THE MAILED HAND

REACTION AND REVOLUTION CON-FRONT EACH OTHER.

ARMED REVOLUTION PLANNED.

Durnovo Claims Irrefutable Proof Against Krustaleff, the Strike Leadcr-Witte's Ministry Tetters.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 .- It is ascer tained on high authority that the government has finally decided against universal suffrage and practically in favor of the old project of twenty-one workmen representatives and the extension of the ballot to the small rent payers, merchants and the educated receive imperial approval.

The railroad men claim that they have been informed that several sections of the southwestern systems have already responded to the appeal for goods for several months ahead for a general strike. Cooler heads, and only with about one-half enough however, are advising against precipcotton in sight to fill them. Will they itating action which might result in pay 15c for cotton? Why, of course failure and are urging a postponement they will, if you ask it. If you do of action until the organizations not they will take it at 5c, as they throughout the country have been consulted.

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

Premier Witte's friends declare emphatically that he has never been in favor of an armed repression, and of the strike leaders must be charged to Interior Minister Durnovo, who insisted that he had proof, which could be established in the courts, that M. Krustaleff was planning an armed revolution and that, besides attempting to subvert the government, he had attacked its credit in circulars advising the peasants and workmen to withdraw their funds from the savings banks. Notwithstanding this, doubt is expressed as to whether M. Durnovo can establish his case, as the specific law making agitation for political strikes which interfere with the Lexington, Ky.: In attempting to railroads, telegraphs, posts, etc., a

gally against the present agitators. It is understood that Gen. Dedulin, to carry out Durnovo's orders, that he has resigned and that he has been succeeded by Baron de Meyendorff, commander of Emperor Nicholas'

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

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

during the strike. The situation is exceedingly omin-

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

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

Gen. Parseneff sald:

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

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

Gonzales, Texas: L. Martin shipped one car of calves, and Houston & Boothe one car of cows to New OrMAC STEWART STRICKEN.

Vocal Organs Are Paralyzed-To Bo Placed in a Sanitarium.

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

Live Wire Killed Bride.

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

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

Roosevelt's Critics.

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

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

Killed by a Gun,

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

Nantucket Crew Saved.

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

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

Tuskegee's Anniversary.

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

Pickers Wanted in Stamford.

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

Cabbage Growth Retarded.

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

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

Bell Has Sold Its Land.

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

Life Insurance Trust Opinion.

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

Six Persons Cremated.

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

...DARSEY'S CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS ...

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

LADIES' FINE SHOES

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

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

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

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

A 5, Ladies Usona kid lace, Brown's flexible turn soles, fast ilets, straight last, soft cap toe, 1-2 heel, an old lady's dress shoe, price \$3,50

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

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

MEN'S FINE SHOES

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

No 4805, boys' overcoat, black beaver fly front, velvet collar, center slit in back, price \$5 00

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

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

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

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

If any of your friends are going off to spend Christmas we suggest you give them a nice trunk. We have them at \$1.50, \$1,75, \$2.00, \$2.50,\$3,00, \$3.50 and up to \$8.

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

A BIG SHIPMENT OF GROCERIES

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

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

RESPECTFULLY,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

We Want Turkeys, Eggs and Hides.

************ LOCAL NEWS.

Darsey buys peas.

If it's to be had Darsey has it.

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

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

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

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

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

George E Darsey has a change of ad this week.

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

Ask your neighbor about the Plaster Automatic Gate

W B Faris'. just in at

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

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

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

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

Christmas cooking, 18 pounds January 1. for \$1 at Darsev's.

For your Christmas flour buy the Invincible from

W. B. Faris.

Dolph Carter came in Wednesspend the holidays.

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

calico, canton flannel and out- and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk. ing. Best goods in town for the money at Darsey's.

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

If the Plaster Automatic Gate was a fake I would not advertise it. I would want to keep it a secret, but I know they're all Star-5-Star shoes if you want right and that's the reason I am telling you about it. Want one? Wyley Caskey.

Boughman of Brownston, Ill, Dayis' court. are here prospecting. Mr. Springmann has purchased 340 acres of land from J. J. Brooks on little idence in west Grapeland. That Elkhart. Bourland Bros., also part of town is rapidly growing, of Illinois, have closed a deal and improvements are constantly with D. W. Martin for his farm being made. A wide street has west of Grapeland. They will been opened one mile west and move here in the near future.

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

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

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

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

- Extra good coffee 8 pounds for W. B. Faris.

Odell Faris visited in Crockett Sunday evering

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

you want for Christmas-at Darsey's.

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

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

Iron bedsteads from \$10.00 to \$2 50, oak bedsteads from \$7.50 Big lot Hereford brand shoes to \$1.90, also bed springs, mattresses, etc., at Darsey's.

> Good oranges 30c per dozen; best large oranges 40c per dozen nich knife or razor from at Darsey's

practical, durable, inexpensive wire now at Darsey's at old and convenient. You ought to prices until January 1. have one. See Wyley Caskey.

Satisfaction guaranteed Kinney Business College. or your money back. Sold by Nat Davis.

Darsey has just received a car of genuine Baker Perfect barb wire and hog fencing. Will con-Best new crop YC sugar for tinue to sell at old prices until

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

If you have any speckle peas day night from Cado, I. T., to to sell take them to Geo. E. Darsey. He will buy them.

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

W. B. Faris.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Cocke of Jacksonville were in the city Sat-Get our prices on domestic, urday and Sunday visiting Mr.

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

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

Don't fail to see our line of shoes that will stand the winter. Geo. E. Darsey.

Attorneys John Spence and Earle Adams jr., of Crockett were G. W. Springmann and A. J. here Saturday attending Judge

> Artie Spence is erecting a resshade trees will be planted.

For flour see Howard.

visited here Sunday.

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

Miss Freadie Luker of LaTexo

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

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

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

Big lot iron bedsteads this Darsey.

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

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

Don,t fail to get the boys one Full cream cheese-just what of those suits cheap at Darsey's. Heart shingles, doors and win-

> dows at Darsey's New goods. New shoes this week at W. B. Faris'.

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

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

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

For an Xmas present buy a

Plaster's Automatic Gate is Plenty hog fencing and barb

Write us about that scholar. Use Texas Stock Food, ship we have for sale in the Mc-

> I now have plenty of cotton seed hulls on hand. See me be-Polk Taylor. fore you buy.

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

Geo E Darsey

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

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

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

Do it THIS YEAR

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

THE I. & G. N.

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

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

SPECIAL THROUGH CAR SERVICE

and to all points in Texas Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan 1 Good until Jan 4 for return

For rates and particu-lars see I & G N ticket agents or write

DJ PRICE, GP&TA, Palestine, Texas.

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

A Non-Intoxicating Female Tonic

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

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

it for your trouble. Every druggist sells it in \$1.00 bottles.

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Nearer, Still Nearer

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.

BEGIN RIGHT NOW

to make preparations and buy your fruits and stuff at the BON-TON, the place where they keep all these good things.

AND FIREWORKS OF EVERY

DESCRIPTION. We will headquarters for fireworks. Come here to buy. We will treat you right.

Yours for the Holiday trade,

ODELL FARIS, Proprietor.

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PIANOS AND ORGANS

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EVERYTHING IN MUSIC. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE.

THOS. GOGGAN & BRO.

Galveston, Waco,

Houston, Austin,

Dallas, San Antonio.

Get our prices on apples and candy for Christmas. Darsey.

Buy your sugar, coffee and

Pure extracts for Christmas cooking at Darsey's.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hart of

flour for Christmas from W.B.Faris.

Palestine visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Don't De Too Late.

Wear the Brown Shoe Co's. From now until-January 1 we Star-5-Star shoe for comfort and will sell Baker Perfect barb wire durability, for sale at Darsey's, and hog fencing at old prices.