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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1905.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

With this issue we wind up the business of the Messenger for 1905. No paper will be issued next week on account of the editor being desirous of taking a little spin. We have labored hard since June 1st, doing all the work alone, and feel that a week off is essential. We have done our best to give you a good local paper, and that's all anybody could do.

To those who have patronized us we thank you kindly and hope the returns will be ten fold.

We wish each and every one a merry Christmas.

J. J. Jordan, the Kauffman peanut raiser, planted six acres in peanuts this year. He checked the rows of two acres three feet each way and fertilized each hill with a double handful of stable manure. He gathered from the two acres fertilized 115 bushels of peanuts and two and a half tons of hay. The yield of the fertilized land was twice as great as that which was not. He has made arrangements for a good peanut thrasher next year. —Kauffman Herald.

Early in the season the different Farmers' Unions met and resolved to hold cotton for 11c. We now notice, since cotton has made such wonderful advances, in some parts of the state they are going to hold for 12c. Thus it becomes more evident each day that the more a man has the more he wants.

Quit howling hard times you good for nothing, lazy thing. No such thing as hard times here—go to work!

Pull for Grapeland and Houston county.

Question of the hour: "What are you going to do Christmas?"

Don't drink up all the booze next week, you old hog; save enough to swear off on.

The Reisel Rustler devotes a column to German news. It makes interesting reading.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," snore and you sleep alone.—Anona News.

The word love in the Indian language is "schamlamdammourtchenwager." How nice it would sound whispered softly in some lady's ear, "I schamlamdammourtchenwager you."

We are puzzled, perplexed and full of wonderment. The south-bound train rolled in Saturday without a gallon of booze.

Later—We have been informed that there was so much booze in the car that the express messenger didn't have time to unload it in the time limit, consequently it was carried by.

One evening last week a long, lean, hungry hound dog was prowling around in the Bon Ton and mistook a large red canon fire cracker for a bologna sausage, which he greedily devoured. One of the boys seized a can of chili and pitched to the canine, which was also devoured, and an explosion resulted. Enough dog meat was picked up to start a sausage factory.

SICK HALF THE TIME.

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PERCILLA NEWS.

Cupid is Doing His Work. Local News Items.

Dec. 19.—As this perhaps will be the last chance for a published report of the happenings of our village for the present year, I send you a few jottings.

Mrs. W. F. Murchison is making preparations to pay her sister in DeWitt county a visit. We wish her a pleasant, enjoyable visit, and a safe return. This will be to her a very deserving vacation.

Miss Rubie Cook has gone on a visit to relatives at Livingston. Of course we wish for her a real good time, for she is the nicest little Cook of all the Cooks of this place.

Dan Cupid is said to be very actively aggressive in his operations of late, having some of the young people already in his fetters and will bind them over to matrimonial bondage soon, and from what we see from our view point we fear he has very injudiciously bent his bow and cast his

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darts among some very young boys in knee pants and girls in short dresses. While there may be no fatal results, we are lead to think at least his stroke may be serious. Let us be excused if we think him patronizing, and as our Savior said, "keeping these things hid from the wise and the prudent and revealing them to babes and sucklings."

The latest arrival to our village is in the person of Miss Branch, who will make her stay indefinitely at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Branch.

Mr. Editor, wishing you a happy Christmas in the way of turkey dinners, knick knacks, firecrackers, etc., and if it were not for your bachelor proclivities would wish for you the most exquisite associations, the while, and not forgetting to wish for my own town a pleasant and sober Christmas and a wish for general prosperity. LA PEN.

Our store will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 26th, 27th and 28th taking steek.

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J. J. Brooks was in Crockett several days this week on some important business.

The city council have fitted up a firstclass calaboose and evil doers had better lay low. Drunkenness and rowdism will not be tolerated on the streets at all.

This year will make a lot of new geographical history. Already the map of Russia has been changed, and it is probable that another twelve months will see greater changes in that empire.—Nacoghoches Sentinel.

No man can safely prophesy what will take place in Russia. It's kinder like Texas weather.

FOR THE KNOCKERS

Who Are Continually Belittling Their Town.

Every town has its quota of knockers, people who busy themselves find fault with everything and everybody who does not chime in with their particular way of behaving. Some are guilty of the habit thoughtless, while there are others who reason all things from a biased standpoint. He who reads this will profit by a careful study of the below clipping:

"What is your opinion of the man or woman who decries the land or country of their birth? What are the thoughts that irresistably force themselves upon your mind when you hear them say 'this is the dullest old place I ever saw. I'd rather live anywhere under the sun than here?'" All of this mind you the land that has nurtured them through the sunny days of childhood, giving gladness to their youthful hearts and home to their loved ones. If no other reason presents itself, this is enough to call forth the deepest reverence from every son of the soil. "How dear to my heart are the loved spots that my infancy knew." The heart that does not beat in tender rythms to the spirit of those words is dwarfed and cold. The heart that can find nothing dear in the land of its nativity may well be ask what it has done to enhance the sanctity of the nest-tree. The mountains, with their deep roaring canyons, lend majestic grandeur; the plain's sweeping horizon gives breadth to the view; the woodland, with its shade dells and sylvan sighs bring sweet repose; the broad expanse of ocean, the silver waves and shelly beach, floods a soul with music. It matters not, Oh filial heart, where you be; remember the Great Dispenser of Justice has slighted not one for the other."

COLORED TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The Colored Teachers' Institute met at Lovelady Dec. 15-16, and was a pleasant and enjoyable one. They were all elated over the hospitality shown them by the colored citizens. Lovelady is a small little town, but has one of the best and most enterprising educational foundations as anywhere in the state, and the colored school is coming likewise. The train was met by the colored school children bearing the U. S. flags and escorted the teachers to the colored school building, where they immediately went to work. Teachers were present from all points and manifested much interest. The presence of distinguished white gentlemen and ladies Friday night and an enthusiastic address by the principal of the Lovelady High School was considered a valuable treat. The teachers were nicely cared for and given free home during their stay.

The carrying of the institute from one point to another in the county seems to give greater exercise of educational influence among the patrons. The next meeting will be held at Kennard Mills. The teachers are endeavoring to infuse a better moral and educational desire among their colored people more than ever before.

BY A COLORED TEACHER.

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

LA TEXO BUDGET.

Lineman Hurt. Medical Association Met.

La Texo, Dec. 18.—Next week is Christmas and can it be possible for us to stop and think that we celebrate this day wrong? It is more often kept as the birthday of Satan than that of Christ. There is more drunkenness, more revelry, more murder and sin in general than on any other day of the year. Then would it not be better to abolish it or change our ways and spend the day in prayer and thanksgiving for the birth of our Redeemer?

"Then forget we not that my Savior bled Upon the cross for me: And for all others his blood was shed That also makes them free."

Mr. T. H. Leaverton surveyed his lot this week and drove the stakes. He will soon begin the erection of his building for the planer.

The drawing for the organ took place last Saturday and ticket No. 877, green, was the lucky number. There was no one present who had this ticket; if not presented in 30 days the drawing will take place again.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosser, a boy, Dec. 14, 1905.

Mr. Sam Black, a lineman for the Western Union Telegraph Co., was very seriously hurt last week, but nothing serious. He is now at work again.

The Houston County Medical Society met in Crockett last week and during the session a resolution was passed appointing a committee to wait upon the county court and request them to appoint a health officer for the county. This is very important to the people for we are entirely at the mercy of any epidemic that would see fit to take up its abode among us. Certainly no one in the county would object to this after the splendid and successful fight made by Dr. Tabor against yellow fever this year has demonstrated the efficiency of fighting yellow jack. The society meets again 2nd Tuesday in January and all physicians are requested to be present.

The health of this community is good now. REX.

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and women who were a year ago only earning from \$25 to \$30 per month are now, after finishing their course, earning from \$50 to \$150 per month. Is not this enough to stir the ambition of our young people, and create in them a determination to launch out and do something for themselves and become men among men?

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TIME TABLE.

NORTH BOUND.	
No. 2 Arrives.....	3:15 P. M.
No. 4 Arrives.....	8:39 P. M.
SOUTH BOUND.	
No. 1 Arrives.....	1:37 P. M.
No. 5 Arrives.....	8:05 P. M.

REYNARD DOINGS.

Correspondent Reviews Local
 Happenings.

Reynard, Dec. 18.—Rev. Cox wife and babies came in last Wednesday. Bro. Cox had a nice hunt, and preached for us Sunday; had a fair congregation considering the coolness of the day. His wife is as fine a lady as he is a man and made many friends while here. They returned yesterday, saying they had a pleasant visit.

Yes, Old Timer, the year is most gone and it has been peculiar in many ways and those of us who have not died this year and do not starve next, ought to live a long time and never be afraid of starving.

J. L. Chiles has gone to your town today with a little scrapping of cotton, of course he will get the benefit of the high price as far as it goes. Only two bales of cotton at the gin. No one will surely hold cotton at the present price. Everybody to a man has got enough of Mr. King's cotton and there will be a scramble for some other variety.

J. H. Beazley was moving cotton and seed all last week and replenishing his stock of merchandise.

Sorry to hear a man was killed in Crockett last Saturday. It has been a long time since the streets of our county capitol was strained with human blood, but men will kill each other until the end of time.

Christmas is coming whether we are ready for it or not, but then many will not be ready for the second coming of Christ.

ZACK.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Augusta, Texas, Dear Santa: Please bring me the following: Oranges, apples, candy, butter nuts, a necklaze, a doll bed, a doll buggy and a nice book to read. I'm a smart little girl.
 Myrtle Newman.

Dear Old Santa Claus:—I want a doll that can go to sleep, a doll house, doll lamp, doll bed, doll buggy, a doll pillow, a little carpet, a set of dishes, candy, apples, oranges, bananas, pecans and English walnuts.
 Lucindy Rainwater Darsey.

Dear Old Santa:—I want a doll that can go to sleep, a doll pitcher and bowl, a doll rug, a set of dishes, a doll lamp and little watches, candy, apples, oranges, and a jumping jack, that is all.
 Mary Lou Esther Darsey.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a little wagon, a drum, a train, a street car, an automobile, a horn, a whistle, A B C book, oranges, apples, candy and all kinds of nuts. Your friend,
 Frank Hill.

Dear Santa Claus:—Please bring me a toy pistol, a horn, a drum, a train that runs on a round track, some firecrackers, a tool set and a street car.
 Ralston Hill.

Dear Santa Claus:—I want you to bring me a pistol and some caps for it. Also a little watch and bring me something nice for my baby brother, too. He likes candy and apples. Bring me some apples, candy, oranges and a big cocoa nut. Please, dear Santa, do not forget me. I am right north of Grapeland on the sandflat. Word C. Pelham,

LIVE CHURCH'S BRIGHT FUTURE.

Brunner Methodists Planning for Church and Parsonage.

On account of Bro. Perry's many friends in this community we reproduce the following article from a recent issue of the Houston Chronicle:

The board of stewards of Brunner Avenue Methodist church met in regular session last night and planned for the success of the work of the church for the ensuing year. This was the first meeting of the official board of that church since the adjournment of the conference recently held at Pittsburg.

Brunner Avenue church has heretofore been a half station, in connection with McAshan chapel, but during the recent year the membership decided that they were able to support a pastor for his entire time, and so they made all necessary arrangements to become an independent station, and petitioned the bishop, through their presiding elder, to send them a wide awake, hustling pastor. Rev. J. M. Perry, who has just completed his first year's work at Washington Street church, in this city, was appointed to that promising field. The day after conference adjourned a representative of the official board called on Mr. Perry and extended to him a very cordial welcome into his new charge and paid him his first month's salary in advance. This was a fine compliment both to Mr. Perry and to that hustling little church.

It is said by those in authority that under the leadership of Mr. Perry the Washington Street church made the best report at conference this year that has been made from that church for about ten years. This historic old church is growing steadily.

Mr. Perry is a young man and has been in the ministry only a few years, but has acquired the reputation of being a "church builder," and the activity at Brunner already indicates big things in the building way for the near future.

His board of stewards made a liberal assessment for his salary last night, and also provided for the payment of their presiding elder's salary and of all the assessments levied against their church by the annual conference. Already they are beginning to plan for the erection of a handsome new church edifice and an elegant parsonage.

The Houston district conference will hold its annual session at Brunner this year. The conference usually meets near the middle of May.

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ORIOLE ITEMS.

All the News of the Past Week
 by a Correspondent.

Oriole, Dec. 18.—Have just been reading your interesting paper of the 14th, and find it, as usual, filled with interesting articles from various parts of the county.

The weather has been so bad and I have been kept so busy that I have not found time to write any news from this point.

Since writing, Mrs. Cynthia Grounds has passed away and was buried by the side of husband at the Grounds graveyard, near Belott. Mrs. Grounds was an excellent woman and had been for many years a consistent member of the Methodist church.

Farmers here are busy fixing up and repairing for another crop.

There is no serious sickness here, but almost everybody has a bad cold.

It is rumored here that Mr. Tyer will soon move his saw mill and store up to wards Grapeland but will still live where he is.

There was an examination at Crockett Saturday the 16th held to see who would be the carrier on route 1.

Miss Lourie Wright gave an entertainment at the Grounds school house the night of the 16th and I learn they had a pleasant time.

It is distressing to learn of the murders at various points in the county, and on the streets of Crockett. The Bible says, "Thou shalt not kill." K.

WILL GO TO HOUSTON.

Judge J. C. Box and family are packing their household effects, preparatory to leaving for Houston, where they will make their future home. Mr. Box informs us he will leave at once.

The friends of Judge Box will be glad to know he has secured a lucrative position as attorney for the H. & T. C. Ry., between Austin and Houston.

It is with much regret that the people of Jacksonville see Judge Box leave the city as he has been recognized ever since his residence here as the leader of all movements looking to the progress of the city.

We join his hundreds of friends in wishing him and his excellent family much success and prosperity in their new home.—Jacksonville Reformer.

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that the shooting of any Roman candle or sky rocket are prohibited within the city limits of the city of Grapeland unless within a private enclosure, owned or controlled by the party or parties shooting same. Be it further ordained that the shooting of fire crackers or any other combustible substance within twenty feet of any store house or public structure within the incorporate limits of the city of Grapeland, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10.00 for either of the above violations. AN EMERGENCY For the immediate protection of the city the above ordinance shall become effective and is hereby declared in force from publication of same.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,
 S. E. HOWARD, Sec'y.

The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.

GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

What a long time it has been since we have had any live news from Manchuria!

So unsettled is Europe just now that even old Father Tiber joins in the general uprising.

A trust has begun to gobble up the New York barber shops. This is the most unkindest cut of all.

Let us hope that Russian students will not construe liberty as license and go to playing football.

Though all the world may say that beautifying is absurd, the sight of one pretty woman will deny it.

Hetty Green may be the richest woman in America, but most girls would rather be Maxine Elliott.

When the emperor of Korea wants to do a little ruling nowadays he has to be content with ruling his temper.

The profit of the United States mint service for the year is \$3,289,019, which represents considerable many juleps.

Korea is to have a Japanese governor, but the natives of Korea will be permitted to keep on doing the heavy work.

Mr. Fitzsimmons calls Mr. O'Brien a "jumping jackrabbit." Well, if it's jackrabbit vs. kangaroo the latter ought to win.

And another great and needed reform could be achieved if the moving picture machines would show views of women running.

One trouble with the bluffs offered by the Sultan of Turkey is that the other fellows can always look into the mirror behind him.

There were 1,000 desertions from the British men-of-war during their stay in American waters. Uncle Sam is a strong drawing card.

The Shah of Persia has bought six French automobiles. He must feel that something is necessary to stop the overcrowding in Persia.

Here is a fine sentence from The Outlook: "Happiness came to him because he did not seek it—only tried to become better and better."

Gen. Weyler has been sent from Madrid to awe the Catalonians. If the Catalonians deserve awing the right man has been picked for the job.

A Filipino schoolboy has stabbed his teacher to death. The young idea down that way, as it is taught to shoot should be taught not to cut.

If Prince Louis had ordered a full set of false teeth from that New York dentist, he might have had to pawn one of his warships in order to get away.

A school teacher now in the Philippines grumbles that all he has to eat there is "rice, fish, eggs, chicken, mangoes, pineapples and bananas." That's all.

A Cleveland preacher says pie is worse than beer as a destroyer of morality. Perhaps he means the custard pie that one sits on at a Sunday school picnic.

This thing of packing husbands in trucks when starting on the honeymoon trip may be economical, but it is undignified. No husband of proper spirit will submit to it.

Mark Twain acknowledges on his 70th birthday that he's never done a day's work in his life. He always was a joker. But we don't understand why he settled in New York.

New York is crowing over the fact that two lots of land, with the buildings on them, cost more than the United States paid for Alaska. But Uncle Sam is not offering to swap.

The statement of Dr. Hornaday of New York that Boston has the best place in the country for a zoo has no reference whatever to the council chamber in the city hall.—Boston Globe.

The man who testified in the divorce court that his wife threw hash in his face didn't say whether the hash was not good or whether he merely objected to the way in which it was served.

A man who was arrested a few weeks ago for stealing \$100,000 says it is difficult to be honest on a salary of \$65 a month. Pshaw! Not at all, if he doesn't burn coal and refrains from eating meat.



Christmas Merrymaking

Christmas, although it has long been a festival, and almost the chief festival of the Church of Christ, was not originally Christian. It is not improbable that Christmas day was made Dec. 25 in order to synchronize more or less with the Roman Saturnalia. The poet Horace speaks of "the liberty of December," when slaves at the Saturnalia shook off for a brief while the fear of their masters, and spent the hours in dissipation and license. The habit of admitting domestic servants to the festivities of Christmas, on almost equal terms with their masters dates back to Pagan times. It was at Christmastide, too, about the winter solstice, that the rude Norsemen celebrated their Yule feast, and among them, too, it was a time of loud and general merriment. But in Christian countries the anniversary of Christ's birth evokes the same rejoicing in all classes and conditions of the people. Masters and servants wish each other the blessing of the season. They realize the dignity of service, and not less the obligation of authority. They feel how duty is ennobled by cheerfulness, and command is sweetened by gratitude. And the good effect of the cheerfulness inspired by Christmastide is often seen in the softening and ameliorating of the social relations for many weeks afterwards.

A Christmas Heart to Heart Talk

PARTICULAR beauty of Christmas is that it is not only the day that is valuable, but all the days that go before have their special worth. Those who think least about the spiritual significance of Christmas often follow out its teaching closely, though unconsciously. The time is the time of gifts and thoughtfulness for others, and so fittingly celebrates the birth of the King, who came disguised in poverty, and began in the manger to live for, as He died for, others. Now, as of old, it is not always those who have His name most frequently upon their lips who best obey His commands. The deeds, and not the speech, declare the heart, and, since every good instinct and desire is from Him, it is a joy to remember how many millions are on His side, practicing without any idea of their virtue the graces of love, unselfishness, faith, hope, and charity. The small and great economies of self-denial, the little acts of labor and patience, the thousands of good wishes, the unnumbered and unseen benevolence of this happy season, must be an incense of worship rising to Heaven and acceptable in the sight of the Love that dwells there. Christmas, 1905, is another milestone on the road of the world's progress towards righteousness.

Not the Gift but the Thought.

HUMANITY is not difficult to please. It is the trifles with the big motive behind them that make the sweetest presents. The crusty old bachelor sniffs contemptuously at the gorgeous huhl table presented to him by the head of the firm, and softens into a smile as he sees the bunch of Christmas roses offered by a niece, who honestly tries to make the grumpy old fellow's Christmas a happy one. Father says in public, "What, Christmas again? This nonsense of present-giving will ruin me!" but is privately certain that

the hugs and kisses, the mufflers and bric-a-brac, bestowed upon him by the family, and especially the neat pen-wiper in crimson, yellow and green wool, made with infinite pains by the youngest hopeful, fill up the vacuum in his banking account satisfactorily. The thought behind the gift enhances its value, and no one, from king to peasant, can resist the dear delight of affection's offerings. It is commonly the rich who are best pleased by ordinary presents, and the great by childish ones. The poor have the wondrous gift of finding pleasure in what more fortunate folk despise. A woman took out of a drawer a card that was wrapped in silver paper. Just a common little penny card, it was, till she told the story: "I was a workhouse girl in my first place, and it seemed nobody cared for me. I most cried my eyes out that Christmas eve. Then in the morning one of the lodgers, a nice lady, gave me this with my name writ on it. I took it down to the kitchen and read them verses—I often wish I knew her as made them—'God grant thee but a due reward, A worthy portion fair and just, And then ne'er think thy lot too hard, But work, my girl, work, hope, and trust!' I stood there and cried for joy. It seemed to put heart into me, and I'll keep that card as long as I live!"

Christmas Sunshine.

SUNSHINE and "comfort" are two rosy words expressing degrees of joyousness, and if among our friends we have any of those delightful individuals who radiate warmth and good-fellowship, we instinctively apply the terms to them. There are comparatively few persons endowed naturally with a sunny temperament, yet the world wants all the sunshine it can get. Why should not happiness be cultivated? It is happy anywhere, and increases by dividing itself. Christmas is the season for the starting of a Sunshine

club. The rules are simple, but will be found productive of many smiles and much love. Members agree—1. To keep all their woes and grievances to themselves. 2. To make somebody smile at least once every day. 3. To be sunny twelve hours a day in spite of all provocations.

Old Chimes, Old Loves, Old Times.

WHEN the Christmas bells ring out they ring in a flood of golden memories. The dreams of youth, the romance of spring, the poem of the bride and of the first child, the autumn of content, and now—it is Christmas again, there are empty chairs and vanished faces, the web of life's mingled sorrow and joy is fastened about us, we have known love and peace, and grief and pain, and still, thank God, it is a good world, we are glad to be alive, and able to look forward in hope to a yet brighter life beyond. Memory is a strong rope that binds the soul to good or ill. A man can never become utterly bad while there remains with him the memory of the beautiful home Christmas. A woman cannot grow callous who has the recollection of the dear old mother and the kind father who made the center and loveliness of the Christmastide holiday and merriment. Let us be kind and loving to each other, for memories all round the world are busy with past Christmases, and this one will abide with those who yet may wander across the seas.

Only Once a Year.

LET us bury old grudges and forgive as we are forgiven; scatter good wishes and thoughts far and wide; make the poor glad; cheer the aged, comfort the sick, do everything we can for everybody and God bless us everyone! Christmas comes but once a year, yet its blessings may last a lifetime

Christmas Greeting

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me

to enliven, seek out the cheerless hearth of some less fortunate brother. There are many forlorn little ones to

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Rochester, N. Y., writes:



"Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lameness in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Cats as Heirs-at-Law.

An extraordinary action at law has just been heard before the civil tribunal of Swette, in Bohemia. Some time ago an old rag dealer named Kondretl, who had lived alone, was found dead in his hovel, and howling around him were his 12 pet cats, which had to be tempted away from his dead body by baits of fish. In the old miser's apartment were found 4,000 crowns and a will, duly executed, constituting the cats his sole heirs. The man's relatives at once impugned the will, alleging that Kondretl was insane, but the court has within the last few days given judgment upholding the will and finding for the cats, which are to be tended as provided by the testator.

Constable as Violin Maker.

Police Constable Gaskin, who has just retired from the Metropolitan force, has made quite a reputation in musical circles by the hand-made violins he has constructed during his spare time. Some of his instruments have been praised by the finest players, and recently Kubelik paid him a visit, highly commending several that he tried.—London Tit-Bit.

As the wise man knows he is a fool, he is miserable; the fool imagines he is wise, and 's happy.

Berlin has about thirty vegetarian restaurants.

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special)—All who are suffering with Bright's Disease, should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. C. L. Good of this place. He says:—

"I feel it is my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. I am a Minister of the Gospel, and in my work, I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago, I was laid up sick. I doctored with a number of physicians, and finally consulted a specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and five pounds, now I weigh one hundred and sixty-five and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have Kidney Trouble and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them."

When there is a right way and a wrong way the average man goes wrong.

AGONY OF SORE HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled—Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain—Could Do No Housework—Grateful to Cuticura.

"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

A small boy's idea of greatness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger.

Trials of Winter.

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to pneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise; use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

A man may burn so much "midnight oil" that he has none left to oil the day's machinery.

...DARSEY'S CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS...

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

LADIES' FINE SHOES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEN'S FINE SHOES

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

7695, Men's sack overcoat, made of high grade black beayer, 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.

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

Prof. A. W. Cain had business in Crockett Saturday.

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

W. R. Earle of Augusta went down to Crockett Saturday.

18 pounds new crop YC sugar for \$1 at W. B. Faris'.

Bob Parker is a new subscriber to the Messenger.

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

G. R. Murchison was in Crockett Saturday on business.

N. J. Tims wants to sell you groceries. See him.

John R. Sheridan was up from Crockett Saturday on business.

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

Knives and razors make nice Xmas presents. Howard has them.

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

HOWARD HAILS YOU with a happy, hearty and merry (sober) Xmas.

Hamp Huff of Daly's and J. S. Newman of Augusta were here Monday trading.

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

We have printed and delivered to John Pelham, fruit and truck grower, R. F. D. No. 1, a lot of nice stationery. Every farmer living on a rural route should have printed stationery with their route number. Call and see this sample.

Mr. C. E. Hayes, manager of the large farm at La. Texo, has the thanks of the editor for a fine cabbage, which knocked the scales up to the six pound notch. Mr. Hayes planted 4 or 5 acres in cabbage this year as an experiment, and it has proven quite a success. Upon an average the balance of the crop is as good as this sample. Mr. Hayes thoroughly understands truck raising and through his management La. Texo is destined to become famous as a truck country.

Several Santa Claus letters from little folks at Percilla and Latexo, interesting letters from Miss Minnie Walker, Courtney, Ind. Ter., Mrs. Mary Carnell, Bell county, and Mr. W. B. Holiday, of Lovelady, reached us too late for publication this week. This was caused on account of the paper being issued Wednesday afternoon.

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

See Howard's line of whips for quality, beauty and cheapness.

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

Dave Hutcherson of the Houston Drug Co., was in the city Tuesday.

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

Best line of Christmas goods in town at W. B. Faris.

After January 1st. I will put on all night service at the telephone exchange. Fred W. Caldwell

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

Polk Taylor says tell the people he has plenty of Cotton Seed MEAL and HULLS. See him quick before they are all gone.

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

For fruits and candies, go to Howard's.

We understand that D. W. Martin and family will move after Christmas to old Mexico.

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

A merry Christmas and happy new year to all.

Respectfully, Geo. E. Darsey.

O. C. Hickey has returned from Louisiana, where he has been trapping.

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

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

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

To Our Friends and Customers. We desire to thank each and every one of you for your liberal patronage, good friendship and many other courtesies extended to us this year and trust that we may be better prepared to serve you in the future than in the past. Wishing each of you a merry Christmas and happy new year, Respectfully, Geo. E. Darsey.

Buy your goods from us this week. Special prices on everything at W. B. Faris.

Mrs W. E. Hollingsworth visited in Palestins Monday afternoon.

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

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

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

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

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

Pure extracts for Christmas cooking at Darsey's.

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.

T. S. Cook, a merchant of Augusta went up to Palestine Monday, returning Tuesday.

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

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

Buy your sugar, coffee and flour for Christmas from W.B. Faris.

Don't Be Too Late. From now until January 1 we will sell Baker Perfect barb wire and hog fencing at old prices.

Mrs. Claude Saddle and children of Kountze will spend the holidays here visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Newest style brown hats for Christmas, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. These are beauties. W. B. Faris.

Jim Utz and family left last Saturday for Uvalde county, where they will reside in the future. We wish them success.

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

D. W. Martin and Bob Parker were in Crockett Tuesday afternoon on business.

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

Steve Power of Elkhart was in the city last Friday purchasing some wire for his telephone exchange.

Al Brown's head's swelled up big as a foot ball. He's got a ten pound boy down at his house.

Don't forget that the price of barb wire will advance January 1st. Our store will be open Friday and Saturday Dec. 29 and 30 and we can sell you want on these days at the old price. Geo. E. Darsey. Grapeland, Texas.

WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge



THE GUARANTEED WORM REMEDY

THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY Ballard-Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO.

FOR SALE BY CARLETON & PORTER.

A Happy Home

To have a happy home you must have children, as they are great happy-home-makers. If a weak woman, you can be made strong enough to bear healthy children, with little pain or discomfort to yourself, by taking

WINE OF CARDUI A Building Tonic For Women.

It will ease away all your pain, reduce inflammation, cure leucorrhoea (whites), falling womb, ovarian trouble, disordered menses, backache, headache, etc., and make childbirth natural and easy. Try it.

At every drug store in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER and nothing else, in my baby girl, now two weeks old," writes Mrs. J. Priest, of Webster City, Iowa. "She is a fine, healthy babe and we are both doing nicely. I am still taking Cardui, and would not be without it in the house, as it is a great medicine for women."

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.

Joys, Joys, Joys, AND FIREWORKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

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

Yours for the Holiday trade, THE BON TON, ODELL FARIS, Proprietor.

SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Gertrude Lively who lives several miles out in the country has withdrawn from school. She was doing good work in school but her father could not do without her at home.

The rough weather affects the attendance somewhat, but not so much as might be supposed when we consider the large number of students that walk from one to four miles each day.

Aubrey Lively of fourth grade is very sick. It is feared that he has appendicitis.

One of the hardest struggle for class leadership is in the seventh grade. No one can tell which of those fellows will win out.

Two of the boys who have forfeited playground privileges are taking a "lay off" this week. One of these boys made zero on three of his written examinations last week, and it is not likely that this lay off will raise his grades any great deal.

Jim Parker has procured a fine edition of Gulliver's Travels on which he spends his spare time.

Nearly all the students are enthusiastic, hard workers and are doing well. However, a very small percent are on the "dead beat" list and are doing nothing that's any good.

At 4:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 22,

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 particulars see I & G N ticket agents or write

D J PRICE, G P & T A, Palestine, Texas.

school will be suspended for the holidays and will not resume work until 8:30 a. m. Monday, January 1, 1906.

12 best black coats and vests, worth \$7.50, to close out at \$4.00. W. B. Faris.