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Local News Reported From Reynard Country

Feb. 26.—Farmers made good time last week and lots of gardening was done. There will be lots of corn planted this week, and Spring seems to be peeping in and every day puts us that much safer from a freeze. We are looking for more cold weather but it is possible will not have any more freezing weather. A good rain would not be bad.

W. F. West, E. G. Stevens, G. B. Kent, Frank Taylor, Herman Beazley will plant potatoes for the market. We predict they will not lose any money and have a good chance to make some.

Mr. L. W. Morrison expects to plant a solid crop of peanuts on the Selkirk place in partnership with G. B. Kent.

Beazley & Kent's store was in a pretty warm place the night the gin and seed house burned, but the wind was right and the store was saved. There is a nice clean place for an up-to-date gin and we hope for one in time for the fall crop.

Dr. J. H. Paxton was down to see J. H. Beazley Saturday evening. He is to come back one day this week and bring Dr. Hathcock of Palestine with him. Whooping cough and measles are in our midst, but so far is only among the colored folks and is in a mild form.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bridges and children of Elkhart visited Mrs. Bridges' sister, Mrs. S. Rials yesterday in their new car. Now, Mr. Editor, a great many of us down this way could own one of these things but haven't took the fever yet. Look how long it took G. B. Kent to take the fever.

Just think of it, our hens are earning us from 25 to 30c a day and the yard full of little chicks. You can't starve a farmer times like these.

This is a big world and to read Mr. Tyler's letter and M. E. Darsey's we learn there are some big things being carried on.

The young boss on the Stevens farm who came about three weeks ago, is holding things down all o k. and the young lady at the Fox home, Miss Eleanor, is mistress of the home.

J. L. Chiles, E. G. Stevens, G. W. Allen and Homer Beazley were Grapeland visitors Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Fulgham spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks. Zack.

TO INSTALL LIGHTS AND FANS

Mr. Wade L. Smith, proprietor of The People's Drug Store, informed the Messenger man that he had closed a deal for the Delco Lighting system, and will also install electric fans in connection with the lights. This is a valuable addition to this popular drug store and one which its patrons will no doubt greatly appreciate.

3000 new Spring samples just arrived at Clewis' tailor shop. A fit guaranteed.

News Items Gleaned From Rock Hill Vicinity

Feb. 27.—From the way that the soil is being tilled in this and neighboring communities, we presume there is some silent power persuading the farmers to put forth every effort to make a success in farming this year.

Rev. G. W. North preached at this place Sunday evening, and will continue to preach at that time during the year.

The Sunday School has done very well through the winter under the circumstances, but let everyone feel it their duty to come out on time and then the people of other communities will have more inducement to come.

Our literary society met Friday night with only a small program. We will meet again Friday night week and expect to have a better program.

Supt. J. N. Snell, accompanied by Messrs. Peacock and Cook, visited our school last week. Rattler.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

All farmers interested in organizing a local farm loan association are requested to meet at the court house in Grapeland next Tuesday morning, March 6, at 10 o'clock. Hon. J. W. Young of Crockett will be present, and as the necessary blanks are on hand, it is proposed to perfect the organization and make it permanent, and elect a full set of officers and board of directors. It is earnestly desired that every farmer who attended previous meetings, be on hand this time, also any others who might wish to join.

George Calhoun and A. B. Spence motored to Houston Monday to dispose of a car of hogs which Mr. Calhoun shipped.

Local Happenings Reported From Daly's Country

Feb. 25.—Health of this community is pretty good.

We are having some pretty Spring weather at last and the farmers are getting busy preparing for another crop. The farmers down this way are going to plant lots of peanuts this year. Some are going to plant ribbon cane and corn next week. The young gardens are looking pretty.

Mrs. Hugh Richards and children and Miss Callie Mae Laseter of Grapeland visited their mother, Mrs. W. C. Laseter Saturday and Sunday.

Miss June Pridgen visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Claud Lakey entertained a number of his friends with a birthday party Saturday night.

Luther Warner spent Saturday night with Bud Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Spence visited Mr. and Mrs. Pendergrass Saturday and Sunday.

Little Pollie Spence spent Saturday night with her grandmother, Mrs. Huff.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spence and Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Huff.

Mrs. W. C. Laseter and Miss Laura Lena Kent spent last Wednesday with Mrs. Tom Dailey.

Mrs. M. A. Herod is visiting Mrs. Earl Pennington.

Dan Hill has moved to Grapeland. We regret for him to leave this place.

Balis Dailey drove a car of hogs to Grapeland Monday to ship.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dailey visited relatives at Grapeland last Sunday. Reporter.

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TAX LAWS TO BE ENFORCED

People who are due taxes in Houston county are earnestly requested to pay their taxes before April 1, 1917 to avoid embarrassment and extra cost to the tax payer, as the laws of the state of Texas compel the respective collectors throughout the entire state to exercise every effort in their power to collect taxes due the state and county, and as the Delinquent List will be compiled on the above men-

tioned date I earnestly request those who have not paid their taxes to assist me by paying same at once.

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BIRSKY and ZAPP

By Montague Glass

Author of "Potash and Perlmutter"

Being the dinner talk of two New York business men (who once were Jewish immigrants from Poland) on divers topics of the day, from politics to pigsfeet.

"I SEE where the police gets after the feller which is running the Russian ballet," Barnett Zapp said as he glanced over the bill of fare in Wasserbauer's Restaurant.

"Some theater managers is very lucky that way," Louis Birsky, the real estate, said.

"How lucky?" Zapp demanded.

"Because what the police calls bad, looks awful good to a whole lot of people. Yes, Zapp, all that a show needs is for the police to call it immoral, and a couple of orchestra seats down front becomes right away as valuable as two perfect matched pearls from ten carats apiece," Birsky said. "The next time I get roped in for such a thing I would go to an optician not a speculator and buy a pair of hundred dollar field glasses, and stand up for a dollar in the back of the gallery. I could save a lot of money that way."

"And was it so bad like the police said?" Zapp asked.

"Well, I'll tell you," Birsky replied. "You wouldn't think it to look at a policeman what a delicate disposition such a feller has got. A New York policeman will get red over something in a theater which for years respectable young fellers in the old country has been taking their mothers to see and neither of 'em turned a hair, y' understand. Also down at Coney Island a policeman will hide his face and holler for the police because a lady has got on a bathing suit which if one of them actresses wore it in a 'Follies' show where they walk across planks over the heads of the so-called two dollar seats, y' understand, compared with the other ladies in the show you would think she was dressed for starting out in an open otermobile to call on her husband's relations."

"Was the show so bad like the police said?" Zapp inquired once more.

"Well, I'll tell you," Birsky repeated, "when the police receives a letter that a show is immoral and they should please look the matter up and oblige, Zapp, they try to put themselves in the place of the average theater goer; but the only thing is, they got an idea that people which goes most to the theater was never in such a place before in their lives. In particular, when it comes to a show like the Russian ballet where the orchestra seats would cost five dollars apiece at the box office if they was for sale there, the police thinks that excepting the ushers everybody in the theater is visiting in New York for the first time from a place where they still got an idea that dolmans is the latest up-to-the-minute design in women's outer garments, y' understand, and not being experienced in posters by this here artist named Bakst, they don't know whether it's 'Ben Hur' or 'David the Shepherd

people which goes to see the Russian ballet is as innocent as the police claims, Zapp, it wouldn't make no difference anyhow, because a ballet is like the deaf and dumb language, Zapp, people has got to study it for years before they know what it means. In fact, Zapp, if the police continues to find this here Russian ballet is immoral, Zapp, you would see advertisements in the paper:

LEARN TO BE A RUSSIAN BALLET AUDIENCE AT HOME.

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Because as it stands now, you've got to take the police's word for it that it's immoral. Even the fifty cent books which the ushers tries to sell you don't help you any, which I picked up one in the aisle and read it going home in the subway, and I give you my word, Zapp, that book was just so good a description of 'Within the Law' or 'Camille' as it was of the Russian ballet."

"That's because you've got to get imagination to enjoy a ballet," Zapp

thing? I've got just so many customers which is for the Allies as against em, Zapp—more even, and I am perfectly neuter about this here war. Furthermore, I've been an American sitson now going on twenty-two years, and I think that that otermobile factory out in Detroyt is quite right which wouldn't give jobs except to sitsons."

"Aber if everybody done the same thing, Birsky, what's going to become of the greenhorns?" Zapp asked. "It takes five years to get to be a sitson, and in the meantime they must got to starve. Is that the idee? It's like all them advertisements you see for experienced salesmen. If every concern done the same thing, Zapp, a salesman would got to start in as a new beginner with at least five years experience as a salesman."

"Or else lie about it," Birsky said. "Aber you couldn't lie about being a sitson," Zapp continued. "You've got to show the papers."

"Well, maybe this here otermobile concern says that they wouldn't promote nobody unless he becomes a sitson," Birsky admitted.

"Even so," Birsky went on, "my idee is that a feller should become a sit-



"They Would Arrest the Two Front Rows on Looks Alone."

said, "and the trouble with you is, Birsky, that you ain't got no imagination."

"Maybe I ain't," Birsky agreed, "aber when the book says: 'Mrs. Fatma Harris is the favorite wife of Sultan Charles Z. Harris,' y' understand, and a couple of hundred young adies comes out and dances it for 'ou, for all you understand what they're driving at they might just so well be dancing: 'This theater with every seat occupied can be emptied in three minutes. Look around now and walk, not run,' or that the management requests the ladies to remove their hats. I claim to got just so much imagination as anybody else, Zapp, but with this here Russian ballet it ain't nough that you should be mind reader. You've got to be a leg reader and hat's all there is to it."

"Might it's because you ain't acquainted with the Russian language maybe," Zapp suggested. "You take a Russian ballet which ain't in the country two weeks, y' understand, and naturally they couldn't even talk the English language let alone dance it."

"Then how did the police get on hat it was immoral?" Birsky asked. "Probably they sent a policeman here which speaks Russian," Zapp said. "They've got such fellers on the police force, Birsky. There is even policemen which can shake down aloon keepers in every European language, and Chinese and Hebrew, also, Birsky, and besides, Birsky, what business do you got supporting a Russian ballet? I thought you was against the Allies."

"Me against the Allies?" Birsky exclaimed. "How can you say such a

son like he gets married. He should do it for love, because if a feller gets married for money and his wife should go broke, he ain't going to stay faithful to her very long, and if a feller becomes a sitson to get a job, y' understand, all such a feller needs is to lose his job and right away he becomes a oo good American sitson. Then if we should have to go to war and would got enough of them otermobile factory sitsons around, you wouldn't be able to hear yourself think for the powder mills exploding."

"That's neither here nor there," Birsky said. "There's only one way to look at it: if a feller makes his living in a country, he should be a sitson."

"Is that so?" Zapp retorted. "Well, if all the Americans living in Mexico would of taken out sitson papers there what would of happened to 'em?"

"The same as happened to 'em when they didn't," Birsky said. "But, anyhow, Zapp, might if all the Americans which went to Mexico would of become Mexican sitsons, they would of Americanized the country maybe, and instead of revolutions down there they would now got direct primaries and referendums and conventions and all that stuff, and instead of bull fighting they would got moving pictures and vaudeville."

"Then take it the other way about," Zapp insisted. "Supposing all the Russians which comes over here becomes sitsons and starts in to Russianize the country, would we be better off if instead of Congressmen and conventions we would got grand dukes and pogroms, and instead of moving pictures

Educational Advantages Offered to the Teachers of East Texas

Many public schools of this section close their sessions by the last of March or first of April. The teachers and advanced students of these schools may continue a very profitable line of study in the review course offered by RUSK ACADEMY the last quarter of this session, March 26 to the June examinations.

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J. M. COOK, President
RUSK ACADEMY RUSK, TEXAS

and vaudeville we would got Russian ballets, for instance?"

"Russian ballets!" Birsky cried. "T'phooee!"

"Then what the devil you are talking nonsense, Birsky?" Zapp said.

"Aber the United States is a real country," Birsky protested, "while Mexico—that's something else again."

"You bet your life it is," Zapp said, "and when a feller goes to make a living in Mexico, Birsky, there's only one thing he should ought to take out down there—not sitson papers but life insurance."

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Emotions.

Emotions are what you have when you are all stirred up; for example, when you are in love or when a note which you had previously forgotten suddenly falls due. Also, when you think you are writing poetry and when you are leading one who is practically a total stranger up to an altar, where, by previous arrangement and design, you have stationed a gentleman with power to cause you more future trouble than you have ever dreamed of. Science tells us that something cannot come out of nothing, yet emotions seem to do this. A calm, placid lady whom you have known and trusted for years will suddenly have emotions which will create an area of disturbance extending for miles in all directions. Emotions are felt but not seen. If you could see an emotion coming with the naked eye, you might be able to avoid it. Some men can thus avoid emotions when they see their wives coming, but not when they have emotions themselves.

Emotions are of various kinds and are variously expressed; a New York policeman expresses his with a club, and every dog with the end of his tail.—Life.

Cooky Drawer

Having hit upon such an excellent place for keeping drop cooking (or any others) I thought perhaps someone else might welcome the idea. It is a shallow box, three inches deep, three feet long, and as wide as the pantry shelf. I made it from a smooth wooden grocery box and painted it inside and out with white enamel paint. The cookies can be laid flat on sheets of waxed paper in the bottom. As the drawer is entirely concealed by the shelf paper it would be a good idea where it is thought necessary to conceal cookies from the small members of the household.—Aunt Jo.

Ragout of Mutton With Rice

Put into a stew pan a tablespoonful of oleomargarine and when melted add a tablespoonful flour and let slowly brown; add an onion cut into small pieces, a diced carrot, two cupfuls hot water, teaspoonful salt, fourth teaspoonful pepper, a bit of bay leaf, six whole cloves and a sprig of parsley. Cook slowly for two hours. Just before serving, add half a can of peas. This is fine cooked in a casserole. Serve with hot boiled rice.

Peach Cream Cake

Bake a yellow sponge cake mixture, and when cold place it on a lace paper dolly. Heap sliced peaches in the center and circle the edge with whipped cream put through a star tube if possible. If a star tube is not obtainable, shape with a teaspoon. Pass a pitcher of plain, thick cream with the cake.

Studies in Sacrifice

"Do you think women ought to take an active part in politics?"
"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum. "But I'm afraid that a girl who sacrifices her life to politics is going to have something like the customary experience of a girl who marries a man to reform him."

It's Alive, All Right

Patience—I see it is said that about 1,100 kinds of insects make their home in the oak tree.

Patrice—Do you suppose that is what keeps the oak alive so long?—Yonkers Statesman.



"They Sent a Policeman There Which Speaks Russian."

King" till the curtain goes up and shows the inside of the harem with all the ladies not yet dressed to receive company."

"Naturally people from the country seeing such a thing would get a shock," Zapp commented.

"They would if they was there," Birsky said, "but actresses and actors is got to go a long way to shock a New York audience. In fact, Zapp, if the police knew their business they would arrest the two front rows of a New York audience on looks alone, for the bad effect the faces has got on the morals of the actors and actresses. However, Zapp, supposing that the

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REAR ADMIRAL HARRIS



Frederick H. Harris of the engineer corps, who has been promoted to be a rear admiral. His duties, if war comes, will be most important.

The agricultural department, as previously stated, is to be placed in charge of W. B. Cook, our county agent, with the support of the Crockett Commercial Club and similar organizations, with a view of making it what its name implies, county wide in its influence. In support of this feature, farmers from every section of the county will be placed upon committees, the activity of which largely depends the success of the department.

Now let us clearly understand that the officers of the fair association have turned over to us farmers the handling of the most important feature of the fair, and it is clearly up to us to show that we can make good.

We are assured that the amusement and other essential features of a popular and successful county fair will be provided in a manner far superior to any previous exhibition, which translated, means that the fair this fall is to clearly outstrip not only all former efforts of this association, but those of any other county in East Texas.

PACKING PLANT AGAIN

How many responses by mail do you think we received to our urgent request to hear from the enterprising citizens of the county on this subject? Not one. Several farmers and some of our town people have casually remarked that a packing plant would be a great thing for the county, but did not suggest ways and means of securing it. Just expected, we imagine, that in sailing around it would like the looks of this place and light here and make us additionally prosperous in spite of our indifference. No, gentlemen, such things don't happen that way. If we want this important industry we must make an effort in proportion to the value of it, and that calls for concerted action of the most effective character in this instance. Shall we go after it? The parties making the offer of assistance are thoroughly reliable.

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Lime.....15 lbs.
Water.....50 gal.

Slack the lime in an iron kettle, using enough water to prevent the lime from burning. "Puddle" the sulfur in water and then mix it with the lime. Add enough water to make 50 gallons and boil the mixture vigorously for one hour. The cooked solution should be a clear amber-colored liquid. Draw off this solution and leave the sediment in the bottom of the container. See that every limb on the tree is covered with the spray.

San Jose Scale is prevalent generally all over Houston county and has already taken toll of some of the best orchards in this section. This is a very serious pest and drastic measures must be taken if we would expect to control it. We have as good fruit producing country as there is in the state but we must take the necessary precautions that any other fruit producing country has to take to insure a crop of fruit. Spraying must be done in order to eradicate the enemies of the fruit trees, and until we do this our efforts toward making this a profitable fruit growing section is all in vain.

San Jose Scale is caused by a minute sucking insect which fixes itself to the bark of the tree. It spreads very rapidly

over the tree and will kill a tree in a few years if no steps are taken to kill out the insects.

The killing of these insects is not an easy matter. The adult insect protects itself by an encrustment which it forms over itself once it has become attached to the limb of a fruit tree. The insect can be killed, however, by a caustic spray. The Lime-Sulfur spray is the one most generally used. This spray has to be used in a concentrated form in order to be caustic enough to kill the insects. This makes it necessary for the trees to be sprayed while they are dormant in order that the foliage may not be killed.

The seasons for spraying for San Jose Scale is in early spring before the trees have put out leaves and in the late fall when the leaves have all fallen off. This spring's spraying should be done immediately. The spraying can be done with the ordinary barrel spray. If there is not a sprayer in the community it would be well for small orchard owners to club together and purchase one. The cost will be about \$15, and the sprayer will come in handy in subsequent spraying in the garden, orchard and potato crop.

I shall be glad to give any further information to anyone desiring to know more in regard to spraying for the San Jose Scale.
W. B. Cook,
County Dem. Agent.

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Preparations For Agricultural Fair Are Under Way

BY H. A. FISHER, CROCKETT

The recent announcement that the Houston county fair was to be resurrected with the agricultural department the most prominent feature, and an earnest effort made to place this organization that should mean so much to the welfare of the county on a permanent basis, has created a good deal of favorable comment, and the preliminary steps have been taken, which, if properly supported by the public, will result in an exhibition this fall that will reflect the agricultural resources of this particular section of East Texas and make us all feel that we have helped to do something really worth while.

It should be explained for the benefit of those not already advised, that the Houston County Fair Association is not an organization for profit in the sense that the ordinary business firm or company is created and conducted. The purpose was to inspire a greater interest in agriculture with a view of helping the farmer, and through his increased prosperity to benefit the community at large. The stockholders invested their money without any expectation of receiving interest on same, except through the general improvement in which all would share. The most that is hoped for on their part is that their efforts will be appreciated to the extent that these exhibitions shall become self-supporting and thereby avoid the necessity of their contributing prorata to a regular annual deficit.

With the hearty co-operation of the farmers this project can be made a gratifying success, and this assistance to be most effective must be given with a clear understanding and belief that the association was organized and is being conducted primarily for his benefit and not to exploit his resources for the direct pecuniary benefit of the stockholders. Now, let us consider this point settled and proceed with the serious work of getting things started.

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A. H. LUKER, Editor and Owner

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THURSDAY, MAR. 1, 1917

If this prohibition movement waxes much stronger it will be a longer time between drinks.

Silver is going up, say those who are dealing in bullion. We will have to take their word for it—our stock is dwindling.

A New York mail carrier, said to be worth \$300,000, committed suicide because he was tired of life. He was hard to please.

Why in the Sam Hill does the legislature want to waste good time in inviting Bill Bryan and Joe Bailey down to Austin to gush hot air for?

A good many people who will come out in any kind of weather to see a show or moving picture can't expose themselves at all on Sunday.

Scarcity of freight cars has tied up the nation's commerce, and is one reason for the food riots in northern cities. Altho' under production and high prices contribute their part.

The man who always works with his eye on the clock and his mind on the pay check won't rise as rapidly as some poor devil who happens to work an hour overtime occasionally.

During the past week food riots have occurred in a great many of the northern cities, caused by scarcity and high prices. The world must be fed, Mr. Farmer, so don't overlook the 'vittles'.

The governor of North Carolina says his first work will be an effort to transform his state's tenants into landlords. The problem is important enough for not only every governor, but every citizen, to give serious thought.

Thos. Edison, great inventor and wizard of the electrical world, is at work in a secret laboratory, which is adequately guarded day and night. It was announced about a year ago that should the United States become involved in war, Edison would spring on the world a new invention that would be of incalculable value to our country. With war so near, he may be now perfecting this great destructive weapon—whatever it is.

The executive committee of the Texas Press Association met in Austin last week and selected Galveston as the meeting place for the T. P. A., and set the time June 14 to 16. The association at the last meeting in El Paso selected Texarkana to

GINGLES' JINGLES

NOT SATISFIED.

You say with what you are in life, you're much dissatisfied. But have you made an effort, have you jumped right in and tried? to be a whole lot different from the man you are today? I think we don't exaggerate when we come through and say, "You're what you are because you haven't made a try to change, you wouldn't take a little chance on anything looked strange, you played the sure things all the while, and drifted in the rear, when opportunity would knock it filled your soul with fears. And now because the kind of man you would be you are not, because the many things that others have, you haven't got; you're discontented and you feel your life has been a frost, while others have the things they want, regardless of the cost. You're barred it seems from much you'd like, there must be something wrong, that you are short of things you'd like, while other folks are long; and as you think it over, while you're worried and you've sighed, the other guy hopped to it, sometimes failed—but always *Lin H. Jingles* tried.

meet in joint session with the Arkansas association, but Texarkana "fell down" on making arrangements to properly care for both associations, therefore the change. Galveston suits us fine—we'll bathe in salt water and play with mermaids to our heart's content.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for subscription:

- L. L. Wright, Mrs. M. B. Allen, GrapeLand.
- C. A. Mills, Route 1.
- T. L. Brown, Route 2.
- A. E. Owens, W. B. Cook, Nat Patton, Crockett.
- Mrs. L. C. Smith, Elkhart.
- J. M. Garrison, Salmon.
- Dan Shipper, Morales. (By Mrs. Fulton.)
- M. E. Adams, Percilla.
- J. L. Jackson, Pharr.
- Albert Tyer, Watertown, Wis.
- Colored: Pete Jackson, Rte. 4.

We have just received 93 cases of shoes and more to come. You can surely find the particular style and the price you want to pay in this lot. We invite you to call and see the line.

Geo. E. Darsey.

School suspended Monday morning for the week on account of measles. Two of the teachers are stricken with it, and 119 pupils were absent.

THE TOWN SLOUCH

By ELLIS M. CLARKE.



Cy Cawkins is Some Discouraged About His Garden. Mis' Cawkins' Back is Lame.

Some weighs of th' world, you'll learn, by tryin'.

Vary accordin' as you're sellin' or buyin'.

Th' feller who wins doesn't forget th' bet.

Every man lays plans that he never hatches out.

A Mark of Quality!

**A Guide To Satisfaction
Darsey's Spring Styles for 1917**

This store is the "Style Headquarters" for the men and women of Houston County. This week, we wish to call your attention to a few lines that merit your approval. Look over the values below, then come to the Service First Store and see the real articles.

Suits, Skirts and Coats

Our line of ready to wear for spring is as extensive as any you will find anywhere and the styles are from the biggest style centers in the world. If you want variety and style at an economical price you will find these lines to be profitable to you.

- Sport Suits Service Suits
- Sport Coats Service Coats
- Sport Skirts Service Skirts

Spring Dress Fabrics

To have the correct fabric is the first essential to being correctly clad. Our line of dress goods is new. Here you will find most anything that is good from the cotton suitings to the fancy silks and wool suitings. Although the season is early, we are beginning to fill in on dress goods, so great has been the demand so far. Just received ONE HUNDRED PIECES OF UTILITY GINGHAMS—the best wearing and best looking gingham in Texas.

Spring Footwear

We are in receipt of our initial shipment of low quarter shoes for the coming season and have the style and size you are looking for. This line is complete in every detail and you will find here the newest styles and leading leathers for men, women and children.

- Ladies White Sport Shoes
- White Lace Boots and
- White Sport Oxfords

We have plenty of men's and ladies Tennis Slippers

Spring Dresses \$14.75

We have received on approval during the past ten days, several express shipments of silk dresses, including the latest styles and fabrics. The prices on these dresses range from \$15 to \$17.50 and we will offer them for a short time only at

\$14.75 EACH

On account of lack of space, it is impossible to give a detailed description of each dress and ask that you come and see them.

Millinery

Our showing of early millinery is meeting the approval of the ladies of GrapeLand and other towns in great style. If you desire a hat for early wear, we solicit a visit from you to this department, which is in charge of an experienced trimmer.

We have all sizes and shapes in all the popular materials and combinations for sport and dress wear. Call to see them.

**Geo. E. Darsey
SERVICE FIRST STORE**

LOCAL NEWS

Screen doors at Darsey's.

J. W. Foreman transacted business in Crockett Saturday.

Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.

Buy your cotton planter from Darsey.

Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.

Darsey wants your chickens, eggs, butter and beeswax.

Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.

Mrs. J. B. Selkirk and little son of Troup are here on a visit to relatives.

See "Jiggs" Clewis about that new spring suit. A wonderful array of patterns on display.

Mrs. Willis Goodson returned Sunday from Troup, where she has been visiting her parents.

If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.

Fifteen Barred Rock hens and one cockrel for sale by S. T. Anthony.

Darsey wants your produce.

Sell your produce to Darsey.

Bring your chickens, eggs and butter to McLean & Riall's.

Chas. Ivey was down from Palestine Monday.

Get your seed corn at Darsey's.

"Jiggs" Clewis says bring him your panama hat and have it cleaned and made new.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Ellis and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis of Crockett spent Sunday with J. W. Ellis and family in the Hays Spring community.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All clothes carefully treated for any trouble.

When in town call at Hatchell's restaurant and eat something. Also keep fresh Palestine bread.

Misses Georgia Belle and Rena Ross Richards and Mary Lou Darsey visited in Elkhart Saturday afternoon.

Now is the time to begin to screen your house. You will find plenty of screen wire and screen doors at Darsey's.

W. B. Cook, county demonstration agent, was a visitor to Grapeland last Friday, getting acquainted with our people.

MAIZE HEADS

Have a few tons of maize heads on hand. Those wanting it had better see me right away. Am also in the market for some speckle peas. J. W. Howard.

FOR RENT

The large brick building on the east side, formerly occupied by Traylor Bros., is for rent. For particulars write to Traylor Bros., New Waverly, Texas.

WATCH REPAIRING

If your watch needs repairing bring it to T. L. Brown's jewelry shop in Shaver's store building. Reasonable prices and satisfaction guaranteed.

TAKEN UP

One black horse about ten years old, has a scar on his right fore leg, weighs about 850 pounds, 14 hands high. Charlie Gentry, Route 2.

There will be special music at the Methodist church next Wednesday night—a good out-of-town male quartette.

Mr. C. R. Hatchell returned Monday night from Houston, where he underwent an operation about two weeks ago. We are glad to see him back, much improved.

Mrs. J. S. Caskey was carried to Palestine last Friday night, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis. Her condition was reported improved Tuesday.

As a demonstration that advertising brings results, we refer you to the ad of Kennedy Bros. in this issue. It also proves that it pays the merchant to carry standard brands of merchandise.

Mrs. W. A. Riall entertained several couples of young people at her home Friday night with a "Bunco" party, honoring her sister, Miss Helen McMurphy of Pine Bluff, Ark. A delightful evening was spent, for which the guests profusely thanked the charming hostess.

Average Man's Honesty

A banker who, for the first time in his life, has come into intimate contact with poverty-stricken folk, says: "The average man wants only half a chance to be honest."

This is a thing worth learning, remarks the Toledo Blade. But it did not require visits to the slums to find it out. A little thought would have served as well. The mass of people is constituted of average men. The mass has the power to do whatever it wills to do. It could, if it wished, rise in the night and strip the rich bare, and since it is the mass that represents the majority will, it could, so far as the law is concerned, go unpunished.

But the average man is honest. The mass wants nothing of bloodshed and robbery. Those who possess are safe from those who have nothing. Our banker friend who visited poverty row used his eyes. His remark shows that, for most of his years, he hadn't on this particular subject, used his brains.

Apple Dumplings

Pare and chop one apple for each dumpling. Prepare a crust, consisting of one and one-half cupfuls of flour, one large teaspoonful of baking powder, one heaping tablespoonful of butter, and moisten with enough milk to roll out. Cut in squares for each dumpling and fill with the apples. Sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon, wet the edges, pinch together, place in a baking pan, fill with boiling water seasoned with one cupful of sugar and a half cupful of butter. This makes the sauce. Bake until the apples are done.

ANY MERCHANT WHO CHEERFULLY GIVES YOU PROFIT-SHARING COUPONS IS ENTITLED TO YOUR TRADE

Do you realize that every time you procure profit-sharing coupons with your cash purchases you save money in the form of a discount?

The thrifty housewife knows where to buy because her purchases at our store gives her better values for money spent than our trade is increasing daily.

You are not making your money go the farthest if you do not save our profit-sharing coupons. We invite you to come in and let us explain our plan if you are not already enjoying a portion of our profits.

The Peoples Drug Store
"Honesty and Quality"
WADE L. SMITH

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

NOTICE W. O. W.

All Woodmen are requested to be present at our next regular meeting night, the same being March 10, for the purpose of discussing and voting a sick benefit fund. P. H. Parker, C. C.



EARL BATTERY & STARTER CO. GARAGE

Repair any part of your Car. Bring your trouble to experienced men and be convinced WE HAVE A SERVICE CAR FARMERS UNION PHONE

PRECISION IN COMPOUNDING PRESCRIPTIONS

Every druggist of character and standing is deeply impressed with the fact that mistakes in his line are fatal.

We never permit carelessness in filling prescriptions, even the simplest ones, sent to us.

As far as human prudence and skill can protect you, you are protected here

Fill prescriptions is a great part of our service to the public. We allow nothing to interfere with the accuracy of our work

We want to fill your prescriptions.

LEAVERTON'S
THE LEADING DRUG STORE

A Cold in the Chest clogs the lungs and air passages and becomes serious if neglected; besides it makes you feel bad. To get rid of the misery, take

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP

It is a Fine Relieving Remedy

It is good for colds settled in the lungs, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, Soreness in the Bronchial tubes, Hard Coughs, Congestion in the Lungs. It is soothing and healing and very comforting to the sufferer.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. You get five times as much as the 25c size, and you get free with each bottle a Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor ST. LOUIS, MO.

SOLD BY ALL DEALERS

Don't Forget

We Can Save You Money On Your Entire Bill

Especially on your shoes, as we made our purchases early last fall and every pair of shoes has advanced from 50c to \$1.25 per pair. Our Tennis Shoes are very little higher and we are lucky to have them bought at old prices.

We have just opened up our Boys' Spring Suits. Come to see them. In fact, we were never better prepared to supply your wants and at the same time save you money. Our line is COMPLETE and we ask your inspection.

We will buy your chickens and eggs and give the top price. And don't forget that we have the QUALITY.

T. S. KENT
"THE QUALITY MAN."

ESTRAYED

One big, light sandy sow, marked crop and underbit in left ear and underbit in right; short bobbed tail, will weigh about 200 lbs. \$2.50 reward to anyone who will pen her and notify George McCorkle, Route 2, Box 70.

Miss Addie Eaves of this city and Mr. Bill Kiser of Humble were married in Crockett Sunday afternoon. Miss Addie is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves, and has a host of friends here who will join the Messenger in best wishes.

HOUSE REFUSES TO AMEND ELECTION LAW

SEVERAL MEASURES OF IMPORTANCE PASSED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

HIGHWAY BILL IS CHANGED

Amendments Proposed in the Senate Make Material Alterations in the House Measure. Other Bills.

Austin, Tex.—The house Saturday killed the Thompson of Hunt bill revising the Terrell election law and providing for majority nominations for all state officers; passed finally the wolf and jackrabbit bounty bill carrying appropriation of \$200,000, and passed finally the bill creating two new normal colleges, one in South and one in East Texas, appropriating \$300,000 for the two; passed finally the Burton of Tarrant fire escape bill and the Woods bill providing that the supreme court shall prescribe all rules for pleading and practice, amended, however, by Mr. Carlock to provide that the rules so promulgated by the supreme court shall not be operative when such rules conflict with the statutory rules. The Woods bill originally repealed all statutory rules. With the Carlock amendment the statutory rules are not repealed, and rules promulgated by the supreme court are inoperative if in conflict with the statutes.

Saturday's Senate Proceedings.
No session was held on Saturday.

Saturday's House Proceedings.
The Thompson bill, which would provide for preferential primaries, was postponed indefinitely.

A letter was received from President Wilson expressing appreciation of the generous action of the Texas legislature.

The bill that would impose a two per cent tax on movies, theaters and other places of amusement was killed in the committee.

The bill allowing interurban companies to operate electric light and power plants along their lines was engrossed.

A message was received from former Senator J. W. Bailey declining the invitation to address the legislature, saying it was impossible for him to get away from Washington at this time.

Highway Bill is Changed.

Austin, Tex.—With many amendments, the senate returned to the house Friday the Tillotson-Bland highway commission bill which the latter passed last week. Chief among such amendments is one which strikes out all provisions for salaries of the commissioners and which adds a member of the engineering faculty of the University of Texas and a member of the same faculty of the Agricultural & Mechanical College to the commission, making five members. Another amendment removes automobile trucks from the general horsepower tax provisions and submits them to a scale of fees graded according to carrying capacity. The bill was passed finally after the adoption of the numerous amendments submitted. The vote was 21 to 1.

Friday's Senate Proceedings.
The highway commission bill was passed.

The bill providing for a junior A. and M. College was passed finally.

Much time was spent in discussing the railroad bill, while action was deferred.

A resolution requesting the federal government to ask that the ambassador at Mexico City insist that American rights in Mexico be respected was adopted.

The so-called Waters Pierce company bill and Senator Johnston's bill which will allow Houston to take in Houston Heights were signed by the governor.

Friday's House Proceedings.
The submission resolution has been made the special order for Tuesday morning.

The discussion of the general deficiency bill was postponed until Friday.

The discussion of the highway commission bill to concur was postponed until the senate amendments had been printed.

The tick eradication bill was engrossed.

The bill authorizing the university regents to issue bonds secured by the income of the university was killed.

Austin, Tex.—The senate observed Washington's birthday Thursday by adopting two resolutions inviting J. W. Bailey and W. J. Bryan to Austin to address the legislature in the near future. Much confusion prevailed throughout the two-hour discussion, the president being helpless to enforce the rules of the senate. The final outcome was the adoption of both resolutions. Similar resolutions were adopted in the house also.

Tuesday's House Proceedings.
Mendell's fraudulent advertising bill was engrossed.

A bill by Butler was engrossed appropriating \$100,000 to establish a home for dependent and neglected children.

The bill to regulate commission merchants and compel them to keep their books open for inspection was engrossed.

Senator Lattimore's bill reorganizing the Eighteenth and Twenty-ninth judicial districts was passed to the third reading.

Thursday's Senate Proceedings.
A number of house local bills were passed finally.

When the senate adjourned the house highway commission was under consideration.

The senate will go into executive session Tuesday to consider appointments of university regents by the governor.

Two joint resolutions were adopted in the senate Thursday inviting former Senator Joseph W. Bailey and William J. Bryan to address the legislature. An attempt was made to include Bryan's invitation in that to Bailey, but the attempt failed.

Thursday's House Proceedings.

A number of senate bills passed to the third reading on Wednesday were finally passed Thursday.

Senator Lattimore's juvenile court bill and Senator Johnson of Hall bill to create the Eighty-first judicial district were killed.

The joint resolutions inviting Bailey and Bryan to Austin were adopted by the house without argument and were voted on as they came over from the senate. Telegrams were sent to the two gentlemen at once.

Austin, Tex.—The McCollum joint resolution proposing a conservation and reclamation amendment to the constitution was passed finally Wednesday by the house, 122 to 4, and thus, having received a two-thirds vote of each branch of the legislature, will be submitted to the people at a special election to be held August 21, 1917. This is the first constitutional amendment to be submitted by the present session.

The McCollum reclamation resolution proposes the addition to the constitution of a section saying:

"The conservation and development of all natural resources of the state, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams for irrigation power and all other useful purposes, the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and other lands needing irrigation, the reclamation and drainage of its overflowed lands and other lands needing drainage, the conservation and development of its forests, water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the state are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties and the legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto."

The proposed amendment further specifically authorized the creation, or division of the state into "such number of conservation and reclamation districts as may be determined to be essential to the accomplishment of the purposes of this amendment to the constitution," which districts shall be "governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate" with such powers of government, etc., as may be conferred by law. The amendment further authorizes the issuance of bonds and levying of taxes in such districts, as may be necessary and as may be prescribed by law.

Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.
The Waters Pierce Company bill was finally passed after being amended.

Mrs. Rose F. Deming, editor of the Palestine Advocate, the oldest newspaper woman in the state, addressed the body on invitation.

The Lattimore resolution providing for an investigation of the state university muddle will be considered Thursday.

Consideration of measures sent over by the house occupied most of the time of the senate Wednesday, after objections had been raised to senate procedure in the house.

Wednesday's House Proceedings.
A number of local bills were finally passed and the Westbrook child labor bill was passed to the third reading.

Three committees were named to visit three state institutions to make investigations so adequate provisions could be made for them in the appropriation bill.

Senator McCollum's joint resolution providing for the conservation of the state's natural resources was finally passed, and the amendment will be submitted to a vote of the people.

Moore called up his bill to authorize the extension of the state railroad from Palestine to Dallas, and Tillotson offered an amendment to allow the sale of the road for \$500,000 if the buyers would agree to extend the road.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Ferguson

Tuesday signed the bill creating an Agricultural and Mechanical College for Western Texas, appropriating \$500,000 therefor. The governor used a pen of Texas gold in signing the bill. The college is to be located west of the 98th meridian and north of the 30th parallel, and the site is to be picked by a commission composed of Governor Ferguson, Lieutenant Governor Hobby, Speaker Fuller, Commissioner of Agriculture Davis and Superintendent of Public Instruction Doughty. The numerous western towns which hope to land this prize will now become active in raising bonuses.

With the house mill grinding steadily Tuesday a variety of measures were engrossed, and two, the Reeves bill requiring one day of rest a week for paid firemen in towns of over 10,000, and the Fly pharmacy bill, raising the standard and regulating the practice of pharmacy, were killed. A resolution offered by the San Antonio delegation was unanimously adopted, setting aside a page of the journal in honor of Major General Frederick Funston, and in expressing of regret at his untimely death.

GIVE THE FARM HOME A NAME

A custom which has been slow of adoption in this country and which ever has a strong appealing arguments in its favor is the naming of farms. A name not only lends dignity to a home but fosters pride in the surroundings and everything that pertains to the home. The cultivation of beauty and the observance of thrift heretofore unknown on a great many farms would follow the naming of the farm home.

In Hamlin county, where beautiful and picturesque locations abound and where there is so much natural scenery, the naming of farm home and the results which eventually follow would be easy of accomplishment. For instance, there are homes for which might be suggested the names Ferndale, Sweet Springs, Violet Glen, White Rock and others which would be suggestive of the site. A nice, neat sign board should be placed on the public road over the front gate of the home, the owner's name and the distance to the nearest markets in each direction.

Letterheads, envelopes and other stationery with the name of the farm, its owner, location, etc., printed thereon, should be used by the farmers in all their correspondence, and each farmer should add to the dignity of his business and give his alignment with other business circles which is so desirable in this day of progressiveness. — Hamilton Record.

JURY LIST

Grand jurors to appear Monday, March 26 at 10 o'clock:
S L Murchison John C Millar
Hugh Morrison J H Smith
C W Kennedy M D Murchison
Lang Smith George Murray
R Ross (Weldon) Bob Turner
Harvy English F M Patton
J H Scarbrough Pat Fulgham
John Hamner Lewis Morgan

Petit jurors to appear Tuesday, March 27:

H Z Collier	J W J Rains
J T Bruton	J R Hinson
E B Arnold	J D Woodard
S Z Huntsman	Chas T Brown
Geo Wooley	W H Cook
J L Childers	G R Cook
W A Bradley	P O Graves
D R Baker	L H Arnold
T A Fuller	J D Caskey
M B Ellis	N A Grounds
John W Eddy	John Prestridge
W O Durham	W T Dauphin
Doug Beazley	Charlie Curry
W D Dear	Claud L Monk
Euke Kennedy	J C Ethridge

(Concluded next week)

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM KIDNEYS AND BLADDER



OUR BANK IS A CONSERVATIVE INSTITUTION

conducted in a conservative manner. That is why the leading business men of the town place their accounts with us. We offer you every convenience of the modern bank, together with absolute security for your money. Let us talk to you about opening an account.

Farmers & Merchants State Bank

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller

Practice Limited to Diseases of

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT

Office Over First National Bank, Crockett, Texas

Glasses Scientifically Adjusted for Defective Vision

HE HAD NOTHING TO WEAR!

So he missed an important engagement. He also missed a stroke of business. He had several fairly good suits but they all needed

CLEANING AND PRESSING

Don't be caught in that predicament When your clothes become soiled and wrinkled from wear BRING THEM TO US. We make them look like and prolong their usefulness. --:--:--:--:--:--

M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the

ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY

ADAMS & YOUNG
CROCKETT, TEXAS

YOUR NAME

Is it on our subscription list?

We will guarantee you full value

FOR YOUR MONEY

City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop on main street, the new brick building, next door to the Guaranty State Bank.

LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

John Spence
Lawyer

Crockett, : : : : Texas
Office Upstairs over Monzingo Millinery Store

WELL PREPARED TO SUPPLY ARMY

United States Ready as Never
Before to Make War
Materials.

SHOWN BY EXPORT FIGURES

Plants Created by Demand From
Abroad Now Capable of Turning
Out Vast Quantities of
Munitions.

The United States is equipped in private industry as never before for the furnishing to the army and navy of almost everything that might be needed in time of war. In certain finishing processes, notably with reference to airplanes, the resources of this country are still far behind those of Great Britain and France, but the gap is being lessened gradually.

The data regarding the exports of the United States during the past year, as issued by the department of commerce, give a comprehensive idea of the vast resources of the United States.

The significant part of these figures, aside from their overwhelming size, is that the exports are obviously our output in excess of our domestic consumption requirements.

Thus it is more or less interesting to know that whereas in 1914 we sold boots and shoes worth \$18,000,000, in 1916 we sent, mainly to Europe, \$47,000,000 worth. It is even more interesting, from the viewpoint of industrial preparedness, to know that in 1916 we sold abroad footwear for 23,000,000 pairs of feet.

But we are prepared for the turning out of rifles and hand grenades as well. The federal government arsenals are actually negligible when the resources of the private munition plants are taken into consideration.

Filling Huge Arms Contracts.

A merger was effected of the old Remington Arms company and the United Metallic Cartridge company, the consolidation carrying through the completion the construction of the vast plant at Bridgeport, which alone is able to put out more small arms than formerly all the American plants combined could make. It is now working on a \$6,000,000 contract for Russia.

The Du Pont Powder company enlarged its plants in Wilmington, Del., and at Haskell, Wayne and Pompton Lake, near Patterson, N. J. It took a little plant south of the Potomac, which had been employing 250 men, and transformed it into an industrial city with 30,000 on the pay roll.

At New Britain, Conn., the American Hardware company's plant, which had been turning out household and shop utensils and fixtures, suddenly opened an important side line of special parts in military equipment. The "side line" has become the dominant part of the business.

The Westinghouse company employs 8,000 in its Springfield and Chicopee factories in the manufacture of small arms alone.

More Submarines Being Built.

The Lake Torpedo Boat company has grown so swiftly under its European contracts that it is now building seven submarines for the United States navy. The Submarine Boat corporation, successor to the old Electric Boat company, is an important addition to the shipyards.

There has been no development more thrilling than that of the Bethlehem Steel company, which now has a capacity far greater than that of the Krupp works at Essen, hitherto, the great ordnance factories of the world.

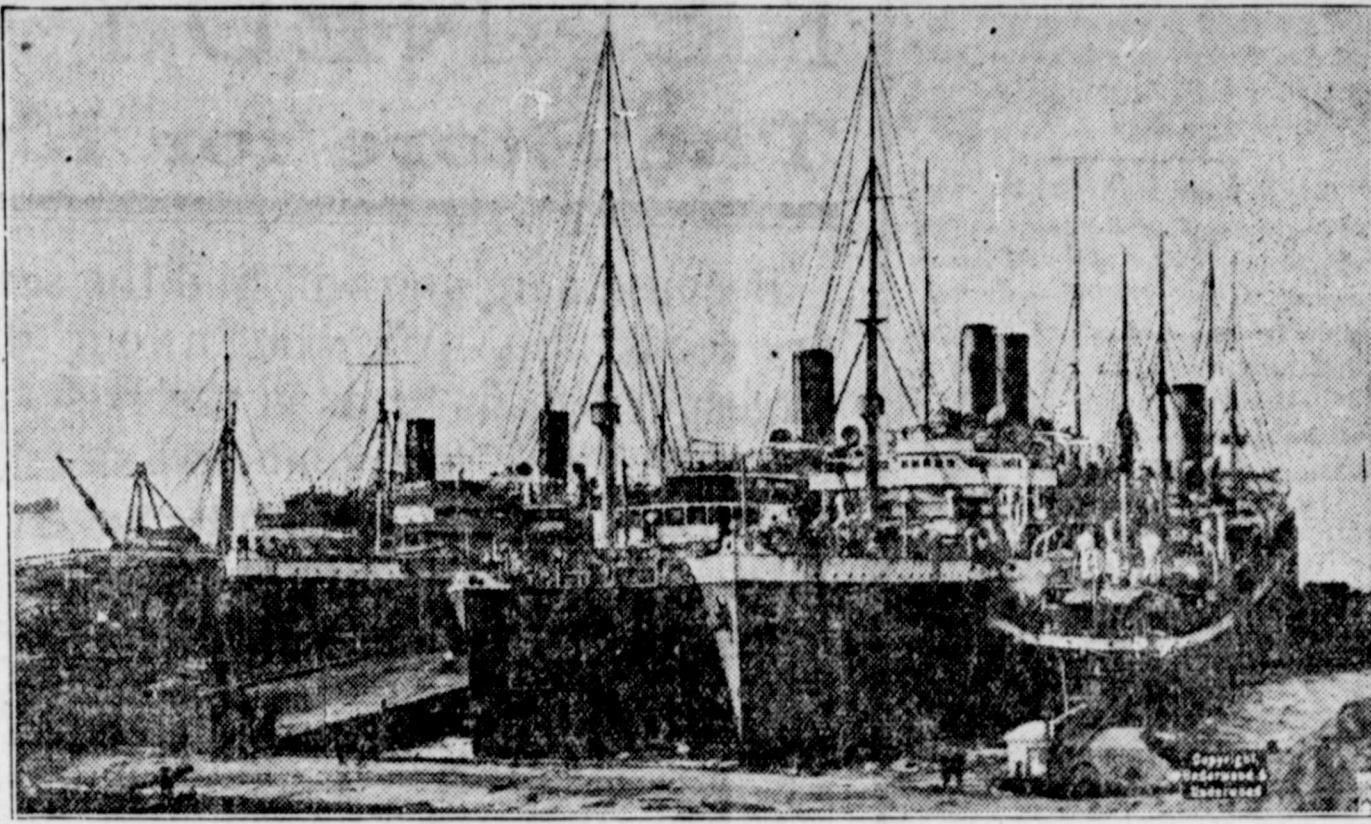
The department of commerce has issued its detailed figures only through eleven months of 1916. In comparison with 1914, they show an almost incredible advance in our excess output of munitions. Here are some of the more striking advances:

Firearms	4,063,000	\$ 35,465,000
Explosives	7,867,000	660,633,000
Copper	110,115,000	208,464,000
Brass	5,821,000	289,144,000
Acids	625,000	42,088,000
Steel bars (billets)	6,457,000	129,587,000
Airplanes	245,000	8,662,000
Automobiles	29,329,000	11,491,000
Wire	7,617,000	49,428,000

Ready to Supply Own Needs.

The figures are suggestive of what has taken place in other industries which could not be so closely identified with the actual movement of the troops. The fact that five times as many railway cars have been shipped abroad had, for example, no distant relation; that cotton manufacturers nearly trebled, that wool manufacturers quadrupled, that leather far more than doubled, that steel manufactures as a whole rose from \$184,000,000 to \$777,000,000—all these show what the war has done to put this country in a position to supply its own needs should they arise.

INTERNED GERMAN VESSELS AT NEW YORK PIERS



From left to right: The Prince Joachim, Prince Eitel Friedrich Koentig Wilhelm II, Hamburg and Allemannia lying off One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street and North river, New York. Note the Allemannia is coaling up. A constant vigil is being kept by the neutrality squad and the police to see that none of the ships attempts to make a run for sea. The ships undergo a thorough inspection daily.



YOUR FLAG AND MY FLAG

By Wilbur Nesbit.

(By Permission of P. F. Volland & Co.)

Your flag and my flag,
And how it flies today,
In your land and my land
And half a world away!
Rose-red and blood-red
The stripes forever gleam;
Snow-white and soul-white—
The good forefathers' dream.
Sky-blue and true-blue, with stars to
gleam aright—
The gloried guidon of the day; a shelter
through the night.
Your flag and my flag!
And oh! how much it holds—
Your land and my land,
Secure within its folds!
Your heart and my heart
Beat quicker at the sight;
Sun-kissed and wind-tossed—
Red and blue and white.
The one flag—the great flag—the flag
for me and you.
Glorified all else beside—the red and
white and blue.

ESTIMATE 18,000,000 MEN AVAILABLE FOR SERVICE

In a serious emergency nearly 18,000,000 men are available for military service in the United States, according to an estimate made by the executive committee of the committee on national defense appointed by Mayor Mitchel of New York. There are now physically fit for service in the field, it was said, 10,535,940 men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years.

Upon the basis of actual experience of other countries where universal military service prevails, the committee has calculated that out of 900,000 men annually reaching military age in the United States 600,000 are fit for military service, according to the French standard of 1910, and 459,000, according to the German standard of that year.

The committee, in estimating the nation's resources in men between eighteen and forty-five years available for military service after deductions for "morbidity," physical defects, industrial necessities and dependency of families, places the number at 4,778,050.

Banks Are Prepared.

"There is no reason to expect any crisis in our own affairs," declared Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank of New York, in discussing the possibility of war. The money market is in the best possible shape. We could not have been better prepared for such an emergency than we are at the present time. We have every reason to feel easy.

The banks are prepared to absorb the proposed \$500,000,000 government treasury note issue without a murmur, and more if needed.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR EACACHE KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

KEEPING THE LEAD

Grapeland continues to lead in the matter of produce shipments and maintains its reputation as the produce center of East Texas. During the months of January and February the sum of \$5,512,500 was paid out for eggs alone, 111 cases going out Saturday night. A large amount of poultry has also been shipped. So far this year 23 cars of hogs have been shipped, representing a cash value of about \$41,000, and it is estimated 15 more cars will go out. Fifteen or twenty cars of cattle have also gone over the road and several thousands of dollars worth of peas and peanuts have been shipped.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Constable C. R. Taylor Monday arrested three negro boys—Arthur Norman, Ejustice Price and Jimbo Denmore, charged with burglary, and carried them to Crockett and placed them in jail.

The negroes are alleged to have committed at least four burglaries on Friday and Saturday nights, when the stores of Geo. E. Darsey, T. S. Kent, Smith's Drug Store and Clewis' Tailor Shop were broken into and considerable goods stolen, much of which was recovered and restored to the owners.

School Campus Fenced and Cleaned Up Last Friday

Supt. C. T. Sims suspended school last Friday and the students and a number of the citizens built a good fence around the High School campus, dug up some of the trees and trimmed those left standing. Dinner was furnished by the Mothers' Club. The day was pleasantly and profitably spent and the town is proud of the improved appearance of the grounds. This is only a beginning, as flowers and shrubbery will be planted, which will make this the "beauty spot" of the town, and every citizen should be ready to aid in the improvement of the school.

The amount of work accomplished last Friday demonstrated to us how easy it would be for the town to have a clean-up day and everybody help to make the streets and vacant lots more desirable to the eye. It will decrease the amount of sickness during the spring and summer by destroying the breeding places of mosquitos. A day's work by everyone would so change the looks of the town that it would seem like another place. The normal students and other visitors who will be here this summer, are going to expect a clean town. Shall we come up to their expectations or disappoint them by leaving the trash and filth?

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Faris and son, Frank Ross, of Ratcliff, visited relatives here Sunday.

FERTILIZE!--BEAT A WEEVIL

Every farmer in Houston county ought to make a good crop, and we have a double reason why we want him to. We want to sell the fertilizers to enable him to do it and we want the cotton seed to work. Get your cotton up early--use Davy Crockett Fertilizers--because it is the best you can buy, and perhaps at less money--to push it to early maturity beating the weevil to maturity.

College Station says it is "best to use HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS." Cheap grades are costly. Don't be lead away by that human weakness to believe that just because the goods are manufactured away-off-yonder they are bound to be better. Only three ingredients are used in making up fertilizers—Acid Phosphate, Nitrogen and Potash. All fertilizer factories use the same ingredients mostly, except nitrogen. Some use the blood and bone for nitrogen, fish scraps, etc., or cotton seed meal. The main difference, and about the only difference, in fertilizers of equal analysis is that they use either cotton seed meal or something else for nitrogen.

Cotton seed meal is the best form of nitrogen, besides it contains about two per cent of phosphoric acid and about two per cent of potash. On account of the war potash cannot be obtained from Germany, consequently by using the fertilizers composed of cotton seed meal you get the benefit not only of its nitrogen, but also its potash, which figured at the prevailing price of muriate of potash (\$700.00 per ton) it makes the potash in meal worth about \$15.00 per ton of meal. In fact, on account of the high price of potash, we would encourage those careful people who can do their own mixing to use only meal and 16 per cent of acid phosphate. By doing so you can apportion the proper amount to each kind of land or crop.

We can sell you mixed fertilizers at as low prices as anyone and give you better goods. We can sell you acid phosphate and meal. Remember, always, we have the best.

We had some trouble the first of the season keeping our meal up to the standard because of taking off of the seed so much lint, but we have installed an air separator and can now give you first class meal.

Ask us or your merchant for DAVY CROCKETT BRANDS and get the best for the lowest price.

Made in Crockett--Money Kept at Home

Houston County Oil Mill & Manufacturing Company

J. W. HOWARD, Local Agent

.. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

A man seldom criticises the faults of others that he possesses.

A majority of the people are more interested in what they can get out of life than what they put into it.

The more wealth and power a man achieves the more people less successful there are who try to hold him back.

We suppose the reason the Texas Press Association always meets in wet towns is because the water in dry towns is bad.

It is reported that ladies hostesses (or half hose) will retail at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per pair. The shorter the hose the higher the price.

We predict that a large number of people who have been unable to attend church for the past year will manage some way to be there Easter Sunday.

Dallas autoists have advanced a step in the art of running over pedestrians, as one ran over a fellow the other day three times before he could get up. Goin' some!

The man who fails to do his part in the advancement of the things calculated for the betterment of himself and humanity, is a parasite, and his breed should be exterminated.

"A Wisconsin man exchanged a small potato for two glasses of beer," says a news item. The members of funnel gangs in wet towns may now decide to raise a big crop of potatoes this year.

From the accounts of recent food riots in New York and Chicago, we would feel about as safe sailing through the submarine zone as we would walking down a street in one of these "villages" with a loaf of bread under our arm.

Blessed is the editor who can run a newspaper in a town where it's business men send to the government and other foreign printing concerns to have their work done, for he haveth less bills to collect.

There was a man on the streets of Grapeland Saturday, selling at auction, a lot of dress goods and suitings. Did he sell 'em? He sold 'em, and carried away about three hundred dollars, which will no longer circulate in this territory.

When one man starts some new kind of business and appears to make a reasonable living for a few months, about a dozen more fellows try the same line, thinking they will soon reap a fortune.—Grapeland Messenger.

No plainer truth was ever told; keep on telling them, brother, from time to time.—Lufkin News.

It required so much "red tape" in the recent investigation by the federal trade commission of the paper manufacturers, that the paper barons were allowed ample time to rob publishers of millions of dollars above all fines they will have to pay for violation of the anti-trust laws. They will reap a rich profit from their conspiracy.

We are in receipt of a communication from one of Angelina county's "kittenish" old maid school teachers, in which she inquires if there are any single men in Grapeland who can play a guitar and make love to a maiden in the old-fashioned way, and adds that if such men reside in this city, to please forward to her, Summer Normal literature. Six young men have agreed to begin taking lessons on this instrument at once, and by the time the normal begins, they will have become artists, and with the aid of boats, lakes and a June moon, should be able to convince the lady that Houston county Summer Normals excel any in East Texas.

All who have hogs running at large are hereby requested to put them up and comply with the hog law. Jno. A. Davis, Justice Peace.

Solomon Was Wise---

If you would be like Solomon, you should buy your merchandise where you can save money. Call and get our prices and see if we can't save you a dollar---a dollar saved is a dollar made.

We appreciate your calls and are glad to show you our lines of

Groceries, Hardware, Dry Goods,

Shoes and Notions

WE BUY CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER AND OTHER PRODUCE

I. H. Shaver

**KENNEDY BROS.,
The Store for Everybody**

Because here you will find the season's latest in the dry goods line. We bought our dry goods from the largest dry goods firms in the East and at prices far below the market today, and we are offering them to you at prices less than wholesale today. **CALL AND SEE THE VALUES** we have in store for you.

EMBROIDERY

We have embroidery insertions that are worth from 10c to 35c a yard we are offering for a few days at only

6c A YARD

See them and you will buy them.

LADIES SKIRTS

We have received a big shipment of ladies sport skirts and middy blouses to match. They are values and good styles that you will like. See them.

BLEACHED SHEETING

The best that money ever bought in bleached and brown sheeting at—

30c AND 35c A YARD

Take advantage of this price and supply your needs.

LACE! LACE! LACE!

We have laces on display that are values up to 8c a yard, priced for a few days at only—

5c A YARD

SHOES FOR SALE

Don't forget—when you want a pair of shoes for any member of the family that we have them for sale and at prices that are less than you can buy them at wholesale cost today! Because we bought them early and enough to last this year, so buy your shoes of us and save money.

TENNIS SHOES

You will find a complete assortment of sizes in tennis shoes at our store, for we have just received a small shipment of 15 cases and also want to say that we have the "Keds." Ask to see them. "Sister Sue's" in all sizes at a price to please.

How long would your socks stand filing?

Iron Clads stand the "filing", or rubbing, of shoes, longer than other socks; because they are extra strong where the rub comes—look at the picture. We guarantee any socks bearing this trademark.



Knows Their Value

Houston, Texas, February 23, 1917

Kennedy Brothers,
Grapeland, Texas.
Gentlemen:

Have just read your ad in the Messenger of your Iron Clad Hose. I know what they are and have a long time wanted to get hold of some, so find enclosed \$1.00. Send me white and light tan, No. 10, and oblige,

Yours truly,

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store for Everybody

**POTATO LEGAL TENDER
IN WISCONSIN SALOON.**

Monroe, Wis., Feb. 23.—A potato passed as legal tender for two glasses of beer here Friday.

The customer having drained his glass, drew from his pocket a genuine white potato about the size of a hen's egg and deposited it regretfully on the bar. The bartender rang up the cash register, deposited the tuber, and then turned to the customer:

"I haven't a bit of small change; better drink the rest of it up," he suggested. The customer agreed and thus the entire potato was squandered.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A newspaper reporter using a basket as a purse and potatoes as money had little difficulty today in getting about and in making purchases. The potatoes were from Idaho and valued at retail at 3 1-2c each. The girl in the ticket

window of a moving picture show accepted three of them for a ticket.

A taxicab chauffeur took six for a ride of two blocks. At a 5 and 10 cent store the reporter bought two diamonds and a picture frame with his tubers.

Miss Laura Laseter died Sunday at her home near Salmon, after an illness of several weeks' duration. Her remains were buried in the Parker cemetery Monday afternoon.