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## Local News Reported From Hays Spring

Hays Spring, March 4th.—Health is pretty good, except a few cases of measles, which are not very serious.

Farming is progressing slowly. The people are somewhat behind, although very busy. Some have planted corn, while others have just begun to plow.

We are in the grip of a norther this morning and we fear it is going to damage gardens and fruit.

There is going to be considerable acreage of peanuts planted in this community this year and we think it is a good plan to divide up and give some of the cotton space to peanuts, and if we don't want to put them on the market we have stock to feed them to at home. At present prices of hogs it would pay equally as well to let hogs have them as to harvest them for the market.

We like to read the good letters written by farmers and those interested in farming.

W. W. Spence and W. T. Pridgen are putting in a dipping vat on the creek between their farms for the purpose of dipping their cattle and other stock. Hope they will make it a success.

The attendance at school has run pretty low on account of the measles scare. Hope there will be normal attendance again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Yates visited relatives in the Wesley Chapel community last Saturday and Sunday.

J. W. and Dudley Ellis went down on Big Elkhart creek fishing one day last week, but they returned just like most fishermen do these days—without a nibble.

Well, as crop planting time is here we think it is time to pen what few hogs we have left, but do not think there is very many left, judging from the number of hogs the farmers have sold at Grapeland this year.

Big Foot.

## All the News From New Pros- pect Community

March 5.—Everybody is busy preparing to plant corn. Some have already planted, but we think there is plenty of time yet.

We guess the freeze last night killed the gardens, as most every body had their gardens planted and many of them were up, looking nicely.

Bro. Florence filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Musick of Crockett visited relatives in our community recently.

A good many of the neighbors met and plowed a day for Alton Baker last week.

Our school is getting along fine, although a few have stopped to go to work and several have stopped on account of the measles. There has been two cases of measles and whooping cough in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker of Grapeland were visiting rela-

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## Local Items Reported From Antrim Community

March 5.—Health of the community is not very good at present. Some measles and whooping cough. Three of Mr. H. A. Skeen's children have had the measles and one had the whooping cough.

This cold weather we are having will be harmful to young gardens and fruit trees.

Rev. W. R. Durnell filled his regular appointment at Slocum Saturday night and Sunday.

Several from this community attended the singing at Mr. C. M. Streetman's Saturday night and report a nice time.

Our school closed last Friday and we can certainly say our school has been a success. We wish to thank Mr. Click and Miss Jones for their untiring efforts in their work as teachers and in the literary society. They will always be welcomed to Antrim and we hope they will teach our next school.

Mr. Alvin Starr visited at H. A. Skeen's last week.

Misses Mary and Nora Williams spent Sunday with Miss May Martin.

Our literary society met last Thursday night but owing to the bad weather there was only a few present, although we had a very nice program. Among the pieces rendered was a dialogue, "A Mistake in Identity," by Misses Mary and Nora Williams, which was very nice. We will meet again in two weeks to reorganize.

Mr. J. F. Martin visited his mother, Mrs. S. J. Martin awhile Sunday.

A. B. Spence has purchased a large crude oil engine, which he will use in running his grist mill and food chopper.

## Erroneous Re- port in Houston Post Corrected

Crockett, Texas, March 2.—Since November 15, 1916, Crockett has shipped 14 cars of hogs, valued at \$17,850; 13 cars of cattle of the value of \$12,350; four cars of sweet potatoes, totaling \$1600; three cars of ribbon cane syrup of the value of \$2700. Shipments of ribbon cane syrup less than carlots amounted to \$1200.

Grapeland has shipped eight cars of hogs valued at \$10,200. Lovelady has shipped 18 cars of hogs valued at \$22,950. Shipments of potatoes and syrup from Grapeland and Lovelady have amounted to \$2000.

This gives Houston county shipments of live stock since November 15, 1916, amounting to \$63,360; potatoes and ribbon cane syrup amounting to \$7500.

The above report taken from the Houston Post last Saturday is very erroneous so far as Grapeland is concerned, and the Crockett correspondent for the Post should be more careful in his reports. The freight records will give the correct figures and can be had from the agent for the asking. Such important reports should be verified before being sent out to the world.

As a matter of fact, Grapeland is the leading produce center of not only Houston county, but of East Texas. No hogs were shipped from here in November and December, the shipments beginning in January, and since the first up to the time the above report was published, twenty-three cars of hogs valued at \$41,400 have been shipped, and since the first of March five straight cars of hogs and one car of mixed hogs and cattle have been shipped. There is yet to be shipped eight or ten cars, so it will be seen that the shipments from Grapeland will equal, if not exceed, the shipments from Crockett and Lovelady combined.

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tives here last week.

John and Grady Hudson of Elkhart attended church here Sunday.

Bob Parker has recently had his house painted. A Reader.

### CORN WANTED

I want to buy 500 bushels of good ear corn, for which I will pay \$1.00 per bushel delivered. I have made arrangements with J. W. Howard to weigh and pay for this corn, so deliver to him. Geo. Calhoun.

### PARKER--GRAY

Mr. Jim Parker and Miss Cloe Gray were married last Thursday evening at the home of Rev. J. F. Lively, who performed the ceremony. These young people have a host of friends in the city and surrounding country, whom the Messenger joins in extending best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

J. P. Weatherread has accepted a position with T. S. Kent.

# BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"I MET Sam Polongin in the subway this morning," Barnett Zapp, the waist manufacturer, said, as with the aid of his thumb and a quart of gravy which remained from his portion of potatoes and gravy, he demonstrated the capillarity of a slice of rye bread.

"And how is the herring business?" Louis Birsky the real estate asked. "What do you mean—the herring business?" Zapp demanded. "The herring business is now a side issue for Sam. Him and J. Schlapp of Katzberg & Schlapp in the pants business has formed the Charoses Fillum Company and next week they are going to release their first fillum by the name 'The Fatal Murder.'"

"The way it looks nowadays," Birsky said, "everybody has got two businesses—his regular business and the moving picture business."

"All except the feller in the cheap candy business," Zapp said. "There ain't nothing in the cheap candy business no more. Birsky, on account if a lady gives her six-year-old boy five cents he should buy himself a taffy on a stick, y'understand, he goes right away to a moving picture instead and blows in the nickel to see 'Thou Shalt Not Covet Thy Neighbor's Wife,' a feature fillum in five reels."

"Not alone cheap candy," Birsky said, "but every business is feeling the effects of the moving picture business—a few businesses favorable, like the delicatessen and lunchroom business, which the nearest some married men has got to a home-cooked dinner since the moving pictures started is a half a pound of sliced bolony mit kartoffel salad. Then there is the spectacle business, which while in former times ladies whose husbands made from thirty dollars a week down used to get housemaid's knee from keeping the flat looking as neat as a pin, y'understand, they have now got to be fitted with glasses for eye strain from watching moving pictures every afternoon up to five minutes before six or five minutes before whatever time the husband comes home."

"Well, there's one business moving pictures ain't improved none," Birsky said, "and that's the regular theater business. Even on first nights nowadays the fifty-cent gallery and balcony is empty except the ushers and a couple of dozen reporters with false mustaches and smoked glasses which was barred out by the management for claiming that the Follies should ought to be a stag. The theater managers is kicking something terrible about the way the moving pictures is eating into their business, Zapp."

"Sure I know," Zapp said, "and they are their own worst competitors, Birsky. It's like if all the saloonkeepers would become temperance lectures because they seen a chance to make a little money on the side and then complained there was no more profit in the liquor business, y'understand. Every theater manager has got also a chain of moving picture houses. They are killing the hen that laid the golden eggs."

"That's all right, too," Birsky retorted, "but compared with the golden eggs which moving pictures is laying the old-time theater was a rooster, Zapp. And not only is the moving picture fellers making big money, but they ain't got to invest not near as



"If You See a Man Stand Still on the Sidewalk and Make Marks."

much capital as a regular theater manager. Take this here Belasco, for instance, which he specializes on elastic shows with telephone switch-

boards, restaurants and doctors' offices, and supposing, for instance, he's got a restaurant in it, y'understand, then every night that show plays in New York or Grand Forks or Sandusky or wherever it happens to be, they put on the stage a real restaurant, with coffee machines and gas griddles, and they broil right there in front of the audience every day steaks for ten or fifteen dollars, because Mr. Belasco is very artistic that way. If he puts on a restaurant, it's put on right; it don't make no difference what it costs; but you take a moving picture feller, and if he has got a fillum with a restaurant in it, all he does is to go to a restaurant and ask the feller that runs it he should allow for a five-dollar note the movie actors to carry on there, and pictures is taken of it with a camera. Then when you go to see the fillum, understand me, they flash on the screen:

**NED DISCOVERS HIS SISTER IN A FASHIONABLE BROADWAY RESTAURANT.**

and afterwards they show the fashionable Broadway restaurant, and on the wall is a sign:

**CHILI CON CARNE, 15c**

That's the difference between Mr. Belasco and moving picture fellers. What do they care about being artistic if it's going to cost an extra ten dollars, Zapp? All they want is to keep the expenses down."

"That's where you make a big mistake," Zapp declared. "Moving picture fellers is eaten up with expenses. For instance, the wages which moving picture fellers pays to their actors is something terrible. Five hundred a week is small already."

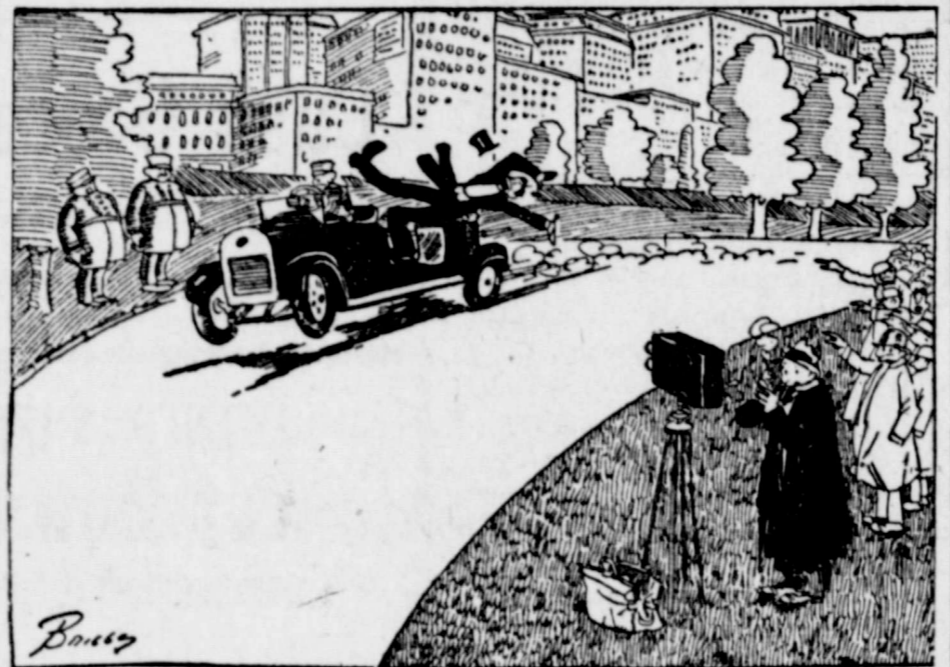
"Well, why not?" Birsky retorted. "Look what a moving picture actor is got to do to earn his money. We will say, for example, that he goes to work at nine o'clock. At half past nine he

ng picture actor, and most of them are. It's the same way with writing the scenarios. Take any retail dry goods concern today, and everybody from the cash girls to the store superintendent is writing scenarios on the side. Also, Zapp, if you go into a street car and a fellow opposite you is talking to himself, y'understand, you might think he's a lunatic, Zapp, but is a matter of fact he ain't crazy by from three to ten dollars, on account he is dopping out a scenario which he would sell for somewhere around that price to a moving picture concern. Furthermore, if you see a man stand still on the sidewalk and make marks on an old envelope with a pencil, that ain't no sign that he's trying to figure how it could be he is overdrawn at the bank two dollars and forty-five cents. No, Zapp. A feller could make a living nowadays collecting old envelopes and selling 'em to people to make memorandums of scenarios on."

"How do they do it?" Zapp exclaimed. "I could no more write a scenario and get away with it as a check for a million dollars."

"That's because you ain't never tried to write a scenario," Birsky said. "All you've got to do is to take a play like 'Hamlet,' for instance, and you call Hamlet Ned and the king Mexican Louis. Then you dictate the main points to a stenographer and send it to a moving picture concern which was formerly in the plumbing supply business or children's knee pants, and you're bound to get away with it, Zapp, because the only plays them fellers knows anything about is shows they used to take their customers to see, and if you are trying to sell a customer goods, you naturally don't take him to see 'Hamlet.' Am I right or wrong?"

"You don't take him to a moving picture, neither," Zapp said.



"Maybe the Feller That Works the Camera Wasn't Looking."

goes up to Central park and falls out of a otermobile running thirty miles an hour. The first time he falls out, maybe, the feller that works the camera wasn't looking, so he's got to fall out again. This time somebody moves the camera, so he falls out a third time, and one way or another they keep that actor falling out of an otermobile going thirty miles an hour from half past nine to lunch time. Supposing he does get five hundred dollars a week. Is that a life? I ask you."

"Just the same, it's a lot of money to pay," Zapp said, "and furthermore all the moving picture actors gets contracts for a year already."

"But what is such contracts worth?" Birsky asked. "If a moving picture feller wants to get rid of such a contract, all he has got to do is to get the party of the second part to play Ned in a fillum where Ned escapes back from a cliff five hundred feet from the sheriff by leaping on horse-high, y'understand, and the widow can frame the contract and hang it in the front parlor as a souvenir of the two weeks when her husband used to make five hundred dollars a week." Zapp sighed heavily.

"I got a designer which has me under a three years' contract since last Tuesday already," he said, "and if I could hire Maxine Elliott for a model and C. M. Schwab for a salesman, I couldn't get rid of that murderer's designs for the cost of the linings alone. There's big money in it for somebody who could persuade that swindler to play in a fillum where Ned gets locked in a burning ranch by the Mexican for a thousand dollars a week. I would pay two weeks' salary out of my own pocket, and if they ain't got a ranch to burn I would even give the moving picture concern a house out in Borough Park which I got vacant on my hands since 1913."

"Maybe you think such a thing ain't possible that a waist designer should get a job as a moving picture actor?" Birsky said. "Believe me, Zapp, the last thing in the world which is necessary in the moving picture business is experience—in particular the actors and the people which writes the scenarios. You remember in the old days, Zapp, that everybody thought he could sell clothing. Well, nowadays every fool thinks he could be a mov-

"I know you don't," Birsky replied. "Asking a customer to go to a theater and then taking him to a moving picture, Zapp, is the equivalence of inviting him to lunch and then blowing him at a drug store to an egg chocolate with malted milk."

"At that, there's lots of people makes a luncheon off of chocolate malted milk," Zapp said.

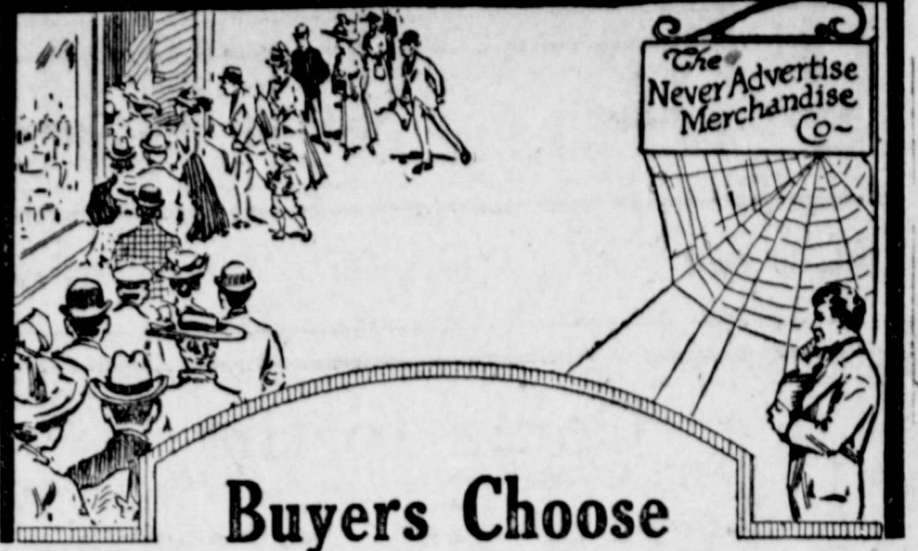
"They're welcome, for all of me," Birsky said, "but so long as I've got the price I would stick to soup, meat, dessert and coffee, and I'm the same way about going to a show. When I go broke, I'll be a moving picture fan too, Zapp, but as it stands, when I feel like taking in a theater I want to see a show which was written by an author, not a truck driver. Also I like to hear an actor as well as see him, Zapp."

"Me too," Zapp agreed, "and if he's got other talents besides falling out of an otermobile going thirty miles an hour, Birsky, so much the better." (Copyright, New York Tribune.)

### To Help Rapid Transit.

The blasting off of a 15-foot layer of rock from the top of Coenties reef in East river, New York, just east of the lower end of Manhattan, and, at the same time, the boring of two tunnels under this reef, constitute a dual engineering undertaking now in progress that is calling for unusual precautions and skillful procedure, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. The tunnel will serve as a new rapid-transit link between Manhattan and Brooklyn. The cost of cutting down the reef is being borne by the federal government and New York city. At mean low tide the reef has been 25 feet below the surface, a distance that is not regarded as safe for some heavily laden boats. The new depth of 40 feet will be more sufficient, it is believed. The tunneling, which could not well be delayed until after the channel was deepened, is progressing ahead of and faster than the river-bottom excavating, which is proceeding at right angles to the tunnels.

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### the Store That Advertises

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The store that is up-to-date is the one that advertises. The very atmosphere about the store is reflected in the announcements, for advertising suggests modern methods—progress, good merchandise and a cheerfulness in making suggestions for the busy buyer who hasn't time enough to try to think what is needed.

Then again, the merchant who advertises sells so much goods that he can afford to sell cheaper than others and still make money.

### MUCH IN LITTLE

Hawaii is making bricks from lava. Ayou, a Cayuse Indian, is dead at one hundred and twenty in Pendleton, Ore.

Valuable deposits of lignite have been discovered in Sicily.

India has become one of the world's greatest consumers of aluminum.

Cuba has the largest orange grove in the world, covering 2,000 acres.

Paper covers to protect automobiles in storage have been invented.

A thin paste of wood ashes and lemon juice will renew tarnished brass.

The destruction of birds costs this country \$1,000,000,000 a year, it is estimated.

More than 145 words a minute have been sent in high-speed wireless tests in England.

A portable vacuum cleaner of English invention can be used as a seat, table, cabinet, music stool or pedestal.

A meteorite weighing about 20 tons is reported to have fallen recently at Bezerros, in the state of Pernambuco, Brazil.

If cotton and linen are steeped in any saline solution, such as alum, ammonia, chloride or borax, they will become fireproof.

New apparatus for filling automobile tires with air automatically cuts off the supply when the overinflation danger point is reached.

Chinese ship fresh eggs long distances in good condition by coating them with a paste made of sea salt, vegetable ashes and water.

Russian engineers soon will begin experiments that will cover three years to ascertain if sugar beets can be raised profitably in Siberia.



### CLUBS AND SPADES.

Officer Doolan—I've nivr done annythin' since I've been in Ameriky but carry a club!

Michael Casey—Begob! An' in the old country yiz nivr did annythin' but handle a shpade!

**FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS**  
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### Mothers' Cook Book

Just being happy is a fine thing to do; Looking on the bright side Rather than the blue; Sad or sunny musing Is largely in the choosing, And just being happy Is brave work and true.

#### Good Family Dishes.

Corn meal, if well cooked, makes one of the most nutritious and economical of breakfast dishes and if served with a good baked apple it is a breakfast sufficiently nutritious for a growing child. When cooking corn meal mix it with cold water to the consistency of pouring, then pour into a kettle of boiling salted water, enough to cook at least three hours at the simmering point. See that the meal rapidly boils, then set back to simmer. When cooked with plenty of water each grain of corn meal will stand out by itself just as does rice when well cooked. A fireless cooker is an ideal place for this kind of cooking, yet the evaporation of water is limited so that must be lessened.

#### Corn Gems.

Beat the yolks of two eggs and add a cupful of milk, a half teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of melted butter and a cupful of corn meal. Beat the mixture well, then add a half cupful of flour with a teaspoonful of baking powder. Fold in the well beaten whites of the eggs and bake for 20 minutes in a hot oven, using 12 gem pans.

#### Cocoanut Egg Curry.

Put two tablespoonfuls of olive oil or butter into a saucepan; when hot, add four tablespoonfuls of chopped onion, stir until the onion is soft, add a teaspoonful of curry powder, the same amount of chopped red pepper and a chopped or finely grated cocoanut. Add a cupful of the cocoanut milk and cook slowly one hour. Dish and serve with poached eggs. Boiled rice, baked apples, stewed rhubarb or chutney go well with this dish.

#### Codfish Croquets.

One cupful of raw salt fish, two and a quarter cupfuls of potato cubes, one egg, one tablespoonful of butter and salt and pepper to season. Put the potatoes and fish into a saucepan and cover with boiling water, cook until the potatoes are tender, drain and mash, add the seasonings, salt, pepper, eggs, and butter and beat until light, drop by spoonfuls into hot fat.

*Nellie Maxwell*

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## H. A. Fisher Writes on Short- age of Food Crops

The present year undoubtedly offers greater inducements for the farmers of this country and especially the South, to grow more foodstuffs than any year in a generation. An opportunity for the profitable cultivation of every acre of available ground.

The world's surplus supply of food is exhausted, and the most urgent demand of every nation, including our own, is for an immediate increased supply.

The European war has withdrawn millions of men from productive labor, but they must still be fed. As forcibly presented by the daily press, our State Industrial Congress and all other educational institutions of the country: "Poland is desolated; the people of Belgium and Northern France, partially supported by charity, are starving; Germany, Austria, France, Italy, England, are all on short rations. With more than one fourth of the world's population engaged in battle and with productive agriculture at a standstill, Europe is facing a famine, and for an indefinite time must look elsewhere—and chiefly to the United States—for its food supply."

The high cost of living that is being so acutely felt in this country, has become an actual burden to thousands of our own people. No relief can be expected until this year's crops are harvested, and not even then unless our farmers bend all their energies to a greater production of food-stuffs.

Statistics show that Texas led her sister states last year in agricultural products. This year she can greatly increase that lead, much to the relief of the world at large and greatly to her own pecuniary profit.

Here is the important feature of this unusual situation: The very first concern of every citizen should be to assist in every way his influence can be exerted, the increased production of food crops to the greatest extent possible. Encourage the farmers, first of all, to provide for a living at home, and next, to produce as great an excess of food and feed crops as his land can

be made to yield; this excess for a shipping market that the merchants will promptly provide. In other words, the farmer should not stop when he feels he has provided enough to feed his household and his live stock, but keep right on planting with a view of producing a surplus to help supply the world-wide deficiency, with absolute assurance that a ready cash market at profitable prices awaits his efforts.

In an editorial of the 3rd inst., the Galveston News says, among other good things on this subject: "Texas farmers start out with the possibility of making bumper crops, and with the practical certainty that only bumper crops will satisfy the needs of the world. Whether it is cotton, foodstuffs or feedstuffs, there is apt to be a demand for all that can be produced and more. This is a practical assurance of high prices, and it should incite the energies of the farmers to the utmost. But while the prospect is that the world will be ready to take a big cotton crop at a stiff price, it would be folly to stake all on cotton. The prospect for food and foodstuffs is even more roseate than it is for cotton; and there is a greater certainty that food and feedstuffs will command high prices than it is that cotton will."

To boil the subject down so that every farmer can appreciate its importance, we think it is conservative to say that the year 1917 should prove to be a genuine mortgage lifter and bank account starter; a decided step forward in the general uplift of the entire country, and no section is better equipped with natural resources to handsomely profit by such a course than our home county.

If the merchants of Crockett and all other business centers in the county will start the practice of visiting the farmers at their homes, which has been often suggested in this department, to impress upon the managers of these farm factories, upon which we depend for our very existence and well being, the importance of this movement, a much greater degree of success would be obtained.

H. A. Fisher.

## REAR ADMIRAL BRAISTED



New photograph of William C. Braisted, surgeon general of the navy, who has been made a rear admiral. In case of war he will be one of the most important officers of the navy.

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

## Saved Girl's Life

"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.

"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without

## THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

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## .. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

Some women find that the easiest way to end an ardent lover's "slush" is to marry him.

Our idea of an 18 k. optimist is a fellow who takes unto himself a wife, when ladies' shoes are selling for as much as \$20 per pair.

Furthermore, some men are such strangers to the truth, that when they want to feed their hogs they have to get a neighbor to call 'em up.

No matter how far a salaried man's wife goes on a visit, she so arranges her plans to return home the day before he receives the monthly pay envelope.

If the price of hogs gets much higher, it will be common to see young farmers exchange a small shoat for a big diamond ring to give to his fiancee.

When father tells son that he was handsome in his young days, the son digs up the old family album, which too often fails to verify the old man's statement.

What has become of the old-fashioned hound dog that used to make daily trips into the woods, tree fresh meat, and then signal his master with a bark, to bring the gun?

In fighting the armed neutrality bill, which would empower the president to arm merchant ships, some of the senators are not desirous of "kaiserizing" America.

It is announced that no new styles in women's clothes will be allowed in Germany this season. America will make up the loss to fashion artists caused by this ruling.

W. R. Durnell, farmer, preacher, debater and all around good fellow, who raises chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, ganders, guineas, hogs, horses, cows, corn, peas, peanuts, potatoes, and a little cotton, has our thanks for a sack of fine sweet potatoes, which he brought us last Saturday. They were highly appreciated W. R. and we've been smiling all week, regardless of the fact that the price of food stuff keeps climbing.

We have concluded that a real chicken-hearted man is a man whose heart goes out to the "chickens".

Some of the senators are trying to impeach Governor Ferguson, but he can depend (?) upon his tenant-farmer "friends" to rescue him from such a dishonorable end.

The Bostonian who recently invented pulleys and tackle to be attached to a bed so the occupant may raise or lower a window without rising, had more brains than energy, and would doubtless feel the pangs of hunger if his livelihood depended upon his cultivating a spring garden.

We hereby tender the "belt" to Dock Lively of the Lufkin News, in the discussion of calves, because after reading his analytical and picturesque descriptions of these "animals", we are convinced that he will never surrender to feminine charms, and need entertain no fear of having malevolent epithets hurled at him by the owners of said "animals."

## A TORPID LIVER KILLS ENERGY

It makes you feel tired, dull and sleepy. The system is filled with bilious impurities which must be driven out before you can feel better. Try

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

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**Price \$1.00 per Bottle**  
Prickly Ash Bitters Co.  
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A. H. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

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OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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THURSDAY, MAR. 8, 1917

Our idea of a millionaire is a man who walks into a cafe and orders ham and eggs with French fried potatoes.

A woman of Trinity found a diamond in a sack of potatoes valued at \$25. Mighty near as much as one potato would cost.

There are now twenty-five states in the union under prohibition laws, and the recent bill passed by congress puts them in the "bone dry" class.

The beautiful spring weather a few days ago proved to be a little premature. This we have just had, not only "nipped the garden in the bud", but absolutely knocked all the "fishin' fever" out of us.

People of Houston county are becoming as eager for dipping vats as they are for good roads. It is estimated that when all the vats have been built that are contracted for, both private and public, there will be a vat every five miles.

The old fashioned man who used to eat potatoes several times a week because they were wholesome and cheap, now has a son who walks into a restaurant and orders them when he wants to appear reckless about expenses.

Why does the sight of a man smoking a cigar cause no comment, but should a woman smoke one it would set the town afire?

Why is it that a man can drink liquor, get drunk and disgrace himself, yet be received as a social equal, while a woman who drinks will be debarred from the same equal recognition? How is it that a man who drags himself down into the lowest mires of sin and filth can walk into parlors with the purest of women and be greeted as a respectable citizen, when the woman who sins even once is damned and forever shunned? The double standard of morals gives the explanation. We have one code of ethics by which we judge man. We tell the woman to do right and the man to do as he pleases. The double standard of morals is unjust and infamous, and man should be held to as strict an account of his deeds before society as a woman.

It takes \$30,000 a year to support the Astor kid. Don't you know that boy longs to be freckle-faced, bare-footed with a stone bruise and have a genuine case of old fashioned "tummy" ache? Then it would seem to him that nature was still kind to her children.

What has become of the old-fashioned housewife who used to do the family washing on Monday, patch and darn on Tuesday, iron on Wednesday, clean house on Thursday, bake on Friday, catch up with the odds and ends of work on Saturday and convoy the old man and kids to church on Sunday?

**Farm Loan Association Organized in Grapeland**

The Grapeland National Farm Loan Association was organized in this city Tuesday. The territory embraced by this organization includes Justice Precincts 2 and 5. The following officers were elected: W. F. Murchison, Pres.; R. B. Edens, Vice Pres.; M. S. Pelham, Sec'y. The board of directors consists of W. F. Murchison, R. B. Edens, George Richards, Stokes Pelham and G. W. Weisinger. The appraisal committee: W. F. Murchison, Geo. Richards and R. B. Edens.

Hon. J. W. Young of Crockett attended the meeting and assisted in its organization.

**Millinery Opening**

**George E. Darsey**

Announces his annual

**Spring Millinery Opening**

Thursday and Friday,

March 15th. and 16th.

Grapeland, Texas

ATTENTION LADIES: This is your last chance to purchase a silk dress from our line at the astounding low price of . . . **\$14.75**

**SAY, YOUNG MAN!**

Why Don't You Get That Royal Tailored Look for Easter?

**APRIL 8 IS EASTER!**

Next week we will hold open house for the men and young men, the occasion being "NATIONAL DRESS UP WEEK," which is incidentally "Royal Reception Week." We have on display over 500 fabrics of the season's best sellers to select from, each suit being to your individual measure and form by the Royal Tailored way. Some of the Royal Exclusive Features are:

- All Pure Wool
- Guaranteed Fit
- Prompt Delivery
- No extra charges except for extra size
- Absolute Satisfaction on your part

The Prices Range up from \$20.00

**DRESS UP WEEK FROM MARCH 10th TO 17th**

With Easter coming very early this year, our present showing of men's spring wearing apparel is very appropriate. If you are not ready to purchase at this time, you will be better pleased by making selections and having them held for you.

This is especially true of the following:

**EARLY SPRING HATS**

We received this week a big shipment of the newest spring dress hats in a big variety of patterns. This shipment includes—

- Stetsons in all popular shades at - - \$4.00
- Felt Hats, all shades and shapes, \$1.75 to \$3.00
- Panama Hats (hot ones) \$3.00 to - - \$5.00
- Bangkok Hats - - - - - \$5.00
- Straw Hats, all kinds, up from - - \$1.00
- Newest Caps 25c to - - - - \$1.00
- Fancy Hat Bands 25c and - - - .50

We have all of the above in boys' sizes.

**MEN'S LOW QUARTERS and SHOES**

We are showing the latest styles in men's footwear and our assortment of leathers and range of shapes makes it easy for you to find just what you want. Here you will find world renowned lines such as Florsheim and White Houae, backed by the reputation of this store.

Prices Range from \$3.00 up

This store is featuring at this time specialty lines of men's collars, men's shirts, men's hosiery, men's underwear, latest novelties in neck ties, including oriental designs and other silks at 25c and 50c. We have an up-to-date men's department and will appreciate a call.

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

**LOCAL NEWS**

For fruits and candies, call at Howard's.

Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.

Call at S. E. Howard's when in town.

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

Arthur Owens of Crockett was here a few hours Monday.

Still some cheap merchandise at Howard's.

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

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long and Miss Ciny Wall of Augusta were Grapeland visitors Tuesday.

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

We have just received our spring shipment of screen doors and screen wire; also a shipment of doors and windows and our stock is now complete. We can fill your bill.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrah that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrah Cure. Hall's Catarrah Cure has been taken by catarrah sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrah. Hall's Catarrah 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 Catarrah Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrah Cure at once and get rid of catarrah. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Darsey has sorghum for seed.

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

Darsey wants your produce.

O. H. Pitts has returned from a trip to Corsicana and other points.

Darsey has a full line of screen wire and doors.

Darsey buys chickens, eggs, butter, beeswax and all other produce.

An I. & G. N. freight train went into the ditch Saturday night at Elkhart creek, south of town, overturning nine cars, loaded with lumber.

Rev. J. F. Kidd, pastor of the M. E. church at Trinity, was a visitor to Grapeland Monday in the interest of the Southern Methodist University of Dallas.

Jas. Owens has purchased the stock of goods of J. J. Brooks and will move same into the building now occupied by Mr. Shaver, as soon as Mr. Shaver moves into his new building.

All those who are going to plant watermelons for the market had better be looking out for seed. You can see me and I will help you to get them.

J. W. Howard.

Dr. L. Meriwether of Crockett, county health officer, was in Grapeland last Friday for the purpose of inspecting a Mexican camp in south Grapeland, which was reported to be very filthy. He was met by a delegation of railroad officials, who agreed to move the camp further out and enforce sanitary measures.

Darsey has the best seed corn on the market.

Screen your house now. Darsey has a full line of screen wire and doors.

J. W. Howard wants to buy your speckle peas. Will pay you \$1.50 per bushel.

Full blood White Plymouth Rock eggs; 50c for 15.

Mrs. R. L. Kennedy, Route 1, Grapeland, Tex.

**PEAS WANTED**

I will pay \$1.50 for all the speckle peas you have to sell.

J. W. Howard.

County Supt. Snell passed through Monday en route to Oak Grove and Union to visit the schools.

**STRAYED**

A spotted guilt with pigs. Will pay you for the trouble of penning her and notifying me.

J. W. Howard.

**NOTICE**

There will be preaching at Reynard next Sunday at 11 o'clock, Feb. 11th. Let's have full attendance.

M. L. Williams.

**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.

For the serious diseases that attack the kidneys, Prickly Ash Bitters is a remedy of merit. It relieves headache, dizziness, persistent headache, loss of strength and nervous weakness; symptoms which indicate kidney trouble. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

**NOTICE**

To succeed in the poultry business you must have the best laying strains of hens obtainable. It costs no more to keep a full blood than a scrub. Get the genuine single comb BROWN LEGHORNS and be convinced. Eggs 50c per setting delivered in Grapeland. W. R. Durnell, Route 3.

**ESTRAYED**

One big, light sandy sow, marked crop and over-bit in right ear and over-bit in left, 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.

Why not screen your house? It is a safe guard against disease, by keeping out flies and mosquitos. The cost is small. We have a large stock of screen doors and wire; also received a big shipment of doors and windows.

T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

A Kansas woman shot and killed her husband the other day for infidelity, but did not turn the gun on herself and accompany him to the "happy hunting ground", as some Texas wives do when they decide to "snuff" out hubby's "light".

**Facts**

The dollar you spend with your druggist stays at home; the one you mail away is gone from you forever. You get value received for your dollar at home and the guarantee of quality; away from it is expensive and inconvenient to secure exchanges.

We invite a comparison of prices and values of jewelry and sundry articles carried by us and those received by mail.

Think a moment before sending that dollar away, for you can get articles of equal and better values at SMITH'S at the same or less money.

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Purifies the Bowels  
Corrects Dizziness  
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**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."

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

I have bought the stock of merchandise of J. J. Brooks on the east side and invite my old friends and customers to call on me when in town. I will move into the brick building (my old stand) now occupied by I. H.

Shaver on the west side as soon as it is vacated. Will add a complete line of up-to-date merchandise to the present stock and will appreciate a share of your patronage. Watch for my advertisement in next week's issue of the Messenger.

James Owens.



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Repair any part of your Car. Bring your trouble to experienced men and be convinced

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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**

**THE FREE TEXT BOOK  
RESOLUTION PASSED**

THE MEASURE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT GETS FINAL ACTION IN HOUSE.

**GOVERNOR SIGNS ROAD BILL**

Resolution for Investigation of Certain Acts of Governor Introduced in House and Caused Lively Discussion.

Austin, Tex.—For the third time during this session resolutions to investigate Governor Ferguson appeared in the Texas legislature Saturday. Governor Ferguson requested the investigation in an address before the house, and action was deferred until this week. The object of postponing the resolution, which was offered by Davis of Van Zandt, was to agree upon technical details of the investigation. House bill expressing assent of Texas to the provisions of the act of the sixty-fourth congress providing for federal aid in the construction of highways was signed by the governor Saturday. This is the companion bill to the state highway commission bill which is now in the hands of a free conference committee.

**Saturday's Senate Proceedings.**

The senate was not in session, the members of the legislature going to San Antonio in the afternoon to spend Sunday as guests of that city.

**Saturday's House Proceedings.**

Representative Davis of Van Zandt county introduced a resolution calling for the impeachment of Governor Ferguson. The resolution called for the naming of a committee. Following the offering of the impeachment resolution Governor Ferguson used some warm words in an address, but later apologized to the house.

Austin, Tex.—The house Friday passed finally, by a vote of 108 to 22, the Nordhaus joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to provide free text books for children in public schools needing assistance. Originally this was the sole purpose of the resolution and its proposed tax increase was 1c on the \$100. However, by amendment of Mr. Miller of Austin, adopted before final passage, the proposal assumed a wider scope. It now proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the school tax limit from 20c, as at present, to 35c, stipulating that of this increased revenue sufficient shall be set aside to provide free text books, the remainder to be used in the general school fund.

The house killed, by a vote of 48 to 52, on final passage, the Bland bill to make cotton weighers and warehousemen liable for weather damages and all damages to cotton if left exposed to weather in cotton yards.

Practically the entire time of the senate Friday was spent in debate on Governor Ferguson's \$2,000,000 rural school appropriation bill, without any definite action being taken.

**Friday's Senate Proceedings.**

Agreed to a free conference on the highway bill and a committee was named.

Judge J. M. Lindsey of Gainesville, one of the three survivors of the Ninth legislature, addressed the senate.

Nearly all of Friday was spent in a discussion of the \$2,000,000 rural school bill and no progress was made.

The Hurlley bill allowing railroads to make changes in their tracks under certain conditions was finally passed.

A bill was introduced which would prescribe a speed of 30 miles in the country and 15 miles in cities for automobiles.

The senate adjourned until Monday morning so the senators could arrange to make the trip to San Antonio Saturday afternoon on a special train.

**Friday's House Proceedings.**

The resolution calling for the expulsion of Representatives Nichols and Martin was reported back by the committee without recommendation.

Representatives Nichols and Martin, who were absent from Austin while the house was under call, explained Friday that they had no idea that the submission bill would be called up until Friday.

Austin, Tex.—The house reached a vote on the submission resolution Thursday with the entire pro membership present, and submission was defeated by a vote of 93 ayes, 41 noes and 5 present and not voting. This is the fourth time submission has lost in the house this year. Ninety-five affirmative votes are necessary in the house to submit, the vote Thursday being two short of that number. Those present and not voting were Burton of Tarrant, Hill, Lindemann, Sholars and Valentine of Tarrant. The only absentees were three antis, who are sick in bed and excused: Tillotson, Strayhorn and Wahrmond. After Speaker Fuller had taken the

**Bills Signed by Governor.**

Governor Ferguson signed the following bills this week:

House bill providing for the re-establishment of the State School of Mines at El Paso, the bill carrying an appropriation of \$100,000, and the administration of the institution is under the supervision of the board of regents of the University of Texas.

House bill creating the Chappell Hill independent school district.

House bill creating a more efficient road system for McCulloch county.

House bill creating a more efficient road system for McCulloch county. floor to speak in opposition to fixing the date of sine die adjournment at this time, the house laid upon the table, subject to call, the Holland resolution fixing noon, March 14, as the date for sine die adjournment.

Considerable opposition to the \$2,000,000 rural school bill passed by the house a week ago developed in the senate Thursday, on the ground that the aid proposed will not reach the rural schools which are unable to provide the equipment and improvements required by the bill before they can participate in such aid. After much discussion proponents of the bill preferred not to put it to a vote, fearing sufficient opposition had developed to defeat the measure. The bill went over as pending business for the next house bill day, and in the meantime amendments will be prepared which may make possible its passage.

**Thursday's Senate Proceedings.**

The free conference committee report on the child labor bill was adopted.

House bill requiring that notices heretofore posted be printed in newspapers was passed finally.

Refused to submit the proposed amendment requiring voters to be naturalized citizens to a vote of the people.

The invitation to visit San Antonio was accepted and entire legislature will make the trip Saturday afternoon on a special train.

**Thursday's House Proceedings.**

The juvenile court bill was reconsidered and passed.

Joint resolution providing for pensions to Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows who came to Texas prior to 1905 was passed.

Refused by a vote of 93 to 41 to submit the prohibition amendment to a vote of the people. It is thought that the submission question is dead for this session.

Rogers of Collin county introduced a resolution which would, if adopted, expell Representatives Martin and Nichols from the house for absenting themselves from Austin. The resolution was referred to a committee.

Austin, Tex.—An attempt in the senate Wednesday to repeal the poll tax provisions of the constitution met with defeat by a vote of 18 to 8. Opponents to the house joint resolution requiring full citizenship before voting offered an amendment to the resolution striking out the poll tax provision. Messrs. McNealus, Caldwell, Hudspeth and Johnston of Harris favored the repeal of the poll tax provision of the constitution; Messrs. Westbrook, Strickland and Lattimore speaking on the opposite side.

After the defeat of the amendment the resolution was passed to a third reading, after the adoption of minor corrective amendments. Its adoption by the people would repeal that provision of the constitution permitting foreign-born residents to vote after declaring their intention to become citizens, and would prohibit voting until full citizenship has been attained.

At midnight Wednesday the house had been marking time for thirty-eight hours under the call order at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. That call was that all absentees be brought in and that action on submission be deferred until all absentees arrive. Many efforts have been made to secure unanimous consent to take up various bills, but invariably members have objected. The pros charge the antis with thus blocking legislation. The antis charge the pros with the responsibility.

**Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.**

The house bill for the relief of the supreme court was passed, as were several other house measures.

House bill increasing salaries of district judges was passed after being amended to include higher court judges.

Also passed finally the house joint resolution which would require voters to be naturalized citizens before they could vote.

Passed finally the house joint resolution allowing the taking of depositions of witnesses in criminal cases where they reside in another State.

Unanimous consent was refused when Senator Lattimore attempted to have senate submission resolution made the special order of business for some future date.

**Wednesday's House Proceedings.**

After being at ease Tuesday night the house spent all of Wednesday to go a-vail and stood at ease Wednesday

night until Thursday morning, when it is expected that a vote will be taken on the submission resolution.

One representative is under quarantine and is not allowed to attend a session of the house. Representatives Martin and Nichols have been located at Fredericksburg.

Austin, Tex.—Tuesday Speaker Fuller appointed Dodd, McComb, Davis of Grimes, Roemer and Walker, physician members of the house, as a committee to investigate the smallpox situation in Austin.

A communication was read from the Texas State Conservation and Reclamation Association, from Waco, thanking the legislature for the passage of the resolution submitting a conservation constitutional amendment and inviting the attendance of all interested at a meeting in San Antonio March 3, to lay plans for a campaign for the adoption of the amendment, which will be voted on by the people next August 21.

**Tuesday's Senate Proceedings.**

The King bill, known as the "real estate petition bill," was passed.

**BREAD AND BUTTER QUESTION**

The teaching profession is a noble, charitable one, but are you content to work in the charity department of your state when they allow you no pension or protection in old age? Are you willing to go into the great broad fields of business where you can lay up something for a rainy day, and provide your own protection for old age? Six thousand teachers quit the profession in Texas annually. Can you blame them when you compare their annual earning capacity with that of any other class of educated men or women? The bookkeeper, stenographer, private secretary, or operator, as a beginner, gets from \$50 to \$75 per month, twelve months in the year, and soon receives an advance in salary and it is not long if they are made of the right kind of stuff before they are promoted to assistant manager, or manager of a large business concern, or engage in business for themselves and are thereby enabled to lay up a comfortable living for old age. Make a comparison of the teacher, who after graduating from the high school spends from one to two years in the State Normal and hundreds of dollars preparing himself, and has been teaching five years in the public schools, with the bookkeeper, stenographer, or operator who has only spent from three to six months in obtaining his education after graduating from high school, and from one hundred to two hundred dollars and has had five years experience in the business world, and you will find that the one who has spent only a few months in obtaining his education and a small amount of money is drawing twice the salary of the teacher regardless of the fact that the teacher spent more time and money in the preparation for their life work. More evidence can be had on this subject by writing the Tyler Commercial College at Tyler, Texas, for their large illustrated catalogue giving full particulars of America's largest commercial training school, with more than two thousand enrollments annually and reading what teachers say who have attended this institution, of the advantages it offers to those entering the business world where they can greatly increase their earning capacity, enabling them to own homes of their own and enjoy the comforts that should rightly be theirs.

Very few men waste their breath on their wives when it is "stained" with a dram from the office bottle just before starting home.



**Try to Count on Your Fingers**

the advantages of having an account at this bank and you won't have fingers enough to go round. The absolute safety of your money is only one of the benefits. There are many others which we will be glad to explain to you if you will call to inquire.

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A GUARANTY FUND BANK

**Dr. Sam'l. A. Miller**

Practice Limited to Diseases of

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**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

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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.

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**YOUR NAME**

Is it on our subscription list?

We will guarantee you full value FOR YOUR MONEY

**City Barber Shop**  
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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

## RELIEF WORK OF U. S. MAY HALT

EFFORTS TO AID BELGIANS THREATENED BY BREAK WITH GERMANY.

An entire diplomatic structure to project probably two million prisoners in the midst of their enemies, to care for a whole conquered nation in Belgium, to represent the interests of four sovereign states in Germany and German interests in nine enemy countries, crumbled when diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States were severed.

One of the most complex, ultra legal humanitarian machines ever evolved, the slow, patient work built up during two and a half years of effort, thus is sacrificed.

American organization and genius and American means of restraint in the war zones will cease to operate. All American representatives will be withdrawn from Germany and the duties they have performed will fall on untrained forces.

From Belgium the United States will not withdraw till it is impossible for her to continue. The 100 Americans who have from the war's beginning proved the directing genius for the greatest and longest sustained relief work in history will remain at their posts unless they are forced to cross the frontier.

Belgian relief ships will continue to run for the present, it is understood, and every attempt made to secure their immunity from German attack.

### Prisoners Lose Protectors.

As to prisoners the United States represents the interests of at least 1,000,000 and probably 2,000,000 men in countries from which the withdrawal of American diplomats has been forced. Often it has been only such officials who have stood between these helpless unfortunates, unbefriended in the midst of an enemy country, and threatened with reprisals, intolerable prison conditions, inadequate food and even epidemics of disease. American officials have been untrusting in their efforts under conditions almost intolerably difficult.

Germany's interests in seven countries and the large sections of Egypt and Morocco have been turned away from American sympathy and aid to whatever neutral Germany can find to accept work. The state department instructed its officials representing German interests in England, France, Russia and Japan, Roumania, Serbia, Greece, Egypt and Morocco to suspend all activities along that line and await information to be conveyed through some neutral government to whom Germany wishes those interests surrendered.

### DIPLOMATIC BREAKS NOT ALWAYS FOLLOWED BY WAR.

The breaking of diplomatic relations between two countries has not always been followed by war. It is recognized always as a preliminary step toward war, but there have been cases where war has not followed or where it has been postponed for many months after diplomatic ties were severed.

In May, 1915, Italy declared war on Austria-Hungary. Simultaneously the German ambassador to Rome, Prince Buelow, was forced to leave Italy, taking with him all German diplomatic and consular officers. At the same moment the Italian ambassador to Berlin was handed his passports. The break between the two countries was complete from the diplomatic standpoint.

But though war was hotly waged between Italy and Germany's ally, there was no actual declaration of war against Germany until more than a year later.

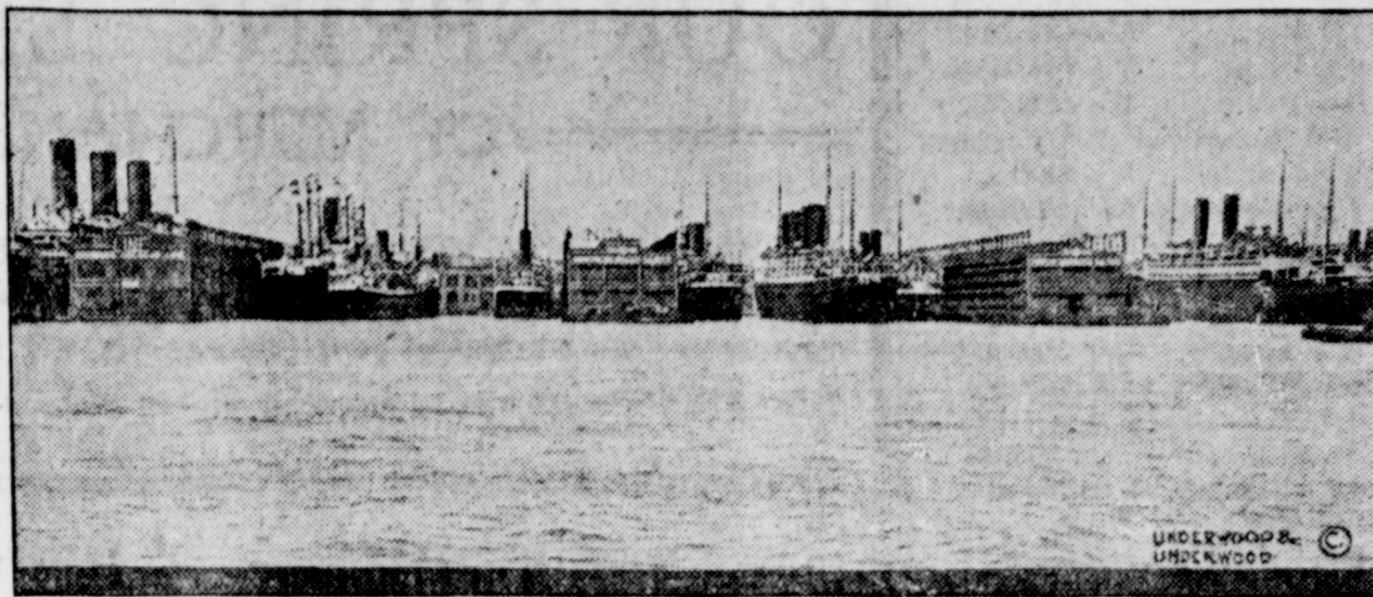
Twice the United States has more or less summarily dismissed British ministers to Washington.

In 1809 Minister Jackson was handed his passports as the result of what were practically charges of falsehood and duplicity made by him against the American secretary of state. That was, of course, preliminary to the war of 1812, but war did not begin until three years later.

Lord Sackville-West, British minister to the United States, was dismissed by the Washington government in 1888, because of personal letters he had been trapped into writing which were regarded as unwarranted interference with domestic politics. In this instance the American minister was not recalled, nor was he handed his passports, and no declaration of war followed the incident.

When the Emperor Maximilian was executed in Mexico in 1867 his brother, Emperor Francis Joseph, withdrew all his diplomatic and consular officers from Mexico. Diplomatic relations were not resumed for more than thirty years. But during all that time Austrian subjects lived in peace in Mexico and were not molested by the Mexican government. The fact that the Austrian forces withdrew from Mexico under strong pressure from the United States is to be considered as a controlling cause for Francis Joseph contenting himself with making only a diplomatic protest.

## SOME OF THE GERMAN LINERS AT THE HOBOKEN DOCKS



These are some of the great German liners that have been docked at piers at Hoboken, N. J., since the war started and that are now under the keen scrutiny of the collector of the port of New York.

### TURN FROM SAVAGE TO SAINT

Wonderful Transformation of Fiji Islanders, Which Are Soon to Be Visited by Roosevelt.

When Colonel Roosevelt pays his announced visit to the Fiji Islands in February he will find the natives much different from what they were only a comparatively short time ago. Today the Fiji Islanders are model citizens; once they were the most abhorrent creatures known to civilization.

In his work, "How Christ Conquered Fiji," Rev. D. L. Leonard tells us something of the Fijians of a generation or two ago. He says:

"Physically and intellectually they rank among the foremost in the South seas, but before Christianity wrought its astounding miracles of transformation they had no equals for brutality, licentiousness and utter disregard for human life. The world over their name was a synonym for all that is atrocious, inhuman and diabolical. It was a part of their religion to be as cruel as possible toward their enemies and to slay them with nameless and horrible torture was a positive delight.

"They had a habit of massacring all shipwrecked sailors or other strange visitors to their shores. Few Fijians died a natural death or lived to old age, for the feeble and the aged were esteemed worse than useless members of society and by artificial means were hastened to their graves. Infanticide was so common that two-thirds of the children perished at the hands of their parents.

"When a chief built a house and holes were dug for the posts a man was flung into each one to be buried alive. When a war canoe was launched living men were used for human rollers, and their bruised and torn bodies were afterward roasted and eaten. Human flesh was eaten by preference, as well as from hatred of their enemies slain in battle. In one district the entire population was kept to be devoured by their more powerful neighbors. A chief would send to a neighbor or ally a roasted victim carefully wrapped and escorted by a procession. After one war the victory was celebrated by cooking 100 human bodies for a feast. One chief set up a stone to commemorate each time he had played the cannibal, and 872 of these tokens were counted by a missionary.

But the Fijians have since passed under the mild yoke of Christianity and the savage in them has yielded to the subduing influences of the Gospel of mercy and peace.

### Hard Water Good for Rheumatics.

That hard water—meaning a water that contains two hundred parts in the million or more of lime—is better than soft or distilled water for drinking purposes is asserted in the New York Medical Journal by Dr. Frank Leslie Rector of New York. It never contains enough lime to do harm, but the little it does contain is highly beneficial to persons with a tendency to rheumatism, gout or hardening of the arteries.

To get such a dose of lime as a doctor would prescribe one would have to drink six gallons of hard water in 24 hours. A common glassful of such water contains about three-fourths of a grain of lime.

It is an error to suppose, as many do, that hard water causes rheumatism, gout, kidney diseases and arteriosclerosis, for these are the very troubles that are cured by the waters of such places as Kissingen, Nauheim and Saratoga, the benefit of which is in their alkaline content, and this is principally lime.

## Patronize

the merchants who advertise in this paper. They will treat you right.

### Hope for Poor Writers.

Motion pictures are being employed for the purpose of making a scientific study of the various movements in writing with a view to ascertaining how poor writers can best be taught to improve. Motion pictures have been taken of children of two groups: Good writers and poor writers. These pictures have been thrown on the screen for the purpose of analyzing the kinds of movements which characterize good as distinguished from poor writers. The investigators are not yet ready to make final deductions as to what the films reveal, but they are of the opinion that differences in rhythm of action and in the co-ordination of certain strokes are among the characteristics which will form a basis for judging good and bad movements. The advantage of the films is that they can be stopped at any point for detailed examination and comparison, of course, they can be repeated any number of times.

### He Had Them.

There were three brothers at the place where we spent our vacation this year. They were playing with a stout string one day, the two older boys pulling against the youngest boy. They

were pulling around a tree stump and didn't see little Bill when he put the string in his mouth and held it with his teeth, and naturally but fatally they kept on pulling. In a moment they heard a terrible yell, and ran to find Bill with blood-stained hand and mouth and the news they'd pulled his teeth out.

They all went solemnly to their mother, who pulled little Bill into her arms and wept over him. "Oh, Bill, you've lost your teeth and you'll have to wait until you're a man to have others."

"No, I won't, mamma," Bill said, and stopped crying long enough to unclasp his little blood-spattered fist. "I didn't lose them. Here they are."—Chicago Tribune.

### Largest Bank's Deposits.

A compilation of deposit accounts in the world's largest banks at the end of 1915 shows that the Imperial Bank of Russia stands first, the Bank of England second, the London City and Midland third, Lloyd's Bank of London fourth, the Deutsche Bank of Berlin fifth, the Imperial Bank of Germany sixth, the London County and Westminster seventh, the National City Bank of New York eighth and the Bank of France ninth.

### Helpful to Her.

"My wife is tickled to death over these new scarf styles."

"Why her extreme approbation?"

"They enable her to cover up two of her three chins."

### Make Brightness in Winter.

If you will notice the shrubs that have attractive twigs through the winter, you will put on your list for planting some of the following: Red or river birch, which has flaky, reddish brown bark and grows naturally in clumps or colonies; Siberian dogwood, the brightest of the red stemmed dogwoods; yellow dogwood, the stems bright yellow; staghorn sumac, which has hairy twigs bearing stiff clusters of fuzzy red berries; small native roses, which should be planted in masses for the red stems and cut down every three or four years; the black raspberry, and the willows.

### American Foods in Russia.

Russian workmen who are building the railroad from Petrograd to Kola, the Arctic port on the White sea, are living largely on American dried vegetables. They are being exported to England and to South America. Practically the entire products of the three plants, which are in New York, California and New Jersey, are at present being exported for use under conditions which make the most of their special virtues of being easily transported and of being able to resist decay indefinitely.

### The New Dimes.

The following description is given by the treasury department: The design of the dime, owing to the smallness of the coin, has been held quite simple. The obverse shows a head of Liberty with a winged cap. The head is firm and simple in form, the profile forceful. The reverse shows a design of the bundle of rods, with a battle ax, known as "fasces," and symbolic of the nation's strength. Surrounding the fasces is a full-fledged branch of olive, symbolic of peace.

### Well Worth While.

A cut of half a cent a day in one item of naval expenses amounted to a saving of \$800,000 in two years. This is a very creditable example of economy and it shows how the littles count.—Buffalo Times.

# 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 fired 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

**JURY LIST**

To appear Monday, April 2nd,  
 A D 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.  
 W R Morehead B E Dailey  
 J A Brinkman B H Brister  
 Geo. McLean W B Heron  
 EC Satterwhite J N Dearing  
 Heber Brewton L O Nelson  
 Mike Younas W G Cartwright  
 J B Oliver C E Hester  
 S H Platt W F Rhoden  
 J D Gleen C D Towery  
 R L Shivers P E Tunstall  
 Lee Rich Don'd. Toms'n  
 O K Goodrum B M Hicks  
 J D Henderson H E English  
 J J Redman Willard Goodwin  
 Houston Betts J B Alexander  
 A E Hester J L Carroll  
 Ed Parker J C Rains  
 S C Spence Oscar Douglas  
 O B Hale A L Morgan  
 S M Boone W H Mangum

To appear Monday, April 9th  
 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Hill Huff J T Bowman  
 F A Story Albert Seaman  
 R C Stokes W P Childs  
 A B Hallmark T J Hart  
 J D Richardson Silas Marshall  
 V Streeter H Hallmark  
 N A Smith Wesley Cook  
 J L Corder A L Bitner  
 Dan McConnell Matt Matchett  
 C L Pyle Marshall Ivie  
 C W LeGory T F Frizzell  
 W A Dowdy Tom Kent, Jr.  
 L D Anderson J A Parish  
 J W Hobson J W Hooks  
 C E Updegraff Dave Allen  
 W E Gallant H A Anglin  
 W E Bennett J S Cook  
 T E Callier H J Berry  
 A H Bynum A L Meeks  
 P D Austin Walter Pennington

To appear Monday, April 16th,  
 at 10 o'clock a. m.

E T Ozier E W Little  
 Carl Gainey S H Higinbotham  
 C W Bowdoin T J Patton  
 B L Jordan W B Baker  
 L J Knox B D James  
 T D Craddock A J Patton  
 G B Connaway R A Bradley  
 R E Ivey D C McCarty  
 J K Elliott Andrew Douglas  
 J A McLean J T Breeze  
 E S Dawson Ernest Barnhill  
 B W Kilgore J M Creasy  
 J A Grounds C H Allen  
 J D Baker jr. G F Bartee  
 F J Brenek Roy Brewton  
 Hugh Adams A S Moore  
 S T Aliee G S Bynum  
 W A Douglas J E Marsh  
 J L Beard R T Bobbitt

Claud Taylor Ed Butler  
 To appear Monday, April 23rd,  
 1917, 10 o'clock a. m.  
 Jeff Maples L O Goodrum  
 S E Baker T W Goolsby  
 Dan Baum W D Collins  
 W M Bumgarner Jim Harrison  
 R E Morris J H Sharp  
 J D Woodson Roland Shaw  
 O M Rials A B Spence  
 Sidney Boykin J B Westerman  
 J H Bobbitt E E Drennan  
 W H Long R T McComb  
 Jno F Gilbert Ed Holcomb  
 O W Elliser J W Arledge  
 Walter West Tom Barhill  
 Tom Tunstall S M Monzingo  
 Ben Hatchell Shultz Jones  
 Geo H Denny L A Finch  
 Lee Hiram Dudley Hester  
 H J Castleberg B L Satterwhite  
 J B Stanton J W Markham  
 Sam Lucas Henry Dailey

**NOTICE TO CENSUS TRUSTEES  
 AND PATRONS OF THE  
 SCHOOLS OF HOUS-  
 TON COUNTY**

This is the month in which the scholastic census of the state must be taken, and it is hoped that we shall be able to get as perfect a census as can be. This can be done if the patrons of the schools will co-operate with the census trustees of the various districts. Bear in mind that every child who is within the scholastic age, that is, whose age is not under seven and under eighteen on the first of September, 1917, is supposed to be enumerated. The child is to be enumerated in the district in which he was a resident on the first day of March. The failure to enumerate a child causes the county and the school to lose the per capita apportionment of that child for the ensuing year. It is a fact that a good many children of this county have been left off of the rolls in the past, this constitutes a loss to the various districts of the county. Let every parent or patron see to it that his children are enumerated before the first of April. If the census trustees fail to see you call on me or send the names of your children in by mail or otherwise. I shall take pleasure in putting them on the roll of the district in which they live.  
 J. N. Snell.  
 County Supt.

**OUR SPRING SHOWING  
 OF MERCHANDISE**

Was never more complete--never more elaborate. We have bought the newest items, the best values, the latest styles and fashions from the great style centers and placed them at your disposal. COME IN AND SEE THE MANY NEW THINGS that we are receiving almost daily.

**LADIES UNDERWEAR**

Gowns, corset covers, skirts, from 25c to .....\$1.25

**MIDDY BLOUSES**

Another big shipment of ladies' and misses' middy blouses just received. The latest styles will be found in this new lot of middies. You'll find just what you want here, 50c to .....\$1.25

**DRESS GOODS**

You will find the latest creations in dress goods at our place, and they are priced lower than the wholesale market today. We have many new items in dress goods that we will be pleased to show you. Call to see us.

**LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S DRESSES**

We have just received a large shipment of gingham dresses that will be to your interest to see them before you make your purchases to do your spring sewing. These dresses are cheaper than you can make them. See these values and you will buy them.

**TIES TIES**

We have received the latest assortment of ties that the market shows, and ask that you stop and look them over. They are beauties. See them.



DIGNIFIED men like this are coming here every day and here's what we do for them in Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes:

- Give them a perfect fit
- Cut down their clothes expense one-half or one-third.
- Save their time.
- Guarantee satisfaction.
- Give them everything they paid a lot more money for.

These are the the things we'd like to do for you. Hart Schaffner & Marx make clothes for every figure. We have them and we'll give you the exactly right thing.

The Hart Schaffner & Marx label is a small thing to look for, but a big thing to find.

**KENNEDY BROTHERS**

**The Store for Everybody**

**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**

**SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTION**

Public notice is hereby given that an election will be held in each Common School District within this County on the first Saturday in April next, being the seventh day of the month, to elect one County School Trustee at large, and one County School Trustee for Commissioners' Precinct No. 4.

Election to be held in all Common School Districts in the

County for said purpose, and managers appointed to hold election for Local School Trustee, are managers of this election.  
 E. Winfree,  
 County Judge.

If the bowels are clogged up poisons get into the blood, causing loss of strength, skin eruption, dizziness, and vertigo (blind staggers). Prickly Ash Bitters will open the bowels, drive out the impurities and re-

store strength, energy and cheerful spirits. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Mrs. Herman Howard of Crockett came up Tuesday and went out to Augusta to visit her parents.

W. H. Holcomb left Tuesday for Channing, in response to a telegram announcing the illness of his daughter, Miss Mary Belle, who is teaching there.