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W. R. WHERRY
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W. R. Durnell Writes Letter On Poultry Raising

Now, Mr. Chicken Man, you listen to us a little and see if we can locate ourselves.

The people around Grapeland are becoming known as a diversifying people. More hogs, and more chickens and eggs than any place of its size in East Texas. That's something to be proud of, but we are just beginning to walk and especially is this true in regard to the poultry business. Look about you and see how few first class poultry breeders there are in Houston county. Shall we say there is one? I am afraid there is not an up-to-date poultry farm in the county, and yet our county is as well adapted to the growing of good poultry as any in the state. We are not quite as well located as the people that live near the large cities, but Houston is not far away and is a good wholesale poultry and egg market. Now, here is about what we want to say at this saying, and then if anyone becomes interested enough to take part with us we will "bob" up again.

A few years ago our farmers carried a little box of eggs to town with them when they went—that is, some of them did. Now chickens and eggs are a paying side line with nearly every good farmer. The real old fashioned blue hen that could whip a "dominecker" hawk, lay thirteen eggs and then sit three months is a thing only to be remembered by the present day poultry man. A few years past forty eggs a year was the Texas hen's average, but who would feed a forty egg hen now. And still we are only beginning to feel our way. What we want to do is to get rid of all hens that do not pay a profit. You would not keep a horse that eats more than he can make. Then next we must get together. Organize a poultry association, talk the chicken business over, look for the best market, raise the best, sell the best and build up a paying business. It can be done.

Now, hot weather will soon be here and what are you going to do with your roosters? Will you kill them just because they are roosters and can't help it and raise more or buy others? Will you pen them and keep them up or on the other hand, will you let them have the run of the yard and spoil your eggs? It's a known fact that an egg will not keep perfect over forty eight hours in real hot weather, and yet some people will sell them in the middle of August that are two weeks old and fertile and swear that they are perfectly fresh. Such methods will never build up a paying business as a better egg market. We must find people that will pay us a price for sterile eggs that will justify us to discard our roosters through hot weather and then we will have taken one more step toward bettering ourselves. Now, are you with us? Are you going to raise better poultry? Will you discard those mongrels and get some

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Local News Reported From Belott Community

March 12.—Health of this community is reasonably good at present, except a few cases of measles, which greatly interferes with our school, but the attendance is better now than it has been.

Farmers are somewhat behind or backward with their farm work as we have had some very disagreeable weather for early planting, but with a few days more favorable weather things will be changed up considerably.

Bro. Prather preached for us Sunday evening and also at Enterprise Sunday night. Quite a crowd of our young folks attended the night service, but we are afraid they did not listen very much to what the preacher had to say, especially the boys.

B. H. Hearn and family spent Sunday with Mr. A. P. Balch.

W. T. Payne and family visited in the Walnut Creek community Sunday.

We predict that if the price of hogs goes much higher there will be a very few left over for another year and that they can only be found in National and State parks and museums and that meat can only be found on the tables of the rich once a day and among the poor probably once or twice a week. However, we believe the farmers of Texas, especially Houston county, will be able to have a few spare ribs and sausage for some time yet if the Mexicans and Germans will just let us alone.

The Rambler.

Oliver Aldrich and B. F. Dent were up from Crockett Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ney Sheridan and children of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

Tax Collector C. W. Butler Jr. Weds in Stockdale

Mr. C. W. Butler, Jr., Tax Collector of Houston county, and who is well known and liked by the citizens of the entire county, was married to Miss Maude Sells at the bride's home in Stockdale, last Friday morning.

In taking unto himself a wife, Mr. Butler establishes the fact beyond doubt, that his "campaigning" ability is not confined to politics alone, but is equally as effective in the matrimonial game.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler arrived in Crockett the first of this week and are receiving the usual felicitations from friends, whom the Messenger heartily joins.

NEGRO KILLED BY TRAIN

Henry Sims, negro, was run over and killed by a southbound freight train, one mile south of town, late Monday evening. Sims tried to board the moving train and his foot slipped, throwing him under the train. He was employed on one of the gangs that are placing gravel on the road bed. His body was placed on No. 4 and carried to Palestine.

NOTICE

To the Trustees of Common School Districts of Houston county: The white trustees of the various districts of the county are requested to meet in trustees' convention on the 17th of this month (Saturday), of this month for the purpose of attending to certain school affairs. Each board is asked to attend, but if it be impossible for all to attend we especially ask that each board send a representative to this meeting.

J. N. Snell,
County Supt.

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FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

To leave the Store without calling for "GREEN" Coupons is like leaving your Change on the Counter.

real live chickens? Will you join a poultry association and work for the upbuilding of the industry? Will you discard those roosters during the summer and quit selling half rotten eggs?

If these suggestions suit you speak up and let's get together.
W. R. Durnell.

Mrs. R. H. Wherry of Memphis came in last week to visit relatives. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Florence Pennington.

SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens at the Oak Grove school house tonight, (Thursday) for the purpose of discussing voting a local maintenance tax for the Oak Grove school. Coun. Supt. Snell will be present to discuss the proposition and it is earnestly desired that every patron of the school be present.

Ben Keen has returned home from Richards, where he has been teaching school.

BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"I SEEN Max Maikafer in the subway this morning," said Louis Birsky, the real estate, to Barnett Zapp, the waist manufacturer, as they met for luncheon at the corner table in Wasserbauer's. "He tells me he is going to make from his boy a painter."

"Some people don't give a swear what becomes of their children," Zapp commented.

"Is it such a bad job to be a painter?" Birsky asked.

"Seemingly Max Maikafer don't think so," Zapp replied. "Maybe he would enjoy it to see his son break his neck from a ladder, Birsky."

"What are you talking nonsense—break his neck from a ladder?" Birsky exclaimed.

"A scaffold is just as dangerous," Zapp went on. "Yesterday I am seeing a couple fellers painting from the side of a building ten stories high, and even though one of them was an Italiener, I got so dizzy watching 'em that before I could eat my lunch at all it cost me 10 cents for some mathematic spirits of ammonia. If I would get to earn my living as a painter, I would a whole lot sooner be an aviator, because while the funeral expenses is the same as for a painter, an aviator don't linger long enough to run up a doctor's bill on his widow."

"You got the wrong idea, Zapp," Birsky said. "Maikafer's boy would be not a house painter but a picture painter."

"A picture painter!" Zapp cried. "And I thought Max Maikafer was a business man. Why don't he learn the boy a trade where he could make real big money, like a buttonhole maker or a poet?"

"That only goes to show what you know from poets," Birsky retorted. "Jake Margolin, from the Fashion Store, Indianapolis, told me that right now there is a feller which from only being a poet is now owning most of the gilt-edged real estate in the city of Indianapolis."

"Sure, I know," Zapp declared, "but this here feller was an old established poet when Hart, Shaffner & Marx and Kuh, Nathan & Fisher was new beginners already. Then again, there is a bigger opening for a poet than there is for a picture painter. Take the canned soup business, the breakfast food business and even some railroad companies—all them concerns has got working for them poets which they already pay them a good yearly salary, whereas a picture painter must got to work piecemeal, and what for a wages could a piecemaker on pictures make when with my own eyes I see it a bill from a wholesaler in Weltfish's art store, which Weltfish buys, 16-12 doz. assorted oil paintings in small sizes for \$38.75 a dozen, including shadow boxes and frames, terms ten off sixty days, ninety days net. Tell me about picture painters!"

"Say, there is a popular price line of pictures, and then again there is a high grade pictures," Birsky said.

"Even so," Zapp rejoined. "You must got to admit that a concern like B. Altman & Co. carries a high grade line of goods, and when B. Altman died the stock was good, up-to-the-minute stuff in every department ex-



"Give My Bookkeeper Instructions She Should Say I Just Went to Newark."

cept the picture department, and when it come to the pictures they closed 'em out to the Metropolitan Museum of Art for practically nothing."

Birsky shrugged his shoulders.

"Say, what is the use arguing with an igneramus like you, Zapp," he said. "Don't you know that them pictures which B. Altman left to the Metropolitan Museum wasn't taken out of

stock at all? They were private pictures which he collected?"

"So he collected them?" Zapp commented. "Well, that's the way it is with them rich fellers. A big concern like B. Altman gets the credit for giving them pictures to the Metropolitan Museum, y'understand, whereas the people he collected them from, nobody never hears about at all. It's the same way with them charitable people which is running all them orphan asylums and homes. They both er the life out of you you should give 'em for ten or fifteen dollars to their ax'oms and when you come to look it up in the annual report so that you can prove to a customer that you already paid out more than you can afford to charity, y'understand, all you see is: 'Collected through Felix Geigermann \$102.50,' and the customer sticks you another ten dollars for a free soup society before he would buy from you, another dollar's worth goods."

"So that's the idea you got when I tell you that B. Altman collected the pictures and give 'em to the Metropolitan Museum!" Birsky exclaimed. "Do you think the people which B. Altman collected them pictures from gave them to him for nothing?"

"Why not?" Zapp said. "Last week, Birsky, your wife comes round to my wife while I am downtown and says she is collecting for an immigrants' home old clothing, y'understand, and my wife gives away on me two suits and an overcoat which I wouldn't be ashamed to wear getting an accommodation at a bank, so becoming they looked."

"There's collecting and collecting," Birsky explained. "When I say B. Altman collected pictures, I mean he bought them and paid his good money for them."

"And the people which he collect



"A Picture Painter!" Zapp Cried. "And I thought Max Maikafer Was a Business Man."

from makes a profit on the transaction?" Zapp asked.

"Makes a profit!" Birsky said. "I should say they do."

"Then that is the first time that I hear such a thing," Zapp cried. "Because when someone tells me down at the store that there is a collector outside wants to see me, it don't make no difference if the collector is collecting for a bank, a hospital, the cloth sponger, a home or the landlord, I give my bookkeeper instructions she should say I just went over to Newark."

"Well, pictures is different," Birsky continued. "A feller which collects pictures like B. Altman sometimes pays enormous prices. Take for example Mr. Widener Selig, the Philadelphia millionaire, and he is paying for a picture of a mill one half million dollars."

"What kind of a mill?" Zapp asked.

"What's the difference what kind of a mill?" Birsky said. "I believe it was a flour mill."

"A flour mill he pays half a million for its picture?" Zapp said. "Why for a quarter of the money plenty people would have been glad to sell him a rolling mill, and throw in a dozen pictures free."

"And yet you say Max Maikafer should make from his boy a buttonhole maker," Birsky continued. "Take that picture painter which turned out the mill, y'understand, and if he gets only one order when he's a new beginner, understand me, business could be bad with him for the rest of his life."

"You may be right, Birsky," Zapp said, "but I don't believe a picture painter gets anywheres near the retail price of his goods, because the profit to the retailer must got to be enormous, otherwise he couldn't live at all. A retailer which handles them Mill pictures runs an awful risk, Birsky. It's the same like he would be carrying a line of steam yachts. If he's only got two on hand, he's overstocked bad already."

"Sure I know," Birsky said, "but such a retailer also stocks a line of medium priced pictures too. For every Mill picture he sells, I bet yer he gets rid of a dozen Horse Shows or Angeluses."

"Of course, if the feller carries Angelus pictures as a side line, that's something else again, Birsky," Zapp said. "There's big money in player

planos, Birsky, because while in former times people wouldn't take a piano as a gift on account of giving their children music lessons to get the use out of it, nowadays they could pay a large price for a player piano and send their girls to business college, and still save money on it. Consequently the demand for player pianos is enormous, particularly as here just lately they've got 'em working by electricity which could run for ten cents the kilowatt hour some of the heaviest things that Paderewski gets off at \$5,000 a concert."

Birsky shrugged his shoulders again. "What you understand from art, Zapp!" he exclaimed. "A Schwarzer from the Cannibal Islands which don't even wear athletic underwear, knows more about fur overcoats than you do of pictures, Zapp."

"Listen, Birsky," Zapp retorted, "if them millionaires which is buying these here high priced pictures knows as much about their art investments as the public does about fur overcoats, you could take it from me, Birsky, when them millionaires' heirs comes to settle up the estate, Birsky, they'll find that instead of a five hundred thousand-dollar Mill, the old man got stuck with a hundred dollar sweat shop. When you come to compare pictures with fur overcoats, Birsky, you never spoke a truer word in your life, because while it's an old saying and a true one that a cat comes to life nine times, Birsky, nobody but a fur overcoat manufacturer knows whether the cat is going to come to life as Persian lamb, Siberian mink, Hudson Bay seal, beaver, broad tail, nutria, ermine, skunk or sable. So if I would be a millionaire, Birsky, instead of oil painted pictures I would go to work and collect railroads and electric light plants and traction companies, because while it's true that no million-

aire ever got indicted on account of buying up a lot of competing oil paintings or making agreements with the owners of competing oil paintings to keep up the price and limit the output, at the same time, Birsky, on a \$500,000 oil painting no millionaire could float a \$1,000,000 issue of first refunding 5 per cent gold bonds of 1985, underlying \$1,000,000 of first mortgage 4 per cent bonds maturing in 1976, which is a first mortgage only on the back door of the mill, and on the rest of the mill is subject to an issue of \$8,500,000 genuine, all wool, first mortgage 3½ per cent bonds maturing January 1, 1917. Such things you could only do with a railroad, and believe me, Birsky, if you got indictments hanging over your head for the rest of your lifetime, there's more money in collecting railroads than in collecting oil painted pictures and don't you forget it."

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Irishman Founded British Museum.

The British museum had its origin in an Irishman's bequest. The person referred to was Sir Hans Sloane, a celebrated physician and naturalist, who was born in County Down, Ireland, April 16, 1660. After receiving a thorough literary and medical education he became physician-general to the British army, physician to the king, and succeeded Sir Isaac Newton as president of the Royal society. He spent several years in the West Indies, was much interested in the development of the American colonies and was an active promoter in the settlement of Georgia. In 1749 he made a will bequeathing to the nation a splendid collection of books and natural history specimens which had cost more than \$250,000, on condition that the government pay his family \$200,000. After his death, in 1753, an act of parliament was passed accepting the gift and providing quarters for it. This was the beginning of the great museum.

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Buyers Choose

the Store That Advertises

Most people pass right by the store that's behind the times and patronize the modern, up-to-date store where all the latest and best methods of doing business are in use.

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.

FORCED TO OWN UP

MR. PEASLEE TELLS OF DOWNFALL OF STUBBORN MAN.

Of Course Jonas Might Have Thought the Window Was Open, but It Is Certain That the Shoe Came Through It.

"That Jonas Ebbitt," observed Caleb Peaslee as he leaned upon his hoe and addressed Obed Gunney, "is the stubbornest man in Dilmouth. I wouldn't be s'prised if he was the stubbornest one in Maine."

Mr. Gunney nodded his head in confirmation. "Ebbitt is sot," he conceded mildly, "but what fetched him into your mind right at this minute?"

"Oh, I jest got to thinkin'," Mr. Peaslee replied. "Last night Jone had a chance to show how 'sot' he could be, and I happened to be there when he done it."

"Jest what shape did his sotness take?" Mr. Gunney wanted to know; and Caleb chuckled.

"He'd come down to the post office by way of the beach road," he began, "and he'd got gravel into both of his shoes. 'Stead of takin' off one shoe and dumpin' the gravel out of that and then puttin' it back on again, he took 'em both off. I d'know why. I presume likely he done it to be different."

"When he went to put 'em on again he took up the left shoe fust and tried to put it onto his right foot. Mebbe he'd have shifted it to the other foot if Lem Piper'd kep' his mouth shut; but Lem ain't gifted that way."

"That's the wrong shoe you're tryin' to put on that foot, Ebbitt," Lem says, and Jone's mouth came together like a trap.

"I guess I know full's much 'bout my shoes and feet as you do, Lem Piper," he snapped out, "and 'less it makes some gret difference to you, I'm goin' to put these shoes on to suit myself!" So Lem, knowing that talkin' wouldn't change him, jest watched him, and so did the rest of us.

"Well, by workin' and twistin' he managed to get the left shoe onto his right foot, and then he started on the other one, and by the time he'd got that one on I don't b'lieve a day's work would have tired him more. His forehead was all of a sweat, and they must have hurt him like time, but he never showed a sign of changin' 'em."

"He sot there a spell, to make it appear that he hadn't been doin' anything out of the common, and then he said he'd got to be gittin' 'long home."

"My way laid along with his, so I started with him. I wanted to get home, of course, and besides that I wanted to see how he'd make out to cripple home with them shoes on the wrong feet. He didn't act very tickled to have me along, and only grunted when I told him I'd bear him company."

"I mistrust that if I hadn't been with him them shoes would have come off 'bout as soon as he got round the fust turn; but with me there he couldn't shift 'em without givin' in that he was wrong, and I guess he'd ruther lose a

foot than do that.

"If a half a mile ever seemed long to any man, that piece of road between the post office and Ebbitt's place must have seemed long to him. It must have 'bout killed him to walk it, but he tried not to make any sign of it. Once or twice he'd step on a stone that'd roll, or on an uneven place in the road, and it'd fairly fetch a groan out of him; but he tried to turn it off that he was kind of singin' or hummin' under his breath."

"We fin'ly fetched up at his place, and Jone didn't waste any time in sayin' good night to me. He jest hobbled up that path to his door, walkin' on the sides of his feet and groanin' every time he sot foot on a hubble. He fairly fell into the door, and for what took place afterwards—well, I dessey Jone thought the winder was open."

"Winder was open?" repeated Mr. Gunney, wonderingly, and Caleb nodded.

"I hadn't taken more'n a dozen steps," he explained, "when I heard the sound of glass breakin', and something struck within ten feet of me in the road. I took pains to go and pick it up, and it was a shoe—'bout such a shoe as I'd seen Jone put on to wear home."

"And from the way it come out through the winder there so spiteful," Mr. Peaslee concluded dryly. "I thought that Jone had sort of give in for once that he was wrong."—Youth's Companion.

Thieves' Insurance Plan.

A thieves' mutual aid society has sprung up in London. Its aim is to pay police court fines inflicted on thieves. Offenders are insured against fines, paying toward the support of the society as they would in a life insurance proposition.

It is said that both honest and dishonest men have clubbed together to make a livelihood from the business done by the society. They appoint an official called "the banker," who collects the money, and it is his duty to attend the court and pay the fines.

In one case a youth caught stealing had in his possession a card showing subscriptions to the amount of £2 for use in paying fines of friends found guilty of theft.

Germany Exports Copper.

Ironmongers in Holland are continuing to receive copper utensils exported from Germany. People in Holland are much astonished that so great a quantity of copper is still being exported from Germany.—London Globe.

Cubans to Aid United States.

By her treaty with the United States the Republic of Cuba is bound, when requested to do so by the Washington government, to send at least ten thousand troops for the defense of the United States.

Leading Cubans say that this figure—10,000—does not even approximately represent the effort of the rich little island would put forth to aid the nation which gave Cuba her independence. Every Cuban resource would be fully at Uncle Sam's command, they say.

GOVERNOR TESTIFIES IN HIS OWN BEHALF

OFFERS EXPLANATION TO THE
COMMITTEE IN REGARD TO
EXPENDITURES, ETC.

ADJOURNMENT SET MARCH 20

Legislature Expects to Put in a Strenuous Week This Week, as There Are a Large Batch of Bills Still Pending on the Calendar.

Austin, Tex.—Governor James E. Ferguson was among the witnesses who testified Saturday before the house committee which is now engaged in making an investigation of the charges filed against the executive.

He testified in his own behalf, offering an explanation in regard to the expenditures of the appropriations, and stated that he stood ready and willing to repay every dollar not authorized by law at any moment the final decision was had in a case now pending.

Without the absence of a quorum being disclosed the house held a session Saturday afternoon and acted on a number of measures, some of importance, but the majority of minor interests.

The legislature expects to put in a strenuous week this week, there being a large batch of bills still pending on the calendars in both branches.

The senate was not in session Saturday.

Austin, Tex.—While the sixty-day period of the thirty-fifth legislature expired Friday, it is practically assured that final adjournment will not be taken until March 20 and that the governor will not call the special session for the consideration of the appropriation bill until April 26.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby, Speaker Fuller and members of both the house and senate conferred with the governor and March 20 was tentatively agreed upon as the date for sine die adjournment. The date was extended because of the many important matters now pending before both bodies and because of the investigation of the governor now in progress.

The house committee investigation of the charges against Governor Ferguson embodied in the Davis resolution proceeded with much rapidity Friday. The committee was in session about five hours and during that time examined a number of important witnesses.

Congressional redistricting was passed by the house of representatives Friday when the free conference committee report was adopted by a vote of 98 ayes to 17 noes, with twenty-six absentees. It is the first time in fifteen years a redistricting bill has passed both branches of the legislature. By the passage of the bill, which becomes effective in 1919, the present congressmen at large will be left without berths.

Friday's Senate Proceedings.

The Gibson co-insurance bill and the Dean bill were finally passed by the senate.

The senate adopted a resolution ap-

proving President Wilson's decision to arm merchant ships.

Governor Ferguson told a committee from both houses he would allow the legislature a month's rest before calling a special session if they would continue in session until March 21. If this decision holds the special session will convene April 28.

By the unanimous adoption of a resolution, marked honor was paid Senator R. M. Johnston by designating him as the official representative of the senate of Texas to the next Confederate reunion at Washington. He feelingly replied to the honor conferred on him.

Friday's House Proceedings.

The irrigation bill was finally passed after efforts to abolish the board of water engineers failed.

The house adopted the free conference report on the congressional redistricting bill.

The resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to pension Confederate veterans and their widows who came to Texas before 1910 was killed by a vote of 71 to 35.

Austin, Tex.—The farm loan bank bill legalizing the bonds issued by the federal loan bank for investment in Texas securities which the governor vetoed Wednesday and then recalled his veto, was Thursday approved and signed by the governor. The governor made the following note on the bill: "Since the assurance has been made that said farm loan bank is to be officered by men who will inspire confidence and said institution is to be managed in a business way, I have decided to waive former views about this bill and hereby approve same, this day, March 8, 1917."

The house failed Thursday by three votes to engross the McNealus bill providing for "mothers' pensions." The failure to engross followed several hours' debate featured by remarks by Mr. Bagby upon the socialistic tendencies of the present day, and an appeal to return to the "good old fundamental principles of Jeffersonian democracy." Although practically killed on engrossment, the measure is technically alive. The vote on engrossment was 58 ayes and 61 noes, but the house refused to table a motion to reconsider by a margin of two votes, 61-63. The bill may be called up again and the vote reconsidered.

The entire opening day of the investigation into certain alleged acts of Governor Ferguson, as set forth in a resolution introduced in the house of representatives, by a committee of nine appointed by the house, was taken up with the reading of certified copies of expenditures for the governor's mansion of the records of the controller's office and the oral testimony of Controller H. B. Terrell.

Bills Signed by Governor.

Governor Ferguson signed the following bills this week:

House joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing for the taking of depositions by the state of out-of-state witnesses in prosecutions for the violations of the anti-trust laws of Texas.

Senate bill providing that terminal companies may issue bonds for the building of docks and wharves.

House bill increasing the salaries of jail guards.

Mrs. W. D. Taylor

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Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

A communication from the members of the State university faculty asking for an investigation of the institution was read.

Adopted the free conference committee report on the congressional redistricting bill, which went to the house for action.

It now seems certain that the legislature will adjourn March 16.

A committee of three was appointed to "look into the work done by the board of water engineers and ascertain if the board is needed by the State."

A resolution was adopted which called for the appointment of a committee to investigate the expenditures of the department of agriculture. The committee was named.

Governor Ferguson Thursday signed the bill allowing the purchase of bonds issued by the farm loan bank with certain State funds. He vetoed the bill Wednesday, but later withdrew his veto.

Thursday's House Proceedings.

Finally passed the penitentiary deficiency bill to cover outstanding accounts, amounting to \$501,126.98.

The committee which is investigating the charges against Governor Ferguson spent a busy day reading expense items from the comptroller's department and hearing two witnesses.

Austin, Tex.—After much debate the house Wednesday adopted amendments to the workmen's compensation act, favorable to the membership of the present industrial accident board, and finally passed the bill as amended. One amendment adopted, however, while not changing the material provisions of the act, reduced the salaries of the members of the board to the present scale, making no changes. The senate bill provided for increases for all members.

The house replaced in the bill an amendment which the senate had stricken out and which has been deemed by those closely associated with the provisions of the law of far-reaching importance. This amendment replaced by the house provides "an employe of a subscriber shall be held to have waived his right of action at common law or under any statute of the

state to recover damages for injuries sustained in the course of his employment if he shall not have given his employer, at the time of his contract or hire, notice in writing that he claimed said right, or if the contract of hire was made before the employer became a subscriber, if the employe shall not have given the said notice within five days of notice of such subscription."

In considering the compensation bill an amendment was adopted to the section naming the beneficiaries for the compensation by including the grandparents or dependent stepmothers. Another amendment was adopted providing that suit may be brought under the provisions of the act either in the county where the accident occurred or in any county where the claimants reside or where one or more such claimants shall have residence at the time of the institution of the suit.

Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

Governor Ferguson vetoed the bill legalizing the investment of state funds in bonds to be issued by the farm loan bank at Houston, but later withdrew his veto.

The end of the regular session is drawing near, and both houses of the legislature are holding three sessions daily. The session may end March 16.

Wednesday's House Proceedings.

The bill changing the name of Wilbacy county was virtually killed.

The workmen's compensation act was passed finally, reducing the salaries as first carried in the bill.

The senate bill increasing to \$6,000 the fees that district attorneys may collect in counties of 100,000 population or over was passed.

The house committee named to investigate the charges preferred against the governor held a short session, and on the request of the attorney for the committee adjourned until Thursday morning to give counsel time to look into the case. The postponement was opposed by the governor, but was granted unanimously by the committee.

Tuesday's Senate Proceedings.

After an all-day discussion the senate engrossed the Looney railroad bill.

Senator Strickland called up his "black-list bill" and it was pending

business Wednesday.

The free conference committee of the senate and house made a report redistricting the congressional districts.

Tuesday's House Proceedings.

"The pure seed bill" was finally passed.

Local News

From Rock Hill Community

March 12.—The health of the community is very good at present.

There was a singing at Mr. C. M. Streetman's Saturday night March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brooks visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brooks Sunday.

Messrs. Chas. R. and Gratan Streetman visited home folks March 3.

Rev. W. R. Durnell visited Sunday School here Sunday evening.

Mr. N. V. Streetman and wife visited relatives in Oak Grove community Sunday.

Our literary society met Friday night, March 9. The rainy weather prevented a large attendance.

Our school will soon close and we have not had a great many visitors, so we would be glad to have some before it ends.

There was a log rolling at Mr. J. L. Nichols week before last.

We wish to invite everybody to the concert at this place Friday night March 23, as our school will close on that day.
Rattler.

THE GRAPELAND MESSENGER

A. B. LUNER, Editor and Owner

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

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1/2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

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.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

SUBSCRIPTION — IN ADVANCE

1 YEAR	-----	\$1.00
6 MONTHS	---	.50
3 MONTHS	---	.25

THURSDAY, MAR. 15, 1917

Let's clean things up!

The new one dollar bill is said to resemble a five so much that many people have passed them off for fives. Bring on your ones—we'll take a chance!

When it's dry we want it wet; when it's wet we want it dry; when it's cold we want it hot, and when it's hot we want it cold; when prices are high we want them low, and when prices are low we want them high, so what can we do about it?

A Missouri editor has refused to publish obituary notices of people who failed to subscribe for his paper, giving as a reason that people who do not take their local paper are dead anyway and their simple passing away has no news value whatever.—Polk County Enterprise.

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

Reminds us of a San Saba farmer, who had stopped his wagon and crawled underneath to examine the ground closely when a man passing asked him what he was hunting. "Just stopped to find that cotton seed that dropped off," replied the farmer.—Trinity County News.

Again we want to remind our farmer friends of the imperative necessity for cultivating every available foot of ground this season. One of the first resources to be husbanded in time of war is food for the army and for the civilian population. Without it any nation will be brought to its knees, and that is a condition which is unthinkable for the American people. And not only should the farmers produce to the utmost. Vacant lots and back yards in every town should yield their quota for the common good. Every citizen should consider it incumbent on him to do his share, and he should do it. When this spirit animates a nation of a hundred million patriotic people it will require something more than words and plots to conquer it.

The action of twelve United States Senators in conducting a filibuster in the closing hours of congress that defeated the will of the president, an overwhelming majority of congress and a like proportion of the people of the nation, will have at least one beneficial result, despite the fact that the act will stand out as one of the blackest smudges on American patriotism. It will solidify the American people be

hind the president in his determination to assert the inviolability of American life and commerce upon the high seas. In every section of the country men of every political faith have denounced the disgraceful filibuster. Ministers, merchants, professional men, farmers, laborers, women, everywhere show a determination to assert for once and all American rights upon the seas, even if it leads to the war we so ardently desire to escape. The people do not want war if it can be honorably avoided, but they are ready to fight and sacrifice for the retention of their honor and their rights of life and commerce if it becomes necessary to do so. Today there is a grim set to the American countenance that means stern business.

PLANT GOOD SEED

There is not a single factor in the making of a crop successfully and profitably that is more important than good seed. Corn that is produced from commonplace, crib-run seed will not yield under like conditions of soil and cultivation much more than half as much as corn grown from well selected seed. It is so with cotton, with oats, sweet potatoes and practically all farm crops. The farmer who, in order to save a few cents per bushel for seed chooses to plant common seed rather than to pay more and plant the best, handicaps himself in the making of a profitable crop from the very start.—Troup Banner.

SPEAKING OF POTATOES

Potatoes may be divided into two general classes, the sweet and the Irish. The latter class is the national fruit of Ireland and derives its name from the inhabitants of that country. The former were invented by the Indians and were served with ashes in the Revolutionary war. Potatoes are rapidly taking the place of jewelry and other fancy institutions for the rich. Time was when the potato rolled down the chute into the bin every fall, but now they are kept in the safe along with eggs and other valuables. Potatoes may be cooked in various ways. German fried, French fried or, if you are neutral, Saratoga chips. The tubers were once the main dish on the table, but now they are served only when the preacher comes to dinner.—Bonham Favorite.

George Tyer and his daughter, Mrs. Mae Bean, left last Friday for Shelby county to visit the family of Luther Tyer.

Attorney Joe Adams and R. H. Wooters of Crockett were in Grapeland Monday on business with the justice court.

A big express shipment of hats received Wednesday for the opening at Darsey's today and tomorrow.

Mrs. Willis Goodson delightfully entertained the young people last Friday night with a party. Delicious fruit punch was served to the guests upon their arrival, after which they were invited to join the band of merry-makers in the evening's program, which was accepted with an eagerness that showed the appreciation of the guests for this hospitable event.

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

The New BILLIKENS ARE HERE



Let your low quarters this spring be BILLIKENS --- "the wonder shoe of the twentieth century."

BEWARE OF IMITATIONS! Billiken shoes are copied, but the only original Billikens have the name stamped on the bottom. The very fact that every one offers a substitute for Billiken shoes is proof

enough that this is the best high grade child's shoe in America. We are showing Billiken Slippers for infants, children, misses and ladies in the foot shaping lasts as well as the new sport combinations with white ivory soles and rubber heels. **BILLIKENS COST NO MORE THAN IMITATIONS! GET THE ORIGINAL!** Free souvenirs for the school children.

Ladies' Oxfords

We have the biggest range of patterns in Ladies' Oxfords ever shown in a city of much larger population than Grapeland. Grapeland people demand the best; that's why you can always get the best at this store.

Our showing of pumps include colonials, straps, low and high heels in all of the leading leathers at

\$2.00 to \$4.00

Hosiery

In spite of the excessive demand for hosiery, we are successful in having placed our orders early and are in a position to fill your bill complete. We have a big assortment of pure silks, Jap silks, mercerized lises and silk lises in in the newest combinations at

10c to \$1.75

CHILDREN'S CADET HOSE-- original quality at the old price of **25c**

Spring Goods

Everything is being turned topsy-turvey in our big store. Winter goods are being placed back and the shelves are blossoming with new spring creations. Our cases are filled with the latest wearing apparel, and a look inside this establishment will convince the most doubtful that spring has come. We received this past week a shipment of dress goods, including some of the newest colors in

**Sport Poplins
Stripe Taffetas and
Wool Suiting**

Inspect these lines when you attend our millinery opening Thursday and Friday of this week.

Geo. E. Darsey SERVICE FIRST STORE

A Home for Somebody. Why Not You?
SIXTY ACRES
Adjoining Grapeland on the West
 Will improve to suit purchaser. One-half to be paid through FARMERS LOAN BANK (40 years time 6 per cent interest). Only \$500.00 required. Balance on easy monthly or annual payments. Here's a chance to get a nice home for less than rent. A bargain for somebody. DON'T WRITE ME UNLESS YOU MEAN BUSINESS. I have no time for triflers.
R. E. LEE 2816 Fannin Street
 HOUSTON, TEX.

LOCAL NEWS

Darsey has screen doors.
 Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.
 Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.
 A full line of tennis shoes at Howard's.
 Darsey has a full line of paints and varnishes.
 Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.
 Harry Brewton of Crockett was here Saturday.
 Some new Spring goods at Howard's.
 Darsey buys anything you have to sell and sells anything you want to buy.
 See "Jiggs" Clewis about that new spring suit. A wonderful array of patterns on display.
 Mrs. Fannie Peck of Palestine was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wherry Sunday.
 If you are in doubt about where to buy your clothes, come to Clewis with your troubles.
 Darsey's Millinery opening will not be as elaborate as the St. Louis and Chicago Style shows but the styles shown here are particularly selected from the best sellers shown at the two big events.

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.

A. P. Tims of Slocum was in Grapeland on business Monday.

J. R. Howard of Crockett was here Sunday.

Grady Laseter of Elkhart was a Grapeland visitor Sunday.

When you screen that house, get your wire and doors at Darsey's.

Harry Laseter and Clyde Kendrick of Elkhart were visitors in Grapeland Sunday.

Just received a line of Spring hats, windsor ties, belts etc., at Howard's.

Mrs. Glen Sullivan was carried to a Palestine sanitarium last Friday, to undergo an operation.

For early seed corn, sorghum, sudan grass, garden seeds, call at Howard's.

Darsey wants your speckle peas, eggs, butter, beeswax, anything else in the way of country produce.

Dr. McCarty was called to Tyler the latter part of last week to see his son, Clarence, who was reported quite sick.

Darsey is still in the market for anything you have to sell in the shape of country produce. Bring us your speckle peas.

If you want a peanut sheller write or phone me at once. No. 47, 1 short, 1 long, Union line.
 N. S. Herod.

LOST

New auto pump and Ford exhaust pipe. Finder will please leave at I. H. Shaver's store.

Miss Aggie Lee Hamilton returned to her home in Edgewood last week, after an extended visit at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. D. McCarty.

Kill your timber with "Dead Shot". It kills root and branch. Sold at Howard's.

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

Leonidas Brooks, who has been traveling for a firm out of Houston, has returned home.

J. W. Howard wants to buy your speckle peas. Will pay you \$2.00 per bushel.

Olan Davis went to Crockett last Thursday and drove home a new five passenger Ford.

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

Mote Scarbrough left last Friday for Tyler to enter a business college.

Mr. John Ford of Jacksonville is spending the week here, a guest at the home of T. S. Kent.

The Shaver building has been completed and Mr. Shaver will move his stock of goods into his new building this week.

Full blood White Plymouth Rock eggs; 50c for 15.
 Mrs. R. L. Kennedy,
 Route 1, Grapeland, Tex.

If there is a lady in Grapeland whom you want to see, you will find her at Darsey's Thursday, at the Millinery opening.

PEAS WANTED

I will pay 2.00 \$ for all the speckle peas you have to sell.
 J. W. Howard.

Homer Jones, Willie Gee, Campbell Lively, Chester Owens and Dick Murchison spent Saturday night and Sunday in Tyler.

To miss Darsey's millinery opening is to miss the principal style event of Houston county. Thursday and Friday of this week.

STRAYED

Poland China male; marked 2 underbits in each ear. Suitable reward for recovery.

M. L. Williams, Rte. 4.

Norton Strain White Leghorn eggs. Fifty cents per setting delivered at Grapeland. Seventy five cents parcel post.

A. Webb,
 3t Route 2, Grapeland, Tex.

Home in a live city with the best of college and high school advantages to trade for a farm near Grapeland. Best of reasons for trading. S. E. Harrison, care of postoffice, Ft. Worth, Tex.

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.

Misses Turner and Grey have established a sewing room with an up-to-date equipment, at the residence of Mrs. Belle Owens, and are prepared to do plain and fancy sewing. Designing and remodeling a specialty. Prices reasonable; satisfaction guaranteed. Your patronage will be appreciated. For rates call and see us.

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

Nyal Remedies

When in need of patent medicines call for the Nyal Remedies.

These preparations are recognized the country over as possessing the highest merits found in patent medicines. The Leading Druggists throughout the land recommend and sell them. We back the sale of these articles by a strict guarantee of money back if not satisfied.

**By All Means
 Try Them
 You Can't Lose**

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Spring Is Here!

Everybody should celebrate the opening of Spring by Dressing Up. We can dress you from head to foot in the latest styles.

10 Per Cent Off

On all Men's Neckties. Ties at prices to suit everyone in the latest Spring Styles and colors.

Hats and Shoes

Men, you owe it to yourselves to take advantage of the values we offer in hats and shoes.

LADIES, we have a big assortment of SAN SILK and CROCHET THREAD--All Colors.

T. S. KENT

"THE QUALITY MAN."

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.

NOTICE WOODMEN

All Woodmen who desire to work in the degree team are requested to meet at the hall Friday night.
 J. M. Gilbert, Capt.

NEW TAILOR SHOP

I have opened a cleaning and pressing shop in the room in the rear of Wherry's store. I am an experienced tailor and if you can give me a share of your patronage, I will guarantee you good service. I also represent some of the best tailoring houses in the country and can fit you out in a nice new spring suit. I will appreciate it very much if you will give me a trial with your work. Respectfully,
 A. E. Dickey.

"SAY MISTER"

When you see BROWN LEGHORN it looks like eggs; when you hear BROWN LEGHORN it sounds like eggs; but when you have BROWN LEGHORNS, "that is eggs". 50c per setting.
 W. R. Durnell,
 Route 3, Grapeland.

RAWLEIGH'S REMEDIES

This famous line is carried in Grapeland by I. H. Shaver; at Percilla by Altqn McKenzie; at Waneta by Penick & Lively; at Augusta by Moore Bros.; at Liberty Hill by Arthur Holcomb. These preparations of medicines, stock remedies and extracts are thoroughly reliable.

Frank Allen was called to Houston Thursday by a message announcing the death of his son's wife, Mrs. Loyd Allen. Loyd's many friends here will be grieved to hear of his sad misfortune, and will sympathize with him in his bereavement.

This Drug Store

**SELLS
 Reliable Drugs
 AT VERY
 Popular Prices**

Your prescriptions will be compounded from the freshest and purest of drugs and the utmost care as to accuracy will be observed in every detail. Done while you wait.

Toilet Goods

Toilet articles of every variety are sold at very reasonable prices and the quality is always the best.

Face creams and other beauty preparations for women represent the best products of the market. No article of an injurious nature is sold here. They make good.

LEAVERTON'S
 THE LEADING DRUG STORE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF J. M. OWENS

We expect to offer for the next few days AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES, and in many instances at LESS THAN HALF THE MARKET VALUE, the entire stock of merchandise which I recently bought from J. J. Brooks, consisting of—

- Staple Dry Goods
- Lawns, figured and white
- Cotton Plaids
- Cheviots
- Sheeting
- Cotton Flannel
- Ticking
- Bleaching
- Apron and Dress Gingham
- Calico
- Percale
- Outing
- Creton
- Table Linen
- Oil Cloth

A nice assortment of waist goods, both in cheap and higher prices.

In dress goods we have in addition to the cheaper grades—

- Flaxon, Poplin, Suitings
- Danish Cloth, Linen
- Dotted and flowered Swiss
- Dimity, Wash Silks
- Foulard and Batiste

Our Notion Department is practically complete AT ALMOST YOUR OWN PRICE!

We want to especially emphasize our offerings in LACES and EMBROIDERIES and other trimmings in both cheap and higher prices.

We especially want you to look at our ALL-OVER LACES. We are sure you'll buy when you price our goods.

We have a special offering in men's, women's and children's UNDERWEAR; also men's work and dress shoes.

We will be in our old stand on the west side of town the latter part of this week, or as soon as Mr. Shaver can move.

We expect to add to our stock such other lines as will complete a general merchandise stock.

WE BUY

Chickens, Eggs, Butter, Bees' Wax and Speckle Peas

Sell Us What You Have to Sell and Get Our Prices Before You Buy.

GIVE US A TRIAL

J. M. OWENS

Mr. J. C. Haynes, president of the Humble Sour Lake Oil Association with offices at Houston, was a business visitor to Grapeland last Saturday. This company is operating at Humble and Sour Lake and have some leases in the Goose Creek field. Quite a number of Grapeland people hold stock in the company.

BOILED CATTLE DIP

Arsenical dips as agents for destroying cattle ticks have come into much favor during the past few years. This has been due to their efficacy, cheapness, the ease with which they are prepared, and the comparatively slight injury they cause to cattle when properly prepared and used. Home-made dips are the ones most commonly used and are quite satisfactory in every way when ordinary care is used in their preparation. Recently there has been placed on the market a proprietary concentrated arsenical dip which has given good results. This dip is prepared for use by diluting it with cold water in the proportion of 1 to 100. The only advantage in such a dip is that comparatively little time is required in preparing the bath, but this advantage is largely counterbalanced by the fact that it is more expensive than a home made dip.

The formula most commonly used in making an arsenical dip is the following:

Sodium carbonate (sal soda) 24 pounds.

Arsenic trioxid (white arsenic) 8 pounds.

Pine tar 1 gallon.

Water sufficient to make 500 gallons.

If for any reason a stronger dip is desired, 25 pounds of sodium carbonate and 10 pounds of arsenic trioxid may be used in place of the amounts given in the above formula. The stronger dip is required by the Bureau of Animal Industry in the dipping of cattle which are to enter interstate commerce from quarantined areas, but for ordinary eradication work when immediate removal of the cattle to tick free areas is not contemplated it will probably be best to use the weaker solution, and this is especially true during hot weather and when the animals are to be treated every two weeks.

In preparing the dip a large caldron or galvanized tank is required for heating the water in which to dissolve the chemicals. Twenty-five gallons of water should be placed in the caldron or tank and brought to a boil. The amount of sodium carbonate indicated in the formula is then added and dissolved by stirring. When this is accomplished the required amount of arsenic is added and dissolved in similar manner. The fire is then drawn and the solution permitted to cool to 140 degrees F., or this process may be hastened by the addition of cold water. The pine tar is then added slowly in a thin stream and thoroughly mixed with the solution by constant stirring. This solution should be diluted at once to 500 gallons.

For further information regarding either dip, write to Dr. J. B. Reidy, Government Expert, 211 Kress Bldg., Houston, Tex.

Do you have spells of dizziness and everything turning black before the eyes? These are symptoms of torpid liver and a clogged condition of the bowels. Take Prickly Ash Bitters and get rid of the misery. It is the right thing for such disorders. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

John Luce received by express last Saturday a fine Poland China brood sow, which cost him a little over \$75.00. Mr. Luce believes it pays to raise blooded hogs and costs no more than to raise scrubs. He sold some fine hogs this season.

FARMERS INSTITUTE

Prof. T. S. Minter, assistant organizer of farmers' institutes for the State Department of Agriculture, will hold a farmers' institute at the following places in Houston county:

Lovelady, March 26, at 2 p. m.
Grapeland, March 27, at 2 p. m.

Prof. Minter is an expert on sweet potatoes—how to prepare the soil, select the seed, cultivate, harvest, cure and market the crop; also how to build a curing plant. Come and hear him tell you how to make money raising sweet potatoes.

RIVER BRIDGE WILL BE FINISHED IN 60 DAYS

Commissioner J. Y. Renfro, of this precinct, and T. J. Woolbridge of Lovelady made a trip to Riverside Thursday morning, to see what progress was being made on the bridge, now under course of construction. They report that the last pier is now being constructed, which is the north pier. It is calculated that the bridge will be finished in about 60 days, work having been delayed at various times by bad weather and waiting for material to arrive.—Trinity Tribune.

Bank No. 183

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank At Grapeland, State of Texas.

at the close of business, on the 5th day of March, 1917, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 15th day of March, 1917:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$42,482 63
Loans, real estate	6,800 00
Overdrafts	396 45
Real estate (banking house)	2,953 03
Furniture and fixtures	1,750 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	47,661 09
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	7 53
Cash items	185 44
Currency	5,692 00
Specie	1,556 20
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,257 46
Other resources as follows:	
Collection in Transit	906 68
Total	\$111,678 51

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund	12,000 00
Undivided Profits net	1,085 48
Individual Deposits, subject to check	74,659 15
Time Certificates of Deposit	8,350 25
Cashier's Checks	493 68
Other liabilities as follows: Dividends unpaid	50 00
Total	\$111,678 51

State of Texas, } ss
County of Houston, }

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 13th day of March, A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
W. G. DARSEY }
M. E. DARSEY } Directors
T. S. KENT }



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.

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

Deason & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated.

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

LAUNDRY AGENCY

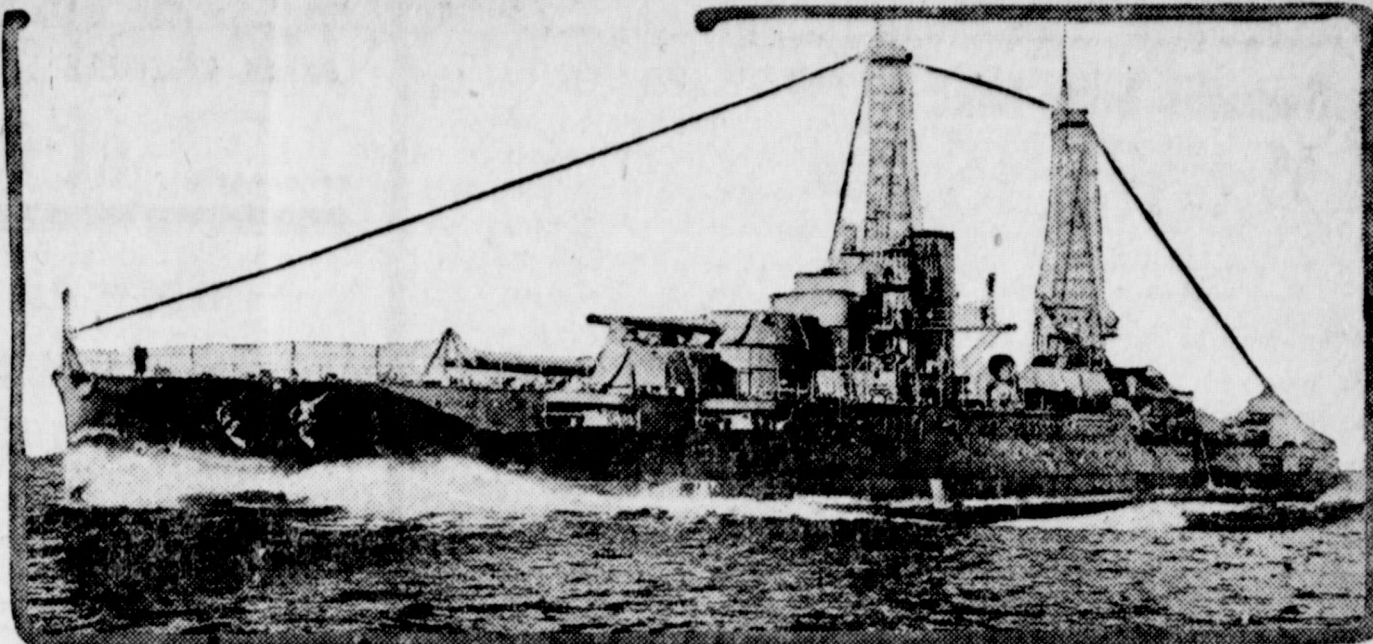
Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

John Spence

Lawyer

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

UNITED STATES BATTLESHIP OKLAHOMA



One of the newest and most powerful superdreadnaughts in the American navy is the Oklahoma, here shown moving at top speed of 20.5 knots.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

Torn Flesh, Wounds, Sores, Scalds, Cuts, Burns and Bruises, should be treated promptly. If neglected, they become troublesome and hard to heal.

BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT

Is a Healing Remedy of Power

It mends lacerated flesh speedily, prevents the formation of pus, and in all minor ailments heals without leaving a scar. As a pain relief for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, Stiff Neck, Sore Muscles, there is nothing that acts more promptly or effectively.

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THE BIG THINGS.

'Tis the big things of life that count mostly, things that sail over our head, while we are upset about details we fret, by the things not worth while we are led; and we think that we're sad and we're gloomy, the trivial jolts us severe, we don't know the diff, till we get a good bluff, then the small things no longer we fear. And it seems we must all learn our lesson before we are able to judge, must have a real grief, change our views and belief before with a smile we can drudge; for until we have bumped into sorrow, that's real, that's the genuine stuff, so large in its scope, it upsets every hope, the small and indifferent looks rough. For we magnify all of our troubles, make mounds look like mountains of rocks until we're all in, have no heart to begin, can't come back from our slight nervous shock; for it seems that the sense of proportion, on us never gets a good hold, the slight and the great we can't fix in our pate till we're handed a good, solid jolt.

Coal Dust for Fuel.

Spurred on by prospects of shut-downs during the winter because of the shortage of gas, manufacturers in the Pittsburgh district have been conducting experiments with coal dust, which, they assert, prove that the dust can be substituted for gas. The process is to blow the crushed coal into the open-hearth furnaces by means of compressed air.

This fuel, although not as cheap as natural gas, is being furnished to manufacturing plants of the Pittsburgh district considerably cheaper than consumers' gas.

The Carnegie Steel company, realizing that there will be a shortage of natural gas for manufacturing purposes this winter, has installed coal-dust fuel machinery at 24 of its 64 open-hearth furnaces in the Homestead works and for eight of its 15 open-hearth furnaces at Clairton. By so doing the company will save 15,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas daily at its Homestead works and 8,000,000 cubic feet at its Clairton works, or a total of 21,000,000 cubic feet daily.

THINK IT OVER

Young men and women desiring to achieve a success should not waste their summer vacation. One vacation properly spent will protect them against poverty and enable them to earn a respectful living. There is no use idling away the summer months. Business men and farmers alike, work during the summer. Ambitious boys and girls would rather spend their vacation with a large and enthusiastic student body, mastering a course of Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance or Cotton Classing that they might use this practical knowledge in paying their way through some university or secure a good paying position in a business office. He who cares more for success than heat, goes a long ways ahead of him who waits until cool weather to study. Many a young boy and girl who at the close of school last year, entered the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, to spend their vacation, are now either in one of our universities, paying their own way, or holding a splendid position, or are in business for themselves. Where there's a will there's a way. Cowardice sits and whines I can't. Courage forces success. If you desire to obtain a knowledge for which the business world pays cash, write for large illustrated free catalogue of the Tyler Commercial College, read the advantages of their splendid courses of instruction and what those who have graduated and are now holding good positions, say of the institution; and what the employers of these graduates have to say of their efficient training. Read how some worked their way through school, how others borrowed the money and made it pay them big dividends, how others quit jobs at small salaries, completed their courses and went back to the same firm at two and three times their previous salary. Some finished a home study course and never had to quit earning their old salary. Get a salary raising education. It is yours if you are willing to make the effort. Write today for catalogue and make arrangements to enter as soon as your school closes. The U. S. Government has held two examinations here in Tyler this Spring enabling our graduates to go into nice civil service positions at entrance salary of from \$900 to \$1020.

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- Augusta—Jake Sheridan, Jack Gale.
- Antioch—Clarence Davis, Walter Calvert.
- Ash—Jake Wedemyer, Lyman Knox.
- Arbor — R. K. Smith, Sid Smith.
- Belott—Tom Duren and Will Creath.
- Crockett No. 1—Geo. Denny, Johnson Phillips. No. 2—Mike McCarty, Roy DuePree. No. 3 Sam Sharp, Ed Leediker. No. 4 J. E. Bynum, Matty Satterwhite.
- Creek—A. M. Elliott, J. D. Rickard.
- Dodson—W. H. Threadgill and Sam Best.
- Daly's—Hamp Huff, J. L. Chiles.
- Daniel—John Sims, Donald Thompson.
- Freeman—W. F. Rhoden, Levi Starling.
- Grapeland No. 1.—J. E. Hollingsworth, E. W. Davis. No. 2 W. H. Richards, B. R. Eaves.
- Holly—J. E. Driskell, John Skipper.
- Kennard—John S. Brown, J. J. Cooper.
- Lovelady—E. Kennedy, Chas. Stevenson.
- Percilla—Elmer Sullivan, Chas. Dickey.
- Porter Springs—S. A. Cook, Walter Patrick.
- Ratcliff—C. W. Sims, J. T. Crook.
- Shiloh — Tom Knox, Henry Bitner.
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Don't paralyze the bowels with a harsh, drastic cathartic that gripes and binds you up tighter after its effect is gone. Take

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Work commenced last week on the new W. O. W. building on the east side, and will be pushed to early completion.



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Bank No. 768
Official Statement
OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION
OF THE
Guaranty State Bank
at Grapeland, State of Texas, at
the close of business on the 5th
day of Mar., 1917, published
in the Grapeland Messenger, a
newspaper printed and publish-
ed at Grapeland, State of Texas,
on the 15th day of Mar., 1917.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral-	\$37,816.85
Loans, real estate----	1,940.89
Overdrafts-----	107.31
Real estate, (banking house)-----	3,428.90
Furniture and Fixtures-----	2,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net----	51,846.89
Cash Items-----	158.66
Currency-----	5,239.00
Specie-----	2,786.25
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund-----	803.57
Other resources as follows:	
Collections-----	466.75
Total-----	106,595.07

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in--	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund-----	3,750.00
Undivided profits, net-	1,382.82
Individual deposits, subject to check-----	80,616.12
Time Certificates of Deposits-----	5,606.93
Cashier's Checks-----	149.20
Other liabilities as follows:	
Dividends Unpaid-----	90.00
Total-----	106,595.07

State of Texas, }
County of Houston, }
We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY,
President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of Mar., A. D., nineteen hundred and seventeen
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. Richards,
Notary Public,
Houston County, Texas.
Correct—Attest:
E. G. Walling }
J. R. Pennington } Directors
M. P. Herod }

Col. W. S. Walter, who has been living in the Reynard community for several years, is now a citizen of Grapeland, moving last week. Welcome, Colonel, to the best town in Texas.

J. H. BEAZLEY DEAD

Mr. J. H. Beazley, ex-confederate soldier and pioneer citizen of Houston county, died at his home near Reynard Sunday evening. Mr. Beazley had been in bad health for some time and his death was not a surprise. He was 71 years old and had resided in this county practically all of his life. He was noted for his active interest in all affairs pertaining to the betterment of his community; was a constant reader and close observer and obtained a wide knowledge of various important topics, and was loved and respected by his fellow-men.

Deceased leaves a wife, six sons, one daughter, a sister, Mrs. J. M. Selkirk of this city and a brother, C. H. Beazley of Crockett.

He was buried Monday evening near his home in a concrete vault on a plot of ground he had selected. Funeral services were conducted by his life-long friend, Mr. J. L. Chiles.

In the death of Mr. Beazley, Houston county has lost a good citizen, his family a devoted husband and father. The Messenger extends condolence to the bereaved family and relatives.

OUR HONOR ROLL

The following have our thanks for subscription:

- A. L. Brown, Frank Herod, Mrs. R. C. Colkin, J. S. Brimberry, Grapeland.
- R. J. Weisinger, Route 2.
- W. M. Durnell, G. W. Langham, M. E. Bean, J. O. Brown, Route 3.
- W. C. Laseter, Route 4.
- Dr. L. Meriwether, Mrs. Garland Ellis, Crockett.
- Mrs. P. D. Wynne, El Paso. (By W. R. Durnell).
- J. W. Jones, Percilla.
- P. H. Blalock, Livingston.
- R. H. Wherry, Memphis.
- Lewis Morris, Dallas. By W. W. Morris).
- Mrs. Reta Marshall, Rusk. (By R. J. Weisinger).
- W. H. Holcomb, Jr., Augusta.
- Sam Bridges, Elkhart.

Darsey's Spring Millinery opening—today and to morrow—Thursday and Friday of this week.

The Call of **SPRING** of

Nearly every woman responds to the call of spring by first visiting the dry goods stores to see the new dress goods and the pretty new shoes and boots that are so popular this season. She seems to realize that good footwear is the foundation for every costume, hence they are both looked for at the same time. Spring shoes are coming in daily and we will be pleased to show you the pretty pumps and boots that we have received. Call and see them.

Our Exhibit of the New Models for Spring and Summer is now on



Visit our store and profit by this showing of the new and approved styles in men's and young men's suits.

You may have worn attractive garments in the past, but at no time were such beautiful fabrics and such magnificent tailoring presented for your selection as you will find in our exhibit of CURLEE CLOTHES.

Curlee Clothes are designed and tailored by expert tailors, men who know how to produce the best in clothes.

Curlee Clothes are known everywhere as "the biggest values on earth." We want you to see Curlee Clothes, and invite you to visit this store and permit us to show them to you.

Curlee Clothes are backed up by an unqualified guarantee which leaves the decision of their service and value to your own good judgement.

Curlee Pants

Big shipment just received and the finest patterns to select from you ever saw. Pay us a visit and see the new patterns and the best values on earth.

Men's Hats

In this department you will find just what you are looking for, and at a price that will be pleasing to you.

We have them in all of the new shades and styles. Come to see us when you want a hat. We can fit you—any color you want.

Shirts, Collars, Ties

You will find the largest stock in these three lines carried of any house in the county, and you can be pleased with any of the above items.

We especially urge you to visit our store at your earliest convenience and let us show them to you.

KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store for Everybody

Removal Notice

By the end of this week we will be in our new building, just below our old stand, and extend you an invitation to visit us in our new quarters.

We have a complete line of general merchandise and will take pleasure in serving you.

WE BUY CHICKENS, EGGS, BUTTER AND OTHER PRODUCE

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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.

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.

HOUSE BURNS

The residence of Geo. Williams, who lives on the Lively place east of town, was destroyed by fire last Friday night. The family was away sitting up with sick neighbors, and the house and contents were a total loss.

Mrs. G. E. Whitley, who has been visiting in Tyler and Fort Worth for several months, returned to this city last Friday.