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News Items

Gleaned From Waneta Country

March 26.—We are all glad to see Spring again. Some of the farmers are through planting corn, while others are not. A good rain would certainly be appreciated by all.

Rev. Foster filled his regular appointment at New Hope Sunday. Only a few attended on account of the contagious diseases in the community.

Mr. William Moore, wife and daughter visited relatives at Denson Springs Saturday night and Sunday.

The school of this place closed Friday. Everyone seems to be well pleased with the year's work. We hope to still have a better school another term than has ever been taught at Waneta.

Miss Eunice Edmondson was the guest of Miss Ruby Harrington Saturday night.

A large crowd went to an entertainment at Mr. B. Wilson's Friday night. All report a nice time.

Mr. Joe E. Edmondson and wife were the guests of Charlie Killgo and wife Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Andy Goff and wife visited relatives near Alto part of last week.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

March 28.—State vs Dick Wilburn, murder; set for Monday, April 23rd. In this case the defendant is charged by indictment with killing Marshall English near Ratcliff on August 23rd at a singing school. At a former trial, Wilburn was convicted and given a term of five years, but on appeal, the case was reversed and he was given a new trial. There are one hundred witnesses in this case.

State vs Hill Bagby, murder; set for Wednesday, April 18th. The defendant is charged with killing a man named Goolsby near Weldon several months ago. The trouble is said to have arisen over a settlement. Seventy five witnesses have been summoned in this case.

The criminal docket has been set for Monday of the fourth week of court, April 16th.

No civil cases have been tried. A number of unimportant cases have been set.

DIVORCE DOCKET

The following cases have been tried and divorces granted up until the close of court Tuesday evening.

Agnes Storm vs J. W. Storm; Sam Harrison vs Lizzie Harrison; Emma Woods vs Henry Woods; James Durden vs Lula Durden; Parlee Warfield vs Jas. Warfield; Ollie Belle Williams vs Joe Williams; Lee Kitchens vs Roxie Kitchens; Albert Talford vs Sarah Talford; Lela Williams vs John Williams; Henry Fisher vs Charlotte Fisher; Peter Colter vs Anne Colter.

Bro. Ansley requests us to announce that the second quarterly conference of the M. E. church will convene at Lovelady on the afternoon of April 15th.

WANTED—I want a good hand to work on farm. \$20 per month and board. A. U. Streetman, Grapeland, Rte. 3, Box 72.

How is Your Appetite?

Yes, you will find people around here whose appetites are not of the best.

But then, you will find some people who do not buy their groceries from us.

On the other hand, you will find a great many of our people who never lack for an appetite, whose digestion is never impaired, who are enjoying life to the fullest extent.

And you will find a vast number of people hereabouts who buy their groceries from us.

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See Dr. Sheller at D. N. Leaverton's Drug Store April 13 & 14th. Two days only this trip. Eyes examined, glasses fitted, prices reasonable. Read other notices in this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. S. A. Miller, of Crockett will be at Smith's Drug Store in Grapeland, Friday, April 30, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

STORES TO CLOSE

We the undersigned business men of Grapeland, agree to close our respective places of business at 6 o'clock each evening except Saturday, beginning April 1st, and running until Sept. 1st: Geo. E. Darsey, McLean & Riall, J. M. Owens, S. E. Howard, I. H. Shaver, F. Allen, W. R. Wherry, Denson & Walton, 6:30; Cash Grocery, Keeland Bros., Kennedy Bros., T. S. Kent, T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co.

Announcement

DR. G. WARD SHELFER, Optometrist of Dallas, Texas, who comes to our drug store regularly and makes a specialty of fitting spectacles and eyeglasses, will be with us again for two days only, April 13 and 14. Many good people of Grapeland, Crockett, and this section, have been wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer for years with the best results. Remember please, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" peddling through the country deceiving the people, he does business in Grapeland through our drug store only. Remember the name, place and dates, and come to see us and have your eyes examined. Every pair of glasses guaranteed.

April 13 and 14 only this trip

D. N. LEAVERTON
Grapeland, Texas

.. Gentle Jabs ..

By Jno. R. Owens

The Russian throne is still unoccupied, and if offered to us, we will not hesitate to refuse.

If the food that is being wasted was saved, it would lower the high prices considerably.

We too often forget the things we should remember and remember things we should forget.

The true optimist generally finds a smooth path to travel, and does not hesitate to point it out to others.

And we wonder why this "arming" program is meeting with so much favor from the fair sex.

Many persons possess so much imagination that when it is directed in the wrong way, causes them to worry over things that never happen.

There are many pathetic songs sung about "mother", but when dad is honored by being mentioned in a song, it is in some vaudeville rhyme, describing the things mother does to him when he dines out with another woman.

The price of hogs is so high, that it is not uncommon to see a fellow pawn a pig for half its value in order to buy a karat diamond.

The Normal is coming, Grapeland is "humming;" So no one need fret, For its a very safe bet That this is "some town" And can't be kept down.

The man who laughs a great deal requires less medicine than the fellow who is forever frowning and snarling because he does not possess the world with a fence around it.

With the present high price of food stuff, it will be safe to bet that the old-fashioned picnic for a whole community like folks used to enjoy, will be dispensed with.

After feeding ticks for a number of years, the cattle raisers of this section have realized that it is a losing proposition, and many dipping vats are being constructed.

A customer dropped into the market the other day and asked the price of ham. "35c per lb." replied the butcher. "Let me have 2 lbs.," stated the customer, as he deposited four potatoes on the counter.

Local News Items From New Prospect Community

March 26th.—We are having some dry, windy weather; a good rain would be a great help to the farmers.

There is some sickness in this community. Dr. McCarty was called to see Mrs. J. L. Kennedy last night, who was very sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Newman's children, have the whooping cough.

Mrs. Emma Musick, who has been in Cherokee county during the sickness and death of her father, Mr. Smith, has returned home.

One more week of school and then the children will have to say good bye to their teachers. We hate to see Mr. Wilcox and Miss Milliken leave us, but are glad to say they have taught us a good school.

The Methodist quarterly conference was held here Saturday. Dinner was carried and plenty of it. Bro. Betts, the presiding elder, preached a good sermon, and Sunday services were well attended.

The hands are at work on the road. We are glad to see this work being carried on, and would be glad to see all the sand beds clayed.

We suppose Peter Bridges will be a good roads booster, as he now has a car, and was down last week fixing the road around his farm.

Miss Emmagene Musick of Oak Grove was visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Ann Parker, last week.

Mr. Tucker Herod and daughters, Miss Laura and Mrs. Eunice Caskey, and Miss Lillie Brown and Miss Ambulus Collins ate dinner with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Herod Sunday. A Reader.

COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE MEET

The County Executive Committee of the above named league met in the County Superintendent's office Saturday, March 10, for the purpose of setting time and place for the annual county contests and meet.

It was decided to hold the meeting at Crockett on the 14th. of April, and a request is made by the committee that each school get in line with this work. Secure the membership by sending in the fee to Mr. Shurter of the University extension department.

There will be several features of this meet that should interest every teacher and school in the county. The field contests should interest numbers of the students from all parts of the county. The races, the jumps, etc., ought to appeal to many of the boys. The declamations, both junior and senior, spelling match, debating etc. will be very interesting to all and will be well attended. This will be held in the court house Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The contests in the field will take place in the afternoon, beginning at 2 p. m.

Two thousand schools of this state are members of this league. Houston county, so far, has about ten who have joined. We can have as successful county meet as any county if we will get together. Our boys and girls are as willing to take part as any and are as capable of doing great things as those of any other section of the state.

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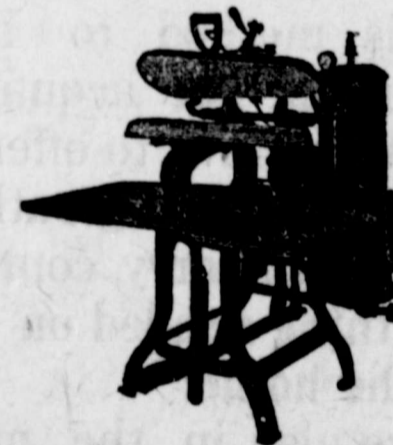
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committee for any information that you may want concerning the meet.

B. F. Thomas, Director of Athletics, Crockett; J. N. Snell, Secretary and Director of Spelling; G. E. Parker, Director-General, Crockett, Texas, Rte. 6; John Denny, Director of Debating,

Grapeland, Texas; Mr. McNeal, Director Declamation, Lovelady, Texas; Miss Jeanette Reed, Director of essay writing, Crockett, Texas.

John D. Morgan and Sheriff Spence of Crockett were here Saturday.

Buggies

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A. B. GUICE

Houston County's New Road Law Recently Enacted

H. B. No. 612.
AN ACT

To create a more efficient road, bridge and culvert system for Houston County; to create the office of road superintendent for said county and provide for his election; to prescribe the duties and define the powers of said superintendent; to subtract from the powers of the commissioners' court in the matter of managing and controlling the public roads, bridges and culverts of said county fixing the amount of the salary of the road superintendent and also the wages of his assistants; providing for the manner in which all claims against the road, bridge and culvert funds shall be prepared and allowed; forbidding the issuance of deficiency warrants against said funds by the commissioners' court of said county; providing the manner of constructing bridges of the first class; and providing an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. That the general road law of the State of Texas, including Articles 6953 to 4976 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and the special road laws of Houston County, consisting of Chapter 53 of the acts of 1903, Chapter 63 of the acts of 1909, the latter act approved March 16, 1909, and Chapter 3 of the acts of 1911, approved August 31, 1911, shall govern for said Houston County in all matters relating to the public roads, bridges and culverts in said county, except as otherwise provided in this act.

Sec. 2. At the first term of the Commissioners' court of said county after this act shall take effect, said court shall order an election to be held at the several voting precincts of said county for the purpose of electing a road superintendent for said county, the office of a "Public Road Superintendent" being hereby specially created for said county.

Sec. 3. At said election all qualified voters of said county shall be allowed to vote, and on the ballots for said election shall be written or printed the name or names of all candidates offering for said office, and said election shall be held in the manner now provided for the election of other county officers, the said county to bear the expenses of holding such election and making said returns, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes cast at said election to be declared elected to said office.

Sec. 4. Said road superintendent shall be the general superintendent of all the public roads, bridges and culverts in said county, and he shall have the right, in his discretion, to appoint assistants, not to exceed four in number, to aid him in the discharge of his duties, and may also employ such additional force and be vested with all the powers and privileges as are prescribed by article 6964 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911.

Sec. 5. Said road superintendent, when first elected, shall serve until the first general election after his election, and at each general election for county officers thereafter a road superintendent shall be elected and shall hold his office for a term of two years and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified.

Sec. 6. The commissioners' court of said county shall have no power to suspend the office of such road superintendent, but said court may for a good cause remove such officer, and also in case of vacancy in said office for any cause, may appoint a successor, who shall hold his office for the unexpired term, such officer in all cases to be qualified voter of said county and to meet the general qualifications hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 7. Such road superintendent shall be a man of good moral character and shall have at least a practical knowledge of road building and of the construction of bridges and culverts, and shall devote his entire time to the duties of his office.

Sec. 8. Such road superintendent shall receive a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, to be paid on the order of the county judge of said county, and the assist-

ant or assistants of said superintendent shall be paid the sum of two dollars per day for each day's actual service of ten hours, the same to be paid upon the order of the county judge, but not without the written approval of the road superintendent first being obtained, such assistants to be subject to removal and their salaries subject to suspension by the road superintendent when he may deem the same proper or necessary, and all of said amounts to be paid out of the road and bridge fund of said county.

Sec. 9. The road superintendent of said county may, when deemed best, construct, grade, gravel or otherwise improve any road or roads, bridge, bridges, culvert or culverts in said county by contract, and in such case said superintendent shall advertise for bids in some newspaper in said county for three consecutive weeks, the same being a weekly newspaper, to do such work, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall enter into bond with good and sufficient sureties in an amount equal to the contract price for the same for the faithful compliance with such contract, but said superintendent shall have the right to reject any and all bids; provided that said superintendent may have any of such work done by road hands as in his discretion may be deemed best.

Sec. 10. In no case shall a county commissioner of said county serve or act as road supervisor or road commissioner of the roads, bridges and culverts, or of either of them and in no event shall any commissioner receive any compensation whatever for any kind of road service or for any work done on or material furnished for the benefit of any bridge or culvert in said county.

Sec. 11. All the duties imposed by existing laws, either general or special, upon what have been called "Road Supervisors" and "Road Commissioners," or any one else, shall devolve upon and be performed by the road superintendent and his assistants herein specially provided for, and this shall be done without compensation other than the salary and wages provided for them in this act, they to furnish their own conveyance and pay all their other incidental expenses in doing their work.

Sec. 12. It shall not be any part of the duty or duties of any county commissioner to "review" any of the public roads or bridges or culverts in said county, nor shall any compensation whatever be allowed any such commissioner for any such service if the same should be performed, but any and all such service shall be performed by the road superintendent and his assistants, and he shall make report thereof to the commissioners' court as required by article 6962, Chapter 6, Title 119 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of this State.

Sec. 13. Except as in herein otherwise provided, all the duties imposed upon road superintendents under the provisions of said Chapter 6, Title 119, of said Revised Statutes, are hereby imposed upon the road superintendent provided for in this act, as well as all the powers, privileges and responsibilities set out in said Chapter.

Sec. 14. It is the purpose and intent of this act to place all public roads, bridges and culverts in said county under the superintendency and control of the road superintendent provided for hereby, including what are known as "Special or Bonded Road Districts," such as are authorized under chapter 7 of the general laws of 1909, approved April 8, 1909, and the special road law for said Houston County, Chapter 46, Act of 1915, and which became a law on March 15, 1915, but it is hereby specially provided that he shall co-operate with the "Advisory Board" authorized and created by the provisions of said act, which became a law on March 15, 1915, as aforesaid, or any other similar board, and said road superintendent shall act in conjunction with such board, but in case of conflict between them in the performance of their duties, the wishes of the road superintendent shall control.

Sec. 15. This act shall be taken notice of by all of this State in the same manner as though it were a general law.

Sec. 16. This act shall be cumulative of all other general laws and all special laws of said Houston County on the subject of roads, bridges and culverts not in conflict herewith; and where not otherwise provided herein said general and special laws shall apply, but in case of conflict with any

such general or special laws, the provisions of this act shall govern and control.

Sec. 17. All claims or accounts of any kind against the road fund, or the road and bridge fund, or the fund out of which culverts are sustained, and all claims or accounts alleged to be due for any sort of work or service or otherwise asserted against either or all such funds, shall be paid for by the commissioners' court of said county out of said fund or funds when the same are legal and just and where they have accrued properly and by regular authority and by any person or persons or court or courts authorized to incur them, but in no case shall the same be paid unless they are fully itemized so as to show clearly and fully what they are for and by whose authority they have been incurred, and not then unless each and all of them are duly sworn to by the claimant or claimants before some officer authorized to administer oaths, and without such itemization and affidavit neither the commissioners' court nor any other court or courts, nor any person or persons shall have the power to authorize the payment of any claims, and any officer or officers who shall authorize the payment of any such claims in violation of this Section shall be subject to removal from office by the district judge of the judicial district in which said county is situated, on proof that the same has been knowingly or willfully done, and any person who shall make a false affidavit to any such claim or claims, knowing the same to be false, shall be subject to prosecution for perjury or false-swearing as the case may be, in any court of this State having jurisdiction thereof, and the terms of this act shall apply to any person, or persons, or corporation or corporations who may be now working under contract of any kind on the public roads, bridges or culverts of said county, or who may hereafter enter into any such contract or contracts by the terms of which any moneys are to be paid out of such fund or funds, or out of any funds derived from the sale of bonds, or the issuance of warrants of any kind whether they be "deficiency" warrants or any other kind of warrants or evidence of debt or claim against said county or against such fund or funds.

Sec. 18. The commissioners' court of said county is hereby specially deprived of any power or authority to create any debt or debts of any kind exceeding the sum of one thousand dollars against any such fund or funds that are to be used for the benefit of the public roads or bridges or culverts in said county, or to issue any bonds therefor, without first submitting the same to a vote of the qualified voters of said county or any subdivision thereof, and having been authorized by the majority of such votes cast in any such election.

Sec. 19. The commissioners' court of said county is hereby specially prohibited from issuing any "deficiency" or other warrants and from creating any other debt of any kind against any such fund or funds of said county, except for the salary and wages of the road superintendent and his assistants, and any such warrants or any such debt so created in violation of this Section shall be null and void and shall create no liability or obligation to be paid out of any such fund or funds and shall be non-collectible in any of the courts of this State, except such debt or debts as may be met out of funds on hand or which may be collected within one year after the creation of such debt, or debts.

Sec. 20. All the road overseers and road hands of said county shall be and are hereby placed under the direction and control of said road superintendent.

Sec. 21. All bridges on public roads in said county shall be classified into first, second and third class bridges, according to the dimensions of the same and the exigencies of travel, such classification to be made by the road superintendent as in his judgment may be best.

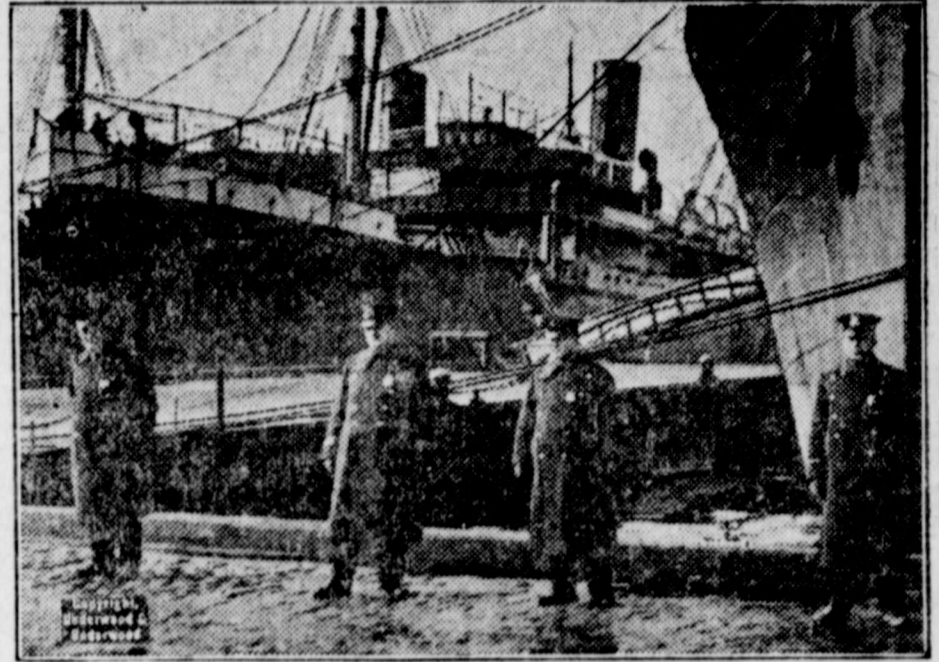
Sec. 22. All first class bridges shall be constructed according to plans and specifications to be prepared by the road superintendent, and bids shall be invited by the road superintendent for the work of constructing, installing and completing such bridge or bridges according to such plans and specifications as may be prepared and submitted by the county road superintendent, all of such bids to be sealed and to be called for in manner as the road superintendent may deem best, and he shall have the right to reject any or all bids thus made.

Sec. 23. In the construction of bridges of the first class on the main thoroughfares of the county, such as lead to the county seat and important points of traffic and travel, concrete shall be gradually introduced and used in such construction, so far as is practicable, especially in the abutments and piers, and on any of the main and principal thoroughfares, where any bridge of the first class is to span any running stream, only concrete shall be used in the construction of the piers and abutments of such bridge or bridges, and the stringers and flooring of such bridge or bridges shall be of such material only as are lasting and durable, such as seasoned heart white oak or post oak, seasoned heart pine, steel or concrete.

Sec. 24. All second and third class bridges and culverts may be built by the road superintendent with the road hands or other help as he may think best and most economical.

Sec. 25. The fact that there is now no adequate and sufficient road law for Houston county and that a eco-

POLICE GUARD INTERNED GERMAN SHIPS



Cordon of police guarding the German ocean-going liners Prince Eitel Friedrich and Koenig Wilhelm II at New York. The police are proving a big aid to the neutrality squad in guarding the interned liners.

conomic system of working the public roads of said county and constructing the bridges and culverts therein is imperative, and the further fact of the legislative creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this act take effect from its passage, and it is so enacted hereby.

I hereby certify that H. B. No. 612 was passed by the House on February 21, 1917, by the following vote: Yeas 103, Nays 0.

BOB BAKER,
Chief Clerk of the House.

I hereby certify that H. B. No. 612 was passed by the Senate on February 27, 1917, by the following vote: Yeas 22, Nays 0.

JOHN D. McCALL,
Secretary of the Senate.

Received in the executive office this 6th day of March, A. D. 1917, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.

JNO. L. WROE,
Secretary to the Governor.

Approved March 8, 1917.

JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor.

Received in department of State, this 8th day of March, A. D. 1917, at 4 o'clock, and 25 minutes p. m.

C. J. BARTLETT,
Secretary State.

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Withdrawn From Belgian Relief Work

Washington.—Because of "the German government's disregard of its written undertakings" for the protection of Americans and American relief work in Belgium, the state department announced Sunday that American Minister Brand Whitlock had been withdrawn from Brussels and the staff of the American commission for relief in Belgium advised that they should not longer remain in German-occupied territory.

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INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE WORK

Every teacher in Houston county should, by all means, have contestants to enter the University Interscholastic League at the county meeting in Crockett April 14.

The value of this work cannot be overestimated. This League is an organization for the promotion of desirable school activities. It means the betterment of the schools of our county and state. It has an intrinsic value as a means of preparation for citizenship and for stimulating a wholesome school spirit on the part of pupils, parents and even teachers.

If you have not yet sent in your membership fee, please do so at once. Send it to me or to E. D. Shurter, Austin, Texas, as this will entitle your school to be represented in all athletic events as well as in Debate and Declamation.

All members of the Executive Committee of this work are striving to make this the best county meet ever held in Houston county. We want your aid and co-operation to make this a successful county meet.

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Glea E. Parker,
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THURSDAY, MAR. 29, 1917

The Messenger prints in full this week the new road law for Houston county, which was enacted recently by the legislature, passed at the instance of the "Tax Payers' Protective Association". It is the duty of every citizen to read and study this law. It has caused a great deal of discussion among those who have familiarized themselves with it, both for and against. But it is now the law and there is nothing left to do except to give it a trial and if it proves defective have it amended at the next session of the legislature.

Grapeland is a good trading point and a live town because it is an advertising town. Had you ever thought about it that way? Ever since the Messenger

was established twenty years ago, the business men have constantly and continually advertised until a trade territory has been established that might be envied by towns of much larger population and more business institutions. One thing that makes a good trading point is where the farmer can bring his produce and dispose of it at a fair price, and in this line Grapeland excels, for you can dispose of almost anything you have to sell. Also sellers are assured of the best price, for Grapeland is a competitive market, practically every merchant in town being in the market. Come to Grapeland to do your buying and selling, and you will go home satisfied.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a notice from the business men of Grapeland to the effect that on and after April 1st, the business houses will close at 6 o'clock every day except Saturday. This custom is observed in practically every town and was established in Grapeland

several years ago. Customers of the various merchants should keep in mind the closing hour and arrange to do their trading before 6 p. m. By closing at this hour it gives the various sales people a chance for recreation after a hard day's work and better fits them to discharge the many duties they are called upon to perform.

The autocrats, plutocrats and bureaucrats have given away in Russia and now the democrats will try their hand, and as Geo. Bailey would say, there will be a grand rush for the postoffices.

NOTICE

On and after April 1st, I will be in my office Thursday, Friday and Saturday until further notice. I thank you.

Dr. C. L. Cromwell.

The Ephesus School closed last Friday, after a very successful term, conducted by Mr. H. F. Parker, Principal, and Miss Ruby Oliver, Assistant. The people of the community were

Do You See Perfectly?

Do you have Headache, Neuralgia, Nervous, Dizzy Spells, Insomnia? My special ground glasses often cure these and many other troubles.

Be not deceived by peddlers claiming to be connected with me as I have no "partners" or agents, and I do business through responsible druggists only. All glasses ground in Dallas and quickly duplicated in case you lose or break them, as we keep a record of all prescriptions.

Do not put off having your eyes fitted or wear your old glasses too long.

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April 13 and 14 Only this Trip

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well pleased with the work of these teachers and they appreciate the interest taken by them in the social events of the community.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bit-

ters at bedtime. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

The business world is looking for boys who work well when the boss is not looking.

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 cash 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.
Robert Coane Jr. & Co., 513 Beattie Building
 HOUSTON, TEXAS

LOCAL NEWS

Darsey sells paint.
 See Howard for groceries.
 Bob Scarbrough visited relatives in Palestine Sunday.
 Break your cold or lagrippe with a few doses of 666.
 Darsey sells VOTAN coffee. VOTAN coffee is GOOD coffee.
 A good line of tennis shoes at Howard's.
 Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.
 For overalls, work shirts and pants, call at Howard's.
 Rub-my-tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc.
 See our Misses' and ladies' hats. S. E. Howard.
 Miss Ruby Harrington of Waneta, was a pleasant caller at the Messenger office Monday.
 Charlie Jones, traveling for a Houston firm, is at home for a week's vacation.
 W. T. Pridgen returned home last Friday from Houston, driving a new 5-passenger Chevrolet car.
 Miss Mary McLean of Crockett visited Misses Eula Mae and Lucretia Riall several days this week.

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.

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the Grapeland Independent School District the first Saturday in April, the same being the 7th day of said month, 1917, for the purpose of electing three trustees to succeed Geo. E. Darsey, W. R. Wherry and W. P. Traylor, whose terms of office expire.
 E. W. Davis and Henry Richards are hereby appointed managers of said election.
 W. D. Granberry, Pres.
 Attest: School Board.
 W. P. Traylor, Sec'y.

A NEW FIRM

The Messenger welcomes the new mercantile firm of W. H. Long & Co., who have moved their stock of merchandise from Augusta here, and are occupying the large brick building recently vacated by Traylor Bros. They will carry a large and complete stock of general merchandise and undertaking goods. The firm is composed of Messrs. Wm. H. Long, Lawrence and Jim Wilson.

You owe the "madam" an oil stove this summer. Get it at Darsey's.

CLOSING NOTICE

Beginning Monday, April 2, we will close at 4 o'clock p. m. every day except Saturday. Our customers will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
 F. & M. Bank,
 Guaranty State Bank.

McLean & Riall can save you money on iron beds and springs.

HOGS WANTED

Saturday, April 7, I will ship the remainder of my hogs for this season. On that date I will buy all fat hogs offered weighing 150 pounds up, at the highest market price. If you have any to sell see me, and remember the shipping date—Saturday, April 7.
 George Calhoun.

Get These

Galveston Semi-Weekly News one year \$1.00; six months 60c. Farm & Ranch 2 years \$1.00; 5 years \$2.50 Hollands Magazine 2 years \$1.00; 5 years \$2.00.
 Lee Darsey, Agent.

See the white boots and oxfords at McLean & Riall's.

A. B. Spence and family, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mrs. Bob Scarborough and daughter, and J. E. Spence and daughter composed an automobile party Sunday to Riverside to see the big bridge, which is in course of construction.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Annual memorial services will be held at the Evergreen cemetery Friday, May 4. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend. An appropriate program will be arranged for the day.
 Floyd Ferguson,
 For the Committee.

The Messenger is pleased to learn of the appointment of Dudley Eaves as a teacher in Baylor University for the coming term. This is quite an accomplishment for a man of Mr. Eaves' age, and shows that he has worked hard to prepare himself for the things "higher up."

Eighty tickets were sold Saturday night for Houston to parties from Grapeland and surrounding communities, who went down to see Uncle Sam's torpedo boats in the ship channel.

Olney McLean of Augusta has purchased a Ford car, and will try it out on his mail route from Augusta to Weches.



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Extra Good Values!

We have a complete line of ladies' and men's low quarter shoes for Spring, ranging in price from **\$2.50 to \$5**

Big line of Men's Dress Shirts, including Silk Shirts, priced from **50c to \$3.00**

Men's Spring Hats from **1.50 to 5.00**
 Panama Hats for **3.00**

Men's Fancy Spring Ties from **25 to 75c**
 Men's Wash Ties, extra value, **25c**

Men's Work Pants from **1.00 up**
 Plenty of Work Shirts and Overalls

Big line of Men's Summer Underwear just received, which we can sell at **OLD PRICES**

T. S. KENT

"THE QUALITY MAN."

The Ladies of Grapeland and Vicinity

Are cordially invited to visit **HAIL and WAKEFIELD'S MILLINERY PARLOR**, next door to picture show, when in Crockett, and make this place their headquarters.

We have many Trades Day Specials to Offer

A dipping vat has recently been completed on Geo. Chaffin's farm, which will be used by the farmers of that community in destroying the ticks.

Tom Dailey and family and Tom Kent and family of Daly's were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Kent Saturday and Sunday.

BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"THE HIGH cost of living is terrible expensive nowadays," Louis Birsky the real estate remarked, as he seated himself opposite Barnett Zapp in Wasserbaure's Restaurant. This observation had been provoked by a notice in the bill of fare that on and after a certain date the 40 cent regular dinner would be increased to 50 cents, and Zapp looked up from a plate of lokshen soup to endorse Birsky's sentiment with a nod so emphatic that drops of the greasy fluid were scattered all around.

"I bet yer," Zapp said, cleansing his mustache with his lower lip. "Only this morning I see it costs Marcus Fast two thousand dollars for an automobile already."

"You don't tell me!" Louis exclaimed.

"And Harris Shapolnik must also got to pay for some diamonds fifteen hundred dollars," Zapp continued, while Birsky wagged his head from side to side and made incoherent noises through his nose indicative of shocked surprise.

"I always thought them two fellers was pretty saving with their money," he commented.

"A couple of tighter propositions don't exist at all," Zapp agreed.

"Then what do they go to work and buy all them things for?" Birsky asked.

"Who says they bought 'em?" Zapp asked. "All I says is that Marcus Fast pays two thousand dollars for an automobile and Harris Shapolnik pays fifteen hundred dollars for some diamonds, understand me, but it was Jacob J. Rebfield who bought the automobile and Sam Pitz bought the diamonds. Also I could prove it to you, black on white."

Here he produced a clipping which read as follows:

BUSINESS TROUBLES

Rebfield & Pitz—Schedules in the bankruptcy of Rebfield & Pitz, cloak and suit manufacturers, were filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District Court yesterday. The principal creditors are as follows:
 Franco-American Woollen Co. \$21,422.55
 Korolisko Bank (secured)..... 10,942.39
 M. Fast & Co..... 2,989.45
 H. Shapolnik & Son..... 1,522.00

"What did them Franco-American people pay for?" Birsky asked. "A steam yacht?"

"I couldn't tell you exactly," Zapp replied, "but you could reckon twenty-five hundred dollars that Mrs. Rebfield must got to go to Palm Beach a year ago, understand me, and another couple thousand that Bertha Pitz is the Belle of the Boardwalk in Arverne last summer, Birsky, and that's the way it goes."

"Them two boys certainly lived beyond their means," Zapp said.

"And it ain't their fault that they didn't live beyond Marcus Fast's means and Harris Shapolnik's means also, because when a business man starts in to live beyond his means, Birsky, he's got a downtown conscience and an uptown conscience. That's why when Rebfield buys his automobile on Broadway and Fifty-seventh Street for net cash, he didn't worry himself how much he owes to a couple of Canal Street woollen houses like Marcus Fast and Harris Shapolnik."

"Ain't it funny how most of them extravagant fellers is got such an elegant reputation for good pay?" Birsky said.

"On the West Side above Forty-second Street," Zapp amended. "And that's what I'm telling you, Birsky, Marcus Fast pays for Rebfield's automobile, just so sure as if he would of made out a check to the order of the feller that sold it, Birsky, and all them diamonds Bertha Pitz wears should ought to be hanging on Mrs. Shapolnik right now. In fact, Mrs. Shapolnik don't know it, Birsky, but Sam Pitz stole them diamonds from her."

Birsky shrugged his shoulders deprecatingly.

"You ought to be careful what you are saying, Zapp," he advised. "From a big mouth many a feller comes to pay fifty dollars for a smart lawyer to get a libel case thrown out of court already."

"A rabbi would tell you the same what I do, Birsky. The difference between a sneak thief and a feller which lives beyond his means is that the sneak thief robs only from perfect strangers."

"What do you mean—robbing?" Birsky protested. "According to you, if a feller buys a couple thousand dollars

goods which he needs it in his business, understand me, on credit sixty days, y'understand, and then he couldn't pay for 'em, understand me, he is robbing already. An idee!"

"I didn't say no such thing," Zapp declared. "All I says is if a feller buys a couple thousand dollars goods which he needs in his business on sixty days' credit, and he couldn't pay for 'em on account he is buying for net cash an automobile which he didn't need and couldn't afford, understand me, then he is robbing, Birsky, and that's all there is to it."

"How do you know Rebfield gives cash for the automobile, Zapp?"

"A question!" Zapp exclaimed. "Automobiles is always sold for cash, Birsky, in especially to fellers which couldn't afford an automobile, understand me, because if such a feller would buy one on ten days' credit only,

and in between times his rent or life insurance falls due, understand me, it would take so much enjoyment out of riding in the automobile, that right away he finds out the linings ain't up to sample or the buttons ain't sewed on correct or something. The automobile dealers figured it right, Birsky. I wish the waist business was on a C. O. D. basis, too. Because a concern which sells goods for cash, Birsky, never gets no cancellations from nobody."

"Never mind, Zapp. You would see that pretty soon the automobilellers would sell on credit, too. People ain't going to be so crazy to buy automobiles, now that gasolene is shoved up so high," Birsky said.

"Well, that don't change my plans any," Zapp replied, "because the way the waist business is after Christmas, Birsky, if I owned the Hudson River and automobiles was run with water, I couldn't afford a pushcart even."

"Even so, Zapp, there's lots of fellers in the delicatessen business which is obliged to run automobile deliveries, and for every penny they've got to

couldn't sell cigarettes to minors under the age of sixteen, there ought to be a law prohibiting delicatessen dealers from selling their nachshovos to adults over the age of twenty-five. In fact, Birsky, if Kansas and Maine would go prohibition on delicatessen instead of schnapps, Birsky, not only would it be better for business, y'understand, but there would be less crimes also, on account there more fellers feels like committing murder the day after one delicatessen supper than ten minutes after a hundred highballs, and don't you forget it. And that's only one reason why Rockefeller ain't doing no harm by putting up the price of gasolene, because when I am getting heart trouble from crossing Fifth Avenue at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, I wish automobiles was run, not with gasolene, but with benedictine oder bay rum at a dollar thirty-five a quart."

"That's where you're making a big mistake, Zapp," Birsky said. "Nowadays for an up-to-date feller, in a way, an automobile is, so-to-speak, practically a necessity."

"A four thousand dollar automobile is a necessity!" Zapp cried.

"A four thousand dollar car I ain't speakin' about at all," Birsky continued. "Because for a thousand dollars only, Zapp, you could get a car mit thirty-five horsepower already, five passenger body, electric self-starter and lighter and everything up to date. Such a car is a gen'wine bargain at one thousand dollars."

"If you could afford the thousand dollars, Birsky," Zapp said, "which the way the realstate business is dead nowadays, Birsky, you've got about as much chance as I've got to buy a thousand dollar automobile."

Birsky hid the lower one-third of his blushes in a cup of coffee.

"The fact is," he said at last, "I've got maturing on me this week for fifteen hundred dollars an endowment



"There is More Fellers Feels Like Committing Murder the Day After One Delicatessen Supper."

pay more on gasolene, they stick two cents a pound on pastrami oder Frankfurters."

"That again is something for a manufacturer of sodamint oder pepsin tablets to worry about, not me, Birsky. Anyhow, Birsky, if cigar stores

polley, Zapp, and if you would come up to my house next Sunday morning we'll take a little run out to Ozone Grove, and I'll show you them lots I was talking to you about."

"You mean them lots they threatened last month to foreclose on you, Birsky?" Zapp asked.

Birsky's face grew a shade more crimson.

"I paid 'em two hundred dollars a bonus, and they gave me a three-year extension," he explained huskily and gulped down the remainder of his coffee.

"How much was that mortgage?" Zapp inquired.

"Just fifteen hundred dollars," Birsky admitted.

"And do you think you would got the money when the three years is up?" Zapp insisted.

"I don't know," Birsky retorted, "and I don't care, Zapp. Because we only live once, Zapp, and we are soon dead."

"Sooner, even," Zapp concluded, "if you ride fast enough in automobiles."

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"He Didn't Worry Himself How Much He Owea."

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"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.

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TRIBUTE TO MR. BEAZLEY

Watertown, Wis., Mar. 18.

Editor Messenger:

Jas. Creity was a preacher who lived in Chicago. He attained quite a little prominence among the church people, preachers, etc. He died a year or so ago and the friends from various parts of the country were sending letters and telegrams of sympathy and condolence to the bereaved family. The letter from Billy Sunday read this way: "The other night I thought I heard the angels singing. Now I am sure it was them as they sang the song that welcomed the soul of my friend, Jas. Creity into the Kingdom of Heaven."

When I got last week's Messenger and read of the death and burial of that grand old man, Mr. James H. Beazley, I said to myself: "If it were possible for people to hear the angels sing, I am sure they could have been heard singing as the soul of Mr. Beazley winged its way into the city of gold, not made with hands."

I remember when a boy, I would see him in Grapeland. He was always an attraction, people were glad to see him and hear him talk, but now he is no more; the good influence of his being still remains and will for many years.

Some eminent man once said: "Teach me that 60 minutes make an hour, 16 oz. make a pound, 100 cents make a dollar; let me live through the day so when night comes I can lie down without putting a gun under my head and that I may not be startled in my sleep by visions of those whom I have cheated or wronged through the day and when I sit at supper I can look across the table at my wife and have nothing to conceal, and when comes the smell of flowers and the tread of soft steps and the crushing of the hearse's wheels out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple: "Here lies a Man." Such was the life lived by that good man, James Beazley.
 H. A. Tyer.

FARMING THAT IS PROSPEROUS

We have but to compare the financial condition of farmers today with their condition a few years ago to realize the progress made in farming during recent years. Many who are independent and prosperous with some

time and means for cultural wants were struggling against adversity a few years ago. There would be many reasons given for greater progress were individual farmers asked why they are more prosperous now than a few years ago. But as important as the seasons, the markets and the fertility of the soil are, it took ideas to get the benefits of these factors in farming.

There have been some with ideas who have not prospered. Not all with ideas of farming have been successful in growing crops and raising animals. But where is the prosperous farmer who has not made use of progressive ideas?

The men that have been faithful in their own affairs on the farm have been the greatest factors for advanced methods, but ideas were the beginning and ideas accomplished the results. The men and women on farms who think logically and systematically about their work, their examples and their influences as parents and citizens are the people who have made it possible for progress and for prosperity, not alone on farms, but in business and society.

Society is looking for people with ideas and with ideals. The young men and young women of today should cultivate the habit of thinking. Every thought or suggestion from others should stimulate thought and from this ideas should be evolved and ideals built up. These make men and women, purify and exalt society and stimulate patriotism for service to the state and nation.—Farm & Ranch.

MOSQUITOES

The mosquito is a small, pernicious insect of the winged variety which goes around punching holes in summer boarders and singing about it. It is more subtle and insinuating and somewhat less abrupt than a bumble bee, but no less effective. Having been punctured on various spots and occasions by both, we are in a position to speak authoritatively. Last summer we met a large pot-bellied mosquito which serenaded our left leg fifteen times with the same song without changing his needle once. Experience teaches us that a mosquito can survive anything but oil of citronella or a hearty slap on the back.—Orange Leader.

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Newsy Items Recorded By Our Reynard Reporter

March 26.—We are still needing that rain. Farmers have their work well in hand.

Sumnar Rials is the first to put cotton in the ground, having planted 10 acres last week. Says he does not think all will come up until it rains. There will be more cotton planted this week.

We ate our first garden truck yesterday. We were as hungry for the greens as an old cow for the grass.

As a close observer will say that we do not remember seeing just such weather for March, so extreme cold and extreme warm. Think we will have plums and peaches but not a full crop.

The grand jury will convene today and there is work for it from our community which is not a good recommendation, but such is the case and will be as long as Satan reigns in the heart of human beings.

Our preaching service and Sunday School was reasonably well attended and the faithful few were nearly all present. Next Sunday is the day set for the election of officers for the year. Let's have as good representation as possible and have a voice.

Tom Kent and family spent Saturday night and Sunday in Grapeland.

Fishing time is at hand and fishing parties are in evidence. W. L. Morrison landed a yellow cat the other day that his 50 lb. scales would not weigh.

The flood gates at the Lock have been let down and we have a normal river. They sure held a volume of water and there is no question that when all the locks are put in, boats can go right on into Dallas any time of the year.

Our egg machines are still at work. T. S. Kent is still running his incubator and has over 200 chicks on the yard.

Zack.

Mrs. W. D. McCarty is in Waco this week, representing the Grapeland lodge at the state convention of the Woodmen Circle.

JUDD LEWIS IS COMING

The Mothers' Club announces that they have secured Judd Mortimer Lewis to come to Grapeland and give a reading at the school auditorium on April 16th. Judd Lewis is known to our people as the poet-humorist of the Houston Post, and he is known all over the south as the poet laureate of babyhood. He is loved by the children because he loves children, and on this trip to Grapeland he will have some fairy tales to relate to the children that will delight them. He is liked by the grown-ups for his ability to bring out the humor and poetry that underlies everyday life.

Geo. S. Bruce, agricultural agent of the I. & G. N. Ry., and T. S. Minter, with the state department of agriculture, were visitors to Grapeland Tuesday, and conferred with the business men regarding establishing a sweet potato curing plant. At 2 o'clock, Mr. Minter addressed the school children at the auditorium. In regard to the potato warehouse, will say they have proven successful everywhere they have been tried and the potatoes never bring less than \$1.00 per bushel, frequently bringing more. We hope one will be built here and the potato industry developed.

Whatever may be the outcome of the present situation between the United States and Germany there can be no misinterpretation of the determination of America to strike shrewdly and quickly if it comes to blows. There is a disposition in certain German quarters to belittle the naval strength of America, but this is a little too obviously an attempt to soothe German nerves which are a good deal "rattled" at the moment. The patrol of the Atlantic would be in capable hands if America undertook it as a preliminary on entrance into the war. This, in addition to finance, munitions and supplies of other kinds, would give America's entry considerable weight.—London Globe.

M. E. Bean and Herod Parker are in Waco this week attending the state convention of the Woodmen of the World.

REGULAR SESSION OF LEGISLATURE CLOSES

WILL CONVENE IN SPECIAL SESSION IN THE LATTER PART OF APRIL.

"BONE DRY" BILL SIGNED

All Kinds of Resolutions Were Introduced and Adopted in Senate and House on Closing Day, While Peace Reigned Supreme.

Austin, Tex.—After seventy-two days of strenuous work the regular session of the thirty-fifth legislature passed into history late Wednesday afternoon. It will be back about April 26 in special session to consider the general appropriation bills and such other matters as may be submitted by the governor.

There was nothing out of the ordinary in the adjournment, except that the clock was not turned back as far and as often as heretofore. There were no noisy scenes enacted, as in previous legislatures. Everything was calm and peaceful.

At 6:45 o'clock Wednesday night Speaker Fuller declared the house adjourned sine die, the hands of the house clock having been turned back forty-five minutes, in order to permit the enrollment and signing by the speaker of all the bills that have been finally passed. This is the first session in many years that did not close with the clock turned back several hours or more.

When Speaker Fuller signed the Yantis "bone dry" bill at 6:20 real time, the hands of the house clock pointed to 5:45.

The senate marked time most of Wednesday, awaiting the time set for sine die adjournment, due to its refusal early in the morning to set aside the senate rule which forbids the passage of any bill within twenty-four hours of final adjournment. Most of the afternoon was spent in courtesy resolutions and in nominating speeches by anti-prohibitionist members, which resulted in the election, without opposition, of Senator Ed Westbrook of Hunt county, a prohibitionist, president pro tempore.

With the hands of the senate clock pointing to 6 o'clock, though in reality it was 7 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Hobby declared the thirty-fifth senate adjourned sine die.

Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

The regular session of the thirty-fifth legislature was adjourned Wednesday sine die about 6:45 p. m.

Nearly 1,400 bills were introduced in both houses, while about 400 of that number became laws.

Several bills were passed before the final adjournment, but efforts failed to rush through the bill amending the Sunday law.

Senator Ed Westbrook of Wolfe City, Hunt county, a pro, was elected president pro tem. Senator McNeal registered the only protest.

Resolution offered by Senator Harney commending the conduct of the National Guard while on the border was passed. The senate of Texas extended thanks to the National Guardsmen of the several states who spent months on the border.

Wednesday's House Proceedings.

All kinds of resolutions were introduced and adopted in the house and senate, one commending the newspaper men for the fair way they had handled the legislative news.

The speaker of the house, Mr. Fuller of San Jacinto county, was presented with gifts by members of the house, house officers, the pages and the porters. He feelingly responded and thanked all for the co-operation extended to him.

Governor Signs Some Measures.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Ferguson signed the following bills Saturday:

Senate bill permitting the formation of corporations to build dry docks and marine railways.

House bill authorizing county commissioners courts to create irrigation districts for the purpose of irrigation.

House bill diminishing the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Falls county.

House bill creating the eighty-first and reorganizing the thirty-sixth and forty-ninth judicial districts.

Error Found in School Bill.

Austin, Tex.—An error on the part of the legislature just adjourned has come to light, but it can easily be corrected by the special session scheduled for next month. Through carelessness on the part of someone, the bill which appropriates \$2,000,000 for the rural schools of the state, as enrolled, carries the words "one thousand dollars" as the appropriation for the first year, instead of \$1,000,000, as the measure was intended to read. The caption of the bill is correct, however, so far as reference to the appropriation is concerned.

PLACING THE NATION ON A WAR FOOTING

NAVY IS TO BE RECRUITED UP TO 87,000 MEN, AND RADICAL CHANGE MADE IN ARMY.

PROTECTION FOR INDUSTRIES

Two New Departments in Atlantic Coast, With Major General Bell Succeeding Major General Wood in East, Who Goes to Southeast.

Washington.—President Wilson took steps this week to place the nation on a war footing.

By executive order he directed that the navy be recruited without delay to the full authorized war strength of 87,000 enlisted men. Taken in connection with emergency naval construction already ordered, this means that the president has exercised the full limit of his legal powers as commander in chief to prepare the navy for war.

For the army, the president directed that two new military departments be created in the Atlantic coast region. The order means that the task of organizing whatever army congress may authorize will be divided among six departmental commanders, instead of four, in the interests of speed and efficiency in mobilization.

The third step was to assume as a national duty the task of protecting American industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. For this purpose eleven full infantry regiments, two separate battalions and one separate company of the national guard were called back into the federal service to act as national police in important districts. Supplementing these troops, a regiment of the Pennsylvania guard and two companies of Georgia infantry, en route home from the border for muster out, were ordered retained in the federal service.

The president's orders were made known in terse official statements issued by both departments Sunday. No explanation accompanied them, except the statement that reorganization of the military department, effective May 1, was designed to facilitate decentralization of command.

Following is the executive order bringing the navy up to war strength:

"By virtue of the authority vested in the president by the act of congress approved August 29, 1916, entitled 'an act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for the other purposes,' it is hereby directed that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to 87,000 men.

"Woodrow Wilson."

The navy must enroll immediately approximately 20,000 men to reach the required strength Secretary Daniels supplemented it with personal telegrams to newspaper editors all over the country, asking them to aid the department in every way in their power to obtain the men.

Major General Leonard Wood is transferred from command of the department of the East to the new Southeastern department; Major General J. Franklin Bell from the Western department to the Eastern department; Major General Hunter Liggett from the Philippines to the Western department, and Brigadier General Clarence R. Edwards from the canal zone to the Northeastern department. Major General Thomas H. Barry of the Central department, and Major General Pershing of the Southern department remain in their commands.

French Pushing Forward.

Paris.—The French forces and the Germans again have engaged in heavy fighting on several sectors of the front between the Somme and the Aisne rivers, and again the French have made advances toward the strongly defended town of St. Quentin. According to the French war office, the French troops have pushed forward over a front of about two and a half miles, south and southwest of St. Quentin, the new positions taking in the town of Castres, three miles south, and Essigny-le-Grand, four miles south of St. Quentin. Gains also were made south of the Oise and north of Soissons.

Germans Menace Petrograd.

London.—Alluding to the military situation in Russia and the effect of the revolution on the men at the front, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says: "War Minister Guchkoff's statement that the foe is at the gate is no mere figure of speech. The slightest relaxation of vigilance and the enemy would be at Petrograd."

Raider Has American Prisoners.

Newport News, Va.—Fifty-four American muleteers were aboard the British steamer Esmeraldas, reported in Berlin dispatches Sunday as having been sunk by the German raider Moewe, according to shipping agents at Newport News. The agents believed the men were among the 593 prisoners taken to Germany by the raider.

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Scarcity and high prices of potatoes have stimulated planting of early potatoes in the South. Increased acreage is reported from practically all sections except eastern Texas, the department of agriculture announced today. This year's plantings in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Texas, show 188,000 acres have been planted compared with 161,000 acres last year.—Farm & Ranch.



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ing as much as before but removed from the ranks of those who were engaged in helping to raise what the world was consuming for its daily existence. The surplus of former years has all been consumed and all the nations of Europe are on short rations.

Now, this country has been forced to take such a part in this conflict as will require the services of many of our people who have been producers of food.

A larger army and navy, pos-

sibly numbering millions before the differences are settled, will have to be fed, making the demand for farm products in proportion to the number of those engaged in producing it, much greater than heretofore.

In other words, the United States is now right up against the absolute necessity of making every acre of land produce the maximum amount of food this year. And this is the farmers' opportunity, one that cannot be wisely ignored from a monetary standpoint and which

should appeal to his patriotism. The government is now busily engaged in mobilizing its resources to meet the demands of war, and the farmer's part of this great organization is the most important of all.

H. A. Fisher.

F. L. Hiram of Creek has purchased the store house and dwelling of W. H. Long at Augusta and will move to Augusta this week to engage in the mercantile business.