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### Demonstrator Warns Against Hog Cholera

A very serious outbreak of hog cholera has been reported as existing in Anderson county and in other sections adjacent to this vicinity, and with such a serious menace to the hog industry of Houston county at hand, we can not be too cautious in order to keep the disease beyond the county. It is not at all likely that we shall be more fortunate than our neighbors unless we take some radical steps toward its prevention.

Hog cholera is much more easily combatted before it arrives than after it has gotten a hold on your herd. Preventive measures are always more satisfactory than treating the disease, once your herd becomes infected.

With the large number of hogs running at large over the county the situation is even more precarious. Under the present situation the disease may exist among our hogs for days without any knowledge of it on our part. The mast is about all gone and corn planting time is fast approaching, and as the hogs will have to be shut up very soon anyway, it would be no great inconvenience to shut them up immediately and in this way take an added precaution against the spread of hog cholera. Should any outbreak then occur it could be readily detected and the steps necessary to stamp it out may be immediately taken.

Any signs of unhealthiness in your hogs should be looked into closely and any suspicious cases should be isolated at once from the herd and the fact reported to the veterinarian or your county agent. Do not take any chances. Take all the sanitary precautions possible, such as cleaning up the pens and feed

troughs, disinfecting the premises, and giving them only clean food and water.

Any outbreak should be reported at once in order that the necessary hog cholera serum may be ordered and administered to those hogs exposed to the disease.

If the people will only co-operate with the County Agent and the other authorities there is no need of any great fear of a serious outbreak, but it is only by such co-operation that we may rightly feel any degree of security.

W. B. Cook,  
Co. Demonstration Agent.

#### W. H. M. NOTES

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Byron Maxwell threw open the doors of her hospitable home to the W. H. M. Society.

The following members were present: Mesdames W. P. Traylor, Roy Brewton, James Owens, J. W. Howard, J. C. Kennedy, W. H. Holcomb, Wade L. Smith, A. H. Luker, Josie Taylor, Eleanor Kennedy. A scripture reading from Matt. and St. Luke was read by the president. Prayer was then offered.

An interesting paper on "The Women of Japan" was read by Mrs. W. P. Traylor. During the business session a committee consisting of Mesdames Byron Maxwell, James Owens and J. C. Kennedy was appointed to see after the absent members and urge them to attend the meetings. It was voted to have an oyster supper Friday night at The Grapeland Hotel.

This was a very interesting meeting and we hope to get all the members interested enough to attend all meetings.

We had as our visitor Mrs. Chas. Hill.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. P. Traylor, served delicious refreshments, consisting of ambrosia, whipped cream and wafers. The society adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. H. Luker at next meeting. Reporter.

### Splendid Progress Is Being Made By Grapeland School

Mr. Stockard, a representative of the State Department of Education, was a Grapeland visitor last Thursday, coming for the purpose of inspecting our school. Mr. Stockard reported to the department that he found everything in good shape—increased library and laboratory equipment, good showing made in agriculture last season, splendid school spirit and commendable progress. Writing to Supt. Sims, Mr. Doughty says:

"Permit me to urge that the school continue to supplement its equipment and increase its standards until it complies fully with requirements for an approved high school, Class A. In case the ordinary school funds prove insufficient, I wish to advise that adequate revenues may be provided if the district is willing to avail itself of a recent decision of the supreme court, which empowers boards of equalization in independent districts to assess property values for school purposes above the county and state rate. This increase for school purposes will not affect in any manner the rate of county and state tax. Many districts in the state are resorting to this practical and equitable means of providing funds for schools."

This means that our board of trustees have the power to assess property in the district at a higher valuation than is given to the county and state, but in order to do this the district must have its own assessor and collector. Our school has always been handicapped for funds, and as this decision of the supreme court opens up a way to increase the income, we believe it would be a wise thing for the board to investigate the plan.

#### A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The thirtieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Riall was the inspiration of a delightful hospitality at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riall on Thursday last.

The gloom of a winter's day was entirely dispelled within this pretty little home, which was converted into a veritable bower of loveliness, with its artistic decorations of pot plants and pink and white carnations. The glow and warmth of cheerful fires, together with the ever welcome music of the Victrola, contributed to the comfort and pleasure of the guests. When the noon hour arrived and the dining room was thrown open, exclamations of admiration were heard from all.

Here again the touch of the artist was in evidence, and the color scheme of pink and white was even more beautiful than in the parlors.

The dining table was overlaid with a snowy damask cloth and places were arranged for twelve guests. In the center was placed a beautiful cut glass vase, tied with pink maline. This held a cluster of pink and white car-

nations with ferns. The place cards featured these colors also. The "bride and groom" were given places of honor and amid the sparkle of cut glass and silver and a flow of wit and repartee an elegant five course dinner was served. During the afternoon a number of friends and relatives called to congratulate the happy couple, finding the "bride" as charming and radiant and the "groom" as entertaining as in the days of yore. Mr. and Mrs. Riall were the recipients of a number of nice presents.

The guests lingered until a late hour, loathe to leave the scene of such pleasure as had been given them by Mr. and Mrs. Riall, the hospitable host and hostess. Mrs. Riall was assisted in entertaining by her sister, Miss McMurphy of Pine Bluff, Ark. and the Misses Riall. The out of town guests attending this lovely affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLean of Augusta, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLean and Mr. and Mrs. Will McLean of Crockett. A Guest.

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

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THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1917

If for no other reason, economy should compel the women to add at least one inch to their skirts, which would reduce the shoe bill of the country \$10,000,000.

If there ever was a time when the citizens of Grapeland should become interested in civic improvement, it is now. The city is to have many visitors during the summer while the normal is in session, and it should be the desire of every citizen to aid in cleaning up the town, both business and residence districts.

The United States is hovering close to war. History says that no two firstclass powers ever severed diplomatic relations without going to war. The citizens of this country should realize that they are on the brink of war, and it is a time for serious, sober thought. The overt act may be committed by Germany any hour, in which case President Wilson says he will go the limit to protect American rights and citizens on the high seas. Americans are peace lovers and yet hope the great catastrophe will be averted, but if not, every loyal son will rally to the flag.

No town in East Texas has been more steadily growing for the past five years than has Grapeland. Every few weeks a contract is let for a new residence or business house. And the farmers of the Grapeland country are building new and up-to-date homes, which is evidence of prosperity. Everyone seems to be catching the good roads fever and the entire citizenship is growing more enthusiastic in the advancement of education. Indeed our city is doing its utmost to keep step with the army of other Texas towns that are building and expanding. Let the good work continue, for when a town is growing it is in its natural state.

We would say this word to the teachers of Houston and adjacent counties who contemplate attending a normal this summer: The summer normal which is to be held in Grapeland during the months of June and July should be a success, because every citizen of Grapeland is going to do all in his power to insure its success, and every teacher in this county should boost it and favor it with their attendance. The normal was held here two years ago and was pronounced the best ever held in Houston county. We will welcome you with a glad hand and do everything we can to make your stay in our city a pleasant one. So

begin preparing to come, and pass the good word along to your friends, and tell them that a normal in Grapeland means something worth while.

Grapeland has secured the summer normal for 1917, and we are expecting a very large "peach" crop during its session. If Mr. "Doc" Lively of the Lufkin News will come over, we will show him the different varieties. —Grapeland Messenger.

The peach is a splendid fruit, to be sure, and nowhere does it come nearer bordering on perfection than here in old East Texas. 'Tis true there are different varieties, some admired more than others, according to one's fancy; but all of the species, when given the proper attention, answer every purpose, even the "scrawniest" responding readily to the right sort of cultivation. The writer has always been more or less interested in such a crop, and will endeavor to visit Grapeland at the time mentioned and pass upon some of the "peaches" in that section.—Lufkin News.

The federal trade commission has completed its inquiry into the paper situation and will lay its report before congress this week. Sufficient evidence has been found to prosecute the paper trust for violations of the anti-trust laws and here's hoping that the guilty manufacturers will be sent to the penitentiary. The publishers of the United States have been gouged and robbed out of millions of dollars for no cause other than to satisfy the greed of paper barons. We have never believed there was a shortage in the paper supply and the commission's report verifies that belief. Not only is there not a shortage, but the commission states that the manufacturers are actually producing paper cheaper than they did in 1914. We'll take it back about sending them to the pen—they ought to be hung.

**PROGRAM FOR MOTHER'S CLUB**

Friday, Feb. 16, 1917 at 3 p. m.  
 Roll Call: Let each member answer with the name of a patriot and tell what he did for his country.  
 Vocal Duet—Carrie Spence and Marie White.  
 Business.  
 America—By Club.  
 Loyalty to the School—J. L. Denny.  
 Piano Duet—Lois Sims and Linnie Dee Haltom.  
 All mothers are requested to be present.

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**SEED IRISH POTATOES**

We have seed Irish potatoes on hand and would advise you to buy now as they are very scarce. Our supply will not last long. Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. S. N. Boykin and daughter, Miss Mabel, departed for Galveston Wednesday morning.

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This service is the same in every department of our store, and includes any article you may need when you need it. It is our purpose to convince our customers and prospective customers that this is the best and most 'usable' service offered in the county. That is why DARSEY'S STORE is as near to you as your phone or mail box and that you can come nearer finding any seasonable article you may want when you want it and is why we get this article for you, if we should happen not to have it, at the earliest moment. We might add that our buyer for the dry goods and notion departments has just returned from a two weeks visit to the St. Louis and Chicago markets and that his experience with the latest fashions and colors is at the service of our lady customers for the asking.

**Our Milliner**

Wishes to announce that she will have a pre-season showing of the latest novelties in the way of EARLY SPRING HATS at a near date to be announced later.

**Standard Patterns**

We received this week a big shipment of STANDARD PATTERNS and invite our lady customer to come and make their selections.

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## Meat Packing Plant Latest Proposal for Houston County

BY H. A. FISHER, CROCKETT

Pretty big proposition, you may say, for a town like Crockett. Yes, it is all of that—big in every sense of the word, but one of the very most important industries that could be possibly secured for Houston county, and not an impossible financial undertaking by any manner of means, provided our people will roll up their sleeves and go after it right. This is the way it appears to the writer and here are some of the reasons for this opinion:

The secretary recently received a letter from C. L. Brooks Engineering Co. of Moultrie, Ga., a concern that makes a business of assisting to establish community packing houses in the South, and from the data furnished it has been very successful and offers its services in helping to establish one here.

The following quotations are taken from some of the literature accompanying the correspondence:

"A packing plant sells its products all over the world; draws money from abroad and distributes to the farmers in the vicinity of the plant. Its great value is in turning into cash the raw product that has not been salable heretofore in the South. In selling the animal on the farm it also sells the products the animal eats—corn, hay, pea nuts, sweet potatoes, peas, beans and grasses, etc. It not only sells these products but in selling them through the animal they bring a higher price than if sold direct. Hence the packing house becomes the market for all products of the farm and therefore becomes the clearing house of the farm.

"With the market problem solved, diversification becomes a practical possibility. With practical diversification the fortune of the Southern farmer is assured, and with the prosperity of the farmer comes the prosperity of the business man, for the farm is largely the original source of the South's income. The one-crop cotton system has made the Southern farmer the poorest individual class in the United States. His income is only \$157 a year gross; he is growing poorer each year, is actually piling up indebtedness on his farm and there is no possible chance for him to pay his mortgage with the present system.

"Meat has made more millionaires in the United States than any other product. The profits in packing houses that have been successfully managed are from ten to fifty per cent. Fewer packing houses have failed than any other industrial enterprises.

"There are many independent packing houses in the West. Minnesota has twenty-seven, Kansas has twenty-three, Iowa has eighteen, Illinois, Missouri and other western states have many, while there are at present only eleven packing houses in the South and the South buys over three hundred million dollars worth of meat from the West every year."

Is not this a matter of sufficient importance to warrant a mass meeting at the court house at an early day, just as soon as it can be properly advertised?

If it is decided to call such a meeting, a representative of the

**"THE TEST"**

Clifton Mallory and his talented company will appear at the school auditorium Monday night, February 19. The play selected for presentation is Mr. Mallory's successful play "The Test", which comes to us as a morality play. Mr. Mallory believes in presenting clean plays that will hold up the ideal of human life, stimulating and bringing out the virtues ennobling and elevating. He considers that the highest and best moral plays in which true character is exemplified and brought out are what the good people want to see and hear. The public demand more today than a pretty romance in a play. The play of today must be written on a great subject, a popular theme and deal with that theme from a scientific standpoint. The Test is written in the belief that all men are brothers and that human beings collectively are responsible for human beings individually. It is a vital play of the hour touching upon the subjects of heredity, thought force and astrology, showing many phases of life from the realistic to the visionary, from poverty to affluence, from wretchedness to supreme happiness, showing that civilization is as yet only half complete. "The Test" while it has plenty of laughter and comedy situations, still it has that powerful story—that grips—it does not lecture, it illustrates; it is an exact imitation of real life by real men and women and you don't forget the play when it is over, you take it home with you and can relate its story years afterwards, for it concerns you and the life you are living; it will ask you to reflect upon the past and to consider the future, and yet it will entertain and amuse you while it instructs.

Misses Mary Lou Darsey and Rena Ross Richards were hostesses to a dinner Sunday evening at the Grapeland Hotel, honoring Miss Helen McMurphy of Pine Bluff, Ark. Covers were laid for Misses Helen McMurphy, Rena Ross Richards and Mary Lou Darsey and Messrs. Howard Jordan, John Langston and Smith Wootters.

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Brooks Engineering Co. will attend and explain in detail the plan of operations, and all this will cost is his actual traveling expenses.

The Secretary would like to receive word from all over the county, especially from the farmers, as to how this matter interests them, and hopes the responses will be prompt and numerous.

### THE GIRL AND THE LION

Which Will You Do, Win Your Independence or Marry a Two-bit Man?

You are at the cross roads of life. There are two paths open to you. One leads to independence, the other to dependency. You are to choose the road you will travel. One requires effort, the other indifference. To travel one you must have real backbone and determination, the other, any old thing will do. Some girls say "The lion is in the way." These girls lack gumption, get-up-and-get. They reason that if so-and-so and such-and such had not happened they could have made a great success. The lion is in the way. Fear and indifference have entered into their daily lives and robbed them of their vim and courage. It's our life work to train people to determine to get up and do things, develop their latent talents, quicken their perception that they may lead a higher and more useful life. Our thorough practical training in Bookkeeping, Business Methods, shorthand, Steno-typewriting, Telegraphy, Business Writing, Business English, Business Law, Business Arithmetic, Spelling, Rapid Calculation, Money and Banking, Corporation Finance,

Taxation and Public Finance, Private Secretaryship, Salesmanship, Advertising, Real Estate, Commercial History, Higher accounting, Economics, Parliamentary Law and Managerialship, together with the use of the most modern office appliances, gets the lion out of the way, gives the girl her independence, places her where she can make an honorable living, in any city in the land; command the respect of the very best people. If in after life she is left a widow with plenty of money or property she knows how to care for it. If upon the other hand, she is left to support herself she can do so by accepting a good salaried position or go into business for herself.

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## FLOOD OF BILLS IN SENATE AND HOUSE

DURING PRESENT SESSION MORE THAN THOUSAND BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED.

### APPROPRIATIONS PASS HOUSE

The Rural School Measure Carries \$2,000,000—Lawmakers Now Have Much Business Before Them for Consideration.

Austin, Tex.—A total of 1,032 measures have been introduced in the Texas legislature and probably one thousand of them are pending for final disposition. The session is more than thirty days old and the scramble has commenced to get bills considered in their regular order. In the house 646 bills and thirty-four joint resolutions have been placed on record, while the senate calendar lists 337 bills and fifteen joint resolutions. This does not include the score or more of concurrent and simple resolutions.

#### Saturday's Senate Proceedings.

Resolutions from the faculty and student body of the State university were presented to the senate committee urging an investigation of the university affairs.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby has received a letter from S. T. J. Rowzee appealing to the senate to demand the reasons of the governor for withdrawing Rowzee's nomination.

It was contended in certain quarters that it is not necessary for the senate to confirm the reappointment of C. W. Woodman as labor commissioner. He is supposed to serve until his successor has been named and confirmed.

#### Saturday's House Proceedings.

The Boner congressional redistricting bill was postponed.

Representative Monday has prepared a bill which amends the anti-pass law so the governor, members of the legislature and others may ride free, and it is said that he has secured the signature of 74 representatives.

The subcommittee having the submission resolution under consideration held sessions Saturday working on a resolution. The opinion of the attorney general has been asked. It is expected that the question will come to a vote Friday.

#### Bills Passed in the House.

Austin, Tex.—The house Friday passed finally appropriations totaling \$2,513,600, including the \$2,000,000 rural school bill, and engrossed another measure, the Metcalfe wolf and jack rabbit scalp bounty bill, carrying \$200,000 for two years, or a total of \$2,713,600 approved Friday. Among other measures passed finally were the Dayton (senate) so-called Texas Company bill, McNealus (senate) pipe line bill and Nichols (house) bill allowing the sale of gasoline, soft drinks, cigars, etc., on Sunday.

The house passed finally the following senate bills carrying emergency appropriations:

By Senator Dean: \$65,000 for summer normals.

By Senator Decherd: \$138,150 for the A. and M. College.

By Senator Caldwell: \$152,500 for the new blind institute.

By Senator Hopkins: \$157,000 for the College of Industrial Arts.

By Senator Johnson: \$3,600 for the West Texas Normal.

The house also passed finally the following senate bills:

By Senator Parr: Authorizing county commissioners to use their discretion in amount of payment for transcribing records from parent county to a newly created county.

By Senator Hopkins: Providing that no property upon which a lien has been given by an unmarried person shall (after marriage) be set aside by the widow or children as exempted property until the debts secured by such lien are first discharged.

By Senator McNealus: Declaring all pipe lines to be common carriers.

By Senator King: Extending labor and material men's liens to oil fields and quarries.

By Senator Hudspeth: Validating title to school lands purchased in good faith where conditions of settlement could not be complied with because of circumstances over which purchaser had no control.

By Senator Dayton: So-called Texas Company bill.

The house engrossed the Metcalfe bill appropriating \$100,000 a year for two years for scalps of wolves and jack rabbits. Amendment was offered by Mr. Raiden to reduce the appropriation to \$50,000 per year, but was lost, 20 to 90.

The senate passed finally Friday the Westbrook child labor bill, the Hall bill for rebating to the city of Galveston the state ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes for a period of ten years from September 1, 1918, to be used in the rebuilding of the causeway and grade raising.

#### New Bills Introduced in the House.

Austin, Tex.—The following new bills of general nature were introduced in the house Saturday:

By Mr. Carlock: Creating the office of state landscape architect.

By Mr. Nichols: Providing for the collection by the state librarian of data and statistics of the pioneer industrial movements and men of Texas.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan: Providing for the licensing of fire insurance agents by the commissioner of insurance and banking, licenses graduated from \$5 to \$25.

The Westbrook child labor bill prohibits the employment of children under 15 years of age to labor in or about any factory, mill, workshop, laundry, telegraph office or messenger service, theater, moving picture show or other place of amusement; or any child under the age of 17 years in or about any distillery, brewery or other place where intoxicating liquors are kept or manufactured; or in any mine, quarry or place where explosives are used, or disorderly house; or any child under the age of 17 doing any messenger service requiring calling at such latter places, with these exceptions:

Under application made to the county judge, children under 12 years of age, whose earnings are necessary for their support or that of a widowed or needy mother or invalid father, may be permitted to work in other places than where dangerous machinery is used, or such places as where the moral or physical condition of the child is likely to be injured.

The bill excepts school children between June and September 1, provided they are not employed in occupations or places or in sections prohibited. It also requires that no child under 15 shall be required to labor more than eight hours per day. The bill further gives the commissioner of labor statistics free access to all places where children are employed for the purpose of enforcing this act.

The vote on final passage was 25 ayes and 3 noes.

Final passage, by a vote of 119 to 5, was given the Carlock bill to relieve the congested supreme court docket by authorizing the appointment by the supreme court of three members of the courts of civil appeals to pass upon applications for writs of error made to the supreme court.

#### Friday's Senate Proceedings.

The Westbrook child labor bill was passed and provides for the working of minors.

All appointments of the governor were confirmed with the exception of the three university regents. They were not considered Friday.

The Hall bill which provides that the state shall donate to Galveston county a certain part of the taxes for a period of ten years was passed.

Following an executive session it was announced that the senate had refused to confirm the reappointment of C. W. Woodman as labor commissioner.

Lieutenant Governor Hobby named a committee of three to look into the merits of the resolution which provides for an investigation of university affairs.

#### Friday's House Proceedings.

Two house committees left Austin Friday night, one to visit the penitentiary farms and the other to visit the state penitentiaries.

The committee on liquor traffic favorably reported the Yantis bill which would stop the shipment into dry counties, but allows individuals to bring in a half gallon for personal use.

The submission question again came up Friday when the committee substitute resolution which failed to pass was again committed to the constitutional committee.

#### Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

The house bill, known as the Buy-It-Made-in-Texas bill, was passed finally.

The McNealus mothers' pension bill was finally passed, being amended that the counties will pay the pensions rather than the state.

Senator McNealus introduced a bill, which would submit an amendment to the people permitting the state to fix a minimum for which cotton could be sold in the state.

A resolution providing for the appointment of a committee by the lieutenant governor to investigate the controversy between the governor and the university was adopted.

#### Thursday's House Proceedings.

The bill to relieve the crowded condition of the supreme court was finally passed.

At a pro caucus Thursday night it was decided to set the submission for call on next Friday.

Thirteen senate bills, including the so-called Texas Company bill and independent oil company bill, were passed to their third reading.

Most of the morning was spent in debating the emergency appropriation bill giving \$65,000 for carrying on the summer work at the four normals.

Representative Blalock introduced a resolution which called attention to the strained international situation and which provided that the state economize and that no new offices be created. It was referred to a committee.

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#### Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

The bill making it an offense for a person to make a false statement in writing to obtain credit was reported favorably.

Passed finally the bill quieting the title to 5,000 acres of land in Harris county.

Passed finally a bill providing for the creation of Hudspeth county out of eastern portion of El Paso county.

Passed finally the bill by Senator Johnston providing for the salary of assistant criminal district attorney in Harris county.

#### Wednesday's House Proceedings.

So-called Waters-Pierce Company bill was passed by vote of 90 to 34.

A bill abolishing the state warehouse department was favorably reported out of committee.

Finally passed the committee substitute for the Tillotson highway commission bill by a vote of 95 to 29.

The bill providing for an increase in the salaries of justices of the supreme court and appellate courts was engrossed by a vote of 67 to 62.

### Local News

#### Reported From

#### Daly's Community

Feb. 12.—There is some sickness, mostly bad colds and whooping cough among the children.

The farmers of this community have begun to plow a little. Some are fencing land and some are clearing.

We understand that the dipping vat will be put in here this week. It will be located near the Daly's gin. Most all the farmers seem to be very much interested in it.

Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Esther Darsey.

We failed to get a pastor for the church this year and things are pretty dull down this way every Sunday with no church or Sunday School to attend. We hope this will be our last year without preaching once a month anyway.

Miss Callie Mae Laseter of Grapeland visited her mother Saturday and Sunday.

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

Messrs. H. W. Huff and W. W. Pridgen spent the day with C. A. Story at Hays Spring Sunday.

Claud Lakey visited at Mr. Sambo Pridgen's Sunday.

Dock Huff had a horse to get badly cut on wire last week. He is some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Jones of Latexo visited Mr. Jim Pennington's family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Laura Lena Kent is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. C. Laseter.

Mr. Jim Alexander visited his sister at Long Lake last week.

Miss Fannie Pridgen has returned home from Elkhart.

Reporter.

#### NOTICE TO HOG RAISERS

I will be shipping hogs every Saturday from now on until the middle of April, and will buy all hogs that are brought in on Saturdays that are in shipping condition. I will pay the highest price the market will allow.

George Calhoun.

#### COTTON REPORT

Crockett, Texas.—There were 19,099 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county from the crop of 1916, prior to January 16, 1917, as compared with 21,341 bales ginned to January 16, 1916.



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The foundation upon which this institution rests is as stable and sturdy as the eternal rocks. We have builded the structure gradually, though surely, and accumulated strength in capital and surplus through honest methods.

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Practice Limited to Diseases of  
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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

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

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Is it on our subscription list?

We will guarantee you full value FOR YOUR MONEY

### City Barber Shop

Denson & Walton, Props.

Your Business will be Appreciated

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

### LAUNDRY AGENCY

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday

### John Spence

Lawyer

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



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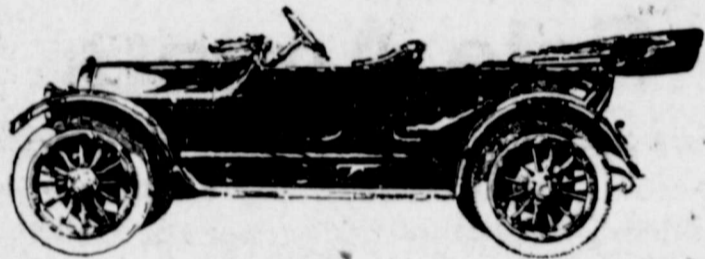
## THE TEST

AT THE  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, MONDAY  
NIGHT, FEB. 19th

-- PRICES --

School Children, First Seven Grades, 15c  
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The Last--and Best--Number of the Lyceum  
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Every druggist of character and standing  
is deeply impressed with the fact that  
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We never permit carelessness in filling  
prescriptions, even the simplest ones,  
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can protect you, you are protected here

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

We want to fill your prescriptions.

### LEAVERTON'S THE LEADING DRUG STORE

W. A. Broyles, representing  
the extension department of the  
A. & M. College, was in Grape-  
land last Thursday, and deliver-  
ed two lectures at the school  
building, one in the afternoon to  
the school children, and one at  
night which was largely attend-  
ed. The lecture at night was  
especially interesting, being il-  
lustrated with charts. Mr.  
Cook, the county demonstration  
agent, has written Supt. Sims

that he will visit the school soon  
to organize his work among the  
school children.

J. W. Yarbrough and Mrs.  
Swanson Yarbrough of Palestine  
spent several days with Mr. and  
Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough this week.

George Calhoun shipped out  
four more cars of hogs last Sat-  
urday to the Ft. Worth market.  
This brings total shipments up  
to thirteen cars.

### LOCAL NEWS

Darsey wants your produce.

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

Darsey carries auto tires and  
accessories.

Attend the oyster supper Fri-  
day night at the Grapeland hotel.

Blank mortgages for sale at  
the Messenger office.

Arthur Owens was up from  
Crockett a few hours Thursday.

Sell your eggs, chickens and  
beeswax to Darsey.

J. W. Cook of Route 2 has just  
recently completed a new home.

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

There is a complete line of  
bicycle tires at Darsey's.

W. G. and George E. Darsey  
were business visitors to Hous-  
ton the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of  
Augusta visited relatives here  
Sunday.

John Deere, Kelly and Avery  
plows and implements at Dar-  
sey's.

B. F. Dent, J. F. Mangum and  
Dr. L. S. Harris of Crockett  
were here Saturday.

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

Eat supper with the W. H. M.  
ladies at the Grapeland Hotel.  
Oysters served any style.

Connor Denson has purchased  
the home of J. W. Caskey and  
moved there last week.

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

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Will  
Fox of Reynard, a girl, last Sat-  
urday morning.

Miss Lura Mae Owens visited  
relatives and friends in Elkhart  
Sunday.

#### DENTAL NOTICE

I will be in Grapeland soon  
to do dental work.

C. L. Moore, D. D. S.

Eugene Holcomb and R. T.  
Murchison are in Crockett this  
week attending commissioners' court.

B. R. Guice has begun the  
erection of a building on the  
corner just west of the Goodson  
hotel, which he will operate as  
an all around work shop and  
garage.

#### OYSTER SUPPER

The W. H. M. Society will  
serve oysters, hot chocolate and  
cake, peanuts and pop-corn at  
the Grapeland Hotel Friday night  
and solicit the patronage of the  
public.

The contract for the W. O. W.  
building was awarded Monday  
morning by the committee to  
Walling & Richards. It will be  
located on the corner lot on the  
east side, two-story frame struc-  
ture.

#### Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they  
cannot reach the seat of the disease.  
Catarrh is a local disease, greatly in-  
fluenced by constitutional conditions,  
and in order to cure it you must  
take an internal remedy. Hall's Cata-  
rrh Cure is taken internally and  
acts thru the blood on the mucous sur-  
faces of the system. Hall's Catarrh  
Cure was prescribed by one of the best  
physicians in this country for years. It  
is composed of some of the best tonics  
known, combined with some of the  
best blood purifiers. The perfect com-  
bination of the ingredients in Hall's  
Catarrh Cure is what produces such  
wonderful results in catarrhal condi-  
tions. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENET & CO., Props., Toledo, O.  
All Druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Eggs in Germany are Scarce

While you can't break through  
the blockade with your eggs  
and relieve conditions, you can  
dispose of them in Grapeland  
at about 3 cents a piece.

Double your egg supply by feed-  
ing DR. HESS' POULTRY  
PANACEA---

5 lb Package 60c 1 1-2 lb Package 25c  
A Full Line of Stock Tonics

PLENTY OF CARBON

## The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

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#### When You Feel Bad

Stomach and Bowels out of order, appetite poor and  
general disinclination for work,

## HERBINE

Is the Remedy You Need

It creates energy by cleansing the system of bilious impurities  
and restoring activity in the torpid liver. Take a dose when you  
go to bed. You will feel bright and vigorous next morning. It's  
a fine purifying and regulating medicine. Price 50 cents.

JAS. F. BALLARD, Proprietor

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## Come to See Me IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY

The best flour in town and at the right prices.

Our farm implements are here for you: Weed-  
ing hoes, Sprouting and Grubbing Hoes, plenty of  
Hames and Trace Chains, Collars and anything  
you need.

Our spring Dress Goods have arrived and they  
are the prettiest patterns we've ever had; in fact,  
our stock is complete.

Remember we want your CHICKENS and  
EGGS and will pay the top market price for them.

Remember--Quality is the Thing!

## T. S. KENT

The last number of the lyceum  
course will be presented at the  
auditorium next Monday night,  
when the Clifton Mallory Co.  
will present the play, "The  
Test." The lyceum course is  
probably now a permanent thing  
and is pretty well supported.  
The course for next season has

already been signed for, one of  
the numbers being ex-governor  
Jas. K. Vardaman of Mississippi

F. A. Lively of Lovelady was  
here on business Tuesday, and  
shaking hands with his many  
friends.



### Strickland Health Bill Passes House Aids Many Counties

If the house passes the Strickland health bill, which went thru the senate with a whoop Thursday, the state health department will have available more than \$200,000 for combatting of disease in East Texas. The bill appropriates \$25,000; \$25,000 more will be given by the counties and \$25,000 by the international health board, for the first year, while each will give \$45,000 the second year.

Dr. Collins, state health officer, drafted the bill that was introduced and engineered through the senate by Senator Strickland. In all there are 125 possible counties where the fund will have to be expended. In 88 of these counties it is certain expenditures will be made.

Dr. Collins said yesterday that it takes approximately \$800 for a health campaign. In the 88 counties there are dozens of people affected with malaria, hookworm, typhoid, while many babies die annually of infant bowel ailments. The money donated by the international health board can only be utilized in soil cleaning and sanitary work.

All of the money is expended in rural communities, none of it going to the cities. It is optional with the counties whether they wish to join the fund and receive the benefits of the work, for the counties must, under the provisions of the bill, contribute one-third the money to be expended in that county.

"When you conduct a campaign of any sort," said Dr. Collins, "you are also combating tuberculosis and pellegra, for they spring from insanitation and soil pollution."—Austin American.

Avoid a constipated habit, it breeds disease in the body. An occasional dose of Prickly Ash Bitters will keep the bowels healthy and regular. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

Mrs. Ed Marsh of Dallas is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

### News Items Gleaned From Rock Hill Country

Feb. 12.—The soil is being tilled very rapidly. This means that some realize their 20c cotton money will not feed them very long.

We were very much grieved to learn of Mr. R. L. Gray's death.

On account of the bad weather we did not have Sunday School Sunday.

Mr. M. C. Thomas' home was destroyed by fire last Saturday. Nothing was saved except one or two beds and a few quilts.

Mr. Morgan, accompanied by one of his pupils, attended the Teacher's local institute at Liberty Hill Saturday.

Mr. James Click of Antrim visited in this community last week.

The literary society of this community has been postponed until further announcement.

Rattler.

### Local Items From The New Prospect Country

Feb. 12.—There is not as much sickness in this community at present as has been, although some are still chilling.

Most everybody is busy breaking land, cutting stalks and burning logs and brush.

Mr. Alton Baker got his foot badly sprained Sunday before last when his team ran away and threw them all out of the wagon. No one was seriously hurt except him.

Sunday School was rained out here Sunday.

Mrs. Hudson of Grapeland visited in this community last week.

Mrs. Ed Parker visited her aunt, Mrs. Ford Newman, Saturday.

One of Mr. Perry Herod's horses was sick Saturday, but is reported better now.

Mr. Peter Bridges has bought the saw mill from Mr. Walling.

We hear a lot of talk about whooping cough and measles, but glad to report there isn't any in our community.

Grady Finch spent Saturday night and Sunday with Carl and Lester Bridges,

A Reader.

## Notice to Public:

I take this method of announcing to the public that I have opened up a stock of General Merchandise in the building next door South of F. & M. Bank, and invite the public to call and inspect my stock. Will carry complete lines of---

**Dry Goods, Groceries, Shoes, Hardware and Notions**

Can fill your entire bill at reasonable prices. Will appreciate a liberal share of your patronage.

**I. H. Shaver**

# Special Invitation

We extend our friends and customers an invitation to call and see our NEW SPRING GOODS that are arriving daily. We have put forth every effort to get the season's latest in the dry goods line.

## New Arrivals

You will find listed below new arrivals for this week:

Taffeta	Paisly	Georgette Crepe
Auto Veils	Calicoes	Percales, light and colors
Dress Gingham	Sheeting	Bleach domestic
Brown domestic		White Linen
Cambric	Dimity	Long cloth; in fact,
Nansook, check and plain		

you will find plenty of white goods. See them at our store. They are now on display.

American Gentleman Shoes



## Sole Agents

We are sole agents for SELBY SHOES for ladies, Hoge-Montgomery for ladies and children, Hamilton-Brown for the family--none better; Nunn & Bush work shoes in GOODYEAR WELTS, the latest on the American market.

These lines are all in a class by themselves and are recognized by all buyers everywhere as the acme of shoe excellence.

## Madam Grace Corsets

You will be pleased with the perfect fitting and comfort you will get out of a Madam Grace Corset. We have a large stock to select from. See them.

## Men's and Boys' Felt Hats

In this department you will find a big assortment of the newest spring styles that are to be shown and in the latest colors. See them--be convinced

## Men's and Boys' Suits

You will find the best values in winter clothing at prices that will please you at our store, for we must close them out for the NEW SPRING SUITS to arrive soon. Call and get yours.

# KENNEDY BROTHERS

The Store for Everybody

### ENTERTAINED

Saturday afternoon Mrs. W. A. Riall very delightfully entertained in honor of her sister, Miss Helen McMurphy of Pine Bluff, Ark.

The Valentine effect was carried out. Progressive "Bunco" was the chief entertainment. The score cards were dainty valentines. The prize was awarded to Miss Blanche Kennedy, and the consolation to Miss Annie Lois Taylor.

After this delightful refreshments were served, the hostess being assisted by Miss Eula Mae Riall. Those present were:

Misses McMurphy, Rena Ross Richards, Esther Darsey, Mable Boykin, Blanche Kennedy, Georgia Belle Richards, Mary Lou Darsey, Annie Rainey Hollingsworth, Carrie Spence, Lucretia Riall, Annie Lois Taylor, Lura Mae Owens and Eula Mae Riall.

Hard-working men and women who are burdened with a torpid

liver, feel tired, lazy and discouraged. They know they are lazy and they are ashamed, yet it is nothing to be ashamed of. The thing to do is to get the liver started again and to purify the stomach and bowels. There is no better remedy for this purpose than Prickly Ash Bitters. A few doses corrects the trouble and makes work a pleasure. Sold by Wade L. Smith.