

# The Grapeland Messenger.

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## Come to the Bargain Store

It is easier to save a dollar than it is to make a dime if you spend your money with us. :- :- :- :- :-

Dry Goods Notions  
Shoes Groceries  
Seed Oats, Feed Stuff of all Kinds

MY MOTTO: "SPOT CASH AND SMALL PROFITS"

**W. R. WHERRY**  
Telephone 37 Free Delivery

## Demonstration Agent Is a Very Busy Man Calls Being Answered

BY H. A. FISHER, CROCKETT

Mr. W. B. Cook, our recently appointed county demonstration agent, is probably as busy a man as East Texas can produce at this time. He was compelled to attend an agents' meeting at Corsicana last week and since his return has had more calls for assistance than he can possibly give immediate attention, but he registers the calls and proposes to serve the farmers in regular order.

The most of the calls have been for terracing. The frequent rains have interfered somewhat with the work but several demonstrations were made on farms in the central part of the county and this week he is busy in the Shady Grove community and next week he has engagements at Latexo and Grapeland. There is so little time in which to do this kind of work before the busy field work requires attention, Mr. Cook is trying to distribute the terracing demonstrations well over the county.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK

During the times the rain prevented field work last week, the agent commenced operations among the schools of the county, with Supt. Snell visiting Latexo, Porter Springs, Union Grove, Shiloh, Pierson's Chapel and Center. This tour was the first of his campaign in the interest of the boys' and girls' club work which is to be made county wide in scope. Each boy or girl that becomes a member of the club agrees to cultivate an acre of corn, or an acre of peanuts, or raise a pig under the instructions of the demonstration agent. Some remarkable records were made by the club members in the county last year and they had no county agent to help them.

Floyd Campbell raised last year 83.3 bushels of Spanish peanuts on one acre. Jim Creath raised 1200 pounds of seed cotton on one acre. It is predicted that with the help of the agent the boys and girls are going to break some state records this year.

SCHOOL GARDENS

Another field that the agent is going to assist in carrying forward is the school garden work of the agricultural high schools in the rural districts. In this school garden work the fundamental principals of agriculture will be given the pupils by practical demonstrations on the plots of ground each school has set apart for this purpose. The boys and girls will apply the knowledge thus gained to the acres they are cultivating in connection with the county agent.

SPRAYING FRUIT TREES

Another form of helpful service the agent is preparing to give is the spraying of fruit trees in the orchards that are infected by the San Jose scale. No demonstrations have been arranged for and anyone interest-

## Up to You

We Sell Better Groceries for Less Money

Give your pocket book a needed rest.

Give your bank account a chance to grow.

We Want Your Trade You Need Our Goods

## Cash Grocery Company

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## WHAT PARENTS THINK OF THE T. C. C.

GREATEST SCHOOL ON EARTH  
Womble, Ark., June 3, 1915.

Mr. W. M. Roberts,  
Tyler Commercial College,  
Tyler, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I wish to say a few words in honor of your great institution. My daughter completed Short-hand and Bookkeeping in three months and twenty-five days. Two of the greatest studies I think that any one ever studied. I will ever feel thankful to you and your faculty for the parental care and instructions given her while attending the T. C. C. We think that the T. C. C. is the greatest school on earth. If I had forty pupils to educate I would send them all to Tyler. I feel sure that no one would make a mistake in sending his girl or boy to such a school. God has not given me sufficient language to express my feelings toward the T. C. C. and its great faculty for what they have done for my girl.

Yours respectfully,  
B. Robbins,  
Pres. School Board,  
Womble, Ark.

TWO BOYS GIVEN A GOOD START

Mexia, Texas, Aug. 30, 1916.  
Tyler Commercial College,  
Tyler, Texas.  
Gentlemen:

Please accept our thanks for the excellent training you gave our two boys, R. Vernon Shumate and E. Hugh Shumate. Hugh has been bookkeeping for Peyton & Sons since May 15th, and Vernon has secured already a promotion and raise in salary as bookkeeper for the Farmers State Bank since May 18th. They both get real good pay.

We recommend the T. C. C. to anyone who wants to attend a business school.

Very respectfully,  
Mr. and Mrs.  
M. W. Shumate.

NONE BETTER

Liberty, Texas, Aug. 29, 1916.  
Tyler Commercial College,  
Tyler, Texas.  
Gentlemen:

I desire to express my appreciation for the thorough business training my son received in your institution, and to say a few words of praise for your school. There is no better commercial college in this good old America of ours, from North to South, East or West. My son is doing fine work, and I am satisfied he received more practical training during the four months he was in your school than he would have received in a university.

Your teachers were always kind and courteous, willing and ready to assist your students. They are Christian people of the highest moral characters, efficient and competent to hold their respective high positions. I am glad I sent my boy there, and I recommend your institution to all parents wishing to make business men and women of their sons and daughters.

Wishing for you the great success you so justly deserve, I beg to remain, Most respectfully,  
O. P. Baillio, Sr.

## Large Crowd Saw Last Number Of Lyceum Course

Mr. Clifton Mallory & Co., the last number of the lyceum course for this season, presented Mr. Mallory's popular play, entitled "The Test" to a large crowd at the school auditorium Monday night. This talented company highly pleased everyone with their presentation of this play, which carried a moral and a number of laughs from beginning to end. The receipts exceeded the amount due for this number and the balance was donated to the Mothers' Club for beautifying and fencing the school campus.

## Spring Shoes!

We have received our Spring stock of low quartered shoes. The styles are many and you are sure to find a pair exactly to suit your taste. The same high standard of merchandise is maintained--Solid Leather. See our shoes before you buy. The price is exceedingly low compared to prevailing wholesale prices.

Expressions of delight are always heard when our Spring Dress Goods are shown. Silk and cotton crepes, Taffetas in stripes and solid colors, Voiles, in prices to please all. Sport Goods in the prevailing color schemes. Linens in all colors. In fact, our DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT is complete. Be sure to see our stock before you buy.

## McLean & Riall

THE HOME OF DEPENDABLE MERCHANDISE  
FREE DELIVERY BOTH PHONES

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

ed should communicate with Mr. Cook at once, as the spraying must be done before the foliage puts out. In fact, it should be done right away.

MEAT PACKING PLANT

At the time this is written few replies to our request for word from those in the county interested have been received. We realize that the time was short, but by the time this paper is out we should have a general outburst of enthusiasm on the subject. No one, nor a half

dozen individuals, can create this great industry that would mean so much for our county. It will require the best efforts of a large number of the best people in Houston county to do it. Come, gentlemen. Let us hear from you.

John Frisby received his new Ford car Saturday.

Dr. Chas. Hill spent a few days in Houston this week on business.

# BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

Author of "Potash and Perlmutter"

As an interpreter of the shrewd and humorous immigrant Jew in American business life, Mr. Glass is delightful. His characters in this series of sketches are representative of a very numerous type in our cities, especially New York. Get acquainted with Birsky and Zapp!

"THERE is no more pleasure in reading advertisements nowadays," said Barnett Zapp, the waist manufacturer, to Louis Birsky, the real estate.

"Why not?" Birsky said.

"Well," Zapp said, "what fun is it to read in a paper:

## REMOVAL SALE

192 Fair to Middling Suits, Season-before-last's Make \$13 to \$25.

Used to was \$16 and \$21, but on account of moving we marked them up, because some people has got an idee that when you move you reduce prices, and maybe they wouldn't see this advertisement.

B. SCHLEMIEL & CO.

"And who would go to work and pay money to put in a paper an advertisement like that?" Birsky inquired.

"Everybody nowadays," Zapp said. "They dassent do otherwise, because what with the Federal and State pure food laws and newspapers which is paying fellers fifty thousand dollars a year to show up advertisers so that no advertiser would take a chance on advertising, Birsky, if you want to advertise your merchandise, y'understand, you've got to tell the truth or the least that happens you is \$10,000 ball on a certificate of reasonable doubts. So that's the way it goes, Birsky. Former times a lady reads in the paper

## WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS

the Latest From Paris  
WAS \$120. NOW \$16.25

y'understand, and right away she forgets that she is going to take dinner Friday night with her husband's folks out in Borough Park; that the doctor says that people with her trouble could live for years already.

"But what is it nowadays for such a woman? She reads

## WOMEN'S SUITS

Bankrupt Stock of Morris Schlecht.  
Schlecht's price.....\$16.35  
Our price.....\$16.25

and not only does all her troubles come back on her, but she thinks she is also developing a peculiar pain in her side."

"Maybe the advertisement give it to her," Birsky suggested.

"Sure it did," Zapp replied. "This here first-to-last-the-truth advertising is driving women to moving pictures, Birsky. Another thing is the way drygoods stores is acting nowadays. Former times a woman buys a dress at a drygoods store on April 2nd and wears it up to and including July 15th, when she brings it back with symptoms of a beefsteak supper, two weddings and a chocolate nut sundae on the front panel, Birsky, and for the next six months she has the time of her life trying to get a credit check for it. It gives her a fresh interest in things. Her eyes get bright and her cheeks is got fresh color in them the same like an advertisement for a complexion cream before the enactment of Section 31416, Subsection A, of the Penal Code in relations to False and Misleading Advertising. What is it nowadays, Birsky? A crepe de chine dress could have enough soup spilled on it to make it look like moire ve-lour, Birsky, and when a woman returns it with the pleasant expectations of never being so insulted in her life, Birsky, before she could even open her mouth to say 'Listen' y'understand, the floor walker pulls a credit check on her."

"And I suppose," Birsky commented, "for the next few days she walks around looking so downhearted that whenever her lady-friends see her they go home and practically throw the meals at their husbands and gives as an explanation that they'd like to see themselves worrying themselves to death over any man."

"Well, I'll tell you," Zapp said, "maybe the drygoods stores is getting done on their money back guarantees, Birsky, but that's because they are suffering from the fact that people ain't acquainted with up-to-date advertising

idees. Their customers still thinks that when a drygoods store says:

If anything you buy here proves unsatisfactory it will be exchanged or your money will be refunded—

Birsky, it must be understood that such a guarantee means:

If anything you buy here proves unsatisfactory by the evidence of six uninteresting witnesses which a cracker jack A-number-one trial lawyer couldn't rattle on cross-examination, it will be exchanged or your money will be refunded when so ordered by the Supreme Court of the United States or a Justice thereof after the last appeal gets taken and judgment is confirmed in an action brought for that purpose, it being understood and agreed that nothing in this guarantee shall apply to or bind the party making the same, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

"Before a newspaper accepts an advertisement nowadays, it is censured the same as an interview with General Joffer, and if an advertisement comes in from a shoe manufacturer with his picture on it, they send a reporter to make sure that the feller is bald like his photograph claims he is, and if he isn't they wouldn't print the advertisement till the manufacturer comes down and signs his name in the presence of the managing editor, the art editor, two prominent clergymen and a handwriting expert.

"Aber what I couldn't understand is: Why should a manufacturer suppose it helps the sale of his shoes to advertise 'em mit a picture of a bald-headed man, even supposing he does look that way?" Zapp said.

"For that matter, Zapp, my wife's brother Sig as a young feller used to rub talcum powder on his upper lip, because he thought it would make grow for him a mustache like the feller on the box," Birsky said.

"Was there any such claim on the box besides the picture?" Zapp asked.

"No," Birsky said, "but Sig had just come over from the old country and couldn't read English."

"Well, all I could say is he is lucky he didn't want to raise a bald head in

"Maybe they figure that way, and maybe they figure that the feller which is running the Paris and San Francisco Fur Importing Company is just some poor goose that has got ahold of a line of seal overcoats and don't know their real value, Zapp, and never mind if the feller WOULD have a wife and family depending on him, Zapp, that's HIS lookout. If he is fool enough to let them seal-lined overcoats go at from \$19.99 to \$21.50, he shouldn't be in the fur business if he don't know no more about furs than that; so they buy an overcoat off of him, Zapp, just to teach him a lesson as it were."

"Sometimes they also figure that the reason why the Paris and San Francisco Fur Importing Company could sell genuine sealskins at \$19.99 is that the overcoats was stolen, Birsky," Zapp said, "so they go to work and buy 'em on the principle of what the eye don't see it, what is it the heart's business?"

"Then what is the use of newspapers protecting them crooks by not printing fake advertisements?"

"I don't know, Birsky," Zapp said. "In fact, Birsky, I ain't got no sympathy for a bargain hunter anyway."

"And quite right too," Birsky said. "It's always a joke to stick a bargain hunter, Zapp, because if he wasn't out to stick somebody himself a bargain hunter wouldn't be a bargain hunter. There is fellers in this town, Zapp,—millionaires and college gradewates—which when they talk about quack stores gets so red in the face that you'd think they was discussing labor unions, Zapp, and in the very next breath, y'understand, they'll tell how they was motoring in the mountains of West Virginia and how they come across a log cabin where an old feller and his wife was raising a little corn for a living and eating it off a broken-down mahogany table mit bandy legs, club feet and all the other deformities which turns a human being into a helpless cripple and a table into a \$1,000 antique, Zapp. Then they'll tell you how they bought the table from



"Signs His Name in the Presence of the Managing Editor, the Art Editor, Two Prominent Clergymen and a Handwriting Expert."

stead of a mustache," Zapp replied, "because he would of been set back at least \$3.50 for shoes instead of twenty cents for talcum powder."

"A feller who thinks he could get bald headed by wearing any particular brand of shoes should ought to get stuck for \$3.50," Birsky said, "never mind he couldn't read English."

"Well, that only goes to show how careful a newspaper should be if it doesn't want its readers to be swindled," Zapp said. "Some people which is too foxy to believe anything they read in the news section of a newspaper gets fooled very easy by advertisements. They could read it in the paper how seals has become so scarce that if all the seals in existence was divided up among the inhabitants of the State of Kansas there would be only .00062 seals to an inhabitant. Also they could see in a Sunday paper how the Secretary of Commerce and Labor gives out an interview that the United States is keeping a line of battleships in Alaska to prevent poachers from killing seals, Birsky, but that owing to the high price of sealskins in New York, the poachers takes a chance on getting shot, starved, frozen and drowned and sometimes catches as many as twenty-eight and a half seals in a season, y'understand, and yet, Birsky, when a concern by the name of the Paris and San Francisco Fur Importing Company advertises fur overcoats with Baffin Bay Seal lining and genuine Prussian Lamb collars at from \$19.99 to \$21.50 apiece, them newspaper readers figure what does a Secretary of Commerce and Labor know about seals anyway."

the poor mountaineer for \$2.35 and brought it back to New York and had it polished for \$1.03 and sold it to an antique dealer for \$1,275.60; and they never stop to consider that while a quack store proprietor may sell a fur overcoat for \$21.50 by representing that the lining is genuine seal, the garment probably stands him in as much as \$10.50, reckoning what he paid the tailor for manufacturing and the S. P. C. A. for the skins."

"At the same time, Birsky," Zapp said, "if I would be a reputable merchant, and zoltzenly I TRY to be, Birsky, I wouldn't advertise my goods in a paper which also accepts advertisements from quack stores, because I figure that if a bargain hunter wouldn't know of an advertised store where he THINKS he could get a \$100 overcoat for \$21, he would go to an advertised store where he really and truly could buy a \$100 overcoat for \$100, or anyhow \$110.50. So you see, Birsky, censuring advertisements is really for the benefit of the advertiser and not for the feller who reads 'em."

"Maybe you're right, Zapp," Birsky agreed, "aber it don't make no difference how small its circulation would be, a newspaper couldn't overestimate the foolishness of people that read advertisements."

"I believe you," Zapp said. "Now you take me for instance, and I am a pretty hard proposition. If I see in a newspaper that I am recommended to drink sparkling Graperina made from the juice of the ripest Illinois grapes, I take it for granted that on the bottle it

says: 'The contents of this package is composed from grape skins, grape stalks, grape boxes and grape barrels, sweetened with sakkareeno and artificially colored and carbonated, contains 8-10 of 30% Benzo-boracid acid and 6-11 of 70% somethingate of soda and 4% alcohol by weight and 38% by volume.' Also I never fall for advertisements of cheap clothing, cheap straw hats, cut price furniture or specials in watches and jewelry, but when I see in a newspaper:

## CHAROSES SIX ROADSTER

made by the Charoses Motor Car Corporation.

This car has the elegant, refined lines of the most expensive cars. Distinctive Charoses stream line. Seats eight and a half passengers and is finished in genuine walrus leather with four knife blade wheels and a belt of silk braid to the hip line, trimmed with narrow bands of fur and otherwise is equal in every respect to any car selling for over \$4,250.

\$610

F. O. B. Ryan, Jeff Davis Co. Tex.

y'understand, it's all I can do to hold myself back from ringing up the New York agent and asking him would he prefer cash oder a certified check."

"Yes, Zapp," Birsky commented, "there's just enough of the rube in each and every feller so that sooner or later, mit kidney pills or otermobiles, the fake advertiser will get him if he don't look out."

"Or if the newspaper proprietor don't look for him," Zapp concluded. (Copyright, New York Tribune.)

## HE WENT TO THE MOVIES



Count von Bernstorff, the dismissed German ambassador, snapped just after he had delivered the note from the kaiser which resulted in the rupture of diplomatic relations. He was on his way to a moving picture house where he saw German war films.

## Faithful in Death.

"All his life Dobbs was a great booster of his home town."

"An admirable character, no doubt."

"And he kept it up after he died."

"You're joking."

"Not at all. He made arrangements for his funeral some years before he passed away and on his tombstone, following the usual epitaph, was chiseled, 'Next to heaven, there is no place like Chiggersville.'"

## INSURE MINIMUM LAMB LOSS

Visit Ewe Flock Frequently During Lambing Season—Salt and Water Essential for Ewes.

During the lambing season the ewe flock should be visited early in the morning, the last thing at night, and once during the night. This insures a minimum lamb loss.

Some sheepmen feed the lambs little or no grain until they are weaned, but they are kept on good pastures with their dams. If the pastures are good the ewes are not fed any grain. Until the pastures have a good start the ewes are fed a ration of oats and corn silage along with alfalfa, clover, or prairie hay. The lambs as well as the ewes should have plenty of fresh water to drink, and have access to salt.



## ROAD BUILDING

MILLIONS FOR BETTER ROADS  
Sum of \$85,000,000 of Federal Funds Made Available for Construction of Country Highways.

By the passage of the federal aid road bill the government of the United States has put itself in the way to reap great benefits. According to the new law, the sum of \$85,000,000 of federal funds is made available for the construction of country roads. Of this amount \$75,000,000 is to be expended for the construction of rural post roads under co-operative arrangements with the highway departments of the various states and \$10,000,000 is to be used in developing roads and trails within or partly within the national forests.

This law is proof of the national awakening to the fact that our country is lamentably deficient in well-constructed highways. The main



Well-Cared-For Highway.

lines of travel in the early days were the shores of great waters and the rivers and canals. The railroad building era followed close upon the period of the river steamboat and for these and other reasons the highways of the land were neglected.

One of the most powerful of the agencies now at work for better roads is the automobile. The country owes a debt to the motor-driven car for making insistent demand for adequate highways over which to travel.

The expenditure of these many millions of dollars will benefit the people very greatly by helping to convey farm products to market and thus to some extent it will make living cheaper and more comfortable, says Chicago News. Moreover, the country with an abundance of good roads within its boundaries is more easily defended when threatened from without. The best result of all, however, will be the quickening of intercourse and intelligence and the unifying of this great nation, which as yet is too much given to sprawling physically and otherwise.

## KENTUCKY FIRST TO IMPROVE

Spent Money for Construction of Roads Over Half Century Ago—Had Highway Engineer.

It is often said that the use of state money for the construction of roads is of quite recent origin. The New Jersey state aid law of 1891 is sometimes referred to as the first instance of such use of state funds in this country. As a matter of fact, state money was spent for such purposes more than 75 years ago. Kentucky paid out over \$2,000,000 for road improvements between 1820 and 1840, under the direction of a state highway engineer, who drew a salary of \$5,000 a year, a very large sum for those days. The roads built then were 24 to 30 feet wide between the ditches. The surfaces were constructed of broken stone, and the bottoms were of large stones wedged together to make what road builders call a telford foundation. About 1850 business conditions in the country became bad and this work stopped. When it was resumed in 1908 such a long period had elapsed since the earlier state-aid work that 1908 is usually fixed as the beginning of state roadwork in Kentucky.

## A FRIEND OF MINE ASKED ME WHAT FLOORING WAS WORTH

I told him the best grade of flooring was worth \$27.50 per 1000 feet.

He remarked, "it is very high. I only paid \$17.50 per 1000 for the flooring in my house a few years ago."

I told him I remembered having sold him the flooring, and told him if he remembered, that he brought a bale of cotton to town that day and it took the entire bale to pay for the 2000 feet of flooring. Now, today, for that same bale of cotton I'll give you 2000 feet of flooring and in addition to the flooring will give you

- 5 gallons of high grade paint
- 3 gallons of linseed oil
- 1 barrel of lime
- 2 sacks of cement
- 2000 shingles
- 1 nice glass door

Which is cheaper, to buy flooring at \$17.50 or \$27.50 per 1000? THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS!

**T. H. LEAVERTON LUMBER CO.**  
EAST SIDE RAILROAD . . . GRAPELAND, TEXAS

## TWO THOUSAND HEADED TAILOR

MR. DARSEY BACK FROM CHICAGO TELLS WHAT HE SAW

Mr. M. E. Darsey returned last week from Chicago, and is very enthusiastic over the many things he saw.

"Everybody has read a hundred times about Chicago's cafes and theatres—her wonderful parks and her Art Institutes—her stock yards and packing houses—her tenements and her magnificent churches," said Mr. Darsey. "There's nothing new in telling about these things, because every 'globe trotter' tries his hand at 'cooking up' a story about them.

"I'm going to tell you something about a business organization which is a wonder—and must interest every man in this community—because it is making a product that every man here must have—that every man, in fact, lives in for the greater part of his life—clothes.

"Imagine, if you can, a Two-Thousand Headed Tailor! A tailor with the brains, the skill and the activity of 2,000 merchant tailors rolled into one; a tailor whose hands and eyes equal those of 2,000 combined clothes makers. Such are the Royal Tailors.

"Their building occupies over a full city block of ground—and what is scarce in a big city—it is flooded with daylight.

"And while they have provided every convenience and comfort for their thousands of employes, such as a thoroughly modern restaurant, reading and recreation rooms, they also look after the health of this vast army of men and women through their own hospital right in the Royal Tailor building.

"Here is an establishment absolutely unique. By wholesaling to a nation, instead of retailing to a neighborhood, the Royal Tailors have grown to be the greatest tailoring institution in the world.

"But this is not surprising. They pay as much attention to an order as a mother does to her babe. They seem to make a 'pet' of every order that comes in. Even before an order is sent into the different shops, several wizards go through it like a chimpanzee looking for gray-backs, to see that the fellow way off there in 'Podunk' or the millionaire steel magnate in Pittsburgh, gets what he orders and gets it right. 'Podunk' and Pittsburgh sound far fetched? Not a bit of it. I guess the Royal Tailors sell a greater variety of people than any other business concern in the country. For the young man on the farm, just starting in life, and the experienced New York club man, are equally glad to wear Royal Tailored clothes.

"What made me big-eyed with wonder was to figure how they could give so much care to each order, and yet turn out so many suits a day. It takes a pretty slick lot of brainy business men to do this, but I suppose it is just like every other big business in the world—the very reason that it is big is that big men, careful men, expert men, are back of it.

"As I see it, this monumental business towers above every other tailoring house in existence, because it is built on this double-triple-strength founda-

## Zack Writes Local Happenings From Reynard

Feb. 19.—Farmers in general are behind with their work. Corn planting time is near by and some may plant the last of the month. The hard cold spell killed all the peas that were up, hence will have to plant over.

Since meat is about safe we are anxious for some Spring weather because it has a tendency to invigorate and put new life in us. We are hopeful of a good fruit crop as things are different from the past few years. Very few plums and peaches in bloom. No indigo up yet. Gardens that were planted during the hard cold spell are up and doing well.

Yesterday was a spring-like day and our people were stirring around. Had a reasonable good attendance at Sunday School. We have not elected officers for another year yet. Have been waiting for a better representation.

Miss Cora Bell Kent spent Saturday with homefolks.

The following were from Grapeland to see J. H. Beazley, who is very ill: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Selkirk, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Edens, Mrs. Dora White and son, Stovall and Mrs. Bowman. We pray that his suffering may not be severe.

Our school is moving along nicely and our teacher is making good.

I do not know what is best in regard to the war. Am willing to leave it to the men we have elected to see after that for us. After the smoke has cleared away we may have a new world.

Would like to see a letter from Mr. Cain and in conclusion we wish to give your High School Supt. a rose. Think the school should feel proud of him both as a man and a teacher. In conversation with him, we find him to be a man of deep reasoning and our style of man.

Zack.

Mrs. Geo. W. Crook and Mrs. O'Neill of Crockett were guests of Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey Monday afternoon, and attended the play at the auditorium in the evening.

## Our Hobby

Is Good Printing

Ask to see samples of our business cards, visiting cards, wedding

and other invitations, pamphlets, folders, letter heads statements, shipping tags, envelopes, etc., constantly carried in stock for your accommodation.

Get our figures on that printing you have been thinking of.

**New Type, Latest Style Faces**

## CHAS. C. HILL

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Office: Leaverton's Drug Store

## DON'T FORGET US

When you need anything in the line of neat and attractive Printing.

## B. F. DENT

ATTORNEY AT LAW

Office in Courier Bldg. Crockett, Texas

**THE Merchants who advertise in this paper will give you best values for your money.**

## It Always Helps

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

I wish every suffering woman would give

# GARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

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

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

**Get a Bottle Today!**

tion: 1 Garments made to individual measure; 2 Pure, all wool; 3 Six days to make delivery; 4 Perfectly shrunk clothes; 5 Highest securable workmanship; 6 Legal guarantee of satisfaction.

"They would have a mighty big contract living up to all these things, even if they asked 'English Peerage' prices—but they don't. They simply clothe the best dressed men in America by the thousands because they make clothes like you would make them yourself if you knew how—and they sell them at your own prices. I wish everyone around here could see it done, even if he could not see 'how'".

## What a Farmer Did on 40 Acres With Peanuts

Goliad, Texas, Feb. 11.—K. D. Delaney, a Goliad county farmer, who believes in diversification, has demonstrated the value of peanuts as a profitable crop for sandy lands.

On 40 acres, Mr. Delaney harvested 980 bushels of Spanish peanuts and sold them on the market at 80 cents per bushel at time of harvesting. From this same 40 acres, he baled 30 tons of hay, which he retained for his Jersey cows; this hay he considers worth \$22 per ton.

Here is what he made on 40 acres.

980 bu. peanuts at 80c. \$784  
30 tons of hay at \$22 660

Total yield of 40 acres \$1,444  
The above prices were not the top prices as the nuts later on were being quoted at \$1.27 per bushel.

On the same amount of sandy land Mr. Delaney gathered 5 bales of cotton which, with the seed at \$40, cotton selling at 15 cents, brought him \$475 on the 40 acres.

The cotton was plowed five times, chopped twice as the land was grassy. Price for picking 75 cents per 100 pounds.

The peanut crop was plowed three times and was never touched with a hoe. Gathering of the vines and nuts to the thresher cost 50 cents per acre, for threshing 10 cents per bushel.

Taking into consideration the cost of gathering both crops, the peanut crop shows a better yield of \$969 over the cotton crop on same amount of land, with much

less expense to make and harvest.

Mr. Delaney plants around 1-2 bu. of peanuts to the acre and plants from March to May, preferably in April. A large amount of the nuts will be planted this year.

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.

Dan McLean left Sunday for Tyler to enter a commercial college.

If you don't sleep well at night from nervousness, indigestion or urinary troubles, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It purifies the system and relieves the kidneys and bladder. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

## GAS IN THE STOMACH

Is a symptom of impaired digestion. To neglect digestive trouble is to bid high for disease in the kidneys as these diseases all start in bad digestion. Take

## PRICKLY ASH BITTERS

It is a corrective medicine for all disorders in the digestive organs. It quickly checks sour stomach. Gas or wind in the stomach or bowels, heartburn, bloated feeling, belching, bad breath, dizziness, headaches and a constipated habit. If you have any weakness in your digestion, take Prickly Ash Bitters. It relieves all distress immediately and if used for a reasonable period it cures permanently.

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A. H. LUKER, - - Editor and Owner

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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 his every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1917

**RIDING WHEELS ON SIDEWALK**

Grapeland has a bicycle brigade, consisting of about fifteen boys from eight to fifteen years of age. The clayed streets are not good enough for them, so they line up and come tearing down the sidewalk in front of the stores like a bunch of Apache Indians, demanding the right of way, and even ladies have to get out of the way of these riders many times being forced to get off the sidewalk. On Saturday it is a common thing to see a big "yearling" boy run against a lady with his wheel. The parents of every boy who has a wheel know it is not right to allow this practice and should prohibit it.

We hope that winter has made its last "drive" and is now in full retreat.

Many objections are being raised to the new coins put in circulation by Uncle Sam. Bankers say they are hard to stack, while the sanitary crank says they have too many crevices for carrying germs. We are neither a banker nor a sanitary crank.

The charges brought against Governor Ferguson by Senator Johnson of Hall county are very serious indeed, and unless proven to be false would be just grounds for impeachment proceedings. The legislature, in justice to the governor and the people of Texas, should thoroughly investigate the matter. To let the charges go unheeded would be a blot on the fair name of Texas.

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.

By all means, urge him, and when he sees all those pretty Ratchiff girls who will be there, he will find that his trip was well worth while. —Houston Co. (Ratchiff) Herald.

The "peach editor" has his grip packed and is ready for the trip to Grapeland, where he expects to look the peaches over—and also any calves that may be running at large. —Lufkin News.

Every day seems to draw the United States nearer to war. No man can assure us that we will escape for no man knows. The year 1917 may see us shut off from all sources of supplies from the outer world and de-

**GINGLES' JINGLES**

**A GRUDGE.**

Don't carry a grudge, you're a mut if you do, such stuff from your midst by all means you must shoo. It can't help your case and puts you on the blink, to tote evil thoughts against any gazink; creates in yourself an unpleasant unrest, puts you to the bad, sticks around like a pest, persists and upsets 'till you're in for it right—until you must either fix matters or fight. A grudge is a mighty unpleasant side kick, and makes you a slave, if permitted to stick, spolls all of the peace and the blessings of life, interferes with your chance to win out in the strife. So give it the gate, don't allow it to stick, get rid of your grudge 'fore it has you down sick, go straight to the party that you so dislike, slap him on the back and say, "lookit here Mike, I think you have wronged me, perhaps you have not, well talk the thing over, but we won't get hot." A thousand to one you will both soon agree, and then from your grudge and your hatred *Len H. Jingles* you're free.

pendent entirely upon local production. Facing such a possibility, it is incumbent upon every farmer to cultivate to the limit of his acreage and ability, and a town person who has a lot should do the same. The time to begin is now. If we place armies in the field of battle those armies must be fed—and the products come from the farm.

**AS PLANTING TIME DRAWS NEAR**

As the time draws near for planting and the farm manager carefully considers the prospects for marketing, the more will he be impressed with the importance of feed and food crops. Those who reason logically will not let their own personal preferences have anything to do with their decision as to the crops to be planted. They will be guided solely by the probable markets for the money crops and the needs of the family for food and feed for livestock.

The opportunity for marketing cotton at good prices will depend upon several things, but especially will the acreage planted in food and feed and that left for cotton have much to do with prices. That is, we as cotton growers may risk a large acreage in cotton or we may plant a small area and take no chances. Every individual must have this question and act upon it according to his own judgement.

But leaving the question of cotton acreage alone, it will be the judgement of many that a liberal acreage had best be planted in food and feed crops so that the manager will be able to live regardless of whether or not the cotton market is satisfactory in the fall.—Farm & Ranch.

Supt. Sims requests the Messenger to say that school will be suspended Friday for the purpose of building the fence around the school grounds. The patrons are requested to come and spend the day and assist the school in doing this work. Dinner will be served on the ground. All who can do so are requested to come and bring tools to work with, so the work can be finished in one day.

C. T. Sims and Coleman Scarborough were in Crockett Saturday attending a committee meeting of the summer normal.

**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.

**First  
in  
Peace**

**First  
in  
War**

**GEO. WASHINGTON**

**First in the Hearts of His Countrymen**

Our nation today is respecting the memory of Washintgon in many ways, paying the highest tribute a people can pay to a great chief who has gone long ago. On this, Washington's Birthday, let us think of the many things our nation has received through the influence of our great leader and of the high principles so eminently prominent in his life.

**THIS STORE, LIKE WASHINGTON,**

**believes in living up to the highest standards of merchandising. That's why you can rely upon the quality of the goods we sell; that's why so many customers have confidence in DARSEY'S SERVICE; that's why we tell the truth in advertising.**

OUR SPRING SHOWING of merchandise was never more complete, never more elaborate. We have brought the best styles and fads from the great style centers and placed them at your disposal. Come in and see the many new things that are being received most every day.

We now have on display our first showing of Spring  
**MILLINERY, SILK DRESSES,  
SUITS, SPORT COATS,  
SKIRTS**  
and other spring merchandise now so popular everywhere

**SPORT SILKS**

Our line of colors in sport stripe suitings rivals old glory in splendor. We have all the new patterns in the latest combinations.

Sport Poplins, Paisley Silks, Plain Silks,  
Wool and Cotton Suiting, Wash Silks.

Our line of Dress Goods is as complete as any you will find.

**GET READY FOR EASTER**

It is not too early to plan for Easter. Every man, woman and child wants to be at their best for this occasion and this store affords you a splendid opportunity to attire yourself in popular wearing apparel. We have many lines at your disposal.

**THE MENFOLKS**

will find at DARSEY'S new shipments of Shirts, Trousers, Ties, Florsheims, Stetsons, and everything in wearing apparel. Royal Service means that your suit will be as you want it. Let us take your measure early while the selections are best.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

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

Mrs. Byron Maxwell visited in Crockett Monday.

Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.

Mrs. Laura Goodson visited in Palestine last Thursday.

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

Will Musick was up from Crockett Monday.

Dr. McCarty was a visitor to Palestine Monday.

Swanson Yarbrough of Palestine visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough, Sunday.

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

**WOOD FOR SALE**

If you need 2 foot wood phone M. E. Bean. Cook Phone.

Misses Mary Lou Darsey, Rena Ross Richards and Helen McMurphy visited friends in Crockett Sunday.

W. D. Granberry returned home Monday morning from Cabot, Ark., where he was called to attend the funeral of his brother's wife.

**FOR RENT**

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

**FOR SALE**

Eggs for setting from pure bred, single comb, Brown Leghorn hens, through the month of March only. Price 50c per setting delivered in Grapeland. 75c by parcel post. W. R. Durnell, Grapeland, Route 3.

**NOTICE**

I will have to ask my neighbors and friends who have hogs running out to take them up, as I will be planting truck in the field next week.

Lon Beauchamp.

**MAIZE HEADS**

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

**OUR HONOR ROLL**

The following have our thanks for subscription:

Speer Darsey, J. A. Richardson, Grapeland.

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

**GIN BURNED**

The gin belonging to M. S. Spence at Reynard was destroyed by fire Monday night about 9:30 o'clock. The plant was valued at \$4,000 and was insured for \$3,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Mr. R. H. (Hamilton) Morris, of Coleman, Texas and Miss Ethel Stanley of Gouldbusk, Texas were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Morris, who live a few miles east of this city and has a host of friends here who join the Messenger in extending congratulations.

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**.. Gentle Jabs ..**

By Jno. R. Owens

The dove of peace seems to be in a moulted condition.

Monday was a day calculated to cause a fellow to feel slightly inclined to take 'em off.

When we hear a woman talk, whose tongue is loose at both ends, we are thankful that we have only two ears.

Too bad that the "dear suffs" suffered another defeat in the Texas legislature, but it had to be 'did' to save the state from the petticoat ranks.

Since Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador is at last on his way to Germany, we presume that the U. S. Government will now resume its duties.

In the event of war, we are going to try to convince the recruiting officers that we are worth more to our country at home than at the front.

Germany has warned Americans off the high seas and Villa has warned us to stay out of Jaurez. Personally, we do not need warning, as we still contend there's no place like home.

It seems that some of the senators have been trying to uncover the political pot and let the "fumes" escape, but the governor seems to be sitting on the lid.

When relations were first severed with Germany, there was silence on the part of those fellows who are now talking about "defending the dear old flag"—since they think war will be averted.

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

It is said that Japan leads in the divorce business. This way of separating couples has almost passed in Texas, and they use six-shooters instead, which is generally more effective and a quicker method.

A Georgia woman who donned male attire and shadowed her husband the other night, was arrested. We trust this will be a warning to other wives who would be so distrustful of their husbands on their nightly prowls around.

A cattle man came to town one day last week with one of the cutest little calves you ever saw sitting across the pommel of his saddle. Probably he did not want it to get it's feet muddy. Notice is hereby given to John Owens, Tom Malloy, Dock Lively and others, this little squib is copyrighted. Hands off.—Ratcliff Herald.

We got nothin' to say about this specie of calves. None but the side-walk variety attract our attention, and of course, Ratcliff being just a "country village" one could not expect to see such "scenery" in Ratcliff. We make a motion that you go to town Weimar, before fashion lengthens the skirts. Do we hear a second to this motion?

Half hose for ladies is the latest and they are now being dis-

**Save Money on These!**

- 50c Pozzoni Face Powder - - - 35c
- 35c LaValliere Rice Powder - - - 25c
- 50c Baker's Greasless Cleansing Cream - 35c
- 50c Velvetina Massage Cream - 35c
- 50c Velvetina Skin Bleach - - - 35c
- 25c Velvetina Cream Lotion - - - 20c
- 50c Minuet Face Cream - - - 30c

- 1.00 Ballard's Horehound Syrup - - - 80c
- 50c " " " " - - - 40c
- 50c Ketterer's Liver Klenzor - - - 35c
- 25c " " " " - - - 20c
- 1.00 K. E. Blood Purifier : : : 75c
- 1.00 Breeden's Rheumatic Cure : : : 75c
- 1.00 Black Draught & Disinfectant : : : 75c
- 1.00 Bee Dee Colic Remedy : : : 75c

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The relief is prompt and very gratifying to the sufferer. It eases the joints and conveys a strengthening influence that soon restores normal conditions. Use it also for healing Cuts, Sores, Wounds, Burns, Scalds, relieving Stiff Neck, Lame Back or Sore Muscles. It rarely fails to give good results. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 per bottle.

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"THE QUALITY MAN."

played in Dallas. With the ladies wearing half hose and half skirts in Dallas, that city will not need a state fair to draw a crowd this year.

Carranza has offered his influence in trying to bring about peace with the European coun-

tries now at war. Evidently he does not believe in casting the beam out of his own eye before he casts the mote out of his brother's eye.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zackary of Dallas visited the family of T. D. Zackary last week.

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SENATE FAVORS PERMITTING INVESTMENT BY TRUST COMPANIES IN SUCH SECURITIES.

## JUDICIAL SALARY BILL PASSED

Many Measures Have Been Considered by Both the Senate and House Up to the Present Time, But There Are Many More to Come Up.

Austin, Tex.—A bill by Messrs. Caldwell and Gibson was passed finally by the senate Saturday which, if it becomes a law, will make all bonds issued under and by virtue of the federal farm loan act lawful investment for all the fiduciary and trust funds, and provides that such bonds may be accepted as security for all public deposits where deposits or bonds or mortgages are authorized by law to be accepted. It further declares that such bonds shall be lawful investment for all funds which may be lawfully invested by guardians, administrators, trustees and receivers; for savings departments of state banks, for banks, savings banks and trust companies chartered or transacting business under the laws of Texas, where investments are required or permitted, and providing that where such bonds are secured by notes or other obligations, the payment of which is secured by mortgage, deed of trust or other valid lien upon real estate situated in the state, then such bond or bonds shall be regarded for investment purposes by insurance companies as Texas securities.

Only two matters of legislation were discussed by the house Saturday—one the Robertson bill to increase judicial salaries, and the other the De Bogory joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment completely revising the present judicial system. The Robertson bill was passed finally, 71 to 38, amended, however, very materially.

Originally it provided that judges of the supreme court and court of criminal appeals should receive \$7,000 per year and judges of the courts of civil appeals \$6,000 per year. These provisions were eliminated from the measure entirely, and as it passed its only feature is to raise the salaries of district judges to \$3,600 per year, instead of \$3,000 as at present.

The De Bogory joint resolution was passed to engrossment by a vote of 80 to 27. This is fifteen votes short of the ninety-five that will be required to pass it finally.

### Saturday's Senate Proceedings.

The Farm Loan bank bond bill making all bonds of the bank conform to the farm loan act was finally passed. Senator Lattimore had the bill providing for the creation of juvenile boards changed so that Tarrant county can come under it.

The bill authorizing the state to purchase the Commercial College at Commerce to be used as the Northeast Texas State Normal passed.

Senator Dayton introduced a resolution seeking to have the legislature go on record favoring the location of the government armor plate plant at Gainesville.

### Saturday's House Proceedings.

The Robertson bill increasing the salaries of supreme, civil and criminal, appellate and district judges was finally passed.

The house joint resolution which proposes a constitutional amendment changing the entire system of courts in Texas was engrossed.

Representative O'Bannon of Marshall introduced a resolution in the lower house providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to investigate the charges against the governor as set out in the resolution introduced in the senate.

Austin, Tex.—The statewide tick eradication bill, a bill prohibiting the owning and operating of pool and billiard halls for profit, a bill limiting campaign expenses in municipal elections, and a bill creating a Junior Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stephenville were among the important measures passed by the senate Friday.

The tick eradication bill is the committee substitute for the original Hudspeth senate bill and provides for dividing the state into three zones, from north to south, and is the bill agreed upon by a large delegation of cattlemen representing every section of the state. Only one amendment was made, and that transferred Kinney county from zone 1 to zone 2. The bill provides for compliance with the law requiring compulsory dipping in zone 1 by March 1, 1919; in zone 2 by March 1, 1920, and in zone 3 by March 1, 1922. The vote on final passage was 24 to 1. An effort will be made to have the bill passed in the house at once.

By a vote of 20 to 7 the senate passed finally a bill which is a composite of the senate bills by Mr. Dean and Mr.

### Tuesday's Senate Proceedings.

The senate concurred in the house's "independents' pipe line bill.

The employers' liability bill was passed after several amendments had been added to it.

The senate committee to investigate the demand for an investigation of the university heard Governor Ferguson Tuesday.

Senator Johnston of Harris county introduced a bill prescribing the offense of negligent assault and battery, which is aimed at reckless auto drivers who run down pedestrians.

Johnson of Hall, which would prohibit the owning and operating of pool or billiard halls in the state for profit, but does not prohibit clubs and similar places owning pool or billiard tables, provided they are not run for profit.

The committee warehouse bill, as amended by Mr. Moore to vest all power to administer the act in the commissioner of agriculture instead of a board and a manager or superintendent, and as further amended Friday by striking out sections authorizing the commissioner to regulate and license gins and conduct hearings regarding gin prices, etc., was engrossed by the house Friday. The Clark bill establishing the John Tarlton Jr. A. and M. College at Stephenville was called up by Mr. Miller of Dallas and passed finally.

### Friday's Senate Proceedings.

Senator Buchanan of Bell introduced a concurrent resolution providing for a committee from both houses to draft a bill for a complete revision of the tax laws of the state.

The subcommittee named to make recommendations in regard to an investigation of the university trouble reported and left it up to the full committee to reach a decision.

### Friday's House Proceedings.

When the "bone dry" submission resolution was called up it was passed to engrossment with two votes shy of the necessary two-thirds to pass the resolution finally.

Considerable wrangling took place before the submission resolution was engrossed, and it was threatened that a constitutional convention would be called if the prohibition question was not submitted to a vote of the people.

Austin, Tex.—The house appropriations committee Thursday refused to carry in the appropriation bill a deficiency item of \$2,550 for water, fuel and light for the governor's mansion, or a deficiency item of \$300 for labor and employes for the governor's mansion. The vote in committee, which followed the receipt of a subcommittee's report, was 5 to 4 in favor of striking out these deficiency appropriations.

It being senate bill day, the house devoted most of the morning to senate bills.

First, the Caldwell bill, which would permit public utilities corporations to condemn property in the same manner as the state and cities do, was killed, the enacting clause being stricken out.

The Buchanan of Scurry bill relative to the amending of city charters met a similar fate when the house refused to engross it.

### Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

Representative Holland's "mooching" bill came up for discussion, but was tabled.

General John A. Hulen was invited to address the senate, and he spoke only a few words acknowledging the honor.

Senator McNealus also introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of Senator Johnson of Hall, who had called for an investigation of the governor. This was also tabled.

Twelve senators signed a resolution introduced Thursday asking that charges against Governor Ferguson by Senator Johnson of Hall be referred to the house for further action. The resolution was tabled.

### Thursday's House Proceedings.

The senate bill which would allow public service corporations to condemn land as counties do was killed.

The senate bill remitting Galveston county taxes for another period of ten years was finally passed.

The appropriation committee refused to carry in the appropriation bill a deficiency item of \$2,550 for fuel, water and light for the governor's mansion.

Austin, Tex.—By a vote of 19 to 12 the senate Wednesday tabled Senator Johnson's resolution providing for an investigation of certain acts of Governor Ferguson. This action came after a debate that lasted all day.

The vote tabling the resolution was as follows:

Ayes—Bailey, Bee, Caldwell, Clark, Dayton, Dean, Floyd, Gibson, Hall, Harley, Henderson, Hopkins, Hudspeth, Johnston of Harris, King, McCollum, Pace, Parr, Woodward—19.

Noes—Alderdice, Buchanan of Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Decherd, Johnson of Hall, Lattimore, McNealus, Robbins, Smith, Strickland, Suiter, Westbrook—12.

In the house Wednesday Mr. Estes introduced a bill creating a new state normal to be located at Calvert, and Mr. Spradley a bill requiring all food articles containing glucose to be so

labeled.

The house passed finally the senate bill by Mr. Strickland making an appropriation of \$85,000 for co-operative work in fighting malaria in eighty counties in East Texas.

### Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

After Senator Johnson of Hall had introduced a resolution calling for an investigation of the governor and his actions, Governor Ferguson addressed the senate on invitation, denying accusations in the resolution. The resolution was tabled after much wrangling.

### Wednesday's House Proceedings.

The Johnston bill providing for assistant criminal attorneys for Harris county was passed to the third reading.

A bill was introduced creating the Central Texas normal, to be located at Calvert, carrying an appropriation of \$100,000.

The proposal to name the new county Sul Ross rather than Hudspeth failed of adoption. The bill creating the new county was passed to the third reading.

## Local News Reported From Waneta Vicinity

(Delayed)

Feb. 12.—Owing to the bad weather the farmers here are slow with their farming.

Several of the people here have begun gardening, but we think the hard freeze killed them.

Rev. Wright failed to fill his appointment at Old Hickory Grove last Sunday on account of the bad weather.

Mr. Bob Wherry, wife and her brother of Grapeland were the guests of Mr. John Penick and wife Saturday and Sunday.

Some chills and fevers in our community and also lagrippe and measles.

A few of this place attended the local institute at Liberty Hill Friday night and Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Tims entertained the young people Saturday night. All report a nice time.

Mr. J. E. Shoemaker and family of Augusta visited at Mr. Reed's Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. L. H. McElroy and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Teems Sunday.

The death angel has again visited our community and took the little child of Mr. Marion Peterson. The remains were laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery last Wednesday. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Miss Eva Teems was the guest of Miss Jewel Adams Friday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Edmondson, Wednesday, an 8 pound girl.

Quite a number of visitors visited the school at this place Friday afternoon. We are always glad to have visitors and hope they will come again soon.

Mr. Will Wilson made a business trip to Palestine last week.

Grandmother Teems of Rockwall is visiting her son of this place. Bonnie.

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Walnut Creek Farm Loan Association will meet February 23 at 7:30 p. m. at the George L. Payne farm, and all members are requested to be present; also those wishing to join should be there and their application will be considered. Sec'y.

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.

C. L. Edmiston of Crockett was here on business Tuesday.



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# ARMY SMALL BUT RESOURCES VAST

Reserve Man Power of United States Greatest of White Nations, Except Russia.

## INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY GREAT

With Less Than One-Tenth of World's Population, United States Makes Nearly One-Third of All Things Produced.

Available organized land forces of the United States today amount, roughly, to 265,000 officers and men, made up of 125,000 regulars and 140,000 National Guardsmen (including both those still in the federal service and those under state control).

The exact figures today are known only to the war department at Washington, but recent reports give a close idea of what the organization represent in fighting strength.

In his last annual report, Secretary of War Baker stated that the actual strength of the regular army on June 30, 1916 (including the Philippine Scouts), was 107,641 officers and men.

In the year beginning July 1 last, by the National Defense act of June 3, 1916, the army was to be increased to 138,897 officers and men, divided as follows:

Infantry, 38 regiments	51,224
Cavalry, 17 regiments	17,357
Field artillery, 3 regiments	7,881
Engineers, 3 regiments and 1 mounted company	2,198
Coast artillery corps	21,423
Staff corps and departments	19,224
Philippine Scouts	5,733
Miscellaneous	13,857

Total enlisted strength (including medical department) 138,897

Exceptional difficulties have been found in carrying out this program for increasing the army. On account of the remarkable industrial activity of the country, recruiting has been, since the increase was authorized, at a very low ebb. It is therefore probable that the estimate of 125,000 as the strength of the regular army errs on the side of optimism, and 115,000 may be closer the true figure.

### National Guard.

The strength of the National Guard in Federal service on September 30 last was 143,704 officers and men, divided as follows:

Alabama	4,694
Arizona	863
Arkansas	1,229
California	3,592
Colorado	943
Connecticut	2,251
Delaware	575
District of Columbia	2,125
Florida	1,225
Georgia	3,918
Idaho	1,178
Illinois	8,497
Indiana	3,132
Iowa	4,323
Kansas	2,069
Kentucky	2,279
Louisiana	483
Maine	983
Maryland	3,156
Massachusetts	7,997
Michigan	4,233
Minnesota	4,019
Mississippi	1,308
Missouri	2,629
Montana	1,049
Nebraska	1,718
New Hampshire	1,413
New Jersey	4,135
New Mexico	957
New York	17,852
North Carolina	1,309
North Dakota	993
Ohio	7,413
Oklahoma	1,208
Oregon	318
Pennsylvania	13,745
Rhode Island	644
South Carolina	2,271
South Dakota	969
Tennessee	2,544
Texas	4,563
Utah	781
Vermont	969
Virginia	2,910
Washington	1,730
West Virginia	1,156
Wisconsin	4,125
Wyoming	498
Total	143,704

### Many Regulars Abroad.

Of the regular army today probably only 85,000 officers and men are in the United States proper (including the Pershing expedition), while the other 40,000 are abroad. To show how the forces of the regular army are dispersed the geographical distribution on June 30, 1916, the last date for which definite figures have been made

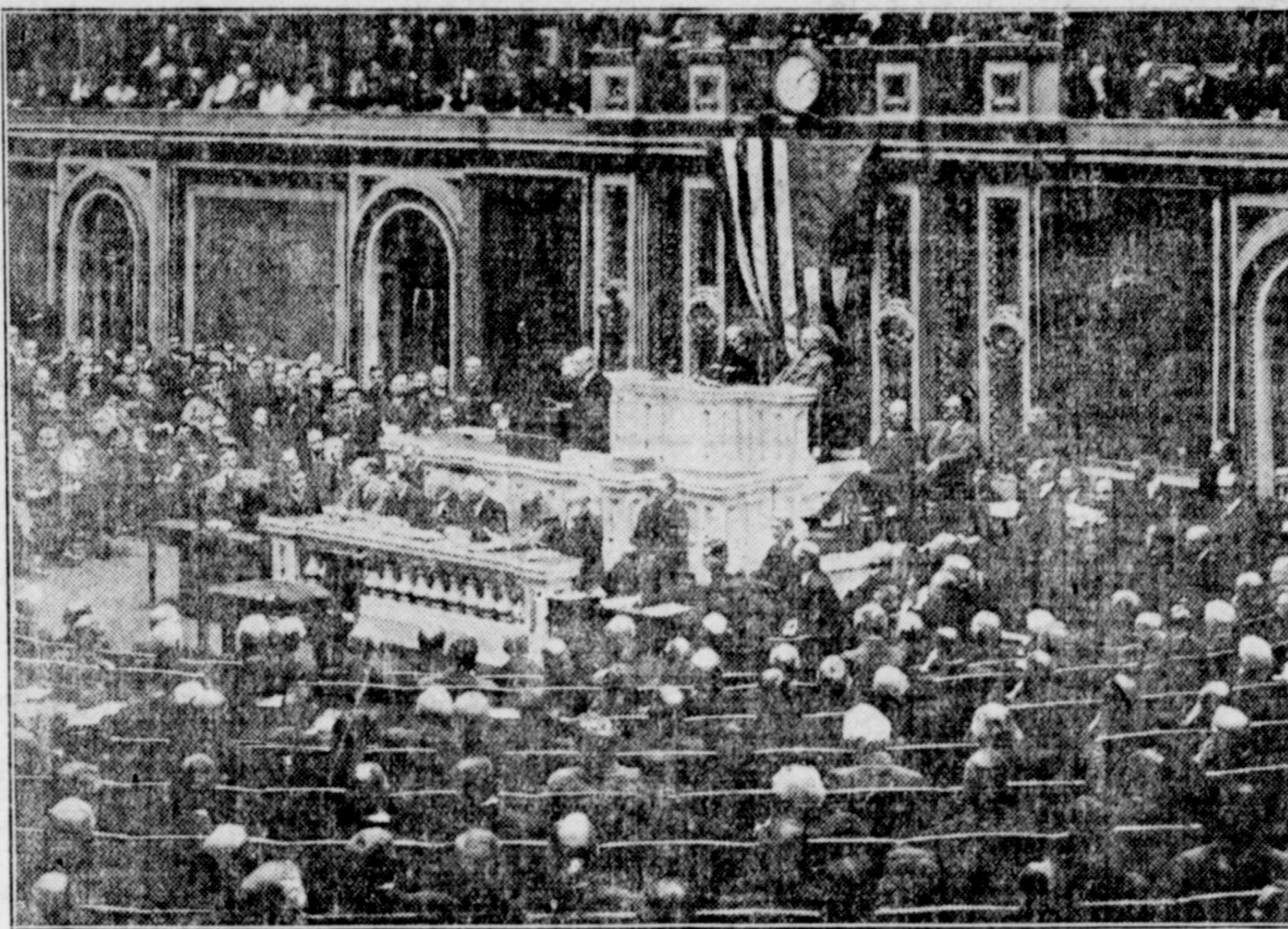
### HOW OUR ARMY COMPARES WITH OTHERS

Following is a comparison of the land forces of the United States as they are today and the normal land establishments of other large nations:

	Strength Peace	Reserves	Total War Strength	Unorganized Males of Military Age
United States	265,000	4,530,000	4,795,000	22,000,000
Germany	880,889	4,516,507	5,397,396	8,162,400
France	924,000	4,016,000	4,940,000	29,419,920
Russia	1,384,000	3,163,965	4,547,965	6,374,466
Austria-Hungary	436,035	2,994,200	3,430,235	3,739,357
Italy	329,000	2,749,986	3,078,986	7,427,000
Great Britain	256,014	1,250,000	1,506,014	8,239,732
Japan	250,000			

The figures for Germany, France, Italy and Great Britain include their Colonial armies.

## WILSON TELLING CONGRESS OF THE BREAK



President Wilson addressing congress February 3 on the developments following Germany's decision to wage ruthless submarine warfare and telling the lawmakers of the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the kaiser's government.

public, are given here:

United States and Mexico, 71,938; Alaska, 792; Philippines (regulars), 11,884; (scouts), 5,735; China, 1,274; Porto Rico, 714; Hawaii, 8,445; Canal Zone, 7,099; miscellaneous, 610. Total, 107,641.

### Vast Unorganized Forces.

While the present organized forces are minute, the reserve man power of the United States is more vast than that of any white nation except Russia.

According to the census of 1910 (since when the increase has been great), the reserve militia of the United States, by which is meant the males aged between eighteen and forty-four years, not included in the organized forces, amounted to 20,538,347 men.

The above total does not include the men of the insular possessions, except Hawaii. These could produce another 2,000,000 men of military age.

France is said now to have one person out of every six in her population serving in the army or navy. If the United States and her insular possessions ever made such an effort, taking the present population as 112,000,000, the president would have at his disposal no less than 18,666,666 men.

This is probably more men than Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey together have in the field today.

### Unapproached Industrial Power.

If the unorganized manhood strength of the United States is imposing, the industrial capacity of the nation is even more impressive.

With less than one-tenth of the world's population, we make nearly one-third of all the things produced.

In iron and steel, for instance, we turn out more than Great Britain and Germany, the two next largest producers, do together.

Some observers have estimated the present industrial capacity of the United States at as much as all the rest of the world put together. While this is perhaps an overestimate, large scale production has been carried to such a fine point here that no nation can approach us in the total produced per worker.

The average American produces more per hour of labor than the citizen of any other nation. We rely on mechanical power three times more per man than does Great Britain, four times more than Germany and five times more than France.

The committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board is just about completing an inventory of the nation's war resources.

While the organization which was to result from this inventory has only just been started, the work of investigation done indicates in the clearest manner the factory strength of this country.

In a preliminary report, Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the committee, stated that there are more than 30,000 manufacturing concerns in the United

States which can render important service in the event of war. No plant is included in this list whose annual output is less than \$100,000.

The inventory is in the hands of the great engineering societies of the country, which have had committees at work in every state.

### Marine Corps.

The United States marine corps is independent of both the army and the navy and its small strength should perhaps be added to that of the two main services when estimating the total organized belligerent power of the nation. The authorized strength of the corps is 15,627 officers and men of all classifications, and the ranks are nearly full.

Various schemes for army reserve bodies were incorporated in the national defense act of last year, but these provisions have not been in force long enough to produce results of importance. For instance, of 50,000 reserve officers provided for, a total of less than 500 has been commissioned.

### Organization of the Army.

The commander in chief of the army (as of the navy also) is the president of the United States.

His representative, who carries out his wishes, is the secretary of war, Newton D. Baker.

The directing force of the army is the general staff. Maj. Gen. Hugh L. Scott is now chief of staff and his assistant is Maj. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss. Grouped about them in Washington are army experts of various ranks, who are supposed to do the thinking about general problems for the whole army.

Should the United States send a military expedition abroad, the commander would undoubtedly be one of the seven active major generals. These are given below, with their present assignments and headquarters:

- Leonard Wood, eastern department, Governors Island, N. Y.
- J. Franklin Bell, western department, San Francisco, Cal.
- Thomas H. Barry, central department, Chicago, Ill.
- Frederick Funston, southern department, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.
- Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, general staff, Washington, D. C.
- Tasker H. Bliss, general staff, Washington, D. C.
- John J. Pershing, Eighth brigade, Columbus, N. M.

### Training Camps Offer 18,000 Men.

The Military Training Camps association, composed of 18,000 men trained at the federal camps, has offered the president, through its executive committee, "the active co-operation of our national machinery and organization for such use as you may direct," assuring him "loyal support for any measures" he might deem best "to uphold the honor and interest of the nation."

## NAVY IS STRONGER THAN LAND FORCES

United States Makes Best Showing Upon the Sea.

### MAJOR VESSELS NUMBER 226

Present Comparisons With Other Nations Difficult Because of Secrecy Maintained by Countries at War.

Of the two branches of the armed forces of the United States—the army and the navy—the latter is by far the more formidable when compared with the armed forces of the other great powers.

According to the latest records, the American navy totals 1,097,502 tons displacement, taking into account both ships built and building.

This tonnage compares with the following for the great powers on July 1, 1914, or about three years ago:

Great Britain, 2,713,756; Germany, 1,304,636; France, 899,915; Japan, 699,916; Russia, 701,253; Italy, 497,815; and Austria-Hungary, 372,008.

In the period since then these great powers, all at war, have increased their navies by giant strides. They naturally have kept their naval developments secret, but it is known, for instance, that in the first two years of the war Great Britain launched a new navy fully equal in size to the whole of the United States sea fighting forces.

Exactly how the American navy compares with others today is impossible for most experts to say. Perhaps a few secret-service men in the employ of the big fighting governments know, but if they do they are keeping this valuable information for their own nation's purposes.

The number of officers and men in the United States navy on July 1, 1916, was 58,039. This compared with pre-war strengths on July 1, 1914, of 150,009 officers and men for Great Britain; Germany, 79,197; France, 63,846; Japan, 55,738; Russia, 52,463; Italy, 39,913; and Austria-Hungary, 19,531.

It has been stated in newspaper dispatches that the officers and men in the British navy now number 350,000, and that a round million workers are constantly employed in Great Britain building new ships of war and repairing old ones. Less is known about Germany's naval strength as developed under the stress of war, but she is supposed to have between five hundred and eight hundred new submarines in commission.

### U. S. Naval Forces.

In a nutshell, the naval forces of the United States today (built or actually building) are shown by the following table:

Type	Number	Tons
Battleships (dreadnaught type)	17	467,450
Battleships (pre-dreadnaughts)	25	340,146
Small battleships and monitors	4	12,900
Battle cruisers	None	
Armored cruisers	10	140,000
Cruisers	15	75,625
Destroyers	74	60,210
Torpedo boats	6	1,082
Submarines	75	.....
Total	226	1,097,502

Pre-dreadnaughts have main batteries of more than one size of big

guns, and would be of little use in a great naval battle where dreadnaughts (battleships having main batteries of all big guns) were engaged.

Besides the ships included in the above table, there is a large number of transports, colliers, repair ships, torpedo-depot ships and other auxiliary vessels.

There are vast hordes of fast private motor boats and yachts in the United States which would be promptly taken over by the government in time of war.

The government also has arrangements with many private shipping firms to take over larger vessels at agreed prices in time of need.

### Naval Militia.

To re-enforce the navy there is today no regular reserve, although one is contemplated. Former navy men would be urged to re-enlist, retired officers would be called back to the quarterdeck, and the naval militia would be utilized as far as found available.

This force is now organized in 22 states, the District of Columbia and the territory of Hawaii, and has a total enlistment of 8,517 men. New York has the largest number of naval militia men—1,498; and other leading states in this respect are California, 887; Illinois, 561; Massachusetts, 748; Michigan, 496; Minnesota, 439; and New Jersey 442.

The naval militia is partly under state and partly under federal jurisdiction. The officer of the navy department having charge of naval militia matters is Capt. T. P. Magruder.

### The New Navy.

Great plans for naval expansion were included in the naval act approved August 29 of last year. These have just begun to be carried out. In addition, the present congress now has under consideration a bill which would expand last year's program slightly.

The act of last year authorizes the president, who is titular commander in chief of both the army and the navy, to start construction before July 1, 1919; on 157 vessels of various types.

The following table shows the program in detail. Secretary of the Navy Daniels finds he cannot build some of the vessels for the sums estimated or appropriated on account of the increased cost of labor and materials, and he has requests before congress to increase the amounts he may spend:

Type	Number	Actually Appropriated	Total Estimated
Battleships	10	4	\$187,134,310
Battle cruiser	6	4	121,661,186
Scout cruiser	10	4	60,719,000
Destroyer	50	20	76,265,700
Fleet submarine	9	22	15,169,707
Coast submarines:			
800-ton type	3	3	3,915,906
Smaller type	55	27	44,346,619
Nett submarine	1	1	250,000
Fuel ship	3	1	4,794,816
Ammunition ship	2	1	4,925,300
Hospital ship	1	1	2,850,000
Repair ship	1	..	2,714,650
Transport	1	..	2,693,399
Destroyer tender	2	..	4,396,884
Submarine tender	1	..	1,875,522
Gunboat	1	..	1,827,222
Totals	157	67	\$544,665,113

\*Appropriated.  
\*Besides Nett submarine.

The act further appropriated \$10,485,506 for ammunition for the vessels. The total cost of ammunition for the vessels listed was estimated at \$42,834,775.

The naval appropriation bill now before congress would not change the above table materially, beyond a slight addition to cost. In the event of the United States becoming fully involved in war United States Navy men believe congress would immediately decide upon a much larger program of naval construction than any yet contemplated.

The total of all vessels of the United States navy (in service, under construction, and authorized) is 552. They are divided as follows: Battleships, first line, 26; battleships, second line, 26; battle cruisers, 6; armored cruisers, 10; cruisers, first class, 5; cruisers, second class, 4; cruisers, third class, 16; monitors, 7; destroyers, 124; torpedo boats, 18; submarines, 143; tenders to torpedo vessels, 8; gunboats, 30; transports, 6; supply ships, 5; hospital ships, 2; fuel ships, 25; converted yachts, 14; tugs, 50; special type, 6; unserviceable for war purposes, 21.

### Navy Yards.

The United States has ten navy yards, located at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Boston, Mass.; Norfolk, Va.; Portsmouth, N. H.; Philadelphia, Pa.; San Francisco, Cal.; Washington, D. C.; Bremerton, Wash.; Charleston, S. C., and New Orleans, La.

There is also a naval station at Key West, Fla.; a torpedo and training station at Newport, R. I.; a training station on Yerba Buena Island, Cal., and a training station at North Chicago, Ill.; an aeronautic station at Pensacola, Fla., and the Naval War college at Newport, R. I. Other naval stations are at Tutuila, Samoa; Guam, Guantánamo, Cuba; Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands; Cavite and Olongapo, Philippines.

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**Albert Tyer  
Relates Items  
Of General Interest**

Fort Atkinson, Wis., Feb. 14.  
Editor Messenger:

I believe Texas claims to be the banner cotton state in the union. That comes about from two or three reasons; one is the size of the state, one the fertility of the soil and then, the farmers give the cotton attention.

Illinois claims to be the banner corn state of the union and it may well be so, for the same reasons that Texas is the banner cotton state, except for size. But let me tell you, the farmers of Illinois sure give corn attention. They talk corn, they trade corn, they exhibit corn and they buy and sell corn. It is not unusual for a farmer in Illinois who has raised 60 to 75 bushels of corn per acre this year to pay \$5 for a bushel of seed corn to plant in the same field to try to beat that next year.

In Wisconsin it is cows, cows, cows. I wish to tell you of one particular herd of milch cows here, and owned by Mr. Fred Albrecht, who lives 8 miles west of Watertown, Jefferson county, Wis. He has a herd of sixty cows, about forty giving milk. They are all the Holstein variety and from two to ten years old. First, I will say, the milk men here tell in pounds the quantity of milk a cow gives. They will say this cow gives 40 pounds or this one gives 60 pounds etc. per day. Now, if you will remember, a gallon of milk weighs 8 pounds, you can readily estimate the gallons of milk Mr. Albrecht's cows give. He has quite a few two year old cows that are now giving 60 pounds of milk per day. He has a few cows four to six years old that are now giving 68 to 75 pounds per day. He showed me one cow that from one to four months after she comes in, gives 85 to 92 pounds of milk per day. I appreciate the fact that these figures seem exaggerated, but they are true, absolutely, and if you were going to buy one of these cows, you would think from the price they should give that much and even more, for he would not take less than \$500 for the poor-

est milk producing cows in his barn, and quite a few of his cows he would refuse \$800 or even more for. He bought a heifer calf 8 months old and paid \$630 for her and for a ten months old male calf he paid \$880. These sums were paid spot cash, and by the way of comment let me say that he has the money to pay with. He has been in the dairy business 36 years and when he sees a cow he knows what she is worth without asking any questions. He has a barn that is a barn. When it is 25 degrees below zero, he can milk and feed without wearing a heavy coat, and the cows are comfortable. The cows are fed the very best of feed and each cow has a separate drinking fountain. He has two big silos, one 24 by 30 feet high, the other 14 by 40 feet high and the better or more corn per acre he has to cut up and fill these silos with the better he is pleased. He has quite a farm too, some 250 or 300 acres in all, and he raises enough corn to fill these two silos and more, besides the hay he raises. He buys feed such as bran, flax-seed meal etc. He bought \$1600 worth of feed last year. In other words, Mr. Albrecht is a real, live, wide-awake dairyman, thoroughly honest, absolutely reliable in every sense of the word, a good church member in deeds as well as in name. In conclusion about the cows, let me tell you of one particular cow he owned. She gave from 40 to 85 pounds of milk per day for more than 14 years. He told me he tried to "dry her up", but could never do it.

In addition to his dairy business he raises a fine stock of geese. They weigh from 30 to 40 pounds each and he sells them to be sent east for the Jewish feasts the rich Jews of New York and other eastern cities have. He sold more than 100 such geese last year and got 40c per pound for them. A man in Watertown, Wis. bought and shipped them.

I will quit for this time by saying there are a great many such herds of cattle in Wisconsin similar to the one I have described, and for that reason Wisconsin claims to be the banner dairy state of the union. They say the dairy products

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Mr. I. M. Baber of Elkhart visited friends in Grapeland Wednesday and paid the Messenger a pleasant call. Mr. Baber has been a subscriber of the Messenger ever since it was first established.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Goodson went to Troup Sunday. Willis returned Sunday night, but Mrs. Goodson will spend the week.

Mrs. Loyd Allen and baby of Houston returned home Sunday, after spending several weeks here visiting relatives.

W. W. Morris left Tuesday for Gouldbusk to attend the marriage of his brother, R. H. Morris, which took place Wednesday night.

Miss Perlina Spence has returned from Henderson, where she visited Miss Lois Ballenger.

H. W. Bishop left last Friday for Beaukiss to visit his son, Jesse, who is teaching there.

Mrs. Hermie Howard of Crockett came up last Friday and went to Augusta to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Long and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Long of Augusta visited here Sunday.