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Local News Reported From the Daily Community

March 19.—Health of the community is good except whooping cough, and nearly every child has it, serving some of the babies pretty badly.

The farmers are getting along nicely farming. Some have corn up and are getting ready to plant cotton.

The young gardens are looking fine, but owing to the frosty nights we keep having sets everything back some.

Grandpa Walton of Grapeland is visiting Mr. H. W. Huff.

Mark Pridgen has purchased a new Ford car, and he has been going some the past week.

Some of the young people attended the party at Berry Yates Saturday night.

Miss Florence Pennington has returned home from Memphis, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. R. H. Wherry. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Wherry.

Mrs. Hill Huff and children visited at Hays Spring Saturday and Sunday.

W. W. Pridgen and family visited at Elkhart Sunday.

Mr. Hardin Pennington and family visited at Mr. Henry Pen-

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Don't miss the big auto parade which is to take place at Crockett Saturday, March 31, at 10 o'clock a. m. It will surpass anything of its kind ever pulled off in Houston county.

In addition to this enjoyable event, and for the benefit and convenience of those living out of town, March 31 has been designated as "Trades Day," and some extra attractions along this line it will be your good fortune to see. Our store will be especially arranged to entertain all who come, showing a beautiful array of the most snappy spring lines in

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nington's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Laura Lena Kent visited home folks at Reynard Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. Laseter and daughter, Miss Callie Mae, visited at Reynard Sunday. —A Reader.

HOUSE BURNED

W. A. Mooney, who lives at Augusta, lost his house and all contents by fire last Friday evening. Fire originated from a defective flue.

STORES TO CLOSE

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

BIRSKY and ZAPP

By MONTAGUE GLASS

"I T'S all been figured out, Birsky," Barnett Zapp the waist manufacturer said as he withdrew from his breast pocket a long brown envelope containing his income tax return, "that 6.31416 per cent of the people of the United States must get to pay income tax, and 85.99 per cent of the remainder says to them: 'You should ought to be glad that you've got an income big enough to pay taxes on.' So I might just as well let you know right here and now, Birsky, that the next feller which says that to me would find out how a man who could be a perfect gentleman when he wants to be could also act like a loafer at times."

"Say," Louis Birsky the real estate broker protested, "I got one of them income tax returns myself for over a month now, Zapp, and I tried phenacetin and I tried strong coffee, and all I've filled out so far is my name and address."

"Well don't you know: 'Were you single or married with wife or husband living with you on December 31 of the year for which this return is rendered?'" said Zapp, quoting from the blank.

Birsky nodded his head despairingly. "Mind you, Zapp, I begged that woman she should stay home and tend to the house," he declared with a bitter emphasis on the word begged, "but she said it was the last chance she would get to see her sister and brother-in-law in Rochester before they moved away to San Francisco, Gott sei dank so she left here at 9 o'clock December 30, and didn't get home till January 4."

"Well put it in anyway that she was living with you on December 31st," Zapp advised. "How should they know that your wife was visiting her sister in Rochester on that day?"

"Listen, Zapp," Birsky said, "a real estate is got a whole lot of enemies—brokers he done out of commissions, tenants he dispossessed and fellers which think he stuck 'em on certain deals, y'understand, and all of them fellers would be only too glad to write to the Income Tax people a synonymous letter mit an alias name signed to it, that my wife was in Rochester on December 31st, and the consequence is to save a \$10 note, I am running a chance of getting from twenty to a thousand dollars a fine."

"Then I suppose you would also put in that \$75.25 which you were telling me you made last September in Trapezoid Fillum Preferred," Zapp said.

Birsky turned pale. "I told you I made \$75.25 in that Filium stock?" he exclaimed. "When did I told you such a thing? I'm surprised to hear you talk that way, Zapp."

"What do you mean—surprised to hear me talk that way?" Zapp retorted. "When I got stung on that International Chocolate and Cocoa common last September, Birsky, didn't you call me all kinds of suckers for putting my good ninety dollars into that thing, and didn't you show me a check from one of them quacks which call themselves curb workers for \$75.25?"

"I showed you a check for \$75.25?" Birsky cried. "That only goes to show what for a friend you are, Zapp! In the first place, the check was for



"Could Also Act Like a Loafer at Times."

\$68.25, and in the second place when I tell you something in the strictest con-

fidence, Zapp, do you think you are acting like a gentleman that you throw it up in my teeth at a time like this?" Zapp shrugged his shoulders.

"For my part, Birsky, you could of made \$68.25," he said, "and entered it up as 'No. 32, losses actually sustained during the year incurred in trade or arising from fires, storms or shipwrecks and not compensated by insurance or otherwise.' What is it my business? And anyhow, Birsky, if the Income Tax people comes to you and says they want to look at your bankbook, and they see on September 15th \$68.25, and they ask you did you enter it on line 22 of your income tax return, and if not why not, Birsky, all you've got to do, Birsky, is to tell them that the \$68.25 was given to you by a curb broker to keep it for a little while for him until he wants it again, because sooner or later, Birsky, that's what's going to happen to your \$68.25. Nobody can do you nothing for telling the truth, Birsky—not even the Income Tax people."

"My wife's uncle Julius has got the laugh on all of us," Birsky said, with a sigh of envy. "He imports imported English briar root pipes from Germany, and last year he lost in his business six thousand dollars. He should worry about income taxes!"

"Say!" Zapp rejoined. "You think you are in bad. Listen for a moment what it must be to a leffer like Charles L. Schwab or Abraham Carnegie. I bet you Mr. Carnegie started to make up his 1916 income tax on July 4, 1902, by hiring two floors in the Singer Building and a force of a hundred and fifty certified public accountants, and probably right now he is giving a thousand dollars to a stomach specialist for a letter saying that he has got a bad sickness, so that he could get a postponement under 'No. 5. When the return is not filed in the regular time by reason of sickness an extension of 30 days may be granted, provided a written application therefor is made by the indi-

salaries and wages, y'understand, he discovered that under the decision of the United States Supreme Court he was 1,984 presidents of 1,984 companies which used to was the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, y'understand, and that he got 1,984 salaries amounting to \$35,624,380.50-100, understand me. He then figured out the income tax on it to be equivalent to an increase of 4c on a gallon gasoline in New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois, and done so immediately. Afterwards Michigan, Ohio and New Jersey was added when he figured out the income tax on 'No. 16, Total amount derived from interest on notes, mortgages, bank deposits and securities, other than reported on lines 17 and 20, y'understand, and when he got down to 'No. 22, Total amount derived from other sources not enumerated above, y'understand, and the chief bookkeeper showed him the figures, understand me, after they had loosened his collar, fanned him and given him smelling salts, he raised his head and, summoning all his strength, he whispered a telegram to raise gasoline ten cents a gallon throughout the whole United States, Great Britain and Ireland, France, Germany and the West Indian Islands; and that's the way it happened, Birsky."

"He's only fooling himself at that," Birsky commented, "because in 1917 when it comes time to fix up his income tax return again, he's got staring him in the face all them profits which he would get to enter up under 'No. 14, Total amount derived from business, trade, commerce or sales or dealings in property, whether real or personal, y'understand; and when he sees what an income tax he's got to pay on it, Zapp, he'll kick himself that he didn't reduce the price of gasoline instead of raising it. I tell you, Zapp, money ain't everything after all. It used to be considered that a feller with an income of \$500,000 a year was a lucky man, but nowadays, when he's got to



"He Whispered a Telegram to Raise Gasoline."

vidual within the period for which such extension is desired, y'understand."

"That's nothing," Birsky said. "Take for instance John D. Rockefeller, and after his bookkeepers got through filling out 'No. 21, Total amount derived from royalties from mines, oil wells, patents, franchises or other legalized privileges,' Zapp, I wouldn't be surprised that two dozen adding machines was ruined on account they wasn't built to take such heavy figures like they run through them."

"Well, what difference does it make how heavy them figures was?" Zapp said. "On the other side of the page stands 'No. 35, Amount allowed to cover depletion in case of mines and oil wells, y'understand, and you could take it from me, Birsky, a smart business man like Rockefeller, with all the expert bookkeepers he's got, would easy fill out No. 35 in such a way that them Income Tax people couldn't prove otherwise but what they owed Mr. Rockefeller \$189,462.53."

"You're right, Zapp," Birsky said, "and anyhow, Zapp, all he's got to do to pay his income tax for 1915 to 1902, inclusive, is to put up the price of gasoline a couple of cents a gallon."

"He done that already, Birsky," Zapp said. "In fact, Birsky, he put it up so high that they appointed a committee of Congressmen to investigate it; and the evidence shows that when Mr. Rockefeller started to fill out 'No. 12, Total amount derived from

pay in addition to the regular one per cent tax a super tax of six per cent, he leads a dawg's life, Zapp."

"Well, he might just as well put a smiling face on it, Birsky, because he's got more coming to him yet," Zapp said. "Next year we would all got to pay a State income tax as well as a Federal income tax."

"Sure, I know," Birsky said, "and I provided for it."

"What do you mean—you provided for it?" Zapp demanded.

"Why, in this here State income tax," Birsky explained, "there's an exemption of \$100 for each child you got, Zapp, which it don't make no difference if you got a child or an adopted child, Zapp, you get marked off a hundred dollars anyhow. So I figure that if I would go to work and adopt from an orphan asylum, enough children to offset my income, y'understand, I could put 'em to work selling papers, and from the proceeds I could board 'em and have a surplus to apply on my Federal income tax."

"It's a good idee, Birsky," Zapp agreed; "but what show does a feller like you stand to carry it out?"

"Why not?" Birsky asked.

"Because you'll find that all them multi-millionaires has already bought options on every orphan asylum in the United States," Zapp replied, "and if after offsetting their incomes them millionaires has got any orphans left on their hands, Birsky, you could bet your life that the very least they would



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

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

hold them at would be \$50 an orphan net cash."

"I don't agree with you, Zapp," Birsky said. "The way incomes is taxed nowadays people don't want to make money no more. In fact, if these here income taxes keep up, Zapp, it will soon be that if you meet a feller on the subway with one of them graveyard looks on his face, and you say to him, 'Hallo, Max. You look like your best customer would of fallen on you, he will say: 'I wish he had. 'Why, what's the trouble?' you ask him, and his eyes fill with tears. 'Business is terrible,' he tells you. 'Last year we made over a hundred thousand dollars and this year it's worse yet. We got out our trial balance yesterday and it looks like we are ahead a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Considering that this brings him under the 4 per cent supertax and he's got ruin staring him in the face, what can you say to such a feller, Zapp?'"

"Nothing," Zapp replied, "except to tell him when him and his family is starving in two rooms on Forsyth Street, on account they only got a hundred and forty-four thousand dollars a year left to live on, Birsky, that your wife would call round there with once in a while a little cold meat from yesterday's dinner or some Grade B milk for the baby."

"But joking aside," Birsky said, "the United States was able to pay its bills before they had an income tax and everybody was satisfied, whereas nowadays they don't raise no more money by it and everybody is kicking, so what is the use of an income tax anyway?"

"Well, I'll tell you, Birsky," Zapp said, "it don't do no harm that once in a year a business man should be on an average only sixty cents truth on the dollar."

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Troubles of Wives

Gen. Sir Sam Hughes said at a dinner in New York:

"The wife of a Canadian soldier and the wife of a South African soldier met in a London boarding house.

"'It's very hard on us poor married women in South Africa,' the latter said. 'I live with my husband on an ostrich farm, and it's nothing at all for him to be away two whole days at a time on an ostrich.'

"'Humph. What of that?' said the Canadian woman. 'My husband is oft-ten away two whole weeks on a lark.'

Peculiar Stimulation

An English farmer, who testified in a license hearing, said that he "was in the habit of giving a quart of beer to the cows after calving, and that he also gave them a pint of whisky occasionally." If deprived of these beverages the stock would suffer, he said. Beer for calving is comprehensible, if a revelation of British dairy methods. But a pint of whisky for a cow is not easily seen through. Perhaps it was a cow so stimulated that jumped over the moon.

New Optical Device Rival of Telescope in Probing Mysteries of the Heavens

An optical device, which is said to rival if not surpass the telescope in revealing the mysteries of the heavenly bodies, was exhibited at a recent meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in New York. The invention was exhibited by Dr. John A. Brashear of Pittsburgh.

"This instrument is called a diffracting grating," said Doctor Brashear, as he showed what looked like a rectangular piece of metal about 2 by 4 inches long that changed colors under the electric lights. "On the plane surface of this polished plate, made accurate to one-tenth of a light wave, or within one-forty-five-thousandth of an inch, are ruled more than 45,000 lines between which there is no greater error than one-two-millionth of an inch."

"With this delicate piece of apparatus, made possible, first, by rigorous scientific research; second, by the skill of the artisan; third, by a knowledge of and vigorous care to avoid temperature changes, and, fourth, by the accuracy of the mechanism, the astrophysicist has been able to tell the composition, temperature and distance of the stars."

Paying Doctor to Keep One Well Not a Fantastic Idea

We haven't yet learned to take advantage of the resources of civilization in anything like the extent we might. For instance, we wait until we get sick and then we pay the doctor to help us get well. It would be much more sensible to pay him to help us keep from getting sick.

Fantastic idea, you say. Not at all. It already is working in a large number of college communities. Right here at home, in the state universities of Missouri and Kansas, for instance, says the Kansas City Star. In both institutions the pupil is charged a fee which is applied to safeguarding his health. In the University of Missouri the plan is still further developed so that the fee covers medical and surgical attendance.

The important point is that these universities and other schools are proving that health can be made much more of a community matter than had been supposed and that the wise thing to do is for groups to pay medical men to keep them well.

Ancient Shrine Is Found.

One of the most important archeological discoveries of recent years has just been made at Gonnoi, near the vale of Tempe in Thessaly. The archeological society has just unearthed what is plainly a sanctuary to the Goddess Artemis and among the articles found on the spot are some of the most remarkable votive offerings yet discovered.

One hundred and thirty-eight marble shafts bear inscriptions, from which it is plain that the shrine was devoted to Artemis as a goddess of childbirth, "Artemis genitrix."

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to come—a success that is worth the winning and keeping and cherishing. Be exacting, carping, looking out carefully for your little rights, and sure as the sun shines the world will have its eye on you, watching you in a way that you do not care to be watched.

Keep sweet and move on.—Batten's Wedge.

Charles Kent and Dan McLean, who are attending Tyler Commercial College, spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks. They were accompanied by two fellow students, Messrs. Tucker and Davidson.

"WINE IS A MOCKER," ETC.

A group of well-dressed men of wealth were drinking at a bar in New Orleans recently, when a tramp walked in and asked them for a drink. They paid for him a drink and then demanded a speech.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at you and at myself, and it seems to me that I look upon the picture of my lost manhood. This bloated face was once as young and as handsome as yours. This shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours—a man in the world of men. I, too, once had a home and friends and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, and I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect in the wine cup and, Cleopatra-like, saw it dissolved, and quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children as sweet and lovely as the flowers of spring. I saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit the flame upon the altar and ministered before it, and I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation have reigned in its stead. I had aspirations and ambitions that soared as high as the morning star, and I broke and bruised, and at last strangled them, that I might not be tortured with their cries. Today, I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp with no home to call his own, a man in whom every good impulse is dead—all swallowed up in the maelstrom of strong drink."

The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nerveless fingers and shattered into fragments, and when the little group about the bar looked up, the tramp was gone.—Ferris Wheel.

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT

Old settlers like to think of the early days when people found so much pleasure in helping their neighbors and rendering service to the community. In many instances young people were so impressed with such principles, that they have made such conduct their ideals.

Society requires certain duties of each man who gets the protection of society. There are some things we must require of government and some things government requires of us. Neither the individual nor the government should seek special favors nor expect more from the other than is given. A free government must protect, encourage and assist the people by leading the people to do the things that should be done and giving up the things that should be given up for the benefit of each other, for the benefit of society and for the government.

Individual interest should coordinate with public interest. Individual ideals, individual sentiments and individual ambition, so far as possible, should correspond to the interest of society and the government.

The man who realizes that he is under obligations to his fellow men for neighborly kindness, for ideals and for examples of industry, thrift and moral character will strive to return the favor to others with whom he may be associated. He will endeavor to be a better citizen and in every way worthy of such assistance.—Farm & Ranch.

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C. L. Haltom and M. E. Darsey went to Jacksonville Monday night to attend the funeral of Ed Stevens, who was buried Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Baber and daughters and Frank Owens of Elkhart visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday.

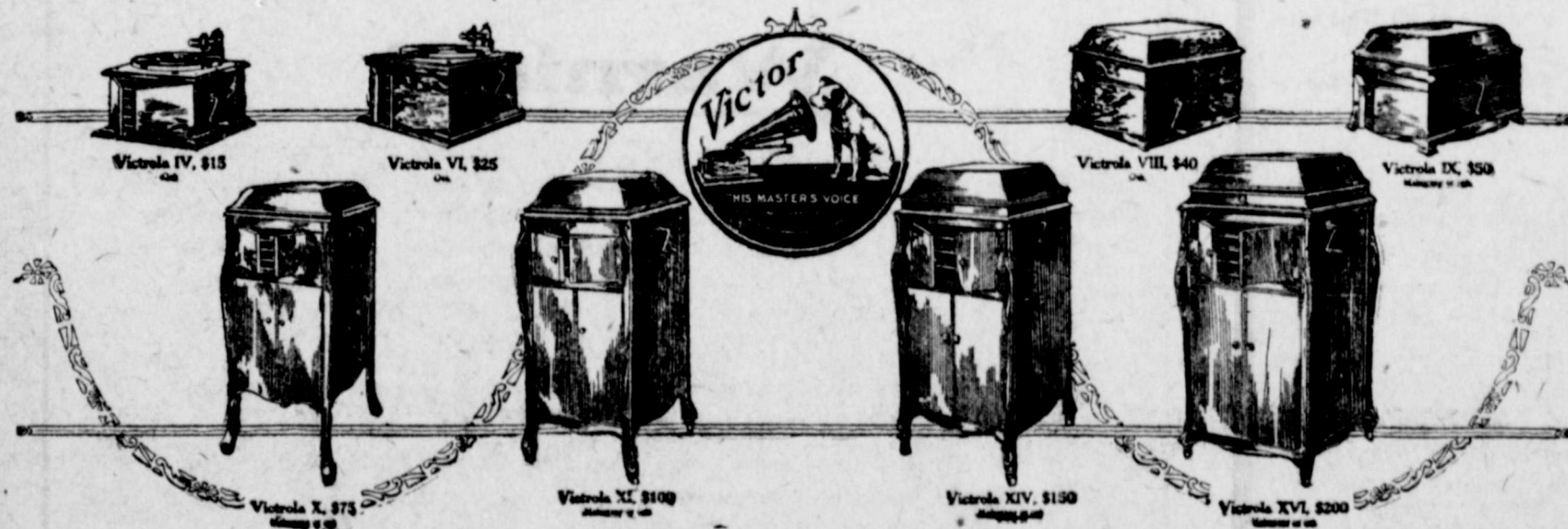
R. L. Brooks and family came in last week from their home in Arkansas to visit the family of B. R. Eaves. Miss Maude Eaves who has been visiting them for some time, came with them. The trip was made in Mr. Brooks' new car.

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THE NEW ROAD LAW

The Messenger received a copy of Houston county's new road law Tuesday, too late to publish this week, but will be published in its entirety next week. The principal feature of the law relieves the members of the commissioners' court from supervising the roads and places same in the hands of a road supervisor, who is to be elected by the people and receive a salary of \$1500 per year, who will have complete control of road and bridge construction in the county. The law was passed at the instance of the "Tax Payers Protective Association."

The past year is reported to have seen an increase in food prices. We are aware of that fact ourselves.

The potato acreage has been greatly increased in the south with the exception of Texas. Here is where the Texas farmers let an opportunity go to clean up several million dollars.

Everybody in this great country of ours is supposed to be worth \$2000 per head, on the average. Have you got yours or are you about \$1,999 shy of the average?

In speaking before the cattlemen's convention at Ft. Worth last week, Governor Ferguson said he favored a dipping vat for politicians, to stop their muck raking. Having just emerged from a vat, the governor speaks from experience and can recommend the remedy.

It has been shown that the average cost of making print paper is around \$33 per ton, but in many instances the manufacturers have charged the consumers as much as \$150 per ton. It seems as if somebody ought to be put in prison about this situation.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the people of GrapeLand for their kindness they showed me during the illness of my dear husband.

Mrs. E. G. Stevens
and children.

You will make a hit with everyone if you wear a tailor-made Easter suit. See Clewis.

Aubrey Lively, who has been holding a position with the Douglas Drug Co. of Douglas, Ariz., has returned home to take his old position with Leaverton's Drug Store. His many friends are glad to have him back.

GINGLES' JINGLES

HOT DOGS.

There is nothing seems to whet a fellow's appetite so sharp, makes him feel as though with ease he could eliminate a carp, pulverize it and digest it, straighten up and bark for more, like the odor of a hot dog, as they flop it o'er and o'er on a hot and sizzling griddle, there to let it squirm and fry, we could never overcome it, we just saunter on the sly, and concealed within a biscuit, we are slipped a frying dog, and we wrap our mitt around it, and along we gayly jog. You may talk about the odor of the popcorn as it pops, covered o'er with creamery butter, how the crowd it always stops, and your fresh hot roasted peanuts how they start a guy to crave, how a geezer learns to like them, how for them he'll simply rave. We will not dispute you, brother, but you're going to slip some cogs, when you stack your corn and peanuts up against our red hot *Lin H. Jingle* dogs.

RURAL SCHOOL CIRCULATING LIBRARY

Mr. Cook, the county demonstration agent, has begun the practical working out of a circulating library for the rural schools of the county, and has suggested that the new reading room of the Crockett Commercial Club be made the starting point for the circulation. The idea is this: After the books, magazines and other periodicals have been in service a couple of weeks in the reading room they may be taken to the country and started on the circuit of rural schools. Superintendent Snell is working with Mr. Cook in this connection and all that remains to make the project, which would mean so much to the schools, is a bountiful supply of books, magazines, etc., that exist in such abundance in most every household in the cities and towns of the county. The ladies of the Shakespeare Club of Crockett have authorized us to say that upon telephone call by anyone in Crockett, they will send for the contributions and deliver them at the reading room.

We would also like to add in this connection, that the supply of literature for free distribution at the club rooms is getting low, and a fresh supply would be much appreciated. The Secretary will promptly call upon telephone notice.

H. A. Fisher.

W. H. Holcomb returned last week from Channing, where he had been to see his daughter, Miss Mary Belle, who had undergone an operation. He reported that she was much improved. Mr. Holcomb returned by way of Ft. Worth and attended the cattlemen's association.

Rapid heart throbbing does not necessarily mean heart disease; generally it is caused by a disordered stomach. Prove it for yourself by taking Prickly Ash Bitters; if the stomach is at fault the heart symptoms will quickly disappear. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

HAS FIT AND DIES

"Jiggs" Clewis has a fit for every man and boy in or around GrapeLand. He also cleans and dyes clothes. See him.

STRAYED

Poland China sow, will weigh between 75 and 100 pounds. Small split in tip of left ear. Finder please notify

C. L. Haltom.

April Eighth is
EASTER!

Get Ready Now

"The Town Topic"



It's the New Spring Stetson

Our showing of men's wearing apparel for spring rivals that of our line of ladies' wear. We have searched the markets for the most adaptable lines of men's wear and as a result have on display a snappy line of bright, new men's togs. We can clothe you from head to foot and leave some change in your pocket. WE GIVE YOU ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BUYING.

STETSON HATS Stetson in a hat is the STAMP OF APPROVAL AND QUALITY. That's why you can find all of the new **\$4.00 to \$6.00** STETSON dress hats as well as a complete line of staple shapes, shown in all the leading colors and combinations at \$4, \$5 and \$6

WORTH HATS It is seldom that you are offered a guaranteed hat these days of freak values for \$3.00. You can find your head's desire in a WORTH in any color you want at \$3.00. Our other brands of felt hats are EVERSOLE at \$2.50, HATTER'S SPECIAL at \$2.00, and RULER at \$1.75

MEN'S AND BOYS CAPS We have all of the newest numbers in MEN'S AND BOYS' CAPS, especially featuring the NEW SHAPES in the NEW COLORS. Our line of sizes is complete and we offer a big range of patterns at 25c, 50c and \$1.00

BOYS' HATS Do you remember what a hard time you have always had in getting a hat for that boy? If he is in need of a hat bring him to DARSEY'S and get the style he wants in a big range of materials at 25c to \$1.00

MEN'S STRAW HATS This promises to be the biggest straw hat season ever and in order to be properly clad for Easter, you should slip your head into one of the new ones at Darsey's. We have a big range to select from in stiff and soft straws, including latest shapes in Panamas, Bangkoks, Leghorns and Parnas. Prices from \$1.50 to \$5

Warning!

GREAT CARE should be used in buying shoes this season on account of the inferior grades of leather being used. With conditions such as they are, manufacturers are paying exorbitant prices and getting lower grades of leather than ever before. The man who bought his shoes early and had them shipped early is the man who can give you better values for your money. THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD BUY YOUR SHOES FROM DARSEY.

We have spent big sums of money for shoes to save our customers money and to give them better shoes.

We are selling these shoes at less than they could be bought for from the manufacturers today.

We have the very latest styles in ladies' and men's high top and low quarter shoes.

Our children's shoes are the best made in America.

Our line of work shoes is a real SHOE SERVICE STATION and gives satisfaction to the wearer.

You can buy any kind of a shoe you need from Darsey's.

WE HAVE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS SHOES.

A perfect fit and satisfaction guaranteed in our shoes.

Geo. E. Darsey
SERVICE FIRST STORE

A Home for Somebody. Why Not You?

SIXTY ACRES

Adjoining Grapeland on the West

Will improve to suit purchaser. One-half to be paid through FARMERS LOAN BANK (40 years time 6 per cent interest). Only \$500.00 cash required. Balance on easy monthly or annual payments. Here's a chance to get a nice home for less than rent. A bargain for somebody. DON'T WRITE ME UNLESS YOU MEAN BUSINESS. I have no time for triflers.

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

TRADES DAY BARGAINS

The Vogue Millinery

of Crockett will have a

Special Showing of Hats

March 31st

Come in and look them over. All new shapes in the newest shades—just the hat you are looking for and at the right prices.

Make our Store your Headquarters for the Day.

A. A. ALDRICH SR. DEAD

Crockett, Texas, March 19.—A. A. Aldrich Sr., aged 80 years, died Sunday at the residence of his nephew, Judge A. A. Aldrich, following a stroke of apoplexy several days ago. Interment was in Glenwood cemetery Monday afternoon with Masonic ceremonies. He was first lieutenant of Company I, First Texas Infantry, Hood's brigade, and was acting captain of that company at the time of the surrender at Appamatox. He leaves a large number of relatives, all residents of this county.

FORGERY IS CHARGED

Crockett, Texas, March 18.—Sheriff Spence returned Saturday from San Antonio, having in charge J. A. Ratcliff, a young white man, charged by grand jury indictment with forgery and passing a forged instrument. The offense is alleged to have been committed in this county in the spring of 1916. Several months ago the young man went to Alabama, where he joined the Alabama national guard, of which he was a member at the time of his arrest, the military authorities turning him over to the sheriff when called upon. In default of bail, he was placed in jail.

LOCAL NEWS

See Howard's line of Spring hats.

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

Arthur Owens of Crockett visited in Grapeland Sunday.

McLean & Riall wants your produce.

Good line of cutlery just received at S. E. Howard's.

Blank mortgages for sale at the Messenger office.

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

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Adams of Palestine visited relatives in Grapeland Sunday.

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

Misses Louise Denny and Mabel Boykin visited in Crockett Saturday.

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

I will thresh peanuts next Tuesday, March 27, at my place. M. D. Murchison.

Poor Adam had to wear fig leaves, but Clewis can fit you with real tailor made clothes.

A good line of Stock Powders sold at Howard's. The Capitol Stock Remedies—none better.

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

Mrs. Laura Goodson left Monday for Jacksonville to attend the funeral of Ed Stevens.

You will find nice, fresh bread at Hyman's restaurant. Also anything you want to eat.

PEAS WANTED

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

J. W. Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brooks have moved into their new bungalow, recently completed on the east side.

The Rabbit laid the Easter eggs, and "Jiggs" Clewis took the measures for the new Easter suits.

Miss Mary Belle Hill, who is teaching at Oakwood, visited homefolks here Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

Dad—: I've got a good cure for "old age". Get a young man's suit at Dickey's Tailor Shop and look 10 years younger. Your son.

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.

REVIVAL MEETING

A revival meeting will begin at the Christian church the fifth Sunday in July, conducted by Rev. Ford of Beaumont and Rev. J. W. Shockley. Further announcement will appear in the Messenger.

A MASTER PRODUCT OF A MASTER MIND

THE NEW EDISON DIAMOND AMBEROLA

We have secured with considerable expense the agency for these famous instruments and shall have on display in a few days the different types of these machines.

Don't purchase any kind of a musical reproducer until you hear the finest instrument of its kind ever placed before the public.

NOTE THESE FEATURES

Diamond reproducers that do not wear out and unbreakable records. These features are not found in other machines. They make it possible to reproduce exactly every minute sound wave so that when the music is played it comes to you pure, natural and rich with none of the discordant metallic sounds so common to some other machines. Its music is absolutely perfect.

Wait for the EDISON AMBEROLA. The name Edison on a product is the same as Sterling on silver.

The Peoples Drug Store

"Honesty and Quality"

WADE L. SMITH

Extra Good Values!

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

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

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

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

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

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

T. S. KENT

"THE QUALITY MAN."

This Drug Store

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Reliable Drugs

AT VERY

Popular Prices

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

Toilet Goods

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

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

LEAVERTON'S

THE LEADING DRUG STORE

HOGS WANTED

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

George Calhoun.

AUTOMOBILE FOR SALE

Used Hupmobile car complete with electric light, starter, horn and seat covers, for sale. Cash or good paper.

Geo. E. Daisey, Grapeland, Texas.

Mr. Walter Stowe brought the remains of his son to the old home, east of this city where they were buried Monday. Young Stowe was killed in El Paso Friday, when he fell two stories through an elevator shaft in a furniture store where he worked. Mr. Stowe has the sympathy of the entire community in his loss.

FOR SALE

51 1-2 acres of land just south of town; about 10 acres in cultivation. For price and terms see J. H. Leaverton, Grapeland, Tex.

Irregular bowel movements should be corrected, as they lead to chronic constipation. Take a dose of Prickly Ash Bitters at bedtime. You will get its beneficial effect after breakfast next morning. It empties the stomach and bowels and makes you feel fit for the day's work. Sold by Wade L. Smith.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Hall's Catarrh Cure has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Cure for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Cure at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Appreciation

We certainly appreciate the very liberal patronage you have given us to date and we expect to continue our low prices for some time. It is certainly gratifying to be assured that our efforts to sell cheap are appreciated by the public. While we can, we expect to sell at the same low prices, but some of our lines are depleted and when we fill in from the markets we will pay higher and will have to sell higher. Our line of different kinds of

Dress Goods

Is still larger than we wish and if we have what you want WE CAN TRADE if you will call and get prices. DON'T FAIL to see our lines of—

Trimmings in Laces Embroideries, Etc.

Ask to our line of Ladies' Men's and Children's UNDERWEAR.

We still have SHOES at half their value!

Our Grocery stock is being rapidly completed and we ask you to get our prices on same before buying.

Bring us your PRODUCE. We pay CASH or TRADE for same and are anxious to buy or help you get more for what you have to sell Yours for mutual benefit

J. M. OWENS

Emory Long has resigned his position at Leaverton's Drug Store and returned to his home at Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wherry spent the latter part of last week visiting the wholesale markets of Dallas and Ft. Worth.

Happenings Reported From Percilla Country

March 19.—Am sure that each of us are glad to see Spring again.

All the farmers are very busy now, planting their corn and preparing the land for other crops.

Misses Lula and Modell Jones, and Ruth Branch are visiting homefolks now.

Misses Mae Fitchett, Alma Jones, Orville Ferguson and Lola Dennis are at home again, their schools having closed. We welcome them home.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer McIver and little boy, of Slocum, were in Percilla last Sunday.

Miss Mae Fitchett and little Jessie Mae Dickey are visiting in Elkhart now.

The measles and whooping cough is in quite a few homes of Percilla.

Miss Oma Sullivan returned home from Palestine Saturday, where she had been for an operation. She is improving rapidly.

Miss Meda Elliott returned home from Palestine, where she went for treatment to avoid an operation for appendicitis.

Our school is still progressing nicely. It will last about six more weeks we think.

Mrs. Albert Bobbit visited in Percilla last week.

Rev. Hodges filled his appointment here last Sunday. L. M. M. Lambright is to preach for us every third Sunday evening.

The time is near at hand for the election of the school trustees. What are we going to do? Are we going to vote for some one just because he is our "Uncle John"? or because we think he will employ a certain teacher? Or will we select someone whom we think is broad-minded enough to not look to any special individual, but will work for the interest of the whole school? We sometimes hear of two factions being in a community. In this case we think it would be better for them to dissolve those factions and combine their efforts for the betterment of the school. As we think the public schools of our country are the foundation of our government, therefore it behooves us to put the very best men in the country in the lead. James R.

News Items Reported From Oak Grove Country

Mar. 19.—We have just passed our sixty-second milestone, and when we look back over our past life and see the mistakes we made and the dangers, both seen and unseen it makes us feel that if we had to live it over, we could make an improvement that would be worth more to ourselves and to our country, but we cannot call back the days gone by and they will have to stand.

Farm work in this community is going on as if there were no wars or bank robbers. Some are thru planting corn, some are just planting and some are preparing land for cotton and peanuts. I think there will be a considerable acreage planted to goobers and if the market don't justify the labor of gathering them, there will be some stock that likes them and they are good for children. I have heard

parents say they didn't want their children to eat them but there is nothing healthier for them after they are cured, so let the children eat all they want and that will reduce the high cost of living that we read so much about. That old fellow who sold medicine in Grapeland a few weeks ago said it wasn't the high cost of living that hurt, but it was the cost of high living. He compared 35 years ago with the present time. In those days we didn't see so many boys and young men wearing tailor made clothing and five and six dollar shoes. I felt like saying Amen.

The fruit trees are in nice bloom and I hope we will have some fruit this year. Oats that were planted in February are looking good.

There have been several cases of measles in this community, but I don't hear of any new cases.

Miss Emma Gene Musick is visiting S. T. Parker's family today.

Miss Laura Parker visited Mr. Alex Musick's family last night.

Before I close I want to endorse Mr. Durnell's say in regard to a poultry association and try to work an interest on that line W. R. Call a meeting at some future time and see what can be done. Old Timer.

FROM GUICELAND

March 18.—Will say to the many readers of the Messenger that we of the old Guiceland community are still alive; some of us, at least. If you could have seen us the past week you would have thought we were very much alive, so busy with our farm work that we hardly took time to say "good morning" across the fence, before we were off and gone toward the other end of the row. Talk of war, why we have already declared war, early in the year, against hard times, and diversification is the slogan.

Why, we are planning to raise everything that will grow on the farm that will do to eat, from the "yellow legged" fryer to the three hundred pound porker, and from the little round radish up to the big, fat sweet potato; in the way of feed stuff for stock almost anything that a cow or horse will eat. All this, as Leatherstocking would say, to "circumvent" hard times.

Ye scribe has lived in this neck of the woods for quite a good while and he don't remember ever seeing the people seem more determined to live at home and board at the same place another year than they are just now. And I want to say to my fellow farmers, hurrah! Let the good work go on. The more good old home made stuff we can make and house the better able we will be to defy the Mexicans and Germans. But let's not sell off all the stock we have just because the price is good. Let's keep enough for seed any way. At least this is the advice of an old, gray headed fogey. W. F. Brooks.

IN MEMORY OF HENRY AUSTIN

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Gibson on January 17 and claimed for its own their son, Henry Austin, age 15 years and 7 days. Henry was loved by everyone who knew him, and it was Oh, so hard to say "Thy will be done." Henry had not been well since last summer, but was up and at-



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Makes a man think and thinking often stops him from making out the check. That's how an account at the FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK makes for economy. A man will spend cash twice as readily as he will if he has to draw a check for the amount. START AN ACCOUNT TODAY and keep track of the number of times it saves you from needless spending.

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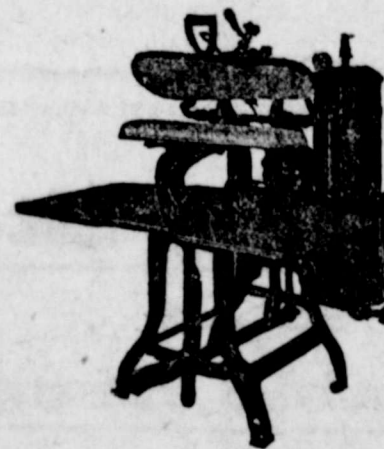
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No "Bug" or "Germ" can live under the pressure of steam from this machine. Keeps your clothes spic and span, fresh and clean. Have it done right by

M. L. CLEWIS TAILOR

tending school until about two weeks before his death. He was taken much worse and was confined to his bed, though the family did think he was seriously ill until the night he died.

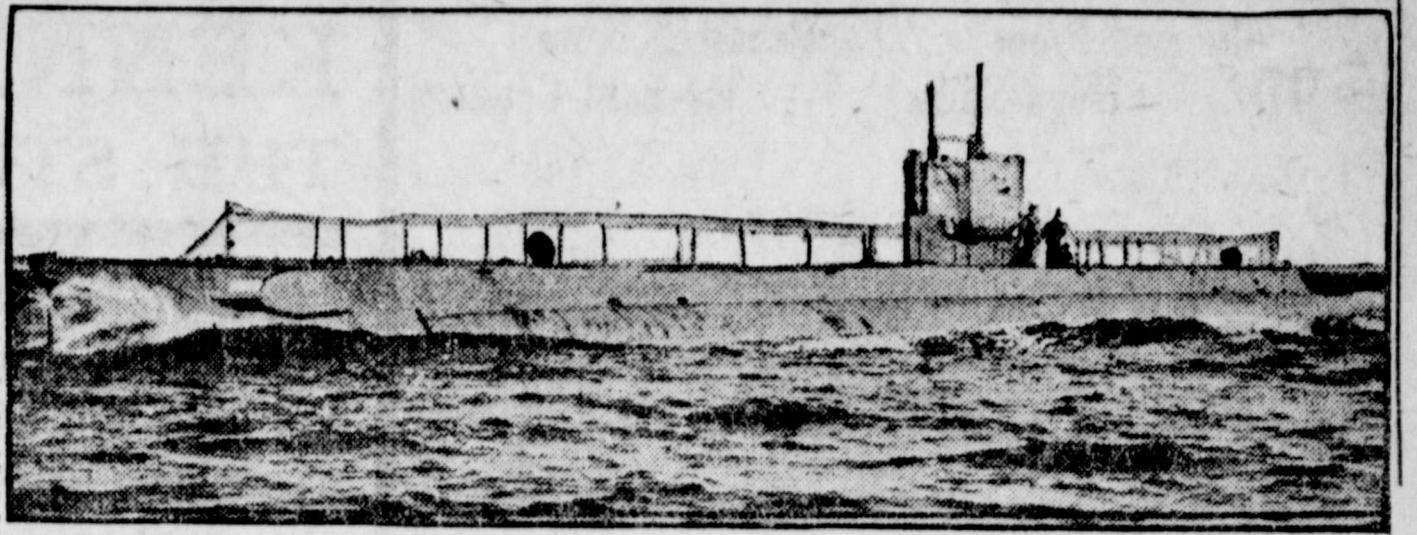
Mr. and Mrs. Gibson have the sympathy of their many friends and relatives, and can find com-

fort in the passage, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present in trouble."

A Friend.

M. S. Spence has joined the throng of Ford owners, having purchased a five passenger last week.

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE M-1



You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

Coughs at Night worry the patient and disturb the sleep of the whole family. For a good relieving remedy use

BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP
It Eases the Lungs

It checks coughing, relieves chest pains, Hoarseness, Loss of Voice, Sore Lungs, Wheezing and Difficult Breathing. Good for children or adults.

Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per Bottle

Buy the \$1.00 size. It contains five times as much as the 25c size and you get free with each bottle one Dr. Herrick's Capsicum Plaster for the chest.

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CHAS. C. HILL
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Office: Leaverton's Drug Store

ED STEVENS DEAD

Mr. Ed Stevens, prominent Trinity river farmer, died at the home of his mother, in Jacksonville Sunday, after an illness of a week's duration. He was stricken with black jaundice and was rushed to Jacksonville the early part of last week. Deceased leaves a wife, two children, a mother, three brothers and two sisters, besides a host of friends to mourn his death. The Messenger extends sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives in their sorrow. His remains were laid to rest in Jacksonville Tuesday, several citizens from this city attending the funeral.



ATTENTION MR. FARMER!

The world needs Cotton, Corn, Wheat and other farm products and now is the time for you to make your land produce its maximum. You can't afford to miss this opportunity of a big profit this coming season. The best and cheapest way to make your land yield its maximum is to fertilize liberally with

MERIDIAN FERTILIZERS

The crops raised with Meridian Fertilizers speak for themselves. Ask the farmer who uses Meridian Fertilizers. One-fourth of all the fertilizer used in the territory in which we operate is the Red Bag kind. Look for the Red Bag on the back of every sack. The Red Bag is your guarantee that you are getting the superior Meridian Fertilizers.

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- Meridian Home Mixture
- Meridian Union Special Phosphate
- Meridian Blood and Bone
- Meridian Perfect Guano
- Meridian Ham Bone
- Meridian Meal Mixture
- Meridian Vegetable Grower
- Caddo Cotton
- Texas Special
- And many others for every crop need.

Look for the Red Bag on the back of every sack.

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Sold by KENNEDY BROS.

TEXAS LEISLATORS HEAR W. J. BRYAN

DELIVERS ADDRESS ON PROHIBITION TO MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE AT AUSTIN.

MANY BILLS ARE PASSED

Both the Senate and House in Busy Sessions Pass Many Important Measures—Adjournment Date Set.

Austin, Tex.—William Jennings Bryan, addressing by invitation the Texas legislature Saturday, was given a most enthusiastic reception by the largest crowd that has gathered in the house during this session. The galleries were packed to their utmost capacity. Applause was frequent and very cordial.

The larger part of Mr. Bryan's address was devoted to prohibition and specifically to a prohibition appeal to Texas.

Mr. Bryan reaffirmed his peace attitude, and sounded a warning against the state surrendering any of its railroad regulation authority to the federal congress. During his discussion of his peace position, in effect the same as he has formerly expressed it, the speaker made reference to President Woodrow Wilson, the calling of that name bringing an outburst of cheers and applause as prolonged and enthusiastic as any demonstration during his speech.

During his address Mr. Bryan made no specific renewal of his nation-wide prohibition stand, but did predict the coming of nation-wide prohibition.

In introducing Mr. Bryan, Speaker Fuller spoke of him as one who has given this country more ideas that will live than any other American, and said that his name will live after this republic has crumbled.

Saturday's Senate Proceedings.

House bill appropriating \$65,000 to restore the quarantine station at Sabine was passed finally.

Passed finally the senate joint resolution prohibiting the filing of suits for delinquent taxes after four years. House bill providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Northwestern Insane asylum was passed and \$400,000 appropriated.

House bill to convert the old penitentiary building at Rusk into an asylum for negroes was passed and an appropriation was made.

Bill relieving Chambers county from state taxes for ten years to allow county to rebuild roads and bridges destroyed by storm was passed.

Saturday's House Proceedings.

The bill having to do with removal and relocating of railroad tracks in incorporated cities was amended and passed to the third reading.

The house and senate recessed at 10 o'clock and most of the legislators listened to an address by William Jennings Bryan in the house chamber.

The house joint resolution providing for the reduction of membership in the house to 63, raising of pay and reduction of railroad mileage, was passed to the third reading.

Austin, Tex.—The Lattimore submission resolution failed of adoption in the senate Friday by one vote. The final vote was 20 for and 11 against. The final vote was as follows:

For Submission—Messrs. Alderdice, Buchanan of Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Dayton, Dean, Decherd, Floyd, Gibson, Henderson, Hopkins, Johnson of Hall, Lattimore, McCollum, McNealus, Robbins, Smith, Strickland, Suiter, Westbrook and Woodward.

Against Submission—Messrs. Bailey, Bee, Caldwell, Clark, Hall, Harley, Hudspeth, Johnston of Harris, King, Page and Parr.

By a vote of 45 to 69 (less than the necessary two-thirds) the house Friday refused to adopt the Terrell joint resolution submitting a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide a graduated land tax.

Speaking for his resolution, Mr. Terrell said that in Brewster county two ownerships embrace 433,000 acres of land; in Coke county two ownerships name 565,000 acres, etc., and that in the State of Texas two ownerships control 4,141,910 acres. Much of this land has been sold by the state at from \$1 to \$3 an acre and has increased on the value by virtue of the development of the country, etc., and not because of the owners, who have done nothing except to hold the land.

A graduated land tax, he thought, would stimulate the breaking of these large holdings into small tracts used by actual home makers, or would cause the holders to contribute more equitably to the cost of the government.

The regular session of the thirty-fifth legislature adjourns sine die on Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p. m. Both branches adopted a resolution to that effect Friday.

Bills Signed by Governor.

The following bills were signed by Governor Ferguson this week:

Senate bill authorizing city councils or commissioners to levy and collect a tax not to exceed 5c on the \$100 property valuation for improvement of land for city parks.

Senate bill validating a league of land to Jose Antonio Sepulveda in Trinity county.

House bill defining original appellate jurisdiction of the supreme court and regulating the practice therein.

Friday's Senate Proceedings.

The bill appropriating \$600,000 to pay the debts of the penitentiary was passed.

The senate concurred in the house resolution for the adjournment of the legislature on Wednesday.

The submission resolution was defeated in the senate by a vote of 20 to 11, one short of a two-thirds majority.

Senator Johnston of Harris and Senator Bee suggested in a motion that a new committee be created to pass on nominations by the governor.

It was decided that no investigation will be conducted in the affairs of the State university. The faculty will be fully exonerated in a pending resolution.

Friday's House Proceedings.

The house bill to prevent desecration of the United States flag was passed.

The bill providing for a negro insane asylum at Rusk was passed, appropriating \$200,000.

The house bill to repeal the law creating the state warehouse and marketing department was laid on the table.

Austin, Tex.—The unanimous report of the house committee to investigate charges against Governor James E. Ferguson, read to the house Thursday and adopted by the house, finds "the purchase of groceries for the governor and his family is subject to just criticism," etc., but "that said transactions are not sufficient to justify the filing of impeachment proceedings," and further, that "relative to the transactions between the governor and the Temple State bank, we beg to say that in our judgment they are deserving of the severest criticism and condemnation," etc., and "our conclusion is that said conduct was unjustified and wholly unwarranted, but does not merit the severe pains and penalties of impeachment."

After being in executive session during most of the day, the committee presented the report late Thursday afternoon, signed by all the members of the committee: E. R. Bryan, Midland; Barry Miller, Dallas; W. H. Bledsoe, Lubbock; W. M. Fly, Gonzales; W. E. Pope, Corpus Christi; Bruce W. Bryant, Haskell; R. L. Carlock, Fort Worth; R. E. Thompson, El Paso; Dan McMillin, Sherman.

Governor Ferguson came into the house just as the clerk began reading the report and sat in the hall listening to it attentively. When the clerk concluded the document, Speaker Fuller paused a moment as though awaiting for some one to rise for recognition; no one did. "The question is, shall the report of the committee be adopted?"

stated the speaker. He paused again. No one rose to speak. No one called for a roll call. The speaker put the question, and by a viva voce vote, with not a word of debate, the report was adopted.

The so-called "free pass bill," passed by the house last week, was defeated in short order by the senate Thursday, the vote being 13 against and 8 for.

House bill making an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for aid of rural schools for the next two fiscal years was signed Thursday by Governor Ferguson.

Thursday's Senate Proceedings.

The general drainage bill was passed after the house bill had been substituted.

The house bill to amend the anti-pass law to allow certain State officials free transportation was killed.

The senate concurred in the conference report on the highway commission bill.

Thursday's House Proceedings.

Finally passed the McNealus mother's pension bill.

The senate bill to regulate the practice of dentistry was killed.

The bill providing that Texas histories be used in public schools was passed.

The Strickland bill to prohibit blacklisting was advanced to the third reading.

Governor Ferguson was in the house when the investigation committee report was read, but refused to make any comment.

Austin, Tex.—The McNealus constitutional convention concurrent resolution was adopted by the senate Wednesday, after a day of contention and excitement exceeding in intensity even Tuesday's stormy session. The final vote on the resolution was 17 for and 11 against, with Mr. Hopkins absent and Messrs. Johnson of Hall and Hudspeth paired, the former voting for the resolution and the latter against.

The vote was as follows: For, Alderdice, Buchanan of Bell, Buchanan of Scurry, Dayton, Dean, Decherd, Floyd, Henderson, Lattimore, McCollum, McNealus, Robbins, Smith, Strickland, Suiter, Westbrook and Woodward. Against, Bailey, Bee, Caldwell, Clark, Gibson, Hall, Harley, Johnston of Harris, King, Page and Parr.

Wednesday's Senate Proceedings.

The bill to exempt telephone companies from taxation was killed.

The house bill requiring that legal notices be published was passed.

The house bill requiring foreign-born citizens to be naturalized American citizens to vote failed to secure the necessary two-thirds majority.

The McNealus constitutional convention resolution was finally adopted by a vote of 17 to 11.

The services of the sergeant at arms was again needed Wednesday when Senators McNealus and King engaged in a word war. The trouble started soon after Senator McCullum had introduced an amendment to the McNealus resolution called for a constitutional convention. Peace was declared soon after.

SAVE THE SEED HOGS

The unprecedented high prices hogs are bringing at this time is having a tendency to clean the country, not only of marketable butcher stock, but some farmers are selling every head. This plan is certain to be regretted by every person who practices it, for it will prove as disastrous as we have always been lead to believe, as the practice of "killing the goose that laid the golden eggs". Pork is sure to bring top prices for years to come and a sacrifice, where money is badly needed, should be made in some other direction, so that the breeding stock may be retained, as there is no more profitable branch of farming in which our people can engage.

H. A. Fisher.

News Items

Gleaned From Hays Spring

March 19.—Health of this place is very good at present. Some few cases of measles yet.

Corn planting is the order of the day now. Some corn is nearly large enough to plow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Story and Aldrich Brashears of Wesley Chappel visited relatives in this community last Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Green of near Crockett visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Hill Huff and two sons, Pete and William of Daly's, visited their aunt, Mrs. Chas. Story Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. John Frisby and family of Grapeland visited his brother, E. L. Frisby Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis of this place visited relatives and friends at Oak Grove Saturday night and Sunday.

The people of this place met at Hays Spring Sunday and organized a Sunday School, which we hope will have good attendance and be a success. We can make it a success if we all put our shoulder to the wheel and push.

Mr. M. D. Murchison and his bunch of road hands have reached this neighborhood with the work on the Grapeland and Daly's road. Mr. Murchison is putting the road in fine shape. Let the good work go on.

Come again Mr. R Durnell and grace the pages of the Messenger with another good letter on poultry, for the poultry business can be made a success in the Grapeland country, and from the number of baskets and wash-tubs full of eggs that come to Grapeland every Saturday it looks like somebody has already made a success of the business don't it? Bigfoot.

CORRECTION

In the jury list which appeared for the week beginning April 9th, the name of Silas Marshall appeared, when it should have read Silas Morgan.

Local News

Reported From Reynard Country

March 19.—We are taking things as they come down this way and if they do not come our way we try to make them come, and if we fail we just wiggle and try to meet them like men and women.

Spring has made a great stride since the last cold wave, but this spell will check up things. Corn that has had time is up to a perfect stand. Some are thru planting while some are just beginning.

We are needing a good warm rain in order to put a first class season in the soil, as the cold and bright sun has made fresh plowed ground kinder crusty.

It was quite a treat to the church loving and going people of our community to have Bro. and Sister H. E. Harris with us. The grand old hero preached four sermons for us.

Our school girls spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks.

Miss Laura Lena Kent, who has been spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Laseter, is at home for awhile.

We are requested to announce that there will be a cemetery working at Daly's the first day of May. Will have a picnic in connection, so bring your tools and working clothes and a box full of grub.

The whole world seems to be in a state of unrest and we doubt that any man is wise enough to forecast the outcome, but lets meet the issues like men and not be a "sissy."

We would like to see a few lines from our grand old friend, James Martin. Zack.

Prof. John Denny left Monday night for San Antonio to take an examination preparatory to entering West Point Military Academy.

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The Store for Everybody

ENTERTAINED

Miss Mary Lou Darsey delightfully entertained several couples of her friends with a St. Patrick party last Friday night. The parlors were decorated in colors suitable to the occasion. Those being honored with invitations to this social event were: Misses Rena Ross and Georgia Belle Richards, Perlina and Carrie Spence, Loretta and Eula Mae Riall, Hel-

en McMurphy, Marie White, Louise Denny, Mable Boykin, Annie R. Hollingsworth and Esther Darsey; Messrs. Homer Jones, Chesler Owens, Tump Murchison, Dick Murchison, Jim Ryan, Geo. E. Darsey, jr. and Arthur Owens, John Lagston, and Harry Fred Moore of Crockett.

THREE HELD FOR MURDER

Crockett, Texas, March 19.—Sims Spearman was stabbed to

death Sunday on the Cochran farm, 22 miles southwest of this city. Three suspects, two men and one woman, have been arrested and placed in jail by Sheriff Spence. Pending investigation, all have been denied bail.

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