

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

WHAT THE REVEREND SOLONS DID FOR THE STATE YESTERDAY.

A Manly Speech From Senator McComb Made
to a Question of Privilege on His Judi-
cial District Bill—Modified Wolf
Scalp Law Passed by the House.

Following will be found the pro-
ceedings of yesterday's session of the
legislature.

SENATE.

The senate met yesterday morning
at 10 o'clock with Lieutenant Gover-
nor Crane in the chair.

The chaplain, Mr. Briggs being ab-
sent, by his invitation Rev. G. C. Rec-
tor, pastor of the Twenty-fourth street
Methodist church, took his place and
offered the following prayer:

"Our Father, who art in Heaven,
we come into Thy presence with praise
and gratitude toward Thee. Re-
membering Thy mighty power and
boundless goodness, we realize that
Thou and Thou alone art worthy of
praise. Remembering the temporal
blessings and the far higher and more
excellent blessings of forgiveness and
promised fellowship with Thee that
Thou has vouchsafed to us, our hearts
swell with gratitude to Thee. Oh,
Thou, the source of all light, shine
in upon our hearts this morning. Thou
who art the Truth that shall make
men free make us free. Give us per-
sonal freedom from that which is vile
and which weakens character. Give
us social freedom from that which
corrupts public sentiment and vitiates
public morals. Give us civil liberty.
May Thy servants have direction in
making those laws that are to govern
our people and we honor Thee in our
deliberations this day. Hear us in the
name of Christ, our Saviour. Amen."

UPHOLD THEIR NEIGHBORS

CITIZENS OF BONHAM RESOLUTE ABOUT THE PARIS AFFAIR.

Endorse the Method by Which Henry White
Was Executed, and Will Stand by Them
in Event of Attempted Prosecution.

Special to The Statesman.

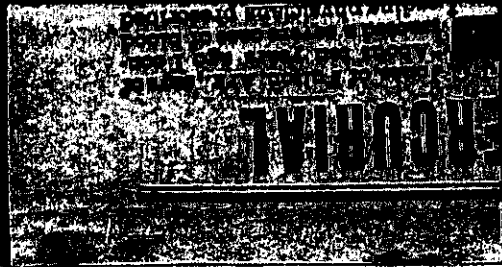
BONHAM, Tex., Feb. 14.—A circular
was distributed on the streets today
calling a meeting of citizens of Fannin
county to meet at the court house to-
night to endorse Lamar county's ac-
tion in executing Henry Smith. At
the meeting the following resolutions
were passed:

First—We do not favor mob law ex-
cept under similar circumstances as
in Lamar county.

Second—When no law on the
statute is adequate, the people should
rise in the right, in their might, and
make them.

Third—In our neighboring county
of Lamar, whose people are bound to
us by all the ties of blood and social
economy and political affinity, whose
citizenship we know to be as brave,
cultivated and civil as exist in any
section of the American Union, was
recently perpetrated a beastly crime
of so horrible a nature that
it seemed to demand for
its expiation an example for all time
to come. The temporary substitution
of all laws which are not made with a
view to punish a crime of such enor-
mity as could not have been conceived
in the heart of human law givers and
the infliction of a punishment which
would forever be a warning
to brutal instinct where pas-
sions defy the laws of God
and man our sympathy full of tears
and sorrow goes out to all the kindred
of the sweet, innocent Myrtle Vance,
every bruise upon whose brutalized
baby body cried out vengeance, ven-
geance, vengeance! We make no
apology for the violation of the laws.
We demand its enforcement in the
strictest and plainest letter of the
statute. We demand the prosecution
and punishment of all offenses as
written and defined in the laws of our
state, but we decline and affirm to the
world that no edicts made by men,
no constitution formed by people,
no statute authorized by the repre-
sentative of the state, have been or
ever can be made to meet a crime
like that which confronted our friends
of Lamar county. We further de-
clare and swear that should it be our
misfortune to be confronted with an
emergency as our friends in Lamar
county were faced to meet, the expia-
tion will not be less severe than that
which sealed the fate of Henry Smith.

SAN ANTONIO ELECTION.



Have we a Government
 Law being all at last
 There must be something
 done or it will not last
 very long. The People
 must be every blame
 of this, and see the
 business to hand
 they will know sufficient
 than they will be
 are then willing to make
 the process that is at
 the heart of the
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TWENTY-NINTH

WHAT THE SOLONS DID FOR THE WELFARE OF THE STATE YESTERDAY.

March 2, the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Sam Houston, Set Apart by the House as a Memorial Day—
Other Matters of Interest.

Following will be found the proceedings of yesterday's session of the legislature:

IN THE SENATE.

The senate met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock with Lieutenant-Governor Crane in the chair.

Chaplain Briggs prayed as follows: "Heavenly Father, through Thy mercy we stand upon the border land of a new week. Forbid that for us its days should pass with the rapidity with which the days are flying. Yesterday we were children, today we are burdened men, tomorrow the death storm comes and we totter to the grave of the outworn. Forbid that such an hour should come without some real work having been done, especially by those called to serve the state and nation. To that end bestow upon every senator in this chamber an eye to see the highest meaning of things, and an ear to hear Thy voice speaking through life and providence and history. Students of the great principles of law and government may all be deeper students of the methods of applying these principles to the needs of all the people. Grant that every law here enacted may be an echo of the justice of God and a benediction to every humble artisan, every poor widow and every little child. And while the men who gather here labor in this solemn work, may their health and strength and the security of their homes be precious in Thy sight. We ask for Jesus sake. Amen."

"The Corpse of the Confederacy."

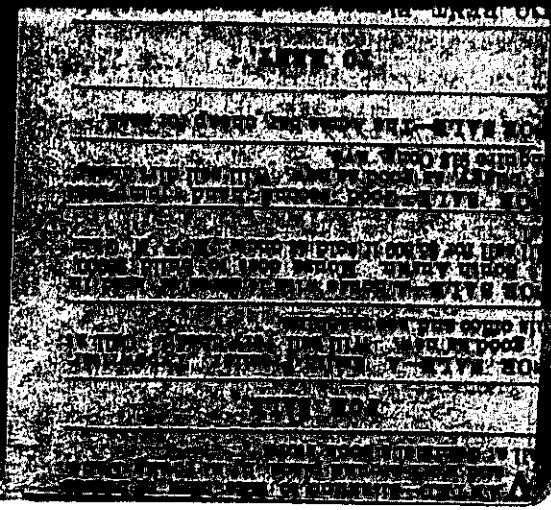
Editor Statesman:

As many delightful auditors as could crowd themselves into the history room listened this forenoon to the noble address of Dr. J. L. M. Curry before the faculty and students of the university. As one who applauded every sentiment to which the distinguished speaker gave expression I wish to say that the sentiment I applauded most and with which I most profoundly agreed was this: "I will not drag about me the corpse of the dead Confederacy." Neither will I. But permit me to add: Neither will I leave it upon the open highway for hyenas, political or other, to rend and devour. This will I do with it: Bear it with tender hands into the most sacred room of the temple of the heart and there let it lie in state. And while I love the Union and revere the flag and am also "glad that I am an American citizen," I know no influence, personal or political, that can prevent me from entering when I will with hushed lips and unsandaled feet that sacred place to keep fresh and sweet the flowers upon that dead breast.

G. W. BRIGGS.

Austin, Feb. 11, 1898.

THE papers are making altogether too much fuss about the Paris affair. There are some things that demand immediate attention, but after that the less said about them the better. The people of Lamar county were governed by an overwhelming impulse that neither they nor the officers of the law were able to control—one of those sudden tornadoes of passion that it were foolish to attempt to control. It is over now, and the people of Lamar county are just as law abiding as ever were.



Law - obeying as ever etc
So what Law are they obeying
The Truth Justice Honor and
The new Government - no no Law
But to respect - Oppression
Robbery Murder - Assassination
Lynching and the other Confessions
They are ever obeying to them
And nothing more etc

They don't hurt the People
And all Nations Condemn this
Bastard Law and Mirrage
Then that the whole World may
know them as they are etc