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Woodman Funeral Held at Slaton

Monday afternoon in response to a phone call three auto loads containing 12 members of Tahoka Camp W. O. W. No. 1603, went up to assist at the funeral of Sovereign Brassfield of Slaton Camp W. O. W. No. 2871. The Tahoka bunch were as follows: J. T. Curb, R. B. Milliken, A. N. Addison, E. P. Hicks, H. C. Crie, C. D. Keever, R. C. Napier, B. C. King, D. A. Parkhurst, R. E. Bouchelle, Joe Baldrige and J. L. Stokes, the three chauffeurs and Judge W. D. Benson of Lubbock.

Lubbock Camp W. O. W. No. 785, was well represented, and the three Camps mustered between 70 and 80 sovereigns in the line of march to the cemetery which is a mile or more from town.

Sovereign Brassfield was a young man of 24 years of age and leaves a wife and two small children; he had been a member of the Woodman of the World only long enough to pay one month's dues on a \$2,000 policy which we are told is good for 1-3 of its face value.

The account of the young man's death as told to us was as follows: He was running some yearlings in Slaton Sunday afternoon about five o'clock and was riding a horse that was blind in one eye, and a yearling run against the horse on its blind side causing it to fall and throw the young man on his head on the hard street causing concussion of the brain from which he died at two o'clock Monday morning and was buried at six o'clock Monday afternoon, just 26 hours after he was riding around with every expectation of living more than that many years.

"DUM TACIT CLAMIT."

CHOICE SEEDS—Our Catalog now ready. No seed house in the world can serve you better. For every thing in seeds, write us.—C. E. White Seed Co., Plainview, Texas. 27-tf

Some may disagree on John 3-5; but all agree that Parkhurst Broken \$ Store is the place to buy your fresh fruits and vegetables, fresh candy and cigars. 27-28

V. T. Brazell, of Slaton has accepted a position with the Tahoka Tailor Shop, where he will operate the steam press. Virgil says that he has never before seen as well an equipped tailor shop in a town no larger than Tahoka.

FOR SALE—Eggs from prize winning strain of Rhode Island Red Chickens: Same you saw on the Demonstration Train. Setting of 15 for \$1.00.—W. L. Kuykendall, Tahoka. 27-29

Have you seen the new embroidery pieces at Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. 27-28

Look at those premiums we are giving away—The Fair. 24 tf

Paul Miller turned in an order yesterday to The News Print shop for 1,000 letterheads and 500 envelopes. He will have the following printed thereon:

"P. MILLER, Will Buy Anything, and Sell Everything."

No man we know comes nearer living up to the above than Paul does: He bought 50 hats of J. E. Ketner and sold them all in two "Saturday Sales;" two weeks ago he bought 300 pairs of shoes from the various Tahoka merchants and yesterday he had only "a dozen pairs left."

Government By Lawyers

The Press Denounces and Public Condemns Filing of M. K. & T. Suit.

The settlement of the suit against the M. K. & T. Company comes like the fair unfolding of spring and makes us all feel like rejoicing over the happy solution which the battery of lawyers have made of the problem. It is a great day for the common people when lawyers can agree and especially over technicalities which seemed to be about the only point of contention in the Katy suit.

A Victory for the Lawyers.

According to the terms of the settlement the suit for one hundred million dollars is dismissed and the Katy is permitted to improve and expand its properties, a thing it has been doing and was prevented from continuing by the filing of this suit; the Attorney General consents for the consolidation acts of the legislature to become a law; a separation of the Katy of Texas and the Katy of Kansas is agreed upon and the Katy will pay all the attorney fees which, from a legal standpoint, was no doubt a very important feature of the case and a great victory for the lawyers. So far as the people are concerned railroad development has been halted for the past year; the investor has had his faith in Texas securities shaken and the power of the Attorney General's Department to blight or to build has been demonstrated.

The Press Outspoken.

It is doubtful if in the annals of Texas jurisprudence a greater farce has been enacted or a more purposeless proceeding recorded. Certainly no action on the part of the state in recent years has met with so unanimous a storm of protest from the press and condemnation by the public generally than that of the one hundred million dollar suit filed by the Attorney General against the M. K. & T. Ry. The suit was apparently based upon venom, rather than upon violation of law or conduct on the part of the Katy that was inimical to the interests of the public, and in justice to the people it is proper to observe that those responsible for bringing this suit misinterpreted the conscience of the public.

Announcements

For County and District Clerk.

J. W. ELLIOTT.
(re-election)

E. P. HICKS,
W. N. GORE,

For Tax Assessor.

JOE BALDRIDGE
JOHN THOMAS
L. G. PHILLIPS,

For County Treasurer.

C. T. BEARD.
McMILL CLAYTON
(re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

D. T. ROCERS,
F. E. REDWINE

For County Judge

E. A. WHITE
J. L. STOKES
(re-election)

Prof. J. B. Walker is now postmaster in Tahoka, his commission dating from the 1st of March. Tahoka has had but three postmasters prior to Mr. Walker. Mrs. Fannie Henderson, now of Canyon City, was succeeded by A. B. McCoud, now of Kingsville, succeeded by Jack Alley, now of Soash, succeeded by acting postmaster V. S. Swan. Each of the postmasters have held down the job until they resigned for private reasons.

When in town come around and buy a book from us.—Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. 27-28

STATE-WIDE PROSPERITY



CARD OF THANKS:

I sincerely thank each and every one who so kindly helped us during the last sickness of my beloved husband, and who have shown so much sympathy during my time of trial. I earnestly pray that God will return your goodness to you many fold, for it is beyond my power, as much as I may wish to do so.

Yours lovingly and appreciatively. 27-1t

MRS. WADE RAY.

Jno. Burnett and Jno. Scudday returned Sunday from from Kansas City where they marketed their cattle. They report considerable loss, but do not blame the silo for that, but rather the difference in the price of cattle now and last summer. It is a well known fact that all great feeders have lost more or less money in their first experience, and the fact that Burnett Bros. and Tiernan & Scudday lost, does not discourage them in the least. They could have received a cent per pound more the next day after they sold and possibly have gotten a fill on the steers, which would have changed the balance sheet considerably. The steers weighed 463 and sold at \$7.80.—Terry County Herald.

Will buy anything you will bring to town.—Paul Miller.

Ladies, we have just received a new supply of stamped embroidery pieces, consisting of center pieces, pillow tops, library scarfs, thread and fringe, also stamped shirt waists, gowns, corset covers, Etc. We especially invite you to come in and look through this line.—Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. 27-28

Premium dishes with your purchases at The Fair. 34-tf

Highest cash price paid for produce.—Paul Miller.

Why be lonesome? When good books are to be bought so cheap at Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. Ask about the return plan, also about renting them. 27-28

League Program

Sunday, Mar. 8th.

Opening Song No. 219.
Prayer.
Reading the minutes of last meeting.

Song No. 222.
Reading of today's program.
Roll call—Each answer with Scripture verse.

Subject—"Proving our Discipleship." (continued)

Leader—Aubry Thomas.

Showing our love. John XII, 2-8, by the leader.

Our neighbor. Luke X. 25-37.—Mary Yates.

Talk and questions on the lesson—Mrs. Randall.

Song 223.

Receiving of new members.

League Benediction.

All children and visitors are welcome.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

(Artie Lindsey,
Bruce Williams,
Bootie Swan.

STATE EXAMINATIONS,

On April 2, 3, and 4, at the Tahoka High School building, the examination for teachers, State certificates only, will be held. Application blanks may be secured from the County Judge. 27-1t

W. J. Harlow of Cross Plains, is spending the week at the St. Clair Hotel. He is putting on a sale for J. B. Keever.

Dr. J. F. Galloway, 11-tf

who is now in Lamesa will be in the town of O'Donnell, on March 10th remaining until his return to Tahoka Saturday March 14th, and be located upstairs in the postoffice building. 27-28

The Ferguson-Post case has been continued again.

If YOU WANT TO SELL IT, AN AD IN THE NEWS WILL DO IT.

TO THE PUBLIC.

We wish to express our appreciation of the business that has been accorded us by our many customers in the past, and we hope these pleasant relations will continue in the future.

Mr. G. E. Parmer, an expert, will manage the business from now on, and we will try to render the same satisfactory service that we have always given.

Call and see our new Spring samples and get our extremely low prices for new suits. Let us do your cleaning. Satisfaction guaranteed. 27-1t

Miss Gertrude Johnson, music teacher at the Tahoka High School, left on the Wednesday morning in response to a message stating that her mother was very ill.

G. E. Parmer, from Post City, has accepted a position as manager of the Tahoka Tailor Shop. George is a brother of Mrs. Paul Ray, and therefore a brother-in-law (by marriage) of the late proprietor Mr. Wade Ray.

J. R. Evans, one of our subscribers at Meadow, who was in Tahoka the first of the week serving as a grand juror, called at The News office Tuesday to register a kick because he does not get his paper until it is over a week old. Some one who handles the mail after it leaves Tahoka is either careless or neglectful of their duty, for Wednesday we received a letter from Chicago saying that The News is received there every Thursday following the day of publication. Last Friday we mailed our south bound papers so they went off Friday afternoon, and we mailed our north bound papers more than an hour before mail time, so if you failed to get The News promptly (this applies to everybody) jump onto your postmaster with both feet, and if you don't find an improvement in a short time, write or call on us and we will crank up our kicking machine and get busy.

We would be pleased to rent you a good book; Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. 27-28

See our nem line of 10 cent gingham—The Fair. 24-tf

D. R. Johnson of Tulia, was a Tahoka visitor Wednesday.

Court Proceedings For This Week

District Court was convened by Judge W. R. Spencer Monday morning and the Grand Jury empaneled. In his charge to the Grand Jury, instructed them especially to investigate all alleged cases of perjury which he said is the basic principal of all crime, as no crime would be committed if the perpetrator did not expect to be able somehow to lie out of it. The Judge further stated that the crime of perjury had become so universal that in many instances our court cases have become "Nothing but swearing matches." The Grand Jury adjourned Wednesday noon, after returning only two indictments.

A young man by the name of Allen wanted by Montague county officials on the charge of concealing stolen goods, was arrested here several days ago, and was allowed the run of the town on his personal parole. Wednesday afternoon he broke his parole and boarded an auto running nearly 20 miles an hour, going west on Lockwood street just north of the Snider stock pens. The auto is said to belong to Fleming and to have been driven by Curly Gamble, it is also said that Lial McGonagill was a passenger. Rumor has it that the party was stopped at Plains and Allen and Curly brought back to Tahoka Wednesday night. Allen left on the Thursday morning train in charge of a Montague county officer, and Curly and Fleming quickly made bond in the sum of \$200 each.

M. T. Brady, who came here from Plainview several months ago, was arrested at Novis, Texas, on the alleged charge of forgery was brought in Monday of last week from Post City by Sheriff Edwards and Deputy Rogers. He was placed under \$500 bond to await the action of the grand jury, which we understand returned two indictments against him. He will likely have his trial as soon as the Curb-Ketter case is out of the way, which will likely be sometime this (Friday) afternoon. Judge Cunningham of Abilene, came in yesterday and will handle the defense.

I Want your cream. I pay more and furnish a can.—Paul Miller.

I want your hides green or dry and will pay the highest market prices for all you have. Loyal McGonagill at the Cash Meat Market. 10-tf

Rev. J. E. Nickleson will preach Sunday night on "God's Four Invitations." His subject for the morning service was announced in The News last week. He will lecture next Wednesday night March 11, on the following:

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN.

"We believe that Man was created in holiness, under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil; and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defense or excuse."

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TENANT FARMERS NEED HELP

FARMERS' UNION ASKS FOR NEW CODE OF CO-OPERATIVE LAWS.

Fort Worth, Texas.—On behalf of the Farmers' Union of Texas, we want to say to the Democratic Prohibition Convention held in Fort Worth on February 21st, that small favors are thankfully received. The farmers of Texas are accustomed to having their interests side-tracked at political conventions, but this is one campaign in which the Texas farmers refuse to play second fiddle to any political party or subdivision thereof. We realize that peace is an eliminator that all politicians most dread, but peace is the hand-maiden of prosperity.

There is another so-called Democratic convention to be held in Dallas next Saturday and we repeat to them all we have said to the prohibition convention. We will follow neither anti nor pro as such in this campaign, but will exercise our best efforts to prevent it becoming a partisan question, which would result in side-tracking the interests of the farmer. Agricultural issues must be made first at the polls, first in legislation and first in administrative branches of government, and what we say applies with equal force to all issues, prohibition or otherwise. We appeal to the citizens of every political faith and affiliation to vote in the July primary only for men pledged to give agricultural legislation first attention. We do not want to appear impatient, but we have been "next" on the legislative calendar for the past quarter of a century and they have never reached us yet and never will so long as we occupy second place.

We follow the plow for a living and the viewpoint of the man in the furrow may throw a ray of light upon our economic affairs from a new angle and illuminate areas of the life of state that have been obscured by the shadows of special interest and specific movements. We speak for a large constituency whose voice has been drowned by the roar of cities and whose rights to primary consideration by the legislature have been challenged.

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THE RURAL TEACHER

Bears Heavy Burden of Civilization.

By Peter Radford.

With the new development of rural life, there comes the demand for increased educational facilities and the impulse of universal education which is sweeping the country calls for intelligent and consecrated leadership in our rural schools. It is upon the rural teacher that one of the heaviest burdens of civilization falls for not only must he lay the foundation of education, but he must also instill into the pupils the real love for country life, which will hold them on the farm and help to stem the downward tide.

In the city, the teacher is a cog in the vast wheel of educational machinery; in the county, he is the wheel. It is he who must mold the character, inspire the ideals and shape the destiny of the farm boys and girls, and if he is fitted by nature for the task, not only will the results of his efforts be reflected

magnificent system of corporation laws that are alleged to help and protect the agricultural interest, that the farmers cannot use corporation laws in transacting the business of farming and the protective feature of many of these laws that are periodically heralded as saving the country, have proved a boomerang to the farmer. We will mention a few cases. Take the anti-trust law. That is a legislative measure, sound in purpose, but inadequate in application. Perhaps its most sensational achievement was in collecting a million dollar fine from the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. That fine, paid ultimately by the consumer, was wrung from the brow of the homeless and landless toiler and given to rich property owners through a reduction in tax rate. The city man uses no oil and, therefore, paid no part of the fine. The tenant farmer and the laborers have no property and, therefore, received no part of the disbursement.

We will give another instance. The prosecution of the so-called harvester trust. That was one of the most infamous judicial hoaxes ever perpetrated upon the people. If its action did not have the sanction of the court and the golden seal of the great state it would be ludicrous. Every farmer who ever bought a piece of farm machinery before and another after the harvester trust was banished from the State, knows that he paid, and is still paying, the price of folly for that piece of stupidity. The farmer has felt the iron heel of trusts and illegal combinations and believes that all industrial pirates who connive to rob the farmer should be banished from the face of the earth, but to do so will require statutes that contain wisdom as well as courage and justice, as well as revenge.

Many laws have been put on the statute book in the interest of the farmer, which, in theory, are commendable, but in practice they gnaw like maggots at the heart of agriculture.

A Government for Corporations.
Our statute book is bursting with laws that permit, protect and otherwise affect corporations and big business, yet farming is by far the biggest business in Texas, but there is not a line in the enactments of the legislature authorizing co-operative transactions necessary to carry on the business of farming.

By way of illustration we will mention an instance where such laws are much needed. The farmers want to own and operate cotton gins on the co-operative plan, dividing such profit or loss as may result from operation on a patronage basis, but we have no statutes covering such cases. Our laws provide for the formation of a corporation and division of profit on a basis of investment. We have several gins operating on the cumbersome methods necessary to reach a co-operative plan and much economy has resulted. Where a sufficient number of farmers join together and the risk and expense of securing patronage is taken out, the gins can be operated more cheaply. All machinery used in preparing farm products for the market, portable or stationary, should be owned by the farmer. Many millions of dollars can be saved to the farmers in this way. All that is needed is legislative permission.

W. D. LEWIS, President.
PETER RADFORD, Ex-President.
Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas.

in the pupils, but gradually the whole community will be leavened with a new ambition for progress.

He can organize around the school the main interests of the boys and girls and develop the impulse for co-operation, which in time will displace the old competitive individualism and make rural social life more congenial and satisfying. The possibilities for making the rural school the social and economic center of the community are almost endless and the faculties of the rural teacher may have full play, for it will take all his time and ingenuity if he attains the full measure of success.

Must Be Community Leader.

A noted college professor recently said that three things are now required of a rural teacher. The first requirement is that he must be strong enough to establish himself as a leader in the community in which he lives and labors; second, that he must have a good grasp on the organization and management of the new and scientific farm school and, third, that he must show expert ability in dealing with the modern rural school curriculum. If he lives up to the opportunities offered him as a rural leader, he will train boys and girls distinctly for rural life, not only by giving them the rudiments of agricultural training, but by enabling them to see the attractive side of farm life, and to realize that it is a scientific business and one of the most complex of all professions with opportunities as great as those of any other calling.

"School for Parents" Needed.

The duties of the rural teacher are more varied and complicated than those of the city teacher and he sometimes has to include the parents in directing his efforts for the best results. In communities where the older population is opposed to any departure of the younger generation from established customs in either social or economic life, their co-operation can often be secured by calling community meetings and instructing the parents on matters of community interest. It is related that a successful young teacher in a remote locality had weekly meetings attended by parents of his pupils which finally evolved into a "school for parents" in which they were taught how to live a community life in its broadest and biggest sense.

Social Features Essential.

The successful rural school is the vital social and economic center of the community and the successful rural teacher is the one who realizes that the responsibility of training local leaders for the future devolves upon him. Organized play, inter-community athletics, community festivals, lyceum and debating clubs, Y. M. C. A.s, with occasional neighborhood entertainments, utilizing home talent, contests in cooking and various other phases of home economics, in corn and hog clubs and other agricultural activities are a few of the methods employed by the successful rural teacher in stimulating interest and enthusiasm while teaching them the fundamental principles of successful community life.

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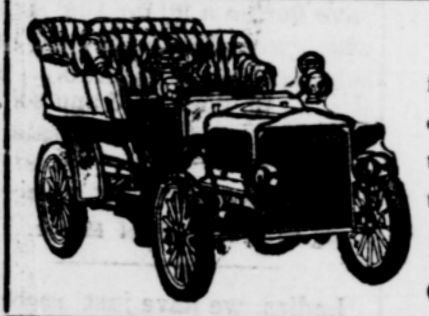
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STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headaches so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Theford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it. I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it. I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me." Theford's Black-Draught has been found a very valuable medicine for derangements of the stomach and liver. It is composed of pure, vegetable herbs, contains no dangerous ingredients, and acts gently, yet surely. It can be freely used by young and old, and should be kept in every family chest. Get a package today. Only a quarter.

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AGRICULTURAL LEGISLATION NEEDED

The Farm the Place to Study All Legislative Problems.
COURAGEOUS LEADERS NEEDED.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—The principal function performed by government today is to collect taxes, keep records and prevent and punish crime; but that is not sufficient. Government should tip its hat to the Goddess of Opportunity as courageously as it draws a six-shooter on a train robber. We ought to encourage thrift as well as restrain greed. We have been basing legislation upon the extremes of human life—the classes high and low, the depraved and the talented—let us now reach the masses and the extremes will more nearly disappear. Our statutes are filled to overflowing with pity and revenge; let us add opportunity. The slogan of the Farmers' Union is co-operation. Not only among individual farmers, but between all legitimate and useful occupations. We want to sit around the hearthstone of industry and talk over problems of mutual interest with our neighbors. We want to invite those who are earnestly searching for information on public questions to get back to the soil with their investigations where, in the stillness of nature, they can climb the mountain-top of wisdom, explore the deep canyons of knowledge and stroll through the quiet valleys of understanding. There is no problem in civilization that cannot be found in its native state on the farm. The labor, educational, financial, transportation, home-building and all other problems are there. We will discuss a few of them.

The Labor Problem.
We bow to the dignity of labor. No one would be willing to do more to lighten the burdens, increase the safety, comforts and profits of those who labor in commerce and industry than their fellow toilers in agriculture. But how about the farmer who bows his back to feed and clothe the world and who works from sun until sun? Is he not also entitled to an increase in pay and a shortening of hours? Much has been said about the women in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman in the field, drenched in perspiration, gathering the harvest, and little children, their lips wet with mother's milk, toiling by her side? Are they not also entitled to consideration? Is not the man who digs in the ground entitled to the same consideration as he who toils at the forge, weaves at the loom and works behind the counter? The farmer has been bearing his burdens as patiently as the beast he plows, but is patience a bar from justice? The labor problem of Texas today is on the farm and the first attention should be given those who labor in the field.

The Need of Cheap Money.
Agriculture has never been properly financed. The farmer pays a much higher rate of interest as a rule than any other class of borrower and his property, especially that of farm products, is not so readily accepted as a basis of credit as the property of other lines of industry of equal market value. The farmers of Texas owe \$200,000,000 and they pay from ten to thirty per cent per annum interest. This load, more than any other, is breaking the back of the Texas farmer. A rural or land credit system is needed that will enable a farmer to buy a home on long time at a cheap rate of interest. The land problem in Texas presents extremes that probably do not exist in any other country on the globe. More than half the farmers are landless; and we have 11,123 plantations and ranches containing more than 1,000 acres each and 12,833 with 500 to 1,000 acres each. We have more large farms and ranches than any state in the Union. A statute based on sound business principles that will enable the landless to buy and encourage the large land owner to sell, is much needed and one that merits the most serious consideration of the legislature. The financial problem of the state

and nation is on the farm and first attention should be given those who create the nation's wealth.

Compulsory Education Favored.
Our educational problems cannot be satisfactorily solved by making more liberal appropriations for our Universities and colleges and we may add, district schools.

The educational problem in Texas at this hour is not in the school room. It is in the home and the field. It is a hard struggle for many farmers to keep their children in local schools and 42 per cent fail utterly and not over 5 per cent send their children off to high school, although 60 per cent would gladly do so if they were not restrained by poverty.

We now have 230,000 children of scholastic age that can neither read or write. There can be no excuse given to either God or man that will justify parents in raising their children in ignorance, no matter what hardships it may entail and there should be a law passed compelling children to attend school during the entire school term. Such a statute and better paid teachers and a more practical course of study will increase the efficiency of our boys and girls for the battles of life.

In higher education there is involved a financial obligation which cannot be discharged by statutory enactment. It can only be met by making the business of farming more remunerative through a system of co-operative laws and better marketing methods.

Our educational problem is on the farm, and first attention should be given the country school.

Stock and Bond Law.
The stock and bond law is a masterpiece of constructive legislation that no one would repeal but a few would amend. We are not sufficiently familiar with this subject to offer a suggestion, but at the expense of being considered impertinent we want to ask if this is a perfect piece of legislation? A great portion of our state is yet unrailed and the present facilities are inadequate to properly handle the traffic. The extension and improvement of our railroad properties is a matter we leave in the hands of the railroad commission. We assign this subject to their wisdom, ability and patriotism and do not believe their work should be blockaded by opinions or restrained by superstition.

Our Penitentiary System.
Our penitentiaries have been the subject of much public discussion and legislative action. The farmer stands for humane treatment of convicts, efficient business methods in operation and character restoring of the criminals, but does not think the penitentiary should be made a more attractive place to live in than the average citizen possesses. We think convicts should work upon the public highways where they do not compete with free labor, either in agriculture or industry. We think this subject has been given prominence in the press out of proportion with its importance.

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Plant More Hogs
Uncle Sam Advises Texas Farm Boys.

The Bureau of Animal Industry of the United States Department of Agriculture has just issued a communication to the farmer boys of Texas between the ages of 10 and 18 years, urging them to plant more hogs. The Texas farmer lost \$24,000,000 last year because he failed to produce enough pork to supply the local demand and the communication advises his sons to raise enough hogs for home consumption, and if possible, a surplus for the market. Some of the points which the Department advises the youthful hog raiser to bear in mind are:

1. The feeding and care are as important as the breeding in producing a good hog. Plenty of food and good care will make a good hog out of a runt, but lack of it will always make a runt out of a good pig.
2. To make pork cheaply a permanent pasture and forage crops must be used.
3. Young pigs must have a dry bed and plenty of sunshine.
4. Begin feeding the pig as soon as he will eat, and keep him growing until he is mature.
5. Always keep plenty of clean, fresh water where the hogs may drink at any time.
6. Quarantine all newly purchased animals for three weeks.
7. Never keep a female for a brood sow, no matter how well bred she may be, if she will not produce more than four strong pigs at a litter.
8. The more milk a sow will give the faster her pigs will grow.

The latest census reports which relate to January 1st, 1914 show there are 2,618,000 hogs in Texas with a total value of \$22,515,000. This is an increase over the previous year of 125,000 head and \$1,574,000 in value. At every census during the five years prior to 1914 a steady decrease in the number of Texas hogs is shown. The values, however, have steadily increased. A decade ago the Texas hog was worth \$4.65 per head, but Uncle Sam's latest valuation is \$8.49 per head.

The growing demand for young Texas raised pork has become so strong that he is going to market a year earlier and at the weight of 219 pounds, while a quarter of a century ago the average marketing weight was 215 pounds.

as compared with other public measures. There are over a million farmers outside the penitentiary who, we think, are entitled to preference in legislative enactments, over those who are on the inside.

In closing let us say: These conditions challenge the statesmanship of the age. We must select leaders whose ears are attuned to the song of the plow, the music of growing things and the melody of the harvest. Only the strong should shoulder the burden, the swift enter the race and the brave lead the battle. It will not do to choose leaders who will cower under the lash of fear, tremble before the phantom of superstition, kneel and kiss the skirts of fame and fondle the hand of ambition. We need men, strong and powerful, who can rise above factional strife, partisan prejudice and conquer the forces of civilization.
W. D. LEWIS, President.
PETER RADFORD, Ex-President.
Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of Texas.

INEXPENSIVE FARM HOME:
Department of Agriculture Furnishes Free Plans.

The farm house is the most important building on the farm, and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The United States Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Farm Management, has been investigating conditions in the rural districts and in many instances found that the living apartments were inconsistent in cost with the value of the farm, and very often in striking contrast with out-buildings and farm machinery.

The Department of Agriculture is not only striving to make the business of farming more remunerative, but is also endeavoring to make farm life more attractive. A series of plans for the construction of farm homes has been prepared. In designing these homes, service, economy and attractiveness have been combined in a frame structure which can be built for \$800 in a community where average prices for material and labor prevail.

The specifications call for a simple four-cornered structure. There is but one chimney and one outside entrance. Another door may be provided by sacrifice of wall and floor space or by increasing the size and cost of the house.

The government experts in planning these homes realized that the comfort and convenience of the farm woman was paramount. They drew their plans accordingly. The kitchen is the most pleasantly located room in the structure. It opens on a screened porch where a large part of the work may be done in the summer.

The water problem has also been carefully considered. Cistern water may be drawn from a bucket pump on the back porch or from a pitcher pump in the sink. Hot water is provided by a reservoir connected with the kitchen stove. The sink with only a drain pipe to be provided, has been found too inexpensively to be omitted.

The living and dining room is uncluttered and affords sufficient space for the longest table the harvest days will ever require. It has two routes to the kitchen which are convenient for serving a large number of workmen. The Bureau of Farm Management is trying to help the farmer and will gladly furnish free plans to farmers contemplating building homes.

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FRANCE—WHICH PARIS IS NOT

Boulogne-sur-Seine, France.—France surely laughs in her sleeve at her interpreters from other lands. The majority of these interpreters, fascinated by the alluring gaudy of the boulevards, find in Paris the key to the French character. Others, looking beyond, sprinkle their interpretations with such adjectives of description as light-hearted, vivacious, extravagant. Others, seeing the French Sunday, learning that in the charming French language there is no word for home, observing the gay, white ways of the cities, or reading of a declining birth rate, quickly pronounce France idle, undomestic, irreligious, immoral. Now France, curiously, is in many of her characteristics the antitheses of these popular and far-spread interpretations. To estimate her place and part in tomorrow's world, a more nearly accurate knowledge of her characteristics today is of course necessary.

Paris Vs. France.

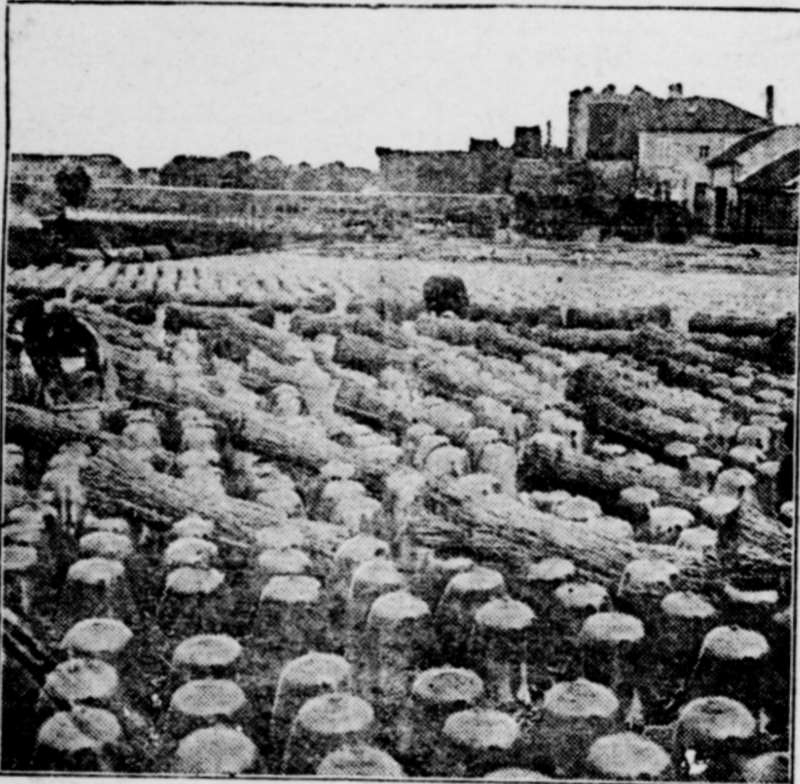
First, in judging France it must be kept in mind that Paris is not France. Many of the descriptive adjectives employed in picturing France do apply to Paris, or, at least, to the sections of Paris where foreign travelers most do congregate. The vivid, colorful cafes, the all-night restaurants, the purulent novels and post cards, are, to a large degree, an effort to give the tourist-public what it wants, or what Paris thinks it wants. The real France

is a notable exception. Here the farmer continues to farm.

Peasant Farmers Land Owners.—The French peasant farmer must not be associated with the German or the British farm laborer. He is of a different and a higher class. This difference is brought about, in a large measure, by the fact that he is an owner of the land, not merely a tenant. Sixty-three per cent. of the French peasants are householders, owning their homes, oftentimes "a small thing but my own." Revolution does not easily originate among the owners of homes. The French peasantry are the conservative force in the republic. It must not be inferred, however, that with them conservatism spells stagnation. Though not a revolutionist, the French peasant is not a reactionary. He is materially and morally progressive. He thinks with a clearness that some philosophers might envy. He expresses himself with a grace and a precision that, inherited by his children, gives them a birthright of speech in pulpit, tribune, journalism, unsurpassed by any land.

Distinguished Sons of Peasants.

It is not strange that Rochefort and Clemenceau, the journalists, Labori, the advocate, Millet, the painter, Poincare, Fallieres and Loubet, statesmen, and a host of others, scientists, scholars, preachers, legislators, are the sons of peasants. When the newly-elected president of the third republic, Emile Loubet, halted his triumphal entry into Montelimar that he might embrace his peasant mother, the incident which moistened every French eye and warmed every French heart, assured the new president's popularity, for France recognizes its dependence upon the peasantry and honors, above most nations, motherhood. It is good politics, therefore, when the present scholar-president of France, motoring through France to his country place, as this letter is written, turns aside to



Salad Field in France.

may not be seen on Paris streets after dark. Paris is a beautiful city, and the French are lovers of beauty. But Paris is royalist and France is republican. Paris is politically restless, and France is stable. Paris is extravagant, and France is thrifty.

A Nation of Farmers.

The real ruler of France is the peasant-farmer. Other great nations are rapidly becoming urbanized. The city is drawing men and women from the farm with rapidity that is alarming in Great Britain, in Germany, and even in the newer United States. Civilization confronts problems created by modern industrialism. That factory products have thus far too often meant distressful conditions of living for the factory laborer and his family is a grim fact in every industrial nation. France, in this change, remains almost stationary and takes time to adjust herself to the newer and different conditions. The one, great European republic, is an agricultural empire. The high and stable position which agriculture occupies is significant. More than 42 per cent. of the population in France is engaged in agriculture, far more than in any other country of northern Europe, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium or the Netherlands, and one-fourth more than in the United States. This percentage of the population engaged in agriculture shows a slight increase in recent years instead of a large decrease, as in other leading nations. This condition is maintained despite a density of population greater than in neighboring countries, and nearly six times as great as in the United States. Density of population almost invariably means urbanization. France

visit his two living predecessors in office, finding them at work in their vineyards.

Rural Schools Progressing.

The evolution of the French peasant is the history of modern France. He is emphasizing education as never before. The development of the rural school in France is a remarkable fact in the republic's progress. The controversy between state and church, bitter as it was in the extreme and unfortunate, has made necessary larger state grants to education which have been administered even in remote districts with increasing wisdom. Certain distinguishing French characteristics, aptitude for science, clarity of mind, concentration and the critical faculty, intellectuality and artistic taste, are shown nowhere more pronouncedly than in the French school—and reference is made not merely to the Sorbonne or the Ecole de Beaux Arts, but to the small schools far removed from the capital. The French peasant wishes the best for his children.

The French peasant not only owns France—he works. As France leads in percentage of her population engaged in agriculture, France leads also in the relative percentage of her population who are economically active members of society. In this sunny land, where everybody apparently loafs his life away, more workers are to be found, in proportion to the number of inhabitants, than in Great Britain, Germany, or our own United States. The census statistics show that of every 100 persons in the United States 38 are engaged in some chief occupation, agriculture, commerce or industry, including domestic service, and not subsidiary or auxiliary. In Great Britain 44 of every 100 are so engaged, in Germany 45, and in France 51. The French are workers, not idlers, and this percentage increases with each decade. Not only do men

work in France, but more women, also, than in the other great nations. In the United States 14 per cent. of the female population, at the latest available report, was engaged in some gainful principal occupation; in Great Britain, 24 per cent.; in Germany, 30 per cent., and in France, nearly 35 per cent.

Peasant Woman Holds the Purse.

The French peasant woman, as wife and mother, as village merchant and farm manager, is a most important personage. She holds the purse. From her savings came the enormous indemnity which Germany exacted from France after Sedan. Often a shop-keeper, she is always a sou-keeper. Laboriousness and thrift characterize her daily life. Because of this toil and thrift France, in material resource, is a nation almost or quite sufficient to itself.

The thrift has been aided by the fact, explanatory of much in present France, that the French peasant is a land owner. His problems of legislation differ from those of his German and British neighbors. He has no land question. He is occupied with doing things, rather than with undoing things inherited.

Women Largely Self-Supporting.

The French woman shops with a market basket and not with a telephone, that modern promoter of high prices. Essentially a home-maker and a home-keeper, she enjoys an economic independence that her Anglo-Saxon sisters do not know. Many French girls are self-supporting before marriage, and remain so afterwards. Even where they do not earn their living, they have a dot or dowry—for which the parents save from the girl's babyhood—and she pays her personal expenses from it.

"It is rarely, indeed," said a French woman, "that one sees in France the helpless, incompetent woman, who can turn her hand to nothing, having never learned to do one single thing well. Adaptable and energetic, the French woman can do most things in the most efficient manner possible—her knowledge is never scrappy and what she knows she knows consummately." The new woman may be near at hand in France, but when she arrives she will come without strident voice or social revolution, and will scarcely have more power than now.

The Peasant at Home.

In journeying in rural France the French peasant is seen at home and at his best. He is not on dress parade as Paris is upon its boulevards. He is shrewd, almost cunning; dignified, almost courtly; uneducated frequently but never boorish; possessed of all the homely virtues, frugal, serious-minded and devout. To the stranger he is hospitality itself, and to his own countrymen he has a perfect genius for friendship.

High Regard for Woman.

With all their family quarrels, there is a continuous entente cordiale among the French peasant folk. Three appeals arouse their enthusiasm to its highest point: Woman, as wife and mother; the tri-color with its declaration of liberty, equality, fraternity; and the republic, which to them stands for political, social, economic progress. Characteristic of the French, in delicacy, woman-adoration and felicity of speech, was the manner in which the sad news of the death of the distinguished French statesman, M. Thiers was announced to his widow: "Madame, your illustrious husband once lived." Again, a presidential candidate, a peasant's son, who married a woman of doubtful reputation, was sharply attacked in the Paris and provincial press for his political views but never a word was published regarding his wife. No woman's name is dragged into the public prints of France.

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The cat meows or the milch cow gives us milk.

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That dashes from the gunmouth, while the eye

Winks, and the heart beats one; to flatten itself

To a wafer on the white speck of a wall

A hundred paces off? Even so direct,

So strongly undivertible of aim is this French people—

"All idealists,

And so I am strong to love this noble France,

This poet of the nations, who dreams or

Forever after some ideal good—

Some equal poise of sex, some un-avowed love

Inviolable, some spontaneous brotherhood,

Some wealth that leaves none poor and finds none tired,

Some freedom of the many that respects

The wisdom of the few."

And this is not Paris, but France! If the supreme test of tomorrow's world is what it makes of the individual in his daily life, there are many lessons to be learned among the grave and gentle, idealistic peasant folk of La Belle France.

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