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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

You will find some men who profess to be in favor of progress, but if you will investigate them closely, you will discover that their ideas of progression are of the back-up-bug variety.

An old man on approaching dissolution, said: "My son, when your neighbors propose to build a church or school house, always be ready and willing to help them until the plans are drawn, then you can talk at the plans and say you will have nothing to do with such foolishness. In this way you can save money and maybe a little credit, for you can say, if they had done as you wanted them to do, you would have been willing to dig."

Wheat has reached the two-dollar mark. Two dollars a bushel will empty every granary in America. Unless something is done and done quickly, we shall be in the midst of a bread famine soon. The farmer has no wheat to speak of; it is all in the hands of speculators and they are as merciless as wolves. These same speculators are preparing the way to make it a felony to murder people by starvation. They should be made to remember the maxim of equity: "So use your own and not to injure others."

If all the women of Texas were to vote on woman suffrage without the aid of old maids, unmarried widows and wild hog politicians, and were to decree woman suffrage by their vote, it would be nothing more than right that woman suffrage should obtain. If this measure ever comes before the people for their decision, no one but women should be allowed to vote on it. In order to reach a fair vote, these wild hog politicians should be hobbled, sick-lined and blabbed, while the old maids and unmarried widows be herded by small boys carrying bags of mice. The average woman knows what she wants and should have it without the aid of the yep who thinks he knows what she wants.

Another Sterling Girl Makes Good

Miss Serenna Black, daughter of our fellow townsman, Rev. Malcolm Black, is a student in the freshman class of the Howard Payne college at Brownwood. She led her class last week in the rigid examination imposed by that institution. We learn that her grades were magnificent, and that she got credit for nearly all that was possible for anyone to make.

For this splendid showing Serenna has been made historian of her class and is virtually a member of the students regency board.

Miss Serenna is a product of Sterling City and we are proud of her and of her achievements at home and abroad. She is a graduate of Sterling City high school, and of course it goes without saying that she can spell in anybody's class. Later on we shall read more about the honors which this girl will bring to the hearts of her people.

This old scribe has shaped his course of action so that he can look this girl and such as she in the eye and truthfully say, "I did my duty toward affording the opportunities, which, taken in time by you, have brought success." If we did less than this, we should be tempted to hide in the broom weeds on the court house plaza; or crawl into one of those iron tubes which are now the chief ornaments of the court house yard.

That Mudhole.

You know there has been a lot of kicking about that big mudhole in the Big Springs road a mile west of town. While the News-Record had profane thoughts, but didn't say much, yet there were a lot of upper river and Lacy fellows who cursed the streaks when they had to navi-

Advertisement for HARGRAVE featuring the slogan "Our Slogan for 1915: 'Cash and Quality Better Service and a Bigger Store'". It includes the text "We are not satisfied until You are satisfied" and "Watch for the Biggest Selection of the Best Line of Dry Goods ever brought to this country. We will soon be at home in the Roberts Store." The name HARGRAVE is prominently displayed with the tagline "The man behind the System".

gate it. But all that now is another story—that mudhole is now being fixed and fixed in a good way. Lem Latham was awarded the contract, and he is now engaged in making a concrete causeway across the place. In a short time, instead of people having to drive across a boghole, they will have the pleasure and profit of driving over a concrete causeway in the future—thanks to the prompt action of those in authority.

THE TRIBE OF TITWAD

The Record is anxious to see ordered repairs begun on the county court house. Although it's late in the progressive decay of the building, to consider the makeshift of repairs, something had to be done right now to keep the old rookery habitable. The cupola, containing the rusted remains of the once valuable clock, has long been a hopeless wreck; the roof affords as much protection against the elements as would that much brush, while the doors and windows have the aspect of eyesockets. Truly, the taxpayers of Mitchell county have paid a heavy price for the campaign thunder of an economical administration. The improvements of a generation have been allowed to rot down before our very eyes.—Colorado Record.

If the Record man could express what he really feels when he reflects that "the improvements of a generation have been allowed to rot down before our very eyes," a halo of blue sulphurous smoke would now be hovering over Mitchell county and the city of Colorado, and that editor would be printing tracts for a climate where the landscape is clear and the scenes more quiet.

A former citizenship of Colorado and Mitchell county had the civic pride to build an elegant court house and equip it with good fixtures. That court house was the pride of the town and county. Later on these progressive citizens either died or moved away and in their room and stead came the children of Titwad who multiplied and overran the land.

The Titwads were related to the Porkeys, Grabits, Chinchies and Givadamms. As time passed, these people intermarried and from these unions sprang a breed which had all the narrowness of the Titwads, the porcine qualities of the Porkeys, the acquisitiveness of the Grabits, the stinginess of Chinchies and the hazy-eyed thoughtlessness of the Givadamms. These people followed the policy of getting all they could, keeping all they got and knocking everything that would remove mankind a generation from the bush.

The idea of brains was whiskers, and their politics were low grade schools, bad roads, paveless streets and roofless courthouses. Their women were forced to do the laundry work at the tank or creek and rustle brush for fuel with which to make the kettle boil. The children of Titwad were so numerous that they were soon in the majority and elected men to compose their com-

missioners court whose chief qualifications were ignorance and prejudice. The chief concern of these four maize eaters was the three dollars per day which they allowed themselves out of the general fund of the county. They sat from day to day and term to term until the tongue of that "valuable clock" is still forever. Never more will the denizens of Colorado be admonished by its silvery tones of the passing of time. The hands which once pointed the minutes and the hours to the passerby, are now motionless and point with mute sorrow to the shiftless reign of the Titwads.

These mental misfits in their asinine dignity sat upon their haunches and let the court house roof rot down from over their very heads while drawing pay for keeping it in repair. They not only did this, but they went out and told their neighbors that they did this in order to save the public money, and the neighbors—poor devils—kept them in office. It is an unmitigated sin against economy and a crime against civilization. No wonder that editor feels more than he can safely express, for when "treason prospers, none dare to call it treason."

Colorado has the making of a good town. The country surrounding it is rich in resources. Its people are good folks, but they unfortunately have been captured and carried away by the tribes of Titwad. Until the Record has had the exquisite pleasure of publishing the funeral notices of Titwad, Porkey, Grabit, Chincey and Givadam, the civic pride of Colorado will have cause to blush with shame at the sight of a roofless court house and the county's beautiful grounds overran with weeds and filth.

It would not be safe for the Record man to say what we have said about the Titwads of Mitchell county—they would make an angel of him if he did, so we feel perfectly safe in showing a caloric brick under their nether garment, and if the Titwads did come gnawing after us, we could easily seek refuge in the broomweed forest of our own public square.

The 1915 Boy.

"I will not quarrel and fight with my big brothers in 1915—what have I got a little brother for?" "I will not put pins in my teacher's chair"—tacks will hurt just as much anyway.

"I will not play hooky from school to go fishing or swimming"—that is, in the winter time.

"I will be a regular attendant at Sunday school"—at Christmas time and just before the summer picnic, of course.

"I will not take mother's currant jelly from the pantry without her permission"—her raspberry jam is good enough for me.

"I will be kind to dumb animals, such as tigers, lions and elephants"—stray cats and dogs had, however, better keep out of this neighborhood.

"I will not" oh, gee, that's enough. They say the good die young, and I want to live until I catch that red-headed boy on the next block who stuck out his tongue at me yesterday. Grady Seagrind.

Notice of Trustee's Sale

By virtue of the authority vested in me by a certain deed in trust executed to me as Trustee by B. F. Roberts, of Sterling County, Texas, and dated the 27th day of November, A. D. 1914, conveying to me all the goods, wares, merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, and all outstandings—that is, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action—au- rizing among other things, the sale of all the above property and effects remaining on hand, on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915, and by virtue of a certain other instrument in writing executed by the said B. F. Roberts and myself extending and postponing the time for making said sale from the 5th day of January to the 20th day of January, A. D. 1915, which said last mentioned instrument bears date of January 5th, A. D. 1915, and is duly acknowledged and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Sterling County, Texas, in Vol. 13, page 157, of the Deed Records of said county, I will, on the said 20th day of January, A. D. 1915, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M., at the Court House Door in Sterling City, Sterling County, Texas, proceed to sell said stock of goods, wares and merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, and all outstandings—that is, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action—to the highest and best bidder, for cash.

Said goods, wares and merchandise, store fixtures and furniture, bills, notes, accounts and choses in action will be listed separately so that the same may be thoroughly examined and inspected, to the end that such sale may be made to the best advantage, that is, together as an entirety or separately, as may appear best to me.

Said stock of goods &c. to be sold, as well as the notes and accounts, together with the invoices and separate lists of all the property, of every kind and character whatsoever to be sold may be seen and minutely examined at the store house and place of business where the business of said B. F. Roberts was carried on and conducted, on lots 22 and 23, Block 14, on the North side of the public square, in Sterling City, Texas.

Respectfully, E. D. GRIMMER, TRUSTEE

NOTICE—BIDS WANTED.

In compliance with law, notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Sterling County, Texas, at the court house of said county, at 10 o'clock a. m., on February 8th, A. D. 1915, will receive and open sealed bids from any banking corporation, association or individual bank in Sterling county, Texas, desiring to be selected as the depository for the school funds of Sterling county for two years ending on the first day of the February term of the Commissioners' Court of said county, A. D. 1917.

Such bids shall state the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual bank offers to pay on the school funds of said county for said term of two

THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to a city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of the mental giants in mechanical science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language mute and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The inventive geniuses are the most valuable hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live, but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will illuminate the pathway of civilization for future generations.

The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time. Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toll off the back of humanity.

They are the most practical men the world ever produced. Their inventions have stood the acid test of utility and efficiency. Like all useful men, they do not seek publicity, yet millions of machines sing their praises from every harvest field on earth and as many plows turn the soil in mute applause of their marvelous achievements.

Said Commissioners' Court reserves the right given it by law to reject any and all bids presented. In witness Whereof, I have hereto affixed my name as county judge of Sterling county, Texas, this 9th day of January, A. D. 1915. B. F. Brown, County Judge, Sterling County, Texas.

FARMER RADFORD ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of gen-

erations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideas and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS.

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

One hundred and three counties of Texas have United States demonstration farms.

There are seven large counties in Texas, each one of which has an uncultivated area larger than the state of Delaware.

Texas leads all states in the Union in the production of farm crops.

The approximate land area of the state is 167,934,720 acres.

Sixty-seven per cent, or 112,435,000 acres, of our total area is farm land.

We have 27,360,000 acres of land that is under cultivation.

The uncultivated area of Texas is larger than the 13 original colonies, excepting Georgia and North Carolina.

The uncultivated area of Texas could support all the people of the United States, using as a basis of calculation two acres per capita, which is the world's average.

Advertisement for Famous Starck Pianos. Features include: "Shipped Anywhere in the United States on 30 Days' Free Trial", "Easy Payments", "No Money Down", "Our Big Free Trial Offer", "The Sweet Toned Starck", "The Celebrated Starck Player-Piano", "Second Hand Bargains", "Direct From This Factory to You—Saves \$150.00", "Free Catalogue Coupon". The ad includes images of various piano models and a coupon form for requesting a catalog.

Professional.

Chas. R. Gowen Physician and Surgeon

J. B. Minyard Physician and Surgeon

TRADES

Sanitary Barber Shop

COLE & SON TRANSFER & DRAY LINE

COLE & SON

Lyles Brothers Dealers in Furniture, Undertakers

JACKSON'S GARAGE SELLS Automobile Supplies

BROWN & PEARCE DEALERS IN AUTOMOBILES AND ACCESSORIES

G. C. Potts THE TAILOR

A CHANGE IN BUSINESS RESULTS: Coffee, Peaber

COTTEN & DAVIS LAUNDRY

W. L. FOSTER, PRES. J. S. JOHNSTON, VICE-PRES. J. T. DAVIS 2nd V. P. J. S. COLE, CASHIER SAM MAHAFFEY, ASS'T. CASHIER

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF STERLING CITY Capital \$60,000.00

Accounts are solicited from individuals, who may rely upon courteous consideration and the very best terms that are consistent with good business methods



The Marlin 12-16-20 Gauge Hammerless Pump Gun. It is a fine appearing, beautifully balanced gun, without any objectionable bumps or bumps; no holes on top for gas to blow out through or water to get in.

If you shoot a rifle, pistol or shotgun, you should have a copy of the Ideal Hand Book.

Ranchers!

Club together and buy a car of Fence Posts. Save dealer's profit by buying car lots.

S. M. PATTERSON BELTON, TEXAS.

To my friends AND customers

I thank you all for the patronage you have given me in the past and sincerely hope to have you continue same, as you will always receive courteous treatment and wholesome home cooking at the

State Hotel D. S. Smith

POSTED

Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted.

NO FISHING—Anyone found fishing or otherwise trespassing on any lands controlled by me will be prosecuted.—D. M. Brown.

POSTED

Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution.

Posted All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us.

NOTICE

We will not sell Gasoline, Tubes, Batteries, or any other supplies, on credit in the future. It will take cash to get any of these supplies.

TRESPASS NOTICE

Any person found hunting, fishing, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted. Take warning and keep out.

O. K. WAGON YARD CHANGES HANDS

Ben Findt, having recently bought the O. K. wagon yard from his father, Wm. Findt, will operate it in the future.

Mr. Findt desires us to say to the public that those buying feed on 30 days time will be charged 10 percent extra for collection, if they allow their accounts to run over 30 days.

Mr. Wm. Findt says that in going out of the feed business he wishes to close his books, and those who are indebted to him are requested to come forward and make immediate settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Fisher, accompanied by their son, Wayne, of Uvalde, came up last Monday to visit friends and relatives as well as to look after their interests here.

Abbe Gamble has been busy with a force of carpenters this week building a nice, comfortable laundry house at his own home on 2d avenue.

J. W. Hargrave, this week, repurchased his home which he sold to Dr. Minyard last fall.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank was held last Tuesday.

A numerous signed petition accompanying a bill for the enlargement of Independent School district No. 1, was sent to our representative, Charles B. Metcalfe, at Austin, this week.

Judge Patterson says for you to bring those plows and scrapers belonging to the county back to the county court house, as they are needed right now.

Marrried--Miss Etna Grimes of this place, was married Monday morning at 8:30 to Mr. Earl Green.

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LOCALS

Please return my large pipe wrench—R. B. Cummins.

A. C. Pearson, last week, sold his 3-year-old steers.

J. T. Davis left this morning for Kansas City on business.

J. W. Hargrave was a business visitor to San Angelo Wednesday.

The First State Bank people are fitting up a nice barber shop in their building.

A splendid line of ladies' riding and driving gloves at cost until New Year.—R. B. Cummins.

When you need a new tire for your automobile, don't forget A. A. Gamble and the Miller Tires.

Cole & Son are agents for the Texas Oil Co.'s products. Try them for gasoline and lubricating oils.

After a long siege of illness, we were glad to see our friend, J. M. Head, on the streets again last Monday.

Owing to an epidemic of whooping cough James will not preach at Iolanthe the coming Sunday, but later on.

Miss Leora Pool went to Auto, Howard county, last Wednesday, where she has been employed to teach a term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Pearson made a trip to Mertzzen this week, where Mr. Pearson went to look at a herd of cattle with a view to buying.

"Motor Oil" is guaranteed by the Texas Company to be as good as any oil made. 60c per gallon at Jackson's Garage.

A splendid line of ladies' driving gloves at cost until New Year.—R. B. Cummins.

Miller Tires are the best—guaranteed for 4000 miles. See A. A. Gamble, agent.

There is a move on foot by the people to secure the planting of trees in the court house yard at the February term of the Commissioners Court.

H. Q. Lyles, jr., returned from a visit to friends in East Texas last Monday. "Q" reports a good time during his stay in the east country.

When you need automobile tires see Brown & Pearce. The most miles for the least money—Firestone Goodyear and Michelin. 5% cash discount.

Oscar Ratliff, last Monday, received a shipment of 170 calves which he recently purchased from parties at Mertzzen. These calves will be pastured on the Ratliff ranch in the western part of the county.

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION

Of the First State Bank at Sterling City, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec., 1914, published in the Sterling City News-Record, a newspaper printed and published at Sterling City, State of Texas, on the 15th day of Jan., 1915

Table with Resources: Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, U.S. bonds to secure circulation, Federal Reserve Bank, etc.

Table with Liabilities: Capital Stock paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss: We, Emmette Westbrook, as president, and N. L. Douglas, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

ASK RELIEF FOR TENANT FARMER

Farmers' Union Officials Want a Law Enacted That Will Fulfill Its Purpose.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The most important problem that confronts the Texas Legislature in its 34th session is relief for the tenant farmer.

Out of the 219,575 tenant farmers the Federal Census Bureau shows that 17,500, or less than 10 percent, pay cash rent and we estimate that 60 percent rent on the basis of one-third grain and one-fourth cotton and 30 percent pay more than a third and a fourth.

There are many abuses growing out of our tenancy system which should be corrected and punished by law if they cannot be corrected peaceably.

Abuses of Tenancy System. There are many abuses growing out of our tenancy system which should be corrected and punished by law if they cannot be corrected peaceably.

Union Calls Upon Legislature for Building Material. We believe a rural credit bill, properly drawn, permitting long

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RESOURCES

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Table with Liabilities: Capital stock paid in, Undivided profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid, National Bank Notes, etc.

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling, ss: I, J. S. Cole, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

STEVEN'S Accuracy and Penetration

Advertisement for Stevens High Power Repeating Rifle No. 425. Features include accuracy, penetration, and a big game rifle that makes good.

PATENTS 60 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

Advertisement for Scientific American. Features include 60 years' experience and a big game rifle that makes good.

IRONING DAY NO MORE A DRUDGEERY

Advertisement for the Imperial Self-Heating Sulfur Iron. Features include labor reduced one-half and ironing board.

Big Reduction on Guns

Table showing gun prices: \$35 Guns for \$30.00, 25.00 for 22.00, 20.00 for 17.00, 15.00 for 12.00, 12.00 for 10.00.

LOWE & DURHAM

