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PLOWS

Be sure you are right, then go ahead. But always buy a **KELLY** then you will know you are right. We have a full stock of
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PROS WIN A GREAT VICTORY

Houston County remains in the dry column by a vote that was surprising to the most sanguine pro. At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the pro majority was 784, and Chairman Daniel expressed the belief that it would be increased to 800 when all boxes had reported.

Below is the vote by boxes as we have been able to secure it. The complete vote will be given next week.

Voting Box	Majority			
	Pro	Anti	Pro	Anti
Crockett	514	260	254	
Grapeland	285	78	207	
Lovelady	151	124	27	
Augusta	86	54	32	
Percilla	78	7	71	
Daly's	66	44	22	
Kennard	130	57	75	
Porter Springs	60	48	12	
Tyer's Store	39	12	27	
Belott	42	32	10	
Daniels	28	5	23	
Weches			5	
Ratcliff	88	150		62

J. R. HAIRSTON FOR REPRESENTATIVE

The Messenger presents this week the name of J. R. Hairston as a candidate for representative, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Hairston is a very prominent citizen of this county and is a farmer by occupation and has been identified with the farming interests all of his life. He takes an active interest in things that will advance the farmers' interest and build up the country's prosperity. He also is deeply interested in educational work and takes a great interest in the advancement of the schools of the county. He is president of the county board of education. In the community where he lives, about half way between Crockett and Lovelady, they have a fine school and a good building, and it was built up largely through the efforts of Mr. Hairston.

He is eminently qualified to fill the office he seeks and solicits your support and influence.

For Justice of Peace

The Messenger is authorized to announce C. L. Haltom as a candidate for Justice of Peace, Precinct No. 5, subject to the action of the July primary.

Mr. Haltom makes his announcement after considering the matter thoroughly and at the solicitation of his many friends. He is eminently qualified to fill the office, and if elected, will discharge the duties in a fair and impartial manner.

He has lived here practically all of his life. You know him, his character, his habits and manner of living. You know that he is a good citizen in every sense of the word. He wants your support in his race.

For Sale

Eggs from pure bred S. C. Brown Leghorn chickens. \$1.00 per setting of 15. Satisfaction guaranteed.

W. R. Durnell,
Route 3,
Grapeland, Texas.

OAK GROVE HAPPENINGS

March 8.—The health of this community is very good. There has been some sickness around, but we hear of none at present.

Still the cold weather continues, and it looks like it is going to be a very late spring.

Most all are well up with their work and are waiting for weather conditions to change so that they can begin planting.

I want to congratulate the mother who wrote that article in behalf prohibition; also Messrs Payne and Tyer. Everyone who reads this will know how I stand without me telling them.

Old Gray says there will be hot times in Texas before we get a pro governor, and if we elect a pro there will be such a code of laws that the devil could not live under them. I want to say that if prohibition brings laws any worse than those on our statute books already we will have to do like Mexico—take up arms and fight for our liberties. I am willing to risk Tom Ball two years and if he makes things any worse than they are now we will try a socialist.

Our school is coming to a close and from what I can learn it has not been what it should have been.

By the way, this is my birthday, and I do not see any signs of a cake or baked turkey, but guess I will have home-cured ham and eggs for dinner. I am not going to tell how old I am, as some widow or old maid might think I am too old.

In conclusion, I hope that Houston county will roll up the largest majority for prohibition that it ever has in its history.

OLD TIMER.

Chamberlain's Tablets for Constipation.

For constipation, Chamberlain's Tablets are excellent. Easy to take, mild and gentle in effect. Give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

HOUSTON COUNTY REMAINS DRY BY A LARGE MAJORITY!

We don't care to make such a large showing as the "dry" column did—just a part of your business will be appreciated here.

We will do our best to please you. A full line of FANCY GROCERIES, FRUITS, VEGETABLES. We can save you on groceries and feed.

SPECIAL PRICES ON Flour, Meal, Chops, Oats, Bran and Hay

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Let us figure on your next bill of feed

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YOU WILL FIND OUR PRICES AS LOW AS ANY AT ALL TIMES

We now have in stock complete lines of Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers—all the latest Styles.

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LADIES—Don't fail to see our new line of laces, embroideries, flouncing, etc.

Our grocery stock is complete at all times.

We have in stock all kinds of field seed.

We have a few more section harrows that we will sell for \$9.50 and \$10.50—50 and 60 tooth.

We will pay 20c in trade for your eggs, 30c in trade for hens and 25c for fryers up to Saturday night.

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A WARNING TO FARMERS

Some Cotton Seed Tested and Found to be Very Inferior in Germinating Power

The following seed test is taken from the Troup Banner, and believing it will be of interest and benefit to the farmers in this community, we reproduce it.

Last week The Banner suggested to farmers that their cotton seed for planting ought to be tested. It will mean a big loss to everyone who plants cotton seed and fails to get a good stand. Below we publish the results of a test of eleven different kinds of cotton seed selected

in the vicinity of Troup by Prof. Hotchkiss, the very alert director of the Troup experimental station. These tests were made under absolutely accurate and scientific conditions and the results show what a fearfully low germinating power the general run of planting seed in this community have. It will be observed that while the per cent of seed germinating in each test is very low, the number of healthy plants is still much lower.

College Station, Texas, March 5, 1914

Mr. W. S. Hotchkiss, Supt. Texas Substation No. 2,
Troup, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hotchkiss:

I have run germination tests with the seed of various varieties of cotton seed which you recently sent me with the following results:

Test No	Variety	Per Cent Germ	Per Cent Strong Plants	Per Cent Weak Plants
1	Rowden.....	8		
2	Rowden.....	18		
3	Mebane Tr.....	77		
4	Rowden.....	65		
5	Rowden.....	68	46	22
6	Half and Half.....	73	60	13
7	Crenshaw.....	79	62	17
8	Rowden.....	51	32	19
9	Jackson R. B.....	87	73	14
10	Cotton Seed.....	55	49	6
11	Mebane Tr.....	77	53	24

The above is for your information and dissemination among farmers interested.

Very truly yours,

A. B. Conner,
Agronomist in Charge.

How to Test Cotton Seed

The germination test mentioned in the foregoing letter was made with several varieties of cotton seed which were obtained from farmers in the vicinity of Troup. The seed used were fair samples of the seed that will be used for planting purposes this spring.

It will be observed that a number of these varieties show very low germinating power, and in view of this fact it is suggested that all cotton seed be tested before planting time in order to determine their vitality.

A simple germinating chamber can be made with two dinner plates and a yard of cotton flannel. First wet the cloth thoroughly by soaking in water and then place the half of the cloth, double thickness, in one of the plates. The seed to be tested, say 100 in number, are then placed on the wet cloth in the

plate and the other end folded back over so as to cover them. In order to check evaporation another plate is then placed tightly over all. The moisture necessary for the germination is supplied from the wet cloths, and in most cases the first wetting will be sufficient to complete the test. However, if at any time the cloths become dry they should be moistened by sprinkling a little warm water over the top.

The temperature should be kept between 65 and 85 degrees. Temperatures such as are found near the stove approach these conditions quite well. The seed should begin to germinate in four or five days and the counting done about the sixth day. This should show approximately the percent of the seed that can be expected to germinate under field conditions.

W. S. Hotchkiss.

"Eternal Vigilance The Price of Safety."

The people of two continents were thrilled with admiration for the orchestra of the ill-fated Titanic that played their own funeral dirge as they sank beneath the icy waters of the Northern Atlantic two years ago next month, and their courage and bravery will go down in history. Last week at Atlanta, their example was followed on a smaller scale by a little schoolgirl twelve years old, who calmly played Dixie on a piano while five hundred of her school mates marched from the burning school building. It took exactly two minutes to clear the entire building and there was no loss of life.

The million school children who attend Texas schools and their teachers would do well to follow the example of the Georgia

school and practice fire drills at regular intervals. Self preservation is the first law of nature, and eternal vigilance should be the watchword of every school in Texas.

Just Right for Backache and Rheumatism

Foley Kidney Pills are so thoroughly effective for backache, rheumatism, swollen, aching joints, kidney and bladder ailments that they are recommended everywhere. A. A. Jeffords, McGrew, Nebr., says: "My druggist recommended Foley Kidney Pills for pains in my back, and before I finished one bottle, my old trouble entirely disappeared. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

A. D. Bynum, who lives a mile west of town, paid us a pleasant call Saturday.

MRS. EXALL'S GENEROSITY

The \$10,000 prize award of the Texas Industrial Congress for best net profits in farming divided among its prize winning contestants in 1913 was the gift of Mrs. May D. Exall and Henry Exall Jr., widow and son of the late Colonel Henry Exall. Following his death the executive committee met in Dallas to take action toward caring for all the obligations of the Congress, and assumed the total outstanding obligations and prepared to raise the money.

However, a statement came before the committee that Mrs. Exall wished to pay the prize awards as a tribute to her husband's memory. The committee was averse to having any part of the expense borne by the family, since Colonel Exall had already given more money to the work of the Congress than any other contributor, to say nothing of his time and strength. A committee was sent to call on Mrs. Exall and consult her. If she purposed to pay the prize awards as discharging a moral obligation that Colonel Exall had incurred, members of the executive committee were unanimously of the opinion that the Congress should raise the money; if she wished to do it of her own motion as a splendid act in keeping with the Colonel's great, unselfish work, and fitly honoring it, the committee considered that it ought not to stand in the way. The matter was placed before Mrs. Exall, and she made it clear that she and her son wished to pay this money. The committee accordingly acceded to her wishes, and this gift, which should be an inspiration to the people of the State, supplemented the greater gift of Colonel Exall's service "For a greater Texas" in the work of promoting better farming.

Plain Truth that's Worth Money.

Using Feley's Honey and Tar for a cough or cold may save you both sickness and money. F. F. Monahan, Menomonee, Wis., says: "I am exposed to all kinds of weather and I find Foley's Honey and Tar Compound always fixes me up in good shape when I catch cold or have a bad cough. I recommend it gladly." Refuse substitutes. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

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Subject.
Prayer.
Reading—Beatrice Parker.
Song—Rena Ross Richards, Mary Lou Darsey, Marvin Matney, George Darsey.
Recitation—Elizabeth Leaverton.
Reading—Mable Boykin.
Recitation—John Yarbrough.
Business Session.
Roll Call.
Closing Song.
Benediction.

Disordered Kidneys Cause Much Misery.

With pain and misery by day, sleep-disturbing bladder weakness at night, tired, nervous run-down men and women everywhere are glad to know that Foley Kidney Pills restore health and strength, and the regular action of kidneys and bladder. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Advertisement.

HERBINE

For the Bowels

A Cure for Chronic Constipation, Torpid Liver and Irregular Bowel Movements.

Constipation is the most common disorder of the bowels. It affects both sexes and all ages but is more prevalent among women because their duties in the household require less physical exercise than the occupations of men; therefore women suffer most from its baneful effect.

A constipated person is an easy victim when exposed to any serious disease—Pneumonia, Typhoid Fever, Malaria, Rheumatism, Small Pox, Yellow Fever and Bright's Disease gather their annual harvest of death among those who are habitually constipated. Even though they escape these diseases, such persons are always ailing more or less. They have headaches, bad digestion, dizziness, vertigo (blind staggers), pallor complexion, flatulence, loss of strength; and no energy at all. Herbine has a most admirable effect in the bowels: it is cooling, purifying and regulating. It puts a prompt check on biliousness, wind in the bowels, nervousness, heartburn, bad breath, low spirits, drowsiness in the daytime and nervous wakefulness at night.

Price 50c per Bottle.

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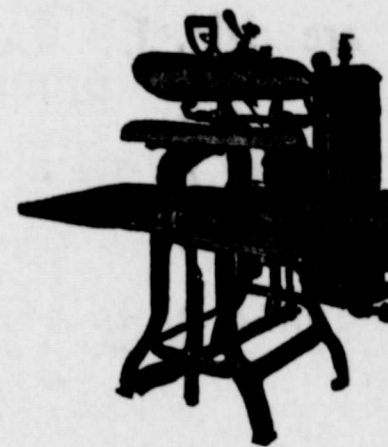
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You, of course, recognize the many benefits you personally derive from every public improvement made in and around your "own home town." But, really, have you ever stopped to consider the percentage of costs of these improvements that comes from your local mercantile establishments? An investigation of this kind on your part will surely awaken you to a realization of the fact that the merchants in your locality constitute a source of much money, which is used in developments for the welfare of your community.

I had a grocery merchant in a town of three thousand population admit to me that his annual purchases from mail order houses in distant cities amounted to several hundred dollars. In fact, he had just ordered a delivery wagon, a buggy and two or three pieces of farm machinery. He admitted to me, after some argument, that this entire purchase could have been made from a local implement and vehicle dealer. He further admit-

ted that he had made no comparison of prices before placing his order, although he steadfastly maintained that he was buying cheaper than he could at home. Replying to my question as to whether or not his brother merchant, or any of his employees, bought groceries from him, he stated, "sometimes." Here was the case of a man who was so near-sighted that he could not see that a portion of any money spent by him in his local market for goods other than those carried by him would eventually find its way back to his cash drawer.

A visit to the store of the dealer in implements and vehicles proved to me that he deserved the patronage of every buyer in that community in need of articles in his line. He dealt almost exclusively in well-known brands bearing the names of reputable makers, who are anxious and willing to vouch at all times for all products bearing their names or trade-marks.—R. V. Holland.

CALOMEL IS A FORM OF DEADLY MERCURY

Instead of Such Deadly Stuff, It is Recommended That You Take Dodson's Liver Tone For Constipation

Dodson's Liver Tone was made to take the place of calomel.

Calomel is a form of mercury, a mineral and a poison. Dodson's Liver Tone is an all-vegetable liquid—never harmful.

What calomel does unpleasantly and often with danger for constipation and sluggish liver, Dodson's Liver Tone does for you safely and pleasantly, with no pain and no gripe. It does not interfere in any way with your regular business, habits or diet. You feel good after taking it.

The great success and wide sale of Dodson's Liver Tone is the result of what it does for people. Its merit is backed up by a guarantee of "satisfaction or your money back," as A. S. Porter, the druggist, will tell you.

Dodson's Liver Tone was intended from the start to take the place of calomel. The label on the bottle always has said so, beginning with the first bottle sold.

Dodson's Liver Tone "livenes the liver," overcomes constipation agreeably and makes you feel good, and if you are not satisfied completely with it, A. S. Porter will hand back the purchase price (50c) to you with a smile.

When you go to buy a family remedy, don't fail to judge between the plain, simple truth about Dodson's and the loud claims of its imitators. That the public does so accounts for the enormous increase in the sales of Dodson's Liver Tone month after month. Adv.

Deputy Constable Will Musick arrested a negro here last Friday evening wanted at Palestine for fighting. The negro was placed in the calaboose to await the arrival of an officer from Palestine, but some time after dark made his escape by prizing loose the iron bars from the window. He has not been heard from.

Special "Health Warning" for March

March is a trying month for the very young and for elderly people. Croup, bronchial colds, lagrippe and pneumonia are to be feared and avoided. Foley's Honey and Tar is a great family medicine that will quickly stop a cough, check the progress of a cold, and relieve inflamed and congested air passages. It is safe, pure and always reliable. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

UNCLE SAM AND THE FLY

Uncle Sam is waging a relentless war on the deadly house-fly and in late bulletins prepared by the Department of Agriculture, valuable information is given on the best means of combating this deadly pest. The most effective way of exterminating the fly, according to the bulletin, is to eradicate his breeding places. The breeding season of the fly in Texas begins early in March and continues throughout the spring and summer months. All dirt should be removed from the premises, stables cleaned and decaying vegetables destroyed.

The fly has rightly been called the undertaker's traveling salesman, and in addition to his regular line of "typhoid bugs," he carries a side line of tuberculosis, Asiatic Cholera and other disease germs. Now is the time to "swat the fly."

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The last legislature passed a law making it necessary for the execution of a written instrument in cases where vendor's lien notes are not paid at maturity, but are extended. If you are holding notes which you expect to extend, better look into the matter, and see that the necessary papers are signed. We carry in stock extension and renewal blanks.

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The many friends of Mr. Jeff Keen, who is confined in a hospital at San Antonio, will be glad to learn that he is gradually improving, and hopes are entertained that he will soon be well enough to be brought home.

A tight feeling in the chest accompanied by a short, dry cough, indicates an inflamed condition in the lungs. To relieve it buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup; you get with each bottle a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. The syrup relaxes the tightness and the plaster draws out the inflammation. It is an ideal combination for curing colds settled in the lungs. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Mesdames Geo. W. Crook and John Ellis, and Misses Sarah Mac Crook and Mary Ellis of Crockett were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey Sunday

Nothing so thoroughly removes disease germs from the system as Prickly Ash Bitters. It gives life and action to the torpid liver, strengthens and assists the kidneys to properly cleanse the blood, gives tone to the stomach, purifies the bowels, and promotes good appetite, vigor and cheerfulness. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.



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It is the right remedy for liver troubles because it contains the necessary properties for putting that important organ in an active, healthy condition. It purifies the bowels, strengthens the stomach, stimulates the mental faculties and restores vigor and activity of body and brain.

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The Messenger

Bank No. 768 Official Statement

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

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at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March, 1914, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March, 1914.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral-	\$33,413.28
Loans, real estate----	2,871.83
Overdrafts-----	27.82
Real estate, (banking house)-----	3,328.90
Furniture and Fixtures-----	2,189.40
Due from approved reserve agents, net-----	\$7,159.83
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net-- \$	856.42
Cash Items--1,003.26	
Currency-----	2,505.00
Specie-----	3,462.20
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund-----	407.74
Other resources as follows: Collection in transit-----	75.00
Total-----	57,300.68

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in--	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund-----	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net-	2,210.14
Individual deposits, subject to check----	33,788.50
Time Certificates of Deposits-----	2,492.00
Cashier's Checks----	310.04
Total-----	57,300.68

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }
We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock 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.

C. W. KENNEDY,
President.

U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 10th day of March, A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

JNO. A. DAVIS,
Justice of Peace and Ex-officio Notary Public.

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J. R. Pennington } Directors
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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 1914

The newspapers of Texas are not saying hard things about Governor Colquitt because they have adopted the Irish rule of not kicking a man when he is down and out.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

"The boy who stood on the burning deck" a few weeks ago reading the Grapeland Messenger has turned out to be a regular booster, and is now reading nearly all the papers in East Texas.

The postmaster question is now settled, President Wilson having sent in the name of Frank Leaverton for confirmation, the election is over, and now probably we will have a little time to plant some corn and fix that broken place in the fence.

Just to break the monotony, isn't it about time Little Oscar was sending Secretary Bryan another 3000 word telegram, giving some inside facts about the Mexican situation and suggesting a plan of procedure?

The Messenger thanks the Houston Chronicle for a copy of the "Handy Almanac, Encyclopedia and Atlas," which has just been issued by that splendid paper. It contains a vast amount of information respecting government, political history, commerce, industry, tariff, etc., and is a very valuable book to have around a printing office.

After wrangling and re-wrangling, resolutin' and re-resolutin', the antis are going to do just what they condemned the pros for doing—taking the convention route to select a leader. Hon. W. B. Page of Crockett, who attended the Dallas meeting Saturday, is chairman of this county to rally the forces of pure (?) democracy. Next!

Unless the members of the Farmers Union take the matter into their own hands, "Uncle Peter," ex-president, and W. D. Lewis, president, are going to wreck the union by dabbling in politics. Incidentally, we'd like to know who writes the "dope" Uncle Peter sends out, and who is paying for the plate matter being furnished the press of Texas free. We think it is the Texas Commercial Secretaries, and Uncle Peter and W. D. L. are a tool in their hands.

This talk the antis put up about pros not being democrats is all bosh. If you were looking about to pick out a "Simon-pure" democrat, would you pick such men as Jake Wolters, Sheb Willams, Rierzie Johnston or any of that bunch? The leaders in the anti ranks of Texas are the tail-enders of the bunch who fought Hogg, supported Palmer and Buckner, upheld the hands of Joe Bailey and foisted the Colquitt joke upon the people. To be a pro is not to repudiate democracy. In fact, the reverse is true. You embrace something that is really beneficial. The golden text of democracy is "the greatest good to the greatest number." Where is the anti that can truthfully deny this? If he is around here anywhere let him stand up!

There is always one subject on which everyone can agree. That is the desirability of "boosting the community." Movements of this kind always encounter

the difficulty that many business men won't give time to them. Not merely that, but often some of them stand off and criticise those who are doing their best to push. No community can go ahead far or fast where many people take that attitude. Also it is absolutely necessary for the business men of a town to be willing to give time to serve on committees and hold office in organizations formed to promote the collective interest. Too often efforts of this kind fail because they are left for a few to carry on. If mistakes are made it is usually because a few have been left to shoulder the responsibility. The growth of a town brings big dividends to all who own any property or any business there. If every business man would give a small fraction of his time to carrying on work for town advancement, there would result an uplift that would pay better dividends than can be earned in most callings.

Some of the spring hats don't seem to be very practical, but they will eventually work in as covers for the ash barrel.

New York's commissioner of education says there are too many stenographers, but he will find very few women who will take dictation.

Tuesday was general clean up day all over the state. In Houston County we did not observe it from a civic standpoint, but we cleaned up the antis to a fare-you-well.

Dr. Elliot says that wages must give way to profit-sharing. Just the same most of us will prefer the wages until the profits are guaranteed.—Bonham Favorite.

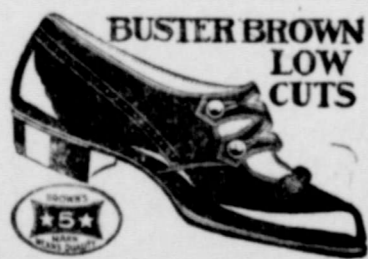
The Messenger has received a copy of the Mineral Wells Hustler with S. E. Miller as editor. The Hustler says its mission is to tell the world about Mineral Wells, the great health resort, and will not tolerate politics of any sort. That's a strange statement from Sam Miller—perhaps the soothing waters of Mineral Wells have worked a reformation. Mr. Miller was formerly cashier of the F. & M. Bank of this city and his friends are numerous. He was a good cashier. Prior to that time he was a traveling man, and he was a good drummer. We believe he will make a good newspaper man. Here's hoping, anyway, and congratulations and best wishes for the success of the Hustler.

Buster Brown and Tige

Will Hold a Reception at Our Store

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st

A special invitation is extended to all of the boys and girls and their papas and mamas to see and hear this remarkable little man. Watch our ad next for full announcement.



Low Quarter Shoes for Ladies

Our line of low quarter shoes contains numbers for all occasions of street and dress wear. They are made in lace ties, and 3, 4 and 5 button oxfords, and the assortment we have, makes it possible for us to show you a line that will appeal to the most critical. They are made in all styles, in black kid, patent leather, gun metal, tan Russian calf, brown buck, red and champaign \$3.50 kid and white buck and canvas, \$1.50 to

Children's Slippers

We will receive our full line of children's low quarter shoes next week. This line will be the strongest line of children's shoes ever shown in Grapeland, and includes all patterns and styles, in all sizes from 0 up.

Men's Low Quarters

We have given special attention to our line of men's footwear this season, and have shoes made on all lasts, including the popular tailored last or English toe. In this line we have a full assortment of gun metal, patent leather and tan Russia Calf shoes in button and lace \$2.50 to \$5.00 from

High Top Shoes

Until the real warm weather sets in, we will have on display our line of high top button and lace shoes for men, women and children, in the staple and novelty patterns, and you will at all times find this line well kept as to styles and sizes. Our line of work shoes is always complete.



Pumps

Our line of pumps contains the last word in shoe styles. These shoes are made well on all lasts, and have a neat, trim effect. They are made to fit the feet and insure comfort. We have all kinds, made on low and high heels, in black kid, patent leather, tan Russian calf, tan and black suede, black satin, gray, champaign, and white buck and canvas, with and without \$3.50 straps, \$2.00 to

Baby Doll Pumps

We have received a part of our shipment of Baby Doll pumps, made in both the wide and narrow lasts, with a detachable strap. These pumps are very popular now, and are the most comfortable of the season. Come and see our line at \$3.00

Darsey's Dry Goods Dep't.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Messenger is authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, July 25th, 1914:

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin (Re-election)
A S Moore

For Sheriff:

R J (Bob) Spence
A W Phillips (Re-election)

For Tax Collector:

Geo H Denny (Re-election)

For District Clerk:

Jno D Morgan (Re-election)

For County Attorney:

B F Dent (Re-election)

For County Treasurer:

Ney Sheridan

For County Judge:

C M Ellis (Re-election)

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:

J H Rosser

For Tax Assessor:

J R Beeson

For Representative:

J R Hairston

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 1—

Oscar Dennis
W L Vaught
Eugene Holcomb

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 2—

G R Murchison

For Justice of Peace, Prec't. 5:

C L Haltom

For Constable Prec't. 5:

C R (Bully) Taylor

LOCAL NEWS

Trade with Wherry and be happy. adv

Chops, bran, oats and hay at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Wherry has the goods—they are good, too. adv

Fishing tackle, a full line at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis. adv

Mrs. Annie Denton will do your sewing. Old dresses made over. All work appreciated. adv

Dr. G. W. Granberry of Cabot, Ark., is here visiting his son, W. D. Granberry.

Remember the name Dittman assures the quality. Adv. McLean & Riell.

Mrs. W. D. Granberry and little Frank and Dr. Granberry visited in Palestine Saturday and Sunday.

Increase the yield of your cotton crop by using Home Mixture Fertilizer. Sold by Kennedy Bros. Adv.

J. H. Scarbrough of Augusta, and W. R. Wherry and Lee Finch of this place went to Crockett Monday morning to serve on the grand jury.

Important

I will be prepared to make delivery on orders for the J. C. Skidmore Spring Blade Fender April 1st. One of the greatest tools yet. Rush your orders to me. Agents wanted. I am looking for business.

W. F. Melton,
Adv. Kennard, Texas.

Belle of Waco Flour at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Dr. McCarty reports the birth of a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Girard.

Get a sack of White Crest Flour at Kennedy Bros. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore announce the arrival of a girl baby.

Blue Ribbon Flour is guaranteed. McLean & Riell. (Advertisement.)

Mrs. Annie Denton, Dress-maker, has moved to the rest room in Wherry's store. Adv.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVELY CASH—NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard. adv

If anything in the grocery line, we have it. Adv. Kennedy Bros.

Wood For Sale

Seasoned—dry—stove and heater wood for sale. Adv. BEN BROOKS.

Mrs. Annie Denton is prepared to do all kinds of ladies sewing at a reasonable price. At the rest room, Wherry's store. adv

Clarence Hanson of Trinity was here Saturday and Sunday visiting his sisters, Mrs. Nathan Guice and Miss Loraine Hanson.

Ear Corn

I have some good ear corn for sale. See me if you need any. adv. J. W. Howard.

I want your eggs and will pay the highest market price either in cash or trade. Adv. J. J. Brooks, East Side.

Euke Kennedy and Mr. Woolbridge of Lovelady were business visitors to Grapeland Monday.

"Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business." Call at adv Wherry's.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of clothes. How to get some is the question. And the answer? Go to Clewis, goodness knows! adv

For Sale

A good little sawmill, in good running shape, will sell for \$250. Ingram Brothers, Adv. Grapeland, Texas, Rte. 2.

Oscar Dennis of Percilla was here Saturday shaking hands with the voters and wearing a smile about a yard long. He wants to be commissioner.

S. N. Boykin, who is on the road for a shoe firm in Kansas City, spent from Saturday until Wednesday at home, coming in for a few days rest and to vote in the election Tuesday.

Check a bilious half-sick feeling before it gets serious. A dose of Herbine is the remedy. It restores energy, appetite and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Advertisement.

A large force of workmen, employed by the Southwestern Telephone Co., are working out of Grapeland, repairing the lines, putting up new poles and cross arms and otherwise improving the system.

Sour stomach, fullness after eating, flatulence are all caused by imperfect digestion. Prickly Ash Bitters correct the disorder at once, drives out badly digested food and tones the stomach, liver and bowels. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Dental Notice

Dr. C. L. Moore, the dentist of Georgia, will soon be in Grapeland to do dental work. Watch for further announcement. Adv.

A satisfied customer is what we want and must have. We will satisfy you. Try us. adv W. R. Wherry.

Eggs for Sale

Barred Plymouth Rocks for setting. Setting of 15 for \$1.00. adv Mrs. W. D. Granberry.

Trade with Wherry, then you will be sure you are getting the best. Quality, service and dependable goods. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

Mebane Cotton Seed

Supply not yet exhausted; good, healthy seed, 75c per bushel. Place orders with Adv. Mrs. Lucy Willis, Rte. 3.

Eggs for Hatching

Barred Plymouth Rocks, winter laying strain. \$1.00 per setting of 15. Place your order with Adv. H. E. Harris, Lovelady, Texas.

A Teachers Examination will be held at Crockett, Texas, the first Friday and Saturday in April. All persons intending to take such examination will please govern themselves accordingly.

The Messenger is requested to announce that Rev. J. W. Chism will preach at Midway church the fourth Sunday in this month, and on Friday and Saturday nights before. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

6 Per Ct.—LOANS—6 Per Ct.

Obtainable to buy, build or improve farm, ranch and city property or remove incumbrance therefrom. Special privileges and reasonable terms. For proposition address, Finance Dep't., 1527 Busch Bldg., Dallas, Texas.

Bloating after eating, indigestion, flatulence or water brash may be quickly corrected through the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It strengthens digestion, cleanses and regulates the bowels. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Dr. W. D. McCarty and daughter, Miss Maude, went to Galveston last Thursday night to see Mrs. Geo. Lansford, a relative of Crockett, who is quite sick in a hospital. The doctor has returned, but Miss Maude will remain several days.

Headaches that come from a disordered stomach or constipated bowels are permanently cured by Herbine. It purifies the system and regulates the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Frank Leaverton has been appointed postmaster at Grapeland, his name having been sent to the senate for confirmation by President Wilson last week. Since Mr. Hill's resignation, Sam Howard jr., has been acting postmaster. Just when Mr. Leaverton will take charge is not known, but it will likely be within a few days.

The Lyceum number at the school auditorium last Friday night did not come up to expectations. LeBarge was here, but the "company" was missing. Mrs. Zimmer did not show up on account of sickness. The next number, however, will be good enough to offset the bad in this one. The Hawkeye Glee Club will be here March 24th.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Barred Plymouth Rocks

BRED TO LAY--THE POULTRY THAT PAYS

Eggs for hatching \$2.00 per setting of 15.

Three settings for \$5.00

Stock for Sale

J. F. ADAMS, Buda, Texas

Concerning Pensions

Washington, D. C.,
March 2nd., 1914.

Grapeland Messenger,
Grapeland, Texas.

Heretofore the Committee on Pensions granted no increase to widows of Mexican War veterans, but this has recently been changed and now where such widow is old, feeble and without means the Committee will grant an increase to twenty dollars per month. The Mexican War veterans who served as much as sixty days in the war with Mexico are entitled to thirty dollars per month.

Please publish this in your paper so that any widows who are not receiving twenty dollars per month and the soldiers themselves who are not receiving thirty dollars per month may know what they are entitled to under the law. If they will write me I will help them in getting the increase.

Yours Very Truly,
A. W. Gregg.

Your health depends much upon the groceries you eat. Many disorders of the stomach, as well as serious illness, if they could be truly traced to their origin, would be found to have originated from inferior food. We have never, and never shall, sacrifice quality for price. You can absolutely depend upon our groceries to be the best. Our staples, canned goods, coffee, etc., are selected with a view to satisfaction rather than profit. Let us have your next order.

Adv. W. R. Wherry.

To Whom it May Concern:

This is to certify that I have this day transferred and turned over to my sureties all of my outstanding accounts that are owing to me from the sale of Rawleigh's products, and the same are now to be paid to my sureties, and they are now the sole owners of same.

J. F. Harmon.

All parties due accounts will please call on W. G. Darsey at once and settle or arrange same to be carried until fall.

E. H. Darsey,
adv Ed Edge.

No doubt many people wonder why the show at the Cozy was free last Saturday night. The ladies prohibition club rented the Cozy for this occasion with the intention of carrying out a specially arranged prohibition program, but late Saturday evening some of those who were assigned parts "fell down" with their part of it, consequently there was nothing to show but the pictures. It's alright now. You enjoyed the pictures, the ladies paid for them and the county is dry.

For Constable

C. R. Taylor has authorized the Messenger to announce his candidacy for the office of Constable of Precinct No. 5, subject to the July primary.

"Bully" as he is known among our people, has lived here practically all of his life, consequently there is no need for us to dwell at length on his qualifications for the office. He has had some experience along this line, knows and understands the duties involved, and if elected, promises faithful and impartial service to his constituents.

We commend his candidacy to your consideration.

Rev. W. N. Warlick was up from Holly Saturday and called at the Messenger office, and requested us to announce that he will preach at Center church next Sunday. Bro. Warlick has been preaching twenty-one years and this is the first time he ever made a mistake in one of his appointments, thinking last Sunday was his day at Center. He had other business here, however, and his visit was not useless. He bought some supplies for his farm, including a lot of wire, and had it shipped to Lovelady, saving quite an item in the price asked for the same goods by Lovelady merchants. This is a mighty good argument that Grapeland is a good town in which to trade.

The Forty Year Test.

An article must have exceptionally merit to survive for a period of forty years. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy was first offered to the public in 1862. From a small beginning it has grown in favor and popularity until it has attained a world wide reputation. You will find nothing better for a cough or cold. Try it and you will understand why it is a favorite after a period of more than forty years. It not only gives relief—it cures. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Constable Cahill at Elkhart telephoned Deputy Constable Will Musick Monday morning to look out for a negro on the local that had evaded him. When the local came in, Mr. Musick was on the ground, but the negro no doubt was expecting an officer and "hit the wind." Ed Parker was near with a horse and gave him a chase, capturing him south of town near Convict Springs. The negro was wanted for borrowing a horse and failing to return it.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

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 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.

THE WOMAN IN THE FIELD

The Farm Woman Needs Relief More Than Her City Sister.

By Peter Radford.

Much has been said and more written about the woman in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman who works in the field? I want to say a few words in her behalf. I regret a necessity that compels woman to work for a livelihood and I favor not only shortening her hours, but freeing her from manual labor entirely. I crave for society that high standard of excellence where the home is woman's throne and her life is devoted to molding the character and elevating the thought of the rising generation. But so long as want, greed and misfortune prevail in this world, women, through choice or necessity, will work, and perhaps they will work at one task or another as many hours per day as they please.

We may pity the weak and admire the strong in their struggle, but the farm woman is entitled to her share of sympathy and reward.

All Must Toil.

The labor problem, as relates to men, is a most vexatious one and when we apply it to women it becomes more seriously complicated. We will always have to work unless some political genius can put a law on the statute book that will enable us to live without labor. So long as every person must meet toil face to face, the best we can do is to equitably distribute the burdens and reward of labor, and if there is to be a revision of wages and a shortening of hours, I want the farm woman to get her share. She has more reason to complain than any other class of toilers. She has, as a rule, fewer comforts, fewer pleasures, less recreation and less opportunity for enjoyment than her sister in the city. She has not so many conveniences and fewer luxuries and less to be thankful for than women who live in the town, but she toils on, a model of consistency, patience and womanly devotion. Certainly she should be the first to be rewarded.

The Real Labor Problem is on the Farm.

The great dailies with flaming headlines deplore the lot of women who toil in the cities, the city pulpit thunders with sympathy for her and the legislators orate in her behalf, but not a line is written, a word said or a speech delivered in the interest of the million women who labor on the farm. Where one woman works in the cities in Texas, there are a hundred mothers toiling in the field, and no mention is made of it. Is the woman in the city entitled to any more consideration than the woman on the farm? I contend that she is not. The city woman may be more easily restrained by legislation and she may have a more attentive audience when she cries aloud, but the real labor problem, insofar as it relates to women and children, is on the farm. It is there we find the mother, drenched in perspiration, and the child, its lips wet with mother's milk, wielding the hoe and gathering the harvest, toiling day in and day out without hope of reward.

The City Life Puny.

The farm women work from sun until sun. They do their housework and lull a half million babes to sleep after the chickens go to roost and they get breakfast and milk the cows before the lark sings. The city woman frequently chafes under hardships that the farm women would consider a blessing. The city people are great talkers and oftentimes greatly magnify their troubles and enlarge their accomplishments. This characteristic permeates organized society as well as enters into the individual life of cities. There are orphan asylums which are doing commendable work and should be encouraged, that boast of their accomplishments, but I have seen widows in the country make a crop, drink branch water and eat corn-bread and molasses and raise more children and better children than many of these city orphan asylums. The cities need to get back to the soil with their ideals. They are hysterical, puny and feeble in their conception of life, its requirements and its opportunities.

ISOLATION AND DRUDGERY THE TWIN ENEMIES OF AGRICULTURE.

The Rural Church the Guiding Star of Progress.

The New Rural Civilization.

By Peter Radford.

We are confronting a new rural civilization. It is so radically different from the life of the past that it may well be called new, not merely because of its characteristics, but because of its triumph in rural co-operation and leadership. The utilization of modern agencies, and the use of farm machinery have greatly increased the efficiency of the farmers, broadened their vision and made life more satisfying.

The most serious enemies to country life are isolation and drudgery, and perhaps the worst of the two is isolation. It is the curse of the country. The hunger of young people for companionship has been disregarded and in various ways the social instincts have had their revenge. The fruits of modern inventive skill and enterprise have enriched country life and afforded the facilities of banishing forever the extreme isolation which used to vex the farm household of the past. The telephone is a great social asset in the rural home; the rural free delivery brings the world's daily message to the door; the parcels post delivers ten million packages per annum at a half million homes and the automobile annihilates distance, making isolation a myth. The building of public highways has brought communities and farm homes closer together.

The Slave of Drudgery.

It is a dramatic moment on the farm when machinery emancipates the slave of drudgery. The evolution of farm machinery is a continued story of human ingenuity. One man now, by the aid of modern mechanical devices, can do as much as five or ten men used to perform and the work is less burdensome and more fascinating. The miracle of conquest will lift the curse of drudgery that has crushed the courage out of farm boys and caused them to retreat to the cities. There are many labor-saving devices for the homes that can relieve the wife of back-breaking tasks. Labor-saving machinery has wrought educational problems that have engaged the attention of the boys, relieved the housewife and added new economies and values to farming and has taken away self pity and given them a genuine pride in their calling. We need to take full advantage of these facilities.

Co-Operation the Key-Note.

One test of modern civilization is the capacity for co-operation. The selfish days of the independent farmer are rapidly passing and we are beginning to catch the vision and share the profits of organized efforts. There are many farm machines adapted to serving a community, but organization of farmers is required to purchase and operate them on a co-operative basis, and new laws are needed to permit these transactions.

New Tasks for the Rural Church

The rural church has been slow to adjust itself to the new order of things. The churches are discovering new opportunities for service, broader community usefulness and a greater social mission. The church must gird itself for new tasks and under a new virile type of leadership undertake real community building with the modern church as the center of activity and source of inspiration and guidance. The triumph over isolation and the gradual emancipation from drudgery, the development of good roads, telephones, rural mail service and the wonderful evolution of farm machinery make for religious advancement. The increase in intelligence, new social consciousness, growing spirit of co-operation, added efficiency of rural institutions, character, home building and better rural morals afford opportunities for a community-serving church to demonstrate its power. The rural church to fulfill its mission must swing around it the influences for progress.

HUGHES' FAMOUS CANDY

THE BEST
ON EARTH

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A FRESH SUPPLY

D. N. Leaverton

THE LEADING DRUGGIST

GOOD STATIONERY

Is an Introduction In Itself and Makes a First Impression That Is Valuable. Call and See What We Can Do For You In This Line.

Notice!

No More Delivering Except
on Saturdays

Our delivery boy has quit and it will be impossible for us to secure another permanently before school is out. Until then we will deliver only on Saturdays.

THE CITY MEAT MARKET

J. B. LIVELY, Proprietor.

FARMERS UNION PHONE

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-28

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

STATE-WIDE PROSPERITY



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 blocked by opinions or restrained by superstition.

Good roads is a subject of overshadowing importance and additional legislation is much needed. The problem of transportation is on the

farm, for the farmer is a beneficiary of all improvements in highways and railroads.

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, 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.

Chronic Stomach Trouble Cured.

There is nothing more discouraging than a chronic disorder of the stomach. It is not surprising that many suffer for years with such an ailment when a permanent cure is within their reach and may be had for a trifle? "About one year ago," says P. H. Beck, of Waklee, Mich., "I bought a package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and since using them I have felt perfectly well. I had previously used any number of different medicines, but none of them were of any lasting benefit." For sale by all dealers. Advertisement.

CORN SHOW A SUCCESS

Texas Wins Many Prizes—Marketing Problems Discussed.

Dallas, Texas.—The Sixth National Corn Exposition, which has just closed in this city after a two weeks successful session, is declared by those participating in the event to be one of the greatest agricultural displays ever held in the South. The cream of the agricultural products of the nation was on display and the attendance was drawn from every section of the United States and Canada. The educational features of the exposition appealed alike to the farmer and the business man and taught them both an economic lesson in the matter of production.

It is the purpose of the exposition each year to display the most wonderful achievements of the American farmer and to point out the best and most effective manner of getting the full fruits of his soil. This is the first time that Texas has been honored by the National Corn Exposition and the session just closed is said to be among its most successful meetings, thirty-seven states and provinces being represented.

Texas Wins Prizes.

In the awards for the best prairie hay, Texas made a clean sweep, having taken first, second and third prizes for this product, which places us ahead of all the world in the production of this line of feed-stuff. In the forage crop competition contest, Texas also came off victorious, having won prizes on sorghum, kaffir corn and mile maize.

Miscellaneous Exhibits.

While corn and other agricultural products were the predominant feature of the exposition, there were other exhibits placed on display by enterprising manufacturers which afforded a pleasing variety. Among the miscellaneous exhibits noted were many commodities and time-saving devices for the farmer, such as improved farm machinery, silos, etc. The farm wife also came in for her share of attention, and churns, cream separators, lighting apparatus and other conveniences were shown which tend to make the burden of the farm woman easier.

Every phase of rural welfare was discussed by American and Canadian officials, special attention being given to rural co-operation, the tenant farmer problem and improved public highways. A model rural community exhibit attracted perhaps more attention than any other display. A miniature landscape was shown with roads and walks laid out, with a neighborhood church, school and picnic grounds. There were also shown in this model rural community a co-operative laundry, creamery and plant for supplying the neighborhood with water; across the road was a country school with its garden and demonstration plot. A baseball ground and field for athletic contests completed this interesting exhibit.

Better Marketing Methods Discussed.

Not only was the productive side of agriculture dealt with by the Exposition, but the marketing feature of the question was also given attention. In the address of Hon. Hatton W. Summers, who was sent by a committee of the National House of Representatives to address the exposition on better marketing methods for the American farmer, it was pointed out that the big crop is a calamity to the farmer unless adequate marketing facilities are afforded. Mr. Summers stated the problem is one which cannot be met by the farmer alone, nor yet by the business man, but that it would take the co-operation of both, assisted by the government, before the problem could be solved. He advocated the creation of a bureau, or department, by Congress, the function of which should be to bring into co-ordinate action the forces that can work together in solving this important problem to the satisfaction of all concerned, and especially the American farmer, who is most vitally interested.

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 inexpensive to be omitted.

The living and dining room is combined 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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Official Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business, on the 4th day of March, 1914, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 12th day of March 1914:

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$51,110 72
Loans, real estate.	6,000 00
Overdrafts.	1,680 25
Bonds and Stocks.	80 00
Real estate (banking house).	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures.	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents.	\$11,434 19
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check.	000 00 11,434 19
Cash Items.	497 11
Currency.	1,417 00
Specie.	2,740 60 4,654 71
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.	857 73
Other resources as follows: Collections.	157 81
Total.	\$80,958 44

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in.	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund.	10,500 00
Undivided Profits.	3,306 83
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.	000 00
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	43,698 20
Time Certificates of Deposit.	3,431 44
Cashier's Checks.	21 97
Bills Payable and discounts.	5,000 00
Total.	\$ 80,958 44

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. } ss

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry, 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.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of March, A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. G. DARSEY }
T. S. KENT } Directors
M. E. DARSEY }

J. R. BEESON FOR TAX ASSESSOR

J. R. Beeson called at the Messenger office Saturday and authorized his name to be placed before the voters of Houston county as a candidate for Tax Assessor, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Beeson is a Houston county boy, having been born and raised near Lovelady. He is identified with and has been for eight years, the educational interests of the county in the capacity of teacher. He is at present principal of the Belott school.

He is making the race strictly upon his own merits and his qualifications for the office, which are unquestioned. He earnestly solicits your support in his race.

All Woodmen are requested to be present at the regular meeting, Mar. 14th. Business of a very important nature will be transacted, and as full an attendance as possible is desired.

Adv. C. L. Haltom, C. C.

ANTRIM COMMUNITY NEWS

Antrim, March 9.—Not unlike most other people at the present time, the Antrimite has had very little time to write, and I must borrow this time from a good night's sleep.

People have gone to farming in real earnest down our way, despite the fact that the weather has not been very encouraging to the man who has been all tied up in growing cotton and corn and little watermelons. But it's a long lane that never turns, so just keep everlastingly at it just as though you knew you were off on the right foot, and a great many things will come your way. You know that nobody admires a quitter, and a short winded fellow never gets very far, so dig down, ye good farmers, and let's make a good crop and maybe your genial Uncle Samuel will attend to the establishing of a bureau of marketing. We believe that is only one step in the direction of fixing by agreement between producer and spinner a stipulated price for a given length of time. Our government could do a great good to us "poor devils" who have not the time or money to work out their own problems of crop marketing by getting together the two forces at each end of the line, namely, the producer and the spinner. There is no plausible reason why such a plan would not work out and be a grand success. We believe the time is coming, and not so far away, when gambling on cotton, either futures or spot, will be looked back upon as a dark spot on the face of our country's history. Did you ever stop to ask the question, why such legislation as will benefit the producer more, and at the same time cut off speculation on the fruits of his labor has not been passed long ago? Do you realize that law-makers are not farmers and have of necessity got to make their living by some kind of speculation, or profit taking, just as you prefer to put the expression. No set of people are apt to cut their own throats knowingly. Now, mind we do not say that farmers have not had any legislation in their favor, but we do say that they have come in for a small part. Congress found time to put everything he raises on the free list so he would be compelled to compete with the whole world regardless of the high cost of labor, and his stuff brings no more than does the other man's, but they failed to find time to recompense him, at least to some extent, by establishing a chain of rural credit banks so that he might get some cheap money. O, yes! They found time to improve the banking system of our country, but did you farmers get anything out of that? If you did, you will be sure to pay about ten cents on the dollar for it. Now, our beloved and very congenial friend Uncle Samuel has got both money and bonds to let, yes and he lets them out quick too. But to "whom?" Why, the National Banks, so they can in turn lend it to you and make a nice fat profit.

Do you remember the fifty million that was sent south last fall to handle the cotton crop? Did you get any of that free of interest? No! The commission men used that to buy your crop with, and they bought it not because they loved you and favored you, but to speculate upon.



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Now, we would not care to be classed with the chronic grumblers, soreheads or dyspeptics, but the time is actually here that we must wake up to the fact that we have not had a square deal, and to a great extent, because we are sleeping upon our own rights and not demanding anything definite.

We are going to make a guess that Old Gray is a real anti, although he has not said as much, still we will not put it in so positive a term until he takes the pleasure of expressing himself more explicitly. We have always had a better opinion of him and hope our guess may be without foundation, but we are yet going to make another guess, and then ring off, and that is Old Gray will

see a pro governor elected in Texas this year, and then for the "Code."

Now, we know that guessing on the weather or politics are both inexcusable, but I do such things and risk the consequences, and allow the other fellow as much liberty.

And now for the battle of ballots and I know of one vote against the saloon and its accompanying evils. It would be the darkest page we have made in history in a long time, should the saloons be voted back. Surely people are not growing morally worse, at least we will not think so until it is proven to be so.

As ever,
ANTRIMITE.

Advertising Suggestions

Advertising has kept Sarah Bernhardt young for sixty-several years.

Men have accumulated fortunes by the persistent use of printers ink.

Every business that is worth advertising is worth advertising well.

Newspaper advertising is one of the greatest forces in the world today.

To conduct a business without advertising is like trying to have a meal without food.

Late to bed and early to rise, hustle all day and advertise, is a saying trite and true.—W. Holt Harris.