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Farmers Should Grow Long Staple Cotton, One Variety

To the cotton growers of this country: It may be that you have not considered the conditions that we are now face to face with in our present mode of farming, but it is now time that we begin to consider where we are at and the direction we are drifting. We are now nearing the time for planting another crop and the question is, how much of this crop should be planted to cotton, and what variety of cotton should we plant?

If you will remember that the 1919 crop sold for the highest price in the history of cotton, and yet there were two million bales of low grade cotton that could not be marketed and to follow that crop with a bumper crop in 1920, most of which was low grade, or it is estimated that there will be about five million bales of the 1920 crop which will be of the low grade, and this added to the two million bales that we already have on hand will give us seven million bales of low grade cotton. And now if we plant another crop of extra short staple cotton, what are we going to do with it? We got along pretty well with this short staple during the war because there were so many things made from cotton, or so many more ways to use it that it made little difference. But now the larger part of these different uses are cut out and we find ourselves over stocked on

short staple, while Europe is looking the world over for long staple. They are waiting to see what kind of staple the Argentine cotton will be before they buy too heavy. And if the Argentine staple is good, they will put millions of dollars into cotton growing in that country, and if they do we are likely to have a strong competitor. But we have the go on them and if we will improve the staple I do not believe we will have to fear them very much.

The best writers on cotton conditions of the day tell us that the cotton industry of the south is doomed if there is not a change, for the farmers are trying to produce a big amount of lint from a small amount of seed cotton and we are at the same time robbing the soil of all of its fertility. These two conditions are shortening the staple and making the cotton almost worthless.

We are too near planting time now to talk about winter cover crops, but we have time enough yet to get seed of a long staple cotton and increase our yield by fertilizing. By doing so we may be able to produce a cotton crop that we can grow and market at a profit. It may be that you will hear some one say, "I sold a bale of that short staple right by the side of some one else who was supposed to have a better cotton and the buyer made no difference in the price." This may be true that he did so, but if you will consider that

your cotton buyer is watching the ups and downs of the market trying to locate a buyer for what cotton he buys and at the same time watching a hundred or so doubtful accounts that he has, you will see that he did not have the time and could not take all things into consideration.

And again, if you will consider that we only have two grades of cotton in our midst, the clean and the dirty, and a name applied according to the amount of dirt and trash there is in it. The staple, as a rule, is never considered, and this is another mistake that is made in our market. Our cotton should be graded according to the staple as well as to cleanliness. And we can never hope to have a market of this kind as long as we grow forty different kinds of cotton and all of them the short staple variety. And if all of the names of the cotton marketed in Grapeland were gotten, the list of names would be at least forty in number.

The thing we should do is to get one variety of cotton of a good staple and all plant it. To prove that this system of farming is the best, we will take the California cotton growers for an example. A few years ago cotton growing was an unknown industry in that state. They tried cotton and found that it would grow. They then tried the different varieties and all settled on the Rowden and began to improve the staple. They now have what is known as the California Rowden long staple, and from what information I can get these farmers are getting around fifty dollars per bale more than the short staple brings in this country. If this is true, let us suppose that we could add fifty dollars in value to every bale of the 1920 cotton crop marketed in Grapeland. It no doubt would clear every merchants' book in Grapeland, place our banks in good condition and put our farmers in high gear and on the smooth roads. But instead our short staple has put us in low gear on rough roads and no end to our journey in sight, and if we do not shift to a better system of farming we are pretty apt to strip the gear.

We often times hear people make the remark, "we are having to pay a high price for our dry goods and they are of no account." Now the question is, who is to blame for this? Is it the manufacturer or the producer? To say the least of it, you will have to blame the producer, for a big part of it, for it takes the same machinery, the same labor, more time and more expense to manufacture this short staple cotton into goods and after it has been made into a finished product its real value is about one-half what it should be. Not only is the value less, but they claim that this extra short staple will not make a fine thread, owing to its brittleness and it has to be made into the course grade of goods, while the long staple can be spun into the finest grade of goods.

It may be that you will hear

farmers say, "we cannot change to a long staple because we have no gins to gin it." This may be true to a certain degree, but to say the least of it, they can gin it so as to make it bring a better price than we are getting for the kind we are now growing. I have been informed that the ginning proposition need not bother us as it only requires the ginner to arrange the feeders to the gin stands, requiring only a little more time for ginning, and if this be true, I believe our ginner can arrange a scale of ginning so the difference in the time can be made up.

Now in order that we may have our cotton graded for a good staple, I suggest that we organize a long staple cotton growers' association, headed by our bankers and merchants. So I will say to our bankers and merchants, if a proposition of this kind appeals to you and you can figure some way to finance it, let's hear from you. Or better still, organize this long staple association and have the farmers join you.

S. H. Long,
Augusta, Texas.

WANETA NEWS

Waneta, Jan. 31.—It is beginning to seem like spring, as the farmers have begun their field work.

Lewis Hendrick entertained the young and old with a musical entertainment Saturday night.

We had a large crowd at Sunday school yesterday, and all had good lessons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Sammons spent Saturday night with M. F. Barnes and family.

Veron, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Shoemaker, accidentally fell from a horse Sunday afternoon and broke his left arm.

The Waneta girls and Liberty Hill girls played a game of basket ball Saturday afternoon. The Waneta team won by a large score.

Oliver Spann returned from Ft. Worth Sunday.

A. Shoemaker and family of Cherokee county are visiting relatives here this week.

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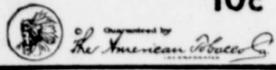
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**FIREWOOD MAKES
GOOD CASH CROP**

**Farmer Can Make His Farm Pay
Substantial Profits by
Producing Fuel.**

USEFULNESS OF MACHINERY

**Modern Apparatus Not Only Cuts
Wood and Standing Trees, but is
Used for Various Other Pur-
poses About the Farm.**

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The farmer's problems appear, all of a sudden, to have become the leading national problem. Congress is talking of little else than legislation aimed to help the agricultural interests. The bankers are busy explaining why they can't lend the farmer the cash he needs. The plight of the farmer is the chief topic of discussion in railroad circles and among business men at all the big markets. Farmers themselves are organizing everywhere to force the prices of their products up to a point where selling will not mean a loss to them.

Meanwhile what the individual farmer needs is not talk, but cash. Certain things he must buy right along for himself and his family. He can't wait for the national debate to run down.

In this situation farmers who are hard pressed for cash may be overlooking the fact that all around them "money is growing on the trees," and the crop is just waiting to be picked. This is almost literally true. In other words the farmer can harvest another crop—his timber. All over the country thousands of farmers are turning to this immediate source of



Modern Machinery Reduces Hand Labor in Filling the Woodshed.

cash. In money value, firewood ranks as America's sixth crop. Government statistics show rank of crops in this order: Wheat, corn, cotton, hay, oats, firewood.

Money in Producing Fuel.

With one of the practical, low-priced power log saws now on the market, the farmer can make his farm pay substantial profits by producing fuel—a commodity that has held up well in price and for which there is an almost unlimited demand. Then, too, there is always a steady market for ties, fence posts and timbers that can easily and quickly be cut with these lightweight, portable machines.

In this way the farmer, with little work or expenses, can realize good profits and still hang on to his grain and live stock if he wants to, until prices get better.

On nearly every farm in most sections of the country there is timber in more than sufficient quantities for home use. There are live trees that need to be taken out to give room for younger ones to grow, or to clear the land for cultivation; there are dead trees that are allowed to decay; and on thousands of farms, the banks of rivers and creeks are lined with great logs and other drift wood.

For many years the farmer has been interested in, and has readily accepted, machinery that would save him time, labor and money. Now he is seizing upon a machine that actually makes money for him—as well as saving him time and labor. Those who have used the 1921 improved model log saws say these machines come near to being perfect sawing outfits. They do the work of ten to fifteen able-bodied men—cut down trees and saw up logs and branches of any size—at an average cost of about 1½ cents a cord. Cutting 35 cords of wood is an easy day's work, and it is possible to cut as much as 50 cords in that time.

Machine Cuts Standing Trees.

One of the most popular log saws makes over 300 strokes a minute, and its engine pulls over four horsepower. This particular machine cuts down standing trees, too. By attaching this clever device, trees can be cut down with the level of the ground, so there will be no stump, or higher up, as desired. By attaching a circular saw the outfit is quickly turned into a buzz saw, which rapidly zips up limbs and branches, those parts of the tree which usually go to waste, yet which produce fully one-third of the wood.

**HALF YOUR LIVING
WITHOUT MONEY COST**

**Cotton Production Costs Can Be Cut
in Half By Food And Grain
Making And Saving**

Atlanta, Georgia.—(Special.)—"High prices for cotton, such as we had a year ago cannot reasonably be expected for a long time to come. European countries that normally use half our crop are so thoroughly disorganized and paralyzed in a business way that they will not be able to take the usual quantities and pay high prices for many years to come," said H. G. Hastings, President of the great Southeastern Fair.

"This situation which we cannot control, calls for lower costs of making cotton as well as reduction in cotton acreage. The quickest, safest and most effective way to reduce cotton making cost is to produce on one's own acres every pound of food, grain and forage needed for family, tenants and laborers and live stock.

"The situation requires chickens, hogs, milk cows and acres of corn, oats, wheat, forage and miscellaneous crops from which to feed them. Last, but not least, in importance, is the home vegetable garden which is the quickest and cheapest source of food in the world.

"Most folks here in the South don't take the home garden seriously and thereby make a great mistake. There are too many of the 'lick and a promise' sort of gardens and mighty few of the real sure enough kind.

"We have been told repeatedly by those who plan and prepare for a real garden, plant it, tend it and keep it replanted through the season, that it furnishes half the family living at no money cost except the small amount spent for the seeds needed.

"The garden is, or rather should be, the earliest planted. It brings food the quickest. It starts cutting store bills for food the first week anything is ready to use. A little later, half or more needed for the table comes out of the garden.

"If rightly tended and replanted it supplies food all summer and fall, the surplus above daily needs goes into cans or is dried for winter use. Yes, the right kind of garden is a life-saver, and we all need a life-saver of this kind in 1921."

The Country's Real Need

The question of what the country needs to remedy the many ills from which it is suffering and put it on its feet again was being discussed at some length in the senate one day. After listening to numerous diagnoses and prescriptions Vice President Marshall leaned over and in an audible whisper to his assistant secretary expressed the opinion that "what this country needs is a really good five-cent cigar."

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**The Messenger
YOUR HOME PAPER**

ENON NEWS

Enon, Jan. 31.—Everybody is busy getting their land ready for planting.

A good crowd attended Sunday school yesterday.

Misses Velma Whitaker and Nola Coleman and Messers. John A. Brimberry and Carl Spurill visited Misses Fannie Mae and Bessie Brimberry Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shaver visited the former's mother Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whitaker visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ferguson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Skidmore visited in the Union Chapel community Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Story has been very sick the past few days.

Mrs. Alvin Oliver visited her sister, Mrs. Lewis Story, Monday.

Mrs. Marshall Brimberry spent Friday night with her mother, Mrs. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brimberry visited at Mr. and Mrs. Jim

Brimberry's Sunday.

Mrs. Paul Williams spent the week end with her daughter, Mrs. Goodnight.

Little Katie and Colquit Skidmore visited their grandfather, J. T. Skidmore, Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Stella Woodard visited relatives at Grapeland Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Velma Whitaker spent Sunday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Whitaker.

Intelligent Buying for the Home

The cost of living problem has been studied by some able people. One of them said: "What every home needs most is intelligent buying."

Wise buying saves money. A well-spent dollar always brings more than if carelessly spent.

The one great help to intelligent buying is information. This is best obtained by reading the advertisements in your newspaper. Reading advertisements gives you knowledge of what is new and good. It keeps you

posted as to values. It enables you to plan your expenditures wisely and make your purchases to best advantage.

There are two great reasons for this. Advertised goods are invariably dependable. They are good value or it would not pay to advertise them.

Merchants and manufacturers who put these advertisements in the papers are progressive and want to give good values. They know that advertising, by increasing the number of sales, will lower prices and give you more for the money.

Whether your buying is large or small, buy intelligently. Read the advertisements in the Messenger every week for the information you desire, and if you do not find it, ask your merchant why.

In an attack of acute rheumatism in which there is much pain Ballard's Snow Liniment is a necessary part of the treatment. It is a powerful pain relief. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

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**MONEY FOR LONG
 TIME LOANS**
 ON FARMS AND UNIMPROVED LANDS

If you are in need of money write us what you want with a description of your security, and we will secure same for you.

We Buy Vendors Lien Notes

JNO. A. CHILDRESS & SON
 OAKWOOD, TEXAS

**Was
 Very
 Weak**

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-set," writes Mrs. Mattie Crosswhite, of Glade Spring, Va. "I was very ill; thought I was going to die. I was so weak I couldn't raise my head to get a drink of water. I took . . . medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was constipated and very weak, getting worse and worse. I sent for Cardui."

TAKE

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

"I found after one bottle of Cardui I was improving," adds Mrs. Crosswhite. "Six bottles of Cardui and . . . I was cured, yes, I can say they were a God-send to me. I believe I would have died, had it not been for Cardui." Cardui has been found beneficial in many thousands of other cases of womanly troubles. If you feel the need of a good, strengthening tonic, why not try Cardui? It may be just what you need.

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Money back without question if HUNT'S Salve fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Try a 75 cent box at our risk.

Smith & Ryan Druggists

Intestinal worms destroy the health of children and weaken their vitality. The worms should be expelled before serious damage is done. White's Cream Verifuge is a thoroughly successful remedy. Price, 35c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Does Training Pay?

At the present time the business world is passing through a temporary depression. Although conditions have been improving, a number of industries are laying off employees, cutting salaries and getting down to a rock-bottom efficiency basis. Which class of employees are released at a time like this—the trained worker or the unskilled man who has no special ability? The untrained man is always the first to go. He is never sure of his job, and even when working draws a low salary. The man or woman who is prepared for his or her work, is the one that stays on the payroll and the one that draws the best salary.

Specialized training will lift anyone above the masses. Ability is nothing but an average brain, specially prepared. Such training is necessary to success in this age of specialization. Brains are at a premium. There are plenty of men and women for the ordinary job that pays an ordinary salary, but the demand for high-priced workers for big jobs is always greater than the supply.

Do you realize that you can put yourself in the class of the trained worker in a few months' time? By enrolling at once in the largest business training institution in America, with a faculty of over thirty specialized teachers, all modern office equipment, using the famous Byrne systems of business training, and let us give you the most thorough, complete and practical training that can be had, in less time and at less cost than at any other school.

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EVER AFTER

By MILDRED O. HOMORS.

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"You don't mind if we finish the story, do you, Ben? We have a story every night, don't we, kiddies?"

Two curly heads bobbed an eager assent.

"Tell us about the snow-white charger," little Jean demanded.

"So he rode away on his snow-white charger to right the wrong and to follow the king, and he rode and rode, until he came to the hut where the old witch lived."

Ben Prentiss watched her, wistfully. With an arm around each child, her bright hair close to Jean's dark curls, Madge had never looked prettier or more unattainable.

"And when the castle gates were opened, a beggar boy was standing outside and no one knew that he was Prince Charming in disguise."

The pretty story drew to its triumphant close.

"So they were married and there was feasting and laughter for seven days and they lived happily ever after."

"Happily ever after!" breathed Bobby-boy.

"Yes, dear. Now run off to bed. Mother's waiting for you."

"Is Mr. Prentiss going to tell you a story now?"

"Perhaps."

"Are you going to tell me a story, Ben?"

"I don't know how to begin."

"All good stories begin with 'Once upon a time.'"

"Once upon a time there lived in a little cottage in the valley a poor woodchopper who had three sons. The oldest son was straight and fair and tall, and he longed for wealth and luxury as thirsty blossoms long for the dew. So one day, the old man gave him his blessing—for 'twas all he had to give—and he set out over the circling hills to the country that lies beyond. And by and by news of his adventures drifted back to the valley, but he never came back and he never found the pot of gold."

"Now, the second son was rosy and merry and dark. And one sunny day the father gave him his blessing, and he, too, set out over the circling hills. And because he was rosy and merry and dark, he met a maiden and they loved and married and lived in a little cottage of their own beside a sparkling stream."

"And the youngest son was a dreamer."

"Now, there lived in that same country a king whose gray castle crowned the hilltop. The king had a daughter, the Princess Winsome, whose hair was like spun gold and whose cheeks were like the apple blossoms in the springtime. And the woodchopper's boy used to see the princess riding past his cottage, and he used to pick the prettiest wild flowers to give her as she passed. And once, at the feast of St. Valentine, he broke his little bank to buy a lacy token and put it on the castle steps."

"Now as the Princess Winsome grew up 'twas said that whoever had the most to offer—be he prince or only freeman—should win her hand in marriage. How the woodchopper's son longed for the day when he, too, should venture beyond the circling hills to sail the seven seas, for he dared to hope that he might bring back treasures rich enough and fair enough to win the hand of the Princess Winsome. But when he spoke of going, the father said:

"Who will chop the wood if thou shouldst leave me? Who will till the fields and tend the sheep?"

"So, because he was old and needed him, the youngest son stayed with the father and tried to forget the land beyond the hills."

"And how does the story end?" Madge prompted softly.

"I'm sorry, Madge," he blurted, "it's a silly story and couldn't interest you. I—I guess I'd better go."

Softly, as if she had not heard, she took up the story.

"And many suitors came to the castle on the hill and right royally were they entertained. Then one by one they boasted of their valiant deeds and begged the Princess Winsome to marry them. But she only smiled and shook her head, and one by one they went away. So the princess waited until one day the woodchopper's son appeared at the castle gate, and then the princess was very, very happy, for she knew he was her prince in disguise."

"Madge! You don't mean—you can't mean!"

In the moonlight her little face was like a flower, tip-tilted.

"But Madge, dear, I've nothing to offer you—except love."

"You have the only things I want—dreams and a heart of gold."

"Oh, Mr. Prentiss," Bobby-boy, pajama-clad and breathless, appeared in the doorway. "We couldn't hear the

rest of your story. Did they get married and live happily ever after?"

"Happily ever after," Ben agreed solemnly.

Bobby-boy disappeared with a jerk, and Jean's excited whisper shrilled through the summer night.

"Bobby! Auntie Madge was kissing him. I'm going to tell mamma."

Prentiss laughed and drew the girl closer. "And so they were married," he whispered.

"And there was feasting and laughter for seven days," Madge dimpled, "although the court gossips said 'twas the princess who proposed."

HOME AS I PICTURE IT

(Dedicated to Home and Loved Ones. By Ola Baker, October 1, 1915, Corpus Christi, Texas.)

(Published by request)

In memory I can see my homeland,
 A scene full of beauty and light,
 Where under the boughs of tall sycamore trees
 Stands a cottage with walls of white.

A scene full of beauty? Ah, yes, and then moore!

A scene that never grows old;
 To me it's far dearer than all other scenes
 That I have on earth to behold.

Yes, the walls outside are shady and white
 With a sunny blue sky up above,
 Surrounded with foliage so green from the trees;
 But inside decorated with love.

The tall pine trees (not like these Mesquite)
 Don't hover all close to the ground;
 No! they spindle up high, so high in the blue
 And make for the birdies a town.

The streams with their gurgling, it seems to me,
 Would cheer up the saddest of souls,
 And the birdies so cheerfully skipping about,
 Not grieved by the winter and cold.

The cows and the piggies, they never seem sad
 Nor lonesome nor homesick nor blue;
 The horses all jumping and running about
 While the corn fields are wet with the dew.

With the tall wide barns all loaded with hay
 And corn, cane and peanuts worth while,
 It takes all these to make the stock play
 Makes you wonder sometimes if they smile.

Ah, yes! it takes all these and dozens of more,
 And more that's far greater than these
 To make up the home I mention above
 That rests below the sycamore trees

Then the most beautiful of all is the fireside so bright,
 When the snow has covered the dome;
 When the family can enjoy the companionship
 Of each other in the family home.

When the fire blazes big in a cozy, warm room,
 When the kiddies are through with their tasks,
 The father and mother sit ready to answer
 The thousands of questions they ask

How well I remember when I'd tire of the quiet,
 When the cold would most dare me outside,
 I'd think of a question, perhaps without sense
 To draw their attention awhile.

Then for fear they would soon be reading again,
 A dozen or more I would ask,
 Then finally they lay down their spectacles and paper
 To proceed empty handed to the task.

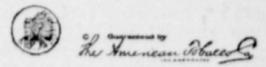
Then soon all agree on popping some corn,
 Or making some candy of molasses,
 With peanuts and popcorn and candy that stretches—
 The time doesn't stop, but it passes.

Ah, then, could you wonder at my being homesick,
 For the home I mention above?
 Where all the family can assemble together,
 In the home that's blessed with pure love.

**Do you
 know
 why
 it's toasted**

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Miss Ray Has Resigned

Miss Blanche Ray has been compelled to tender her resignation to the school board as superintendent of the school on account of ill health. She was granted leave during January by the board, and has been under the care of a specialist at Dallas. Her many friends here regret exceedingly that her health will not permit her to resume her school work.

Mr. J. B. White, ho filled her place, left Sunday for Dallas to teach, and the board secured the services of Mr. Forest Boone of Maydelle, who is now in charge of the school.

House to Have Same Number

The plan to increase the total number of members of the House of Representatives from 435 to 483 did not get through the House without fatal opposition.

Members who are opposed to it generally live in States that will not gain even one Representative. They say the proposed increase would add at least \$1,000,000 a year to the taxes. This sum would go for salaries, clerks, stenographers, additions to the office building, mileage, stationery, free postage, etc.

If the membership is to be held down to the present number, 11 States will have their number of Representatives reduced, and eight States will get an increase.

California has made the largest relative gain in population since the last census and will be in any case entitled to five if the House is to be increased to 483.

The House has now voted to keep the number of Representatives unchanged at 435

One Year of Additional Dry Law

At the end of the first year of national constitutional prohibition. Prohibition Enforcement Commissioner Kramer declares that the habit of liquor drinking has begun to taper off. This first year has been the hardest, he thinks, and the task of enforcing the law will grow easier with each passing year. The enforcement officers have had to contend with "private stocks" of liquor which are not touched by the law. These Mr. Kramer says, "have been absorbed like lakes in the desert," and cannot be absorbed again.

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Bad Distribution

Practically every phase of production and distribution, as we now practice them, is open to large improvement, but most particularly is the road open for a new and better correlation between production, distribution and the consumer, so that the present wide gap between the cost of the article as it leaves the hand of the manufacturer and as it reaches the hand of the consumer may be minimized.—Grapeland Messenger.

Our distributive system is the weakest link in our economic chain. It is high time that we have a better approach to this matter, so vastly important to producers and consumers. It would seem offhand that distribution should not be entitled to more than third of the consumers' money, with production taking two-thirds. Certainly production requires more than that ratio of time, and at least an equal ratio of labor, to complete it. But as our system is organized to-day, distribution gets about two-thirds and production one-third. It is admittedly impossible to do away with the retailer. He sells in small quantities, such as consumers prefer and can pay for. There is not one family in ten that can buy in dozens. Practically all consumers must buy in terms of the smallest sale units. This means that the retailer we must have always with us. Next comes the wholesaler. Can we do without him? He is the one "middle man" who is forever being put out of business theoretically. But for one reason or another he stays on. For one thing, the retailer of groceries can not depend upon keeping stocked up by dealing with the actual producers of foodstuffs. The wholesaler must undertake the business of accumulating and distributing stocks, which he can do better than the producer can. Also the retailer can look to the wholesaler for damages in case of spoiled shipments, underweights, breach of contracts, etc., whereas the growers of the goods would be less amenable to such claims. The wholesaler can also give longer credits, and this is important. In the case of manufactured goods, the manufacturer and the retailer have never seemed to hit on the same cylinder. In the first place the

retailer buys in smaller quantity than the wholesaler, hence the manufacturer would rather deal with the latter. But there should be a way found to insure the producer something better than the small end of the whole cost.—State Press, in Galveston News.

GRAPELAND HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By the School Reporter)

The mid-term examinations were finished Wednesday at noon. As a whole, all the pupils made very good grades. The eleventh grade completed Solid Geometry and American history and are now taking Business Arithmetic and Civics. The tenth grade also completed American History.

The High School boys played basket ball against the town boys last week and were defeated by a score of 33 to 29. However, this did not discourage them as was evident Fri., when they played against Elkhart and won by a score of 30 to 8. The Elkhart girls played our girls Friday and the score was 20 to 5 in favor of Grapeland. The boys are expecting a game with Groverton next Friday.

At 8 o'clock Thursday morning the Seniors and the Principal went to Myrtle Lake and made an experiment which we feel sure will interest almost everyone. We found the fall of the water from the waterway to a point 186 feet below to be 13 feet and 10 inches. By measure we found the width of the waste to be 9 feet, including two three-inch posts, which makes the space that the water flows through 8 1-2 feet. The depth of the water that passed over the wasteway was 2 inches. We found that the amount of water that flowed through the waterway per minute was about 21,700 pounds, which makes the potential energy of the water 300,180 foot pounds per minute, or is equal to 9 horse powers.

Mr. White, our superintendent, left Saturday to begin teaching in Dallas. Mr. Boone came Tuesday to take his place for the remainder of the term.

Grounds School News

Jan. 31.—Wishing to promote a closer cooperative spirit among ourselves and the people of our district, and to acquaint readers outside our district with the advancement and progress we are making, we, the students of Grounds school, ask for space in your paper.

Our school is progressing nicely. Sometimes the lessons seem difficult, but we have learned that it pays now as well as in after years to bring up the lessons learned.

Our school is one of the five in the county that has secured a supervisor teacher for vocational agriculture. Quite a number of the pupils have taken project work. Some of them have selected onions; some strawberries, some watermelons, while others are going to grow tomatoes, cotton, etc.

The girls are practicing with the basket ball hoping to be able to match a game soon.

Our teachers spent Saturday and Sunday with home folk.

Mr. J. N. Tyer happened to a painful accident today by falling from the porch.

J. H. Allen and family spent Sunday with J. E. Allen.

Mrs. Moore of Palestine spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. N. A. Hopper.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gentry are the proud parents of a boy.

J. C. Thames visited at Belott Sunday.

Arch Wall and family spent Sunday with Chester Tyer at Grapeland.

Miss Lena Hart is spending the week with her brother, Sanford, in Crockett.

Misses Mary Lane and Lucile Hart were the guests of Misses Sadie and Victoria McCarter Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Sylvan Hopper visited Miss Ruby Thames Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Hazel Gentry visited Miss Lora Goodknight Saturday evening.

Arrie Allen spent Saturday night at the home of her cousin Mattie Dell Allen.

Belton Allen who was recently operated on for appendicitis, spent a portion of last week with his father and mother.

Mr. John Sharp entertained the young people with a party Saturday night. All report a nice time except Dalton Allen and Marvin Stewart who stated that their vehicle spilled them in the road, but did not injure either.

Owens and Palmer have recently placed a saw mill on R. T. Kent's place.

Upon being interrogated a few days ago by the teacher as to what he would rather make of himself, one of the larger boys replied, "A widower! because, if I were a bachelor, all the girls would laugh at me; and if I were married, my wife would boss me."

The Student Body

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Feb. 1. — Things here remain much the same, with an occasional visit excepted. Farmers are hard at work cutting stalks and plowing their land. Some are going in for cotton, but most are determined to raise their supplies at home.

C. A. Mills and family, also Miss Mamie Ferguson, went to Crockett Sunday, returning late in the afternoon, after spending a delightful day.

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Ellis entertained their many young friends Saturday night with an apron and tie party. The boy receiving the cake for best sewing the hem in the apron was Elwood Lively. Games were played until a late hour, when the guests departed, declaring Mrs. Ellis to be a superb hostess.

Dillard Haltom and family spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Keen. The latter enight in honor of their son, Melvin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Masters and family spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbet Denman.

Bro. Chism and his wife spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Brown.

Paul MacDonald has gone to Grapeland to accept a position with the Messenger to learn to be a printer and linotype operator.

Let us grind the valves and clean the carbon out of your car. It'll run much better.

Norman & Lively.

The Safe Bank

vs.

THE FRUIT JAR

The Dallas Morning News recently reported the destruction by fire of a house in which the occupant lost the sum of \$400 which had been stored in a fruit jar.

Experience is a dear teacher; but the wise profit by the experiences of others. The moral of this lesson is that the safe place for money is IN OUR BANK and not in some hiding place around your home.

Farmers & Merchants

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Let us be yours. We can serve you acceptably.

We strive to please and we want an opportunity to serve you.

We have a large and complete stock of everything.

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STAR THEATRE

Next Thursday, February 10th

Dorothy Phillips in

"THE HEART of HUMANITY"

The greatest WAR picture ever made. The most appealing love story ever written.

A picture that will live in the hearts of the people forever. A soul stirring picture taken on the fields of battle during the late WORLD WAR.

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On account of the enormous cost of producing this 8 reel picture and the high rent we pay—

OUR ADMISSION PRICE WILL BE 25c AND 40c

LOCAL ITEMS

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

TRIUMPH SEED POTATOES
W. H. Long & Co's.

Our Ferry garden seed are here. Kennedy Bros.

Full line of groceries at Howard's.

Rock Salt for stock at Kennedy Bros.

You miss the best news in the paper if you do not read the ads.

Copper bottom lanterns at Kennedy Bros.

Wood For Sale

Wood of all kinds at any time. E. L. Frisby.

Buy your seed potatoes from us. Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wherry have moved to a farm a mile east of town.

Goods are cheaper. Let us prove it. S. E. Howard

All kinds of bolts, points and repairs for Kelley Plows at Kennedy Bros.

J. W. Jones and family have moved on their farm at Malvern.

Try a sack of our extra high patent flour. It will satisfy you. W. H. Long & Co's.

Will buy your chickens and eggs. S. E. Howard

We have just received a big shipment of plow bolts. Kennedy Bros.

If your Ford car leaks oil around the piston rings we guarantee to stop it. Give us a trial. Norman & Lively.

For Sale

Have some horses and mules for sale or will trade for cattle. J. S. Eaves.

A new, fresh car of that good La France flour at Kennedy Bros. It makes baking a pleasure.

Taken Up

Small mouse colored horse mule, no brands. Owner please call for same. Mal Whitaker.

Rooms for Rent

Will take roomers, or let out rooms for light housekeeping. Apply to Mrs. Jennie Griscom.

Garage for Sale

We have a good garage for sale or trade for a farm; have good equipment and doing nice business. Hodges Bros.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists. 75c. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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See us for onion sets. W. H. Long & Co's.

All kinds of flower seed at Kennedy Bros.

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Boy's toy wagon "cheap, cheap," at Kennedy Bros.

We have genuine Ford parts in stock at all times. Hodges Bros.

Plenty of Red Rust Proof Seed Oats at—W. H. Long & Co's.

R. F. Lively and John Penick of Waneta were here on business Monday.

If coffee does not agree with you, try Postum. We sell it. Kennedy Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lewis have moved back to their former home at Elkhart.

Will Musick of Sacul was over a few days last week and visited his family at Augusta.

For Rent

100 acres of land south of town. R. B. Edens.

Misses N. A. Bardwell and Ruby Wilson of Tyler were the week end guests of Mrs. Loye Stowe.

Concrete well curbing is the thing to use to stop your well from caving. See us about it. Leaverton & Walling.

Stroll through our grocery department and see what a nice, fresh stock we carry. Kennedy Bros.

We sell the Genuine Bull Durham smoking tobacco, advertised in the Messenger. Kennedy Bros.

Paul MacDonald, a splendid young man of the Livelyville community, has accepted a position in the mechanical department of the Messenger.

See us for concrete well curbing. We have a large stock on hand. It is cheapest in the long run because it will last a lifetime. Leaverton & Walling.

Will buy your chickens and eggs every Saturday, paying highest market price in cash. See me at Lively's cotton platform. Bob Wherry

Meal and Hulls

I have a car of cotton seed meal and hulls to trade for cotton seed, or will sell for cash. Will save you money. Henry Dailey.

Ready for Service

Financial Prince Premier, registered Jersey male now ready for service. Fee \$5.00 in advance, service guaranteed. C. C. Hill.

Farm Hand Wanted

Will pay single man \$20.00 per month, board and washing; can use married man, furnish house to live in and pay \$1.00 per day. A. U. Streetman, R. 3.

Onion sets at Kennedy Bros.

Some bargains at Howard's.

Garden seed at Kennedy Bros.

J. E. Towery of Crockett was here on business Monday.

All kinds of onion sets, 50c per gallon at Kennedy Bros.

All sizes of KELLEY PLOW POINTS and LANDSIDES at W. H. Long & Co's.

Miss Virgil Elkins of Lovelady is the guest of Miss Agnes Murray this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis and baby of Crockett visited relatives here Sunday.

Rev. Fred J. Newland spent several days in Houston this week.

Ready for Service

My registered Jersey male, 2 miles north of town. Service fee \$2.50. E. P. Bean.

Mrs. D. N. Mosely has returned to her home in Marshall, after spending a few days here with her daughter, Miss Mattye Leigh.

If you break down on the road just phone us and we'll be there in a jiffy. We give you service. Farmers Union phone. Norman & Lively.

Will buy your chickens and eggs every Saturday, paying highest market price in cash. See me at Lively's cotton platform. Bob Wherry

Dog Lost

Black curly Shepherd dog, about 7 or 8 months old, lost in Grapeland Saturday, Jan. 22. Notify C. M. Streetman, R. 3.

Mrs. Laura Goodson and her little neice, Marguerite Sullivan, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Goodson in Jacksonville Saturday and Sunday.

W. L. Mangum has sold his interest in the mercantile business to Mr. Murray and will go on the road as salesman for a firm in Houston.

Howard will sell you—
Searchlight matches, per box..... 5c
Garden seed, per paper..... 5c
Onion sets, per quart..... 10c
Triumph seed potatoes, per pk. 75c

For Sale

Choice frost-proof cabbage plants, early Flat Dutch, Early Jersey and Charleston Wakefield. Post paid. Prompt shipment. 100, 35c; 300, \$1.00. Jesse Barnes, 4t Trinity Texas.

Will Ship Hogs

I will ship a car of hogs Friday, February 4. Those having any to sell please bring them in at once. J. W. Howard.

Aching in the small of the back is an indication of kidney disease. The proper course in such cases is to begin at once the use of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an effective kidney remedy and system regulator. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

Healthy Livestock

After a long season of dry feed your horses and your cows and your hogs need a conditioner, and in some cases, a worm expeller.

We have a scientific compound prepared by Dr. Hess that fulfills the above requirements.

We have also a Panacea for your poultry that will put your hens in a healthy condition and increase the quantity of eggs.

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A MODERN MORALITY PLAY IN FOUR ACTS

It is fitting that the Lyceum should present those dramas which by their visualization of great truths, assist the educational and religious forces of the community. To present such dramas is the aim of the Clifton Mallory Players.

Mr. Mallory, who heads this company of artists, has been in Lyceum work for the past twelve years. He is a well known actor and is the author of five successful plays. His supporting company is the best obtainable.

In "Vanity," a modern morality play of four acts, patrons will find a powerful sermon. It is first and foremost a pleasing entertainment. It deals with a timely theme of the day—that national disease of keeping up appearances at any cost. It is filled with clean and wholesome humor and replete with many big dramatic moments. Its message is one of inspiration and achievement, and its powerful theme is reverently treated and convincingly presented.

SEE THIS WONDERFUL PLAY AT THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Tuesday Night, Feb. 8

At the Methodist Church

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Come and worship with us. Visitors are always welcome. B. C. Anderson, Pastor.

Want to Buy

I am in the market for stoker sows and shoats; will pay 5c to 6c, according to class and grade. If I am not in town, see J. W. Howard, who will weigh the hogs and pay for same. George Calhoun

If your head is dizzy on stooping or rising suddenly and everything turns black before the eyes, you have a torpid liver. Take Herbine. It is a powerful liver regulator. Price, 60c. Sold by D. N. Leaverton.

Notice Woodmen

At our regular meeting Saturday night, February 5th, we will elect officers for this year. Other important business to come up; we want every member present. J. S. Eaves, C. C., W. D. Granberry, Clk.

Cotton Seed

Those having cotton seed to sell, see me and let me buy them. The mills will close down for the season pretty soon, so if you have any, better dispose of them at once. J. W. Howard.

Kidney disorders cause much distress of mind and body. Such ailments should not be neglected because they lead to diseases that are dangerous. Prickly Ash Bitters is a splendid tonic for men. It strengthens the kidneys and purifies the stomach and bowels. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Smith & Ryan, Special Agents.

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Scholarship for Sale

We have a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College, which we will sell to some young man or woman at a discount. The Messenger.

POULTRY

CARING FOR BREEDING DUCKS

If Not Kept for Production of Market Eggs Fowls Should Be Given Grass Range.

Breeding ducks, if not kept for the production of market eggs, should have a grass range, if possible, after the hatching season is over and be fed sparingly on a mash of 1 part, by weight, corn meal, 2 parts bran, 1 part low-grade wheat flour, 1 part green feed, 8 per cent beef scrap and 3 per cent grit, given once or twice daily, with one feed of mixed grains; or the mash may be made of 3 parts, by measure, corn meal, 4 parts bran, 2 parts low-grade wheat flour, three-fourths part beef scrap, and 2 parts of green feed, with a small amount of grit and shell or mineral matter.

Feed Pekin ducks for eggs, beginning about December 1, on 1 pound of corn meal, 1 pound of low-grade flour



Pekin Ducks About Seven Weeks Old in Fattening Pen.

or middlings, 1 pound of bran, 15 per cent of beef scrap, 15 per cent of vegetables or green feed, and some grit, feeding this mash twice daily, in the morning and at night; also giving 1 quart of mixed corn and wheat to every 30 ducks at noon when they are laying heavily. These laying rations should be fed throughout the year to Indian Runners or to any breed of ducks kept principally for the production of market eggs, poultry specialists of the United States department of agriculture say. If the Indian Runner ducks are not laying, they should be fed sparingly. All rations are by weight unless otherwise stated. Thirty laying ducks (Pekins) will eat about 10 quarts of moist mash at each meal.

FEEDING FOWLS FOR PROFIT

Early Hatched Chick Will Reach Laying Maturity Before Commencement of Cold Season.

The first rule for getting a good profit from poultry is to get the chicks hatched early, and the next is to keep them growing so that they will reach laying maturity before the commencement of cold weather. There is no profit in keeping a chicken just alive, whether it is intended for laying stock or for the market. One reason why more care should be exercised in feeding fowls is that the chicks know less about what is good for them than do the fowls. The healthy chick is a hungry thing and will eat what is given it; the digestive organs being weak are less able to dispose of objectionable feed than are those of older fowls.

Young chicks should be fed a little at a time and often, poultry specialists in United States department of agriculture say. They should be fed early in the morning and just before going to bed at night, and not less than three times in the intervening period. For the first two weeks they may be fed three meals of soft feed and two of hard, and after that age two of soft and three of hard, less soft feed being fed as they grow older. No more moistened soft feed should be given at one time than they will eat up clean.

Good Sense From N. Y. Governor

Governor Miller of New York tells some petitioners that he cannot pardon criminals merely because a large number of people petition him to do so. There must be some better reason than that he will not put the executive power above the law, he says, unless there is some very strong reason.

Renew your subscription.

The Tenderfoot



UNION NEWS

Union, Jan. 31.—Our school is getting along fine and everyone like the teachers fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Stockbridge and Mr. and Mrs. Chism visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Beeson Sunday.

Felix Beeson spent Saturday night and Sunday with Herman Oliver.

A number of the young folks were at the party at Miss Ruth Robertson's and Milburn Ellis'. They all report a nice time.

Elmer Brumley and Hiram Gains went to Palestine on a business trip the latter part of last week.

There was a large crowd at the little folks' party at Elmo Keen's; all had a real nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham visited Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith Sunday.

Misses Flora and Audrey Chaffin and Ina Mae Weisinger visited Miss Berdie Weisinger Sunday.

Miss Grace Caskey visited Misses Laura and Zela Keen Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Curtis Walling and children have moved into their new home in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Herod visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaffin Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Wells went to Palestine to see her sister, who is there taking treatment.

Miss Gladys Beeson spent Sunday night with Mrs. Wylie Moseley.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hodges visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Weisinger Sunday.

DALY'S NEWS

Daly's, Jan. 31.—We are having some real cool weather now—just right for killing hogs, but there have been several who have lost lots of their meat during this last warm spell.

Church was very well attended yesterday and we were glad to have Bro. Newland with us, for it has been quite awhile since we have had preaching at Daly's.

Mr. John Edens and Mrs. Annie Dailey spent the day with

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dailey Tuesday.

Mrs. Balis Dailey visited Mrs. Dock Huff Tuesday.

Mrs. Bell Beazley of Reynard community spent Sunday with Mrs. W. C. Laister.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Huff spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earle Pennington.

Mr. Sambo Pridgen spent the day with Mr. Hamp Huff Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Story and daughter, Miss Edna Mae, and Mrs. Scarborough of Hays Spring community spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hill Huff.

Luther Warner of Hays Spring visited in this community Sunday.

ROCK HILL NEWS

Rock Hill, Jan. 31.—Our Sunday school was well attended, but still we would be glad to see others come, for they are missing something that should be of interest to them and those around them.

The party of Mrs. Lucy Willis' Saturday night was enjoyed by all who had the pleasure of being there.

Miss mamie Durnell of Antrim visited with Miss Eva Mae Nichols Saturday and Sunday.

Marvin Willis, who has been at work at Dallas, has returned home for a short while.

Miss Hulu Mae English of Kennard spent the past week here with her sister, Miss Erma English.

O. L. Lowery spent the week end in Huntsville among old normal friends.

Mrs. C. M. Streetman visited at Ancil Streetman's Sunday.

Several families have moved into this community lately, among them being, J. W. Taylor and Earle Monsinger, formerly of Rocky Mound. They are now living on Mrs. Lucy Willis' place. Mr. Brint and Mr. Clarey, with their families, are on Mr. Matthews' place. All of these folks are a help to us in our school and church affairs. We are glad to have them with us.

Early in the month we elected Sunday school officers as follows: J. L. Nichols, superinten-

dent; Miss Alice Taylor, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Bessie Weisinger, teacher class No. 1; Willie Streich, teacher, class No. 2; O. L. Lowery, teacher class No. 3.

We have noted with much interest the letters sent in by the ladies giving the number of chickens and eggs sold last year, and we are sure it goes to prove that it's the little things, which we often neglect, that pays well when cared for.

Mrs. H. M. Streetman visited her sister, Mrs. J. J. Willis, at Antrim Saturday.

Little Hill Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. U. Streetman, is on the sick list. Hope he may soon be well again.

Mrs. Clara Teal returned Saturday, after spending a week visiting at Rocky Mound.

The men folks spent all of last week in working the different roads of the community, they certainly did a good job, too.

ANTRIM NEWS

Antrim, Jan. 31.—Almost everybody is busy breaking land and getting ready to start another crop.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Edens and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Waddell.

Several from this community attended the entertainment at Mrs. Lucy Willis' Saturday night.

Miss Mamie Durnell was the guest of Miss Eva Mae Nichols Saturday night and Sunday.

Homer and Wayne Little and Calvin Durnell spent Sunday with Chester Martin.

Miss Laura Herod spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Newton Streetman.

Miss Ola Kiser spent Sunday night with Miss Katie Martin.

Several from this community attended Sunday school at Rock Hill Sunday afternoon.

Miss Katie Martin was the guest of Miss Jencie Kiser Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. A. W. Brinson and children spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Durnell.

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Dogs Have Some Rights

A New York man who threw his dog out of a second-story window was arrested and sent to jail for five days. He claimed that he thought the dog was mad, but the judge believed the madness was in the heart of the man. It seems the dog had pulled a tablecloth off the table and broken some dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kennedy visited relatives in Crockett Sunday.

Can you Afford

To neglect your personal appearance when our prices for cleaning, pressing and repairing clothes are easily within your means?

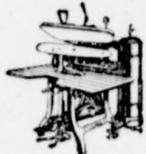
CAN YOU AFFORD

To overlook the importance of personality as relates to outer garments?

YOU CANNOT

We solicit your patronage and agree to give you unexcelled service.

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How to Build a Lagging Business

Has your business shown symptoms of lagging? Are you working night and day without making any real progress?

There is a practical way to build up a lagging business. Start right now and give yours a "going over." Face facts. Is it a business worthy of development? Let us help you.

Let your home paper tell its readers about your business; just what you offer, and how good it is, and the price.

Sincere advertising is a sure tonic for most business ills.

Put it to the test!

The Best of the Bargain

When you buy advertised goods you are getting the best of the bargain.

Only good goods, fairly priced, can stand the strain of advertising.

You can't imagine a merchant or manufacturer advertising a lot of articles that are poor in

Kidney Trouble Relieved!

No matter how much pain and distress your kidneys and bladder are causing you, quick relief may be yours through HOBOS Kidney & Bladder Remedy. Made from native herbs, this remedy has given prompt and permanent relief in hundreds of cases, and may be taken freely without harmful effects. No alcohol. Sold by all druggists for \$1.20 the bottle. Hobo Med. Mfg. Co., Shreveport, La.

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quality, poor in make, and that will not give reasonable wear. Such goods can't stand the strain of advertising. The business can't stand the strain of public condemnation.

When a merchant signs his name to a statement he is careful of what he says. When the whole reputation of his business is at stake, he is doubly careful. When that statement is being sent out to all the people so that anything in it that is not true will be known to all of his employees and most of his friends; then you may be sure he is ten times doubly careful.

So, when you buy advertised goods you get the best of the bargain because they must be as advertised.

That is why it pays you to read advertisements and to buy the goods advertised. Advertising protects you. Read the ads and get the best of the bargain.

Elmo Murdock was in Palestine Monday on business.

Representative Rice Writes Concerning His Road Bill

Austin, Texas, Jan. 29, 1921
Editor Messenger:

Understanding that some interest is being manifested by a good portion of the people in my county in regard to a bill introduced in the present session of the legislature by me relating to the matter of salaries for members of the commissioners' courts and their connection with and duties towards the public roads, I am handing you with this a copy of the bill referred to with the request that you publish it in the columns of your paper and invite discussion and comment and suggestions concerning the same. I am not averse to public scrutiny and comment and criticism of any act of mine regarding anything I may do or undertake to do in connection with the office I hold. In fact, I will be grateful for everything of that kind.

It is perhaps but proper that I should state that I am not the author of this bill and that I introduced it merely at the request of others. Still, I think the bill is not entirely without merit. Its purpose is two-fold, viz: To provide fair and reasonable compensation for county commissioners and to advance the interests of good roads. I take it that none will deny that the office of county commissioner is one of the most, if not the most important one belonging to our county government. The entire financial interests of the county is in their hands, with the County Judge acting in cooperation with the county commissioners. It is upon their combined judgment that the general welfare of the county government largely rests. They are clothed with vast powers in this connection, and their duties are numerous and exacting.

This being so I think it is not reasonable to expect efficient service without reasonable and fair compensation, and I doubt if the present compensation of, I believe, \$4.00 a day can be called that sort of compensation. I understand that it amounts to about \$300 a year, or \$25.00 a month, and I may ask where is the really competent man who is going to give his time to the work of a county commissioner for this pitiful sum? To expect it is to reason against judgment and common sense, it seems to me.

However, I am frank to say that in my judgment a salary of \$1500 is excessive and I intend to use my best efforts to have the bill amended in some way so as to cut down this amount. But I am not sure of the best way to fix the amount of compensation so as to make it just and equitable. I can see but two ways of doing it. One is to fix a definite salary, and the other is to fix it on a per diem basis, that is, so much a day for actual time served. I invite discussion on this point, and will be glad to have suggestions from any source.

It is possible that with the road duties proposed by this bill when taken in connection with the regular work of commissioners at \$4.00 a day, might be ample to procure efficient service by allowing the same wages for road duties, limited to a certain number of days per month, say ten days at \$4.00 per day, or \$40 per month, aggregating \$480 per year. This combined

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with the other service amounting to \$300 a year, would make a total of \$780 a year. Would this be adequate compensation for the service rendered?

But I beg to submit this question: Are the services of the commissioners really needed in connection with these road duties? Taking Houston county as an example, we must not forget that practically the whole county is now divided into road districts, possibly no more than a fourth of the county being left outside of these districts, if that much. These road districts are local in their nature and they have a system of management and control of their own, being conducted almost wholly by a board of advisors, or local advisory board, but with just what success and satisfaction these boards are discharging their duties is a matter worth consideration. If they are doing well and giving satisfaction, are they in need of any assistance from the commissioners? These boards, I understand, serve without charge or cost to the county. Then is it good business or good economy to pay somebody to go out and aid them in their labors? If not, then why incur this expense? And if they are not needed, is the small compensation paid them as regular commissioners sufficient for the service rendered? Or should it be increased, and if so, how much?

I submit to your readers that this is an important matter and I will thank them for any suggestions they may care to make. Let it be understood that this is not a local bill, affecting Houston county alone, but all the counties alike of the population named in the bill. It applies to a vast majority of the counties in the state probably, and the representatives from all these counties will have a say in regard to the bill. Hence, it may be that I will not be able to change it in any material respects, but I expect to do the best I can and need all the information I can get.

Chas. C. Rice.

The Bill

AN ACT to amend Article 6901D, Chapter 98 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the Thirty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas that Article 6901D, Chapter 98 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-sixth Legislature shall be so changed as to read thus:

Sec. 2. Provided that in all counties containing a population of not less than twenty-eight thousand and not more than forty thousand inhabitants, the county commissioners of the several counties shall receive a salary of Fifteen Hundred Dollars annually, payable in equal monthly installments from the county's general fund. Said

salary shall be in lieu of all fees and per diem of all kinds allowed by law. The commissioner of counties containing a population of not less than twenty-eight thousand and not more than forty thousand inhabitants shall be chairman of the advisory boards of the independent road districts in the commissioners' precincts respectively, and in case the office of road superintendent is abolished in the counties within the population limits as above prescribed, the county commissioner shall assume and perform all the duties of the county road superintendent.

Sec. 3. The fact that this is a very important matter created an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule that bills be read on three several days and said rule is hereby suspended. This act shall take effect and be enforced from and after the time of its passage and it is so enacted.

American Legion is Backing Anti-Japanese Law

Austin, Tex., Jan. 30. — The American Legion of Texas is heartily in favor of the Dudley bill seeking to bar Japanese from possessing land in the state and believes the bill, with a few changes, will be an effective measure, was the substance of a report made by the subcommittee of the state executive organization this morning.

Questions as to whether the Dudley bill will prevent the leasing of lands for agricultural purposes to Japanese has concerned the legion. The subcommittee decided that the bill adequately covered this matter. Sam Baggett, Raymond Phelps and Herbert Peairs of San Antonio constituted the subcommittee which made the report.

Some minor changes to clarify the measure are wanted by the legion, Mr. Baggett said. The legion is in favor of the bill and will heartily support it, he said speaking for the subcommittee.

Post Commander Oler of Harlingen and Duval West Jr., adjutant of the Harlingen post, were here for the conference, representing the Rio Grande Valley legion posts, where the agitation against the Japanese started over the attempt to settle Japanese in the Valley.

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J. W. Howard.

What the Women of America Are Doing Today to Help Keep Down Unrest.

By REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MAC CRATE of New York.

We have listened to men discuss the burden resting upon officials who administer the financial affairs of the city, state and nation, and we have wondered what these government experts would do were they limited to incomes as are the women of our homes.

Governmental officials are continually exceeding the amount allotted to their departments and congress, too frequently without condemnation, appropriates more. Did the average housewife of America spend what comes to her from the family with the open-handed carelessness of some departmental heads the unrest which we see about us would be multiplied a thousandfold. It is utterly impossible to calculate what the women of America are doing today toward keeping down riot and revolution.

If our efficiency experts in the field of government could make a little go as long a way and could adjust expenditures to income as well as do the women of our households, this nation would soon see its indebtedness reduced.

TRINITY RIVER RIPPLES

Reynard, Jan. 31.—Farmers have made some headway during the month, but there is so much work to do we cannot sleep good at night, and we almost begrudge the Lord's day.

The boys across the creek have put a dump across the creek bottom and bridged the sloughs and it will take extra high water to cut them off from this side.

Herman Beazley has put a neat plank fence around his house and it adds fifty per cent to the looks of his home.

Some of our people have lost some nice meat, which they killed about the middle of the month. They killed at the wrong time.

T. A. Kent, who had business in Crockett for his company, is spending a few days with his aunt, Mrs. P. L. Fulgham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Taylor and children of Grapeland were the guests at the West home Sunday.

Mrs. J. H. Beazley, Miss McCall and A. E. Murray visited at the Lasiter home at Daly's.

Mrs. Douglass Beazley and daughters spent Saturday night in the Sandy City at the home of Jack Beazley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kent were guests at the Fulgham home Sunday. Also Mr. and Mrs. Herman Beazley and Algne.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Fox and little daughter, Elnor, visited

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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chiles Sunday afternoon. Also Mrs. Homer Beazley and children, Douglass Beazley and Ted Fox.

We are glad to know that E. W. Davis is getting well. We number Ed. among our best friends.

A few words about the tacky party at H. G. Pennington's, as we were there and acted as one of the judges in the contest. There were thirteen couples that entered. Miss Lois Murchison and Cobie Masters were the winners. The laugh came in when the cake cutting came off, which was nothing but a corn cake all iced over and looked like a sure enough cake. Now, it would have tickled a dog to see Cobie when he cut down on that cake. Daniel Pennington, who was one of the judges, said when Cobie first bit he was not right sure thought maybe his taste was not right, but the second bite he wilted. Now, this scribe was as badly sold out as Cobie, for our mouth was setting cake-wise. So it was a little bit too serious to be very funny to us; did not think Mrs. Pennington would have done us that way.

SALMON NEWS

Salmon, Jan. 31.—The good norther we had last week just about put an end to hog killing for this season.

Bro. Ben Morrison filled his appointment here Sunday and preached three fine sermons. A very large crowd was present at each service. He will preach regularly for us every fourth Sunday.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Laister has been sick for several days, but is reported better.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Smith was laid to rest the Guiceland cemetery last Friday, after an illness of several week's duration. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved father and mother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grounds spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hodges.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herod spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Laister.

A number of our people went with our pastor to Center Grove Sunday afternoon where he preached to the people of that community at 3 o'clock.

Our good friend, W. J. Starkley, who is attending school at Rusk, will preach for us next Sunday. Everybody come and hear him, and bring someone with you. Sunday school at 10 o'clock, and the B. Y. P. U. at 7:30 p. m.

Poll Tax Receipts Issued for Houston County, 1920

Men, 2650; women, 250; exemption certificates, 15.

Tax Collections for last three days of January, \$60,000.

Tax Collections January 31st, \$30,000.

Tax Collections for entire month of January, \$130,000.

Tax Collections for months of October, November, December and January, \$181,000.

The collections for January broke all previous records as far back as records could be found.

Automobiles registered during January, 750, averaging \$8.00 each, \$6000.00; one-half of this amount goes to Houston County, one-half to the State. A large per cent of tax collected during term closing January 31, was previously voted for special purposes, the bonds having been issued and special tax having been levied in accordance therewith.

The Commissioners Court has set February 14th as the day for hearing all claims for refunds of excess or wrongfully levied tax. All persons having complaints of this nature will take due notice and act accordingly. Tax Collector Butler and three deputies worked until 12 Monday night, doing without dinner and supper, not having time to stop, so great was the rush. In spite of the work, rush and worry, doing without meals, and water for hours at a time, the crowds were handled in a most effective manner and the people treated with the utmost courtesy. Mr. Butler has a fine showing to make to the court and deserves commendation for the manner in which he has performed the duties of the office. Figures given above may vary a trifle, not much, and were tabulated after a close investigation.

BETHEL NEWS

Bethel, Jan. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hodges Sunday.

Mrs. Denman spent Saturday and Sunday with her son, Homer Denman.

Miss Ruth Smith visited Misses Bamma and Annie Cunningham Saturday night.

Several of the young people of this community attended the party at Milburn Ellis' Saturday night.

Mrs. Eunice Dickey spent Saturday night with Miss Gracie Tillman.

Misses Ethel and Vergie Tillman and Mrs. Modelle Howard visited Mrs. Matilda Steadman Saturday.

Maybelle Denman spent Saturday with Alma Redmond.

Cleve Sadler, Hugh Richards, Joe Willie and Will Redmond were in Palestine on business Wednesday.

Joe Willie Redmond and Mrs. Eunice Dickey and Miss Gracie Tillman attended Sunday school at Livelyville Sunday.

Lenard Howard went to Crockett Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Sadler and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Richards spent Saturday and Sunday in Grapeland with relatives.

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Parent-Teachers Association Organized Monday

On Monday afternoon at the school auditorium a parent-teachers association was organized with twenty-nine members.

The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Albert Tyer, President.
Mrs. W. L. Smith, 1st Vice President.

Mrs. S. E. Traylor, 2nd Vice President.

Mrs. C. W. Kennedy, 3rd Vice President.

Mrs. W. D. Grandberry, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Mrs. A. H. Luker, Corresponding Secretary and Press Reporter.

Messrs. F. M. Boone, W. D. Grandberry and E. E. Hollingsworth, Advisory Board.

Committees on social service, entertainment and membership were appointed.

A fee of ten cents a month will be charged as dues. Two meetings a month will be held, on each first and third Friday afternoons at the school building at 3:15 o'clock.

There seemed to be a great

deal of interest and enthusiasm manifested at this meeting, and we hope to enroll every parent in the community as a member of this association, for everyone will agree that there is nothing needed more than an organization of this kind to look after the general welfare of the school and community.

Reporter.

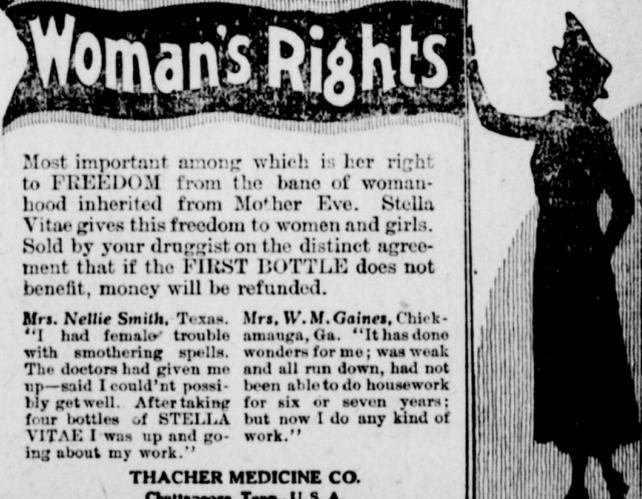
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J. W. Howard

W. R. Wherry of Houston was in Grapeland Saturday meeting his many friends. Mr. Wherry has a lucrative grocery business in a suburb of the city of Houston, and has now branched out into the wholesale produce business. His business here was to make arrangements to get some of the produce that is shipped from Grapeland.

Miss Ola Brashears of Sweetwater is visiting relatives in and near Grapeland.



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