

# THE GRAHAM LEADER

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## The Dependon Store

### SPRINGTIME--WHERE ART THOU?

Just a few more days and you will be face to face with Spring and **The New Things** for Spring. Our buyer is now in the great Eastern markets and he assured us of the fact that he would take more time than ever before in selecting our big Spring and Summer stock. What you want is what we want—**The New Thing**—and that is what we will have, **everything that is new.** All the **New Things** in White Goods will be shown here. Also Silks and Dress Goods, Trimmings, and Novelties of all kinds—**New Things** that will require no **Special** advertising. **The New Things** will sell themselves.

WE SELL



**GUARANTEED STOCKINGS**

FOR MAN, WOMAN OR CHILD

The Best-Looking, Best-Feeling and Best-Fitting, as well as Best-Wearing Stockings made.

LET US SHOW YOU

#### NEW ARRIVALS

**New Linens** for early Spring wear consist of all colors and weaves. A big stock to select from.

**60 Doz. New Shirts** for men and boys that are beauties, with more to follow.

**New Slippers and Low Quarters.**—Away with the old winter shoes. Here are the new Spring modes in the daintiest lines and colorings, made of sturdy leathers that will wear well. **Style, Comfort, Quality, Price,** that combination necessary to perfect footwear, is wonderfully blended in this Springtime display. There is one to fit every foot, every fancy; new lasts, new leathers. You will be correctly dressed so far as footwear is concerned whatever you choose. Put aside the old shoes now. Don the Spring models today. Quite a number have already.

We invite you to call and see for yourself.

NEW LADIES HOME JOURNAL PATTERNS

For NEW THINGS Watch This Space

THE "DEPENDON" STORE

## R. F. SHORT & CO.

"The Price is the Thing"

### EVERYBODY HERE LAST MONDAY

**BAD WEATHER HAS NO HORRORS FOR BIG MONDAY VISITORS TO GRAHAM AND THEY ALL COME TO TOWN**

Last Monday brought another great crowd of people to Graham. It was Trades Day again and the people began to arrive the evening before and continued to pour into town until the noon hour. They were here, as usual from every-where. Jack, Baylor, Archer, Throckmorton, Palo Pinto and Stephens counties were well represented here on that day and several were here from even greater distances. The morning was cloudy, heavy, threatening clouds hung over head and a cold damp wind blew most of the time, but people have become accustomed to visiting Graham on Trades Day and they paid no heed to the weather. Numbers of citizens from surrounding towns were here in automobiles and many of them declared that interest in our Big Monday was increasing among the people everywhere.

From the time of opening until away after closing hours our merchants were as busy as Mexican Colonels and the hotels and restaurants were completely overrun. Surely it was one of the greatest days Graham has ever had and demonstrated beyond the shadow of a doubt that the farmers generally want to continue to observe the second Monday in each month as Trades Day in Graham.

There was more than the usual activity among the traders on the streets during the evening, and no little trading and swapping was done, but there was but few old broken down horses or poor animals to be seen here that day.

During the noon hour the Firemen's Band played a number of selections on the streets which seemed to be enjoyed by all who were able to get close enough to hear the music. The boys expect to endeavor to play at the bandstand on Trades Days until the summer opens, or perhaps all the year, and they have arranged to begin regular rehearsals after this week.

These Trades Days are being observed in most every town in the State on a set Monday in each month, but so far as we have been able to learn, Graham leads them all so far, for big crowds. We want to see them continue for they are far better than picnics or barbecues in that they bring the people together for both business and pleasure.

#### Our Wires Crossed.

Our good friend, C. D. Brewton says we got our wires crossed badly when we stated two weeks ago, that Easter would come on March 23d this year. He says that according to his rules and belief, there must be four full moons after the first of the New Year, before an Easter can be observed and that he expects to have nothing to do with the one on the next to the last Sunday in March; and he will arrange to have one of his own as soon as he can get the time correctly figured out. He says an Easter in March would ruin every garden in the county sure.

#### A Snow Storm.

The heaviest snow in years fell over this section of the country last Friday afternoon and remained on the ground till nearly noon Saturday. The ground was covered to a depth of nearly two inches. Many of the children enjoyed for the first time in their life the pleasures of snowballing, while others who were fortunate enough to have a hand sled spent a few pleasant hours in coasting down storm house doors and pulling and being pulled over the snow.

### FIRE DESTROYS DOLMAN HOUSE

**OLD HISTORIC HOTEL RUINED AND BOARDERS NARROWLY ESCAPE WITH LIVES IN MIDNIGHT CONFLAGRATION**

Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed the Dolman House shortly after 1 o'clock last night. Jesse Thomas, an employee at the Graham oil well, who boards at the hotel, first discovered the fire and awakened the other guests in time for them to get dressed and out of the building before the fire had reached such an extent as to cut off all escape.

F. B. Smeed, another employee at the oil well who works till midnight, drove up to the Flint stable just as the fire broke out and assisted in turning in the alarm and helping the boarders to make their escape from the building.

The fire boys responded to the call in a remarkably short while after the alarm was turned in, considering the time of night, and they did excellent work in keeping the fire from spreading. There was scarcely a breath of wind blowing but two other buildings, the Flint Stable and the J. H. Fisher residence were in danger, but the boys held the flames down so completely that neither of these even so much as got warmed from the raging flames.

The Dolman House has been one of the most popular hotels in the city for many years and nearly every room in the building was occupied, and the occupants were all, with the exception of Mr. Thomas, fast asleep, so it is a remarkable fact that no lives were lost, and while all our people regret the loss of this excellent hostelry they are thankful indeed that it resulted so well with the inmates.

But few were able to get out with anything but the suit of

clothes they wore and some were not prepared to meet company until they had been favored by their more fortunate friends. Some of the furniture in the lower rooms and the piano was saved, but most of it was either lost or damaged.

The Dolman House has been in charge of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Day for the past six months. They have moved what furniture they had left, to the old R. G. Hallam residence on South Oak street and will live there for awhile.

J. B. Collins, a young man about twenty-three years of age, and nephew of W. C. Collins, of Elbert, jumped from an up stair window at the rear of the building during the excitement and received some injuries about one hand, his face and his back, but was able to be up and about this morning. Mr. Collins had just come in from his home at Paradise, Texas, and was a stranger in the hotel and did not know that there was a rear stairway to the building. By this stairway most of the people who were up stairs, left the building but the smoke was so dense the young man could not tell where they were all going and decided to take the window route. It is fortunate he escaped so slightly injured.

The Dolman House which was formerly the Graham Hotel, was closely associated with the early history of Young County. During the old Federal Court days here, many prominent people made it their stopping place. Under the big oak tree in the yard just east of the building, Capt. J. C. Loving, father of

Oliver Loving, organized the West Texas Cattlemen's Association. This was the nucleus of the now National Cattle Raisers Association, one of the best organized protective bodies in the world.

The original Graham Hotel stood on the ground where Doty's drug store now is. This hotel burned down about thirty years ago, and F. H. Stafford then built the house just destroyed and called it the Graham Hotel. The name was changed to the Dolman House a few years ago, when Mrs. Dolman purchased the building from Mr. Stafford.

The building was a complete loss, insurance only being carried on the furniture.

#### Long-Long

Last Sunday morning at the residence of Mrs. Otts, in this city, Mr. Charles L. Long and Miss Alma Long were united in marriage, Judge E. W. Fry performing the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left for Elvasville for a short visit.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long, of Elvasville, and has for the past two years made Graham her home, during which time she had made many friends.

The groom has lived here a number of years and is well liked by all. At present he is employed at the Graham Mill & Elevator. The Leader joins their many friends in extending congratulations and good wishes.

#### Election Ordered.

A petition was presented to the Commissioners' Court today calling for a county site election to be held in this county. The petition was signed by Newcastle parties and was brought to town by a delegation, from that town who came over in an automobile after noon.

The court ordered an election, as petitioned for, to be held on Saturday, the 22nd day of March.

### KAFFIR SPECIAL VISITS GRAHAM

**BAD WEATHER PREVENTS EXPECTED LARGE CROWD FROM VISITING TRAIN AND HEARING FINE SPEECHES**

The Rock Island Milo-Kaffir Special visited Graham on last Thursday morning as advertised, and although the weather was very disagreeable, there were enough people present to fill the train. However, but few farmers were able to get here and the trip of the special will not be of as much benefit to this section of the country as had been hoped for.

The business houses all closed and the Firemen's Band headed the crowd to the depot where the train was and in a very short while the coaches were filled and the speeches were begun.

Colonel Henry Exall spoke in the first coach and as the people could not get in to hear him, he was requested to come into the second coach after he had finished his first talk and speak to the crowd there and he very readily consented to do so. His talk was along the line of corn raising and stock breeding and as he was more generally known by our people, they were all anxious to see and hear him. His speech is claimed by many to have been the best along that line, ever heard here. There were many other speakers, besides a man who spoke on the building of silos, and the benefit they are to the farmers and stock raisers. In this speech he used a miniature silo, showing the construction and giving a fair idea of how they should be built.

The object of this tour is to get the farmers of Texas to raise Kaffir corn and Milo maize—the two crops that never fail in either wet or dry years.





## AMERICAN BEAUTY

...AND...

## MADAM GRACE CORSETS

It is very important that you have a perfect fit in a corset or your costume will show the effect. We recommend the purchase of one of the above corsets and guarantee satisfaction in every respect.

PRICES, \$1.00 TO \$5.00

# THE HOUSE OF QUALITY

We are proud of the fact that we can boast of the above name and know that it meets with the approval of our many satisfied customers. We will be better prepared this season to furnish our patrons with Higher Quality Merchandise for a lower price than ever before, and we only ask that you call and give us an opportunity to show you the many Bargains that we have already received in New Spring Goods.

### MILLINERY NOTICE

We are pleased to announce that we will have with us again this season Miss Claudia Morgan, who is now in the Northern markets purchasing one of the most fashionable and up-to-date lines of Millinery that has ever been shown in Graham. We will appreciate a call from you.

### TO OUR MAIL ORDER CUSTOMERS

At your request we will be glad to send you samples of anything you may ask, and will guarantee satisfaction in filling your orders by Prepaid Parcels Post. We are specially equipped for handling mail orders and respectfully solicit your patronage on the basis of Low Prices and High Quality.

#### NEW LACES

We have just received an immense shipment of the prettiest and daintiest line of Val and Torchon Laces with Van Dyke Points.

#### EARLY ARRIVAL

New Flaxen . 20c and 30c

#### TOPSY HOSIERY

The world-known Topsy Hosiery—We have just received a big stock

#### WUNDERHOSE

For all the family. Six pair guaranteed for six months.

\$1.00 per box

#### SPRING GINGHAMS

No doubt the biggest stock that was ever shown in Graham, and such a great variety of patterns and colors to select from.

Prices, 10c, 12½c, 15c

Kirschbaum Clothes



## MEN'S SPRING OXFORDS

If you want to live easy and have foot comfort all the time, wear a



### WALK-OVER

We have the new Spring Styles for men and boys in Tans, Vici, Gunmetal, Patents and Glazed Kang. Prices, \$3.50 to \$6.00

Also have the Famous Edwin Clapp Shoes. Every pair is a walking advertisement.



### LADIES' SPRING FOOTWEAR

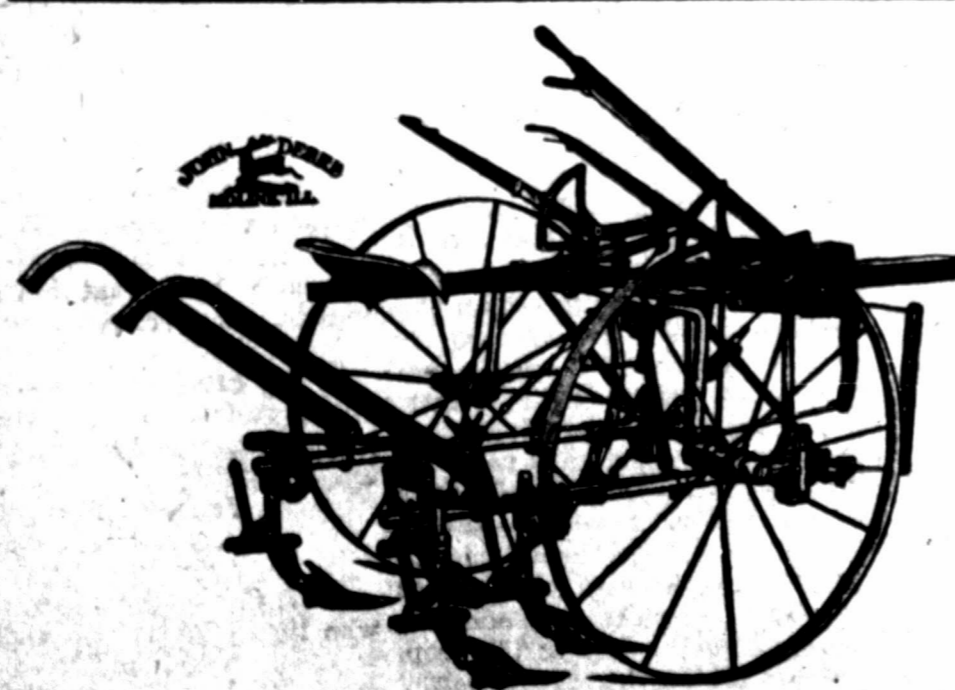
We are sole agents in Graham for the well known line of DOROTHY DODD SHOES

They have the style and quality. Price, \$3.50 to \$5.00

Also the old reliable Star Brand Shoes for all the family.

## CLOTHING

We have left only a few of the celebrated KIRSCHBAUM Winter Suits we are closing out at very low prices. Also other high grade clothing that we are going to sell regardless of profit.



### John Deere Cultivators

We have them both four and six plows, shift seat feature, etc. Also a big stock of everything in John Deere Farm Implements, Moline Wagons, Hacks, Buggies, etc. We want your business and can make the price.

**FURNITURE** New shipments most every day. Let us figure on your bill.

## GROCERIES

Just glance at this list and judge for yourself as to the quality.

Swift Premium Hams

Diamond C Bacons

Chase & Sanborn Coffee

White Swan Canned Goods

Scudder's Maple Syrup



## Beech-Nut Brand Beans

Just received, another car of the famous Belle of Wichita Flour. Every sack guaranteed.

Also have a car of Idaho Potatoes in transit.

We keep Fresh Vegetables.

### J. W. TALIAFERRO

Licensed Embalmer and Funeral Director

Both Phones

Day or Night



### Mr. Farmer:

The above is a cut of our Famous No. 105 John Deere Planter. The well-known brand of John Deere goods is so well advertised that it is unnecessary to dwell on their extra high-grade quality.

### LEDBETTER PLANTERS

This is the Planter that is taking the country by storm. We have them and will announce a demonstration later by the inventor, Mr. Ledbetter. This is the Planter that drops only one seed at a time and has the Direct Beam Draft. Don't miss the chance to see them.

# The John E. Morrison Company

Low Price

The Store Where Price and Quality Harmonize.

High Quality



SEED  
TIME  
AND  
HARVEST

The springtime of youth should be employed in planting the seeds of thrift which will yield a crop to provide for the winter of old age.  
Start today.

**THE BECKHAM NATIONAL BANK**

HOME FOR SAVINGS  
STRONG SAFE CONSERVATIVE COURTEOUS

**Local Notes**

SOUTHWESTERN PHONE 25-3  
INDEPENDENT PHONE 30-3.

R. E. Mabry returned Tuesday night from a trip to Bowie.

Large bill Queen Olives.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

A. W. Kay spent a few days of last week in Wichita Falls.

For cheap money on land, see —C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

Al Storms and son, Buddie, of Lucille, were here Monday.

Triumph Seed Potatoes at—Owen & Young's.

S. Poff was one of the number here from Jean last Monday.

D. S. McDonald, of Woodson, was a Trades Day visitor to Graham last Monday.

Vegetables received fresh the first and last of each week.—W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Mrs. J. A. Mundell left Monday morning for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Will Gay, at Jermy.

Just received four barrels of pure Ribbon Candy Syrup; bring your jugs.—Owen & Young.

J. T. Marshall, father of our popular young county attorney, Fay Marshall, was trading and visiting in the city Monday.

E. C. Stovall went to Dallas last Friday in the interest of his new irrigation plant which he is installing on his plantation on the Clear Fork.

Bring up your chickens, eggs, butter, hides and furs; we try to handle everything the farmers have to sell.—Owen & Young.

George McCallister was here Monday from his home in Miller Bend and purchased a quantity of carbon with which to kill the prairie dogs on his place.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

If you need anything in the implement line this season don't fail to look over the J. I. Case line at Vick's.

Miss Eula Logan left yesterday for Dallas to study the Spring millinery styles and to assist in purchasing goods for Street & Co's millinery department.

We can make you a loan on land for 5 or 7 years time or we can make you a loan payable 1, 2, 3 and 5 years. See C. W. Hinson, Graham, Texas.

Sam Dixon and daughter, Miss Murrell, who have been visiting relatives near Graham, left on the train Friday for their home at Plains, Texas. Miss Murrell will re-enter school at Lubbock upon her return.

**Coming**

This week we will unload another car of Moon Brothers Buggies. We have all the latest styles in this case and if you are needing a buggy be sure and call in and see them.

Norris-Johnson Hdw. Co.

Miss Pearl Matthews is visiting in Dallas.

C. L. Jones has moved to the Timmons place west of town.

**Peter Schuttler Wagons and Velie Buggies at Vick's.**

Most of the weather men agree that the remainder of this month will be severe and cold.

**Just Received.**

A car of Red Rust Proof Seed Oats.

Owen & Young.

J. C. Tipton, the new merchant at Elmsville, has our thanks this week for a nice lot of job work, and also for his renewal to The Leader.

See G. C. Mosey for a cheap dwelling house for the summer. Plenty of good water.

Mrs. G. W. Black is able to sit up in bed a part of the time and her many friends feel confident she will soon be enjoying her former good health.

**For Sale on Trade.**

One good Sulky Plow, W. I. Tidwell & Sons.

Evans Jackson, a former citizen of Graham who now lives in Union City, Tennessee, sends us his renewal to The Leader this week and speaks some nice words to us.

**For Sale.**

We have a good horse to sell for cash or on time. Norris-Johnson Hdw. Co.

Luther Braddock writes a letter this week from Steedman, Oklahoma, in which he encloses the amount of a year's subscription to The Leader and says keep her coming.

**Keys Found.**

The loser of a bunch of three door keys and two button hooks on a ring may have them by calling at The Leader office before 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Ed Collins and children left last week for their home in Weatherford. Mr. Collins will remain here a few days to assist in the closing of the Graham Cotton Oil Mill for the season.

**Sewing Wanted!**

Ladies' and children's bonnets a specialty. Mrs. Pearl Mandeville.

Mrs. H. M. Ford and son, of South Bend, were among the Big Monday visitors to Graham who took advantage of our clubbing offer of The Leader and Dallas News both for one year for \$1.75.

P. P. Timmons, one of the leading citizens of the Elbert country, was in town on business last Monday and gladdened the newspaper man's heart with a nice donation to the exchequer, which places his subscription figures in advance.

Highest prices paid for Chickens, Turkeys, Eggs, Butter, Hides and Furs by D. J. Blandon.

Hallam & Jones old stand.

The Graham Cotton Oil Mill crushed its last seed for the present season at 7 o'clock last Saturday morning. This has been the best season the mill has had since its establishment, owing to the large cotton crop raised last year. The employees will all be laid off as soon as the machinery can be cleaned up and closed.

**MABRY & SON**

DEALERS IN

**Substantial Groceries**

And Supplies for Ranches, Farmers, Homes, Hotels and Restaurants

We Can Furnish the Best Fancy Goods for Dinners, Suppers, Entertainments and Special Occasions.

Call and see our fresh vegetables, Celery, Tomatoes, Lettuce, Radishes, Turnips, Beets, Peppers, Squash, Onions, Mustard and Spinach Greens, etc.,

**UNDER ARTIFICIAL SPRAY**

The only thing of the kind that was ever in Graham. It is worth your while to call and see this most practical spraying machine which keeps vegetables as fresh as when they came from the garden.

Get our prices on the biggest and best line of Canned Goods ever brought to Graham. See the display of the celebrated

**GOLDEN GATE COFFEES, TEAS AND SPICES**

Our new Refrigerator, Meat Slicing Machine and Glass Tubs containing Relishes, Pickles, Chow Chow, etc., are sanitary.

Come in and see us. We treat our customers right.

We are daily expecting a car of Velie buggies, something new in style. If you want the noblest buggy ever shown in Graham wait a few days for this car of Velies. D. G. VICK.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Loving are expected in tonight to spend a few days before going to their home at Jermy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mill Ball, living on the M. K. Graham Clear Fork farm, last Monday, February 10, a boy.

Henry Mowry living out on route one, was one of the few who braved the snow last Saturday to trade with our merchants.

See high class musical specialties that will be introduced on different nights during the Newton Stock Co's engagement at the Opera House, week beginning Monday, February 24th.

S. Boyd Street left yesterday morning for St. Louis and Chicago to purchase the spring and summer stock of dry-goods for his firm.

**PLANTERS**

J. I. Case Buster Planter.

J. I. Case Double Row Planter.

J. I. Case Single Row Planter.

All latest improved. See them before you buy.

D. G. VICK.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Arnold are preparing to start house-keeping in the Cooper house in west Graham, which Mr. Arnold recently purchased.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists. (Adv.)

R. L. WRENS and A. W. Buchanan, of Jean, were here on business Monday, and ordered The Leader to continue its weekly visits to their homes during 1913.

G. H. Bunger was here from Newcastle last Monday. It was the first time he had been in Graham for a number of months and he enjoyed meeting and conversing with his many old friends here.

Edna Bowron has the measles. Maurine Norman has the measles. B. A. May is here from Oklahoma prospecting.

Mrs. J. C. Vaughan is reported to have the measles. Dorothy Vaughan is improving from a case of measles.

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**ATTENTION**

I have a full and complete line of Groceries, Feed, etc. I want your business, cash or credit. D. G. VICK.

The weather man has been handing us some real winter the past week. A good snow fell Friday and every day since has been cool and disagreeable.

Mrs. V. E. Eddleman returned Saturday night from Fort Worth where she has been in the sanitarium for the past month. She has improved rapidly since the operation and is slowly regaining her strength and health.

Notice to Stockholders. A meeting of the stockholders of the Union Oil Company, at Graham, is hereby called to meet at the court house in Graham at 1 o'clock on Saturday, February 22. A. H. Jones.

The many friends of Mrs. R. V. Tidwell are rejoicing over the reports that come from her sick room, to the effect that she is much improved. For several weeks she has been near death's door and for a time it seemed that there was no chance for her recovery, so the good news of her present improved condition is the occasion for rejoicing in Graham.

Vernon Crow, who now lives at Perico, Texas writes us this week one of the best letters we have received in a long time, in which he praises The Leader and comments upon the great amount of good reading matter the paper contains each week. We appreciate such kindnesses from our friends and are always glad to know The Leader pleases its readers.

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**DR. PRICE'S**  
CREAM  
**Baking Powder**  
Received the highest award  
at Chicago World's Fair

**GOOD ADDRESS ON  
SCIENTIFIC FARMING**

DELIVERED AT COURT HOUSE THURSDAY NIGHT BY **HON. R. B. ELMORE, REPRESENTATIVE OF TEXAS**  
INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS

Everywhere we find the doubting Thomases, skeptical of any new theory advanced in the religious, scientific, industrial, educational, commercial and agricultural world, because it appears beyond human comprehension and suggests a miracle, or the impossible.

The days of miracles are not over. The one living closely to God endeavors to ascertain the secrets of the Infinite, and the knowledge resulting from this research, reveals some hitherto unknown law of science that is a deviation from the established custom of things; something contrary to what has always been constitutionally accepted as an undisputed fact. Nowhere do we find a more hard-headed doubting Thomas than the agricultural agnostic, and the most convincing method of converting him is the one employed by the Texas Industrial Congress. While it preaches the doctrine of soil conservation and urges the necessity of smaller farms and better quality farms, it submits tangible proof of its claims by 425 boys and youthful farmers living in every section of Texas to endorse us as a cloud of witnesses delivering the goods. Now, how does the Congress find these subjects who become demonstrators of its theories? By offering \$10,000 in yellow, shining gold that it distributes in prizes to those making the best crop yield per acre. The boy goes home to his father and asks for an acre of land on which he can raise corn, cotton or two acres of milo maize or kaffir corn, as a contestant following the instructions of the Texas Industrial Congress. Very often his father shakes his head disapprovingly and remonstrates on this wise: "Son don't you believe such nonsense; that is paper farming; there is nothing in it!" The fellow who tells you such nonsense have soft hands, they never worked a day in their lives on a farm. They go around the country making an easy living, writing stuff for fools to read and swallow. Why, son, I'm a farmer, don't you know you can't make a crop without rain? That this is poor farming! That the best I can do is to raise a little corn and cotton so we can make both ends meet!"

Now, if that lad has sand, grit and the determination that does not know failure, he looks his father in the eye with this reply: "See here, dad, what you say may be all right, but teacher tells me that there is something in this, and I believe teacher, 'cause he never yet has told me a lie. Besides, Johnnie Smith, Harry Jones, Tom Jenkins and a lots of boys and girls around here (are going into it, and I'm just as smart and stand as good a show of getting some of that \$10,000 in gold." Well, if the boy gets his way, and he generally does, the father gives him the sorriest acre of land on the place. The boy signs an application and without any cost begins to receive printed instructions from the Texas Industrial Congress written in such plain language that even the cheap ten year old can readily understand. First we tell him how to get ready

in the fall for the dry weather next summer; how to till the soil so that millions and millions of reservoirs are created that hold the fall and winter rains. We teach him the nature and properties of soil, its preparation as a seed bed, its being the home of the plant, how it should be made what it should contain; the necessity of oxygen, how to admit it, its benefits, the depth of a seed bed, why this depth, the effect on capillary attraction, benefits of proper tillage, storing water in soil, discing before plowing, when to plow, depth to plow. We also instruct on what constitutes plant food, how it is furnished and made available, the importance of nitrogen, phosphorus and humus, and how obtained, the values of manures, green covering and fertilizing material, how to apply it to the land. We further emphasize the importance of crop rotation which increases the crops and improves the fertility of the soil. The boy is taught how to secure a good yield of corn, how to select seed, how to test its germinating powers; the same with cotton, milo maize or kaffir. In fact, an agricultural correspondence course is given, and the contestant keeps track of time, labor, expense of production, so that he may know whether he raises at a profit or loss; and then the harvest tells the story and what was its verdict last year. Listen—the farmers of Texas produced an average during the last ten years, 19 bushels of corn. Our 4025 contestants averaged last year, 51 bushels—our lowest prize winner made 62 56-100 bushels and our highest prize winner 167 1-2 bushels.

Listen—The farmers of Texas produced an average in cotton of 1-3 of a bale during the last ten years. Our 4025 contestants averaged 1 4-100 bales, our lowest prize winner made 1 13-100 the highest 2 36-100 bales on an acre.

"The 'I don't believe it' scornful laugh of the agricultural agnostic can not be hypothesized at the local bank. It takes the only literary effort he ever makes once a year when he signs a mortgage to raise the borrowed dollar, and if you visit his farm you will find it looking about as prosperous as he does."

"That boy who deposited his gold won as a prize money from the Texas Industrial Congress for raising the ideal crop, gives the farmer who borrows on his future crop, a hint that mixing brains with seed and soil creates the bank saving account that to a wise man is more preferable than the signing of a chattel mortgage."

"It costs nothing to enter the Texas Industrial Congress class of contestants. You stand as good a chance to win a prize in gold as anyone, and if you fail to win a prize the instruction received, the valuable agricultural ideas incorporated into your work and reduced to practice, amply repay you for your grit, determination, sand, ambition and desire to benefit yourself and the community."

"Phillips Brooks said: 'The Bible opens with the Garden of Eden and closes with the Holy City and you rarely find the city

beautiful that has not evolved from the country that is rich agriculturally."

"And replenish the earth" is as important a divine command following the precept to Noah: "Be fruitful and multiply," because with the propagation of human species will come race suicide, unless provision is made for its sustenance and physical development. The latin derivation is, re, meaning again, plenus, full or fill again—to stock anew—to fill completely again after diminishing, and that farmer who practices soil conservation, who realizes the value of fertilizing material as a soil feeder is obedient to the voice of Infinity when it warningly orders earth replenishing."

"By the application of Eugenic principles, a select man chooses a select wife from a select family with the offspring result showing good blood and better human stock. Any old kind of husband or wife means any old kind of children. Just so with seed—select a selected seed—the kind that stands a germinating test and your product will be nutritive, health giving, blood making bone sinew and muscular developing and with that kind of a physique the mind can expand and generate the thought that brings this old world a little closer to the secrets and knowledge of God."

"Why is the price in New York of pure butter \$1.50 a pound, today's laid eggs 20 cents apiece. Pure cows milk 20 cents a quart? Because the congested population has created a demand for homes, the farm has been turned into a real estate proposition, the land is so scarce for housing purposes that they are building up in the air ten, fifteen, and twenty stories, and the small farmer of Long Island and New Jersey knowing he has a luxury in the way of producing feed stuffs charges exorbitantly. Listen, 250,000 people, men, women and children went to bed cold and hungry last night in New York alone, every morning you will see armies of the poor picking in the swill barrels of the high priced hotels, glad to carry home the leavings of the wealthy guests, poverty, excruciatingly painful, poverty that drives its victims to find refuge in death by drowning in the East River, or swallowing a dose of poison is so common in our large cities that we hardly notice it, and this increase of population by immigration and birth is gradually covering the Union and the time will come when our blood will suffer in Texas as they do today in the great municipalities. Does it not behoove us to take warning and check the awful waste on the farm, remembering that we are our brother's keeper?"

"We saw the white hopes of not only this nation but the world and countless future generations when we witnessed the reception President Taft gave the champion corn growers of the cereal producing states of our land the other day. These boys with the records of from 122 bushels of corn on an acre to 280 bushels per acre demonstrates the truth of the doctrine of soil conservation and scientific farming methods, and their success is the convincing, clinching, unanswerable argument that silences the contrary still in the old ruts opinions of the agricultural agnostic."

"Dewey would not have given Spain the greatest submarine navy she ever owned if it had not been for the trained man behind the gun. Back of every plow, behind every cultivator reaching out of the sowing and harvesting hand there must be a full fledged man with a well trained mind, one always open to conviction."

"Let us as native born Americans learn a lesson from the German who came to Washington county in south Texas unable to speak our language, but with an insatiable thirst that prompted him to carry on intensified farming. On every hill top he has built a comfortable well furnished home. He has no hook worm, but works thriftily and achievement. His children attend school in a modern equipped building he possesses a bank account and its no secret that in Washington county they loan money to each other at 3 and 4 per cent. The Texas Industrial Congress has never had to beg the Germans of Texas to follow its instructions. Shame on us-Americans who cry

**Memorial.**  
Margaret Elizabeth Grubbs was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, April 6, 1861. Ten years later her parents moved to Cass county, Texas, then to Dallas county. In October 1880, she became the bride of Mr. J. C. Bullock; afterwards they moved to Young county where she resided until her death. On the 15th day of November 1911, her husband departed from this life. They had seven children born to them, of which two are dead and five living. She was a faithful wife and mother, and had gained many friends. She was a consistent christian for many years, and having received the baptism of the Holy Ghost three or four years ago, has since been contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints, (which was a command from the Lord to all christians.) On the 4th day of February, 1913, she went to be with Jesus, and to receive the crown which was laid up for her, (and not her only but for all them that love His appearing.) Her age was 51 years, 9 months and 28 days, she leaves five children, a father, and brother and sisters to mourn their loss (but her gain.) Her remains were laid away in the Graham cemetery to await the first resurrection. Funeral services were conducted at the home, at 10 A. M. by Evangelist P. M. Stokely.

**Puzzling.**  
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Carlsbad—The San Angelo Telephone Company is to erect a new telephone exchange building in this city.

Marlin—The Commercial Club, of this city, is promoting sentiment in favor of good roads bond issue to the amount of \$250,000.00.

Cleburne—The city will ask for a new charter so that a bond issue of \$350,000 for municipal improvements may be voted upon.

Hearne—A \$150,000 good roads bond issue was recently voted on in this city and carried by a good majority. This sum will be used in constructing more modern highways in this county.

because the foreigner is in our way, when we, by our own indifference and lack of ambition, force him to stand ahead in the line of progressive march, no man can be in my way until he gets directly in front of me."

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