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RURAL CITIZEN.

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tisements payable in advance. Others
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Remit cash by P. O. Money order
or Bank Check at our risk, otherwise
at the risk of the sender.

The condition of the range and
stock all over West Texas is re-
ported to be bad on account of the
protracted drought.

The State Fair to be held at Dallas
in October is attracting consider-
able attention at present. This
is as it should be, who desire to
see our State developed in every
occupation and every branch of
business should be interested.

Jack county farmers are about to
set-down on politics being carried
into the Alliance. They deserve
much credit for they have had to
fight hard to win the victory over
a few wire-pullers who would for
their own personal benefit lead the
people astray.

The May report of the Commis-
sioner of Agriculture on the condi-
tion of winter grain is just out. In
regard to wheat it says: "The May
crop report indicates an improve-
ment in wheat, with a general aver-
age at 94. The May average last
year was 70."

At the request of Supt. Bryant,
State Supt. Baker has appointed
Prof. W. J. Crocker of Calvert to
conduct the Summer Normal school
at this place. In reply to Prof.
Crocker's question as to what pro-
vision for reaching Jacksboro from
railroad points, we reply that daily
stages except Sunday, run from
Weatherford on the T. P. railroad,
40 miles distant, and from Decatur
on the Ft. Worth and Denver City
railroad 38 miles distant.

S. O. Daws, traveling Lecturer,
for the Grand State Alliance of
Texas, paid the Citizens a call this
week. Bro. Daws is an old Alli-
ance man, and one that is true to
the farmers' interest. He has no
use for demagogues in the Alliance.
He is sound on the strike and boy-
cott question. If all the citizens of
Jack County could hear him, we
do not think there would be a sin-
gle man who would advocate these
peculiar questions.

One curse of our great State is
the over-plus of demagogues and
standing candidates for offices. We
have a class of men who are always
on hand at every election for office,
if they fail to get one office, they
immediately gather themselves up
and begin to annoy the people for
some other office. Such men are
not fit for office, and should be so
regarded by the people. It is a
poor mark for any man to begin as
soon as one election is over, to can-
vass the country for the next. The
country would be better off if they
would go to work and let the peo-
ple have a rest.

Our correspondent from Chris-
tianity still holds out the idea that
our business men have influence
with the Commissioners' Court.
We wish they had, if they did, there
would be plenty of roads to Jacks-
boro. And we do not think the
Commissioners' Court is weak-kneed.
If any class of men in town have in-
fluence with the Commissioners'
Court, it is now to us.

We have been asked why some
of the oldest roads in the county
are closed up, and the people who
come to town are compelled to trav-
el a greater distance and over very
rough ways. In regard to the road
to Palo Pinto, via Christian, the
Commissioners' Court say it was
no legal road, some of our best law-
yers say the county had a legal
right to the road bed, but then the
Commissioners' Court is a body
from which there is no appeal. We
used to think the Legislature was
superior to the Commissioners'
Court—from what we have heard
concerning recent road matters, we
have concluded that the Legislature
is the inferior body. However, if
the Commissioners, or any one else
can give us information on this sub-
ject, we will gladly give it to our
friends.

Railroad Talk.
Jacksboro and Jack county, Gra-
ham and Young county, are fully
alive to the necessity of securing a
railroad, and they naturally look
to Fort Worth to aid in their laud-
able enterprise. Long years ago
it was the intention of Fort Worth
thinkers to penetrate the magnifi-
cent region a road would reach in
going to the two cities mentioned,
and lately the old fires have burned
awake. There are several sugges-
tions in regard to a road to this
section, any one of which will do.
The first is that an independent
line be built by Fort Worth, Jacks-
boro and Graham: the second that
the Fort Worth & New Orleans be
extended in a northwesterly direc-
tion now and later go to Sabine
Pass, and the third that the Fort
Worth & Denver throw out a spur
reaching the places mentioned.
There can be no question that Jack
and Young counties are ready and
willing to do much to get a road,
and this city is in a position to aid
them.—[Ft. Worth Gazette.]

The Northwestern seems to be
pretty generally recognized as the
most important iron that Dallas
now has in the fire. That being
seemingly the most profitable route,
as it would not only reach the coal
field, but secure the retail trade of
a country that is halting between
two opinions, and is liable to go
elsewhere. By this route there is a
garden above the surface and a
mine beneath it, and with the two
combined there are millions in it.—
[Dallas News.]

All who wish to communicate
with me will do so through A.
Dunlap, Springtown, Pres. State
Alliance, who will answer all im-
portant questions. S. O. Daws.

Mr. Daws gives us the following
list of Alliance picnics: At Abbott,
Eastland City, Buckner and Clark-
ville on June 5th; Milford, June
1st; Iredell, June 15th; Blooms-
dale June 24th. We will extend
the list next week.

Have used Tongaline in neural-
gia with perfect success; one was a
case of neuralgia of the heart. J.
H. Clarke, M. D., Cuba, Mo.

Since the Indian Agents have
broken up the pale faces cow pic-
nic in Indian Territory the land of
the noble red man has been visited
by copious showers, and the grass
is growing so fast that one can al-
most see it grow. No other range in
the whole Southwest has received
any rain to amount to anything.—
Dallas News.

When irritation of the throat
causes a tickling cough, use Red
Star Cough Cure, which will effect
immediate and permanent relief.
One of Brooklyn's Board of Health
officers recommends it as purely
vegetable and perfectly harmless.
Price, 25 cents.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF W. L. GARVIN, COUNTY TREASURER,
FROM FEBRUARY 10, 1886 TO MAY 10th, 1886.

Amount on hand at beginning of quarter, amount re-
ceived and amount paid out.

JURY FUND FIRST CLASS.

Feb. 10. Amton hand last 55.79

" To cash rec'd of D. B. Mizell 5.00

Mar. 1 To cash rec'd of A. C. Hickman 9.38

5 To cash transferred from outsd'g ind. 1600.00

Apr. 6 To cash rec'd of J. D. Rains occur 198.60

May 6 To cash rec'd of J. W. Simpson 8.25

1877.02

" 10 By cash paid Jack Co. per. sch. fund 1644.15

" By Treas. coms. on Rec. & Dis. 21.97

1666.12

By balance 210.90

1877.02

SECOND CLASS H. & B. FUND.

Feb. 10 To amnt. on hand at last report 216.09

" To cash rec'd of S. E. Moore J. P. 9.35

" To cash rec'd of D. B. Mizell 20.00

" 14 To cash rec'd of Jno. D. Rains 384.00

Mar. 8 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 1248.00

" 18 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 288.00

" 29 To cash rec'd of J. H. Baker J. P. .95

Apr. 12 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 192.00

May 8 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 76.54

2434.92

Feb. 11 To cash pd to N. J. Black 40.00

" 13 " " " G. D. Coker 32.00

" 17 " " " B. F. Heesley 11.00

" 24 " " " D. C. Brown 15.00

Mar. 18 " " " J. S. Edson 400.00

" 24 " " " W. T. Terrell 2.00

Apr. 6 " " " J. S. Edson 625.00

" 17 " " " N. J. Moss 29.00

May 19 Treas. Coms. on rec. and dis. 85.01

1277.02

By balance 1157.91

2434.93

THIRD CLASS GENERAL FUND.

Feb. 19 To cash on hand last report

562.77

10 To cash rec'd of D. B. Mizell 4.00

24 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 872.00

" To scrip rec'd of J. D. Rains on tax 63.15

Mar. 8 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 2831.25

" To scrip rec'd of John D. Rains 168.60

" 18 To cash rec'd of John D. Rains 664.00

" To scrip rec'd of

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C. BROWN.

SPRING ST.
of General Merchandise,
D-QUARTERS for Everything
IN THE MERCHANTILE LINE.
Full and C-ELL CHEAPER.

Having bought them during
depression in business
of the Strike they were
ODS ARRIVING DAILY

from my TWO STORES AT BOWIE, TEXAS.
presentations to induce customers to buy, all goods will be
their merits. I invite one and all to call and examine my
banks for the large patronage I am having. By making it to the
every body to buy their goods from me, I hope to merit
merit.

I am Yours as ever,
D. C. BROWN.

Ladies, attention! Renovate your
old Kid gloves and make them look
as good as new. Jourvin's Kid Glove
cleaner does it. McConnell keeps it.

The purest, best, most palatable
and effective chill remedy on the
market is Reed's chill cure, for sale
and warranted by H. H. McConnell.

A reward is offered to the man
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about ten miles from Jacksboro.

There are a good many candidates
on College Hill, but the question is
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starve the longest if it don't rain
prettily soon.

Gins are all the go on the Hill.
Every girl you meet on Sunday
evening has a broad smile on her face
and if you ask what she is grinning about she will tell you
her feller is a coming, and he
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liver and kidney pills, which
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Personal.
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W. T. Ditto, of Graham, has been
here for several days.

T. F. West is at Fort Worth at-
tending to legal business.

Miss Mary Cason, of Graham, is
visiting friends in Jacksboro.

T. W. Sarratt and J. H. Spivey,
of Plano, were in town yesterday.

Foly & Porter, contractors and
builders, of Bryan, gave the Cen-
ter a call.

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the Grand State Alliance has been
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Mr. D. C. Brown, accompanied
by his mother, Mrs. Lydia Brown,
left on Tuesday for Dallas.

D. J. Filet and S. N. Rowe of
Craford gave us a call Tuesday.
They report that part of the county
is in great need of rain.

College Hill Items.

Miss Ruth Cameron is making a
visit on the Hill this week.

Miss Mary Cason, of Graham, is
visiting on College Hill this week.

W. S. Graves, of Burton Springs,
gave the Hill a pleasant call yester-
day.

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the position, nor more earnestly
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J. M. Hughes and J. W. Stark are
under the weather." They have
the Indiana fever.

Mr. Frank Kelly and family paid
a short visit to the family of J. M.
Hughes last week.

J. W. Mitchell, of Tennessee, has
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Prof. Isaac Gillespie and daughter,
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State Superintendency.
In the Dallas News of May 12th,
1886, is a communication placing
G. W. Grove before the Democracy
of Texas as a candidate for State
superintendent of education.

That is an important office, and
requires a man of superior abilities
to fill it with justice and satisfaction
to the common school interests.

We do not want a partisan, an
anarchist, or a one-idea mass-back. We
need a man of comprehensive
knowledge, who is liberal in his
views, and progressive in his ideas.

We need a man whose moral
greatness precludes prejudice or partiality
in discharge of official duties.

We need a man possessed of practical
as well as a theoretical knowledge
of the requirements of a public
free school system, and whose
whole soul is imbued with enthusiasm
as for its success.

Such a man is the courteous, tal-
ented, and successful educator,
Prof. G. W. Groves, of Dallas. He
is a "Simon-pure" democrat, a
eminently successful teacher, and
an unflagging worker in the interest
of education, as will readily be at-
tested by all who appreciate his
sterling qualities, and his labors of
love (an educational capacity) in
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It is the duty, as well as to the
interest of every teacher in the
state, to leave no honorable means
untried to keep a progressive, earn-
est man in that office, and more
especially is this true of North
Texas. Now is the time for earnest
effective work preparing for the
democratic state convention.

Fellow teachers, we have before us
the right man for the right place.

Let us see that the nomination is
given him by such an overwhelming
majority that it will show to the
people that we are alive to the com-
mon interest of all, the education of
the masses. Respectfully,

JO. D. RAINS, Col. for Jack Co.

Weatherford District Conference.
Will be held at Whitt, Texas, June
10th, 9 a.m. We hope that ample
provision will be made for the mem-
bers and delegates. They will
please call on Rev. S. J. Vaughan,
at his drug store, north side of the
square, where they will meet a
warm reception and be assigned to
their homes. Wm. Price, P. C.

A Captain's Fortune Discovery.

Capt. Coleman, schr. Weymouth,
plying between Atlantic City and N. Y.,
had been troubled with a cough so
severe that he was unable to sleep
and was induced to try Dr. King's

New Discovery for Consumption. It
not only gave him instant relief,
but allayed the extreme soreness in
his breast. His children were sim-
ilarly affected and a single dose had
the same happy effect. Dr. King's

New Discovery is now the standard
remedy in the Coleman household
and on board the schooner. Free
trial bottles of this standard remedy
at H. H. McConnell's Drug Store. 4

HO. E. FINLAY.

We announce to-day Hon. O. E.
Finlay, of Graham, Young county,
as a candidate for District Judge of
this, the 30th Judicial District. This

is decidedly the most important
office within the gift of the people,
and the man who will despatch the
business of the district in the
quickest manner possible is the man
the people want. Among those
who have announced, and others
suggested, there is no man more
prominently before the people or
better qualified to discharge the
duties incumbent upon such an offi-
cial than O. E. Finlay. He has for
a number of years been District
Attorney and every one in the entire
district is well acquainted with his
qualifications. As a sound, deep
thinking lawyer, he is without a
superior and by strict and close
attention to the duties of his present
position he has justly earned the
reputation of being one of the
most diligent as well as most efficient
prosecutors in the state. We are
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office of District Judge he will
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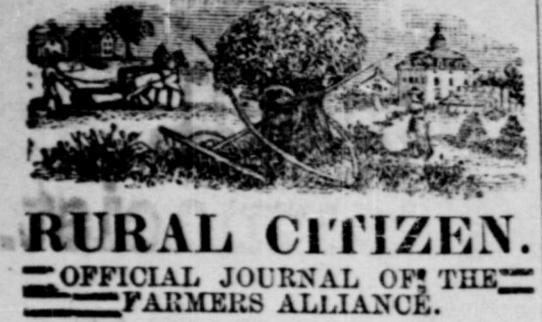
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Decatur, Tex., Aug. 6th 1885.

To whom this may concern:

This is to certify that Bro. R. R.
Staudt of Weatherford has been
duly appointed as organizing officer
for the purpose of organizing Sub-
ordinate Farmers' Alliances in the
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C. M. Wilcox, Sect. S. A.

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eficiary Association.

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For information relative to this
association, address either of the
above named officers. W. L. Gar-
vin will furnish Constitutions of the
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Send 75 cents to H. H. McCon-
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Mrs. W. J. Womack furnishes sin-
gle Regalia for one officer for 50cts.
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Address, Mrs. W. J. Womack,
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H. H. McConnell furnishes the
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and fifty cents. If you want
McConnell to take the risk of the
Manual through the mail send 10
cents extra to pay for registering.

Notice to Alliances.

I made arrangements with the
Fort Worth Stamping Co. to fur-
nish Alliances wanting Seals, for
one Seal \$3, for twelve or more
Seals one time \$2.25 each, and it
will cost about 25cts to send each
Seal to the nearest express office
of Sect. of Subordinate Alliance.
The Sect. of each County Alliance
can find how many Seals are want-
ed in the County, and order the
whole number at one time.

C. M. WILCOX, Sec. S. A.
Address, A. J. Bradley, or Fort
Worth Stamp Works, Ft. Worth,
Texas.

Montague County.

Our items are over due but many
things have kept us from writing
sooner.

Crops are beginning to want rain.
Wheat and oats are damaged great-
ly, corn and cotton are still growing
nicely and look fine. We are not
bothered with web worms. Among
other things we have the finest crop
of cardamons we've had for many
years.

Our County Alliance in connection
with K. of L. met on the 29th of
April and placed a full ticket in the
field, however, it was ruled that it
should not be done as a County
Alliance or K. of L. only as a mass-
meeting, but as a rule the orders
will vote the ticket. It is the only
chance since they must vote it or
vote for those who are directly op-
posed to the cause of labor.

Some time since it was decided to
build a mill at Montague town. The
board of directory, of which your
correspondent is a member, intend-
ed to close a contract for machinery
last month, but the strike and other
railroad matters coming up we have
determined to defer the matter until
9th of July where we meet in mass
meeting to complete the mill busi-
ness. We have an Alliance black-
smith shop running on the co-opera-
tive plan at Dye Mound, and con-
template other co-operative work
soon. The Alliance continues to
grow, has a membership of 26,000
in the county.

The CITIZEN continues to be a
regular visitor at my house. I ap-
preciate it very highly, it stands
among the few who have enough
backbone to defend the right against
the wrong.

Goose Quill.

W. W. Lang, the Old Granger on the Alliance.

Melissa, Tex., May 11.—I send
you for publication the following
communication, just received from
Wm. W. Lang, at present United
States Consul at Hamburg, and for
several years grand master of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry of
the State of Texas, more familiarly
known as the Grange, feeling as-
sured that it will be received and
read with pleasure by a large pro-
portion of the 50,000 live members
of that order throughout the State,
particularly at the present time,
when the Farmers' Alliance an or-
ganization with like purposes of
the Grange—is about to take such
an active participation in the af-
fairs of the country, and the labor
troubles are the subject of so much
consideration.

T. M. Scott.
The secret ceremonies and forms
of initiation have charms and novelties
which are attractive and may draw
to the organization a membership
large in numbers; but there must be
something besides the unique initia-
tion to give such an organization life
and permanency. It must be to benefit
those for whom it is intended by advanc-
ing and protecting their interests.

United STATES CONSULATE, Ham-
burg, April, 21.—Dear Sir: Since I
left the State I learn, through the
newspapers, that the farmers of Texas
have formed a strong compact
organization known as the Farmers'
Alliance. It is not necessary to say that this news gives me
much hope and pleasure. My sym-
pathies from boyhood have been with
the farmers of my country because
the agricultural interest has ever
been, and is now, the great
overshadowing industry, and upon
the progress and prosperity of
those engaged in it depend the
welfare and progress of every other
vocation and calling in the land.
If it be true that it is the foundation
of national wealth and prosperity,
every means which advance the
social, moral, educational and
financial condition of its devotees
should be hailed with the most lib-
eral feelings by every patriotic
citizen. An organization that has
for its objects these purposes, and
intelligently carries them into opera-
tation, is a national blessing.

To organize so large a proportion
of the population into a secret con-
clave, influenced by purely class
interests and unwisely directed,
will beget antagonisms and preju-
dices injurious not only to other
interests, but fraught with failure
and disaster to the farmers them-
selves. If it be intended, which I
hope it is, to make it a permanent
organization, wielding a wide and
diffuse influence in the growth of
civilization, it is absolutely required
that its objects and purposes
should be based upon just and ex-
act principles, antagonizing none of
the great and important indus-
tries, callings and vocations of the
people which characterize the ad-
vanced civilization of the age, and
should be adhered to with the
strictest fidelity and devotion.

The most egregious and enor-
mous load resting on the backs of
the farmers of America is placed by
congressional legislation in the
present tariff law. All the in-
qualities of taxation are formulated
and established by laws. The in-
justice and discriminations practiced
by railroads, transportation com-
panies and other enterprises of
such magnitude as make them mo-
nopolies are the results of legisla-
tion. The absorption of immense
bodies of the public domain by for-
eign and home land syndicates at
low prices with a view of reselling
at enormous profits to the poor
bread winners is due to legisla-
tion both national and State. The right
to enter upon and hold vast tracts,
even entire counties, of your public
school lands by rich cattle compa-
nies, to the virtual exclusion of the
farmers, is accorded by acts of
your Legislature. The all absorbing
political question of the hour in
Congress is the suppression of the
coining of silver. Curtail the cir-
culating medium of exchange, and
you reduce the price of every prod-
uct of the farm and entail a loss
of untold millions upon the tillers
of the soil. Annually great sums
of money are extracted by taxation
from the farmers of Texas for pub-
lic education and placed in the
hands of a political board that
changes every two years, render-
ing it almost impossible to have
any permanent and fixed policy
of the expenditure of those sums for
the best education of the children
of the State. All these, and many
other subjects that touch and bear
more heavily upon the farmers
than upon any other class of the
population, owing to the fact that
they constitute the larger portion
of the population and their indus-
try being self supporting, and as,
also, they have as a class taken less
interest in protecting themselves.
Being large in numbers and inde-
pendent in their industry, organiza-
tion for class interest, and protec-
tion has been much more difficult
than in other portions of the
population, as denominated by their
industry or calling, they being few-
er in numbers, living more contigu-
ously, and their success being to
an extent dependent upon condi-
tions and circumstances beyond
their control. Combination and orga-
nization have become the watch-
words of the hour in all the great
and important employments of the
age, not only for selfish aggrandizement,
but for the protection of the
class and to diffuse knowledge and
advance the general interests of
those engaged. Since this then is the
order of the day, why should not
farmers organize? As above stated,
they are not only more subject to
be made to bear the effects of
the organized capacity to eschew
politics and remit all subjects,
touching their prosperity as a class
to the control of partisan man-
agers without the assistance of that
information which springs only
from actual experience and con-
tact. My opinion is that your
organization should not be a politi-
cal partisan organization, nor
should it pretermitt all political

and injustice of that legislation. To
obtain that necessary knowledge
their isolated condition more im-
peratively demands some well
planned methods of communication
and action which can only be se-
cured by co-operation through or-
ganization. While a secret order
might promote the moral, social and
intellectual cultivation of the
farmers, it will not so well answer
when the discussions are to be had
touching many of the grievances
from which they are suffering.

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of initiation have charms and novelties
which are attractive and may draw
to the organization a membership
large in numbers; but there must be
something besides the unique initia-
tion to give such an organization life
and permanency. It must be to benefit
those for whom it is intended by advanc-
ing and protecting their interests.

The great question, then to be
considered is, can the Farmers' Al-
liance as a secret organization ac-
complish the ends for which it aims,
to-wit: The advancement of the
farmers by furthering and protect-
ing them socially, politically and
pecuniarily?

My experience with a similar or-
ganization admonishes me that it
cannot effectually and felicitously
accomplish these objects. The pur-
poses and objects of a farmers' or-
ganization are so knit and inter-
woven with the common welfare of
the country and embrace such a
range of thought, touching the in-
terests of nearly all callings and
professions in life, that its delibera-
tions and consultations can not be
held with closed doors without arousing
suspicions, awaking prejudices
and opposition, however pure and
honest may be its intentions.

The spirit and genius of our people
are opposed to all political se-
cret organizations, and no farmers'
organization can effect the release
of the farmers from the inequalities
of the burdens they bear in our gov-
ernment without political action.

A school for teaching more
thoroughly the science and principles
of agronomy in all its various
branches, with a view to making
farming more peculiarly success-
ful by extracting the largest produc-
tion from the soil.

2. To teach an intelligent econ-
omy in the conduct of the farm, and
above all things to instruct the farmers
that the sure road to prosperity
is to avoid the credit system.

3. To make it a school for teach-
ing commercial and political ethics.
An organization based upon such
purposes and wisely conducted
would be of immense practical ben-
efit in uniting and bringing into
force the moral and intellectual
powers of the largest class of our
population, and that class, too,
which by the very nature of their
employment is the most conserva-
tive. If your organization can be
made practical in teaching the farmers
to cultivate their lands to
cause them to yield the maximum
product and to extend and diffuse
a wider influence upon society in all its phases, it would
be a national blessing.

There are some dangers to society
in these labor unions and class
organizations. Through the con-
centration of power the common
tendency is to absorb the individual
independence of the citizen and to
assume the direction of affairs
that should be left to his judgment
and action. Whenever an organiza-
tion thus usurps such power it
becomes a menace to the well being
of society and the perpetuity of
civil liberties. It is liable to be-
come tyrannical and aggressive.

Your Farmers' Alliance should
watch with jealousy every effort
to drift in that direction. A thor-
ough and perfect organization of
the farmers of Texas, wisely con-
ducted and intelligently guided,
would be a most potent agent in
political administration as well as
in the betterment of society in gen-
eral, and I most ardently hope that
the Alliance may win from all
classes good opinions and become
a permanent institution, shedding
light and knowledge among that
great class of people upon whom so
much depends. Yours truly,

W. W. LANG.

Prosperity Alliance.

I notice in your paper a statement
that by the first of August '86, if
the Farmers' Alliance wishes a
paper entirely independent of local
influence you have agreed to sell
the RURAL CITIZEN to that institu-
tion. I will say this, if that institu-
tion will make the secretaries of
each subordinate Alliance in the
state act as agents for that paper, I
will have a great many subscribers.

There are thirty-two members in
this Alliance and four petitions are
I think that it will number sixty or
seventy by the first of October.

I want to go west next summer
and if I can make it suit I will come
through Jacksboro. There are sever-
al young men talking about going
to Jack county to settle. I have been
requested by some of my neighbors
to ask you concerning the situa-
tion of Jack county. They wish
to know if it is a healthy country

flat or level, well watered, a good
fruit growing country, whether it
produces corn, wheat, oats and cot-
ton like old Hunt. Please give us
a history of your county and what
improved and raw land is worth,
if there is any school or railroad
land in that county, and if it is very
thick settled, and is it prairie or
timber.

Prosperity Sub-Alliance No. 1278.

We believe that our duty is to take
the constitution for our guide and
comply with the rules laid down in
it and by so doing we can all work
alike and be of one body and be
protected by the laws of the United
States. Our Alliance opposes boy-
cotting or any thing similar to that
effect. I like your paper very much.

G. W. B.

Politics or a Mill.

Which is of the most importance
to the citizens of Jack county? Poli-
ties might benefit a few office seek-
ers for it seems they are numerous
in the county as well as out of it.

May be if the salaries were cut down
one-half there would not be so many
who wanted office, and it would
make taxes lighter and perhaps the
formation of that public senti-
ment which controls the legislation
of the country.

Notwithstanding they constitute the
majority and possess the wealth of the
country, their opinion is neither sought nor
heeded in the administration of
public affairs. This is the reason
why the grievances of which they
complain have been heaped upon them.

They do not take that active,
intelligent participation which
would guarantee to them even and
exact justice. It is true that when
a political campaign is opened and
the "boys" from the towns and vil-
lages go out "to whoop them up,"
they become very enthusiastic for
this and that partisan, without ref-
erence to his capacities or the prin-
ciples he represents.

Now, sir, one of the duties of the
organization should be to correct
this state of things. The organiza-
tion should be:

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thoroughly the science and principles
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