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Mrs. Hortense Ward

WOMEN "APPEAL TO REASON"

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Hortense Ward of Houston is asking the Legislature to pass a law giving married women contractual rights. The proposed measure has the endorsement of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. Similar legislation has been placed on the statute books of many states. The Texas homestead law was the first of its kind in the world and was enacted primarily to protect wives against the business recklessness of husbands, and the women now ask that the principle involved be expanded and extended to all property.

There are other important measures before the legislature of exclusive interest to women. A bill granting the right of suffrage to women has a favorable committee report in the House, and the struggle for the keys to

the Alamo is always exclusively a ladies' affair.

The women do not lobby; they "appeal to reason," but they are much more successful in promoting legislation than men. This session of the legislature has witnessed more women appearing before committees than that of any assembly in the history of Texas law making.

Christian Endeavor Program.

For Sunday, February 26, 1913, at 2:30 o'clock, at the Christian church:

Leader—Mrs. P. H. Stafford.
Topics—Philipp's Opportunity to do Good and our Opportunities. Acts 8:26-31.

Opening Song—No. 1.
Prayer—By Mr. Hollingsworth
Song by the children.

Subject discussed by the members.

Duet—Mrs. M. D. Murchison and Mrs. Sidney Boykin.

Helpful Remarks—By Brother Cagle.

Closing Song.
Benediction.
Everybody is invited to attend.

Report of Christian Sunday School

For Sunday, February 16, 1913: Present, 76; absent, 23; collection, \$2.20.

Every member of the church, and every boy or girl who is not a member of a Sunday School, is invited to come and take an active part in this work. Sunday School services commence at ten o'clock. Every member is requested to be on time.

NEW HOPE HAPPENINGS

February 16.—We have, for many years, had with us Mr. John Jones, whom we all call "our prophet," but since he has failed this year, I believe we will be obliged to elect a new man.

Mrs. Flora Robins, of Weldon, Texas, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. John Dotson, and returned home last Friday.

Mr. Lonnie Shoemaker, a young man who left this country some seven or eight years ago, and who has spent the most of this time in traveling over Texas, came back to Houston county to make it his home. We may be in the "sticks," but I don't believe it.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Butler spent a few days this week at Ratcliff, visiting relatives.

Ed. Bobbitt and F. H. Butler, teacher of the Enon school made a flying trip to Palestine Saturday, on business.

A number of our citizens attended the teachers institute, at Weches, which met last Friday. All who attended say that they believed it be as near a success as any meeting of the kind they ever attended. The next meeting place of the institute is Augusta, which will be held one month from last Saturday. We are very glad to have this body of teachers to meet so near our school, because they will enable many people who never attend an institute, and know nothing about the proceedings of an institute, to attend and find that the teachers do more than to just meet and plan for higher salaries.

Our Sunday School and prayer meeting is moving along nicely, although some of the teachers reported deficient lessons last Sunday, but we hope this will not be the case any more.

Mr. John Denson delivered a lecture on morals last Sunday, after Sunday School adjourned, which we all enjoyed, and from the lecture we got many truths. Mr. Denson is a Christian gentleman, and he takes a great interest in trying to direct the younger boys and girls.

By way of conclusion, I want to ask "Old Gray," as we all enjoy reading his letters, to please let us hear from him in each issue of the Messenger, but wish him to please work on the morals of his community, and report differently in the next writing.

SLEEPY TOM.

League Programs.

For Sunday Feb. 23.

Leader—Jno. R. Owens.

Subject—Courage: Acts V, 25-32.

Prayer.

Song by league.

Topic Lights—Miss Carnie Murchison.

Solo—Miss Edna Driskell.

Reading—Mr. Stovall White.

Quartette—Messrs. Lively, Morris; Misses Davis and Owens.

Recitation—Miss Maude McCarty.

Roll Call.

Closing Song.

Benediction.

Planting Time

Is Here

and you will find the biggest and best selected stock of Field and Garden Seed in town at our store. We have used the greatest care in getting seed suitable to this country and it will pay you to see us for your—

Cane Seed, Seed Corn and Seed Oats

We sell John Deere Cultivators and Farming Tools. We have a full stock of Wire, Nails; Paint, Hardware, Builders' Material, Brick, Furniture, Springs, Mattresses, and Staple and Fancy Groceries.

WE BUY PEAS.

"If it's used on the farm or in the home you can get it at"

Geo. E. Darsey's
Dealer in Everything Grapeland, Texas

NEWS FROM OAK GROVE

Feb. 16.—Well, the groundhog came out Friday and this is the third pretty day of this month and if it will continue this sort of weather for the next thirty days there will be lots of farm work done and the farmers will in some degree be up with their work considering the weather.

There is not much news from this community.

One day last week Mr. John Henry Bynum's little boy was run over by a wagon and came near being killed, but at this writing he is getting along very well, and will be up in a few days if he has no back set.

Last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Girard the young folks gathered in and had a valentine party after playing some of the old time plays such as "snap," "sugar lump" and "Susie Brown" after which Mr. Girard brought out some boxes and began calling names and the candy snapping came off.

Then the valentines were read, and then more candy. All departed with best wishes to their hostess.

Our literary and Sunday schools and prayer meeting are doing very well.

Health is good. OLD TIMER.

Class No. 6, of the M. E. Sunday School, met at the home of the teacher, Friday afternoon, organized and elected the following officers: Carrie Spence, president; Ross Brock, vice-president; Balis Edens, secretary-treasurer; Roy Wherry, chaplain; George Darsey, reporter; Roy Wherry, Earl Howard and George Darsey, membership committee to look after absentees. The name, "Class Builders." Motto, "Do Your Best." Colors, Blue and Gold. Flower, Violet. Aim, "To be men and women fully developed in mind, soul and body, and to make somebody happy each day." Song, "Yield Not to Temptation."

If you expect to paint see T. H. Leaverton Lumber Co. for paints. He carries the best. (Advertisement)

THE DEVIL'S PARAGRAPHS

By JNO. R. OWENS

Quite a little excitement in Mexico, eh?

A cheerful man is to his friends what the sun is to nature.

The person who seeks aright finds happiness wherever he goes.

Messrs. Harry Long and Joe Wall, of Augusta, were here on business (?) Sunday.

Life is just one good thing after another, and you can't help but enjoy it.

The nicest thing with some people about having company is seeing them go.

No man desires for his breast to be made of glass or that others should read his thoughts.

Select the things of life the same as you would the valuable stones from the earth.

Most every man likes to make his wife think he amounts to something whether he does or not—before marriage.

Adversity is the hand that smites the hidden chords of the human mind and heart and the sounds reveal their hiding place.

A man is always a better man after marriage than before if he isn't worse. Anyway he isn't the same.

A man who enjoys to have other women flirt with him, who doesn't like for his wife to give other men the same kind of enjoyment is a selfish brute.

February 14th was Valentine Day since we think of it. We really forgot about it. The "Devil" has kept up with this day heretofore, but was caught "napping" this time and forgot to "send her one."

A writer once said: "So deep does the slanderer sink into the murky waters of degradation and infamy, that could an angel apply an Archimedian moral lever to him, with heaven for a fulcrum, he could not in a thousand years, raise him to the grade of a convict felon."

We've just thought about why it is that some merchants will not advertise. Their line of goods are not good enough to bear a close inspection, and their conscience won't let them advertise old goods as new. At least that's the peoples' opinion of the merchant who never graces the columns of his home paper with his advertisements.

The "boss" has been doing a few theatrical "stunts" lately and seems to be enjoying himself very much. We are afraid that he will succumb to the lure of the "foot-lights" and go on the stage. He and his wife both took part in the play and played a love scene that was good to see. Although he wasn't the hero of the play nor she the heroine, but they were about to "get married" when the curtain after the last act fell.

Have you met that "culud jintilun," Mr. Marvin Gilbert, Grapeland, Houston County, Texas? He made a big "hit" in the play last Friday night at the school house. His imitation of a negro and his funny jokes

would make a sure enough "nigger" ashamed of himself. It is our opinion that "he takes better with the blacking than he does without it," and he's mighty popular without it. He is billed for Augusta next Friday night, and we would advise the people of Augusta and surrounding country to get an introduction to him by attending the play at that place Feb. 21st., and you'll wear a smile for the next ten days.

Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes, "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

For Sale

My equity in two choice lots in Sycamore Addition, 60x125 feet. One corner lot and one lot joining. This is a good opportunity for you to secure a nice building site. For price and particulars see or write,

Jno. R. Owens,
Adv. Grapeland, Texas.

Old Age

Old age as it comes in the orderly process of nature is a beautiful and majestic thing. It stands for experience, knowledge, wisdom, counsel. That is old age as it should be, but old age as it often is means poor digestion, torpid bowels, a sluggish liver and a general feeling of ill health, despondency and misery. This in almost every instance is wholly unnecessary. One of Chamberlain's Tablets taken immediately after supper will improve the digestion, tone up the liver and regulate the bowels. That feeling of despondency will give way to one of good cheer. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Station Agent J. O. Edington has returned to his duties at the depot. His little girl is rapidly regaining her health.

Bright's disease is more dreaded by physicians than any of the serious disorders with which they have to deal because of its insidious and malignant character. If prompt action were taken when headaches, urinary disorders, digestive troubles first appear, much suffering and sorrow would be averted. Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly stop the spread of the disease, quiet the inflammation, heal the kidneys and bladder, strengthen and regulate the liver, and drive poisons and impurities out of the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Miss Ruth Berry, of Crockett, visited her sister, Mrs. J. W. Howard, Saturday and Sunday.

For driving out dull bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

TERRELL PLEADS FOR HARMONY



Chester H. Terrell

Austin, Texas, Feb. 17.—Hon. Chester H. Terrell, Speaker of the House, took the floor last week and plead with the members to lay aside their differences and transact the State's business.

The cost of running the Legislature approximates \$1,500 per day, and much time during the present session has been wasted in factional strife and useless investigations.

Don't You Believe It

Some say that chronic constipation cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you? Give them a trial. They cost only a quarter. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Christian Endeavor Organized.

Last Sunday evening the young people met at the Christian church and organized a Christian Endeavor league. Miss Willie Browning was elected president; Miss Moselle Martin was elected vice-president, and Miss Annie Rainey Hollingsworth was elected as secretary-treasurer. Much interest was manifested, and the new organization starts out with about twenty members. A membership committee was appointed to solicit new members.

Everybody, both young and old, are invited to join us in this work. Will meet at the Christian church every Sunday evening at 2:30 o'clock.

We extend a special invitation to members of the Epworth league to come and take a part, as the hour will not interfere with the Epworth league services.

If you have dizzy spells, attacks of momentary blindness, with ringing noises in the ears it is an unfailing sign of a torpid liver; a condition which brings on some serious sickness—if neglected. Herbine is a powerful liver tonic. It puts strength and activity in the liver, purifies the bowels and restores a feeling of health, vigor and cheerfulness. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. (Advertisement.)

Mrs. Walter Conoway, of Palestine, came down Monday morning, and she is visiting her mother east of town.

The Best Cough Medicine

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames, of Marbury, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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Co-operation is action, not talk. Shelter is a partial substitute for feed.

He who lives to himself dies by himself.

The "best bet" too often stumbles in the home stretch.

And all that most of the politicians picked was a lemon!

A farm home without a farm paper is dead without butter.

Pessimism may burn up a building; only optimism builds one.

Don't be afraid to let go while there is a net profit in the deal.

He who steals the prophet's mantle does not thereby become a prophet.

The man who mistakes the cheers of the crowd for success never gets far.

Our most unforgiving enemy is the one who has done us the greatest injury.

It is important for a horse to have a good gait, and the same thing is true of a farm.

While leaves have their time to fall we observe that it is always in the fall they do so.

Blessed is the man who knows enough to keep his nose out of other folks' business.

The paper file is all right and so is the bill file, but one cannot sharpen a saw with them.

The increased and increasing cost of living makes it certain that we will always have the poor with us.

The ranchman who is looking for a bright boy to employ never calls around the pool halls in town.

A preacher has an easy time earning his salary, but he has to work like blazes to collect it, the same as the newspaper men.

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CO-OPERATION REALLY PAYS

Farmers of Central Kansas Form Organization for Purpose of Buying and Selling Crops.

Ten cars of seed wheat, sold at a long advance over Kansas City prices, were shipped by the Lost Springs (Kansas) farmers' union this year. In addition a large quantity of seed was sold in smaller lots. This extensive marketing of high priced seed wheat was made possible by co-operative growing and selling.

Lost Springs is a small town in central Kansas. It is in a rich farming region. The farmers grow good crops and they determined to get the best prices for them. So they organized a union and now they do their own buying and selling in large lots. When the union was organized the number of its members could easily have been counted on the fingers of two hands. Co-operation might be a good thing, but most of the farmers in the country near Lost Springs desired to be shown before they joined. They soon were converted, writes Floyd B. Nichols, in the Orange Judd Farmer. Now the membership has increased to over 50. Almost all of the farmers within ten miles of Lost Springs belong to the union.

So far this year the union has shipped 31 cars of wheat to be sold for milling purposes. The wheat that was shipped to the central markets brought an average of five cents a bushel, after the freight and other expenses were paid, more than the local buyers offered. They have shipped 27 cars of corn and nine cars of oats, which were sold at two to six cents' advance over the prices offered by the local buyers.

The union also has handled 600 bushels of kafir corn, 500 bushels cane seed, 225 gallons of kerosene and 46 gallons of gasoline so far this year.

Thus, by the system of distribution which the Lost Springs farmers have worked out the middleman is eliminated. The producer and consumer can divide his profits.

Seed wheat is one of the specialties of the members of this association. Every farmer grows pure Khark of wheat—wheat that was reported as excellent by a representative of the milling department of the Kansas agricultural college last June. The original seed was purchased in carload lots two years ago. All the wheat in the neighborhood is uniformly pure Kharkof.

INDUSTRIOUS COTTON BUYER.

How industriously the little cotton buyer is working against any change in market systems. It means death to his trade. His is a work of self-preservation.

CO-OPERATION MEANS SPEED

Iowa Township Teaches Lesson Important in More Ways Than One—Work Done Systematically.

There is an important lesson to be learned from the story of an Iowa township. That lesson is important in more ways than one. The story is very brief and very simple, writes H. A. Williams in the Farm and Fireside. It is this:

The township is located in a section of the state that produces a great deal of very high-class live stock, corn and other crops. In fact, it is a township of mixed farming done by well-to-do, successful farmers.

In that township there are six thrashing outfits owned by partnerships of four to eight farmers. Each outfit consists of a fully equipped grain-separator and a steam thrashing engine with a water-tank. That is all that is owned in the partnership. The outfit is used only to do the thrashing on the farms owned or operated by the members of the partnership. One man operates the engine and two others operate the separator during the whole round of the various farms. These men, of course, are either those members of the partnership most experienced at such work, or are experienced men hired by them for the thrashing season.

The plan for distributing the costs of the outfit for the season, among the various members of the partnership, vary more or less in different instances. But in each case a careful attempt is made to so divide these costs that each member shall pay according to the amount and the variety of the work which was done for him.

The routine of the work done each year is arranged systematically so that, in the end, each member shall have fared alike. Various details in the original purchase of the machine, the care, management, operation, charges for various kinds of thrashing done, and so forth, vary somewhat in the various partnership, I understand.

One of the interesting lessons to be learned is the fact that farmers can co-operate. As I now look back upon the days and years I was a lad on the old home farm, I am much impressed with the lack of mutual confidence and trust, and the inability of any two or more of us to get together on a mutually satisfactory basis for doing anything. One remarkable exception was the instance of one man who spent nineteen years on a rented farm, and after the first year or so there was not even a written lease in existence. The renter lived across the road from his landlord. They agreed; both accounted his own and the others' word as good as his bond, so they got along well.

But there is a growing spirit of co-operation among us farmers. We are rapidly realizing that our interests are mutual. This is good; good for us, good for our business and good for the world at large. And this spirit of co-operation and mutual trust will grow only as we forget little things, overlook small faults and eccentricities and remember to look at only the larger, more important, more fundamental, things in each other.

A great deal of expensive machinery can be owned and operated in this way. If separators and thrashing engines can be successfully owned and operated in partnership, then other traction machinery can be owned and operated in the same way. And here-in lies an important opportunity which these different partnerships failed to grasp.

With but very little, if any, additional cost, the engines which were purchased could have been general-purpose tractors instead of the old-fashioned single-purpose thrashing engine fitted to do only belt work. Such an engine will do the various kinds of belt work just as successfully as will the single-purpose machines. And in addition to this, it will do all kinds of field work and hauling.

The additional expense for a traction gang plow would have equipped a partnership for doing traction farming on each of the farms represented. The plowing could be arranged for in the same routine, and paid for in the same way, as was the thrashing. The binders owned by the members could be clubbed together and put behind the tractor to do the harvesting; and it would be done better and quicker than it could be done in the old way with horses.

Was Misquoted.
The king of the hobos slouched into the office of The Daily Bread to make a complaint.

"You th' editor?" he asked.

"Yes."

"In yore paper this mornin' you said I made a talk to th' boys last night on 'How to Be at Work All th' Time.'"

"Well?"

"You got it wrong. Th' subject of my little talk was 'How to Beat Work All th' Time.' I want it c'rected, mister. That's all."

AVOID SPREADERS OF GLOOM

Chronic Grumblers and Awowed Discontented Persons Are Never the Best of Companions in Life.

The chronic grumbler is not a good companion nor in any way an admirable person. We fly from her as from a contagious disease. Nothing so certainly affects one's spirits as being in the constant company of a person who has a grievance.

The cherishing of discontent with our circumstances, business, dress, or any other thing in life soon robs us of beauty and marks the countenance with the lines of worry and ill temper that tell their own unhappy story.

Why anybody who is young should indulge in grumbling as a pastime is one of the puzzles that never is solved, yet such people there are, and we meet them to our sorrow almost every day.

If they happen to be passengers on a railway train they pile their bags and bundles on an extra seat for which they have not paid, are conveniently blind to the weariness of other passengers who are standing, and assume the aspect of martyrs when the conductor courteously but peremptorily informs them that they must make room.

They object to having the windows open, although the air may be loaded with impurities from the congestion of the crowd; they scold and fret at the throng or the conductor and rail at Providence in general because everything in life is not arranged with a view to their comfort.

RESponsible for the Slum

Society Can Not Ignore its Share of Blame When the Facts Are Brought to Light of Day.

Children work out their destiny along the lines of environment. If two infants, one born in a slum hovel and the other in a palace, were exchanged on the day of birth, each would work out his destiny in accordance with his surroundings. The child of the hovel would grow up to the palace. The child of the palace would remain on the level of the slum hovel.

While a noted physician was making these statements before a body of learned colleagues, a jury in Chicago found three boys, aged consecutively seventeen, eighteen and nineteen years, guilty of murder and convicted them to long terms in prison. The slayers were all slum products. Their youth saved them from hanging.

Society cannot afford to wax sentimental over a murderer because of his youth. Its duty, in self-preservation, is to inflict punishment. A part of this self-preservation duty, however, is to prevent the growth of murderers. In so far as society allows slums to exist and other degrading influences to be fostered, it is not without responsibility for the criminal.

Wanted—Woman.

For a good many years now all civilized nations have had the census. In order to determine scientifically the approximate conditions of population at home and throughout the world. Some of the statistics relating to the proportions of the sexes in different parts are interesting.

The total population of the world is estimated to be 1,700,000,000, and the proportion is said to be 1,000 men and 990 women.

The proportion varies considerably according to the region. In Europe there are, for each 1,000 men, 1,027 women; in Africa, 1,045; in America, 964; in Asia, 961; in Australia, 937.

The maximum feminine population is in Uganda, where there are 1,467 women to each 1,000 men, and the minimum in the gold countries of Alaska and in Malaysia, where there are found only 391 and 589 women, respectively to each 1,000 men.—Harpers' Weekly.

Encouraging Generosity.

One of the cleverest of Cleveland's blind newspaper merchants takes his stand daily at one of the corners of the public square. He's got a sarcastic little sign that reads:

"Don't be ashamed to give me a penny—I'm blind."

The other day a friend of ours dropped a nickel in front of this chap, just to see if he was faking. The blind never shifted his blank gaze, but he said:

"Make it a quarter, boss, and I'm likely to forget myself."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

One Can Write in the Dark.

A novelty is a penholder permitting one to write in the dark, since it is provided with an electric light. The tube through which the point of the pencil goes is fitted with a small accumulator and an electric lamp. The latter throws a disk of light over the point where the writing is being done. This luminous pencil has been invented for the use of doctors, reporters, detectives, etc., whose work necessitates the taking of notes in the streets and in darkness.—Harper's Weekly.

GROWTH OF BIG INDUSTRIES

Crops of Many Varieties Have Been Developed in United States in Last Few Years.

The Bermuda onion industry which last year amounted to over one thousand car loads has been developed in the United States in the last few years.

The large celery industries of southern and central California were developed during the past decade. There has also grown up in connection with the celery industry the cauliflower industry, which places a product in the eastern markets at a season when they are not supplied by the Long Island and up-state sections of New York. There has been at least fifty per cent increase in the area devoted to the production of celery in Florida during the last decade and similar extensions of the potato, tomato, and strawberry interests of this state.

There has been a very large increase in the acreage of truck crops in the vicinity of Norfolk and Portsmouth. The area devoted to spinach and kale has been greatly increased as well as that devoted to the standard truck crops such as potatoes and cabbage. The successful development of truck interests on the eastern shore of Virginia was accomplished in the last few years.

IMPROVE LIVE STOCK BREEDS

Secretary Hays of the Department of Agriculture Gives Views on Economic Aspect.

In discussing the economic aspect of the work in co-operative breeding, Assistant Secretary Hays, of the department of agriculture, said in a recent interview:

"Co-operation in animal breeding, as in other forms of country life operation, is a direct aid to the retention of the family farm, making less need for large farms and the consequent landlordism and peasantry of the people. Co-operation in testing and weeding out the ordinary herd used for production, in owning male animals, and in improving pure-bred families and breeds will enable farmers to delegate to collective management those things which the individual farmer can not well do for himself. If properly organized under suitable co-operative relations with the state and federal departments of agriculture and encouraged by suitable laws, the hereditary values of our breeds of live stock can be improved much more rapidly than if left to individual effort alone.

"There doubtless are at stake some hundreds of millions of possible added profit from the application of scientific knowledge of animal breeding in the United States alone. Private breeders could do even much more than now if the scientific breeding of animals were taken in hand by public agencies co-operating with a selected portion of the breeders of each class of live stock. There will be developed a class of technical public workers as superintendents of co-operative breeding enterprises, as well as investigators and teachers, who will so develop the science and practice of breeding that all private breeders will better know how to improve their stock, and will be better able to make profits from supplying superior breeding stock to the farmers who grow live stock products."

Worth of Silo Corn.

Twenty acres of corn put in a silo is said to be worth more than thirty acres put in the crib.

Corn Balls.

Boil together two cups of molasses, one cup of brown sugar, an egg-size piece of butter, teaspoon of vinegar; when hard as taffy stir in all the popped corn the candy will take and mold into balls or pour into pan and cut into squares.

Concerning Apple Pies.

If you ask a man what sort of pie he will take, and he hesitates a moment, he is pretty sure to blurt out apple. That is always a sure thing. Custard, lemon, peach, blackberry, mince, all depend; there is always some doubt as to their manufacture and the quality of the concomitants; but with apple pie it is not so. Apple pie is itself; it reigns in its own right; it suggests no doubts; it is always safe. Therefore it will be gratifying news that the apple crop this year is a bumper. There will be a yield of 105,000,000 bushels. That will make about sixty pies to every man, woman and child in the country; and this will give an ordinary piece of pie to every inhabitant every day in the year. Was there ever a nation so highly favored that it could have apple pie for every person every day? Thus nature and enterprise kindly and bountifully minister to the taste of all the people.—Ohio State Journal.

NEW WAYS OF EVANGELISTS

Departure From Old Time Methods Has Been Made in Busy New York Streets.

They certainly have speeded up the gospel wagon hereabouts. Every one has seen the old-fashioned noon day evangelist at work. He usually stands upon a soap box, he is sometimes aided by a bunch of singers whose voices need immediate patching, and he is always earnest, but often regrettably greasy. Also, a good many of him have the habit of passing the hat by proxy before the wary audience can make its get-away. The most elaborate old time outfit only ran to a cottage organ in a wagon. The wagon always wheezed and the organist knew only the sad tunes—with a universe full of jayous melodies to pick from. They don't do it that way any more. Street evangelism is on the first speed, along with everything else. Every noon nowadays an up-to-date entertainment committee can be seen from the windows of the Times-Star office at work on Madison square, says the New York correspondent of that paper. The evangelist rides to his daily task in a taxicab and when it is his time to speak he stands on the front seat and steadies himself by holding to the driver's head. In the cab are from three to five good looking women—good looking; get that?—who can and do sing. Sometimes they are accompanied by a cornetist who is a real artist. They sing regular songs, too, with a gospel flavor and at a quickstep. Sometimes they use megaphones pointed upward at the windows of the surrounding skyscrapers. Heads jam those windows the moment the first note is heard. There isn't anything cheap or commonplace or sordid in the outfit. The women are well dressed and have good voices. The speaker is always witty and eloquent—and he is just as earnest, even if his coat does fit and his collar is dandruffless. When the noon hour is over they ride to their homes in the taxi. It is a departure from the accepted rules of street evangelism—but isn't it like New York?

BAR THE FIT FROM COLLEGE

Traditional Requirements Are Unfair to Many Persons Who Should Be Sought and Welcomed.

I suspect we are likely to underestimate the number of naturally fit men, now barred out of college by the traditional requirements, who could readily enough prepare themselves to enter with quite as promising an equipment as that possessed by the regular high school candidates. They are to be found in every walk of life. Some are on farms, many are teaching rural schools, others are clerking in banks and commercial offices or working at the trades. These promising men should not merely be welcomed. They should be sought out. All colleges and especially those connected with state universities should bear torches in the search. It is a phase of conservation which transcends in importance the conservation of the forests, the water powers and the coal. Why should there not be "state surveys" for this higher object, something after the plan proposed by Jefferson for the discovery of geniuses in Virginia?

Not all naturally brilliant youth will desire to enter the professions, and this is well, for they are needed in the other walks of life also and will ever be found in goodly numbers, as now, in business, in the trades, on the farms. Those preferring these occupations ought to prepare for them at the vocational schools or in other effectual ways. The college course would be open to them for the purpose, but they would be expected to pursue it under the severe intellectual regimen prescribed for those looking forward to the professions.—Joseph Schafer in the American Review of Reviews.

English "Society."

There are three classes of society in England—the aristocrats, who are barbarians; the middle class, who are phillistines; and the dregs of society, who are nothing at all. It is a funny thing that the late King Edward, who had all the vices of the aristocrats, was beloved by the middle class, and that his son, King George, who has all the virtues of the middle class, is despised by the aristocrats. He and the queen are always spoken of as George and the Dragon.

His Chops.

"Here, waiter, I ordered two lamb chops and can't find but one."

"Let me see, sir. Quite true. Ah, I remember now. I passed the open door an' th' drawst must have blowed it away, sir."

"Bring me another waiter, and this time don't forget the windshield and the safety net."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 20, 1913

President elect Wilson will continue to let the patriots writhe in agony. His appointments for cabinet positions will not be made public until after March 4, 1913.

The legislature has suspended business until March 3, and the senate until February 24, 1913, on account of meningitis amongst the members. Two members succumbed to the malady, and a third is in a critical condition.

The future looks bright for the Grapeland country. Many new families have settled in our midst recently, and new land is being put into cultivation. This means more revenue for the farmers, and more money for circulation.

President-elect Wilson was caught in a "jam" Tuesday when several hundred suffragettes arrived at the state house in Trenton, New Jersey. The women crowded at the corridors of the building, and the governor was delayed several minutes by the "petticoats" stampede.

Bronson, Texas, must be located in the woods. Editor Brown, of the Light, commenting upon physicians grafting a dog's brain into a human being's head, says, if such a thing had to be done to him, he would prefer the brains of a squirrel dog.

Governor Colquitt put the "kibosh" to the Katy consolidation bill. Friends of the measure were hopeful that the bill could be passed over his veto, but since business has been suspended on account of meningitis, it is very probable that the bill will not again come up for consideration.

Saturday, February 22, is George Washington's birthday, the man when a boy who chopped a cherry tree down with his little hatchet, and who, after growing to manhood, was ruler of our land. Truthfulness, and a natural desire to do good to this nation, made him the great and treasured man that he was.

The State of Texas has recently docketed a suit against the Santa Fe railroad company, charging the company with failing to run their trains on scheduled time. The State, in this charge, asks damages to the enormous amount of \$5,000 per day for one hundred and forty days, totaling \$620,000.

Late indications point to a resumption of business in both branches of the legislature by February 24, 1913, if not sooner. Representative Hunt, who is sick, is convalescent, and his condition is hopeful. Germs and fear of disease are being dispelled, and all begin to have a "backbone" again.

The revolution in Mexico continues to revolve, and the bloody deeds are unabating. Madero reiterates defiance, declaring he can dominate, and Diaz thinks armistice will be politeness to American embassy. The United States has not, at last reports, interfered. A large number of Mexican federals have been killed during heavy fighting in the vicinity of the American embassy at Mexico City. Many bullets have entered the embassy building, with but slight damage.

GOOD ROADS FOR TEXAS

The road bond elections held in Texas during the month of January, carry a lesson of unusual importance to the members of the legislature, presenting, as they do, an unquenchable desire, on the part of the progressive public, for the improvement of our public highways, and give a working demonstration of the resisting power of our present laws to progress.

Five bond elections were held, resulting in three bond issues of \$495,000, and in two elections the bond issue was defeated, amounting to \$190,000. Ten elections were called during January, involving a total bond issue of \$2,115,000, which will be held in February. All the elections carried on a majority basis, but two fell short of a two-thirds vote.

There is as much reason why the State of Texas should teach its citizens the elementary principles of progress, as that it should teach the children to read and write, yet during the three-quarters of a century of our existence, the state has never spent one cent in encouraging the improvement of our public highways.

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"BROKEN LINKS" GREAT SUCCESS

On the evening of February 14th, "Broken Links," a five act drama, was most successfully presented by Grapeland young people in the auditorium of the school building.

At an early hour the house was filled with eager spectators—homefolk, who love Grapeland and hold her interests at heart.

At eight o'clock a thrill ran through the house as the curtain rose upon an Irish love scene, Miss Arline Howard playing "Biddy" and Mr. Murdoch Darsey taking the part of "Mike," who was employed at the Armand home to "rub down the horses," but was continually begging "Biddy" to take "soft walks under the stars of the juniper." These comical lovers were repeatedly interrupted by "Pomp," a gentleman of color, who was no other than the talented young comedian, Mr. Marvin Gilbert, and "Ned," a mischievous boy, which was well played by Arnold Clewis. None of these could have been excelled and their appearance was always greeted with enthusiasm.

Mr. R. S. Garland played the part of old man Armand and few professional actors could excel his interpretation of an iron will, later of remorse which progresses to madness.

Miss Ima Davis as "Fanchon Armand" wrung tears from sympathetic eyes as she turns her back upon home and loved ones in order to be true to her conscience and reject Harry Temple, whom her irate father had commanded her to marry. We wondered why she could not love him for he was the "young, talented and handsome" Mr. Chester Owens. Mr. Owens played his part well and Miss Davis was all that a sweet, true woman should be.

Mrs. A. H. Luker as "Mignon Armand" was the "true, grand and noble woman" whom "Reginald Darling" loved and at last when she gave her heart "wholly and unreservedly" to him and found surcease of sorrow in the shelter of his arms, the responsive hearts of the audience thrilled with their great love, for it was no make believe. Mr. Luker as the handsome "Reginald" was very good, indeed.

Mr. Stovall White as "Roger Glenmore" was indeed a villainous looking villain and when "Mildred Norton" shot him dead we couldn't help thinking she served him right.

Mr. W. L. Smith took the part of "Guy Manning," whose love for "Mildred" (who was in reality his own sweet bride) was true as steel and their pathetic death scene held the audience in awe. The play progressed to the happy reunion and "Home Sweet Home,"—the sweetest sentiment ever expressed swelled and thrilled through the auditorium.

To merely say the play was a success is but to half express it. It far exceeded the most sanguine expectations and the sum of ninety-five dollars was taken in.

The specialties, not the least of which was a burlesque sermon by Mr. Hamilton Morris, were highly amusing and the music by Mrs. Taylor, Messrs. Luther Lively, and Will Moore of Crockett was sweeter than that made by "weird musicians striking harps strung with Appollo's golden hair."

It is pleasant to pause and inhabit awhile these few sunny spots that smile amid the dull wilderness of every day toil and we hope that these philanthropic young people will favor us with other performances from time to time.
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We want your peas. adv
Kennedy Bros.

Mattresses for everybody, at Darsey's. adv

Fresh car of fine prairie hay at Kennedy Bros. adv

Murdock Darsey paid Augusta a business visit Tuesday.

Cane seed at adv
Kennedy Brothers'.

For garden seed, seed corn, etc., go to Howard's. adv

Let us save you money on your entire bill, at Traylor Bros. adv

Anything you want in screen doors and windows, at Kennedy Bros. adv

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Do your spring painting now. Acme quality paints, at Darsey's store. adv

It is time to plant gardens. Get your garden seed at adv
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See Darsey for saddles, harness and plow gear. adv

T. H. Leaverton is having more shed room added to his lumber yard.

We have both the quality and low prices on shoes, at S. E. Howard's. adv

Lloyd Allen, of Houston, spent several days here last week, visiting his father.

You can get anything you want in farm implements, at Kennedy Bros. adv

Frank Leaverton spent several days in San Antonio this week, buying another car of mules for Calhoun & Leaverton.

If you haven't time to come to town, just drop us a note. We will send it to you by Parcel Post. KENNEDY BROS. adv

Mrs. J. L. Jordan, of Crockett, was here Saturday in the interest of her candidacy in the Galveston News contest.

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The subject for Sunday morning will be the "Unfolding of Character." A cordial invitation is extended all to attend this service. W. A. CRAVEN, Pastor.

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Miss Maude McCarty visited her sister, Mrs. C. G. Lansford, of Crockett, a few days this week.

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LEGISLATIVE HAPPENINGS

A workman's compensation act, modeled along the lines of the statute now in effect in Wisconsin, will be taken up for consideration in the senate the early part of this week.

The senate has passed the house joint resolution ratifying the amendment to the federal constitution, providing for the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

The home rule bill will be considered by the legislature some time soon.

Humphrey's, of Throckmorton, wants to have a constitutional convention called for the purpose of writing a new constitution. Mr. Humphreys contends that, as Texas had only 1,000,000 population in 1775, when the present constitution was drafted, and 4,000,000 at present, that the people should be given a chance to live under a new constitution.

Hon. Clarence Oulsey, of Fort Worth, made an eloquent plea before the committee having under consideration the Calvin joint resolution, providing for bonded warehouses. The senate committee has reported favorably on the measure.

Senator Terrill's joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment which will authorize the voting of improvement bonds by a majority, instead of two-thirds majority, has been passed to engrossment.

Several prominent citizens of the irrigated section of west Texas are in Austin in connection with the proposed legislation affecting the irrigation interests. A bill has been introduced by Hudspeth, dealing with the subject of irrigation.

Governor Colquitt has sent in a list of his appointments for the next two years to the senate for confirmation. Notable among the appointments are J. T. Bowman, private secretary to the governor; Jno. L. Wortham, secretary of state; commissioner of insurance and banking, B. L. Gill; state health officer, Dr. Ralph Steiner, and adjutant-general, Henry B. Hutchings.

The divorce question is up for consideration by the State legislature, and if the measure now proposed carries, Texas will not offer many inducements to a "divorce colony." Representative R. L. Templeton has introduced a bill, making it hard to procure a divorce, and still harder for the divorced person to remarry.

LETTER FROM AN ANTRIMITE

February 10.—Another week has come and disappeared from us, and how time does "fly." It seems like we have scarcely given the happenings of our little village until we find ourselves hurried up at the same task again; but it is very gratifying to know that our feeble efforts at least are appreciated by a few.

And now, if the editor will permit me, we wish to express our appreciation to "Old Gray" for the tribute paid us in last week's issue, and will say further that our efforts have never been to make our own self prominent, but to do all the good possible, and as little harm knowingly, with the little amount of knowl-

edge which we possess, and with these passing remarks, we will present the news:

We are very sorry to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Simpson, of New Prospect, had the misfortune to lose their little six months' old daughter, Friday night. The little body was placed in Antrim cemetery, Saturday evening, February 8, at about four o'clock. Although they had the little one with them only a few months, we know they will miss the little voice from their home. We point them to the Father of All, who giveth and taketh at His will, and whether it be our will or not, we must remember that He doeth all things well.

Several of our farmers were in Elkhart the past week, receiving a shipment of pure Mebane cotton seed, which they had previously purchased. This is a step in the right direction, as the best seed is always the cheapest in the long run.

Another serious problem that is now, and will in the future, confront the cotton farmer, in this part of the state, will be the maintaining of the soil to a degree that they can profitably farm it. The old "rut" that we have farmed in, and that our fathers farmed in, will not do to depend upon any longer. We must begin studying the nature of our soils, have them analyzed, if necessary, and find out the missing elements that are necessary to produce a paying crop. Instead of planting one-eighth corn and two-thirds to cotton, and taking what we are able to get for it, we must raise more feed, more hogs and more of everything that we can use.

Think of the startling fact that \$115,000,000 was sent out of Texas last year to purchase feed for their live stock, and the same report says that we send \$1,000,000 per week away to buy meat and other products. Doesn't it seem that something is wrong? May be it's the report, but we are of the opinion that it's the judgment of the farmer who accounts for the most of it.

Robert Martin was in our midst last week, visiting his brother, Jno. Martin and family.

R. R. Skeen was a pleasant caller at the home of Wm. Durnell's, Saturday and Sunday.

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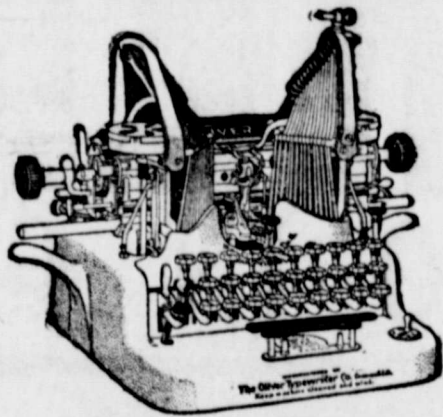
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NEWS NOTES FROM S. H. N. I.

Huntsville, Texas, Feb. 16.—I am sure there are a great many things connected with an institution like the Sam Houston Normal Institute that would interest the readers of your paper, but I can include only a few things in my letters. There are nearly seven hundred students and you see where there is such a large number of pupils there must be a great many different kinds of student activities. In the future I shall tell you something about our literary societies, religious organizations, athletic clubs etc.

But now we have fresh in mind a visit paid us last week by a committee from the State Legislature. This committee consisted of two representatives from the Senate and three from the House of Representatives. Those from the Senate were: Senator Nugent of Montgomery county, and Senator Wylie of Montague county. Those from the House were: Messrs. Patton of Houston county; Fuller of San Jacinto county; Savage, of Bell county. Of course we students saw but little of these men. They were here for the purpose of inspecting the school, with a view to making recommendations to the Legislature for its further improvement, so they were pretty busy looking into the needs of the institution and examining the work which is being done. On Saturday morning they came to chapel exercises and we had the privilege of hearing four of them speak.

A matter of more interest to the students generally, is the preparations they are making for the celebration of General Sam Houston's birthday and the declaration of Texas Independence on March 2nd. It is a long established custom for the students to assemble on that day in the Normal Chapel, and there be formed in procession by the grand marshal for the march to General Sam Houston's grave in the city cemetery. The senior class leads the way, headed by a flag-bearer, carrying a large Texas flag. Behind the seniors march the members of the other classes with the United States flag by their standard bearer. At the grave the students break rank and together with the citizens of the town, gather around the handsome granite monument erected by the state to the hero's memory. While we stand around the grave of this great man fitting exercises are held by members of the senior class chosen for this purpose. The following students have been chosen to appear on the program this year:

Reading of the Texas Declaration of Independence—Miss Claudia Smith of Walker county.

Oration: "Life and Services of General Sam Houston"—L. L. Lewis of Polk county.

Essay: "The Heroic Period of Texas History"—Miss Grace Vinson, Smith county.

Grand Marshal—A. M. Gaines of Anderson county.

Master of Ceremonies—W. C. Pruett of Caldwell county.

In this you see we can make use of our holiday by encouraging patriotism and honoring the great man for whom our normal school is named.

With best wishes, I am
Very truly yours,
M. B. H.

COMPULSORY EDUCATIONAL BILL

Austin, Texas, February 17.—Hon. Jno. W. Woods, representing the One Hundred and Twenty-first district in the lower house, has introduced a bill providing for compulsory education of children, between the ages of eight and fourteen years. The legislature is giving preferred attention to educational matters, and some of the strongest members of the legislature are on the committees dealing with educational subjects.

Many interesting statistics and instructive comparisons have been presented by Mr. Woods, who is authority on educational matters as well as an earnest friend of the children.



Jno. W. Woods

Only 65 per cent. of our scholastic population is enrolled in school, and the average schooling now received by each child in Texas is 55 days per annum. The bill provides 120 days schooling per annum for each child, but school trustees are permitted to reduce the compulsory attendance to 72 days if they see proper. In California the average number of days schooling each child receives is 97 and the expenditure per capita of average attendance is \$59.05 against \$18.55 in Texas.

The passage of the bill will result in practically doubling the school attendance in this state.

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will hold free demonstrations at various stations on the I. & G. N. Railway, February 10th to March 8th. See ticket agent for exhibition date and full particulars. (Adv)

Arthur Holcomb, constable of the Augusta precinct, came in Friday morning from Corsicana, where he had been after a negro, wanted in his community for some minor offense.

The man who was "born tired" should use Prickly Ash Bitters. It makes work a necessity to give vent to the energy and exuberance of spirits generated by functional activity in the system. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

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BIG FARMS IN THIS COUNTY

"There are too many large farms in Texas and the average Texas farmer is trying to do too much," said Judge S. A. Lindsey of Tyler, who, as Chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission, is directing the work of that body.

The Commission will begin an investigation into the causes that maintain this undesirable condition at an early date and Houston county will come within the scope of the inquiry as the Federal Census Reports show 60 farms in this county that contain more than 500 acres.

The average size of a farm in Houston county is 90.7 acres, which is 178.4 acres under the State's average.

We have a total of 4,446 farms in this county while the total number for the State is 417,770.

The average size of a Texas farm is 269 acres while those of Ohio and Indiana contain 71 and 78 acres, respectively, according to Federal Census figures recently compiled. There are 23,936 farms and ranches in this State that contain more than 500 acres and Texas ranks first with other states in the Union in this respect. A large number of these tracts are said to be held for speculative purposes and only a small portion are being used. The classification by size is shown in the following table for Houston county.

Under 3 acres, 1. 3 to 9 acres, 109. 10 to 19 acres, 335. 20 to 41 acres, 1,703. 50 to 69 acres, 1,060. 100 to 174 acres, 961. 175 to 259 acres, 270. 260 to 499 acres, 150. 500 to 999 acres, 43. 1000 acres and over, 17. Total 4,446.

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Corset covers at 25c, 35c and	- - - -	50c
Drawers at 25c and	- - - -	50c

Darsey's Dry Goods Store

Miss Alice Fox arrived in Grapeland last Monday night, and will again be in charge of the millinery department for George E. Darsey during the spring season. This will be glad news, for Miss Fox is not only a first-class milliner, but is very popular in our circle of young people, among whom she has many warm friends.

Miss Rosa Bishop left last week for Dallas, where she met her uncle from Illinois. She was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. R. E. Pennington, of Salmon.

The young people who compose the dramatic club had such a great success with their play, "Broken Links," at the auditorium, last Friday night, they have decided to play at Augusta next Friday night, February 21. No doubt a good crowd will greet them, and we are sure they will appreciate the performance.

Grapeland Chapter No. 120, Order of the Easter Star, held a public memorial service at the Masonic hall, Tuesday night, in honor of the dead members of the order, and the ceremony was one of the most beautiful we have ever witnessed. In a brief address, Mr. W. L. Smith stated why these services were held annually, and the sentiment expressed was that we should honor and respect those who have loved and labored with us as well as scattering "sunshine" along the path of the living.

Our friend, J. W. Ellis, of the Wesley Chapel community, was in to see us Saturday, he and Mrs. Ellis being here on a shopping expedition. Mr. Ellis is well pleased with his new home, and the general surroundings. Especially is he high in praise of the school in his community, which is taught by Mrs. Augusta Roselle. They have an enrollment of sixty-one, with an average attendance of forty, and a nine months' term. The community which has a good school, good churches and good people is, indeed, fortunate.

Mrs. Dr. C. C. Blair and children, of near Percilla, left Friday night for Fort Worth to see the doctor, who has been there several days in a private sanitarium for treatment. Dr. Blair's

former home was Fort Worth, where he practiced his profession for ten or fifteen years. He is now a very prominent citizen of our county. For several years his home was Augusta, where he practiced medicine and conducted a drug store. He has many friends in this community who wish for him a speedy recovery, so that he can soon be with us again.

FARM LIFE COMMISSION

Texas Secretaries Study Farm Life Conditions—Head of Farmers' Union to Manage Bureau.

The Texas Farm Life Commission is going to inaugurate a movement to "keep the boys on the farm" and they propose to do this by making farm life more attractive and the business of farming more remunerative. Many of the youngsters, attracted by the glare of the city, leave the farm before realizing the wonderful possibilities that surround them in their country homes. Then there are problems in production and marketing that must be solved through organized effort.

The commission will study every phase of agriculture and will endeavor to provide the machinery for taking out the waste in methods of producing and marketing farm products.

The commission was organized by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association and is composed of fifteen members. Mr. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the commission and Peter Radford of Fort Worth manager. The following are the commissioners: H. Lass, Brookshire; S. D. Steedman, Hagerman; J. T. S. Gant, Archer City; Geo. B. Dealey, Dallas; W. F. Proctor, Tyler; E. W. Knox, San Antonio; Joe Hirsch, Corpus Christi; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; A. Caswell Ellis, Austin; E. J. Kyle, College Station; Edwin Chamberlain, San Antonio; E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney; C. W. Post, Post City, and R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville.

The commission will hold a meeting at an early date to outline the work and appoint sub-committees and otherwise organize its forces for aggressive work in every county in Texas.

Mr. Peter Radford, manager of the commission, is president of the Farmers' union, and his general knowledge of agricultural conditions in the state and wide personal acquaintance among the farmers well qualifies him for the work. Mr. Radford will spend most of his time on the road in the interest of the movement. The state headquarters of the organization will be in Fort Worth.

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