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HOW CORRUPT FORCES GAINED CONTROL OF FARMERS' UNION

By Ex-President D. J. Neill in Home and State

I have been watching the trend of the Farmers' Union for a long time, and I am not surprised at its down fall. For, since its connection with the Commercial Secretaries Association, it has been lead into strange paths and made to do many things not consistent with the principles of the order. The Farmers' Union is no longer working in the interests of the farmers, for its leaders are trying to undo all the good that the Farmers' Union has ever done. All constructive laws secured by it, together with our anti-trust and bond and stock laws, are to be repealed and the people put at the mercy of such combinations as choose to plunder them.

The Farmers Union is no longer a farmers' organization for the farmer and by the farmer, but has become the rendezvous of Railroad Lobbyists, Railroad Employes, and even the Whiskey Trust. These combinations seems to have so surcharged it with their isms, that their slime is oozing out from its every pore.

I have read the many articles that have been sent out through the Press, as Farmers' Union literature, but I know that the men whose names are appended to those articles never wrote one word of such stuff. In the first place, they have not the ability to do it. Those articles were written by some smooth corporation tool, who believed by the use of such means, the poor old trusting farmer might be deceived, and the corporate interests might be able to gain great political advantages during the present campaign. What a fraud, what a deception, and such hypocrisy is almost without a parallel in the history of this state. Whenever the corporate interests are driven to such a level, and will resort to such means to accomplish their ends, they are getting desperate and it is time for the people to wake up for their liberties are in danger.

Just how the Farmers' Union was first captured by the Commercial Secretaries, the great body of the farmers perhaps will never know. It was done so smoothly and quietly that the great body of the farmers could not tell how it was done. They knew that something had gone wrong with the organization, but just what they were unable to understand. The Commercial Secretaries went about their work very adroitly; first establishing the Texas Welfare Commission, which took on a few leaders, and to show their sincerity and faith, ran one for Congress.

This scheme was so eminently successful that they promptly called a council and established another commission, and this time it was a FARM LIFE COMMISSION AND RURAL WOMANS' CLUBS. Now a few more leaders were put on the pay rolls and had expense accounts. So the good work went on; other leaders were given

places with the different railroads at good salaries, and thus the subjugation was made complete. The Anti-pass law about this time began to leak, and free transportation fell among the farmers like forest leaves.

Those who have been watching the State, Special and District meetings that have been held in the last few years, know how great gatherings were brought about. THEY KNOW THAT IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY THE UNLAWFUL USE OF THE FREE PASS, AND IT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN ANY OTHER WAY. It appears, too, that those who were pulling the wires paid but little attention to our Anti-Pass Laws. Free transportation was sent out promiscuously and great throngs of men were brought together in conventions, and often at the auspicious moment previously prepared type-written resolutions were introduced and carried unanimously with a great whoop, and then printed and sent out as the actual work of the Farmers' Union. These meetings were heralded in the press under flaming headlines as the greatest meetings ever held in Farmers' Union history, when in fact the real farmer was not there. But in his stead was the Railroad Lobbyist, Railroad Employes, Pass Toters and hirelings of the Commercial Secretaries.

The disgust of the real farmers has become universal, and the Farmers' Union no longer commands the respect of anybody. It has lost caste. Its prestige is gone, and today the Farmers' Union is made a hiss and a byword among men. I don't suppose that the membership of the Farmers' Union exceeds 3,000 members and possibly has fallen as low as 2,000, AND THOSE ARE ONLY HELD TOGETHER BY THE UNLAWFUL USE OF THE FREEPASS AND THE CRUMBS THAT FALL FROM THE TABLE OF THE COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES.

Last January, the Farmers' Union held a special meeting at Fort Worth, and at this meeting the candidacy of James E. Ferguson was hatched out. It had long been in the incubator of the Commercial Secretaries, and only needed this gathering to hatch the thing out. It was a smooth scheme, and one that was calculated to deceive lots of people. This is not the first time that the Commercial Secretaries have tried this kind of a scheme. Only a few years ago they got out a candidate to defeat Governor Campbell, and for a time it looked like they would succeed. The people woke up in time to defeat their candidate, and Governor Campbell was re-elected by a large majority. And it will be so again. Mr. Ferguson can not win this race; the odds are against him. Prohibition is stronger now than it ever has been and the people are deter-

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I DENOUNCED THE ALLIANCE THAT THE COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES HAD MADE WITH THE FARMERS' UNION MORE THAN THREE YEARS AGO. I WARNED THE PEOPLE THEN THAT THE COMMERCIAL SECRETARIES WERE TRYING TO GET

HOLD OF THE FARMERS' UNION, AND WOULD TRY TO MAKE A GREAT POLITICAL MACHINE OUT OF IT. I SAW THAT THEY WOULD CORRUPT AND DEBAUCH THE LEADERS AND LEAD THE ORGANIZATION ASTRAY. I TRIED TO SAVE THE ORGANIZATION FROM THEIR INFLUENCE, BUT I COULD NOT DO IT.

I did my full duty to the farmers of Texas, and am glad that I did. I hope now that the people are fully aroused, and will mete such punishment to those who have betrayed them, as such deserves.

At the picnic last Saturday at Bridge's pond, in the New Prospect community, Enon and New Prospect played two games of base ball, Enon winning both games. The score in the first game was 5 to 1 and in the second 13 to 2. The Enon boys were loud in their praise of the treatment they received at the hands of the New Prospect people, and especially praised the good dinner they enjoyed.

"Mr. Kruger," he said, as the old man turned to meet him, "I'll make you acquainted with Mr. De Lancey, my pardner. My name's Hooker."

"Glad to know you, Hooker," responded Kruger, shaking him by the hand. "How'do, Mr. De Lancey."

He gave Phil a rather crusty nod as he spoke, but De Lancey was dragging up another chair and failed to notice.

"Mr. Hooker was telling me about some proposition you had, to go down into Mexico," he began, drawing up closer while the old man watched him from under his eyebrows. "That's one tough country to do business in right now, but at the same time—"

"The country's perfectly quiet," put in Kruger—"perfectly quiet."

"Well, maybe so," qualified De Lancey; "but when it comes to getting in supplies—"

"Not a bit of trouble in the world," said the old man crabbedly. "Not a bit."

"Well," came back De Lancey, "what's the matter, then? What is the proposition, anyway?"

Henry Kruger blinked and eyed him intently.

"I've stated the proposition to Hooker," he said, "and he refused it. That's enough, ain't it?"

De Lancey laughed and turned away.

"Well, yes, I guess it is." Then, in passing, he said to Bud: "Go ahead and talk to him."

He walked away, lighting a cigarette and smiling good-naturedly, and the old timer turned to Bud.

"That's a smart man you've got for a pardner," he remarked. "A smart man. You want to look out," he added, "or he'll get away with you."

"Nope," said Bud. "You don't know him like I do. He's straight as a die."

"A man can be straight and still get away with you," observed the veteran shrewdly. "Yes, indeed." He paused to let this bit of wisdom sink in, and then he spoke again.

"You'd better quit—while you're lucky," he suggested. "You quit and come with me," he urged, "and if we strike it I'll make you a rich man. I don't need your pardner on this deal. I need just one man that can keep his head shut. Listen now; I'll tell you what it is."

"I know where there's a lost mine down in Mexico. If I'd tell you the name you'd know it in a minute, and it's free gold, too. Now there's a fellow that had that land located for ten years, but he couldn't find the lead. D'ye see? And when this second revolution came on he let it go—he neglected to pay his mining taxes and let it go back to the government. And now all I want is a quiet man to slip in and denounce that land and open up the lead. Here, look at this!"

He went down into his pocket and brought out a buckskin sack, from which he handed over a piece of well worn quartz.

"That's the rock," he said. "She runs four hundred dollars to the ton and the ledge is eight inches wide between the walls. Nice ore, eh? And she lays between shale and porphyry."

His eyes sparkled as he carefully replaced the specimen, and then he looked up at Bud.

"I'll let you in on that," he said. "Half and half—or I'll pay two hundred dollars a month and a bonus. You alone. Now how about it?"

For a moment Hooker looked at him as if to read his thoughts, then he shook his head and exhaled his smoke regretfully.

"Nope," he said. "Me and Phil are pardners. We work together."

"I'll give you three hundred!" cried Kruger, half rising in his chair.

"Nope," grunted Bud, "we're pardners."

"Huh!" snorted the mining man, and flung away in disgust. But as he

neared the door a new thought struck him and he came as quickly back.

"You can do what you please about

your pardner," he said. "I'm talking to you! Now—will you think about it?"

"Sure!" returned Hooker.

"Well, then," snapped Kruger, "meet me at the Waldorf in an hour!"

CHAPTER III.

On the untrammelled frontier, where most men are willing to pass for what they are without keeping up any "front," much of the private business, as well as the general devilment, is transacted in the back rooms of saloons. The Waldorf was nicely furnished in this regard.

After a drink at the bar, in which De Lancey and Hooker joined, Henry Kruger led the way casually to the rear, and in a few moments they were safely closeted.

"Now," began Kruger, as he took a seat by the table and faced them with snapping eyes, "the first thing I want to make plain to you gentlemen is, if I make any deal today it's to be with Mr. Hooker. If you boys are pardners you can talk it over together, but I deal with one man, and that's Hooker."

"All right?" he inquired, glancing at De Lancey, and that young man nodded indulgently.

"Very well, then," resumed Kruger, "now to get down to business. This mine that I'm talking about is located down here in Sonora within three hours' ride of a big American camp. It isn't an old Spanish mine, or lost padre layout; it's a well-defined ledge running three or four hundred dollars to the ton—and I know right where it is, too."

"What I want to do is to establish the title to it now, while this revolution is going on, and make a bonanza out of it afterward. Of course, if you boys don't want to go back into Mexico, that settles it; but if you do go, and I let you in on the deal, you've got to see it through or I'll lose the whole thing. So make up your minds, and if you say you'll go, I want you to stick to it!"

"We'll go, all right," spoke up De Lancey, "if it's rich enough."

"How about you?" inquired Kruger, turning impatiently on Bud; "will you go?"

"Yes, I'll go," answered Bud sullenly. "But I ain't stuck on the job," he added. "Jest about get it opened up when a bunch of rebels will jump in and take everything we've got."

"Well, you get a title to it and pay your taxes and you can come out, then," conceded Henry Kruger.

"No," grumbled Hooker, "if I go I'll stay with it." He glanced at his pardner at this, but he, for one, did not seem to be worried.

"I'll try anything—once!" he observed with a sprightly air, and Bud grinned sardonically at the well-worn phrase.

"Well," said Kruger, gazing inquiringly from one to the other, "is it a go? Will you shake hands on it?"

"What's the proposition?" broke in De Lancey eagerly.

"The deal is between me and Hooker," corrected Kruger. "I'll give him three hundred a month, or an equal share in the mine, expenses to be shared between us."

"Make it equal shares," said Hooker, holding out his hand, "and I'll give half of mine to Phil."

"All right, my boy!" cried the old man, suddenly clapping him on the shoulder. "I'll go you—and you'll never regret it," he added significantly. Then, throwing off the air of guarded secrecy which had characterized his actions so far, he sat down and began to talk.

"Boys," he said, "I'm feeling lucky today or I'd never have closed this deal. I'm letting you in on one of the biggest things that's ever been found in Sonora. Just to show you how good it is, here's my smelter receipts for eight hundred pounds of picked ore—one thousand and twenty-two dollars! That's the first and last ore that's ever been shipped from the old Eagle Tail. I dug it out myself, and sacked it and shipped it; and then some of them crooked Mexican officials tried to beat me out of my title and I blowed up the whole works with dynamite!"

"Yes, sir, clean as a whistle! I had my powder stored away in the drift, and the minute I found out I was eched I laid a fuse to it and brought the whole mountain down. That was ten years ago, and old Aragon and the agente mineral have had the land located ever since."

"I bet they've spent five thousand pesos trying to find that lead, but being nothing but a bunch of ignorant Mexicans, of course they never found nothing. Then Francisco Madero comes in and fires the agente mineral off his job and old Aragon lets the land revert for taxes. I've got a Mexican that keeps me posted, and ever since he sent me word that the title had lapsed I've been crazy to relocate that claim."

"Well, now, that don't look so bad, does it?" he asked, beaming paternally at Bud. "There ain't a man in town that wouldn't have jumped at the chance, if I was where I could talk about it, but that's just what I couldn't do. I had to find some stranger that

wouldn't sense what mine I was talking about and then git him to go in on it blind."

"Now here's the way I'm fixed, boys," he exclaimed, brushing his unkempt beard and smiling craftily. "When I dynamited the Eagle Tail it was mine by rights, but Cipriano Aragon—he's the big Mexican down at old Fortuna—and Morales, the mineral agent, had buncoed me out of the title."

"So, according to law, I blowed up their mine, and if I ever showed up down there I reckon they'd throw me into jail. And if at any time they find out that you're working for me, why, we're ditched—that's all! They'll put you out of business. So, after we've made our agreement and I've told you what to do, I don't want to hear a word out of you—I don't want you to come near me, nor even write me a letter—just go ahead the best you can until you win out or go broke."

"It ain't a hard proposition," he continued, "if you keep your mouth shut, but if they tumble, it'll be a fight to a finish. I'm not saying this for you, Hooker, because I know you're safe; I'm saying it for your pardner here. You talk too much, Mr. De Lancey," he chided, eying him with sudden severity. "I'm afraid of ye!"

"All right," broke in Hooker good-naturedly, "I reckon we understand. Now go ahead and tell us where this mine is and who there is down there to look out for."

"The man to look out for," answered Kruger with venom, "is Cipriano Aragon. He's the man that bilked me out of the mine once, and he'll do it again if he can. When I went down there—it was ten years and more ago—I wasn't on to those Spanish ways of his, and he was so dog-goned polite and friendly I thought I could trust him anywhere."

"He owns a big ranch and mescal still, runs cattle, works a few placers, sends out pack-trains, and has every Mexican and Indian in the country in debt to him through his store, so if he happens to want any rough work done there's always somebody to do it."

"Well, just to show you how he did me, I got to nosing round those old Spanish workings east of Fortuna and finally I run across the ledge that I'm telling you about, not far from an abandoned shaft. But the Mexican mining laws are different from ours, and an American has lots of trouble anyway, so I made a trade with old Aragon that he should locate the claim for me under a power of attorney. Didn't know him then like I do now. The papers had to be sent to Moctezuma and Hermosillo, and to the City of Mexico and back, and while I was waiting around I dug in on this lead and opened up the prettiest vein of quartz you ever saw in your life. Here's a sample of it, and it's sure rich."

He handed De Lancey the familiar piece of quartz and proceeded with his story.

"That ore looked so good to me that I couldn't wait—I shipped it before I got my title. And right there I made my mistake. When Aragon saw the gold in that rock he just quietly recorded the concession in his own name and told me to go to blazes. That's the greaser of it! So I blew the whole mine up and hit for the border. That's the Dutch of it, I reckon," he added grimly. "Anyway, my old man was Dutch."

He paused, smiling over the memory of his misplaced credulity, and Hooker and De Lancey joined in a hearty laugh. From the town bum that he had first seemed this shabby little man had changed in their eyes until now he was a border Croesus, the mere recital of whose adventures conjured up in their minds visions of gold and hidden treasure.

The rugged face of Bud Hooker, which had been set in grim lines from the first, relaxed as the tale proceeded and his honest eyes glowed with admiration as he heard the well-planned scheme. As for De Lancey, he could hardly restrain his enthusiasm, and drawn on by the contagion, Henry Kruger made maps and answered questions until every detail was settled.

After the location had been marked, and the lost tunnel charted from the corner monuments, he bade them remember it well and destroyed every vestige of paper. Then, as a final admonition, he said:

"Now go in there quietly, boys—don't hurry. Prospect around a little and the Mexicans will all come to you and try to sell you lost mines. Cruz Mendez is the man you're looking for—he's honest, and he'll take you to the Eagle Tail. After that you can use your own judgment. So good-by—he took them by the hands—and don't talk!"

He held up a warning finger as they parted, and Bud nodded briefly in reply. Silence was a habit with him, desert-bred, and he nodded his head for two.

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You may argue that you spend so little money that your "mite" will not be missed, but let me assure you that you are mistaken. It is the little grains of

sand that make the seashore—the little bolts that help to keep the sky-scraper together. Your "little" is needed to build up the bulwarks of local commercial prosperity. Above all else, your merchants need your moral support, for without this they cannot succeed.

Let us get down to facts. Why do you trade away from home? Because you think you can do better, or you have an idea you cannot find what you want in your local stores. Very well. Have you inspected the stock of your merchant and found this to be true? If not, why not be fair enough to do so, and if you do not find what you want tell him so frankly and give him an opportunity to order for you. Possibly he will make a small commission on the sale. He is surely entitled to do so as much as the out-of-town man. But more than all else he will be grateful for your moral support.

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A NON-PROGRESSIVE EDITOR

Editor Luker of the Grapeland Messenger thus laments: "In our humble opinion, the old-fashioned red-petticoat was a great deal better than none at all, which kind seem to be strongly in favor this summer." What matters it to Editor Luker how the women dress, as long as he doesn't have to pay for the clothes? And if a man is permitted to dispense with his nether garments, as many do in the summertime (including the editor of the Messenger), why should the women be denied the same privilege? All this swearing and tearing by foolish men about the way women dress, is ill timed. Barring hoop-skirts, a woman has a right to dress as she pleases, just so she is not dressed immodest enough to get herself arrested when she appears on the streets; and such a thing has not yet occurred in

Houston, although Houston is by no means a city of prudes. Let the women alone and they will take care of themselves in the matter of dress. They know what they want and we are in favor of letting them go the limit. If it were not for the women, this would indeed be a lonely old world; and as they have troubles of their own, it is not for the men to add to those troubles by criticizing that which the women wear. Editor Luker, if not a flucker, is at least a non-Progressive, and this ought to be enough to condemn him in the eyes of those two very Progressive-Progressives, Thomas Benton Love and Artemus Willowy Walker, to whom he often looks for that inspiration which guides his facile pen.—State Topics.

The Messenger editor stands for prudence in all things—in politics as well as women's dress. In fact, we believe the word "decency" would convey a better meaning. Politics ought to be clean and we can see no harm in the preachers taking a hand in the matter. That's why we can't endorse Uncle Peter and Walter Lewis in their effort to drive the preachers "back to the pulpit," and that's why, McLemore, we can't endorse you for congress—you don't measure up to our standard of ideals in the political arena.

The man who always sticks to the truth has very few explanations to make.

Strictly speaking, the nearest approach a man can come to being perfect is to be honest.

The great trouble with a great many self-made men is they didn't have very good material to work with.

In the event Jim Ferguson is elected governor, and Jeff McLemore congressman from the state at large, let's rent out Texas to the devil and move to Arkansas.

The last article sent out by Radford and Lewis left off their connection with the Farmers' Union and only bore their signatures. Thus it will be seen that the attorney general's suit against the Business Men's Association is bearing fruit already.

We should at least give Rockefeller credit for the million dollar fund he has established for research work to aid suffering humanity. The government generally looks after the welfare of the hogs and other animals, so John probably thought he might as well be the goat and do something for us lambs.

Jim Lowry deserves any success that he may achieve. He is just plain, honest Jim Lowry with a head full of good hard horse sense any time you meet him. He is a well poised man and true to the right as the needle to the pole. He feels that he is a brother to every man and delights in rendering a valuable service to all men. His election to congress will broaden the field for his work.—Van Alstyne Leader.

We give considerable space this week to an article by D. J. Neill, former president of the Farmers' Union, showing how that organization has been betrayed into the hands of "big business" by the men who were honored by the members in places of trust. Peter Radford has been on the pay roll of the

Texas Commercial Secretaries ever since his official connection with the Union ceased, and Walter Lewis, president, permits his name to be used by them in the scurrilous political articles sent out. We believe this marks the end of the usefulness of the Farmers' Union in this state, and it is to be deeply regretted, because it was an organization founded on principles of justice and right.

The Palestine Evening Record bunched a few of our paragraphs under a head and run them last Thursday, together with this remark: "We acknowledge we got these from the Grapeland Messenger. We don't know where that sheet got them." Does the Record Editor want to know how to write paragraphs of his own? It's the simplest thing in the world! Merely enter the great cosmic silence, pass into the trans of spiritual rapport and harmony with the infinite, hitch your mental trolley to the live wire of inspiration, and thus get in touch with delightful vibrations of truth.

In East Texas, as in every other section, you will find shiftless and unsuccessful farmers who would not make a success in the most fertile country on the globe. The fault is with the man, and not with the country. But ordinarily the East Texas farmer is industrious and successful. He is more and more getting away from the one-crop idea and is practicing diversification of crops—growing more corn, peanuts, and other feed stuffs, and more hogs, cattle and chickens. Heretofore the feed bill has been a heavy drain on the

cotton farmer's bank account, but since the advent of the silo he is going to grow and store all the feed that will be required to carry his work and dairy stock through the winter.—Conroe Courier.

NO PICNIC HERE

The citizens of Grapeland held a meeting Tuesday afternoon and discussed the proposition of a picnic for Grapeland for next Wednesday, when the candidates will be here. The matter was gone over thoroughly, and when put to a vote, a large majority voted against the picnic, for several reasons, one of which is that a meeting will be in progress and the people would have to neglect the meeting to prepare for the picnic. Grapeland always tries to do the right thing, and past records will bear us out in the statement that whatever Grapeland undertakes, she always makes a big success of it, and considering the financial condition of the country at present, our people felt that they could not come up to past standards, and therefore decided to abolish the picnic for this year. We feel sure this will meet the approval of all people who view it in the proper light.

People are invited to come and hear the candidates speak, which will begin about ten o'clock in the morning in the arbor near the school building.

—Rev. H. A. Matney, R. B. Edens and Murdoch Darsey of this place, and G. R. Sewell of Percilla, attended the district conference of the M. E. church at Huntsville the latter part of last week.

DON'T LET the SUN GET the BEST of YOU

WARD OFF HIS HOT, SIZZLING RAYS WITH COOL AND COMFORTABLE CLOTHING

These hot summer days call for light, airy clothing, from head to foot, and the more lightly you are clad, the better prepared you are for the heat. Our store offers some especially attractive specialties in all lines for the summer months, and before you buy we shall be glad for you to call in and get our

MONEY SAVING PRICES

SEE US FOR ANYTHING you need and we shall be glad to give the best of our service, combined with high quality and low prices

For Men And Boys

Our line of men's and boys wearing apparel is very complete at this season of the year. We are showing in this department, clothing that invites comfort. Our general line is appealing to the man who wants a cool, clean appearance as well as feeling, and we recommend our lines to you. Men's shirts, made of the newest patterns and cool material. A good line of sizes.....50c to \$1.50 Boy's shirts, well made and of good patterns and fast colors...50c to 90c Men's and boy's neckwear, hosiery, collars, hats, supporters, and in fact everything that men and boys wear at attractive prices.

Men's underwear, in two piece suits and union suits, made in knee length drawers and half sleeves. Per suit.....\$1.00

For Ladies and Misses

In this department will be found many items of interest to the ladies. These lines include almost everything that women and misses wear and our assortment of patterns makes it easy for you to get something you like a different. We invite you to visit this department and see the many interesting things we have.

LADIES' DRESSES—all sizes, made from newest materials and on latest models.....\$1.00 to \$6.00

MISSES AND CHILDREN'S DRESS ES—very prettily made and a good line of sizes at.....50c to \$1.00

We have a big line of low quarters, hosiery, neckwear, muslin underwear etc., that is very attractive. Our line of ARESKO underwear contains the highest quality goods.

Our line of summer dress goods includes many attractive patterns in voiles, crepes, plain and figured flaxons, ratines, trimmings, etc., and we will be glad to show you these goods.

For the Home

Our health demands that we look after the home and keep it sanitary during the summer months. War is

now being waged on flies, mosquitos and filth throughout the land, and in order to cope with these things, it is necessary that we patch up such places as are necessary to exterminate them. We have a big line of screen wire, doors mosquito bar net, and many other things that will help preserve your health.

AN ICE CREAM FREEZER AND OIL STOVE adds greatly to your summer comfort, and keeps things around the home cool and airy. Call and see our line of oil stoves and have them explained to you. We have a line of cooking utensils specially made for oil stove cooking. Our line of ice cream freezers is the best in town, and the sizes run from 2 to 6 quarts,

STYLEPLUS
are the Clothes that made
\$17 Famous

GEO. E. DARSEY

Our Store Closes Every
Day at Six O'clock Ex-
cept on Saturdays

LOCAL NEWS

W. R. Wherry went to Palestine Tuesday.

Get a can of "Sunset Coffee" at McLean & Riall's. Adv.

Bob Hayes of Huntsville spent a few days here with his friend, Woodie Eaves.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Eaves left Wednesday for Alto to visit relatives.

Miss Luna Frank Hollingsworth is visiting relatives in Livingston.

Mrs. H. S. Robertson of Oakhurst spent a day here last week with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Hill.

Feed stuff at cost to farmers only. Car just received. Get yours now. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Pitts and children returned Tuesday night from a visit to their old home at Hillsboro.

Mrs. Odell Faris and son of Lake Charles La., are visiting relatives and friends in Grapeland.

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

W. H. Howard has returned to his home in Troup after a few days spent with his brother, Walter Howard.

We are always wide awake to the new styles in men's clothes. Service is our watchword. adv. Clewis, the tailor.

Daniel Wrencher, of the Old Soldiers' Home at Austin, is here on a visit to his niece, Mrs. Roy Brewton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lively and Misses Effie and Eddie Downs of Crockett are here visiting relatives.

WANTED TO BUY—1 dozen good frying size chickens; pay market price in cash. See me at the Messenger office. adv. A. H. Luker.

Dr. Sam Kennedy
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
Office in Leaverton's Drug Store
Main Street

Ladies' work a specialty. adv. Clewis, the Tailor.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Selkirk of Onalaska are in Grapeland visiting relatives.

Miss Cammie Thompson of Palestine visited friends and relatives in Grapeland this week.

Hon. J. E. Rose of Palestine, candidate for District Attorney, was here Monday.

Team Wanted

To haul lumber. See George Shaver. Adv.

Ely Willis and family of Grove ton are visiting relatives southeast of town this week.

Mrs. DeWitt Coker and children of Athens are visiting relatives in Grapeland.

The candidates held forth at Daly's Tuesday, and quite a number of Grapeland people went out to the picnic.

N. B. Edens of Route 2 was a pleasant caller Saturday and renewed his subscription for a year.

Mrs. Ethel Lively Calhoun of Crockett came up Saturday and went out to Augusta to visit relatives.

Oscar Dennis of Percilla, and Eugene Holcomb of Augusta, both candidates for Commissioner of Precinct No. 1, were here Saturday "deadening timber."

Posted

My entire farm is posted and no trespassing will be allowed by anyone. Please take warning. Adv. J. W. Howard.

W. H. Newsome of the Reynard community was here last Thursday transacting business. He remembered the Messenger while here.

Mrs. C. E. Dockery of Shreveport, La., accompanied by little Miss Pauline and Master Buster Shipper of DeRidder, La., came in Saturday to spend several weeks visiting relatives.

I am selling the best grade of Palm Beach Suits cheaper than ever. \$5.00 to \$7.25 is what I ask for them, and they would cost you elsewhere \$6.00 to \$8.50. Let me show them to you. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

A LETTER FROM DR. STOKES TO DR. DENMAN AND HIS REPLY REGARDING CONDITION OF O. C. GOODWIN

Crockett, Texas,
July 5, 1914

Dear Doctor Denman:

It is being frequently asked when Mr. Goodwin can come home and enter campaign, and I would like to know from you when to expect him. Permission to publish your letter might be a good idea, as it has been asserted by some that he was not away for surgical treatment. Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am,

Fraternally yours,
E. B. Stokes.

Houston, Texas,
July 6, 1914

Dr. E. B. Stokes,
Crockett, Texas.
My Dear Doctor:

Mr. Goodwin is doing fine; however, for the past few days he has appeared very anxious to return home; in fact, he has been insistent to return at once, entirely against my advice that he remain in bed in the hospital for at least another week.

As you know, an operation for Hernia requires more time and quietude for firm healing to complete itself than for most any other abdominal operation, and further, as you know the seriousness of his condition prior to the operation, it behooves him to take extra care of himself.

In view of these facts, and that you are his family physician, a letter from you to him, urging upon him the absolute necessity of him remaining in bed until firm union can establish itself.

Thanking you, I remain,
Yours truly,
P. R. Denman.

At Cost

Another car load of feed stuff has arrived which will be sold to farmers at cost. Better get your supply at once. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

Have Them Laundered

Send your Palm Beach Suits to the laundry and have them cleaned and pressed right at a lower price. Basket leaves Wednesday returning Saturday. Adv. Caskey & Denson.

Six Per Cent Loans

Obtainable to buy, build or improve farm, ranch and city property or remove incumbrance therefrom; liberal options: 5 years before paying on principal; on or before, etc. For the proposition, address, Assets Dep't., Suite 1410, Busch Bldg., Dallas, Texas. (Advertisement.)

\$5.00 and up buys the best grade of Palm Beach suits. Why pay more? The very thing for warm weather. Adv. W. R. Wherry.

Sam Goodson received a message Monday from Golden, stating that his sister, Mrs. Jones, was seriously ill and not expected to live. He and his daughter, Miss Fannie, left on the first train for her bedside.

Fretful babies need the comforting effect of McGee's Baby Elixir. It quiets feverishness, corrects sour stomach, cures colic pains and checks diarrhoea. It is a perfectly safe and whole-some remedy containing no opium, morphine or injurious drug of any kind. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

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

WARFIELD BROS.

Office North Side Public Square

CROCKETT, TEXAS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

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

at the close of business, on the 30th day of July, 1914, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 9th day of July 1914:

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$56,577 84
Loans, real estate.....	6,000 00
Overdrafts.....	1,968 68
Bonds and Stocks.....	000 00
Suspense Account.....	100 00
Real estate (banking house).....	2,983 03
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,000 00
Due from approved reserve agents.....	87,637 26
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check.....	600 00
Cash Items.....	87 68
Currency.....	1,802 00
Specie.....	1,942 33
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	857 73
Total.....	\$81,856 55

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000 00
Surplus Fund.....	10,500 00
Undivided Profits.....	1,475 87
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.....	000 00
Individual Deposits, subject to check.....	26,685 74
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	3,238 94
Cashier's Checks.....	6 00
Bills Payable and discounts.....	25,000 00
Other liabilities as follows: Dividends unpaid.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 81,956 55

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. } ss

We, George E. Darsey, as President, and W. D. Granberry, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
GEO. E. DARSEY, President.
W. D. GRANBERRY, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of July, A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal, on the date last aforesaid.

J. R. RICHARDS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
M. E. DARSEY }
P. L. FULGHAM } Directors
JOE ADAMS }

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Monday 6—Race riot in Philadelphia 1844.
Tuesday 7—Braddock's defeat 1755.
Wednesday 8—Battle at Laurel Hill 1861.
Thursday 9—John D. Rockefeller born 1839.
Friday 10—Self-binders first used 1871.
Saturday 11—Battle at Rich Mountain 1861.
Sunday 12—Yellow fever epidemic 1877.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Granberry and son and Mrs. Bettie Richards spent Sunday and Monday in Trinity, making the trip in Mr. Granberry's car.

Bank No. 768

Official Statement

OF THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE

Guaranty State Bank

at Grapeland, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30th day of June, 1914, published in the Grapeland Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 9th day of June, 1914.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$39,896.74
Loans, real estate.....	3,566.83
Overdrafts.....	22.02
Real estate, (banking house).....	3,328.90
Furniture and Fixtures.....	2,189.40
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	\$4,716.62
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	\$ 375.02
Cash Items.....	37.23
Currency.....	1,353.00
Specie.....	3,216.31
Interest in Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	294.88
Other resources as follows: Assessment for Guaranty Fund.....	12.86
Total.....	59,109.81

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	3,500.00
Undivided profits, net.....	944.37
Individual deposits, subject to check.....	28,042.59
Time Certificates of Deposits.....	3,098.20
Cashier's Checks.....	24.65
Bills payable and discounts.....	8,500.00
Total.....	59,109.81

State of Texas, }
County of Houston. }

We, C. W. Kennedy as president, and U. M. Brock as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

C. W. KENNEDY,
President.
U. M. BROCK, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of July, A. D., nineteen hundred and fourteen. Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

JOE ADAMS,
Notary Public,
Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
J. R. Pennington }
J. E. Bean } Directors
E. G. Walling }

If Kidneys and Bladder Bother Then Foley Kidney Pills

Overworked kidneys will break down if not helped. When they can no longer protect the blood and the body from the poisons that come to them, then look out for Bright's disease, serious kidney trouble and bladder annoyances. Foley Kidney Pills are your best protection, your best medicine for weak, sore, overworked kidney and bladder weaknesses. For sale by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

A large force of men and teams are at work on the Grapeland and Crockett road this week putting it in first-class shape. They propose to make a good road all the way to Elkhart creek.

Grass Grass Grass

Kill out the Grass and
Give Your Crop a chance

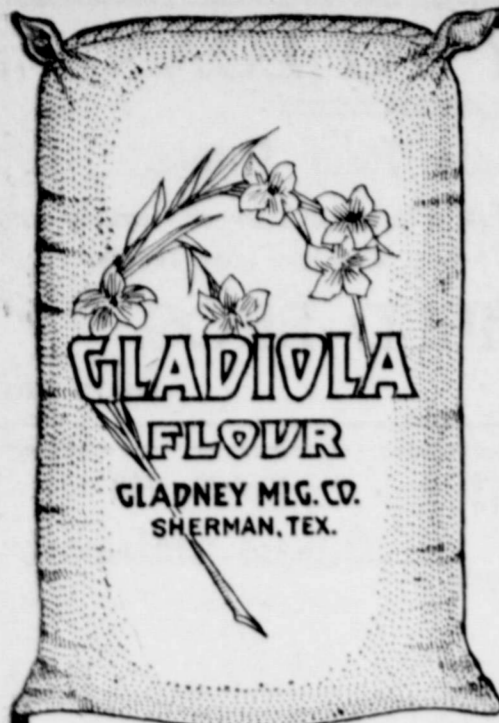
What You Need is a

Good Cultivator

We have a few left which we are closing out at less than actual wholesale cost.

See us before all are gone.

HERMAN SCHMIDT & COMPANY
Successors to Logan Hardware Co. ELKHART, TEXAS.



Here is a New Flour

Made in a new Mill by a new and perfect process which retains in the Flour *all* the richness of the wheat.

Try One Sack at Our Risk

It will make *better* Bread, *flakier* pastry and *lighter* cake.

We Strictly Guarantee It

If it fails to wholly please you, Send it back and we'll refund your money.

A Free Sack of Gladiola Flour to the winner of our monthly baking contests. Ask us to tell you about it

W. R. Wherry

YOU CAN AFFORD IT

Facts And Figures On Young People's Earning Ability

\$50 pays for an unlimited life scholarship in Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Telegraphy or Business Administration and Finance in our school. \$50 will pay for the board and lodging of the average student while completing one of these courses. When two of these courses are taken at the same time a discount of \$5.00 is made. The average time of completing two courses is five months, therefore board and lodging would amount to about \$62.50. When one or more of these courses is finished, we will place the graduate in a position where his first two or three month's salary will reimburse him for all necessary tuition and board paid for the course. The graduate seeing that he can now earn \$3.00 where before he could earn but \$1.00 will soon admit that if he had had to borrow every cent of the money to pay board and tuition, that it was the best investment he ever made.

With the famous Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping, and our practical way of teaching Telegraphy and Railway Station Work, we give the student a more thorough training, in half the time and at half the usual cost of a course in other schools teaching other systems. This is conclusively proven by the indorsements in our catalogue from those who have attended other schools and studied other systems. We conclusively prove every statement we make, and that is why we have the largest business training school in America. Our catalogue is free for the asking, and it will give any parent or young person just the information they desire in helping them to make up their mind as to the school to patronize, the course to take, the cost, and the increased earning capacity.

Fill in name, address and course interested in, and mail to Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Name
Address
Course
(Advertisement.)

A Good Investment

W. D. Magli, a well known merchant of Whitemound, Wis., bought a stock of Chamberlain's medicine so as to be able to supply them to his customers. After receiving them he was himself taken sick and says that one small bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was worth more to him than the cost of his entire stock of these medicines. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Read our advertising; there's profit in it for you. Our merchants have a real live message—one that goes straight to the wallet; and they had so much faith in their message that they paid us to print it.

Causes of Stomach Troubles

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, overeating, partaking of food and drink not suited to your age and occupation. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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LET US KNOW YOUR
PRINTING WANTS

WE'LL EXECUTE THEM IN A
SATISFACTORY MANNER
AND QUICKLY

The Messenger

CHILDREN CRY

Frequently and for no apparent reason when they have worms.

**WHITE'S
CREAM VERMIFUGE**
Is the remedy needed.

It destroys and removes worms, strengthens the stomach and restores healthy conditions. A few doses brings back rosy cheeks, vigor and cheerfulness.

Price 25c per Bottle.
Jas. F. Ballard, Prop., St. Louis, Mo.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT

Galveston Daily and Semi-
Weekly Farm News.
Houston Daily Post and
Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.
RENEW WITH US

Caskey and Denson Barbers

Your Business
will be
Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just
around the corner off Main st.
Laundry basket leaves Wed-
nesday and returns Saturday

ABSTRACTS

You can not sell your land without an Abstract showing perfect title. Why not have your lands abstracted and your titles perfected? We have the ONLY COMPLETE UP-TO-DATE ABSTRACT LAND TITLES OF HOUSTON COUNTY
ADAMS & YOUNG
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Full Advertising Value
For Every
Advertiser's Dollar

FARMERS!

Send 25c for a copy of The Farmer's Rapid Figurer and Calculator; the handiest book you ever saw; money back if wanted.—E. C. Foster, Assumption, Ill. Adv.

A Classy Letterhead
Doesn't Cost Much
— Ask Us —

THE MESSENGER.

DIED IN HOUSTON

Parched with fever and wondering why his wife does not come, Clyde Brown lies at the point of death in a local sanitarium. A shock might kill him. Peace may help him to recover from the typhoid fever. That is why they do not tell him. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Brown died at their home at Sunset avenue and Avenue N in Magnolia Park. Her life passed out as that of her infant son began. Mrs. Brown was 19 years of age. Besides her husband and son, Mrs. Brown is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Tom Luce and Mrs. Bertha Tyer of Grapeland, and Mrs. Lettie Graham of Crockett, and two brothers, Billy and Boyd Wall, both of Houston. — Saturday's Houston Chronicle.

Mrs. Brown's remains were shipped to Grapeland Sunday, and Monday were interred in Lockout cemetery, near her old home.

A Perfect Cathartic

There is sure and wholesome action in every dose of Foley Cathartic Tablets. They cleanse with never a gripe or pain. Chronic cases of constipation find them invaluable. Stout people are relieved of that bloated, congested feeling, so uncomfortable especially in hot weather. They keep your liver busy. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

Legal Blanks

The Messenger carries a supply of legal blanks and can furnish you with

- Notes
- Mortgages
- Vendor's Lien Notes
- Release Deeds
- Warranty Deeds
- Bill of Sales
- Transfer of Vendor's Lien Notes
- Extension of Vendor's Lien Notes

If you feel "blue," "no account," lazy, you need a good cleaning out. Herbine is the right thing for that purpose. It stimulates the liver, tones up the stomach and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv. t r.

RATTLES AND A BUTTON

While plowing up around Garison last week Dan Chism discovered and killed a rattlesnake five and one half feet long, which had thirteen rattles and a button. The fact is very plain, after this has happened, that one cannot be too careful about where he undertakes to plow. — Lufkin News.

Ever since State Press learned to read, which was before he was 21 years old, he has been reading accounts of rattlesnakes which had a dozen or so of rattles "and a button." Invariably a rattlesnake has a button. No matter if it is one rattle or a hundred that a rattlesnake grows, always the reptile's got a button. Why the button, and why always one button? What does he button with his button? Why is not an occasional rattlesnake endowed with a hook-and-eye, or a drawstring or even a safety pin? There is a field here for cultivation by some imaginative correspondent. Let us hear soon of a rattlesnake with ten buttons and a rattle, or a rattler with one button and a dozen button holes. — Galveston News.

Do you want a sound liver, vigorous digestion, strong healthy kidneys, regularity in the bowels? Take Prickly Ash Bitters. It has the medical properties that will produce this result. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen?

An ad in the Messenger will answer the question.

He eats heartily in the hottest weather who uses Prickly Ash Bitters. It keeps his stomach, liver and bowels in perfect order. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

Monday was a dull day in Grapeland, as all the business houses were closed and our people were observing the fourth.

A lame back or shoulder puts a man on the retired list temporarily. The time will be short if Ballard's Snow Liniment is rubbed in. It relaxes the muscles, relieves pain and restores strength and elasticity in the joints. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv. t r.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

**After Four Years of Discouraging
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave
Up in Despair. Husband
Came to Rescue.**

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good.

I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of continuous success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. 1-62

A DRINK MUST BE MIXED RIGHT TO TASTE GOOD

and if you want a drink that is correctly mixed and quality to it, get it at our fountain.

WE SERVE the BEST

Bring us your drug list and prescriptions to us and get them filled. We guarantee satisfaction.

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*All Man's Drink -
All Woman's Drink -
Everybody's Drink*



Coca-Cola

Vigorously good --- and keenly
delicious. Thirst- quenching
and refreshing.

The national beverage
---and yours.

Demand the genuine by full name ---
Nicknames encourage substitution.

THE COCA-COLA COMPANY

Atlanta, Ga.

Whenever
you see an
Arrow think
of Coca-Cola.

Send us your Subscription Today

The KITCHEN GABINET



ONE thing remember. Think strong. If you think you can't and you say you can't your family will repeat it, your friends will accept it, other people will believe it, and the first thing you know you can't. —Lloyd.

TIMELY RECIPES.

Thomas Carlyle called the human stomach "that most diabolical of machines," which proved that he had a stomach which had been misused. The most perfect disposition will not endure the constant irritation of indigestion. It thus behooves the food providers to so serve food to our growing youth that this biting epigram shall be a falsehood.

Apple Loaf.—Take from the raised dough sufficient to make a small loaf. Work into it a tablespoonful of butter, one-third of a cupful of sugar, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of cinnamon and two well-beaten eggs. Add flour sufficient to make a soft dough, knead lightly and let rise. Divide into thirds and roll out each piece the size of the pan. Lay on one piece and spread with an inch layer of sour chopped apple. Pour over a tablespoonful of melted butter and a sprinkling of sugar, and lay on the next layer of dough. Cover this with a layer of apple.

Potato Tea Cakes.—Cook and dice four mealy potatoes, add two well-beaten eggs, one teaspoonful of salt and a pint of milk. Sift together a cupful each of flour and cornstarch with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add this to the potato mixture, roll out and cut into small biscuits. Bake in a hot oven.

Rice and Green Peppers.—Cook rice and season well with butter and salt; heap in a dish and set in the oven. Cut green peppers into rings, soak in salt water a half hour. Drain and fry in a little butter in a hot frying pan. Then arrange these rings over the top of the dish of rice.

Nellie Maxwell.

TRUTH AND PELLETS

An egotist is an "I" specialist.

Even the union dentists believe in an open shop.

It's as hard to make a hero as it is easy to unmake one.

If all men were to get justice, more of them would be in jail.

After a gossip tells all she knows she gets busy and tells more.

Marriage is never a failure—but the contracting parties frequently are.

A woman never has much use for a man that she can't teach to be jealous.

Uneasy lies the head of a bachelor. There is always danger of his getting married.

Often the dimple in a girl's cheek means a corresponding dent in some man's heart.

Never size a man up as a brute because of the sad look his wife wears. He may be a humorist.

When a bachelor falls in love with a young widow she can be just as surprised as if she hadn't pushed him in.

WISE SAYINGS.

To be seventy years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.—Oliver Wendell Holmes (III).

The axis of the earth sticks out visibly through the center of each and every town or city.

The freeman casting with unpurchased hand
The vote that shakes the turrets of the land.

Good to the heels the well-worn slipper feels
When the tired player shuffles off the buskin;

A page of Hood may do a fellow good
After a scolding from Carlyle or Ruskin.

The hat is the ultimatum moriens of respectability.

FOR BETTER ROADS

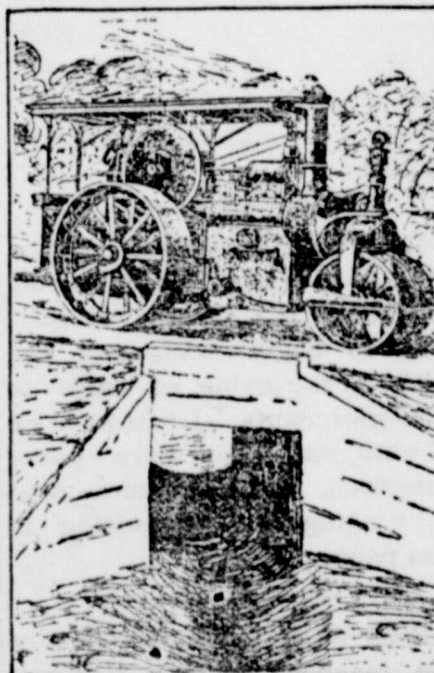
NOW IT'S ROADS OF CEMENT

Modern Country Thoroughfares Constructed of Concrete Require Very Little Repairing.

In a way, it is fortunate that the United States has been rather slow in the matter of road-making. The roads can now be built of lasting materials, such as will withstand the wear of motor traffic, which is fast ruining Europe's century-old roadways. Lasting road materials are everywhere present in the form of sand and gravel from pits and stream beds and crushed rock from stone quarries. Combined with Portland cement into concrete, they form an inexpensive and permanent road surface which successfully resists the usually destructive action of automobiles.

The first consideration in the building of concrete roads is a careful study of local deposits of sand, gravel and rock—known as the "aggregate"—to see whether they are suitable for concrete. Sand must be clean and hard and must grade uniformly in size of grain from one-fourth inch down. The same applies to gravel and crushed rock, except that the largest particles commonly allowable are one and one-fourth inches in diameter. If local materials are usable, a considerable saving will be effected, as only cement will need be freighted.

It is much faster and cheaper to mix the concrete with a machine than by hand. Depending on the grading of the aggregate, the concrete is usually proportioned one bag of Portland cement to two cubic feet of sand and four cubic feet of screened gravel or crushed rock, or one of cement to two of sand and three of gravel or rock. During the grading and draining of the road, the "aggregate" is hauled and piled at convenient points. The concrete is mixed mushy wet, is deposited to the thickness of six inches upon the firm old road-bed, and is brought to grade and shape by means of a trowel. In order to shed the water to the side drains the surface of the concrete is given a rise or crown in the center of one one-hundredth to one seventy-fifth the width of the roadway. The surface is finished with a wooden float and wire broom, by which means there is afforded perfect footing for horses. At intervals of 25 feet the road is divided



Modern Type of Concrete Culvert Reinforced to Bear the Heaviest Loads.

into sections by narrow contraction joints extending crosswise the road and entirely through the concrete. These joints are formed by means of a thin metal or wooden cross-form or divider to which is tied a single or double thickness of tar paper with the paper face against the last laid section of roadway. After the surface of this section is finished, and while the concrete for the adjoining section is being placed, the cord holding the paper to the cross-form is cut and the cross-form is removed. The tar paper adheres to the concrete and stays in the joint, which is reduced to the thickness of the paper by forcing against it the freshly placed concrete of the section under construction.

Bryn Mawr is going to perfect her "perfect girl." Surrender, men!

To "cement" peace in the Balkans several royal marriages are proposed. Vain. In the European game, clubs, not hearts, are trumps always.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For District Attorney, Third Judicial District:

J J Bishop
of Henderson County
J E Rose
of Anderson County

For County Clerk:

O C Goodwin (Re-election)
A S Moore

For Sheriff:

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

For Tax Collector:

Geo H Denny (Re-election)

For District Clerk:

Jno D Morgan (Re-election)

For County Attorney:

B F Dent (Re-election)

For County Treasurer:

Ney Sheridan

For County Judge:

C M Ellis (Re-election)
E Winfree
G B Wilson

For Superintendent of Public Instruction:

J H Rosser
John Snell

For Tax Assessor:

J R Beeson
John H Ellis (Re-election)
H P English

For Representative:

J R Hairston
Nat Patton (Re-election)

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 1—

Oscar Dennis
W L Vaught
Eugene Holcomb

For Commissioner of Precinct No. 2—

G R Murchison
Chas Long (Re-election)
J C Estes

For Justice of Peace, Prec't. 5:

C L Haltom
Jno A Davis (Re-election)

For Constable Prec't. 5:

C R (Bully) Taylor
C E Lively

For Justice Peace Prec't. No. 2:

D M Jones
T C Lively
Clyde Story

For Constable Precinct No. 2:

J L Scarbrough
Joe L Wall

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

Beginning August 1 we will be forced to increase our prices for beef in accordance with the advanced prices for beef cattle, which have been going up continually for sometime, and they show no signs of getting lower. "Self preservation is the first law of nature" and we must do this to maintain the market. Considering the fact that the fact that the market is a convenience to you and that we give you the very best of service, our price, even after the increase, will be most reasonable.

City Meat Market
Farmers Union Phone

ALL THE NEWS FROM PERCILLA

July 6, 1914.—Since our last letter, things have changed a great deal, for when we last wrote it was extremely wet and now it is extremely dry. Without rain soon the corn will be ruined.

Mr. Geo. Williams' little girl, Lottie, has been real sick, but think she has recovered, and Mr. Lewis Hendricks has a sick child, and also Jasper Gee, but hope they will be alright soon.

A crowd of the folks from Percilla went to San Pedro creek fishing the 4th. I think they caught two minnows and a tadpole, and all complain of having a nice time.

Misses Lula Jones and Mae Fitchett, and Mr. Charlie Dickey attended the picnic at Elkhart the 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Lively also attended the picnic at Elkhart.

Mr. G. R. Sewell has been to Huntsville as a delegate to the conference of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Luther Dotson and Miss Irene Howard surprised their many friends when they were married last week. We join their many friends in wishing for them a long and happy life.

The school board has elected the teachers as follows: Prof. Daft of Huntsville, Miss Nannie Cook of Porter Springs, and Miss Mae Fitchett of Percilla.

The home teachers have schools as follows: Miss Lula Jones at Creath, Miss Modell Jones at New Prospect, Miss Ruby Cook at New San Pedro, Miss Lola Dennis at Red Prairie, Mr. Frank Butler at Livelyville, and Mr. Charlie Butler Jr., at Creek.

Last winter we said something about the folks working the roads after the crops were laid by, and we suggest that each community have a call meeting August 1st., at 3:30 p. m., for the purpose of making plans for working the roads. Can we make good roads? I say yes. Will we? That is for the people to answer. Let us get busy.

We are going to soon have the time of our lives, as the water-melons and speckled peas are getting ripe.

We heard a mighty rumbling in the sand, and it wasn't a thing but a candidate hunting for a voter. JAMES R.

THOUSANDS FREED OF CONSTIPATION

Suffering Banished Safely and Pleasantly Now Without Taking Dangerous Calomel

It is remarkable how many people have proved to their satisfaction that Dodson's Liver Tone takes the place of calomel and is safe and reliable when troubled with constipation and sluggish liver. Everyone nowadays knows calomel to be a poison that remains in the system, usually causes bad after-effects and is often dangerous.

Dodson's Liver Tone is made and guaranteed to take the place of calomel. It is a pleasant-tasting, easy acting vegetable-liquid, with no bad effects and causing no pain nor gripe nor interference with your regular duties, habits or diet. If you are not entirely satisfied with Dodson's Liver Tone, go back to the store where you bought it and get your money back. That's just what Dodson wants you to do.

A. S. Porter sells and recommends Dodson's Liver Tone and he will cheerfully refund purchase price (50c.) instantly without question if the remedy fails to please you in any way. Adv.

Jasper Simpson has our thanks for his renewal.

A GOOD LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

July 5.—With not a cloud to be seen and no indications of rain and the weather prophets declaring for dry weather throughout the cotton belt of the south, it is certainly discouraging to the farmers, as their crops of all kinds are suffering from the dry weather. Reason teaches us that we cannot bar these things from coming upon us, hence we had just as well bow to the inevitable. Stare fate in the face and make the best of it we can.

The farmers in this section are well up with their work. The corn crop will be shot; cotton is small for this time of year. However, it looks well and gives promise of good yield. A man can't make safe figures on a cotton crop, this early especially, when it is a month late.

Picnics are in full bloom and candidates are 'ripe'—wearing their good old summer time smile and giving you a hand shake that will last the remainder of the year.

From what we can gather from the state press the campaign for state officers is more quiet than it has been for many years. Advices from different parts of the state show that Ferguson has recently been gaining on Ball and that he will pluck the plum that the pros are so anxious to give to Ball. We had better not say too much or someone will be overflowing us with sweet milk again—something we have not tasted since we were eight years old. We are now nearing our 70th milestone.

Everything is quiet throughout this community; no news of interest.

We are having a good deal of trouble about our schools. This seems to be a general complaint all over the state. As ever,
OLD GRAY.

Albert Rawls and Miss Clara Ellis were married last Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ellis, in the Oak Grove community, Rev. J. E. Bean officiating. The Messenger extends congratulations.

Let's make this a better town, good as it is now. "Pull together," that's the slogan. A good plan to begin with—and end with—is the giving of trade to local merchants. Let's do a lot of swapping right here among ourselves. Start this movement by reading the advertising in this paper.

Prof. Wade L. Smith, one of the teachers in the summer normal, came up from Crockett Friday and spent until Sunday noon with relatives. Mr. Smith stated that the normal was doing good work, having about ninety students in attendance, and that he believed the normal would be made a permanent thing in Houston County.

The Methodist meeting will begin Friday night of this week. As announced last week, Rev. John E. Green of Houston will have charge of the services. The Methodist and Christian people have joined hands in erecting a good arbor near the school building in which the services will be held, and the Christian meeting will also be held under this arbor when their meeting starts in the near future.

RIPPLES ON THE TRINITY

Reynard, July 4th.—For the past two weeks we have been working hard under disadvantages in many ways and just like we knew it would rain again, but alas, no rain yet. Those who are wearing a smile have to force it, for things are surely not coming our way.

A small crowd of us hied away to the river yesterday and celebrated the fourth and spent a pleasant day, the men fishing and the ladies in social chat. The day will long be remembered for the number of chiggers caught in Leon county. The fish bit fine, we had tea, cream and ice water, and the contrast on the banks of the river under the shades of the cotton woods made it doubly fine.

C. C. Smith and Miss Kleba Beazley attended the picnic at Salmon today.

Mrs. Tom Kent and babies left yesterday to spend the remainder of the summer at Grapeland, leaving Tom and the mosquitoes to fight it out.

F. E. Butler came in and spent a few days on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor enjoyed a short visit from their married daughters and children since our last letter, and they now have their single daughter, who has been attending school in Crockett, at home with them.

Mrs. Elloit and children of Percilla visited her sister, Mrs. S. H. Harrison.

ZACK.

LEAGUE PROGRAM

Leader—Miss Emma Williams. Song.

Subject—"How shall we build up the League," discussed by all present.

Scripture reading, 1st., Psalm. Piano Solo—Miss Spence. Lord's Prayer in unison.

Song.

Reading—Miss Letha Matney. Duet—Misses Haltom and Royall.

Song.

Benediction.

All League members are requested to attend.

When the bowels feel uncomfortable and you miss the exhilarating feeling that always follows a copious morning operation, a dose of Herbine will set you right in a couple of hours. If taken at bedtime you get its beneficial effect after breakfast next day. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

ABOUT A STRAWBERRY DEAL

Mr. Editor:

Twenty-five to one hundred cars of strawberries should move from each of our East Texas stations every season.

They are a safe crop, with everywhere north for a market, and beside the outside money they bring in when hardly a dollar is coming from other sources, the local labor is an important matter to the people unemployed as well as to the business of the towns.

The berries are picked mainly by the women and children, who otherwise would not earn a dollar, and who spend every dollar they earn in the town. It is moreover, at a time of year when the children are out of school, and when it is pleasant and healthful for them to be in the open.

For that Social Occasion

For the afternoon affair, the lawn party, the reception or the jolly informal gathering, you'll find Welch's a delightful treat to your guests.

Served plain or in the famous Welch Punch, it's a big favorite.

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M. L. CLEWIS

Plant the vacant lots and acre patches around town to strawberries. The town boys and girls, on vacant lots or big back yards, can make more money growing strawberries than they could hope to have for the longest, otherwise.

By planting early next fall, not a full crop may be gathered next spring, but enough the first

season, to more than pay expenses.

Our T. & P.-I. & G. N. Agricultural Department is ready to help, and the business people of the towns should not only help in moral encouragement, but as well, in planting.

R. R. Claridge,
Agric'l. Ag't. T&P-I&GN Rys.
Longview, Texas.