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## LETTER FROM MR. H. A. TYER

Gardner, Ill., Nov. 15  
Editor Messenger:

"Safety First" is the device of the railroads, shops, mills, factories, etc., in this part of the country. The railroads paint a black spot about 10x18 inches on their coal houses, grain houses, in the depots, mile posts, back of the engine, etc., and in the center of that they print in plain white letters, "safety first." They mean just what they say—be sure, be safe, be cautious. In other words, be sure all is right, no accident will happen, no one get hurt, no wreck occur, be on the lookout for anything that might happen or go wrong, hence the signs everywhere, "safety first."

The same injunction is carried out in the factories, mills, shops, etc., and I notice some banks are now using the same sign.

When I read Mr. Durnell's article in the Messenger about growing potatoes and what he said about preparing the ground I thought of the words—safety first; be safe in preparing the ground, be safe in getting the right kind of seed, be safe in putting out plants that are old enough, be safe in setting out the plants at the right time; in other words, to succeed as he did use "safety first."

Now, that warning may be carried on in other branches of farming as well as potato raising. In the first place, be safe in preparing and fertilizing the ground for other crops; be safe in not try to tend too much land. A little land well prepared, fertilized and cultivated, is worth more in returns than a big field poorly prepared, not fertilized and partially cultivated. I think Mr. Durnell has taught a good lesson to the farmers of Houston county, and each one should drop him a card and thank him and try to emulate his good example, not only in potatoes, but corn. Let the watchword of the

corn crop for 1915 be "safety first." About the year 1911 there was a boy near Elkhart, Texas, who raised more than 100 bushels of corn on one acre of land and that same year an old gentleman told me he had lived in Anderson county more than forty years and never came as near making a failure on corn as that year. The reason is self-evident. The boy farmed scientifically and the old man stayed in the "same old rut." Where one needs or uses no more than three or four hundred bushels of corn there is no need cultivating more than six or eight acres to get that much, if done right. I am well acquainted with a man here that has a sand field, and a hill at that, and if he fails to get 60 bushels of corn per acre he feels like he has not gotten just returns, and there are thousands of acres of land in Houston county just as good as the land he farms, but he prepares his land—he goes on the "safety first" plan and he makes it count. Yours truly,  
H. A. Tyer.

## NEW PROSPECT NEWS ITEMS

Nov. 22.—"When the frost is on the pumpkin and the corn is in the shock," they were the good old days of yore when everybody had plenty of meat, lard corn and potatoes and big yellow pumpkins stored away. But alas that is not true of these days since king cotton rules the world, for when the price of cotton goes down everything else goes soaring, and very few have these things and either have to buy them or do without. Should the price of cotton go up it would not benefit the farmers much, as there are not many that have any to sell.

Old Timer says that we New Prospect people do nothing but visit, but we sure do enjoy our selves.

Eddie Callaway of near Palestine visited his sister, Mrs. Ba-

sha Bridges, the last of the week. Quite a lot of people have been going to the river, but they did not find very many pecans.

Mrs. Nettie Musick and children of near Lufkin are here on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Ford Newman is real sick at this writing, but hope she will soon be well.

Burles Brown was in Prospect community today.

Joe Hudson has moved from the Fred Bridges farm to the farm of Mrs. J. N. Parker in the Lockout community. We sure de regret to lose them.

Alma Mater.

## NEW SAN PEDRO LITERARY SOCIETY

Promptly at 7 o'clock, p. m., Nov. 21, the New San Pedro Literary and Debating Society and Social Center Club was called to order by its president, Geo. Louis Payne. A packed house was there, people from various parts of the county. There were recitations by Truman Tyer, Howard Whitaker, Raymond Whitaker, Bertha Anderson and Dora Bynum. Then Miss Robbie Whitaker delighted us with a beautiful song, after which Lora Goodnight and Miss Ora Bynum and Monroe Anderson treated us to most interesting recitations.

Hon. Joe Ed Winfree, of Crockett, was a visitor at our society, and at this junction he treated us to a most interesting recitation, entitled, "The Dying Hobo." This seemed to please the audience very much. A Thanksgiving dialogue by a representative number of our little boys and girls was the next on program. This affair was unique and indicative of a proficiency in the art of acting. It itself was well worth going a long ways to see, and we are sure it pleased the audience immensely. Then there were recitations by Miss Minnie Anderson and Zeora Gentry. Then came the debate, the question being Resolved that a Socialistic form of government would be conducive to the wel-

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fare of the United States. Both sides were ably represented, but the verdict of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

Next came a well staged, well directed dialogue, which was immensely successful in every way. It was "Advertising for a Servant," rendered by five ladies and one gentleman. To repeat that this dialogue was a success would hardly be doing justice.

Hon. Joe Ed Winfree delivered a forceful address at this point, on general topics, stressing in a general way on the success of our society and the good it had done and was doing. Mr. Winfree is an eloquent and brilliant speaker. He led the audience to thinking as they probably had never thought, and they cheered him to an echo. That he will continue to rise, continue to ascend the ladder of achievement toward the amelioration of his fellow man we are sure. We were especially pleased with his words of commendation for our president. We hope that he will see his way clear to visit us again in the near future.

Another successful dialogue was rendered at this point by

Messrs. Willis and Whitaker. Musicians were Messrs. Whitaker and Whitaker, Anderson and Anderson, Brown, Cutler and Sullivan and Miss Robbie Whitaker.

Chas. Ursprung and Arthur Owens brought a challenge from the Grapeland Society for a joint debate on woman suffrage, the latter to take the affirmative, to be pulled off at Grapeland, Dec. 18. The challenge was accepted.

Next meeting of our society will be at 7 o'clock, p. m. Dec. 5. We wish the public to know that we have something especially interesting for this meeting, and we hope to make it our banner meeting. So come and come early that you may get a seat. Miss Myrtle Crain served as Secretary pro tem at our last meeting. Correspondent.

### SEED COTTON WANTED

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Chester Owens went to Palestine Wednesday.

# WAREHOUSES, CREDITS AND ACREAGE

**SOLUTION OF COTTON  
PROBLEM, SAYS FARM-  
ERS' UNION.**

**Diversification Urged and Coer-  
cion Opposed.**

The marketing problem of the southern farmer is attracting universal attention and the exigencies of the situation fully demonstrate the wisdom of the course pursued by the Farmers' Union in the campaign it has been carrying on for the past ten years for a better marketing system. The best time to prepare for a fire is before it occurs, for while the conflagration is raging it is too late to prevent destruction and the best that can be done is to save the furniture.

The southern farmer has just experienced a four hundred million dollar blaze in cotton values and the lurid flames as they leap skyward have illuminated the horizon of two hemispheres and have assembled the largest body of property holders, spectators and sympathizers that ever witnessed a conflagration and while the crowd is standing around we want to address them briefly from the standpoint of the owner of the property involved. We think the subject has been fully exhausted from every other line of approach.

Every calamity has its froth, and the foam and bubbles that have come to the surface in this discussion, while beautiful as a rainbow and as alluring as a mirage, are in many instances not adapted to solving the problem. Then too many cooks spoil the broth and there must be some one plan universally followed or all will fail. We want to review some of the plans now under discussion and recommend for the adoption of the Texas farmer such plans as we think practicable and feasible.

The problem before us is clearly one of warehouses, credits and acreage. They are business—not political—problems and their solution must be based on sound economic principles.

### Warehouse Bill a Farce.

The so-called relief measures passed by the last legislature are, in their present form, of little value. The warehouse bill submitted to the last legislature by the Farmers' Union was thrown together with a lot of other bills on this subject and a hybrid bill prepared, apparently by parties who have no practical knowledge of the cotton industry. While we appreciate the sincerity of the motive and honesty of effort that actuated the legislature, the Farmers' Union hereby washes its hands of the whole affair. The farmers of Texas can hope for relief from any enactments of the last session of the legislature as they now stand.

The plan of the Texas bankers to force a reduction of acreage by requiring a farmer to sign a pledge to reduce acreage before lending money on cotton no doubt has patriotic motives behind it, but in effect it is vicious. It forces the poor farmer, who must borrow money, to reduce his acreage next year, but leaves the well-to-do farmer and the large planter, who are independent of the power of the banker, to do as they please. No farmer should be coerced by business pressure of the banker to sign such a contract, for he can depend upon the large planter increasing his acreage in the same ratio that the poor farmer decreases his. Likewise, the farmer should pay no attention to agents of self-appointed agricultural administrators who call around with their sample cases filled with advice on when to sell cotton and how many acres to plant next year.

By what authority does the

merchant and the banker exercise the right of eminent domain over the products of the soil?

### Acreage a World Problem.

The question of cotton acreage is not a local or state problem, if indeed it can be solved nationally. It is a world problem, for in what way would a profit the south to reduce the cotton acreage, say 10 per cent, if the foreign countries took up the slack? No Texas farmer should be asked to pledge a reduction of acreage unless satisfactory assurance is given that the propaganda will be successfully carried on in other cotton states and countries. The Farmers' Union has been dealing with this problem for the past ten years and has placed its influence behind almost every suggestion that promised solution and out of our experience we are inclined to suggest, at the moment, that there is a peril in planting cotton by law or farming by dictation from bankers. We think planting by the moon is as good a plan as either (although we have never tried it) unless the total world acreage can be regulated by these influences.

We present statistics from the Federal Department of Agriculture dealing with the subject which give a reason why the farmer does not take eagerly to diversification. The following table gives a list of our leading staple products produced in Texas and their average value per acre during the past five years:

Crop	Five year average value per acre
Cotton	\$21.55
Oats	14.35
Corn	12.97
Wheat	12.76

### Want Information—Not Advice.

It is information the farmer wants. If some one will fill in the figures on value of the 1915 crop per acre, the farmer will know what to do and he is ready to listen to business reasons and discussions relative to prospective price per pound of the 1915 crop based upon practical, not theoretical, conditions. If he is convinced it will be more profitable to plant other crops he will do so and if not, he will plant cotton and that is all there is to it.

The Farmers' Union stands for reduction of cotton acreage by diversification but it is difficult to induce a farmer to plant a product that will yield \$15.00 per acre so long as he can plant one that will make \$20.00. The subject of diversification always opens up a fertile field of discussion for the bank farmers who hold a recipe for doubling production without an increase in the cost. It is passing strange that these magic plowmen who can make a hundred bushels of corn grow where fifty grew before are usually standing on street corners looking for jobs and how they have survived so many hair-breadth escapes from wealth, is truly marvelous. The practical farmer knows that prosperity predicated upon such a basis is a myth and the business man knows it too if he would only stop and think.

Out of the mass of suggestions now before the public the one, in our opinion, most desirable is the plan of the national bankers, headed by Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, which proposes to lend the farmer money on cotton at 6 per cent without any strings tied to it. This plan originated in Texas and proved successful and satisfactory in operation.

The problem before us involves principally organization of the farmer and co-operation of the business interests. We will have more to say on this subject at a later date.

W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas.

Peter Radford, National Lecturer Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

A successful farmer must at least possess three virtues—honesty, energy and economy.

# A TOAST TO GOV. FERGUSON

(Peter Radford proposes to the people of Texas the following toast in honor of Governor-elect Ferguson. In order that the prohibition question may be eliminated from the festivities, Mr. Radford suggests that all citizens rise and drink a glass of buttermilk to the health of our next Governor.)

Here's to the man who fought the farmers' battles and who planted the flag of agriculture on the parapets of success. A man out of the loins of agriculture and out of the heart of business, unsullied by combinations and unsung by politicians. A man tutored in the school of poverty and disciplined in the university of success, whose ambition is without guile and whose patriotism is without greed, called from the hearthstone of the common people to rule over the land.

A plain man who can hear the feeble cry of the weak and the just complaints of the strong: who has toiled by the side of those who labor and worked with those who plan. A man whose life is attuned to the song of the plow, the shrill whistle of the locomotive, the clatter of the dinner pail and whose heart feels the mighty surge of progress as it beats against the border line. A man who owes no debt to his friends and no grudge to his foes, but who answers the call of his country and serves for the joy of service.

A man whose life has been hissed by demagogues, whose heart has been stung by fanatics and whose back has felt the rod of prejudice. The people's friend, the politician's foe and the investor's hope. Whatever may be his will or ambition, fears or hopes, joys or sorrows, he is to wield the scepter of power and will soon be your Governor and mine.

### FROM THE FARM TO THE FIRESIDE

The farm-to-table delivery instituted by the Postmaster General has been established in twenty-seven cities in the United States. The institution is part of the parcel post system and the arrangement is designed to establish direct trading relations between the producer and consumer and to bring the two in direct communication.

The postmasters are acting in the capacity of clearing house managers, in furnishing price lists of the articles of produce which farmers and truck growers are prepared to send to city customers.

The results which must be obtained before the plan is proved a success are the standardizing of products so that there may be no misunderstanding of the ability of the post office to handle packages so as to be received in good condition and, last but not least, an honest purpose and patient persistence of each party to the bargain to insure satisfaction to all concerned.

### THE VISION OF VICTOR HUGO

"A day will come when the only battle field will be the market open to commerce and the mind opening to new ideas. A day will come when bullets and bomb shells will be replaced by votes and by the venerable arbitration of a great sovereign senate. A day will come when a cannon will be exhibited in public museums just as an instrument of torture is now, and people will be astonished how such a thing could have been. A day will come when these two immense groups, the United States of America and the United States of Europe shall be seen placed in the presence of each other, extending the hand of fellowship across the ocean."

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To pick up little pieces of broken glass wet a woolen cloth; lay it on the floor where the fragments are and pat it. The little particles will adhere to the damp cloth.

Eucalyptus oil will remove grease stains from any kind of material without injuring it. Apply a little of the oil with a clean piece of flannel and rub the material gently until the stains disappear.

By rubbing the bathtub with crumpled newspapers soon as it is thoroughly dry, every bit of grease, soap, lint and the marks from the water will be easily removed. It is not necessary to do any scouring if the tub is smooth, but it is quite necessary that it be dry.

In severe cases of sore lungs, you need an internal and external remedy. Buy the dollar size Ballard's Horehound Syrup, you get two remedies for the price of one. With every dollar bottle there is a free Herrick's Red Pepper Porous Plaster for the chest. Sold by A. S. Porter. adv

### THE WEEK IN HISTORY

Monday, 23—Crompton loom patented, 1837. France made a Republic, 1792.

Tuesday, 24—Battle of Lookout Mountain, 1863.

Wednesday, 25—Andrew Carnegie born, 1837.

Thursday, 26—Chicago's first newspaper, 1833. Thanksgiving Day.

Friday, 27—Florida named, 1513.

Saturday, 28—Magellan sees Pacific ocean, 1520.

Sunday 29—First Italian grand opera in New York, 1824.

### Remarkable Cure of Croup

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers. adv

Mrs. T. H. Leaverton visited relatives in Palestine a few days last week.

## MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

We Are Long on Production, Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford.  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

### The World Will Never Starve.

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half of the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forests gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations, and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

### Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds our increase in population.

### The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent. during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent. in a remunerative market can be found for the products.

## NATION'S LABOR PROBLEM

Over a million and a Half Women Work as Farm Hands in the United States.

By Peter Radford.  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

Our government never faced so tremendous a problem as that now lying dormant at the doors of Congress and the legislatures, and which, when aroused, will shake this nation from center to circumference, and make civilization hide its face in shame. That problem is—women in the field.

The last Federal census reports show we now have 1,514,000 women working in the field, most of them south of the Mason and Dixon line. There were approximately a million negro slaves working in the fields when liberated by the emancipation proclamation. We have freed our slaves and our women have taken their places in bondage. We have broken the shackles off the negroes and welded them upon our daughters.

### The Chain-Gang of Civilization.

A million women in bondage in the southern fields form the chain-gang of civilization—the industrial tragedy of the age. There is no overseer quite so cruel as that of unrestrained greed, no whip that stings like the lash of suborned destiny, and no auctioneer's block quite so revolting as that of organized avarice.

The president of the United States was recently lauded by the press, and very properly so, for suggesting mediation between the engineers and railroad managers in adjusting their schedule of time and pay. The engineers threatened to strike if their wages were not increased from approximately ten to eleven dollars per day and service reduced from ten to eight hours and a similar readjustment of the overtime schedule. Our women are working in the field, many of them barefooted, for less than 50 cents per day, and their schedule is the rising sun and the evening star, and after the day's work is over they milk the cows, slop the hogs and rock the baby to sleep. Is anyone mediating over their problems, and to whom shall they threaten a strike?

Congress has listened approvingly to those who toil at the forge and behind the counter, and many of our statesmen have smiled at the threats and have fanned the flame of unrest among industrial laborers. But women are as surely the final victims of industrial warfare as they are the burden-bearers in the war between nations, and those who arbitrate and mediate the differences between capital and labor should not forget that when the expenses of any industry are unnecessarily increased, society foots the bill by drafting a new consignment of women from the home to the field.

### Pinch No Crumb From Women's Crust of Bread.

No financial award can be made without some one footing the bill, and we commend to those who accept the responsibility of the distribution of industrial justice the still small voice of the woman in the field as she pleads for mercy, and we beg that they pinch no crumb from her crust of bread or put another patch upon her ragged garments.

We beg that they listen to the scream of horror from the eagle on every American dollar that is wrung from the brow of toiling women and hear the Goddess of Justice hiss at a verdict that increases the want of woman to satisfy the greed of man.

The women behind the counter and in the factory cry aloud for sympathy and the press thunders out in their defense and the pulpit pleads for mercy, but how about the woman in the field? Will not these powerful exponents of human rights turn their talent, energy and influence to her relief? Will the Goddess of Liberty enthroned at Washing-

ton hold the calloused hand and soothe the feverish brow of her sex who sows and reaps the nation's harvest or will she permit the male of the species to shove women—weak and weary—from the bread-line of industry to the back alleys of poverty?

### Women and Children First.

The census enumerators tell us that of the 1,514,000 women who work in the fields as farm hands 409,000 are sixteen years of age and under. What is the final destiny of a nation whose future mothers spend their girlhood days behind the plow, pitching hay and hauling manure, and what is to become of womanly culture and refinement that grace the home, charm society and enthrone man to leap to glory in noble achievements if our daughters are raised in the society of the ox and the companionship of the plow?

In that strata between the ages of sixteen and forty-five are 950,000 women working as farm hands and many of them with suckling babes tugging at their breast, as drenched in perspiration, they wield the scythe and guide the plow. What is to become of that nation where poverty breaks the crowns of the queens of the home; despair hurls a mother's love from its throne and hunger drives innocent children from the school-room to the hoe?

The census bureau shows that 155,000 of these women are forty-five years of age and over. There is no more pitiful sight in civilization than these saintly mothers of Israel stooped with age, drudging in the field from sun until sun and at night drenching their dingy pillows with the tears of despair as their aching hearts take it all to God in prayer. Civilization strikes them a blow when it should give them a crown, and their only friend is He who broke bread with beggars and said: "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Texas, the home of Sam Houston and the adopted land of David Crockett! The Lone Star State!—baptized in the blood of martyrs and paid for by the lives of sainted heroes who, with the sword and the cross, slayed tyranny and conquered evil! Our Southland! the world's custodian of chivalry, the champion of human rights and the defender of the oppressed,—shall we permit our maidens fair to be torn from the hearthstone by the ruthless hand of destiny and chained to the plow? Shall we permit our faithful wives whom we covenanted with God to cherish and protect, to be hurled from the home to the harvest field and our mothers dear to be driven from the old arm chair to the cotton patch?

In rescuing our citizens from the forces of civilization can we not apply to our fair Dixie land the rule of the sea—women and children first?

There must be a readjustment of the wage scale of industry so that the woman can be taken from the field or given a reasonable wage for her services. Perhaps the issue has never been fairly raised but the Farmers' Union, with a membership of ten millions, puts its organized forces squarely behind the issue and we now enter upon the docket of civilization the case of "The Woman in the Field" and demand an immediate trial.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

Whatever change the tenant farmer makes, it is bound to be for the better—it couldn't be for the worse.

The soil is like a man's bank account. It can soon be exhausted by withdrawing and never depositing.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to its power to produce.

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### EXAMPLE OF CO-OPERATION

The gradual stamping out of the hoof and mouth disease is another striking example of the benefits that come from co-operation. In dealing with this national peril, the officials of the Department of Agriculture have worked in co-operation with owners and shippers of cattle and with officials of state departments and the result is that the spread of the epidemic has been stopped. Heroic measures were necessary and millions of cattle were slaughtered, entailing an enormous loss to owners, but the bright light that shines out from this great disaster is the spirit of co-operation that prevailed among the workers who were fighting this deadly malady and the forgetfulness of selfish interests which made them one in stamping it out.

### Despondency Due to Indigestion

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa.: "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers.

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### HOLDING PLAN PERFECTED

The cotton holding plan of the Texas Bankers' Association was placed on a permanent basis at a meeting at Dallas last week when the movement was officially endorsed by officials of the Texas Farmers' Union. This union on the part of the growers of cotton and the men who finance the crop, is considered by conservative business men as the most encouraging step in the cotton holding movement and it is believed that the culmination of the plan in bringing together these two forces will have an immediate effect of restoring the cotton situation to a normal basis.

### Best Cough Medicine for Children

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburgh one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefitted him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Gossett of Crockett came up Saturday and went to Daly's to visit her daughter, Mrs. C. C. Hill.

The chill microbe meets its fate in Herbine. There are thousands of these germs in the air you breathe and any derangement of the liver, stomach or bowels gives them the opportunity they seek. A dose of Herbine destroys them, clears them out completely and promotes a fine feeling of strength and buoyancy. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Porter.

## HERBINE For the Bowels

A Cure for Chronic Constipation, Torpid Liver and Irregular Bowel Movements.

Constipation is the most common disorder of the bowels. It affects both sexes and all ages but is more prevalent among women because their duties in the household require less physical exercise than the occupations of men; therefore women suffer most from its baneful effect.

A constipated person is an easy victim when exposed to any serious disease—Pneumonia, Typhoid Fever, Malaria, Rheumatism, Small Pox, Yellow Fever and Bright's Disease gather their annual harvest of death among those who are habitually constipated. Even though they escape these diseases, such persons are always ailing more or less. They have headaches, bad digestion, dizziness, vertigo (blind staggers), sallow complexion, flatulence, loss of strength, and no energy at all. Herbine has a most admirable effect in the bowels; it is cooling, purifying and regulating. It puts a prompt check on biliousness, wind in the bowels, nervousness, heartburn, bad breath, low spirits, drowsiness in the daytime and nervous wakefulness at night.

Price 50c per Bottle.

JAMES F. BALLARD PROPRIETOR ST. LOUIS, MO.

For Weak Sight or Sore Eyes, use Stephens Eye Salve. It cures.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY

A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

Entered in the Postoffice at Grapeland, Texas, every Thursday as Second Class Mail Matter.

Subscribers ordering a change of address should give the old as well as the new address.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE—Obituaries and Resolutions of Respect are printed for half price—2 1/2c per line. Other matter "not news" charged at regular rates.

Our advertising rates are reasonable and quoted upon application.

OUR PURPOSE—It is the purpose of the Messenger to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us in this every citizen should give us his moral and financial support.

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1 YEAR-----	\$1.00
6 MONTHS---	.50
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THURSDAY, NOV. 26, 1914

SOCIAL CENTERS

The crying need of rural homes is social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful; where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power, and innocent amusements intract and brighten lives.

To hold our young people on the farm we must make farm life more attractive, as well as the business of farming more remunerative. The school house should be the social unit, properly equipped for nourishing the building character, so that the lives of our people can properly function around it and become supplied with the necessary elements of human thoughts and activity.

Wealth is about the only burden which men find their brothers willing to help them bear.

We pity that man in America today who feels that he has nothing to be thankful for.

Here's something to be thankful for: We have the Atlantic ocean between us and the kaiser.

We'll be compelled to get a siege gun after some of our correspondents unless they wake up.

Another thing to be thankful for: Governor Colquitt says he is not going to call another special session of the legislature.

PASSING OF ONE CROP IDEA

The one-crop idea is a thing of the past in Texas. The European war has sealed its doom. The low price of cotton caused by the foreign conflict, has proved the folly of only one crop, and diversification will be the only salvation of the farmer of the future.

It is announced from headquarters of the Farmers' Union that a larger acreage of corn, wheat and other grains will be planted in the cotton belt of Texas during 1915 than ever before in the history of agriculture and an increased acreage of forage crops is also assured.

The consensus of opinion among those who study agricultural conditions is that King cotton will take a vacation and that he will not return until prices are normal and conditions are stable again.

Mexico is striving hard to hold her share of the front page.

No matter how often we have spoken ill of other people, it hurts us to learn that other people have spoken ill of us.

All men who tip their hats to the ladies are possibly not gentlemen, but it's a mark of good breeding which no real gentleman ever neglects.

This is the time of year when no other fowl envies the turkey its distinction of being the national bird. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown.

A home garden for every family is one of the most important means of cutting down expenses and producing the living of the family. Give it the proper attention and results will be satisfactory.

Should the war continue for a year, we will face the same conditions next year that confront us now, and the only safe plan to follow is to diversify and produce all the supplies necessary for home consumption.

The Grapeland country can produce an abundance of peanuts of the Spanish variety. We already have a thresher that can be utilized at a small expense, and we would be glad to see somebody take the lead in the matter of organizing the farmers for the planting of peanuts next season. Last year the average price of peanuts was \$1.00 per bushel of 30 pounds. This year, like almost everything else, the price has not been so good,

ranging around 65c. The vines make excellent hay, and can be disposed of at from ten to twelve dollars per ton. The Messenger is willing to render what assistance it can in getting the matter started, and if our farmers are interested in the proposition, we would be glad if they would let us know, and probably we can arrange for a meeting in the near future and arrive at some definite conclusion.

It's not worrying us in the least if the people are going to do their Christmas shopping early this year, but we would like to see the merchants start their Christmas advertising campaign early.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION

An examination for teachers' certificates will be held in Crockett on the 3rd, 4th and 5th of December.

Schedule of examination, permanent subjects: Thursday forenoon—History of Education, Physics, Solid Geometry, English Literature.

Thursday afternoon—Physiology, Chemistry, Bookkeeping, Plane Trigonometry.

First and second grade subjects, Friday forenoon—Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

Friday afternoon—Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry.

Saturday forenoon—Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading.

Saturday afternoon—U. S. History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

All applicants are requested to register for emanation in the county superintendent's office between eight and nine o'clock, those for permanent subjects on Thursday morning, those for first and second grade on Friday morning.

J. N. Snell,  
County Superintendent.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for Croup

Croup scares you. The loud, hoarse, croupy cough, choking and gasping for breath, labored breathing, call for immediate relief. The very first doses of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will master the croup. It cuts the thick mucus, clears away the phlegm and opens up and eases the air passages. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

The young ladies composing the Grapeland basket ball team went to Latexo Saturday afternoon and played a game with that team. Latexo was victorious, winning by a score of 25 to 6. This now makes honors even and the third and deciding game of the series will be played here this afternoon.

Every family that has children is liable to have croup; invariably at night. If Ballard's Horehound Syrup is kept in the house, it saves going after the medicine at an inconvenient time and checks the attack promptly. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank E. Luker stopped off in Grapeland Tuesday, to see relatives, returning to Tyler from Bay City, where they went to attend the M. E. Conference. Bro. Luker was transferred from Tyler to Emory and Point.

Thanksgiving

In this season of Thanksgiving, we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to our many friends and customers for the good will and confidence we have shared with them. We are glad to have for your inspection, at all times, a complete and up-to-date line of quality merchandise which we are selling at most considerate prices. We KNOW the various lines we carry in all departments, and always stand behind them to be the best there is for the price paid. The next time you come to town, come to our store and see what we have to sell. We appreciate a call from you at any time whether you buy or not. We are complete outfitters for men, women and children and for the home.

GEO. E. DARSEY

A PLEA FOR OUR BOYS

Dear readers of the Messenger: My heart is burdened for our boys. May the father in heaven help us in our weakness to do our duty by them.

A poor old drudge of a mother will work and try in every way possible to raise and lead her darling boy in the straight and narrow way, but as he grows up to manhood he is out with other boys, and men, too, that leads him astray. A mother can lead her little girls a long way, but the trouble is our darling girls will marry some boy that only pretends to be a Christian for the sake of marrying a good Christian girl and then keep her at home the rest of her life or get cross ways with all the preachers and will not put his nor let her put her membership in any church. I know that the Book teaches us if we bring them up in the right way when they are old they will not depart from it, and I believe every word that is in that old Book—thanks be to God for the bible. God help us fathers and mothers to live such consecrated lives that if we are persecuted it will be for righteousness' sake. I know they will find fault for they did with the Savior and He was perfect. The low price of cotton and the scarcity of money does not worry me. It is the condition of the souls of men that my heart is burdened for. God help us to do our duty to our fellow men.

Why is there so many gray haired men that are not Christians? Is it in fault of their early training? The Book says when they are old they will not depart from it. (I think that means their teaching.) Then they surely were not brought up in the right way.

The most of our boys are church members, but they are doing nothing for the Lord—not even living for Him. So you see if we could raise our boys right it would help all around.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let us live closer to the Master every day. If we keep His commandments, He will surely do as he has promised. Don't understand me to say that I live that way, for as I look back over my past life at the mistakes I have made, it just makes my old heart ache, but my continual prayer is for our people and especially our boys.

May the God of heaven help each child of His to do his whole duty.

What has become of Antrimite? Come again, for I like to read your letters.

Success to the Messenger and its many readers.

A Subscriber.

It will be glad news to the people of Grapeland to learn that Rev. H. A. Matney has been returned to Grapeland for another year's work by the conference just adjourned at Bay City. Rev. E. L. Shettles was returned as presiding elder.

THERE'S SAFETY IN TRADING HERE

Porter Says:—

Prescription filling requires study, effort, integrity, precision, and work--lots of work. PORTER GIVES YOU ALL--then some.

Porter's Drug Store

Prescription Specialists  
Everything in the Drug Line

# SURPRISED!

## We As Well As The Public

**WE WERE GREATLY** Surprised at the favor with which our big Thanksgiving Sale was Greeted. We still have a big line of valuable merchandise on our shelves that we shall be only too glad to show you, at prices quoted in the last issue of the Messenger. If you will but come and give us a chance, we will convince you that it will be money saved to you to buy during this sale. Remember the closing date,

## Saturday Night, November 30

### McLean & Riall, Dependable Merchants

#### LOCAL NEWS

Ladies' sweater coats at wholesale cost at Wherry's. adv

R. L. Eaves of Ratcliff spent Sunday here with home folks.

B. F. Foster of Waneta was here Monday transacting business.

Miss Della Moore of Crockett visited friends in Grapeland Sunday.

B. R. Eaves and family moved back to the farm in the Hays Spring community Monday.

Claude Sadler spent the latter part of last week in Mineral Wells on business.

Misses Otis McConnell and Hallie Ellis were the week end guests of Mrs. Geo. E. Darsey.

Miss Addie Eaves has returned home from Reagan, where she has been for some time with her sister, Mrs. Payne.

Mrs. W. B. Faris and son, Frank Ross, of Ratcliff spent Saturday and Sunday here with relatives, coming over in their car.

John Welch Yarbrough has returned to his home in Dallas, after spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough.

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

#### IF YOUR WATCH, CLOCK or JEWELRY NEEDS ANY REPAIRING

Take it to PORTER'S DRUG STORE and have it put in shape LIKE NEW. Just the kind of work you will get in big cities at REASONABLE PRICES by one who will do the kind of work you will like and fully guaranteed.

**W. C. VICKERS**  
GRAPELAND, TEXAS

Ladies' sweater coats at wholesale cost at Wherry's. adv

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

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Davis announce the arrival of a girl baby, born Monday morning.

Have Clewis to press your trousers. One leg pressed 15c, two legs 25c, top free. adv

G. F. Crawford of Percilla was transacting business in Grapeland Monday.

Bring us 35 pounds of seed cotton on your subscription. The Messenger.

Mrs. Dora Pritchard of Richmond, Cal., is here on a visit to her brother, J. H. Leaverton, and other relatives.

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

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Loper returned to their home in Alabama Monday night after spending some time here with relatives.

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

#### NOTICE

According to contract must have cash for meal and hulls when delivered. No exceptions. adv  
J. W. Howard.

Misses Arline Howard and Sallie Mae Kent and A. E. Owens were the guests of Arthur Walton Sunday at dinner at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jordan at Crockett.

Jim McLean and A. S. Porter returned Monday from Dimmitt county, where they spent a week deer hunting. They report eleven deer killed by the crowd, Mr. McLean getting three and Mr. Porter one.

Tenderness or aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take Prickly Ash Bitters at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage. Sold by all druggists. (adv.)

#### Hack! Hack! Hack!

With raw tickling throat, tight chest, sore lungs—you need Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and quickly. The first dose helps, it leaves a soothing, healing coating as it glides down your throat, you feel better at once. Every user is a friend. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. adv

Free sample copies of Farm & Ranch and Holland's Magazine at the Messenger office. Call around and get one. We are making a special offer on these publications.

Prickly Ash Bitters can be depended on to cure the kidneys, correct the urine, strengthen the stomach and relieve backache. Sold by all druggists. adv

Murdoch Darsey and Billie Allee left Monday morning in an automobile for Georgetown. They expect to return home today, accompanied by Geo. E. Darsey, Jr., a student of Southwestern University, who will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with home folks.

In damp, chilly weather there is always a large demand for Ballard's Snow Liniment because many people who know by experience its great relieving power in rheumatic aches and pains, prepare to apply it at the first twinge. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter. Adv.

W. R. Durnell of Antrim, the famous potato raiser, was in Grapeland Monday transacting business. Mr. Durnell not only raises potatoes, but he raises other stuff, and is a strong believer in diversification, and the coming year will practice it more than ever. We predict that when the next season is over he will come out with flying colors.

Guard your kidneys, the health of the body depends on those small but important organs. They extract uric acid from the blood which if allowed to remain in the system would cause dropsy and Bright's Disease. Prickly Ash Bitters is a successful kidney tonic; it heals and strengthens the kidneys, regulates the liver, stimulates the stomach and digestion, and cleanses the bowels. It will prevent or cure Bright's Disease. Sold by all druggists. adv

#### Paragraphs Pertaining to Community Prosperity.

Clipped from Farm & Ranch.

Any habit is a selfish habit if nobody gets any pleasure out of it except the man who indulges in it.

Do you read your local newspaper? Of course it isn't as full of news as the big daily, but it's your newspaper and it's your community it is helping to develop.

If there is any one purpose for which every man and woman is put into the world it is that the world may be a better place to live because of each individual that has lived.

Hogs increase very rapidly both in flesh and in numbers under favorable conditions. It is easier to begin raising hogs than it is other animals because one can expect quicker returns from swine.

The essentials for satisfying life in any community are: Good churches; good schools; wholesome social and recreational life; and good roads, that the other essentials may be enjoyed every day in the year.

Plant every acre you have turned this fall in a winter crop. You will need grazing for your animals and the soil will need a cover crop. Wheat, barley or emmer will likely be more suitable for late planting than rye or oats.

Co-operation does not destroy individuality; it gives the individual a better chance. Co-operation protects the individual by strengthening the efforts he puts forth and by reducing the expense of his undertakings. Co-operation means the greatest good to the greatest number.

With plenty of meat in the smokehouse, the larder filled with canned fruits, jellies and preserves; milk and butter for sale; chickens, eggs, turkeys, ducks and geese for the home and a surplus for market, the European war will not frighten the farmer who is thus fortified.

Every grower who expects to reduce the cotton acreage next year should investigate his conditions for raising swine. On most farms it would be profitable

to raise enough hogs to supply the family with meat. But before this is undertaken grazing crops should be sown and arrangements made to produce sufficient grain to fatten the hogs. Do not expect cheap pork if you must raise pigs in pens.

#### OUR HONOR ROLL

Those paying their subscriptions to the Messenger the past two weeks are as follows:

W. P. Kyle, C. W. Cherry, J. W. Taylor, J. W. Whitehead, H. A. Skeene, J. M. Thomas, J. M. Horne, Ben Brooks, R. H. Cook, Jimmie Caskey, C. C. Chaffin and John Smith and Anthony Walker (col.), Grapeland.

B. F. Dent, Joe Adams, Crockett.

Miss Ida Horne, Post Oak, Texas.

Chester Tyer, Crockett R 1.  
A. R. Baker, Elkhart, Route 2.  
Joe Hudson, B. F. Foster, Percilla.

R. L. Eaves, Ratcliff.

#### NEGROES CONVICTED

In the district court at Crockett last week, the following negroes were convicted for killing Abe Tubbs, on the Pridgen farm last April, and each given a term in the penitentiary: Albert Barnett, 25 years; Jim Robinson, 8 years; Bill Willis, 5 years; Crawford Mosley, 5 years; Joe Barnett, charged as an accomplice, was acquitted. Tubbs was shot from ambush after dark while seated in his house.

#### WATCH THE DATE!

Our subscribers are requested to watch the date printed on the paper opposite the name and renew their subscriptions promptly. For an example, your name appears like this—

John Doe     § 1 14

Means that the subscription expired Nov., 1st, 1914.

#### RENEW PROMPTLY!

## Community Co-Operation

Copyrighted Farm & Ranch—Holland's Magazine

Once the mailorder mania becomes well rooted, it is about as difficult to pull out as Johnson grass. The dope fiend is much easier to handle—you can stop the druggists from selling to him, but you can not stop the stationers from selling writing paper, and the postmasters from selling stamps to the mail order fiend, nor the catalogue houses from furnishing him with their big, alluring books which a mail order maniac prizes above his Bible, if he has one. Postmasters of rural settlements will tell you that the practice of worshipping the catalog god is surprising.

Talk about getting things cheaper, why these people would rather pay little more to receive purchases through the mail than to buy them locally.

I believe that a certain amount of evangelical work is necessary to interest the people of a community in co-operation and self-betterment. Much can be accomplished by organization, personal endeavor and public speak-

ing. Start them talking and they will give their own shortcomings air.

Let's go after the mail order maniac the same as we would the dope fiend. Ridicule and humiliate him to the point that he will sneak off to the barn to write his letters and will mail them after dark. And when he sports something new he will be ashamed to say that he got it from so-and-so—you know who I mean.

I am in earnest about this mania; it really does exist. I have had personal observation of it for the past six years, since it first attracted my attention. It is played upon profitably by a world of fakirs using Uncle Sam as a tool, and the only way to stop them is to take the tools away from them.

Holland's "Community Co-operation" movement is one that is bound to reach the coveted goal if we will all join hands and keep the good work alive. Here's my hand.

## .....THANKSGIVING.....

By Our Office Philosopher

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land?" If there breathes such a man, he has never digested a Thanksgiving proclamation.

Thanksgiving, so far as its physical ingredients are concerned, differs little if any, from other November days. It gets its capital letters and the dignity of the calendar's red ink from the president and his forty-eight varieties of governor, who permit us on this day to be as thankful as we like, so long as our demonstrations do not interfere with the tranquility of those not so enthusiastic. The president and the governors also sort out the things we have to be thankful for. If it were not for them, many of us could not get up enough courage to celebrate the event. Their proclamations, however, so vividly picture bountiful harvests and bursting bins that all of us take on a feeling of real importance for the time being, and while under the influence of their literary intoxicants, rush in and buy more food in ten minutes than we can eat in ten days. The Thanksgiving proclamation serves another worthy purpose in preserving those two words, "blessings" "prosperity." Without the annual proclamations, these words might become obsolete, and they're too encouraging to be cast aside entirely. Every Thanksgiving proclamation is built on a foundation of blessings and is surrounded by a scaffolding of prosperity.

Thanksgiving Day is one of about equal portions of anticipation and regret, with sixty minutes of delight intervening at 12 o'clock noon. The Thanksgiving dinner is the first of the winter season's series of elastic meals, and is an emphatic corroboration of the phrase, "What fools we mortals be." The elasticity of the Thanksgiving dinner gives every home at least one thing to be thankful for. Think of its coming on Monday or Tuesday!

Turkey became the primary Thanksgiving dish a long time ago, when the size of families de-

manded something of liberal proportions to go round. A quail is now sufficient to feed the average home, but there usually are enough relatives present on Thanksgiving Day to perpetuate the ordeal of coming in contact with a turkey. Our Pilgrim fathers used to shoulder a blunderbuss and go out and bag the first turkey that gobbled at them, with no thought of to whom the bird might belong. We twentieth century Pilgrims consult our bank book and if it agrees to back us up, we go out and buy one of the turkeys our forefathers left in cold storage for us.

In the South, where for dark and mysterious reasons a turkey never gets to Thanksgiving age, that marsupial and carnivorous mammal, the possum decorates the Thanksgiving tureen. Any one who has never tasted possum does not know just how fortunate he has been, and should give thanks for this escape if for no other reason. However, if one's curiosity overcomes his good judgment, he may boil a chunk of suet in coal oil and sugar and rest assured he has a possum of the most marsupial and carnivorous quality.

The climax of a thoroughbred Thanksgiving Day is pulled off on a football field along about three o'clock in the afternoon, when twenty-two disguised maniacs are turned loose to fight over an inflated pigskin that is not worth more than five or six dollars, even in this day of baconless breakfasts.

These Thanksgiving games close the season's carnage on the gridirons, and those players who survive are hauled off to hospitals to be repaired for the next year's battles. Thus far, the day's fatalities among football players and turkeys average about the same.

### Important

Bear in mind that Chamberlain's Tablets not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. For sale by all dealers.

(Advertisement)

## CHURCHES, LODGES AND SCHOOLS COULD HAVE OWN REPORTER

By Observer

Since I began writing these articles for the Messenger I have learned considerable about the newspaper business, and this week I am going to urge the readers to help the publisher out by sending in the items of news they know.

It seems the community in which a paper is published expects its employes to know everything that is going on—never thinks of telling the publisher the items they expect to see in the paper, but blames him if he fails to learn of them himself.

Why can't every church, lodge, school, and every other society in our community have a reporter of its own whose duty it would be to see that news regarding it be sent to the paper? I am sure the publisher would approve of such a plan and gladly print every item furnished him.

There is not a church, school or other organization that does not have real interesting happenings every week or two, and if these were reported our local paper would be "chuck" full of interest every issue. Our Sunday schools could furnish news; the schools could furnish news; every lodge could report its meetings. All that is needed is a determined effort on the part of the organization itself. Surely the paper does its part in granting us the space free.

A great many people feel they cannot write well enough or do not understand what is wanted well enough to act as such a reporter, but all of this is a mistake. I have learned that all a paper asks is that it be given the news, and if it is not gotten up correctly for publication, someone in the office will be only too glad to put it in shape for publication. And we should not censure the publisher if he changes our contributions. It is his privilege to alter items to conform to his rules. My own contributions are often altered in the wording, and I have always had to acknowledge the change improved them. Sometimes, too, we maybe disappointed by sending in an item, correct in every way, and then see it in print wholly wrong. The publisher has not knowingly done this. The chances are some one else had handed in the same item before yours reached him. The first item had been put into type. Then yours came in. The publisher sees it is a report of the same event and naturally lets the first report stand, not knowing it contains an error.

We all depend upon the local paper to chronicle the items of the entire community. Why not let the entire community come to a better understanding with the paper? It is not only willing but anxious for your news. Send it in.

### Women Suffer Terribly from Kidney Trouble

Around on her feet all day—no wonder a woman has backache, headache, stiff swollen joints, weariness, poor sleep and kidney trouble. Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief for these troubles. They strengthen the kidneys—take away the aches, pain and weariness. Make life worth living again. Try Foley Kidney Pills and see how much better you feel. For sale by D. N. Leaverton. adv

## It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

I wish every suffering woman would give

# GARDUI

## The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

### Get a Bottle Today!

## A Man Feels Better

IN A TAILOR MADE SUIT

Because it fits him all over and not in spots. Because there are no wrinkles and bulges to advertise it as a "hand-me-down." Because it is better made, will last longer and give better satisfaction in every way than a ready made suit. Because it is made to fit his figure, and not a dummy representing a thousand different figures and shapes. Because successful men are known to have a partiality to tailor made suits, and every man likes to be considered successful. Of course people prefer tailor made suits. Call in and see the new fall designs.

M. L. CLEWIS, The Tailor

### THE ENEMY OF CHILDHOOD.

The greatest enemy of childhood is the tape worm and similar parasites. They are the direct cause of the loss of thousands of children who were so weakened by the pernicious action of these pests that they became easy victims of disease. The best protection against worms is to give the children an occasional dose of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE. It not only removes worms, but acts as a general tonic in the stomach and bowels.

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

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A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

## I. N. Whitaker

WATCHMAKER and PHOTOGRAPHER

You will find me at my office in Grapeland every Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

I repair watches, clocks, guns and sewing machines.

## Are You a Woman?

# Take Cardui

## The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

## Caskey and Denson Barbers

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st.

Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday



The Best Medicine Made for Kidney and Bladder Troubles

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for Backache, Rheumatism, Kidneys and Bladder.

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## The Grapeland Messenger

Grapeland, Texas

# THE PATRIOTIC DOLLAR

War Revenue Tax of \$105,000,000 Levied—Beer Bears Brunt of Burden.

Congress has levied a war tax of \$105,000,000 to offset a similar amount of loss on import revenue due to the European disturbances and of this amount beer is the heaviest contributor, having been assessed approximately, \$50,000,000; a stamp tax on negotiable instruments, it is estimated, will yield \$31,000,000; a tax on the capital stock of banks of \$4,300,000, and a tax on tobacco, perfumes, theater tickets, etc., makes the remainder.

Congress has decreed that the brewer, the banker and the investor must shoulder the musket and march to the front; that milady who would add to her beauty, must first tip Uncle Sam, and a dollar that seeks pleasure must first salute the flag; that Pleasure and Profit—the twin heroes of many wars—shall fight the nation's battles and by an ingeniously arranged schedule of taxation Congress has shifted the war budget from the shoulders of Necessity to those of Choice and Gain, touching in its various ramifications almost every line of business.

All hail the dollar that bleeds for its country; that bares its breast to the fortunes of war and risks its life to preserve the stability and integrity of the nation's credit.

The market place has always been a favorite stand for war revenue collectors. The trader is a great financial patriot. His dollar is the first to rally around the star-spangled banner and the last to hear the coo of the dove of peace. He is called upon to buy cannon; to feed and clothe the boys in blue and each month cheer their hearts with the coin of the realm. Men can neither be free nor brave without food and ammunition, and money is as important a factor in war as blood. Many monuments have been erected in honor of heroes slain in battle, poems have been written eulogizing their noble deeds and the nation honors its soldiers while they live and places a monument upon their graves when they die, but very little has been said of the dollar that bears the burdens of war.

Honor to the Dollar That Bears the Burdens of War.

All honor to the dollar, that answers the call to arms and, when

the battle is over, bandages the wounds of stricken soldiers, lays a wreath upon the graves of fallen heroes and cares for the widows and orphans.

All honor to the industries that bend their backs under the burdens of war; lift the weight from the shoulders of the poor and build a bulwark around the nation's credit.

All honor to those who contribute to the necessities and administer to the comforts of the boys who are marching; cool the fever of afflicted soldiers and kneel with the cross beside dying heroes.

A dollar may fight its competitor in business, industries may struggle for supremacy in trade and occupations may vie each other with envy or suspicion, but when the bugle calls they bury strife and rally around the flag companions and friends, messmates and chums, all fighting for one flag, one cause and one country.

The luxuries in life have always been the great burden-bearers in government. We will mention a few of them giving the annual contributions to the nation's treasury: Liquor, \$250,000,000; tobacco, \$103,000,000; sugar, \$54,000,000; silks, \$15,500,000; diamonds, \$3,837,000; millinery, \$2,479,000; furs, \$2,024,000 and automobiles \$870,000.

The real problem of the farmer is how to sell his products.

A shoat in the pen is worth a ten dollar bill in the pocket.

## POSTED...KEEP OUT

I want it distinctly understood that my fields are posted and no trespassing is allowed, especially little boys who make a practice of going hunting with target rifles. One of my horses has been seriously hurt with a rifle and I have found some of my geese dead that have been shot. Please stay out of my field, or else take the consequences. adv. J. W. Howard.

Mrs. S. T. Anthony is visiting relatives in Huntsville.

Misses Louise Denny and Georgia Belle Richards are visiting in Crockett.

Mrs. J. W. Howard and children are spending the week in Crockett with relatives.

Mrs. Byron Maxwell is spending the week in Crockett with relatives.

Prof. J. L. Jackson and Miss Addie Hill left Wednesday at noon for San Antonio to attend the state teachers' meeting.

# DIVERSIFICATION IS UP TO THE BANKER

MISSIONARY WORK NEEDED AMONG BANKERS AND MERCHANTS.

Co-Operation, Not Dictation, Need of Farmers.

At a meeting of the representatives of the Texas Bankers' Association and the Farmers' Union in Dallas recently, co-operative plans were adopted whereby the men who grow the cotton and the men who finance it will renew their efforts to hold the present crop for better prices and to diversify the planting next year. Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Farmers' Union, who represented that body at the meeting, gave out the following interview:

"The Farmers' Union renews its entreaties to all farmers to hold cotton and recommends that the farmers who must have money avail themselves of the co-operation of the banker in securing cotton loans. The Union is sending out a large corps of lecturers to urge holding cotton and diversifying next year's crop.

## Too Much Free Advice.

"The banker in lending money is giving practical co-operation to the farmer in holding his crop after it is harvested and I want to suggest that the banker and the credit merchant extend the same character of co-operation to the farmer in producing the crop and then the problem of diversification is solved. Let the banker and the money lender announce that they will lend as much money on corn, wheat, oats and other crops as they will advance on cotton at the time of planting and we will have an era of diversification that will astonish all of us. In Texas, according to the most reliable data obtainable, at least two-thirds of the crop is mortgaged before it is planted and the farmer must take dictation from the banker and the merchant as to what he plants. There is little use to send lecturers to tell the farmer what to plant when he has no control over the crop. The banker and the merchant need lecturers sent to them as badly as the farmer and we think the lecture force should be divided equally between the city man and the farmer. We suggest it is unfair for the banker to coerce the farmer to diversify by the power of a loan. Let him agree to finance the diversified crop while in process of production. It is co-operation, not dictation, the farmer needs. Agriculture is already bed-ridden with free advice and if the city man will come back to the soil and co-operate direct with the man who plows instead of basing his action upon typewritten reports of book farmers, we will understand each other better and the south will blossom like a rose."

## Statement Issued.

The following statement was issued from the joint meeting and signed by Mr. Lewis, Peter Radford and J. A. Kemp, Chairman Bankers' Committee:

"The farmers and bankers of Texas, through their representatives, being united in the determination to work and stand together in the matter of holding this year's crop and reducing the acreage of the 1915 crop at least 50 per cent, urge all who have cotton to sell none for less than 8c a pound and we urge the co-operation of all farmers, bankers and business men in this campaign, with absolute confidence that the price of 10c a pound can and will be reached in the near future."

## A FRIEND IN TIME OF NEED



There is no surer friend in times of misfortune than a good bank balance. It may not do all, but it goes a mighty long way towards bringing comforts.

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## GRAPELAND SCHOOL NEWS

CLINTON PARKER, EDITOR  
Alta Kershner and Clarence McCarty, Asst. Editors

Robert Sadler was absent Friday. His father was out of town and he was busy at the store.

Miss Sam Hague was absent Friday.

Clarence McCarty will be absent all the week as he has gone on a big hunt.

Miss Denny's room had charge of chapel last week, and rendered some good selections.

The Grapeland High School Literary Society in regular session, Nov. 20, 1914. The society is moving along smoothly.

The school bell has to be rung by holding the clapper in the hand.

The basket ball team went to Latexo, Saturday. A large crowd of "rooters" went down to cheer for the home team. The score was 25 to 6 in favor of Latexo. This is the second game of the series. Grapeland has won one game and Latexo one.

The school board says we can have Friday as well as Thursday for holidays. That is good news.

Bro. Clifton made us another talk in Chapel Monday morning. We are undecided which of his talks were the best, but both were good.

Miss Kennedy's room will have charge of chapel exercises this week.

The boys have their goals up and will get to work in earnest in a few days.

The library was opened for the second time Friday. Quite a number of pupils are taking advantage of the opportunity to read books.

Examination week is here again. Those who have put in too much thought on Thanksgiving had better look out.

The second open program was held Nov. 20, 1914. The house was called to order by the president, and the following program was carried out:

Song, Girls glee Club.  
Duet, Misses Darsey and Campbell.

Reading, Miss Mary Lou Darsey.

Song, Junior Girls.  
Talk, T. H. Lerverton.

Debate, Resolved that all immigrants to the United States should be able to read in some language. Affirmative, Enon School; negative, Grapeland School. The judges decided in favor of Enon School.  
Critic's report, W. A. Riall.

The remains of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. John King of Palestine were shipped to Grapeland Tuesday and interred in the city cemetery. The corpse was accompanied by Mr. King, Misses Willie and Birdie Mae Brown and Mrs. Retilla Conoway.

S. E. Howard had business at the hub Wednesday.



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