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## A BIG SUCCESS

In Spite of the Financial Panic. The Biggest Business in the History of the Institution.

During the month just passed the Tyler Commercial College, of Tyler, Texas, enjoyed the largest enrolment for any one month since the school was established, and their heavy correspondence indicates that this month will also be a record breaker. This big success, with such a financial crisis as this country is just passing over is conclusive evidence of the things. First that the Tyler Commercial College is giving the most thorough and practical commercial education possible, one that fully meets the demand of the business world. Second it proves that the better thinking people were made to realize by the panic, that there is no better way to investing their earnings than in a practical commercial education. May this institution prosper. It is doing a great good for our young people. Parents interested in placing their sons and daughters in a commercial college here they will receive valuable moral training as well as a thorough and practical business training, would do well to investigate this school. A business training without a proper moral training as a foundation is a failure.

## A Letter From Post City.

Post City, Texas.—To-day is as calm as a May bloom of an Arabian clime, mixed slightly with a mellow zephyr of southern breeze, but very gentle, pacifying and exhilarating.

Post City has sprung like a mushroom among the great oaks, and is growing at a tremendous rate. Our mushroom city, but as substantial as the Rock of Gibraltar, has been under the close observance, guidance and general management of that affable gentleman, M. E. Alexander. The writer must say that Mr. Alexander undoubtedly has a great intellect as well as a great cause at heart. "Of the people, by the people and for the people," loyal to his friends, kind to all and encouraging to the weak, worthy and deserving.

Mr. G. B. Cutler, an old friend of the Messenger, is quite an addition to our town. He is our hotel man and is doing a profitable business, as he has about 60 boarders. The writer wishes especially to commend his good wife for her acts of kindness and motherly love for the boys.

We have had some sickness within the province of our town, but it has been among people mostly that have moved here from other localities. However, all the sick are convalescent now.

We have had the promise of a doctor locating with us soon, which will be quite an encouraging hope to the people in general.

Generally speaking our water is good. The air is healthful and embracing. We have a good class of people—genial, sociable and accommodating.

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## New Year's Resolutions.

By Joe Sappington.

One of the biggest fool things that a fellow can be guilty of, is to make New Year Resolutions. I never knew of but one man to stick to a pledge made on the first day of January, and in his case it was plainly an act of providence. This fellow was a great dancer and was in the habit of leaving his wife of nights and going to every dance that was given within 10 miles of where he lived. But on a bright New Year's morning when the spirit of reform was being wafted in upon every breeze, he yielded to its gentle persuasive influences and swore that he had danced his last jig and cut his last pigeon wing.

It has been fifteen years since he made that vow and he is sticking to that vow today and is likely to the rest of his life, for the very next day after making the pledge, his team ran away with him and broke his legs and in order to save his life the doctors had to amputate them above his knees.

I never made but one set of New Year resolutions since I have been married and I broke every one of them in less than a week after making them. The mistake I made was in swearing off from all of my bad habits at the same time; but when I start to do a thing I can't do it by halves and when the spirit of reform came over me on that New Year's morning, to save my life I

couldn't keep from throwing all my bad habits I had into a jackpot. I went to my wife and took her by the hand and told her in the most solemn manner, that I had been an awful bad man and ablated sorry husband, but I had at last cast every wicked thought and bad habit from my bosom, and from that day forth I proposed to walk uprightly. I then confessed to her all the mean things I had been guilty of in the last ten years. I told her how I had lied to her, and about playing cards, and getting drunk and I got so enthused that I finally confessed to a lot of things that I had never been guilty of and to cap the climax I finally told her about having a bottle of peruna hid at that very moment out at the barn, and to make my word good I rushed out to the barn and brought it to the house and handed it to her. I then pulled out a deck of cards from my hip pocket and handed it over, and finally I gave her my pipe and tobacco and a set of dice, and a pair of brass nucks a dirk and a lot of breath tablets that I had been using to disguise the sent of Peruna on my breath. Well, to be brief I turned my pockets and conscience wrong side out to her and swore to her that I expected to remain as pure as an unborn babe all the rest of my life, and asked her to please burn all the vile and sinful stuff that I had turned over to her, which she proceeded to do in short order. Yes it has been ten years

since I did that job lot of reforming and there has not been a single day since then that my wife has not referred to some of the durr fool confessions I then made.

## Mrs. H. C. Leaverton.

Mrs. H. C. Leaverton died at her home one mile west of town last Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock, from the effects of apoplexy. She was stricken on the preceding Monday, and until death never regained her speech.

Mrs. Leaverton was a member of the Baptist church, and was untiring in her efforts in church work and was known by all to be a sweet christian lady. She has reared a large family who have grown to be honorable men and women, and to whom the Messenger extends the sincerest sympathy in this sad hour of bereavement.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev. W. W. Harris, pastor of the Baptist church at Crockett. Interment followed in the city cemetery, where deceased was laid to rest by the side of her husbands who had preceded her about three years ago.

The following have remembered the Messenger since last issue: W. M. Jeter, W. M. Weisinger, W. P. Kyle, J. A. Morris, C. W. Kennedy, Isom Osborn and Eugene Yarbrough.

## School Honor Roll

First grade, Ben Frisby, Adelaide Selkirk, Edwin Davis, Rena Ross Richards, Lena Brimbery, Eura Woodard, Gradyon Owens.

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Third grade, Lewis Lea, Clarence McCarty, Broadus Woodard, Esther Darsey.

Fourth grade, Leonidus Brooks, Winnie Davis, Murdock Murchison, Neva Haltom, Edna Hill, Antillus Skidmore, Ethel Carter.

Fifth grade, George Horn, Tom Clinton, Will Selkirk.

Sixth grade, Annie R. Hollingsworth, Darsey Royall, Esther Davis, Seth W. Yarbrough.

Seventh grade, Mills Horn, Flora Horn, Bertha Weisinger, Ida Horn.

Eighth grade, Lewis Herod, Edgar Brooks, Lee Darsey.

Ninth grade, Lona F. Hollingsworth, Ima Davis.

Tenth grade, Columbus Woodard, Balis Dailey, Murdock Darsey.

## Rest and Sleep.

Few escape the miseries winter—a bad cold, a distressing cough. Many remedies are recommended, but the one quickest and best of all is Simmons cough Syrup. Soothing and healing to the lungs and bronchial passages it stops the cough at once and gives you welcome rest and peaceful sleep.



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**WHEN WE WEAR DIAMONDS**

De Beers Consolidated, which is the other name for the diamond trust, has passed the dividend on its common shares for the first time in its splendid history except when Kimberly was besieged by Boers. London—with a contemptuous implication which is as unkind as it is unjust—attributes this to a falling off in the Yankee demand.  
In the year just closed, leading stocks listed on the New York exchange shrank in market value to the amount of three and a quarter billion dollars. Coincidentally with this movement there appeared a powerful chastening of the taste for personal adornment. Persons who thought very highly of diamonds when U. P. was 183, discovered unexpectedly and irresistibly charms in tortoise shells and German silver when it got into the 80's. But long before that it was noted that diamonds were falling into disfavor, and that one might sit in the dining rooms of the very swellest hotels from breakfast time until after luncheon and not see more than a half a dozen gentlemen and a dozen ladies whose persons glittered powerfully with the most convenient and conspicuous of all insignia of wealth. Many more than this number had the price; but were restrained by a growing notion that diamonds were bad form.

We regret the notion, but such is fashion's law. By the time the man of the people learns to wear a two-carat solitaire shirt-stud without blinking and the plain woman gets acclimated to her sun-burst, they discover that the beau monde looks down upon diamonds.  
—Saturday Evening Post.

**COST OF COTTON PRODUCTION.**

A gentleman in a Dallas, Texas, street car was heard to remark a few days ago about as follows:

"I've raised cotton, and the cost of production was not exceeding 5 cents a pound, and it is extortion for farmers to ask 15 cents."

This is not the word for word statement of the gentleman, but was the spirit and exact substance of what he said. He spoke in some bitterness, too, and was inclined, one would judge, from his manner and tone, to lay the blame of the panicky times and hard times resulting therefrom upon the Union farmers who were holding their cotton. He thought they ought to sell for what they could get for the products of their fields and the gifts of mother earth in payment for the hard toil of themselves and their families. His business was at a standstill. All business was languishing, and the farmer should sacrifice himself and the dear ones of his heart and his home that business might pick up.

Now, this gentleman is not an unkind man, nor selfish, nor unjust. He was, and is yet, in ignorance of the facts in the case, and does not comprehend the fact that no interest or business can thrive, or even exist, as it ought to exist, and prosper, unless the farming classes are prosperous. He did not know then and does not know now, that this panic began in October last and just ending, was the deliberate, unscrupulous work of Eastern "captains of finance" for their own sinister purposes, utterly reckless as to what the effects might be on others so they prospered—a scheme, indeed, simply and purely for spoilation and to help along other ends they had in view for the further and continuous robbery of the people.

As to his estimate of the cost to produce cotton, let us look at that a little. He says he raised cotton at only a cost of 5 cents a pound. He did not do any such thing. At the time he farmed, some years ago he might have produced cotton at an outlay of cash of only 5 cents a

pound, but that actual cash outlay did not represent the entire cost of production. His time was occupied in the management of the affairs of his farm. Was his time worth anything? His education and his skill were brought into full play and force in the preparation of his land, in the pitching of his crop, in its cultivation, in fighting and warding off crop enemies, in gathering his crop, in preparing it for market, in marketing it. Is all this worth nothing? Is the wear and exhaustion of the body and mind and the worry and care incident upon the production of a crop worth nothing? Is the capital invested in a farm, in the teams and farming implements, in the feed stuffs for man and beast, needful in the year's work, worth nothing? Shall there be no interest on this investment added into the cost of production? All these things we have enumerated above enter into the expense account and cost bills in every other line of business under the sun, and why not into the business of farming, too?

Look back through the long, hard years since the war bugles ceased to sound in 1865, and the tramp of marching forces were no longer heard in the land; contemplate the fearful, awful struggle the cotton producers of the South have encountered and met bravely and say if the manhood, the culture, the refinement, the hopes and ambitions and ideals, the very lives of the Southern people, have not been absorbed in the production of cotton! Aye, and the womanhood and childhood of the South, too, for the United States census in its last report, chronicles the cruel fact that 80,000 Southern white women and their children have been forced to toil in the cotton fields, and why? Because the cotton planter has been robbed of his heritage, the product of his toil because of the unjust system under which he must market his crop.

Go to the Eastern cotton mills, go to the Southern cotton mills, go to the European cotton mills. See the polished spindles as they whirl drawing out the fleecy cotton staple into long strands of thread, into huge bundles of yarn, and in their very whirr you will hear the sighs of the Southern mothers as they chopped, plowed, or picked the locks, and the moans of the little girls and boys as they dragged along the heavy cotton sack. Look upon the looms. See how accurately, how wonderfully they weave the meshes of the yarns into cloth. In every mesh of yarn, in every yard of this cloth is woven the tears of Southern women and their heartaches and the injustice and wrong that greed and graft have heaped upon them. Shall not these things be charged up in the cost bill? Look at the young Southern farmer girls and young men, who, because they had to give the years of their childhood and youth to labor in the fields to ward off starvation, have grown up in ignorance without the blessings of the graces and beauty that education give, and answer if this should not be included in the expense account. Many and many a father and mother and the children have been forced to remain at home on Sundays from church or Sunday school because they had no clothes to wear, being deprived of the consolations and the training of religion. Will you say that this cannot enter into the cost of cotton production?

There is no price that might be charged for cotton that will be sufficient remuneration for the sacrifices needful for its production. The Farmers' Union has come to right these things; to extort that justice so long denied, and to secure a just and honest price for farm products in a business-like, fair and honorable way. Read the following few words, taken from the report of a speech recently delivered to a cotton growers' association and ponder them:

"He pointed out that kerosene could be sold for 3 cents a gallon,

nails for 1 cent a pound wholesale and at a profit, yet the consumer paid 15 to 20 cents a gallon and three cents a pound for these commodities as tribute to the brains of Rockefeller and Carnegie. The South should demand something for the brains of the planters."

Yes, why should not the South demand something for the brains of the planters? We shall do so. That is why the Farmers' Union is a business organization that it may achieve its ends and purposes for the good of the farmers of the South and the West by business methods, and if we use modern farm implements in the production of our crops, there is no good sense in not using modern business methods to dispose of them. The Immortality of Right is our motto.  
—National Co-Operator.

**THE NOBLE BRIDEGROOM.**

Whatever advanced and eccentric sociologists may say in favor of such an arrangement of the vulgar, there is evidently no need of limited or probationary marriages where the bride is an American heiress and the groom a foreigner. There is evidently, in fact no need of any marriage of any sort or description whatsoever. The bride wishes a lordly designation and the niche in society to which it is the official tag. The groom wishes money. Both get their wish; but are so far bound by foolish traditions that they spend several miserable months trying to live together and are put to much cost and annoyance by the divorce which leaves each of them the essential consideration that prompted them to matrimony, but frees them from the galling conjugal relationship. In the latest international marriage which has come into the divorce court at this writing, a well meaning young woman might have been spared many harrowing days and a young man might have kept his follies to himself if titled and certified check had been sensibly exchanged at the altar, and the pair had then parted with mutual good wishes.—Saturday Evening Post.

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### JOHN MITCHELL'S WORK.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has retired from his high place as head of the greatest organization in the United States. For many years he has been the head of this organization, and as it stands today it is largely the creation of his organizing and executive powers. Ill health compelled him to give up the arduous task of shaping the policies and directing the forces in an organization the most heterogeneous in character and the most numerous in membership in any civilized country today. Whether his successor will be able to manage this body as well as he has managed it remains to be seen.

John Mitchell came to this country as an emigrant lad years ago. By his own efforts he raised himself to the position in the body which he held, really created the place by creating the organization as it now exists. To do such work argues ability of a most unusual order. In fact few men of that stamp are produced in a generation. Possibly if he had not done it some other man would, but the very fact that a man creates something really great and really difficult, giving it the stamp of his own genius, argues that no other man could have done the work.

Those living away from the mines and the mining towns and the great manufacturing cities that have grown up about the coal and iron mines have little conception of the class of people from the various countries of Europe that make up the great body of mine workers. Those who work in the mines for precious metals in the West are a high class of intelligent people. The wages paid are good, and the conditions of life are by no means bad. Not so with the other miners. Life has little of hope for them, even when they are not bowed down in ignorance of language and customs, and are at the complete mercy of the mine operators. Men and boys are but machines to bring coal and iron from the bowels of the earth to be used by mankind. No further consideration is had of them than to see that the greatest results are obtained at the least cost. Humanity does not count. The bright eyed lad goes into the mines to break coal; he grows in strength and gains experience, and becomes a miner; for a few years he labors in his strength and with hope; the years go by and he goes back to the tasks that he engaged in as a boy, and takes his place, this time with only death and release from the breaker's pile to look forward to. Such is the life of the coal or iron miner.

To bring these men together into a self-conscious body, to teach them that they have a real existence in the industrial world, to give them a class spirit, a class strength, was the work of John Mitchell. In so doing he created a great force of organized labor. He made this body of men a force which has been felt for good in raising the condition of living and in bringing about a greater sense of the responsibilities and the gains of American citizenship. Along with this comes necessarily a wider outlook, a more hopeful life. The whole standard of living is raised for the miners and for their families. To uplift such a body of men composed of such varied elements was a task for one man to do, for one man to take the lead in doing. John Mitchell did it. Few men in this generation have made a greater contribution to the welfare of the people, directly and indirectly, than he.

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### DRAIN UPON THE FORESTS.

Are Being Cut Three Times as Fast as They Grow.

Since 1880 the sources of lumber supply have undergone remarkable changes. The first change was in the regions from which the principal kinds of lumber were procured, and this was followed by the substitution of other kinds of wood in their places. Neither the centers of the lumber industry nor the leading classes of woods are the same as they were twenty-five years ago. In 1880 nine States—Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Texas, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Washington—produced 52.8 per cent, or more than half of the total lumber production of the United States. In 1906 these States produced 51.5 per cent, practically the same proportion, but the changes which have taken place in the output of individual States are very striking. Michigan, for instance, cut 23 per cent of the total in 1880, and but 5.6 per cent in 1906; Louisiana cut 0.7 per cent of the total in 1880 and 7.5 per cent in 1906; Washington furnished but 0.9 per cent of the lumber production of 1880 and 11.5 per cent of that of 1906. The cutting out of the virgin timber in the North and East has been followed by increased drains upon the forest resources of the South and West.

Despite these conditions the amount of timber required has increased year by year. The increase in consumption of timber since 1880 has been more rapid than the increase of the population, and greater than in any similar period in the history of the country. This shows in a striking manner how much the nation depends upon forest products, and indicates how greatly all interests must suffer as lumber becomes scarcer and dearer.

Statistics gathered by the bureau of the census and the forest service show that the quantities of timber used last year for lumber, shingles, ties, pulpwood, cooperage stock, mine timbers, lath, distillation, veneer, poles, tanning and turpentine and resin, expressed in board feet, reach a total of approximately 50 billion board feet.

While these drains upon the forest are known with reasonable certainty, there are others of which there is no record. These are the demand for posts, fuel, and domestic purposes, regarding which it is more difficult to obtain information, because the products often pass through no market, but are consumed on the farm, where they were produced. Careful estimates, however, place the total of wood used for fuel alone at an equivalent of 50 billion board feet a year.

It will be seen, then, that the present consumption of wood in all forms is above 100 billion board feet annually. Estimating the forest area of the United States at from 500 to 700 million acres, and the annual growth at 60 board feet per acre, the yearly increase is from 30 to 42 billion feet. At this rate the annual growth barely equals the amount consumed for lumber alone. Considering all the drains the annual consumption of wood is probably three times the annual growth. Detailed estimates of standing timber range from 1400 to 2000 billion feet. Using the larger figure, and considering the annual growth of 40 billion feet, it appears that there is not more than thirty-three years' supply of timber in this country at the present rate of consumption.

At present only about 22 per cent of our total forest area is in State or National forests, the remainder being unreserved public lands, or in private hands. The forest area is amply sufficient, if rightly managed, to produce eventually enough timber to supply all our needs. Yet private owners, as well as the State and National governments, must use their forest lands in a right way if we are to maintain our timber supply.

Circular 129, just issued by the forest service, contains a dis-

cussion of the drains upon the forests and the resources and the duration of the timber supply. This publication will be sent free upon application to the Forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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THE MESSENGER.

Can you vote in the coming elections, or are you like a ship at sea without a sail?

We once heard of a banker who died of blood poison in the hand caused by handling money. It must have been a pleasant death.

Four new residences built within the past three months, along with other public improvements, is not a bad showing for Grapeland is it?

Hon. R. T. Miner was unable to reach Grapeland Saturday, on account of sickness in his family. Prof. Sanburn, teacher of entomology in the A. & M. college, was here and delivered an address on insects which are harmful to plants. The talk was very instructive and enjoyed by all.

Harry K. Thaw has been acquitted of the murder of Stanford White, but was adjudged insane, and is now peacefully resting in an asylum for the criminal insane. Martin Littleton, who was chief counsel for the defense, is a Texas product and formerly lived at Dallas.

Horace W. Clarke, the new vice president and general manager of the I. & G. N., has been shaking up the old official family considerably, and many of the "old heads" have "resigned." All the new men appointed come from the Mobile & Ohio railroad which causes the Houston Post to remark that "the Mobile & Ohio must be a good training place for railroad men."

Our people are earnestly working for the summer normal. A meeting was held at the bank Monday afternoon, and while only a few were present, yet much enthusiasm was manifested, and a good many scholarships subscribed for. A committee was appointed to solicit donations. The normal would mean much to Grapeland from an advertising standpoint, and would help us morally and socially.

Last week Mr. R. M. Hester of Route 6 called at our office and presented us with the largest turnip we have ever seen. It measured 22 inches in circumference and weighed 7 pounds. We should have given proper notice of this mammoth vegetable in last week's issue, but will apologize for not doing so by saying the turnip was so all-fired big that it had to be quartered up before we could get it in the paper.—Houston County Times.

That is no "slouch" for a big

turnip, and Houston county is not backward either when it comes to doing big things, and she gets her dander up and the proper move on herself. In enumerating the many good counties in East Texas, Houston county will always show up among the best.—News.

Our farmer friends should not plant too much of their farm in any one crop. Observation and experience have demonstrated that the most successful farmer is the one who does not depend on any one crop.—Crockett Courier.

Correct. In almost every community where the theory of diversification was adopted and intelligently practiced, the farmers are in far better financial condition than when they raised "all cotton" under a crop mortgage plan.—Galveston News.

All of which leads us to remark that peanuts are an excellent crop to raise.

It is very important and in fact it is absolutely necessary to health that we give relief to the stomach promptly at the first signs of trouble—which are belching of gas, nausea, sour stomach, headache, irritability and nervousness. These are warnings that the stomach has been mistreated; it is doing too much work and it is demanding help from you. Take something once in a while; especially after meals; something like Kodol for Dyspepsia and Indigestion. It will enable your stomach to do its work properly. Sold by Carleton and Porter.

### Lovelady School Suspended.

Lovelady, Texas, February 3.—The school board met at 4:30 Saturday to consider the best course to pursue in account of several cases of measles having occurred. Some of those who have the disease remained in school until it was developed and because of this there must have been a good many exposed. The school will be closed for two weeks, at the end of which time the board will meet and make further arrangements.

If a cough once gets into your system it acts on every muscle and fibre of the body and makes you ache all over. It especially affects the intestines and makes you constipated, so in order to get rid of a cold thoroughly and without delay you should not take anything that will tend to constipate. Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup acts upon the bowels and thereby drives the cold out of the system. It contains no opiates—it is pleasant to take and is highly recommended for children. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Miss Corine Anthony, a delightful and talented young lady of Grapeland, Texas, after a most pleasant visit to her sister (and family,) Mrs. Claud Saddler, much to the regret of the many friends she made here, as well as to her relatives, left for her home Sunday afternoon.—Kerbyville Banner.

Every-body loves our baby, rosy sweet and warm  
With kissy places on her neck  
and dimples on her arms  
Once she was thin and cross  
used to cry with pain—  
Mother gave her Cascasweet,  
now she's well again. Sold  
by Carleton & Porter.

### Hays Spring Locals

February 3.—We people out here nearly always have our share of everything that comes along, and I believe we have had our share of lagrippe, pneumonia and other ailments. We are glad to note that Mrs. Sims, Grandpa Warner and others who have been quite sick are on the mend, and we hope they will soon be well again.

Our school opened up again this morning, after a vacation of several days on account of our teacher, Sam Herod, being sick, H. C. and G. M. Warner came in from Runge, Texas, last Sunday to visit their father, he being quite sick at that time, though he is some better at this time, and his sons returned home Saturday.

Well, Mr. Editor, we were glad to see that the Messenger was remembered last week by some of your correspondents, who had been silent for awhile. We are always glad to get the Messenger and like to read the letters from the different communities.

Warner Eaves, who is teaching school at Waneta, has been at home several days with a spell of lagrippe. He recovered sufficiently to return to his school yesterday.

Farmers are about on a stand still in this section. We hope the sickness will soon abate so we can get down to business.  
Julius.

It depends upon the pill you take. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills known for constipation and sick headaches. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Ben Cook returned to Oklahoma Tuesday after spending some time near town visiting relatives.

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T. S. Goodnight and family left Tuesday for Colorado City where they will reside in the future.

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Miss Lillian Hanson has returned to her school after an absence of ten days on account of sickness.

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HOUSTON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

### Announcements

The following announcements are made subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For District Judge, 3rd Judicial District:

J J Faulk, of Henderson County

B H Gardner of Anderson county

For District Clerk  
B F Dent

### LOCAL NEWS.

Ten pounds good green coffee for \$1 at W. R. Wherry's.

Fresh bolted water-ground meal at Howard's.

Have your clothes pressed, the cost is very small. Odell Faris.

The Messenger is prepared to print candidate cards.

Irving Keen is home from Fisher county.

Plenty good syrup at Howard's 50c a gallon.

Tasteful tailoring, cleaning and pressing done by Odell Faris.

Buy  
**Carbon**  
From  
**Carleton & Porter**

Geo. Chaffin went up to Palestine Monday.

Flour, meal, feed stuffs at Howard's.

If you don't like the Messenger just "cuss" it out. It all helps, and we don't care.

Mr. T. S. Kent of Reynard was transacting business in Grapeland Tuesday.

Bobby Fountain's show, "Jim Bowie and David Crockett," exhibited here last Wednesday night to a large audience.

Let Odell Faris fix up your old clothes

For the best flour that can be bought, try Ruth or Howard's

Let me clean your old suit and make it look new. Odell Faris.

Five gallons of Eupcon oil for 85c at W. R. Wherry's.

Clyde Drvis is at home for awhile from Livingston.

Mr. Bill Keen is a new addition to our Grapeland list.

Mr. W R Wherry had business in Crockett Tuesday.

Mr. Jake Lively thrust a dollar into our exchequer Tuesday.

Mr. George E. Darsey has gone to Austin to have his eyes treated under a specialist.

P. H. Blalock was here from Livingston a few days this week shaking hands with old friends.

Geo. Wallace, a stock dealer of Palestine, is here this week with a bunch of horses.

### For Sale or Rent

My residence in west Grapeland.  
Geo. C. Shipper.

Messrs. J. W. Brown and J. B. Phillips were pleasant callers Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Keen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keen, died Saturday night of Pneumonia.

Shed Herod, one of our colored subscribers, shoved a few pennies into our strong box Monday.

Mr. S.J. Osborn and son, Isom left for their home at Kauffman Monday. Mrs. Osborn will remain here a few days.

The eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bridges, who live in the New Prospect community, died last week.

Clarence Prestridge was over from Mansfield, La., a few days this week seeing his old time friends.

We are ready and anxious to announce every candidate in the county at \$2.50 and \$5.00 per holler. Get busy, boys, and let's have some fun.

We have received a letter from Porter Newman ordering his paper sent to Houston. Mr. Newman has associated himself with a law firm of that city.

Mrs. Edens Hollingsworth and Mrs. P. H. Blalock are here from Livingston on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. A. Davis.

We learn of several weddings which have occurred near town during the past week. Mr. Bynum to Miss Ola Herod; Web Brooks to Miss Ethel Walling; and Bill Garner to Miss Ada Morris. The Messenger extends best wishes to all.

We hear it rumored that Hon. C. C. Stokes of Crockett, our present state senator, will make the race for congress from this district. In speaking of this matter, Phil Blalock said that his county (Polk) would go for Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Ed Gray and Miss Maud Campbell slipped out from under the parental roof Sunday and were married. Miss Maud is the only single daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Campbell. The Messenger extends congratulations and best wishes.

### Other things Needed.

Admiration alone will not run a newspaper. Sooner or later such admirers will find that the object of their affection has become wedded to other ways that they do not admire. In other words, a newspaper is compelled, in order to live, to seek the friendship of those who are not so platonic in their love, but unite their practical esteem with sentiment that binds mutual admiration in other professions. There are too many men who expect the editor to slave in defense of their pet notions and hobbies, advocate their views against the strongest opposition, and coolly withhold the business support by which alone a newspaper can live.—Mexico Enterprise

Candidate cards neatly printed at the Messenger office.

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### CONSTIPATION.

Its Cause and How to Cure it.

Eat too much,  
Stomach feels bloated,  
All out of sorts,  
Don't feel like work to-day. Guess I've another case of biliousness.  
"Take anything?"

"Yes; some pills, but no results; suppose I'm getting ironclad. Sometimes I double the dose, then they physic me so hard I'm too weak to work. Think I'll have to try something new."

"Ever try Prickly Ash Bitters?"

"No; I've heard a good deal about it, but never tried it."

"Well, you'll be pleased with the results."

The purgative action of Prickly Ash Bitters not only removes hard impactions, gas and impurities, but it strengthens the muscular action of the bowels which causes them to move regularly. Prickly Ash Bitters is a bowel tonic and regulator in the truest sense. It promotes daily evacuations, establishes healthy movements and is the best known remedy for disordered digestion, flatulence and a constipated habit.

D. M. Blackwelder, of Litchfield, Ill., says in the *Litchfield News*: "I am perfectly willing, in fact glad to testify to the value of Prickly Ash Bitters as a medicine for the kidneys, stomach and bowels. I have used it whenever I needed anything of the kind for the last fifteen years and it has always given satisfaction."

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### SOMEBODY CALLS IT HOME.

Edward Vance Coker, Country 'round is rather dull; town's a sort of match; Landscape needed mendin, but the town's a blame poor patch. "Ugly" is an ugly word, so I shan't call it such, But just a look'll show that the town ain't very much. Streets are only wagon ruts, and sidewalks hit or miss, Up a step for that one, and down two jumps for this; Just a string of straggly stores and houses sprawled about; First thing every drummer asks is "When's the next train out." Cannon Ball goes through here with a shudder at the sight; Drops a mail bag, maybe, as if pityin' our plight. Last place you might ever call a pitcher or a po'm, And yet some of us like the place; some of us call it home.

I've seen some bigger places, maybe better maybe worse, Seen some whoppin' residences, kept as carefully as a hearse; Jam full of doors and windows, with a tower, p'rhaps to boot; Sort of crossed between a hotel and some sort of institoot. I suppose they had good fixin's on the inside, but I swear I'd feel just as homey ivin' in the court house on the square. Not that I'm reflecting any, for I aint the kind that pokes Ridicule at anybody. I believe that folks are folks And no doubt those big-house people are, as far as I can see, Just as human in their feelin's and as good as you and me. Why, there's human folks in Timbuctoo and human folks in Nome It mightn't suit me either place, but some one calls it hom.

I suppose t's sort of foolish, but I bet I ain't alone In the feelin' that I have for things that I call my own. Why, there's my place, it ain't so much to speak of, after all; 'Most any other house has got a window and a wall; Some common things for comfort and some dearer things for looks A sprinklin' round of pitchers and a little row for books, Some garden things a'growin', and a welcome home at night, From a little bunch of babies, dancin' when you come in sight; It's all so sort of common that I couldn't make you see If you didn't have the feelin' that keeps bubblin' up in me, For, I tell you, there ain't a place beneath the big blue dome That pulls me like it does because, oh, well, I call it home.

### OFFICIAL GRADES.

President Roosevelt in his recent message to congress recommended that a law be enacted fixing the grades of grain, these official grades to rule in every grain market in this country and of course to govern in all courts in suits growing out of dealings in grain. The idea is an excellent one, because every grain exchange and grain dealers' association has been fixing grades to suit itself and always in its own interest, to the farmers' detriment.

Why should not such a law fixing cotton grades also be a good one Congressman Burleson from Texas has this bill pending in congress. It provides that the Agricultural Department shall appoint a commission of experts to fix the grades of cotton and that these grades shall govern in all exchanges and in all cotton sales. Let us hope that this bill may become a law, and furthermore, let us all do something to help this bill through congress and to get the grain measure enacted also. If the Western and Southern Congressmen will unite on these two bills, they can defeat the opposition that will come from the spinners and their allies against the cotton bill, and the grain exchanges and grain dealers' associations everywhere. These people are all opposed to any gradings of grain or cotton they do not establish themselves, because it is through grade manipulations that they do a vast deal of swindling.—National Co-operator.

San Antonio.—Restricting the circulation of tramps and criminals and at the same time extending the system of good roads in this county

is the wise policy that has been adopted here in handling petty offenders. The practice of making tramps and other petty offenders move on to the next town is not conducive to checking the growth of such parasites on the body industrial. Here all such offenders are kept in a convict camp on one of the various county roads and kept hard at work. As a result the finest road system in Texas net works Bexar County from this city. There are one hundred and eighty-five miles of excellent macadam roads radiating in every direction. The mutual benefit of this to the farmers and the merchants makes this the most important public work of the county administration. This method of handling petty offenders has resulted not only in practical results, but has operated to keep down petty crimes and to frighten away the undesirable army of hoboes that would otherwise infest this city during the delightful winter months.

### OKLAHOMA'S EXPERIMENTS

The newest State, unless we are sadly mistaken, is not going to live in ignoble fear of precedent. This money trouble has been engaging her attention, and an interesting bank law results. Under this law all State banks must keep in the hands of a State board a sum equal to one per cent of their average deposits, as a depositors' guarantee fund. If a state bank fails, the board shall draw upon this fund to whatever amount may be necessary in order to pay depositors in full, and replenish the fund by an assessment, levied ratably according to deposits on all the banks.

This device we judge, should provide a complete guaranty to every depositor in ever ystate bank; hence should leave no excuse for runs and hoarding—those black plagues of banking. Any national bank in the State may pay in its one per cent assessment and secure the guaranty to its depositors on equal terms with State banks.

In New York and Chicago the big banks meet an acute disturbance by standing together as a unit in their clearing house associations. The Oklahoma law contemplates a like solidarity for all the banks in the State. Whether the reserve provision of the act will not militate against State banks, as compared with national banks, remains to be seen. But the guaranty feature is the best answer yet on any statute book to the problem raised by the October trouble.

Greenville, Tex.—A temporary injunction restraining the collection of intangible taxes of the Katy has been issued.

Washington—According to the report of Secretary Cortelyou, the Panama bonds were oversubscribed 44 times. His report further states that over 296,000,000 have been withdrawn from circulation since the panic began.

Lisbon, Portugal—A number of people were injured in severe outbreaks of political rioting.

Fort Worth—A number of secretaries of business organizations embracing a large part of central Texas, met to consider concerted action to secure legislation.

Hartshorn, Okla.—A father rescued four children from a burning building but perished with the fifth in a vain effort to rescue it.

FOR SALE—Guaranteed strictly pure, home-made ribbon cane syrup. No sugar extracted, no adulteration, no chemicals used, fire cooked. Write for free sample and prices. R. B. Loggins, Columbia, Tex.

S. C. BUFF ORPHINGTONS—Birds from best yards of England and America. Eggs at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00 per 15. Stock for sale. Satisfaction guaranteed. Emmett Brown, Cleburne, Tex.

DO you want to be cured of the morphine, whisky and tobacco habits? If so, come to my sanitarium at Mineral Wells, Tex. No pain; not a cent of your money until you say you are cured. Dr. W. C. Rountree.

SEED OATS—Lawson's Improved Red Winter Rust Proof Seed Oats are the best in the world to sow in January and February. They are strong, vigorous, grow rapidly, mature early. Recleaned, graded, not one ounce of trash in 100 bushels. Every sack tagged with my trademark. You will never regret buying these oats. Write for samples and further information. O. P. Lawson, McGregor, Texas.

IMPUDENCE, Chief Perfection 2nd, Meddler and other strains of fanciest Poland-Chinas Males from \$10 up. Registered bred gilts to herd header, Mischief Meddler 129377, the grandest young boar south for \$25. Eggs from world's champion strain Rhode Island Reds, Elliott & English, Whitesboro, Tex.

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In the '70's, perhaps 1873 or 1874, there was a man whose name I will not mention, came to Coldwater, the town which I lived in, and presented himself to a merchant, and stated his case; that he had moved into the country and rented land from Major Busby, and wished to be credited for some supplies. Of course the merchant wished to know his chances to pay, so in response the renter stated that he had an old mule and a cow and a few simple plow tools. To this the merchant suggested that he give him a mortgage on his mule and cow and tools and crop and then he would let him have what he wanted. To this the renter made no reply, but dropped his head and walked off.

He went to another merchant with his request and met with about the same response and he acted likewise—hung his head and went still to another merchant with his request for credit, and met with the same fate.

But by this time his nerves had been worked up, his manhood was beginning to assert itself and he began to show what stuff he was made of. So he stood gazing for a moment in the face of the merchant, when he all at once broke loose with these words:

"I'll starve to death and go to hell before I'll do it."

So he went home and went to work, lived on corn bread, butter and butter milk, worked out for other people some. His wife carried the little babe to the field and hid it under a bush in the fence corner and helped to work and gather the crop, so he did not owe a dollar, only for rent, when he gathered his crop.

He moved away that winter to Arkansas, and I am informed that in about four years he was worth at least \$6000 and he said that that little lesson taught him how to make it.

Such nerve is to be admired, and is admired. This man's nerve was admired by the very men whom he asked for credit. Such nerve as this is what is necessary to win, and it will win, too.

I write this with the hope that it may stimulate some poor man to keep out of the clutches of a crop mortgage, for I tell you a man had just about as well starve to death, die and go to hell, as to allow himself to be degraded by placing himself at the mercy of unscrupulous men or what modern usage calls "business."

Very true, if I was selling goods there are plenty of men I would not credit unless I believed I was made safe by some security, but if the man who wishes credit has a desire to build to himself an A1 reputation as a good, honorable citizen, he had better starve a while if he has it to do, rather than sign a crop mortgage for supplies.

This is a subject I have thought a great deal about, and have long ago made up my mind it was a curse to our country. It encourages falsehood, thieving and extortion, and these things lead to everything that is wrong by degrees.

So, Mr. Editor, keep punching them on this subject; you are doing good preaching.

I certainly hope the Union will hang together, for if they don't they will have to hang separately.

I talk for the Union every time I get a chance, and I'm sure I have done a great deal of good for it.

Your paper has got the right ring to it. Education should be the word. People act according to their education.—Co-Operator.

### COTTON SEED MEAL FOR HOGS.

Make a mixture in bulk about one-third cotton seed meal and

two-thirds corn chops, whole corn, wheat, bran, or shorts; mix with water to a thin mush in two vessels (an old barrel sawed in two is good) and leave to sour or ferment, which will take from 12 to forty-eight hours, according to the weather and other conditions; then feed from these alternately, using the contents of one, while that of the other is left to sour.

A good growing ration may be based on one pound of the dry mixture per hundred pounds of live weight. For quick fattening this may be doubled, quadrupled or even more largely increased. Indeed the Texas experiment station fed as much as seven and a half pounds per day to hundred and fifty pound hogs, though this is extremely uneconomical, if not dangerous.

When ready to feed add fresh water to the feeding ration sufficient to bring to a thin slop, about the consistency of sweet milk and give the hogs all they will clean up.

All hogs eat it greedily and all thrive on it from the lordly head of the herd to the thinnest gruntlet. But for "piggy" or suckling sows it is especially valuable, giving to the pigs both before and after farrowing a growth and vigor attainable with no other food on earth.

In an experience of over 25 years I have never seen a hog refuse to eat it, or injured by it. Indeed it is not only the best and cheapest feed on earth, but it is an effectual prophylactic and hogs fed on it seem entirely immune to any of the common ills that hogs are heir to.

As to the feeding value of cotton seed meal compared with corn, chemical analysis, confirmed by years of practical tests answer this. A hundred pounds of corn contains from six to ten pounds of protein, of carbohydrates.

A hundred pounds of cotton seed meal contains from forty-five to fifty pounds of protein, from eight to twelve pounds of fat, and about twenty-five pounds of carbohydrates.

The Agricultural Experiment stations and the agricultural text books, all teach us these things.

First. To feed a balanced ration.

Second. That a balanced ration is one in which the three important feed elements, protein, fat and carbohydrates, are combined in such proportions as to meet the needs of the body in the best way at the lowest cost.

Third. That protein is the most valuable food constituent, supplying growth, muscle, bone and lean meat, and by it the value or all feed is measured.

Fourth. That fat in feeds supplies heat and energy and builds up fat in the body, but makes no muscle and flesh.

Fifth. That under the general term carbohydrates are classed the starch and sugars present in all feeds, forming the cheapest and most abundant feeding material and like fat giving heat and energy but making no flesh, bone or muscle.

Sixth. That a balanced ration for hogs should contain about one pound of protein to every 5 pounds of fat and carbohydrates.

Now, keeping these truisms in mind it is easy to see from the figures already given, that corn is seriously deficient in protein, is not properly balanced and is an expensive and insufficient ration when fed alone; that cotton seed meal in protein and fat combined is about five times, and in protein alone is about six times as valuable as corn and while too rich in protein with corn in the proportion of about two parts, corn and one part cotton seed meal, gives a ration which with ordinary grazing almost exactly fulfills the scientific requirements for a balanced hog feed, and of which the committee appointed by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association to report upon the feeding of cotton seed meal, after a thorough investigation say in their formal report, "is the most economical ration of which we have any record." When it is remembered that this is the solemn and deliberate verdict of a committee of expert and scientific swine breeders and feeders, these words ring with importance to the whole South. For they mean that in cotton seed meal, supplemented by her unquestionable climatic ad-

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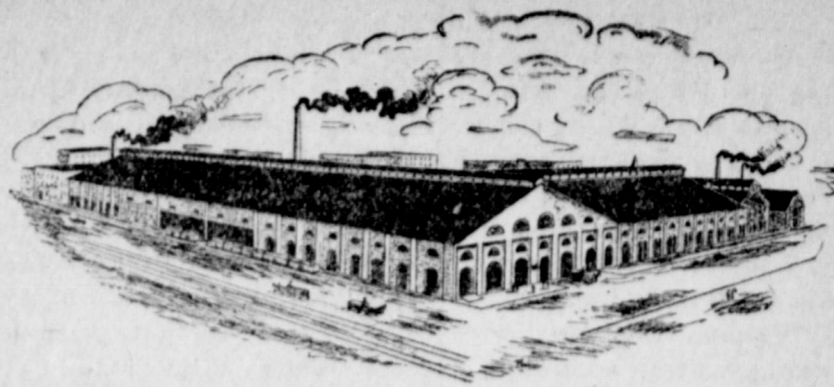
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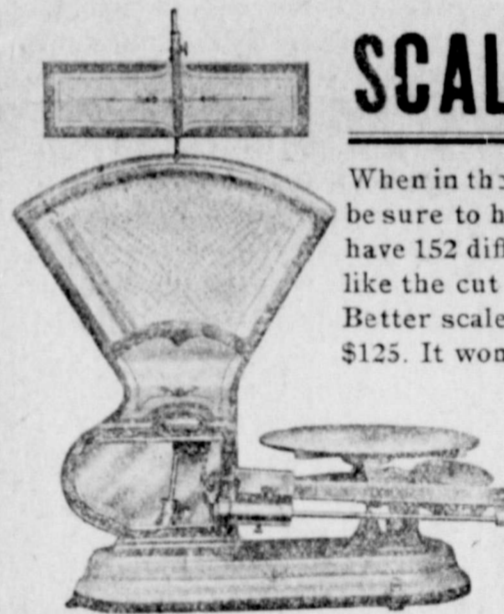
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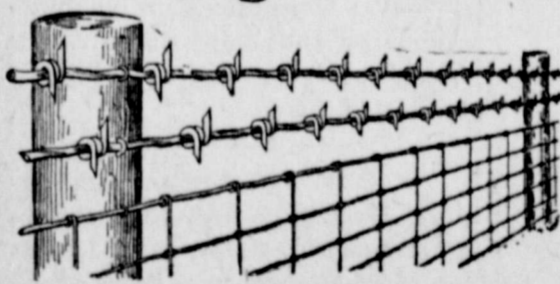


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