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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

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COUNTY JUDGE

We are authorized to announce Dr. J. T. Brannan a candidate for the office of County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce B. F. Brown a candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of Sterling County, subject to the action of the democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR

We are authorized to announce Dee Davis a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff and tax collector of Sterling county subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK.

We are authorized to announce D. C. Durham a candidate for election to the office of District and County Clerk, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

FOR TREASURER

We are authorized to announce R. B. Cummins a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer of Sterling county subject to the action of the July Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR

We are authorized to announce W. E. Allen a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce C. J. Copeland a candidate for re-election to the office of county commissioner of precinct No. 3, Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in July.

We are authorized to announce M. Odom a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sterling county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce J. F. Hester a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce S. L. Hull a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce J. S. Johnston a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Some good work on the Big Springs road, two miles west of town, is being done.

An election will be held in Tom Green county to determine whether or not the county will eradicate the tick and get into the clean column.

The election held in San Angelo last Wednesday, to determine whether or not that city should issue bonds to the amount of \$80,000.00 for the equipment of public schools, resulted in a large majority for the issuance of the bonds.

Our platform is good roads, good schools and trees in the court yard. The candidate who cannot walk flat-footed up on our platform, without stuttering, and pledge himself to carry it out, if elected, need not expect our support.

Our school, this year, is cut short a month for lack of funds. A slight raise in the taxable values in the district, and the trick would be done. The News-Record and most all its owners possess, lies in Independent District No. 1, and it is more than willing to stand the raise. Who else is willing to stand the raise? Come,

speak up fellows. Let us get busy for we cannot afford to slide backwards for lack of a few paltry dollars.

The Board of Trustees of the public schools of El Paso, last week, passed an order allowing the pupils of the schools to dance in the school buildings in the evening. The dancing will be conducted under the supervision of the faculty, and no pupil will be allowed to dance without the written consent of his parents or guardian.

This was done, it is said, to counteract the evils of the public dance halls, which the larger pupils were in the habit of attending in the evenings. It was contended that the pupils must dance, and that it should be under the supervision of moral and responsible persons.

The fact that Governor Colquitt offered \$1000 for the five Mexicans who murdered Vergara, has created deep concern at Washington and among some of the state papers. While it is admitted that the Governor is only carrying out the provisions of the law, yet it is feared that if these murderers be abducted from Mexico and turned over to the Texas authorities it will cause a tangle with Mexico. We hope someone will bring these greasers across the Rio Grande and give a Texas jury an opportunity to administer on their estates; and if it causes a tangle, just let it tangle. The man who is willing to see a bunch of cutthroats, like these, go unwhipped of justice for fear of a tangle, is suffering with a complaint usually called "white liver."

Money Found

While riding in W. L. Foster's pasture last Monday, Abe Gamble, Roy Foster and Ben Mansker found a small sum of U. S. coin. Mr. Gamble saw a silver dollar partially protruding from the ground, and in making a closer search, quite a number of pieces were found. The money had evidently been lost many years, as the coins were considerably blackened. The latest date on any of them is 1904.

The City Library

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Corresponding Secretary

SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSED

Farmers' Union Officials Want No Politics.

Ft. Worth, Texas.—The suggestion in a special session to enact, among other measures, laws needed by the farmers emboldens us to make a few observations concerning the proposed session and its work.

The Farmers' Union has had considerable experience as an organization with legislatures, having had representatives at Austin during the sessions for the past dozen assemblies or more, and our observation prompts us to suggest to Governor Colquitt that in addition to the elections he has made he also require the members to promise their constituents that in the event the session is called they agree not to commit grand larceny upon the tax payer by playing to galleries or to sand-bag Father Time by making political speeches during the session. We already have too many political aspirants darkening the skies with their queer crafts and any member inclined to rise and fly in search of office while the legislature is in session should be regulated and restrained, for it is not in the interest of the farmer to turn loose a flock of partisan orators in the legislative halls while agricultural matters are under consideration.

A Tremendous Task.

We leave the question of calling an extra session with the Governor; but we want to impress upon the legislators present and future the magnitude of the task they are undertaking. The subjects of warehouse bills, rural credits and kindred matters have been receiving constant study by the Farmers' Union for the past ten years and they

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are by no means solved to our entire satisfaction. We are entering a new rural civilization and the problem of agricultural legislation is as big as the continent and one that requires master minds and years of experience to deal with successfully. It is easy to throw a few words together in the form of an enactment, but quite another matter to put a workable law upon the statute book containing native ability to germinate activity and distribute energy throughout the agricultural life of the State. There is already too much agricultural gossip upon the statute book; we want laws that can live and labor.

THE WOMAN IN THE FIELD

The Farm Woman Needs Relief More Than Her City Sister.

By Peter Radford.

Much has been said and more written about the woman in the factory and behind the counter, but how about the woman who works in the field? I want to say a few words in her behalf. I regret a necessity that compels woman to work for a livelihood and I favor not only shortening her hours, but freeing her from manual labor entirely. I crave for society that high standard of excellence where the home is woman's throne and her life is devoted to molding the character and elevating the thought of the rising generation. But so long as want, greed and misfortune prevail in this world, women, through choice or necessity, will work, and perhaps they will work at one task or another as many hours per day as they please.

Law Makers Follow the Saps. It is refreshing to find the legislature getting back to the soil. We have been legislating downward. We are now beginning at the soil and going upward and for the first time, following the direction of the sap. Many efforts have been made to legislate in favor of the farmer by building subsidiary industries and to assist the farmer by restraining the manufacturers, traders and carriers but such legislation has been comparatively worthless so far as the farmers are concerned. To meet the situation successfully will require a code of laws adapted to the business of farming.

War At Any Price. War at any price has been the slogan of some people for the past few years and now let us have peace without price. The agricultural problems now confronting us call for statesmen—not warriors. The improvement of our educational system demands students—not warriors. The expansion of our industries demands diplomats—not warriors. The real elimination problem in this campaign is to get rid of liquor warriors—pro and anti. If they cannot earn a livelihood during the next four years at peaceful pursuits they should be either chloroformed or pensioned.

The State Democratic Prohibition convention had before it the pleadings of the Farmers' Union for peace and they chose war. The opposing forces will make their final declaration on April 14th. If they have the welfare of the farmer at heart, they will take no part in the liquor controversy but will sign the treaty of peace promulgated

any devotion. Certainly she should be the first to be rewarded.

The Real Labor Problem is on the Farm.

The great dailies with flaming headlines deplore the lot of women who toil in the cities, the city pupil thunders with sympathy for her and the legislators orate in her behalf, but not a line is written, a word said or a speech delivered in the interest of the million women who labor on the farm. Where one woman works in the cities in Texas, there are a hundred mothers toiling in the field, and no mention is made of it. Is the woman in the city entitled to any more consideration than the woman on the farm? I contend that she is not. The city woman may be more easily restrained by legislation and she may have a more attentive audience when she cries aloud, but the real labor problem, insofar as it relates to women and children, is on the farm. It is there we find the mother, drenched in perspiration, and the child, its lips wet with mother's milk, wielding the hoe and gathering the harvest, toiling day in and day out without hope of reward.

The City Life Puny.

The farm woman work from sun until sun. They do their household and lull a half million babes to sleep after the chickens go to roost and they get breakfast and milk the cows before the large sign. The city woman frequently chafes under hardships that the farm woman would consider a blessing. The city people are great talkers and often greatly magnify their troubles and enlarge their accomplishments. This characteristic permeates organized society as well as enters into the individual life of cities. There are orphan asylums which are doing commendable work and should be encouraged, that boast of their accomplishments, but I have seen widows in the country make a crop, drink branch water and eat corn-bread and molasses and raise more children and better children than many of these city orphan asylums. The cities need to get back to the soil with their ideals. They are hysterical, puny and feeble in their conception of life, its requirements and its opportunities.

CORN SHOW A SUCCESS

Texas Wins Many Prizes—Marketing Problems Discussed.

Dallas, Texas.—The Sixth National Corn Exposition, which has just closed in this city after a two weeks successful session, is declared by those participating in the event to be one of the greatest agricultural displays ever held in the South. The cream of the agricultural products of the nation was on display and the attendance was drawn from every section of the United States and Canada. The educational features of the exposition appealed alike to the farmer and the business man and taught them both an economic lesson in the matter of production.

It is the purpose of the exposition each year to display the most wonderful achievements of the American farmer and to point out the best and most effective manner of getting the full fruits of his soil. This is the first time that Texas has been honored by the National Corn Exposition and the session just closed is said to be among its most successful meetings, thirty-seven states and provinces be-

IN THIS AD

We speak to many readers, and seek to impart some valuable information to each one of them.

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Texas Wins Prizes. In the awards for the best prairie hay, Texas made a clean sweep, having taken first, second and third prizes for this product, which places us ahead of all the world in the production of this line of feed-stuff.

AN ENGLISH BELLMAN. Some occupations attain importance simply by surviving. The bellman was not held in much esteem when he was really useful, but now, in such places as he still persists his "calling," he is quite a personage. In one fashionable west country health resort the bellman goes around in a smart uniform, mounted on a pony, and when he has cried his news—generally offers of reward for lost property—delivers a discourse to his hearers concerning himself as the only mounted bellman in England, and then produces picture postcards with his photograph, which seem to have a ready sale.

Moon Blindness. A naval correspondent of the London Standard has written from Port of Spain, Trinidad, stating that in his travels he had come across many cases of moon blindness, caused by men sleeping with the moon shining upon them, such cases occurring principally in the tropics and the Mediterranean.

Strange to say, adds the Trinidad correspondent, men so affected can see in daylight, but cannot do so when dusk sets in. Mr. Elgie further quotes from a communication made by a New Zealand correspondent to a weekly scientific journal. This correspondent was, many years ago, an apprentice on the Liverpool ship "Lantern," an East India trader. Once when the ship was between St. Helena and the line some of the crew slept on deck, fully exposed to the glare of the brilliant moon. When they awoke three of them were quite blind and the ropes put into their hands.

Better Marketing Methods Discussed. Not only was the productive side of agriculture dealt with by the Exposition, but the marketing feature of the question was also given attention. In the address of Hon. Hutton W. Summers, who was sent by a committee of the National House of Representatives to address the exposition on better marketing methods for the American farmer, it was pointed out that the big crop is a calamity to the farmer unless adequate marketing facilities are afforded. Mr. Summers stated the problem is one which cannot be met by the farmer alone, nor yet by the business man, but that it would take the cooperation of both, assisted by the government, before the problem could be solved. He advocated the creation of a bureau, or department, by Congress, the function of which should be to bring into co-ordinate action the forces that can work together in solving this important

ALWAYS BROKE. Madge—They say he's generous to a fault. Marjorie—But I'm afraid, dear, he has too many faults.—Lippincott's.

ATTAINMENT. Stella—Was their marriage a happy one? Bella—Very! Their divorce was featured on the front page of all the papers.—Judge.

Dr. Buchanan, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, will be in Sterling next Tuesday, the 31st, when those wishing to consult him relative to Eye, Ear, Nose or Throat troubles, or have glasses fitted, may see him.

