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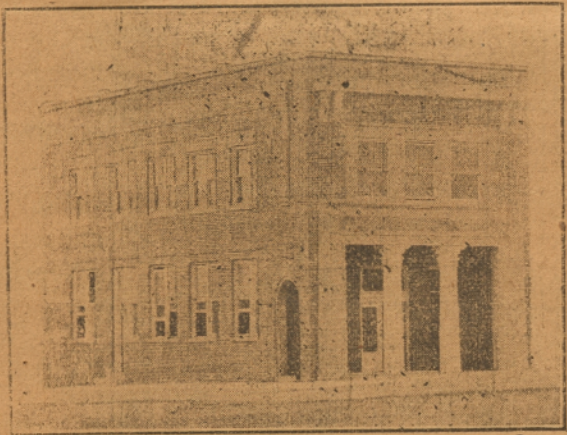
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Responsibility \$1,000,000
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all our Friends
and Customers!

THE BANK OF CROSS PLAINS



THE FARMERS NAT'L BANK

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Capital and Surplus, \$30,000.00.

We Bank On You; You Bank With Us.

CLUB MEMBERS

Those having hogs to ship by Jan. 11 will please have them here by 10. The following members will be ready to ship about this date:

Jim Rone 5 head
Bud Booth 10 head
S. V. Ghothan 49 head
J. H. Shackelford, Sec.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Although there had been but little said about it the children of the town were remembered in the beautiful old custom of having a Santa Claus and a Christmas tree at the Baptist church, on Christmas eve. A suitable program though short was well rendered. Everybody and especially the children enjoyed the occasion.

Cost Sale continued on all dry goods clothing ect, until Saturday Jan. 23rd at Carter's

I pay the highest cash prices for butter and eggs and I sell groceries at the lowest prices. Be sure to see me.—J. W. Westerman

Building paper for everybody Glass, too.—Shackelford Lbr Yd

HONOR ROLL

The following named persons have paid us on subscription since the last publication of the Honor Roll.

Oscar Howe (new)
Jodie Edgington (disc)
J. B. McDonough (disc)
C. E. Lilly
T. E. Mitchell
L. W. Renfro
W. S. Melton (disc)
M. L. Jones
Ben Pearce
Mrs. Tom Young (new)
G. L. Yeager
T. T. McCord (new)
A. E. Haley
Poley T. Wilson (new)
S. C. Sellers

Frank Hardin
Robt Williamson
W. C. Adams
W. T. Wilson
J. M. Parker
C. E. Barr
W. A. Albin
W. A. Williams

J. P. Triplett
D. C. Henderson
Mrs. C. E. Austin
Mrs. Geo. Moore
E. O. Eudaly
S. R. Cade
Jim Miller

Mrs. Kendrick (new Douglas Ariz.)
W. T. Connely (new)

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

As the year nineteen-hundred and fourteen draws to a close we take this method thru the columns of this periodical to express our thanks and assure you of our appreciation of the business with which you have so generously favor'd us, whether much or little it has been. You may rest assured this expression is a sincere one. With the very best wishes for a prosperous FIFTEEN, we remain,

Yours for business,
T. T. McCord

14,110 BALES

Up to Dec. 1st there were 14,110 bales to same date last year giving 4,067 bales in favor of 1913

S. E. Webb

We wish to thank the good people of this town and community for the liberal business they have given us during the past and will appreciate any business you me give me during 1915;

Tartt the Tailor

Married

Mr Ernest Franke of Cross Plains and Miss Mamie Hardin of Cross Cut were married in Cross Plains Thursday, Christmas eve, Rev. Sisk officiating. The groom is a son of Wm. Franke who lives southwest of town. The bride's family has lived in the Cross Cut community for some time. They are preparing to move to the Johnson ranch where Mr. Wm. Franke owns a farm. We wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

STEEL TRAPS

By the wholesale and retail.
THE RACKET STORE

NO LEFT-OVERS HERE

Notwithstanding the bad weather we got rid of all Christmas goods. Now for the goods you need in January. With the Christmas goods out of the way we are busy receiving bright new cash-bought seasonable goods, the goods you need now. Our long experience has taught us how to buy, what the people need, when they need it, and our method of cash buying and cash selling enables us to save them money on all their purchases. Don't buy anything until you look here—
THE RACKET STORE

TRADES DAY

Our last regular Trades Day which was on the 21st. was without puibble the greatest Trades Day we have had during the year. There were more people here from a distance and more business transacted than on any other day during the entire year. All merchants expressed themselves as satisfied with the business of the day, except that some say they were overrun, a condition all merchants should be praying for.

The program was carried out as advertised except the stilts race and and pole vault, no one being prepared to take part in these events. Bob Westerman of Cross Cut and John Holder of Sabanno tied in the cigar race; Claude Harrell and Clayton Burns tied in the potato race; Ernest Davidson and a boy whose name we did not get tied in the egg race; Tom Peavy of Cottonwood won the 100 yard dash. Everybody seemed to be satisfied with the entire program.

Look out for our Trades Days. We will have another program some of these days.

Don't go around blind when you can go to L. M. Bond's and get glasses fitted satisfactorily (adv)

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS!

We are now standing at the threshold of a new year. The year just passing into history has been one of unusually large crop yields and good rainfall, although a year of some disappointment in the matter of markets for our all important crops in the South. Except that the European War was forced upon us, playing havoc with business conditions, this would for aye have been referred to as the year of great prosperity. The Nation has made her greatest records in yield of wheat and cotton, and has made larger yield than in 1913 in corn, oats, hay tobacco, and peanuts, too, so far as we have any record. It has been an unusually bountiful year.

The rainfall for this year in this section of the country is by a great deal greater than previous years since any record has been kept. At Abilene a record of the rainfall has been kept since 1885, the greatest rainfall for any year up to 1914 being 35.30 inches in 1895. Some time ago that amount had been exceeded by the rainfall for this year at Abilene. According to our rough way of recording the rainfall we have had already, (Monday morning) above 42 inches for this year. Beyond any question this has been the year of greatest rainfall in late times. 1915 could and should be a year of bountiful crop yield, inasmuch as the ground holds all the moisture it can carry. On account of so much rain this fall very little winter wheat and oats have been sown, but there is ample time for the sowing of spring grain.

We should be thankful that 1914 was as good as it was, and look forward to 1915 as a year of great possibilities. On account of the war wheat has already been soaring at record heights. There have been great drains on the saddle and harness supply to accommodate the warring nations. Thousands of horses have been shipped to Europe. Thousand of cattle and hogs will be slaughtered and shipped there as food. All these things should create a good market for our livestock. But we will have to learn that soldiers can in a large measure do without our raw cotton. The moral is, if you want to prosper raise more livestock and food stuffs. Man whether civilized American or heathen fighting-European cannot live without dining. Raise something man must have.

The Review says that trade day at the Terminal has to an extent relaxed and is no more than other days. Better stock should be exhibited. You should interest such men as the Grays, Youngs, Spensers, Brightwell, McWhorters and little Andy, God bless him with his baby beef, and others with their stock on exhibition. And the farming, fruit and truck elements represented by such men as the Harlows, Thorns, Roans, Neabs, Popes Longs Freeman's Wilsons, and a vast army of

officers. And the women. God bless them too, with their eggs, chickens, geese, ducks, butter, lard, hams and bacon and other good things to eat. And last, but not least the goober man with his peas, fat hogs and peef, then you will have a trades day right. — "Juan" in Baird Star.

Be sure you do your part towards the buying of a new library and laboratory for the school. There is nothing the school needs worse. Atwell, Cross Cut and Burkett schools have better libraries than has our boasted little city of Cross Plains.

It is better to make New Years resolutions and break them than not to make any effort towards a better life. As not failure but low aim is cause. Aim high.

Who knows but that 1915 will be our best year for many a day? It is a period fraught with many possibilities. Let's do what we can to make the most out of everything that comes our way.

Mrs. S. R. Cade and children and Sam Davidson and family left Monday for their new home in Lynn county, going from here via Putnam. Mr. Cade and there household goods had preceded them by a few days. They have ordered The Review to follow them.

"Uncle Punch" Freeman of the Dressy neighborhood is reported to be in very poor health.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We wish all our friends and customers a happy new year. We thank you for the business you have given us in 1914, and will thank you in advance for what business you may give us in 1915. We are now prepared to serve you with hot and cold baths.

Murdock Barber Shop.

Everything in winter-wear, dry goods at cost until Jan. 23rd at Carter's

The thru express service from this place to Waco has been discontinued. The service will be as before the thru service was inaugurated, W. H. Huff, messenger, now going to De Leon and return as formerly.

Bring your old clothes to Burgess. Work as good as the best, and as cheap as the cheapest.

Burgess The Tailor

Miss Willie Mae Henry of Rising Star is in town this week trying to get a class in art. Miss Henry last year graduated from the art department of Baylor and should be abundantly qualified for the teaching of the work. Those interested in that kind of work might do well to see her.

Turkeys For Breeding

We have a few extra choice Toms, bred from a new strain of Kentucky Mammoth Bronze. Price 3.00 to \$5.00 each Delivered Cross Plains, W. L. Young

J. M. Ford who has only lately come to this country from Erath county is quite sick on Charley Barr's farm north of town. He is a brother to Bob Ford.

De Laval separators are the best in the world. Plenty in stock. Shackelford Lbr. Yd.

On account of bad weather many have been unable to take advantage of our Cost Sale prices and the Sale is continued until, Saturday Jan. 23rd. at Carter's

Cross Cut Items

It still rains at Cross Cut. People are very badly behind with their work. The bad weather made Christmas a dull affair.

Miss Lelia Newton returned home last Thursday from Brownwood where she has been attending school. She is in for the holidays.

Jeff Clark visited at Cross Cut Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Hattie and Ada Williams entertained the young folks at their home last Friday night.

Mr. Lee Sparks of Kirkland, Texas, arrived last Sunday morning. He will visit at this place for a short time.

Several of the young people spent Christmas day with Miss Madie Bell Byrd.

Ernest Franke and Miss Mamie Hardin married last Thursday evening.

Jim Watson and family visited at Elbert Hensons during Christmas.

The I. O. O. F. expect to have a box supper at Cross Cut Friday night.

There was singing at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Jim Hardin was all smiles Sunday. Jim has found him a girl.

Reporter

Taking inventory postponed until after Jan. 23rd to give you an opportunity to buy your goods at Cost Sale prices at Carter's

R. M. Boyd of Rising Star is in town this week. Mr. Boyd represents the Southern Life Insurance Co. of Waco. He has had considerable experience in this business. He and his family will move here in the near future. We very gladly welcome them into our little town.

Mr. Hamilton had business in Rising Star Wednesday.

Chas. C. Carter of Tomkinsville, Ky, has moved here and is living with his son George Carter. He has not seen his son for a number of years. He is a printer by trade. We are glad to have him with us.

A CASE OF CHARITY

A Mr. Cooper, wife and three children were stranded in Cross Plains Friday, en route from Mart to Abilene. Mr. Cooper and family were in destitute circumstances, one of his horses having died near town, and he being without funds either to buy another horse or provisions. He is physically unable to work. Rev. Sisk took up the matter for raising funds for him and succeeded in getting \$16.00 in cash and groceries. A brother from Abilene has come to carry them home.

THE CENTRAL HOTEL

LOCATED CLOSE IN

MEALS 25c

BEVS 25c

GIVE US A TRIAL

JIM CROSS, PROPRIETOR

Burnt Branch News

Married at the home of the brides parents Mr and Mrs. Henry Harris Sunday evening Dec. 20. Miss Wille Harris to Mr. Lee Russell Bro. Gilleland officiating.

Mrs. Will Fortune is improving after a week's illness.

Misses Zena and Katie Bennett from Cottonwood visited the Misses Warren during the holidays

Miss Jewel Hightower is at home from Baird enjoying holiday vacation.

Born on the 24 inst to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Riggs a fine girl. Mother and baby doing well.

Mancil Drury from Oklahoma is visiting his Uncle W. D. Drury and family.

Mr. Will Cutbirth and family from Baird are visiting their home place this week.

Mr. Dorse Odom, wife and son were visiting brothers and friends during the latter part of week.

Bo Baum and wife from New Mexico were guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Odom Saturday night

Bro. Gilleland filled his regular appointment at Burnt Branch church Sunday.

Mr. V. A. Mauldin and R. C. Hightower attended church at Cottonwood Sunday.

Harry Warren left Sunday to enter school Monday at Cottonwood.

Miss Etta Ferguson after spending Christmas with home folks at Cottonwood has returned and taken up her work in the school room.

There were several entertainments during the week which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosely of Goldsbusk spent Christmas with Mrs. Mosley's parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Garrett and other relatives.

Don't fail to save money by buying your bill from Carter's.

The De Laval the separator you will eventually buy.

"I THANK YOU"

I wish to thank my many friends and customers for the liberal patronage you have given me in the past year. Whether large or small, your account has been appreciated to the fullest extent.

My purpose has ever been and will continue to be to show one and all that it is to your interest to buy your goods in my line at this place.

Wishing all a prosperous 1915 and a continuance of your business, again "I Thank you" C. Rutherford

I am going to Dye clothes Saturday; if you have a suit or skirt you want the color changed be sure to bring it in. Hats Reblocked. Burgess The Tailor

J. W. Farr Dead

Mr. J. W. Farr, aged 73, died at the Central Hotel Thursday morning at 5:30, death resulting from dysentery. Burial was made at the local cemetery, Scarborough officiating. He ceased was a Confederate soldier and was reared in South Carolina, where he has a sister and brother. He leaves one child here, John Farr. He has lived in this county for a number of years. The Review extends its sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased.

L. A. Robertson of Higginbotham Trading returned Wednesday from business trip to Dallas.

I have just received a car of flour and will receive all prices quality considered.

J. W. Westerman

TO BUY HORSES

I will be in Cross Plains every Saturday to buy horses and mares from 15 to 16 hands high, sound, in good flesh, and from 5 to 8 years old.

E. N. Leache

Remember, Admitte stops the leaks. Easily applied and sold in any quantity you want.

1914 To 1915

That you may have a happy New Year and that the year just coming in may be one of the most prosperous of your lives, is the wish of

BRAZELTON-PRYOR & COMPANY

Private Thoughts.

Hubbard says William Pen was born with his hat on. We wish we could be born again if we could be born with a new suit of clothes on.

The band of brilliant writers for the Review is increasing rapidly. We notice a Curiosity from Rowden. Wonder what he (or she) looks like.

We had to change the name of this column because of the meaning of slipslop. Silpslop means poor liquor or vapid writing. The vapid writing might have been alright but there is no poor "licker" about this writing.

We had the pleasure of seeing an old friend Whistletrigger, Christmas.

Juan of the Baird Star certainly developed an awful appetite. Our last writing, he said, gave him an appetite to say "Oh h—," He must have been labouring with an unusually big dinner when such a burning appetite struck him.

Juan is one of our best friends and patrons so we thought just for his and our amusement we would just have a little feather pulling bout when Juan's turn came he took hide feathers and all. We usually say what we please to news paper reporters. (in a news paper way) and expect to be done likewise.

We guess Juan has been in the news paper reporting business so long he considers himself an aristocrat in news paper reporting, and does not want to be worried with the common herd of young writers.

We call to mind Kalamities saying "Minnows are safe, we are after whales." That is the reason we threw down the gauntlet to Juan. We had tried Rambler and Billy the Kid, so now we are after something interesting.

We recently took a real joy ride on the reaches of our running gear, with a soap box for a seat.

After 12 miles of that joy riding with a broken fifth wheel, broken bolts and a demolished rear spring we arrived in town out of courage, out of breath, out of spirit and almost out of pants. All of that was caused by chug holes, encouraged by lack of the use of split log drags, and had expressed one half our thoughts we would have lost our job.

WANTED to rent a small room by a young man 8' by 10'. Apply to Billy the Kid.

Slim Jim.

E. J. Pyle and C. C. Head were in town Sunday night en route from Cloman via Brownwood. They had been attending teachers institute at Coleman. Mr. Pyle teaches at Comal which is just a few miles southwest of town, while Mr. Head teaches at Camp Colorado which is down the Jim Ned from the Coleman crossing.

The Review is in receipt of one dollar in payment of one year's subscription for Mrs. J. H. Kenkrick (nee Edna Childs), Douglas, Arizona, for which we thank her.

John Carter who is working for the Clean-Easy people has been taking his holiday vacation with his bother here and his parents at Pioneer.

Mrs. H. A. Carter and children and Tom Carter all of Peacock have been spending Christmas with their folks here and at Pioneer.

Grady Tyson who is barbering at Temple is spending the holidays with his people. He says that he and Frank Carpenter who is also barbering there are both doing nicely.

Dressy News.

Christmas has passed and every one seems glad of it as we were expecting a nice time and the weather was so bad we were disappointed.

This has been the dullest Christmas we ever saw and we have seen at least 50, some of us.

Will Cutbirth and family spent Sunday night at Lane Steels.

Bow Baum of Midway New Mexico, come in last week to spend Christmas.

Lane Steele made a business trip to Baird last week.

Broad Baum of Stamford is visiting home folks this week.

Misses Annie and Alice Ellis of Atwell visited Mrs. G. T. Steele and Mrs. J. C. Freeman Monday and Tuesday of last week.

Howard Baum who has been picking cotton at Lorain, is back. He says crops were fine in that section of the county.

Charley Childs and Herbert Swan were seen at Mr. Smiths Sunday eve.

Arthur Tompson is seen regular every Sunday eve. at Mr. Moore's we think he will begin paying his board bill about the first.

Green Jeans and family visited at Fred Stacy's Sunday.

Bob Wheeler is one of the proudest boys; old Santa brought him a pair of 10 cent socks for Christmas.

Clint McGee and family visited as his fathers-in-law, one day last week. Misses Cora and Collie Baum and their brother Drew, spent Christmas day with Hollard Baum and family.

Rich Martin was thrown from a mule Sundy, great drmg was done to mother earth when they met. Rich received no wounds.

Mash Keller has a bad eye resulting from an explosion of a fire-cracker.

Mrs. Tucker invited several of her friends to take Christmas dinner with her. the dinner was fine, Mabry Beard being the last one from the table said he was very hungry as that was the first Christmas dinner he had eaten since last Christmas. After dinner we had music and singing. All reported a nice time.

P. J. Rogers accidentally got strangled on a chicken feather last Friday and the Vetinary had to be called. Mr. Rogers is eating a heavier diet now.

Loyd Fry has sold his mules to Jesse Moore.

J. T. Freeman is on the sick list this week.

Will Sawyea and family visited at W. M. Armstrongs last Sunday.

Lost, strayed or stolen one cow belonging to a lady with brass knobs on her horns. finder return to Wallac Jones and receive reward.

We wish all a prosperous new year
Billy the Kid

Some New Years Resolutions.

Soon the old year, 1914 will glide silently into the past and the glad New Year will take its place. We know not what the coming year will hav for ns, sorrow or gladness, but nevertheless let's begin it with courage and a will to do good the whole year through, even a word spoken pleasantly may gladden a lonely soul, one smile may encourage some discouraged one. Let us "Do unto others as we wish them to do unto us." for life is what we make it. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone"

May the new year bring happiness to all.

America.

Dosh Watson and Chris Parsons shipped a car of cattle from here to Ft. Worth Thursday.

Walter Mitchell who is teaching at Atwell has been taking Christmas with his home folks.

Moses C. Baum took a pleasure trip to De Leon Sunday.

Lee Pierce of Dallas is spending the holidays with his his home people. Lee is keeping books for an automobile house. He has a good job and says he likes the work fine.

Walter Causey who is teaching school in Mitchell county spent Christmas with home folks. He says he likes his work well. They have raised so much cotton that there are but few pupils attending school.

Mrs. John Horn has returned from visiting her folks at Dublin.

Cottonwood News

Cottonwood, Texas.

December 30, 1914.

Editor Review:—1914 will soon have passed into history, with all its troubles, mishaps, rains, wash-outs, and losses. What an eventful year it has been. The greatest crop the South ever produced and the poorest results. The hardest crop together that has been in Texas for forty years; a large per cent is in the fields right now. Well the time is right here now when we must make new resolutions (to be broken in six months) and go into the new year with greater vigor and determination. We have had poor results from our cotton crop which has been charged to the European war but this humble writer believes a great deal is attributable to bad American administration.

Miss Missouri Strahan, who is teaching at Trent, Texas, and who has been spending the holidays with home folks at Cottonwood, has returned to her school.

Mr. Jess Sparks, our local barber, who sold his business at Cottonwood some time ago, has gone to Crosby county, Texas, we presume to practice his profession. Jess is a good barber and will do well in any community.

Miss Beulah Repess, who has been spending the holidays with home folks at Cottonwood, has returned to her school in Nolan county.

Mr. Levi Everett, of Rising Star, spent the holidays in Cottonwood, the guests of his brothers, Will, Warren and Wes. He also attended the Primitive Baptist meeting, Saturday and Sunday last. His wife accompanied him.

Dr. Payne and wife has returned from a point somewhere West where they went to visit Mrs. Payne's father who was quite sick at the time. We have not learned the condition of the father since the Doctor's return.

Mrs. J. E. Pate and daughter, Mrs. Harris, will move to Cottonwood in a short time. We are prepared to give them a hearty welcome.

Eld. Koen, a Primitive Baptist minister of Hamilton preached at Cottonwood Saturday and Sunday last. Eld. Koen is an able man and preached three very interesting sermons while here to a very attentive audience.

Our school resumed business Monday morning with all the faculty present and a muchly increased student body. We believe our school prospects are better than they have been for quite a while.

It was the object of the Primitive Baptist to organize at Cottonwood last Saturday and Sunday but owing to not being able to secure a Presbytery they failed to organize but will try it again the fourth Sunday and Saturday before in January.

MEAT MARKET

We have opened meat market in the Kaufman building and are running it in connection with the Crystal Cafe. When you need anything in the market line see us.

T. J. HENSON, Prop.

The Methodist church at Cottonwood has been transferred from the Cross Plains circuit to the Putnam circuit which fact renders it necessary to give up Bro. Sisk and take Bro. Cadwell of Putnam instead.

Among the many changes that will occur in and around Cottonwood will be that of Paul Ramsey from Cottonwood to Tulia, Texas. He has been around Cottonwood so long it will seem a little awkward without him. Queer Fellow.

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 thunder 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 enthruse 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, dragging 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 hu-

We Thank You!

We wish to thank our many friends and customers for their liberal patronage that they have given us through the year 1914 and we wish them and their friends a prosperous year in 1915.

J. W. WESTERMAN
Groceries, Hardware, Leather Goods

PERSONAL MENTION

Bill Shultz, hog and cattle man of Sising Star, was in town the first of the week.

The De Laval the separator you will eventually buy.

Miss Willie Elliott came in Thursday of last week to spend the holidays with her people at Sabanno. She is now at work at Brownwood.

Miss Gusie Lee Farmer who is attending school here spent her holidays with her folks at Baird.

Grandma Wooten has returned from an extended visit with her daughter in Fisher county, to her sons Henry and Ove Wooten's in the Burkett country.

The De Laval the separator you will eventually buy

The Cross Plains public school dismissed school Tuesday afternoon until Monday, Jan. 4 that teachers and pupils might enjoy the holidays. All teachers spent their vacations at their homes.

Wyatt Gilbert is spending the holidays with his his home folks. He is attending a dental school in Dallas. He says he likes the work and that he is anxious to get back to resume his studies.

I handle feed, oats, chops and bran.—J. W. Westerman

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

We thank you most heartily for the patronage and good will which have given us such a splendid business during the year of 1914. In spite of the War and bad weather our business continued to grow. Again we thank you.

THE RACKET STORE

R H Pope of Burkett was here Wednesday.

Notice Singers

The United Singers Association will hold their next quarterly meeting at Baird on January 10th 1915. All leaders and all singing classes within the jurisdiction of this association, as well as all others who can attend are cordially invited to come. Dinner will be provided for all who come, and a very large attendance is anticipated. Please come.

Geo. B. Scott Pres.
W. L. Pool. Sec.

Miss Marie Corneli who has been clerking for the Mercantile Company for the past twelve months left Monday morning for her home at Brady. She may return at an early date to resume her work. Miss Corneli has made many friends while here who regret to see her leave and who will be glad to have her return any time.

Ches Baum left his work at Baird some time during the middle of Christmas week to visit Cross Plains and on account of wrecks, late trains, etc., he arrived here 10:30 Saturday night. He was due to return to Baird Sunday, but postponed his time for departure until Monday, giving him one day with home folks and friends for Christmas.

Remember, I am still selling good oil at 15c.—J. W. Westerman

In this day of progress the man who would succeed must be informed about the world's doings. The local paper gives him local information which is needful, but it cannot cover the whole field. Hence the man who would keep step with the march of the times he will take a general newspaper also.

The Fort Record Semi-Weekly Record has taken front rank among the great publications of the south and west. It is specially prepared for the reader who has not the time or the opportunity to read a daily paper.

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THE SCHOOL PLAY

The play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry yard" presented by the the Cross Plains High School pupils at the school auditorium Tuesday night, Dec. 22, was a good play and was well put on, each one playing well his part. Considering the bad weather, a reasonably good attendance was had. We understand that about \$17.00 was realized from the tickets. This money is to apply on a new library and laboratory. The pupils are to be commended for their good work.

Luke McLuke Says

The man who designs the winter waists must live in a hot country. He always sees that the necks are revised downward.

A Husband is a Big Dog between the time he is married and the arrival of the First Baby. After that he might as well stay down in the cellar with the rest of the rubbish.

Sometimes a woman is so hard up for something to crow over that she will brag about the number of deaths in her family.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

Basket Ball Games

The first match game for the season was played last Friday between the Rising Star team and the Cross Plains team, the score stood 7-57 in favor of the home team. The visiting team were a nice bunch of boys, and thought they could play ball, but when it came to a real demonstration they found themselves entirely too light to handle the plucky little Stars.

The game was played on the local ground at the Rising Star High School ground. The next game will be played at Cross Plains to day (Friday) and the Star boys are going with the expectation of winning their second victory.—X Ray.

In the game on Friday, Dec. 18, as referred to in the above article, the "plucky little Stars" were not plucky enough or were not as apt when it came to the "real demonstration of the game" as in the former case. The last mentioned game was played at the ball park in Cross Plains and resulted in a victory for the home team in a score of 11 to 3. All the nice things said by the X-Ray about our boys of course can be said about the Star boys. Quite a bunch of Rising Star people came along to witness the game, which was played without any friction between the opposing teams. In fact, our boys say that this about the cleanest bunch they have mixed with as yet.

Buys Property

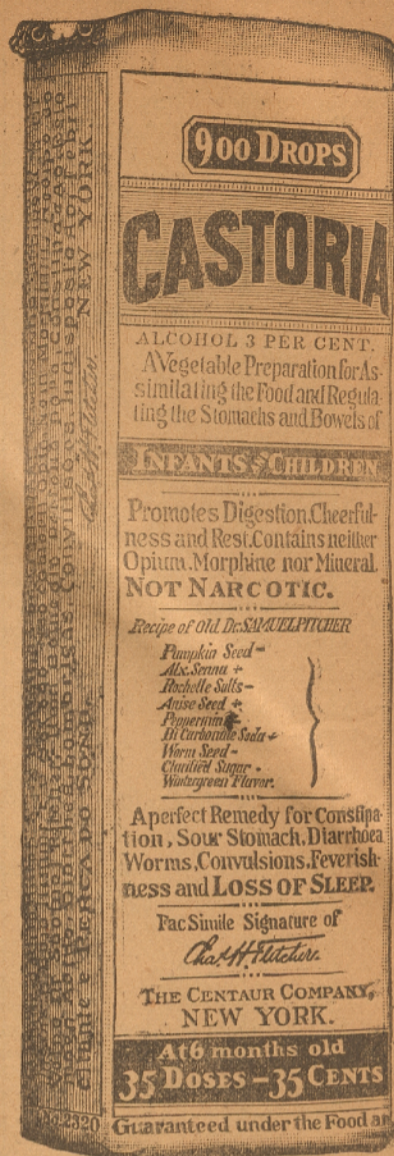
Coran Beeler has bought of Jim Baum the building now occupied by the Crystal Cafe, the building occupied by the Marble works and some vacant lots in the Mathis Addition. Mr. and Mrs Manning have rented the Cafe building and will move on the first their restaurant equipment to the same. Mr. Henson will move the Crystal Cafe equipment to the Kaufman building which is the first door west of his old location.

Industrial Congress Awards Prizes And Plans For 1915.

At its annual convention in Dallas December 19, the Texas Industrial Congress awarded for the fourth consecutive year \$10,000 in gold to contestants who have made the best yields of field crop cost of production considered, and the largest gains in live weight of meats animals at the least expense, re-elected its present officers and outlined its work for 1915. The average yield of contestants this year are follows: cowpeas, 3.79 tons; corn 60.69 bushels; cotton 1.33 bales; kaffir milo, and feterita 3.1 tons; peanuts 2.8 tons. The best hog was fattened a cost 44 cents per pound.

For 1915 the contests will include cowpeas, corn, cotton, grain sorghums, wheat, oats and barley; steers, baby beeves, hogs, and home and school gardens in town and country. The annual offer of \$10,000 in prizes will be issued about January 1, 1915. The Congress will lend every possible aid to the diversification campaign to be conducted next month by Professor Perry G. Holden of the International Harvester Company and his expert assistants, in connection with the commercial organization and business men of the various counties.

The garden contest of the Congress is a new feature, and will be open both to schools and to individuals. A good garden furnishes about half of the family living, it is hoped that there will be 1000,000 more gardens in Texas next year. The slogan of this campaign will be "A garden in every home".



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

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

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

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

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