

My Child.

Darling child, so meek and mild, Why do you stay in the woods so wild And leave your mother alone While you roam so far from home?

You are never looking for something to do, But I always have something ahead for you. I never have a chance to lay my body to rest, While you are playing with the birds in their nest.

I am of you so fond, That you never will leave the fogs in the pond. You always a piece of candy do suck, While your father is at home feeding the duck.

Fannie D. Dial.

GIRLS! DRAW A MOIST CLOTH THROUGH HAIR DOUBLE ITS BEAUTY

Try this! Hair gets thick, glossy, wavy and beautiful at once. Immediate?—Yes! Certain?—that's the joy of it. Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a Danderine hair cleanse...

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE 1917.

The Auditor's office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th of February, 1917 to make returns of all personal property for taxation. For the convenience of taxpayers the Auditor or his deputy will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year to wit: Monday, Jan. 15, Scuffletown township, J. S. Craig's store.

LETTER FROM GEO. L. PITTS.

Roby, Texas, Dec. 18, 1916.

Editor The Advertiser:

This is the result of numerous requests from your readers for "Another letter from Texas."

In the outset let me say that I sincerely wish for each and all of my friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. And if perchance there is one who does not feel friendly toward me, then I wish for that one a double portion of the season's happiness and prosperity.

Your paper, Mr. Editor, reaches me each week. It is often fifteen days of age when I get it, but it always looks mighty good to me. Through it I learn of your joys and sorrows, and both are shared with you.

To write a letter from Texas is quite a hard task. I have seen two thirds of the two hundred and fifty six counties of the State and have traveled over a territory five times as large as South Carolina.

The black land stretches from the Red river south to San Antonio through the east-central part of the State, a distance of almost four hundred miles, and varies in width from fifty to one hundred and fifty miles.

The peanut is proving to be one of the money-bringing substitutes for cotton. Texas has 300,000 acres in peanuts this year, and many report a production of \$50.00 an acre.

Texas, for the most part, and especially this black land district, is strictly cosmopolitan. One finds people there from every state in the union and from every country in the world. Many of the counties are settled almost entirely by foreigners.

Speaking of the boll weevil, I see Laurens has just had a boll weevil meeting. It is well. Preparedness is the word. The boll weevil will reach South Carolina by the summer of 1918.

The thing for South Carolina to do is to get ready for the boll weevil. He is like a German submarine—a bad hombre, mysterious, sure to get there.

The Plains are located in the extreme north western part of the state, and cover more than 60,000 square miles. If the school boys will look at the map of Texas they will at once savvy (pardon this and other foreign expressions. This letter would not sound like Texas without them) why this part of the state is called the Panhandle.

1917 IS DANGER YEAR FOR SOUTH

Twenty Million Bales More Likely Than Twenty Cents a Pound, Says Hastings.

Atlanta, Ga.—(Special)—That 1917 is a "danger year" for the south, and that there is "dynamite in the present cotton situation for the cotton-growing farmer," are the warning words used by H. G. Hastings, president of the Southeastern Fair Association and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, in an interview given to the newspapers here urging farmers not to increase their cotton acreage.

"Eighteen to twenty cent cotton at planting time in spring," he says, "is the bait that will lure hundreds of thousands of farmers in the south to each put in a few extra acres, and should nature smile on the crop as in 1914, we will come nearer a twenty million bale crop than 20 cents per pound, for evidence multiplies daily that they are 'planting right up to the graveyard,' as it is sometimes expressed.

"On the Hastings farm we don't expect to put in an acre more of cotton than we did last year, because we think it a time above all others to play safe. What we will increase to the limit of our ability will be food, grain and forage, beef cattle and hogs.

"The safe way is to first supply all needs of family and stock from one's own acres, and then put surplus acreage in cotton. With bread and meat in hand, and a garden producing steadily through spring, summer and fall; with home canned vegetables and fruits on closet shelves for winter table use; with corn in the crib and hay and fodder in the barn or stack, the farmer can be largely independent of cotton prices in the fall.

"With labor comparatively scarce and fertilizer high, any material increase in cotton acreage must necessarily be at the expense of food and grain acres that are in reality far more responsible for the south's present prosperity than is 18 to 20 cent cotton.

"Memories are short, but wise farmers need only to look back to 1914 and see the disaster due to too much cotton that can't be eaten, and the lack of food that one must eat. I repeat this year of 1917, is a danger year. Any farmer who increases cotton acreage and cuts food crop acres is gambling with the cards stacked against him."

The summers are cool and the winters are cold. I saw three snows in November and felt some zero weather. Unlike the black lands the water on the plains is fine. There are no mosquitoes, no fleas in the sand, no tarantulas or centipedes, Jack-rabbits, coyote wolves, Mexican quail, bob whites and wild chickens are plentiful. The many beautiful lakes are full of fish and covered with duck.

This Panhandle section of Texas is a part of what was once known as the American Desert. If you were to see the fine ranch homes, the nice schools and churches, the rapidly growing towns, the thousands of fine-bred horses, cows and sheep, the wheat, kaffir, alfalfa and milo false fields, and hear the "honk, honk" of the many high priced cars you would not think of a desert.

Mr. and Mrs. Crow and Mr. and Mrs. Mockingbird must however, of necessity, humiliate and endanger themselves by building their homes and rearing their families on the ground in the mesquite grass. "Rock-a-bye birdie in the tree top does not apply here". I see by the paper that Amarillo is having a community Christmas tree, and the "tree" for the occasion, a beautiful pine, was shipped from east of the Mississippi river.

Wheat, horses, beef cattle, sheep, hogs, and poultry are the principal money sources. Easy money too, especially with the present prices. Grass is usually plentiful in the summer and the cattle graze on the wheat fields during the winter. Every wheat farmer will tell you that wheat will make a third more if it is grazed and tramped during the winter months.

This country is just now being settled in earnest. The land is rapidly advancing in price because of the increased demand. Scientific farming is proving successful even with the small amount of rainfall. Many of the big ranches are being cut up. The boys

say the farmers are ruining the country. Land is seldom sold in smaller lots than sections. They like plenty of room. A real estate man in a county much larger than Laurens said to me: "We have too many people in the county for the amount of land we have." Upon inquiry I learned that the county has three hundred and fifty six qualified electors, five schools, nine teachers, and two hundred and seventy-three scolarships. I found several such counties. Come west, young man, there is plenty of room.

There are many other things that I would like to write but this letter is growing too long.

With kind regards and good wishes to all, I am,

Yours very truly, Geo. L. Pitts, 910 Wood Street, Houston, Texas.

Never Pays to Wait Too Long. Some of us let mighty good opportunities slip by, waiting for inspiration, or the psychological moment, all the time forgetting that idleness never inspired anybody to do anything.

List of Contributors to Laurens County Colored Fair.

- Switzer Co.—Fair men's work gloves, ladies' umbrella, man's shirt, fancy undershirt, counterpane. Hymen Lurey—Suit case, umbrella, pair driving gloves. Owings & Bobo—50 lbs first pat. flour and can coffee. John A. Franks—Rawhide whip, 10 lb. bucket of lard, halter, package of Dr. Hess stock powder. Kennedy Bros.—10 lbs. roasted coffee, 10 lbs crimson clover seed, one package Pratt's cow remedy. A. L. Mahaffey—5 lbs. of coffee. B. F. Posey—one enameled dish pan. Fowler & Owens—5 lbs. coffee, one jog Figara, one lb. tea, one gallon of syrup. B. Diamond—underwear, hat. J. H. Sullivan—10 lbs. of crimson clover seed, one package Pratt's horse powder. McPhay—50c. J. C. Sahadi—one-half bu. apples. J. M. Philpot—one can coffee. Laurens Hardware Co.—one cow halter, one buggy whip. H. King—ladies shirtwaist, bottle of toilet water, man's shirt. R. W. Willis—one rug. Smith & Little—pair of shoes. Laurens Drug Co.—Bottle of toilet water, box of stationery. O'dell & Co.—\$1.00. Leverett Furniture Co.—Pair pillows. R. G. Franks—\$1.00. Dial Cash Grocery—5 lbs. best coffee, one lb. Pratt's food for cattle, one ladies' hat, pair men's pants, stof seed wheat. D. H. Irvin—\$1.00. Nichols Studio—One-half doz. best post card photos. J. C. Burns & Co.—One pair shoes, one ladies rat, pair men's pants. Minter Co.—Ladies' hat, pair men's gloves, belt, tie. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.—Rocker, bowl and pitcher, set of gold plates with cups and saucers. Benchoff's 5 and 10c store—Dish pan, large lamp, ladies' hat. Clardy & Wilson—hat, dry goods. Moseley & Roland—\$1.75. S. A. Parks, Six bars Octagon soap. C. A. O'dell—4 lbs coffee.

- H. Woody—2 lbs best coffee. Hunter Bros.—One can lima beans. J. E. Maxwell—Performs, box of best paper. Hayes 5 and 10c store—Ladies' hat, pair Sox for men, pair good stockings. Jones-Taylor Hardware Co.—One whip. Dixie Flour and Grain Co.—box of 5c cigars. Claud Babb—\$1.00. P. D. Lankinston—50c.

- Bramlett's Shop—One bu. meal, Chero Cola Bottling Co.—Large wagon umbrella. B. C. Fletcher—50c. Fleming Bros.—One watch fob. Davis Roper Co.—Sweater, shirt, counterpane, waist, umbrella. Barber Shop—15c. Mr. Dick Owings—25c. Mr. W. Solomon—Stickpin. Coca-Cola Bottling Co.—Three crates of Coca-Cola.

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THAT NEW PAGE

Did you turn over a new leaf January 1st? And did you inscribe thereon some brave resolutions? And was one of them to the effect that you would forthwith

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