

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

FOURTEENTH YEAR

Successor to
HANSFORD HEADLIGHT

Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, March 10, 1922

Number

Diversify

Hard times and dry years always find the prudent farmer with more than one source of income. The wheat farmer might make a crop and he might not. The man who is successful is the man who takes the safe and surer method, and has

FOUR SOURCES OF INCOME

5 Milk Cows

6 Brood Sows

100 Hens

and one money crop

He is the man who has money in the bank, and who does not have all his property covered by mortgages. He is the man who comes through the hard times without sleepless nights and prematurely gray hair.

First National Bank of SPEARMAN

ROSS HAYS SIGNED WITH W. T. LEAGUE

Spearman's ball team suffered a severe setback recently when Ross Hays signed up for a season's work with the Amarillo club of the West Texas League. Ross has been the mainstay of Hansford county baseball for several years and is a great favorite with the fans not only in his home town but wherever he has played. He has been notified by Rankin Johnson, manager of the Amarillo Club, to report for practice on the 15th inst., and informs the Reporter that he will go over to Amarillo, and if the work suits him and he suits the manager he will try to stick it out. Ross is an all-around artist, a hard hitter and an all-around ball player anywhere on the diamond. It is very doubtful that he will ever come back to small town ball. He could make good in the outfield when they don't want him on the mound, but our guess is that he will come up to the expectations of Mr. Johnson at the latter position. Johnson is betting high on Ross, as will be seen from the following little mention recently found in the Amarillo Daily Tribune: "Ross Hays of Spearman is another Paohan

die man that has been taken into the folds of Amarillo flock, and Johnson says he is depending on Hays and Hitt to be the big pitchers of the local club this season. He says if Hays don't show up a bunch of batters in the West Texas League from the beginning he will be sadly disappointed." While the Spearman fans regret very much to lose their favorite twirler, yet everyone is glad that Ross is getting a chance to go to faster company if he so desires. He is young enough to make even the major leagues, and you can't tell what will happen if he sticks out an entire season in the West Texas League. One thing is certain: when the Amarillo club plays at home it will not have to depend entirely on home talent for rooters, for Hansford county will furnish a goodly number at each and every game.

The greatness of man consists in his charity for all and his malice toward none.

The Shattuck Monitor says a dozen eggs are worth \$1800 in Russia. Going good, but just think of what a barrel of water would be worth in hell.

Woods King was in from the King ranch on the Canadian Monday. King is feeling good over the advance in the price of cattle, and he has a right to.

N. Celsor, J. H. Cooper, Fred McRee, L. S. McClellan and other Grand Plains farmer stockmen, were in Monday, buying supplies from Spearman merchants.

Lost a class ring, bearing inscription "CC'48P". The finder of this ring will confer a great favor on the owner by leaving the same at the Reporter's office, where a reasonable reward will be paid.

MAN AND WIFE wanted for general farm work. House furnished. Good position for right parties. Phone me from Spearman or Guyman or address, Spearman, Texas. 1222p. WALTER WILMETH.

Guyman has an order known as the "Shifters," which is said to be a splendid organization. The Reporter editor desires very much to join this order, provided it will in no way interfere with our duties and obligations as a member of the "Order of the Flea," to which organization we became attached on a recent visit to Amarillo.

A. F. BARKLEY'S Insurance Agency

We insure grain CUT or UNCUT, THRESHED or UNTHRESHED, in the SHOCKS, STACKS or ricks, on your premises, against fire and lightning.

A match or cigarette carelessly dropped in your field may mean the loss of your entire grain crop.

A stroke of lightning may mean the loss of several stacks of grain. Rates are reasonable for this class of insurance. Phone us and we will come to see you.

Hansford Abstract
Company
Phones: Office, 42; Residence, 64
SPEARMAN

Rexall Cherry Bark

A guaranteed remedy for Coughs,
Colds and Hoarseness.

Rexall Aspirin Laxative Tablets
for colds.

Hale Drug Company
The Rexall Store SPEARMAN

THE EAST SIDE GOES UP IN SMOKE

Seven Spearman Business Houses Destroyed by Fire Late Wednesday Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock a kerosene oil stove in the real estate offices of McLain & McLain exploded, setting fire to the building, causing the destruction of seven business houses and entailing a loss of approximately \$15,000. The losses are:

Crawford hotel. This building was owned by B. V. Andrews and the hotel was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crawford. Insurance, \$2,000 on the building. Willing workers succeeded in saving most of the furniture.

City Barber Shop. This building was owned by Mrs. Sallie Clark, and the business was conducted by Floyd Hays. Total loss, no insurance.

Arcade Theater. This building was owned by Tom Finley, who lost his moving picture machine and all fixtures excepting the piano. The Odd Fellows and W. O. W. lodges also lost their paraphernalia in this building, as they were using it for a lodge room.

A. L. Hass Boot and Shoe Repair Shop. Mr. Hass estimates his loss at about \$500 with no insurance.

McLain & McLain, real estate. This firm lost their office building and entire contents and also the building occupied by A. L. Hass.

T-Bone Cafe. This building was owned by C. C. Carter of Perryton. Building and contents lost, with no insurance.

Halle & Raney, real estate. This building was owned by B. V. Andrews. Halle & Raney saved most of their books and records. They report only a small loss, with no insurance.

Businesses suffering slight losses are: Andrews Hardware Co. and Guaranty State Bank, on east side, and Hillhouse Drug Co., The Reporter, Clark Barber Shop, Hale Drug Company, Blake Dry Goods Company and First National Bank, on west side.

The wind was strong and blowing

from the northeast, which greatly endangered the west side Main street business houses and at times the heat was so intense that their destruction seemed inevitable. But strong hearts and willing hands, backed by that peculiar characteristic of the West Texan, pertinently described by the words, "never say quit," struggled against odds and encountered dangers they knew nothing of, and kept pouring water on the hot places—kept on and on, seemingly for hours, tho' in reality the battle against the flames lasted only an hour and a half. Fortunately there was an abundant supply of water on hand. The city supply tank was full to overflowing, but there was no way of putting the water on the fire except by buckets. In a remarkably short time a bucket brigade was organized, which checked the fire on the east side and saved the west side from destruction. Every chemical extinguisher in town was put in action, including the one owned by the city. They were of little use, as the fire broke through the roof of the small building in which it originated before it was discovered. Words fail us when we attempt to describe how that volunteer fire fighting machine waged war on the flames on Wednesday afternoon. They went at it red-eyed and a'grinnin' and positively refused to allow the fire to cross Main street. West side business men are loud in their praises of the men and women who helped, and instead of complaining because of their losses are thankful that they have their buildings and stocks.

This fire was a severe loss to the business interests of Spearman. Henry Crawford opened the Royal Cafe on south Main Thursday at noon, but the other firms put out of business by the fire are yet undecided as to what they will do. The Reporter extends sympathy to the losers and sincerely hopes they re-enter business in Spearman.

WILL NOT HOLD I. H. C. SHORT COURSE

Word was received in Spearman on Saturday of last week that the International Harvester Company Short Course and Community Meetings, scheduled to be held in Spearman on March 15 and 16 would not be held this year. Instructions came from the main office in Chicago to James P. York, manager of the Amarillo branch, to hold only seven instead of nine of these meetings and Spearman was one of the places cut out. The Reporter is very sorry that these meetings will not be held, but Mr. York writes that he appreciates interest taken in the proposed meetings at this place and also says that the next time his company undertakes anything of this kind that Spearman will be given one of the first places. So, even if we did fail this time, we have the assurance of being in line for the next big educational campaign put on by this big company.

Results from a County Agent

Wheeler, the county seat of Wheeler county, recently held a hog sale which continued for an entire week. According to the Wheeler News-Review, during the week of sales 262 head of hogs were sold for a total of \$16,227.50. The town of Wheeler is not as large as Spearman, and down to brass tacks, Wheeler is not as good stock-farming county as Hansford. The town of Wheeler is 16 miles from a railroad. But, Wheeler county has a county agent and has had for the past five years. They wouldn't be without an agent because they have learned the worth of one. This agent preaches the doctrine of the milk cow, the hen and the sow, and it is this doctrine which will eventually bring about the conditions of which Henry W. Grady was thinking when he said: "When every farmer in the south shall eat bread from his own fields and meat from his own pasture, disturbed by no creditor and enslaved by no debt; shall sit among his teeming gardens and orchards and vineyards and dairies and barnyards, pitching his crops in his own wisdom and growing them in independence; making cotton (wheat) his clean surplus, and selling it in his own time and in his own chosen market—and not at a master's bidding—getting his pay in cash and not in a receipted mortgage that discharges his debt but does not restore his freedom—then shall be the breaking of the fullness of our day."

DISTRICT COURT AT PLEMONS

The Honorable District Court of Hutchinson county met in regular session on Monday, March 6, 1922. Judge W. R. Ewing, presiding, and Attorney Pickens looking after the interests of the state. A number of Spearman citizens attended this session of court, among them being Sheriff Wilbanks, Deputy Riley, Tom Byrd, Joe Close, Geo. W. Faus, C. D. Works, Bob Morton, Chas. Endicott, Les Cator, J. C. Livingston and others. Sheriff Tally, A. M. Wilbanks Jr., Henry Coffee and Tom Cranfield came from Perryton and joined the Spearman crowd. The attendants report a busy session at Plemons. The grand jury was empaneled and put to work and Tuesday at noon returned five bills of indictment, all felonies. The J. A. Poole and Lee Shelton cases, in which defendants are accused of the theft of cattle, were continued for the term. The cattle stealing cases against the Paxton and Wilson boys were called and Hershel Paxton entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. We understand that Hershel was under a suspended sentence from Sherman county, at the time the offense to which he pleaded guilty was committed. The cases against Guy Paxton, Tom Wilson, Ed Wilson and Slim Knudsen were continued for the term. They gave bond for their appearance at the next term of court. These are the cases in which Slim Knudsen acted as sort of a detective and brought about the arrest of the Paxton and Wilson boys while in the act of slaughtering a stolen beef. The cases have attracted much attention in Hutchinson and Hansford counties. The case of R. L. Grossman charged with cutting a telephone wire, was continued for the term. One or more land cases were heard. The grand and petit juries were discharged Tuesday at noon.

A Great Blizzard

The greatest snow storm of the season struck Spearman full in the face Wednesday evening, in time to help extinguish the fire in the smoldering ruins of the East Side. Had it arrived an hour earlier there doubtless would have been no fire. This blizzard is a humdinger. Fully 12 inches of snow fell and there was not the slightest let up for thirty-six hours. It caught several traveling men in town, among them being C. E. Eaton of the Western Newspaper Union, who is a guest at the Reporter home.

Looking Forward

We all look forward to the time when we shall be more independent.

Old Father Time will some day have his Grip on us.

Let us fortify ourselves against this old gentleman by persistently adding to our bank account so that when he comes he shall not find us on Poverty Street.

Guaranty State Bank

SPEARMAN, TEX.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Huffstutter were in from Lieb Wednesday

John R. Collard and Ralph T. Bucy made a business trip to Texoma Monday.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society met with Mrs. Perron A. Lyon on Wednesday afternoon.

Born, on Saturday, February 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hays, at their home in Spearman, a fine daughter.

Take advantage of the reduction—25 per cent off on stoves and chinaware. Andrews Hardware Company.

LOST, on Spearman-Perryton road, rim and glass for front light of Marmon car. Please leave at Reporter office, Spearman, or return to A. M. Wilbanks Jr., at Farmers and Stockmen's bank, Perryton.

Johnny O'Loughlin, Jr. returned the first of the week from a visit with his parents at Santa Monica, Calif. Johnny reports the home folks all well and enjoying life, and that his Uncle John has entirely recovered from the effects of the operation he underwent several months ago.

While at Dumas last week we heard that Mr. B. V. Burnett was trying to organize a company to plant 1000 acres to cotton this year. Mr. Burnett tried several different varieties last year and we were told that one variety yielded more than 2 1/2 bales to the acre. We hear that Mr. Burnett said that such cotton was worth 6 times as much as wheat acre for acre. He will get the seed for anyone that wants to plant and he will see to it that there will be a gin put in at Dumas if there is a crop raised this year. This might be worth looking into—Stratford Star.

Registered Stock Sale

The sale of P. H. Sebastian, in which he will offer a number of his choice registered Shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs, is postponed from February 28, to Monday, March 27. This sale will take place at Mr. Sebastian's farm, 8 miles north and 7 miles east of Perryton. If you are interested in registered stock—and if you are not you should be—attend Mr. Sebastian's sale. He is a breeder who understands his business and has some of the finest offerings in the county. Don't forget the date—Monday, March 27, 1922.

EDGAR L. BYRD FOR MARSHAL

The Reporter is authorized to announce Edgar L. Byrd as a candidate for Marshal of the town of Spearman, subject to the will of the voters of the incorporated town of Spearman at the election to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 1922. Mr. Byrd has held the position of Marshal for the past year and has made a good officer. The duties of marshal of Spearman carries as a sideline the care of the city well and pump, and during Mr. Byrd's term of office we have had very little complaint about water. The freezes and attaching water mains to the standpipe have caused a little trouble, but it has been attended to as speedily as possible and on the whole Mr. Byrd has rendered very efficient service. Edgar is a hard working, honest, conscientious young fellow and takes a part in all undertakings looking to the betterment of conditions in Spearman. Give his claims due consideration when making up your ballot at the city election.

Twenty-five per cent off on all coal stoves and chinaware.
ANDREWS HARDWARE CO.

Columbia GRAPHOPHONES

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easy terms

See us if you are thinking of buying. You had just as well have a Columbia as an inferior machine at the same price.

HILLHOUSE DRUG CO.

The People With the
Goods
SPEARMAN, - TEXAS

Money

is very hard to get at present, but we have it at all times to loan on Farms and Ranches in Hansford, Hutchinson and Ochiltree counties. Interest rate and settlement option very attractive.

Farm and ranch lands in any size tracts and at prices and on terms to suit.

Spearman city property.

J. R. COLLARD

Write for information

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

March Winds

have been premature this year and windy days prevent the housewife from doing many things, but do not hinder sewing.

Spring demands new dresses—especially wash dresses. We have in a lovely line of ginghams—imported—tissue, and a variety of the cheaper grades that will make up into dresses for almost any occasion.

Do your spring sewing early and let us supply you with suitable materials.

Blake Dry Goods Co.

The Little Cash Store
SPEARMAN



THE BIRD QUARREL

LITTLE Jennie Wren was not afraid to speak her mind to anyone who happened to get in her way, and it happened one day that handsome Mr. Cardinal bird did this very thing.

He flew over from the top of a tall pine tree to the very tree near the stone wall by the road where Jennie lived, and began to sing while Mr. Wren was singing on a low limb of the tree.

"Such impertinence," sputtered Jennie Wren, flying out of her home in the tree hole. He thinks just because he is so handsome he can do anything he likes. I will soon tell him, though.



what I think of him," and up she flew near to where Mr. Cardinal was sitting singing merrily.

"You get right away from this tree or stop singing this minute," scolded little Jennie. "This tree is where we live and my husband is singing; you needn't think, just because you wear handsome feathers, you are the only singer in the woods, and my husband and I do not care for your song at all; we like our own much better."

Mr. Cardinal was so surprised that he stopped singing and listened, and when Jennie Wren stopped to breathe he said, calmly: "Have you heard my sweet-voiced wife sing? You may like

to hear her song better than mine; I do."

Jennie was surprised one time, and she nearly lost her balance as she angrily hopped about and bobbed her tail, for she had expected Mr. Cardinal to quarrel with her.

"Huh!" replied Jennie, "your poor little wife; I should think you would say something in praise of her. The way you treat her is disgraceful. I know, and everybody must think so, too, that you are ashamed of her because she wears that brownish-gray dress all the time, while you go flying about all dressed up in fine clothes."

"For my part I admire her clothes much more than yours. She shows better taste dressing in such modest colors and, besides, if she did wear red, I guess the Cardinal family would soon come to an end, for she could be seen plainly enough by those who wish to harm birds and get their eggs."

While Jennie Wren was scolding and hopping about, a trim little bird flew to a twig near Mr. Cardinal, and when Jennie again stopped for breath Mrs. Cardinal—for it was she—said in a very sweet voice: "You are wrong, Mrs. Wren; my husband is not ashamed of me. He loves me very dearly and there is no bird that has a husband more devoted in his attentions than my handsome husband."

Again Jennie Wren was surprised, but she called back as she flew down to her home: "You poor thing; I suppose you do not dare say your soul is your own before your handsome husband; for my part I'd rather have one that is on an equal with me in appearance."

Mrs. Cardinal flew beside her husband and snuggled close. "Come back on the pine tree and I will sing to you," she said, "though I know well enough your own song is sweeter than mine."

"Not to my ears, my dear," answered Mr. Cardinal. "I think you have the sweetest voice in the world, but if you could not sing a note I should be thankful that you do not scold like Mrs. Wren."

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A Better Place to Buy

Groceries

can not be found. Come and see.



Spearman Equity Exchange.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE FLOOR

"I get so tired of hearing people say it, as they know it won't come to pass," said the floor.

"What are you talking of?" asked the door.

"Whenever people speak of having been embarrassed or having felt shy or having had something out of the ordinary happen they always say that they were so embarrassed that they almost went through the floor."

"I wish I could tell them once and for all time that they can't go through me because they are embarrassed or for any other reason."

"They think they can sink right down through me! Indeed! Well, I'd like to tell them they can't."

"I don't suppose you really need to do that," said the door, "for surely they understand."

"No one ever has gone through you because of embarrassment and surely they understand that. What they doubtless mean is that they felt so embarrassed that they almost did something quite impossible."

"It is only a very extreme way they have of speaking."

"Perhaps," said the floor, "but then I'd like to tell them what I think. I really would like to do that, door."

"I think they know," said the door. Now the floor was the floor of a bird shop and the floor was used to having many people pass over it, for so many people came in to shop.

"I should think," said the door, "that the birds would think it was strange, after they were taken home



"For a Few Moments."

by anyone who had bought them here, to see anyone sit down quietly.

"For how people do rush by the shop. They are always rushing and hurrying. They are always dashing some place or other, and they go by—oh, so many of them—and all of them hurrying."

"It is true that some of them do stop here and stand still for a few moments and look at the birds and the parakeet and the monkeys."

"But still, they do not seem to be quiet for very long. They always go rushing on again."

"I can't understand this rushing that creatures do," said the floor.

"Of course I can't understand it very well, either," said the door, "though I do enjoy going back and forth a bit myself."

"I don't," said the floor. "Once I'm in a certain spot I stay."

"I'm not discontented. I'm quite satisfied. I'm a floor and I like to stay still."

"I don't want to go to one place and then to another. I have no such desire at all."

"I see these people rushing and I feel them hurrying over me, and I say to myself:

"How thankful I am that I am a floor. I have no desire to hurry."

"To stay in one place suits me."

"Yes, door, there are some creatures who always want to be moving about. They go to one place and then to another. They aren't satisfied staying still and behaving quietly."

"But the floor is satisfied. Nor does the floor wish to see what is going on."

"The windows like to see what their neighbors are doing and who is walking down the street. But not the floor. The floor doesn't bother about anything else."

"And the floor doesn't mind if it is trampled upon. The floor is uncomplaining and sensible."

"My only complaint is that I don't like people to say that they almost went through me with embarrassment, because they couldn't do it, and they know it. It is ridiculous of them to say they almost did such a thing. They couldn't do it at all, at all."

"The chairs don't mind being set upon, but the floor is the best of all because it doesn't mind being trampled upon and it is always so contented to stay where it is put and not go rushing about wildly all the time."

Had Experience.

The class was particularly alert that afternoon and Miss Scraggen beamed. But, as is often the case, when the teacher relaxed her iron rule the children began to get out of hand.

"Now, Willie," said Miss Scraggen, "if you had four pennies and Jamie had five, and you took his and put them to yours, what would that make?"

Willie glanced at Jamie, a big-boned, aggressive-chinned Scots lad.

"Trouble!" he said, with conviction.

—T. B. B.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reporter is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, to be held on July 22, 1922

For County Judge,
A. H. STORRS
A. E. TOWNSEND
For Sheriff and Tax Collector
H. L. WILBANKS
For County and District Clerk
KEESE C. NESBITT
For Tax Assessor,
C. W. KING
R. W. THOMPSON
J. A. RILEY
For County Treasurer,
MRS. J. H. BUCHANAN

CITY ELECTION

For Town Marshal
EDGAR L. BYRD

Typewriter ribbons and carbon paper at the Reporter office.

Block salt, \$15 per ton, at the Spearman Equity Exchange.

The kingdom of God will never come through the gateway of politics.

The best stoves at less—25 per cent off.
Andrews Hardware Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nollner were in from the Kimball community Wednesday.

R. W. Thompson and son Robert were in from the Farwell creek country Wednesday.

Seed potatoes, onion sets and a full line of garden seeds. Buy them while the lines are complete. P. M. Maize & Company.

One of our contributions toward normalcy—25 per cent off on all coal stoves and chinaware
ANDREWS HARDWARE CO.

Choice Rhode Island Red eggs, 60 cents per setting.
Mrs. R. P. KERN
Spearman, Texas

THELMA A WONDER GIRL



Little Thelma Wells of New York is only seven and she has a regular childish love for dolls and "playing dress-up" and dancing to the music of the hurdy-gurdy. But also has a marvelous ability to "read minds" and to make difficult calculations at lightning speed. When tested by Henry Woodhouse, the scientist, she looked at his closed watch and said: "It was made in Denmark and has Swiss movements. The number is 11,938. You haven't had it for a year yet. You have had it for just a little more than a month." All of which was true.

Aim Was Too Good.

"Who threw that eraser at me?" bawled the teacher, as he glared at the section reserved for little boys.

"Please, teacher," said the worst of the lot, "why don't you look over at the girls' side?"

"The eraser didn't come from that part of the room, sir. It grazed my head."

Chicken Houses, Hog Houses Barns for Milk Cows

The people of the Spearman Country are rapidly reaching the conclusion that they must have something in addition to the crop prospect. They need milk cows, hogs and poultry. Our part in this plan is to furnish you with the houses, sheds, pens and fencing to do this kind of farming profitably. You cannot be successful in diversified farming without a certain amount of equipment. Our business is to furnish this equipment.

"MAKE THE BARN YARD PAY THE HOUSE AND GARAGE BILLS"

Panhandle Lumber Co.

Quality Service Price
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