

HIGHEST PRICES FOR COTTON.

Throughout the week the Spur cotton buyers have been paying from 13.37 to 13.55 for all the cotton coming to this market. The prices being paid in the Spur cotton market range from fifty cents to one dollar per hundred pounds more than is being paid elsewhere in this section of country.

The Spur buyers are not figuring on making money in the cotton buying business, but are paying every cent and more than there is in the staple to make this the leading cotton market of the country, and how well they are succeeding up to date is evidenced not only by the high prices being paid but by the number of bales coming to this market from every section of the country and also from a distance.

While the cotton picking season has not fully opened up at this time there has been quite a number of bales ginned and marketed here during the week. Up to Thursday night the Farmers Union Cotton Yard had received seventy bales and something near that number of bales had been ginned at the Spur gin. We consider this a very good showing for the first week of ginning and you might say the opening of the cotton season in this section of country.

Throughout the fall Spur will continue to lead in paying the very highest prices for all cotton brought to this market, and aside from the cotton market the merchants of the town have prepared for an extensive trade and have large stocks of goods to select from and will make prices to compete with any commercial center.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SPUR.

The Commercial Club has attempted to improve the sanitary condition of Spur, and as a first step has had a subscription list carried around to property owners for signatures of those who would agree to pay a scavenger for his service.

An amount was subscribed, but not enough to pay a man to undertake the work, so the club guaranteed to make up the balance, and employed Mr. Harris as scavenger. Mr. Harris has done the work well and systematically, and some of the property owners have refused to pay him for the work done. Others have had the work done by parties for a less price than Mr. Harris agreed to work, and the result is that the Commercial Club has to make up the difference between the amount collected and the amount guaranteed.

The object of the club employing a man for this work is that the condition of a good many closets was a menace to the health of the town and a disgrace to the community. Efforts had been made to get someone to do the scavenger work, but only partial success had been the result. To get a man who would do the work thoroughly it was necessary to guarantee his pay. This the Commercial Club has done, expecting that there

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was no one who would refuse to pay for the service, and to avoid the necessity of having the town incorporated in order to enforce the cleaning up of the town, when a health officer and an official scavenger will say when and how closets shall be cleaned, and the fees for such service will be fixed by law.

It was the opinion of most of the business men that it will be advisable to postpone the incorporation of Spur until near the end of the year for the reason that there will be no money available to pay the expense of running the town until January, 1912. Unless the action of the Commercial Club meets with the support of the people of Spur there will be no other way than incorporating to have a clean town.

It is the urgent request of the Commercial Club that the citizens of Spur support its efforts, and not only clean up their premises but fill up holes under the closets and use lime or other disinfectants where any kind of filth collects.

It is not the intention or the desire of the club to impose a hardship upon anyone, but the

health of the community and our pride as citizens demand that every effort should be made to make our town attractive and free from any and all causes of sickness and from all nuisances.
Jeff D. Reagan,
Secretary.

MOVING TO SPUR COUNTRY

Mr. Watkins, of Mitchell county, was in Spur Wednesday to buy lumber with which to build a residence on his place six miles north of town, Mr. Watkins just recently bought a tract of land from the Spur Farm Lands management and will improve the place and clear up land for cultivation another year. He says as soon as he completes his house he will return to Mitchell county and gather what little crop he made this year and return to the Spur country to make his permanent home. After looking over the country and comparing the crops, general conditions and the soil of this section Mr. Watkins is more pleased than ever with his selection of a locality in which to build a home. We are glad to have him with us and wish him much prosperity.

A COTTON PICKING MACHING

We noticed from the Fort Worth Star Telegram that a cotton picking machine in combination with other farm implements has been completed and is now being exhibited doing actual work in the cotton field. It is said to be a success in every particular, picks the cotton clean without injury to the stalk and other bolls and blooms and travels down the rows at the rate of about four miles an hour, thus being able to pick over eight or ten acres of cotton per day. This cotton picking machine will be on exhibition at the Dallas Fair and will pick a patch of cotton planted on the grounds for that purpose. We have no idea at what price these machines will be sold to cotton producers, but presume the price will be out of reach of the one-horse cotton raisers of this country. However, the machine is a great invention and will be of inestimable value to the extensive cotton producers and to the world. A number of foreigners, we understand, are already here to view the machine and investigate its possibilities and practicable advent into foreign fields of cotton production.

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Black Voiles from	\$5.50 up
Black panama, extra sizes	\$4.75 up
KLOSFIT Petticoats to fit the small and large ladies in black	\$1.50

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Wendell Brick - - - - - Spur, Texas

CROSBY COUNTY ELECTION.

At the county seat election held Saturday in Crosby county to determine whether or not the county seat should be moved from Emma to Crosbyton there were 318 votes polled, 198 of that number voting for Crosbyton and 120 voting for Emma, thus giving Crosbyton a majority of 78 votes.

It requires a two-thirds majority vote to remove a county seat without a five mile radius of the center of the county, and since Emma and Crosbyton are ten miles apart one of the two places is without the five mile radius. Recently an opinion was given out from the Land Office at Austin by Commissioner Robinson that Crosbyton was within five miles of the center of Crosby county, and in view of this statement it was thought by those who desired to move the county seat to that place that only a majority vote would be required to establish Crosbyton as the county seat of the county. However, since the election it is stated that an opinion was handed out by a former Land Commissioner years ago stating that Emma was within the five mile radius of the center of the county. Thus it is and the county seat proposition of Crosby county is yet unsettled, and until it is decided which of the two opinions from the Land Office is correct the removal of the county seat will be in doubt and will probably remain at Emma until a final decision or survey of the county is made.

Crosbyton only lacked 14 votes of securing the required two-thirds majority of the votes cast in the election, but until it is established that that place is within five miles of the center of the county Emma will remain the seat of government for Crosby county.

We are informed that a majority of the business houses and residences of Emma have already been moved to Crosbyton and that a majority of the former citizens of Emma are now living and doing business in Crosbyton. This state of affairs we understand was brought about on account of Emma failing to secure the Crosbyton South Plains Railroad and also on account of the county seat removal agitation.

PAYING MORE FOR COTTON.

W. A. Adams, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday with two bales of cotton which he sold to Spur buyers. Mr. Adams was paid thirteen dollars and forty-seven and a half cents per hundred for his cotton, the price being something near one dollar per hundred more than the prices being paid by other cotton market towns of this section of the country. The cotton buyers are making good the statement heretofore made by the Texas Spur that this market point would be the best of the country and that the buyers would pay even more than the regulation market quotations and prices elsewhere. Keep your eyes on Spur.

CITIZENS MEETING

To Be at Spur, Texas, Saturday, September 24,
At 2 O'Clock P. M.

Citizens of Dickens and the adjoining counties are invited to attend a meeting at Spur Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to arrange for an exhibit at the State Fair of Texas at Dallas, Texas, October 15th to 30th, inclusive.

The Spur country has now the best crops of Texas, and inquiries from over the state show that this country has been widely advertised, and people are anxious to see some of the products of the Spur lands. We have the stuff to show, and have secured space in the Agricultural Department for an exhibit. We will not attempt to have a display unless we can have one that every citizen of our community will be proud of.

The time is very short, and prompt action must be taken. Exhibits must be ready for shipment not later than October 10th. A week will be required to properly pack and prepare the things for shipment.

Samples of produce now on exhibition at the Commercial Club demonstrate that with but little effort a fine exhibit can be had at the Fair.

All who are interested in the upbuilding of our country, especially in getting farmers here, are urgently requested to attend the meeting next Saturday.

SPUR COMMERCIAL CLUB

JEFF D. REAGAN, Secretary

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Missionary meeting Sunday, September 25th, at 4 o'clock p.m.

- 1st. Song.
- 2nd. Prayer.
- 3rd. Song.
- 4th. Scripturo Reading, Isa. 52:4-6, by Emmett Lee and Mrs. Turnage.
- 5th. Song.
- 6th. Review of Missions in the world, by Rev. J. C. Robinson.
- 7th. Short talk on missionary work by Miss Lula Ellis.
- 8th. Second Progress, by Miss Ruth Attebury.
- 9th. Third Power, by George Russell.
- 10th. Business.
- 11th. Song.
- 12th. Dismissed by prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Eyes scientifically tested free at the Spur Drug store, commencing Friday 23rd and continuing until Thursday, 29th. All work guaranteed and backed by Coulter Optical Co. Chicago. 1 t p. R. D. English Optician.

MOONLIGHT PICNIC

Tuesday evening H. H. Hazlewood and wife, Misses Stewart, Williams and Little and Messrs. Chandler, Jennings and Campbell went out in the country several miles west of Spur and enjoyed a moonlight picnic. Early in the afternoon Mr. Campbell and Miss Stewart went out supplied with plenty of ammunition and guns with the intention of supplying the party with plover and other wild game. They report having brought in the game, and this with what had been prepared by the party furnished all that was desired for the picnic dinner. The party reports having had a most pleasant outing and one of the best dinners enjoyed in many days.

The Luzon Telephone Company is building a telephone line this week to Tap and before the end of the week they expect to be connected up with that section of the country. They are now out about three miles from town with the line.

VOTING CONTEST.

The following is the standing of the contest for the organ, diamond ring and watch contest being conducted by several of the business men of the town:

Red Mud	3,602
Lillian Denton	739
Presbyterian Church	627
Christian Church	110
Cordie Harrell	35
M. E. Church	4,527
Baptist Church	12,098
Noview Church	130
Threa Revis	6,513
Alta Shemerhorn	13,282

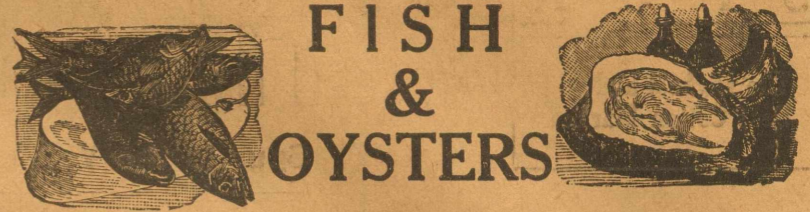
Miss Shemerhorn was awarded the watch, she having secured the largest number of votes. The next prize to be given away will be the diamond ring. The ring is not only valuable but a beauty and the lady who gets it will indeed be fortunate.

Coupons can be secured on ten cent purchases at the following places: Dixie Store, Spur Hardware Co., Spur Furniture Co., Red Front Drug Store, The Variety Store, R. B. Spencer & Co., Ladies' Bazaar, Spur Sheet Metal Works, Spur Market, Scurry's Confectionery Store, Conner's Feed Store, Hisey Grocery Co., and the Texas Spur.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

There will be the regular services of the Presbyterian Church Sunday in the north-west school house. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching service at 11 o'clock a. m. and at 8 o'clock p. m. You are cordially invited to worship with us.

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PUSH UP STREAM.

Life has been compared to an overflowing river, into which humanity is thrown to sink or swim, survive or perish.

Up toward its source the river is rough. There are rocks and whirlpools, swift currents and boiling eddies. Down toward the mouth the river widens and flows on in apparent peacefulness, but deep and resistless to the sea.

There is deceit in this stream, for albeit it is smoother there at its widest, also it is deep, and only the most powerful swimmer can breast it. The shallows are up stream, where the water boils and eddies. It is harder to get there than to go

down with the moving water, but there lies safety and the chance to do things. Also there is more room, for the crowd follows the line of least resistance and floats lazily down stream, ultimately to be swept into the turbulent sea.

Only a week or so ago a report was made by the National Employment Exchange that there is a tremendous demand for mechanics, skilled men of brain and hand, with a constantly increasing rate of wage, while in the field occupied by clerks with mediocre training and equipment "there are not enough jobs to go around," and no prospect that the wages will not decrease rather than improve.

The young man, fresh from school, finds it pretty easy to become a clerk. He requires no special training; he does not have to give his time and leisure for the learning of a trade; he begins at once to earn what seems to him a fair salary; he thinks he retains his "self-respect" to an unusual degree because his work allows him to keep his hands clean and wear a clean collar. In other words he goes with the crowd—down stream.

It is harder to breast the current but it pays.

Nothing is worth having that is not worth working for, and mighty little will be had in this modern world that isn't worked for. The lad who follows the line of least resistance will be sorry, but usually after it is too late. He will be fairly in the middle of the resistless current by then. The water will have deepened and the river will have widened. Away ahead of him he will see the ocean, spreading to the horizon. He turns and fights the current, and once in a thousand times he succeeds in getting back. If there is any lesson beyond the practice of the moral virtues which should be inculcated in the mind of youth setting out upon life's voyage, it is that he breast the turbulent waters and fight his way to the shallows above. Don't float with the crowd. Push up stream.—Houston Chronicle.

J. M. Whitaker, of three miles north of Dickens, brought cotton to the Spur gin Thursday.

S. A. McCombs came over Thursday from Luzon looking after business in connection with the Luzon Telephone Company.

Mrs. Haile was in the city Thursday with three bales of cotton from her place in the Afton country. Cotton is now coming in from all sections of the country.

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

THE NEW SWELL TOGS FOR FALL

Are fast displacing those of the past season. This store is now undergoing a great season change. New fall goods are much in prominence. We are now showing new Fall Suits for men boys and children. We are stronger in these lines than at any previous season showing a greater range of both fancy and conservative styles in

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S. Power and family, of Stephens county, are visiting at the home of R. W. Walker and family in the city. Mr. Power is very much pleased with Spur and since visiting in the city he says that he will probably locate here permanently and make this his home. We will be glad to have Mr. Power and family as citizens of Spur and feel confident that their home here will be both pleasant and prosperous. There is no better town and no better country in which to live than Spur and the Spur country.

Bill McArthur was here Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country and reports that the cotton picking season is now opening up in that section. The cotton crops in the Red Mud section are fine and although the acreage may be comparatively small we expect to see many bales of cotton marketed from that section.

The Baptist meeting which has been in progress here during the past week or ten days closed Sunday night. Rev. Robinson, the pastor, was assisted in the meeting by Rev. Welch.

Hodges Hale, a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was here Tuesday and hauled out a load of groceries for the firm of Hale & Loyd at Afton.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

T. A. Ham, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton Flat country, was in the city this week on business. Crops of the Croton country are said to be among the best grown this year in all Western Texas, and aside from being an exceptionally fine farming country can boast of an exceptional citizenship and we are glad to see them prosper.

G. W. Howsley and son, of Albany, spent several days this week in Spur looking over the city with a view of locating here. Mr. Howsley is a blacksmith by trade and says that he sold his shop at Albany. He owns some valuable property in Spur and says that if he can make the right kind of a deal he will move over and make this place his home at once. We will be glad to have Mr. Howsley and family with us and extend them a cordial welcome to make Spur their permanent home.

Aton Johnson, who formerly was employed as barber at the Verner & Simpson shop, came up Tuesday from Roby and spent several days here on business. Mr. Johnson has purchased a barber shop at Roby and is making that place his home.

Judge McClain was in again Saturday after another load of lumber for his new bungalow which he is having built on his ranch in the Cat Fish country.

O. S. Ferguson and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Saturday.

Fresh oysters at City Restaurant and Bakery.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was over Monday and Tuesday from the county capitol attending justice court in the city.

W. M. Stovall was in the city Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here trading and looking after business matters.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

From reports the Democrats are again coming into the limelight in national politics. Well, we have been waiting and expecting for a number of years such a turn in political machinery, but honestly we can't see much hopes for better times until we elect to office men in preference to politicians, men who have no axes to grind for self or special interests. When such men in office from president to constable it wont make any difference whether they are democrats or republicans we will have good government. An honest government is more to be desired than the political government of today.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller and S. Hoffman returned the first of the week from Paducah where they attended the Baptist Association. Mr. Miller reports that he noticed good crops between here and Paducah, but that the people of that town have given up hopes of an extension of the railroad to this or any other section of country for some time to come. This inactivity on the part of railroads is brought about by the recent legislation and not by the recent short crops of the country as a whole.

Mrs. Swearingen and daughter, Miss Ida, who have been in the city some time visiting her son, Jim Swearingen, returned the first of the week to their home in Dickens.

A girl baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mullennix at their home in the city.

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Julian M. Bassett, of the Crosby County Land and Cattle Company, passed through Spur Monday in route to Eastern points.

The citizens and business men of Spur made up a purse of \$31.80 Friday for Mrs. Williams of the city who has been quite sick the past several days of fever. The family was in a critical condition and no doubt the little purse will come handy. The people of Spur are at all times there with the goods in cases of this kind. There are no more liberal people than in Spur.

Dennis Harkey passed through the city Tuesday on his return to Dickens from Kansas City where he has been the past several days buying the fall stock of goods for the T. G. Harkey mercantile establishment at Dickens.

H. E. Lyle, of Tolar, is in the city visiting at the homes of J. E. Shelton and his brother, W. E. Lyle.

VETERINARY WORK.

I will do a limited amount of veterinary work and guarantee cures in diseases of horses as follows: poll evil, fistula, blind staggers, ring bone, blood spavin and any disease of the foot. Horse shoeing a specialty. See me for all kinds of blacksmithing and wood work at Red Blacksmith Shop.

W. H. TEAGUE.

J. M. Jones was in the city Monday from his home north of Dickens.

Marion Hutton, of the Wichita country, was in Spur with cotton to be ginned Wednesday of this week.

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, was in the city one day this week on business.

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To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable prices. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The following are the Democratic Nominees as a result of the Democratic Primary held July 23.

For District Attorney:
ISAAC O. NEWTON

For County and District Clerk:
CRAWFORD COBB

For County Judge
F. C. GIPSON

For County Treasurer:
B. A. CREGO.

For Tax Assessor
E. L. HARKEY

For Sheriff
H. P. COLE

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3:
J. M. BENNETT.

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 3.
E. J. COWAN

Men who are in a position to give sane and conservative advice are telling farmers to hold their cotton for higher prices, and state that never before was cotton in such demand as at the present time. The greatest trouble in following up such advice is that the great majority of farmers have contracted debts that must be met at a given time and about the only way in which they have to raise the cash is to sell their cotton. No one is better posted as to the conditions than the purchaser of the staple, and that being the case he just sets the price and waits with confidence and assurance till the producer comes across with the goods.

The passage of what is known as the I. & G. N. bill by the special called session of the legislature has knocked all railroad and proposed railroad building into the "Middle of next week," or the next year or next five years. We know little of legislation and less of railroad building but we do know that Western Texas needs more railroads to more rapidly develop our resources. If we are correctly informed, the I. & G. N. bill has as its purpose the enforcement of payment of legitimate claims of long standing against the company. However,

somewhere along the line there may be a "joker clause" which railroad promoters and builders fear, and from what Hon. B. F. Yoakum says in an open letter to the railroad committee of Alice it is very evident that there will be no more railroad extensions until such defects as may be in the bill are remedied and its purport made so plain that investors will have no doubts and fears for investments in legitimate railroad propositions.

It was thought for a time that the extension of the Quanah, Acme & Pacific would build through Spur at an early date, but since the legislation enacted by the recent session of the legislature we are advised that such an extension will not be further considered for some time to come. We elect and pay legislators to enact laws that will benefit the people and promote progress and development of the country, but it seems that we, the people, get it in the neck on all sides. Some of us may howl and rave for the downfall of the corporations, but in reality we don't mean it. We only want them to give us a square deal and assist us in the development of the country, and if the legislation enacted against the railroads is unfair we are

sure that Governor Campbell will call a special session and have the bill remodeled fairly and squarely to all parties concerned. The people of Texas can not afford to license corporations to skin the public, neither can they afford through legislators to enact laws to prohibit the investment of legitimate capital for the development of the country and convenience of the people.

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Yours for business,
R. S. Holman.

Fresh oysters at City Restaurant and Bakery.

PRIZES OFFERED

Spur, Texas, June 25, 1910.

We, the undersigned, agree to give the prizes set after our names for the best samples of farm, garden and orchard products raised in the Spur country and brought to the Spur commercial Club.

Collection of plums and peaches, J. A. Lambdin & Co., in trade coupons, \$5.

For best Maize, Bryant-Link Co., in trade, \$2.50.

For best stalk of cotton, Spur National Bank, cash, \$1.

Best bundle of oats, Red Front Drug Store, trade, \$1.

Best 5 ears corn, T. E. Standifer, cash, \$1.

Best bundle of wheat, Western Grocery Co., trade, \$1.

Stalk of cotton with most bales on it, Dixie Store, cash or trade, \$1.

Best specimen of broom corn, Spur Grain Co., \$1.

Best watermelon, Brazelton-Pryor & Co., trade \$2.

Best peanuts, Spur Hardware Co., cash or trade, \$2.

Best Kershaw, Jeff D. Reagan, \$1.

Alfalfa, \$2.50 Sweet potatoes, \$2.50, Indian corn, \$2.50, June corn, \$2.50, \$10 for best assortment of farm products \$10.00, making a total prize of \$20 by Stamford & Northwestern Town site Company.

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SCIENTIFIC METHODS OF FARMING

The following pointers and advice to the farmers were given by J. W. Neill, of the department of agriculture, in a speech delivered at Brownwood. Aside from being a practical farmer Mr. Neill has devoted much time to the study of farming methods in Central and West Texas, and those who heed and follow his advice will be benefited:

"First, we are advocating early preparation of the soil by deep plowing and pulverizing the top as they go. This should be done early in the fall. The soil should not be permitted to form a crust, which can be prevented by harrowing after rains. This early fall breaking is necessary for two reasons. About 95 per cent of the insect pests that infest the crop spend their winters in the earth and by breaking the land early will destroy their winter homes and kill them by the millions. Another great reason is that it will put nature's laboratory to work combining the chemicals in the earth that make plant food. These chemicals when changed from an insoluble form to a soluble form become available for plant food, and the longer they can be kept in the earth the richer it will grow. As there are but two ways for the moisture to escape from the earth, one the plant to take it up in its growth and the other by evaporation, caused by a hard crust forming over the surface. If this crust can be prevented, which can be done we can hold the moisture through the fall, winter and spring. This is done by what we call a system of mulching, that is keeping the earth's surface thoroughly pulverized.

I am also an advocate of planting crops as deep as they can get a stand from, and the first culture be harrowing, as the young and tender plants are not ready for very much dirt, after which let the first plowing be the deepest, then follow with shallow cultivation not tearing up the roots of the plants. When you tear up the roots of the plants you cut off the life of the plant. This should be done often enough to prevent the

formation of a crust during the season. The soil should never be permitted to crust, even though it requires late culture, as that mulch will protect the crop in the summer time when protection is needed the most.

"I am an advocate of selecting and improving the home grown seed for two reasons. We are continually importing insect pests into our country. By improving the home grown seed we can increase our yield as the seed becoming acclimated here will naturally produce more. The climate never changes to suit the cereal, the cereal must change to suit the climate. Our farmers should know that the last seed that appear upon a plant, as a rule are immature. In selecting his corn seed he generally "nubs" off the little end of the corn. He should apply the same principle to his cotton and other cereals for the first boll that appears upon a stalk and those upon the end of the limbs are immature. As like will produce like, there are three ways of doing it. 1st, to produce in color, 2nd, in shape; but what we want is to produce it in size and quantity. To do this we must adopt a system of seed selection by which we can get the best seed and discard the inferior ones. The inferior boll that grew on the end of the limb will no more give a good yield of cotton than will the little grains that grew upon the end of the corn cob give a good yield of corn. Then by way of illustration: If the soil is the same, the season the same, why not every stalk of cotton give up as much as that one that gives up the most? There is but one reason, and that is due to the seed. For when the farmer is gathering his cotton he may select the seed from a plant that has only produced two bolls as often as he does one that produces thirty or forty. When he does this he need not expect a full yield because the law of nature is working and like is producing like.

I am also advocating a diversification of crops. A diversification of crops means a diversification of the market. A diversification of the market means to put the farmer on the selling side and take him off

the buying side. If he is on the selling side the money is coming his way, otherwise it is going from him. We have been clamoring for a long time for high prices of farm products—now we have it, but it has caught us on the buying side. Every farmer should raise all the necessities of life possible for the use of his family. Meat can be raised at 5 cents a pound or less. He can grow pigs just as easily as he can grow the plant to buy it with. Now he has got to raise \$15 or \$20 worth of something or other to get money with which to buy \$5 worth of meat. He should plant crops such as broom corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, all of which have a commercial value and there is a staple market for same. Broom corn is a dry weather crop and safe, not subject to boll worms, boll weevils or any other insect pests and by selecting the seed carefully the yield can be run up to \$75 to \$125 per acre. Peanuts are a valuable product, not only for commercial purposes but for feed. It is next to cotton seed meal as a dairy food. The peanut is also a soil builder. Irish and sweet potatoes are being raised now from 150 to 300 bushels to the acre, and if Maine, California and Colorado can find a market here in Texas for these products certainly our farmers ought to be encouraged to supply at least the home trade.

Our department is charged with the destruction of the insect pests of the state. Unfortunately for us at this time we are without the proper funds with which to carry out this work as it should be done in view of the fact that the whole state is now more or less infested with insects. Our orchards are dying by the hundreds and I believe that we have lost one hundred thousand fruit trees this year. Although the department is doing all that it is possible to do, the work is too great for it to handle unless it can get more money or more men. Take for instance the nine industrial states in the east, not one of which is as large as the state of Texas, and each has as many as twenty entomologists. Texas with her largest area has only one. It is to be hoped that the

next legislature will view the situation and come to the relief of the department of agriculture in its fight upon the insect pests. We now have in our orchards many different insects, including the San Jose scale. We also have insects attacking the trees, the leaf and the fruit. We also have other diseases called "fungus" that are destroying thousands and thousands of fruit trees. Besides this almost every kind of a crop is now attacked by some kind of an insect pest. Among the pests we have the boll worm, the melon louse, the potatoe weevil, the onion thrips, red spider on strawberries, cane borer, and quite a number of others. It is estimated by the United States government that the annual damage to crops and orchards in the United States will reach near \$800,000,000, and I believe Texas is losing between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Therefore the department of agriculture will welcome the assistance of every known agency to aid in its work.—Brownwood Banner Bulletin.

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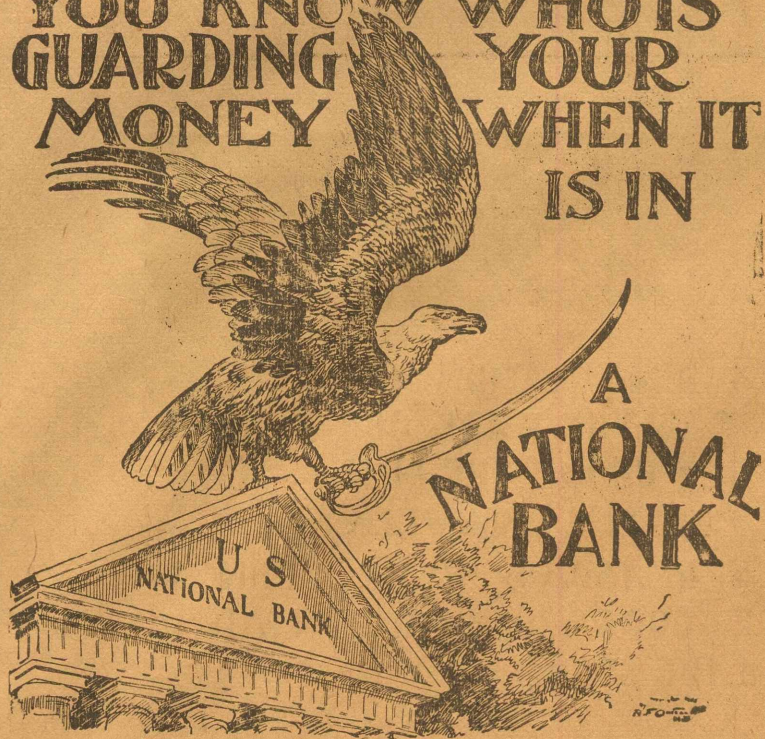
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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

J. B. Morrison was in the city Monday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything in fine shape in that section. He says he hasn't picked any cotton yet but that he will soon begin gathering the staple. The people of the Red Mud country are most fortunate this year in that all the farmers are making good crops of all kinds.

Mrs. J. M. Bennett and children moved over the latter part of last week from Stamford and will make Spur their home in the future.

Prof. Adams, of Glen Rose, came to Spur the latter part of last week to take charge of the Spur School as superintendent.

C. L. Love returned Friday from Stamford where he had been several days on account of illness in his family.

J. J. Cloud returned Saturday from a trip to Oklahoma where he spent several days. Mr. Cloud said that good crops were made in the section he visited and that he saw loads of corn selling for thirty-five cents a bushel.

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Mrs. Claude Brannen, of Jayton, was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman in the city.

Mrs. Y. L. Jones, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Dallas, returned Friday of last week to her home in Spur.

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City Restaurant & Bakery for your fresh bread, cookies, pies, cakes, etc.

Mrs. Roy Bledsoe, who has been on an extended visit to relative at Stephenville, returned the latter part of last week to her home at Spur.

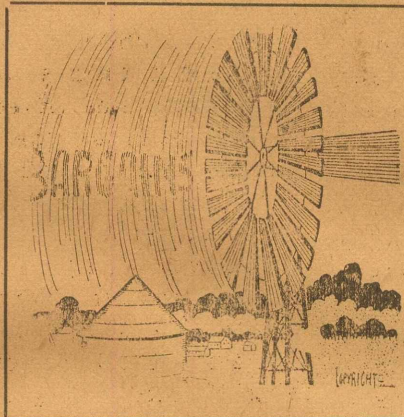
Mrs. G. C. Pass and children left the first of the week on an extended visit to relatives at Rodgers and other points in the eastern part of the state.

Pair of pet deer for sale at my place 7 miles east of Afton.
J. H. EDWARDS.

Fred Hisey and family moved this week to a residence in the northeast part of the city.

J. A. Bird, of Garza county, was here Monday shipping cattle to market. He shipped five or six cars.

Miss Ola Price received a message Monday that her sister near Aspermont was very sick and not expected to live. Miss Price left on the afternoon train to be at the bedside of her sister.



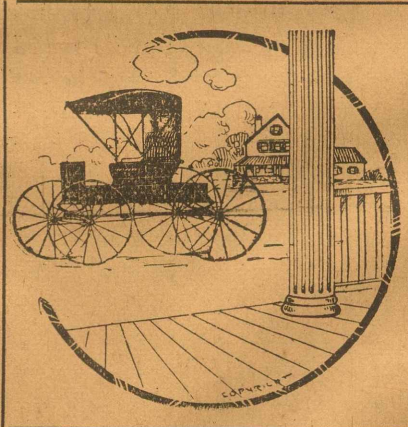
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Mrs. N. Q. Brannen returned this week from a visit to relatives at Jayton and Peacock.

W. H. Wright, of Rule, was in the city Sunday. Mr. Wright is an organizer of B. Y. P. U. and made a talk along this line Sunday afternoon at the Baptist tabernacle. His address was very much appreciated since an organization was just recently effected here.

Miss Lizzie Jones, of Jayton, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen this week.

T. R. Brannen was here Sunday from Jayton and spent the day with his brother, N. Q. Brannen.

A square meal or short order at City Restaurant and Bakery.

Rev. Kilgore, a Methodist preacher of Afton, was in the city Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Barney Johnson, a prominent real estate man of Crosbyton, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business.

William Bott, who owns and operates a blacksmith business at Dickens, passed through Spur Saturday in route home from a trip to Montague county where he had been to dispose of some property. He stopped over in Spur to buy a lot or a blacksmith business here and locate with us.

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J. C. Davis, a prominent citizen of the Sanders Hollow country, had business in Spur and spent several days here during the week.

Herman Morrison came up Tuesday from Rotan and spent several days in Spur looking after the R. R. Morrison business at this place.

T. E. Rucker, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur the first of this week on business.

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TAP TELLINGS.

The weather the past week has been most favorable for the gathering of crops. The farmers in this section are storing bountiful crops of feed and cotton will make a fair yield.

E. E. Turner pulled his binder out from the shed last week and has since been busy cutting feed for his neighbors.

Postmaster Luce returned Friday from an extended trip out on the plains and over in Mexico. He says crops are much better here than any section he passed over.

The carpenters have completed the Christian Church building and T. B. Danforth is now painting the house.

Jim Abney is chief cook at the Bachelor's Hall on Signal Hill since his father and mother have been away.

R. D. Williams came in the first of this week with his family and household goods and will now permanently locate on the farm he bought of H. C. Peterson on Cat Fish.

Mrs. S. S. Allcorn and children boarded the train Tuesday for a three weeks visit at their old home at Crews, Texas.

Mr. Allcorn and B. F. Hinson will keep house in true bachelor style while Mrs. Allcorn is away. The young folks enjoyed a candy party to the fullest extent at the home of C. J. Smith last Saturday night.

Jack Scoggins, of Spur, is thinking of putting in a blacksmith shop at Tap soon. We would gladly welcome Mr. Scoggins and family as neighbors and we are badly in need of a Smith here, while we have a large number of Smiths with us but they don't work at the smith trade.

S. P. Preslar is building a nice residence on his place north of Tap, in fact most everyone is making improvements of some kind. The old settlers who have lived here for years in their lit-

tle shacks are preparing now to live in comfort by building good houses and barns.

Gadabout.

Dr. Johnson, a prominent physician of Hereford, was in Spur this week with a view of locating here and making this his home. We would be very glad to have Dr. Johnson locate with us, but since this is one of the healthiest countries we know of in the universe we could not give him much professional encouragement.

C. M. Buchanan came in Tuesday from his home near Dickens and sold out a load of big, fine watermelons grown on his place. Mr. Buchanan reports crops in his section fine.

Mrs. Adams came to Spur Wednesday to join her husband here. Mr. Adams has accepted a position in the Spur schools and will make his home here in the future.

Miss Brown who has been spending the past month with relatives and friends at Matador returned this week to her home in the northern part of the city.

Dr. Brannen, a dentist of Palestine, has been in the city several days this week with a view of locating here and establishing a dental office.

Mr. Brown, who is doing electric wiring in the city, returned Wednesday from Stamford where he spent several days on business.

S. P. Odom, of a few miles south of town, was in the city Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

Sebe Lambert was in town Wednesday from the Red Mud country with produce to sell to the townspeople.

Mrs. Lucian Haile, of near Afton, was in the city Tuesday visiting relatives and friends.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral. \$50,553.90
Loans, real estate 1,581.58
Overdrafts 1,315.75
Bonds and Stocks .00
Real Estate (banking house) 8,300.00
Other real estate .00
Furniture and Fixtures 375.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents \$8,608.10
Due from other banks and bankers subject to check 3,799.62 12,407.72
Cash Items 138.15
Currency 1,496.00
Specie 1,366.90
Other resources as follow:
Int in Depositors
Guarantee Fund 1,500.00
Total \$79,035.00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in \$50,000.00
Surplus fund .00
Undivided profits, net 1,369.33
Due to banks and bankers subject to check .00
Individual deposits subject to check 17,619.99
Time certificates of deposit .00
Demand certificates of deposit .00
Cashier's checks .00
Bills payable and Rediscounts 10,000.00
Other liabilities as follows:
Suspense ac. 45.68
Total \$79,035.00

State of Texas, County of Dickens. We, G. H. Connell as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, Pres.
[L. S.] E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me, by E. C. Edmonds, this 8th day of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and ten.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

E. J. COWAN,
Notary Public

State of Texas, County of Tarrant. Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell before me, this 10th day of September, 1910.

NORMAN E. NELSON,
Notary Public, Tarrant County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:

T. E. Standifer,
S. R. Davis,
J. D. Harkey,
Directors.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. B. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk. Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.

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You are hereby commanded to summon H. E. Johnston by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks, previous to the return day hereof, in some news paper published in your county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct number three, Dickens County Texas, to be held at the office of E. J. Cowan Justice of the Peace at Spur in said precinct, on the 17th day of October, 1910; then and there to answer the suit of Kolb and Blanks, a partnership composed of O. F. Kolb and A. B. Blanks plaintiffs, against T. M. Verner and H. E. Johnston defendants, for the sum of Fifty Five Dollars, filed on the 18th day of August, 1910, and numbered on the docket, 36. The nature of plaintiffs demand being suit to recover the sum of Fifty Five Dollars as a balance due on account for laundry between the dates of June the 1st., 1910, and August the 10th 1910.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, But make due return of this writ to the October term, 1910, of said court, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand Officially this 22nd day of September, 1910.

E. J. COWAN,
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3, Dickens County Texas.

NOTICE

To the Citizens of Precinct No. 3, Dickens county, Texas:

Owing to the fact that my business prevents me from giving the time which the office of Justice of the Peace seems to require, I have handed to Hon. P. C. Maynard, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County, my resignation as the Democratic nominee for the office.

I beg to assure you of my sincere appreciation of your endorsement in the primary, and whenever I can serve your interests in the future I shall be glad to have you call on me.

Sincerely yours,
E. J. COWAN.

Rev Wilson, of Dickens, was a visitor in the city Wednesday and Thursday, spending the night here with friends. Rev. Wilson had just returned from Paducah where he attended the Panhandle Baptist Association. He reports that the Association will meet at Spur the next regular meeting time in September, 1911.

The South Panhandle Baptist Association will hold its next meeting at Spur in September, 1911. Representatives will be here from the three surrounding counties and the meeting is expected to have a large attendance from every section.

J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin, was in Spur Wednesday with a bale of cotton to sell to the Spur cotton buyers. Throughout the week cotton has been coming in pretty regular and the fall season is now open in earnest.

If you want to buy one of the addition blocks to Spur, well improved and at low figures and easy terms see the Spur Exchange.

W. S. Campbell returned Monday from a trip to Mundav where he spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends.

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STATE BANK GOING UP

The new First State Bank building is now nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy by the fifteenth of October. Cement walks are being laid completely surrounding the building and when everything is complete the building will be one among the most handsome and substantial buildings in the town. The base of the building is of solid concrete, crowned and trimmed with red and white pressed brick.

Spur today has more fine buildings, more substantial buildings and more costly buildings than any other town its size and age in Texas—and we believe within the United States. Keep your eye on Spur. She is growing, the country is developing and the people are progressing and prospering.

MARRIED

O. O. Love and Miss Florence Medlin were united in the bonds of matrimony Wednesday at Dickens, Rev. Wilson performing the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Love came to Spur and boarded the afternoon train for eastern points. They were accompanied to Spur by Rev. Wilson.

The contracting parties are among the most prominent young people of the country. Mr. Love is a member of the firm of Gunn, Love & Company of Dickens, and their many friends in the county extend congratulations and best wishes.

A. R. Fouts came up from Rotan Wednesday and spent several days here looking after his business interests in Spur. Mr. Fouts reports that the cotton is rolling into Rotan at this time and that up to Saturday night thirteen hundred bales of cotton had been ginned at that place. The cotton in that section is somewhat earlier than in Dickens, since the first bale of cotton was ginned here only last week. However, from now on the gin is expected to be kept going to supply the demand for ginning.

We received a letter recently from Jno. T. George at Waterloo, Iowa, enclosing two dollars to pay for two subscriptions to The Texas Spur, and stating that he and family would return at once to their ranch near Jayton. Mr. George and family have been spending several months in Iowa and other places north and east.

Mr. Martin, son of Mrs. Martin of Tap, was in town this week with cotton which he sold to Spur buyers.

John Randall, of several miles southeast of Spur, brought in three bales of cotton Thursday from his place.

Fred O. McFall was in from his place a few miles out one day this week and reports things all o. k.

Jim Swearingen and family left Thursday for the Duck Creek country to pick cotton awhile.

The Spur Exchange has two bargain in lots and houses.

W. O. Wooten, of the Plains country, was here one day this week with a load of cotton which he sold at the Spur market. The prices now being paid by Spur buyers is attracting the attention of everybody within the Spur trade territory.

Jim Driver came in Thursday with three bales of cotton from his place in the Draper country. The cotton of that section of the country is said to be exceptionally fine this year considering the conditions.

John S. Callahan was in Thursday and reports everything moving smoothly in his section. He says THAT A RAIN AT THIS TIME would do his late feed crop much good.

Mr. I. D. Ferguson, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of the Draper country in the north east part of the county, was here Wednesday with two bales of cotton from his place.

Hodges Haile came in Thursday with cotton from his place in the Afton country and hauled out a load of coal and other supplies.

Sam Smith, of near Tap, was in the city the first of the week and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city Thursday from her home a few miles north of Spur.

S. S. Allcorn, of the Red Mud community, was in Spur one day this week.

PAYS FOR FARM WITH ONE CROP

Mr. Scott, who lives on the Higgins ranch in the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the first of this week and sold three bales of cotton to the buyers of the town. He secured a little more than seventy dollars a bale for his staple and says that he expects to market not less than thirty bales from his crop this year. Mr. Scott says he owes only one debt of one hundred and fifty dollars for supplies for the year and that he expects to get enough out of his cotton crop this year to buy a farm which he has already selected and which will cost him eighteen hundred dollars. We wonder how this will sound to some of the easterners who think the west is no place to farm? A man who can make his living and clear enough from one crop to buy and pay for a farm in one year, and that year, too, considered a short crop year in all parts of the country, is going some and we consider it one of the best recommendations to the homeseeker to come out and investigate the Spur country.

"FAIR WARNING."

The party that took the 22 cal. Remington rifle from the Western Hotel some three weeks ago is known. There is absolute proof as to who took it and to save trouble, he had better return it to the RITER HDW. CO.



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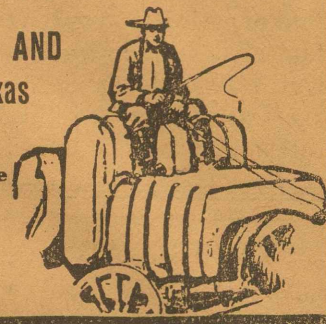
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MERRY MOMENTS OF POETS

Recorded Remarks of Visitors That Furnished Amusement to the Writers.

It is not every poet who possesses the sense of humor. Longfellow had it in unusual degree, writes William Winter in "Old Friends." Nothing absurd escaped him. Among the relics that he especially treasured was an inkstand, once the property of Coleridge. One day, showing that relic to a stranger who had called on him, he said: "Perhaps 'The Ancient Mariner' was written from this." "Yes," said his visitor, "and 'The Old Oaken Bucket,' who done that?"

An admirer of Longfellow's once wrote him, saying: "Please send your autograph in your own handwriting."

He has recorded a characteristic dialogue with a strange lady, who accosted him one summer morning at his house door.

"Is this the house where Longfellow was born?"

"No, he was not born here."

"Did he die here?"

"No, he is not dead."

"Are you Longfellow?"

"I am."

"I thought you died two years ago."

That recalls the intelligent remark made to Walter Savage Landor by a lady who rushed to compliment him on his "Pericles and Aspasia."

"Mr. Landor," she said, "I haven't had time to read your 'Periwinkles and Asparagus,' but I hear it is very good."—Sunday Magazine of the Milwaukee Sentinel.

WANTED A DIFFERENT KIND

"Eatin' Aigs" This Time, the Request Made by Boy to the Mortified Grocer.

The following good story, which illustrates the fact that fools and children tell the truth no matter how painful the consequences, is told by George A. Markham, probation officer in the Buffalo police court.

A dull-looking boy came into a small grocery store and stood in the middle of the floor awkwardly twisting his fingers until the attention of the grocer was attracted to him. The vendor of cabbage and canned goods finally approached him and rubbing his hands, inquired:

"Well, my good fellow, what can I do for you?"

"Ma sent me down to get some aigs."

"What kind of eggs do you wish?" inquired the grocer.

"I want eatin' aigs," exploded the lad.

"You don't quite understand what I mean," said the grocer as those present smiled. "What I meant was this—What priced eggs do you wish, the 32 cent kind or the 35 kind?"

"I knowed what you meant," responded the little fellow, "but the fact aigs we got wa'n't eatin' aigs."

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SUBSTITUTE LOBSTERS.

Consul Joseph A. Howells writes as follows concerning the fisheries of the Caicos islands: "Last summer this consulate suggested that it might pay American lobster packers to send a man to this colony to visit the Caicos islands to investigate the question of supplementing the home catch of lobsters by using the crawfish, which are plentiful in that vicinity and are similar to our lobsters, minus the large claws. Curiously enough, the report had not been forwarded a month when an Englishman came with a canning outfit, which he put in operation at these islands, and by the last Bristol steamer he made his first shipment of a number of cases of canned crawfish, conchs and green turtle, the latter abounding on the banks which surround the Caicos group."

ALSO READY WITH A BLUFF

Quick Thought That Probably Saved American from Death at the Hands of Mob.

John Lover, the wild animal expert of the Philadelphia Zoo, was talking about big game hunting in Uganda.

"You must be quick," Mr. Lover ended. "You must be as quick as a cousin of mine once was in Whitechapel."

"It was Jack the Ripper time. Do you remember that terrible time? All Whitechapel, all the world, was on edge."

"My cousin, looking for excitement, wandered one night through the darkest and dimmest alleys and courts of the Whitechapel slums, and all of a sudden a woman blocked his way."

"Give me your money, all of it, she said, 'or I'll scream out that you're Jack the Ripper. If this crowd gets at you then—"

"My cousin was always phenomenally quick. He took the woman's arm in a viselike grip, and he let his eyes blaze to hers."

"Madam," he hissed, "I am Jack the Ripper."

"And with a smothered scream she turned and fled."

FORCE NEEDED.

Youngwed—I always crack up my wife's biscuits.

Mr. Bachelor—Heavens! Are they as hard as that?

Set Sensible Fashion.

Queen Alexandra of England is credited with having been the means of emancipating English and American children from many foolish and uncomfortable fashions. At the time of her marriage to the heir of the English throne children in fashionable families were rarely seen outside of their nurseries, but when the young Danish princess began to keep her children about her and to have her picture taken holding them in her arms the fashion changed and devoted motherhood became the hallmark of American and English smartness. She also had her sons clothed in comfortable sailor suits and her two daughters, the present queen of Norway and the Princess Victoria, were allowed to wear the loose woolen jerseys which are now so much worn by schoolgirls.

Forsaker the World.

Determined to get away from all influences of home, relatives and friends during her novitiate of three years, so as to minimize all probability of her changing her present purpose to devote her life to the church, Bernadette Imwalle, the beautiful young daughter of Henry Imwalle, mayor of St. Bernard, left Thursday for Namur, Belgium, where she will enter the convent of Notre Dame.

Her father and mother are heart-sick at the thought of losing their only daughter for all time, but, convinced that she would be unhappy if they should try to prevent her from carrying out her resolve they have acquiesced in her determination.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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