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FRIENDS GREET WEDDED COUPLE.

**A Number of Friends Greet
Newly Weds and Form Pro-
cession of Escorts.**

Wednesday Ned Hogan returned from Collinsville where he and Miss Patton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday at the home of the bride's parents.

A number of Mr. Hogan's friends in Spur greeted the bride and groom at the depot, having prepared conveyances in honor of the occasion, and after the greetings the bride was escorted to an auto in waiting while the groom was gently but firmly led to a conveyance prepared and decorated for his special benefit. The conveyance was a two-wheel cart decorated with flags, bunting and old shoes and to which was attached a donkey appropriately decorated and flying flags in honor of the occasion. After placing the groom in the wedding carriage the conveyance was headed up the main street followed by friends who formed the wedding procession, escorting the groom to the Sol Davis mercantile establishment at which place the groom was lifted from the carriage by attentive escorts.

Mr. Hogan is chief head clerk of the Sol Davis mercantile establishment and which position he has held a number of years. He is a young man of sterling worth and exceptional business ability and has many friends in every section of Dickens county who will join the Texas Spur in congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, and wish for them a long, happy and most prosperous married life.

A TRIP TO ROTAN

Last week the writer made a trip to Rotan, and although our time was limited and mostly consumed in looking after business matters we met a number of friends and former acquaintances whom we were glad to see.

Rotan, notwithstanding the comparatively dull season which prevails over the country, continues to build and an immense volume of business compared to other towns of no greater population and age is being done at this time by the merchants and business men. At present, Day Brothers, a big hardware firm, is having a fine two-story brick business house erected and which is now nearing completion. A large and handsome brick city hall building is now under construction and when complete will be a structure of which the town and general public should feel proud.

After the creation of Rotan this writer published for some time the Rotan paper, and from personal experience and observation and exceptional success in the publishing business, we can say that no town in all of western Texas has more live and progressive business men and citizenship. The business men and citizens push their businesses, incessantly exploit the resources of the town, effectively and persistently promote the settlement

and development of the Rotan country which is recognized as among the richest agricultural sections of the West.

Rotan is among the most substantial towns of Central West Texas and we are glad to note that it continues to build and progress and under normal conditions we know that the people will prosper. We hope that peace and plenty will ever surround the entire citizenship of the Rotan country.

NO BETTER PEOPLE.

A. S. Jackson, a prominent citizen and hardware man of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a dollar with us for the paper another year for which he has our thanks. Subscribers to the Texas Spur in Dickens county are the best paying people of any country, and that list includes the majority of citizens of the county. No paper in the country which does not adhere to the cash in advance system with subscribers has a more prompt paying list of subscribers than the Texas Spur. We are glad to live and do business in such a county. Hurrah for Dickens county and her citizenship.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the Masonic meeting Thursday night the following officials were elected for the ensuing year: W. G. Sherrod, W. M.; W. A. Hamilton, S. W.; J. C. McNeill, J. W.; E. C. Edmonds, Treasurer; Jeff D. Reagan Secretary; C. H. Lovelace, S. D.; F. W. Jennings J. D.; S. T. Clemmons and C. H. Senning Stewards; E. F. Springer, Tyler.

CROPS GROWING

S. R. Driver, a prominent citizen of the Croton country near Draper, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the Spur merchants. Mr. Driver reports that everything is in good shape in his country and that while it is a little dry at this time the crops are growing and will not suffer for rain for some time.

DRY AND HOT.

J. D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, handing us a check on subscription to the paper for which he has our thanks. Mr. Harkey said that it is dry and hot in Dickens as well as elsewhere.

WELL DRILLING AGAIN DELAYED.

**Work on Deep Well Drilling
Again Temporarily Delayed
For Repairs.**

After drilling thirty six feet in the deep well Monday Driller Minnihan was forced to delay the drilling operation several days to put another patch on the boiler. Everything is most promising at this time. The water continues to flow slowly from the well and we expect to hear the report at any time that Spur has a strong artesian flow of water. Keep your eyes on Spur. We are coming to the front in every undertaking and before many years expect to have a city of recognized commercial and industrial value to the country as a whole.

ATTENDING NORMAL.

Prof. O. S. Ferguson, of Dickens, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to Stamford to attend the Summer Normal, and while in the city was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Prof. Ferguson has secured the Dickens school for the next term and says that construction work on the new twenty thousand dollar building at Dickens is now progressing rapidly and when complete will be one of the finest school buildings in Western Texas. Prof. Ferguson is an able teacher and under his superintendency the Dickens school is expected to progress and become a noted educational institution in this section of country.

A MAN AMONG MEN

Recently while making a trip over the Texas Central railway we met up with Col. J. C. Kirby, Secretary of the Rotan Commercial Club. He was on his way to Waco, Houston and other Texas cities in the interest of his club work, and he informed us that before returning home he will make a trip up into Oklahoma to secure an airship to fly in Rotan on the 26, 27 and 28 of July, the date of the Rotan Picnic. Mr. Kirby had also made a trip as far up as Saint Louis and Chicago with a small exhibit of Fisher county produce, distributing thousands of booklets and literature descriptive of the Rotan country, the effects of which is already being felt in that section at this season of the year. Col. Kirby, although serving as secretary only about one year, has developed into one of the very best commercial club secretaries

of all of Western Texas, and considering the financial backing which has been given him in his labors his efforts have been most successful. Col. Kirby is a man among men, honest, conservative, well informed and an ardent booster and believer in Western Texas, its possibilities and future development and any town should feel proud of such a man and Rotan is to be congratulated above other towns of Central West Texas in securing the services of J. C. Kirby.

A RED HEADED BOY

A big, fine, red headed boy was born Monday night to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor at their home in the northwest part of the city. We noticed Tuesday morning that Mr. Taylor was stepping higher and with an unusually proud bearing, for which we could not account until it was reported that a son and first born heir had arrived to make his permanent abode in the home. We congratulate the parents and wish for young Mr. Taylor a long, prosperous life and a successful and recognized career in Western Texas.

J. O. YOPP DERANGED

Tuesday J. O. Yopp was carried to the Dickens jail for confinement temporarily during the continuation of a deranged mind. Mr. Yopp has been suffering during the past month or more of a pain in the head and which Dr. Morris had been treating without effect. Monday his mind became deranged and through fear that he might become violent he was carried Tuesday to Dickens for confinement.

The Texas Spur is sorry to note this misfortune and we hope soon to report the complete recovery of Mr. Yopp.

ENCOURAGING.

We continue to add new names to the Texas Spur subscription list and which fact is encouraging to the publisher. We want to send the paper to every home in Dickens county and will promise to give every reader a dollar's worth of news within a year. Tell your neighbor about the Texas Spur and favor us by asking him to come in and try the paper one year.

FIVE CONVERSIONS.

Rev. Mark Hardin preached Sunday at the Red Mud church and reports five conversions at the services. Uncle Buck is a citizen of the old frontier school, is a true christian gentleman and preaches the old time religion.

SURPRISED AT LARGE ACREAGE

**No County Surpasses Dickens
Country in Crop Conditions
And Development.**

Mr. Lakey, a cotton buyer of Seymour, had business in Spur this week and spent several days here securing data and information concerning the crop conditions, development of the country and prospects for the 1911 cotton crop in Dickens county. He was pleased with the prospects and surprised at the large acreage of new lands being cultivated throughout the country. No section of country has surpassed the Spur trade territory and Dickens county in progress along agricultural lines during the past eighteen months and no country can boast a richer and more productive soil and which is being settled and developed rapidly by a thrifty, progressive and intelligent citizenship.

There are now being cultivated within this territory more than thirty thousand acres of land, more than half and possibly two-thirds of which is planted in cotton, the prospects now promising a crop yield of from one-half to three-fourths of a bale to the acre, which insures more than ten thousand bales of cotton to be marketed in Spur during the fall.

Considering the fact that Spur Farm Lands was placed on sale and opened to settlement only about eighteen months ago no one can doubt the fact that the development and settlement of this section has been most rapid and substantial, and with a continuation of development progress and prevailing conditions towns will continue to grow, the people prosper and within a few years Dickens county will be recognized as a forceful and material factor in the country as a whole in both commerce and agriculture.

GILPIN NEWS

Brother Bennett preached to an attentive crowd Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday night at the Duck Creek school house.

Mrs. Willie Butts is visiting her two sisters in Spur this week.

Mrs. Geter left Sunday to visit her father and mother in East Texas.

Mrs. Luther White left Monday for Knox county where she expects to make her home for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sampson taken dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Sunday.

Crops are holding up very well but we need rain.

Mrs. Carlisle and Mrs. Morris spent last Thursday evening with Mrs. W. A. Hawkins.

Prayer meeting is still progressing nicely. The next meeting will be at Mr. Samson's.
Bashful Bill.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Mr. Clyde Cusle, Mary Hawzel, Mrs. Alice Purgle.

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BOTH PHONES NO. 2

WOMEN'S PROHIBITION CLUB

This Column is Edited in Behalf of Our Country, Our State And Our Home

From 500 B. C. up to and including the Russo-Japan war, the total number of killed in battle is estimated at about 700,000.

Comparative figures show that alcohol is killing as many Americans every year as all the wars of the world have killed in battle in 2300 years.

Applied to the whole white race, we find that alcohol is killing 3,500,000 white men every year, five times as many as have been killed in war in 2300 years.

No wonder the governments investigating the subject have found war has been only a secondary cause of national decline, and that alcohol has been the real destroyer that has overthrown all the great nations of the past and is now undermining the great nations of today.

The full ravages of alcohol are not measured even by the appalling list of killed and wounded. War kills and wounds; alcohol kills and wounds ten thousand times more than all war combined, and in addition it degenerates. Its toxin attacks with special variety the young, tender cells associated with evolution. A plant or vegetable or fruit steadily evolving some color or form under the process of cultivation when watered with water to which a small quantity of alcohol is added will quickly cease to evolve and will lose the color and form and revert backward toward the condition when it grew wild. If a young domestic animal is brought up on a fare to which a small ration of alcohol is added, by the time it is grown it will lose those qualities acquired in domesticity.

The habitual use of alcoholic beverages by a civilized Indian speedily reduces him to the plane of the savage. It quickly degenerates the negro to a level of a cannibal.

A white man with great self-control, considerate, tender-hearted, a loving husband and parent, will be degenerated by regular use of alcoholic beverages until he will be cruel to his own flesh and blood and will kill with little or no provocation.

The subject matter of the following paragraph is taken from a speech by Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, in Congressional Record:

"It is conservatively estimated that 95 per cent of all the acts and crimes of violence committed in civilized communities are the direct result of men being put down by alcohol toward a plane of savagery. The degenerating process strikes at the integrity of the reason and is the chief cause of idiocy and insanity. It wipes out self-control, self-respect, and produces the bulk of tramps, paupers and vagabonds."

In every living thing there is the evolutionary impulse to raise and progress. In the human family man is not changing

much in his physical nature, but is evolving up those delicate centers of the brain upon whose activities rests the moral sense. Nature in carrying out the purpose of the Creator to make man in the image of God, is trying to produce men of higher character, a race of true, noble men. Alcoholic beverages even in moderation reverse the processes in nature, defy the will of God and set back the purpose of creation. —Texas Railway Journal.

THE SALOON

Makes business for a city just like fleas make business for a dog. Still the dog does not get fat scratching fleas.

No legitimate business is supported by the saloon, but every other business suffers, from their presence. Yet this false claim to business really keeps them from being run out of our cities. Business men are beginning to see however that the dog would be better off without the fleas.

Texas will be better off without the business which produces only Crime, Pauperism and Insanity.

"State of Oklahoma, Executive Department, Oklahoma City May 4, 1911. Mr. W. S. Harris, Grandbury, Texas. Dear Sir—I am in receipt of clipping from newspaper and article written by Fred M. Stevens in reference to prohibition in the state of Oklahoma.

"Mr. Stevens came to Oklahoma doubtless to find certain things and found them. If he had come with an unprejudiced mind, he would have found different facts. He tells about finding dives and joints in Oklahoma towns and says he could give the streets and Nos. of these. As a citizen, if he knew these facts, he should have placed them before the County Attorneys of the different counties and it would have been the duty of these officers to have had these lawbreakers arrested.

"Mr. Stevens does not tell about finding a large brewery in Oklahoma City which formerly made beer, but now makes nothing but ice. He did not tell there are no open saloons and that the average man passing along the streets would not know that liquors could be bought in Oklahoma City and these other towns. The man who wants to buy liquor in Oklahoma must hunt for it, just as Mr. Stevens doubtless did.

"People still steal horses in Oklahoma and occasionally even murder is committed, despite the fact that there are laws in Oklahoma against both of these crimes. This same condition doubtless prevails in Texas also and there are road houses in States where the open saloon flourishes.

"The people of Oklahoma are well satisfied with prohibition, which fact is proven conclusively by the election returns. The majority at the last election was larger than at the former election. This is the best evidence that the people of this State are better satisfied with conditions now than with conditions which formerly prevailed, when the

State had open saloons.

"There is more money in the banks now than then. The stores are selling more goods now than then. Real estate is worth more now than then in both town and country. There are more miles of paving and sidewalks now than then, and all Oklahoma is more prosperous to day than it was when the State had open saloons.

"Lee Cruce, Governor"

A CHICKEN FREAK

Mrs. W. D. Clay has a freak chicken at her home in the western part of the city. The chicken was hatched last week and has only one perfect leg and foot, being doubled up and has but one toe. Another small leg without toes is growing from the chickens tail, and which almost touches the ground while the chick is standing. The chicken is apparently healthy and probably grow to maturity.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Ranch and Farm Lands at 8 1-2 per cent. Long time. E. J. Cowan. 33-3t

Miss Una Rector, who has been spending several days with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smart, returned Tuesday to her home at Rotan.

W. M. Ganaway spent several days this week in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smart. He was returning from a trip to Tennessee to his home in California.

J. N. Rhodes and wife, of several miles south west of Spur were in the city Thursday trading with the Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Henson entertained a number of friends Tuesday night at their home in the northwest part of the city. All present report a most pleasant evening spent in this hospitable home.

H. P. Barnard, who has been prospecting in the Spur country the past several days, returned this week to his home in Union Grove, Alabama. Mr. Barnard was pleased with the country and said that he would possibly move to this section at a later date.

Mrs. J. F. Vernon returned Tuesday from an extended visit to relatives in Haskell. Mrs. Vernon reports that section of country is dry, having had local showers since the general rain in February, grain and feed crops beginning to suffer and the grass dying.

BOUGHT LAND

Messrs. Cherry, of Lavacca county, who were here last week prospecting, bought a half section of land south of Spur and one of the gentlemen will move here and begin improving the land at an early date, while the other Mr. Cherry will gather his crop before moving to the purchase. We are glad to have these gentlemen locate with us and hope that they will prosper beyond their expectations.

C. E. House, who has been spending several weeks in Spur looking after business interests, left Saturday for Fort Worth.

R. R. Morrison returned Thursday from Rotan where he spent several days on business and reports the Rotan country in pretty good shape.

J. H. Stradley, a prominent business man and citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and reports Dickens building and business lively at this time. Work on the twenty thousand dollar school building is in progress and as a result the people are optimistic and business enlivened.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn last Thursday evening games of croquet and forty two were played by Miss Jane Smith, W. F. Godfrey, Miss Elvora Dunn and C. E. Dillon. Delicious punch, cream and cake were served by Mrs. Dunn and quite an enjoyable time is reported by the guests.

Thursday a subscription list was circulated in Spur for the benefit of J. C. Yopp and family and one hundred dollars were contributed to their need by Spur's generous citizenship. No bigger hearted people live than those of Spur. They are always ready to help the needy and assist the unfortunate.

INSURANCE THAT INSURES

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CUTTING GRAIN

Judge McClain was in town Monday from his place in the Cat Fish country. The Judge has just finished cutting his grain crops and estimates his oat crop to thresh out some twenty five or thirty bushels to the acre while his wheat will possibly be not more than fifteen or twenty bushels.

SPUR A HOG MARKET

John Wooten and son, Andy, of the Wake country, came to Spur Monday with a load of hogs which were sold to the Central Meat Market at the prevailing prices.

The people of the surrounding country realize that the hog business in connection with farming is a paying proposition in this section and during the year many wagon loads of hogs have been hauled to Spur and sold on the market here and shipped to the Fort Worth markets, and in every instance the prices have been satisfactory and the business of hog raising proved profitable and a demonstrated success in every respect.

MARRIED.

Sunday Mr. Jim Foster and Miss Era Ham were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents ten miles northeast of Dickens. A large number of friends of the contracting parties were present and on account of the large attendance the marriage ceremony was performed in the yard. Immediately after the ceremony ice cream, cake and other refreshments were served and Mr. and Mrs. Foster received the congratulations and good wishes of all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster will reside at their farm home adjoining the Ham place and their many friends in Dickens county wish them a long, happy and prosperous married life and the Texas Spur joins them in very best wishes.

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SECUREING A HOME

J. P. Simmons recently bought the residence now occupied by T. M. Verner and family of Mr. Russell. Mr. Simmons will move soon to his new home and says that hereafter he will be under his own vine and fig tree and not be forced to pay tribute to the upkeep of the other fellow's property. To secure a home should be one of the first considerations of any man and to that end we are working day by day.

DISTINGUISHED VISITOR

Harry Chittendon, the famous Western Texas "Ranchman Poet" was in Spur several days this week visiting with Chas. A. Jones and wife. Mr. Chittendon is now a resident of Bermuda Islands, but for years operated and now owns a ranch of several thousand acres of land and cattle in Jones county. While living on the Jones county ranch Mr. Chittendon composed his book of poems, which for the true characters portrayed has gained commendation and a large circulation, he having had the fifth or sixth edition of several thousand volumes published and circulated. Spur is honored by a visit of this distinguished Bard and former citizen of this section.

L. W. Davis left Tuesday for Fort Worth where he will spend several days on business.

A number of the young people of the city enjoyed a party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Day in the west part of the city.

P. H. Miller left Wednesday morning to attend the opening of the new town, Slayden, on the Plains.

Mr. Miller, of Stamford and representing the Crowdas Drug Company, was in Spur Monday canvassing the drug trade here.

Sam Flemmings, a prominent citizen and drummer of Stamford, was in Spur Monday looking after his trade interests here.

Misses Ruby Ellis and Eva Wheelock, two charming young ladies of Lubbock, are in the city the guests of the Misses Ellis at their home in Spur.

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Sulu Gardner and Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, where in the city Sunday.

Rev. Willam Pearn, District Evangelist, will preach at the First Christian Church of Spur next Sunday morning and evening.

CLUB ORGANIZATION

Sunday afternoon Messrs. Link, Stewart, Miller, Berryman, Brandon, Pearn, Jennings and Reagan went to Red Mud, where a prohibition rally was held, and a local prohibition club was organized with Mr. S. S. Allcorn as president and Mrs. Sam Smith as secretary. Thirty two names were enrolled as members.

Pure Linen Lace 5c per. yard at Variety Store.

Dr. Hale and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Monday.

The coldest drinks and high grade confectioneries at Westfeldts.

When you want a prescription filled see Cook at the Spur Drug Company. He knows how and has the drugs with which to do he work.

T. C. Day, who has been employed on the Matador Ranch, returned recently to his home in Spur.

Why spend your time these hot days over the cook stove when you can get the best cooked meats at the Central Meat Market? The best Baker Bread also supplied. Market in old Dixie Store stand.

Mrs. Kerlin, of Louisiana, recently passed through the city on her way to Dickens to visit her son, J. R. Kerlin and family. On the same day that Mr. Kerlin's mother left home for Dickens his two children boarded the train in Spur to visit their grandmother in Louisiana, thus both the grand-mother and children were somewhat disappointed in their visits.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clay spent Sunday and Sunday night with friends at the Spur Ranch headquarters.

Misses Pearl, Jim and May Blackwell, formerly of Spur but who now live twelve miles south of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading and visting friends.

J. A. Coon and Miss Lillian Denton were visitors Sunday in the Croton country and attended the marriage of Miss Era Ham to Jim Foster at the home of the bride.

AN OLD WESTENER

Uncle Bill Coulter, a prominent citizen of Rotan and old time westerner, is here spending the week with Uncle Buck Hardin at his home several miles southwest of Spur. Uncle Bill thinks that the Spur country is one of the richest agricultural sections of this western country, and is one of the old timers who punched cattle all over this country at a time when towns, railroads and farms were undreamed and the country considered suitable only for grazing purpose and the habitat of Indians and coyotes. These old timers are those who made it possible for the progress and development of today on every hand and we wish all of them peace and plenty in their declining days.

Miss May Stewart returned the first of the week from Stamford where she had been to attend a meeting of the Mother's Club.

DRILLING RESUMED

Monday morning having finished the repair work on the boiler, the work of drilling on the deep well was resumed by Driller Minnihan. The well was 2065 feet deep Monday, and having gone into a softer rock and one which is said to be more indicative of artesian water, we expect to report at no distant date the securing of an adequate flow of artesian water. At the present time the water flows from the well in a very small quantity, and this fact in itself is evidence that artesian water is to be had here and the probability is that not many more feet will be drilled before striking the main artesian stream. We feel so confident of securing artesian water that we have already set up a red head-line conveying the news to the public.

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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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LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. Nat Patton, W. M.; O. J. Weaver, Sec

Might Chapter A. E. S. meets every Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock. Kate Senning W. M., Irene Patton Sec.

W. O. W. meets every Saturday night in each month. C. H. Perry Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. R. B. S. Craig N. G. C. H. Perry Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. J. L. Hearn, C.; H. R. Stephens, Clerk.

Praetorians meet every Friday night of each month. J. E. Shelton, S. A.; C. C. Tyler, Recorder.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. J. E. Shelton, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, R. of R. S.

M. B. A. Lodge No. 2995, meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Morris B. Kinney, Pres; Wes Hisey, Sec.

GET YOUR MEASURE

A man is estimated by what his fellows think of him and not by what he thinks of himself. A man may be brilliant and flashy and command temporary attention but unless there is a right quality of character in him he cannot hold the attention and esteem of his fellows. A comet flashes across the sky now and then and everybody goes stargazing and the comet attracts all kinds of attention for the time. But it soon disappears and is forgotten. But the star that kept still and went right on shining is still there and is to be seen all the time. Many a man undertakes to be a comet; he wants to rise in public notice all at once, to do some stunt that will put him in the public eye, and often succeeds. But that kind of character, like the comet, soon passes out of view, while the constant man, the one with a fixed purpose, still commands the attention of the public. The philosophy of this is that character can not be made over night, but it is the work of a life-time. The man who lives true will also be appraised at his true value, and though he may not appear as brilliant at some certain time as the other fellow, he will soon be on the "job" when the comet character has passed and been forgotten.—Palestine Herald.

BARBECUE

The Central Meat Market is now supplying the trade with the best barbecued meat in connection with other market supplies.

MANLY CASE REVERSED

The Supreme Court of Texas has reversed the case of Manley, the Dallas soldier, who ran his bayonet through a man for no other cause than that the latter asked permission to cross the line. The lower court found Manly guilty and fixed his punishment at life service in the penitentiary, the higher court reversed simply upon the ground that a change of venue should have been granted. Manly's crime was committed on the day President Taft visited the Dallas Fair. It was a great occasion and splendid time for a peace soldier to do a little showing off. Eye witnesses testified that a young man asked permission to cross the line and was struck on the shoulder with a musket. He sarcastically praised the bravery of the soldier who treated him so harshly, whereupon he was bayoneted to death. In our opinion a more diabolical crime was never committed in the state, and yet we do not believe, and have never believed, that the killer will ever serve a term of any length in the pen.—Honey Grove Signal.

DICKENS ITEM

Ben Ferguson and Miss Amy Crabtree were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's father, L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton community Sunday evening at about eight o'clock. Rev. J. A. Zinn of Afton spoke the words which bound them together as husband and wife. After the ceremony was over, refreshments, consisting of lemonade, cake and fruit was

served to the large crowd of friends of the contracting parties that were present.

Ben Ferguson is a son of Rev. I. D. Ferguson of the Croton community. He has been in this country only a few years yet all who have gotten acquainted with him know him to be an industrious young man of high moral character.

Miss Amy is the eldest daughter of our popular County Commissioner, L. G. Crabtree. She is an accomplished young lady, one that any young man might be proud to win.

Banker, E. C. Edmonds, was up from Spur on business Monday.

C. A. Jones of Spur, manager for S. M. Swenson and sons, was transacting business in Dickens Monday.

W. A. Johnson of near Spur, had business in Dickens Monday.

G. W. Gollihar, of the Afton country stopped in Dickens Monday on his way to Spur.

Aubrey Loyd, one of Afton's merchants, had business in Dickens and Spur Monday.

Fred O. McFall, of near Spur, was transacting business in Dickens Monday.

Misses Bettie and Callie Holman of Spur, are visiting their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley, in Dickens this week.

Lee Payne made a business trip to Spur Wednesday evening.

G. A. Draper of three miles west of Spur had business in Dickens Monday.

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PROHIBITION CLUB

A number of the Spur citizens went out to Tap Sunday afternoon to assist in the organization of a prohibition club at that place. The club was organized with a membership of thirty or thirty five men, women and young people of that section, and it is presumed that each member will be actively engaged in the prohibition work from now until the election to be held July 22nd for the purpose of amending the Constitution to prohibit the sale and manufacture of whisky within the state. Of course in this election to be held every citizen has his own ideas and convictions and also the right to exercise his rights and opinions either for or against the amendment, but it does seem strange to this writer why a majority of the people of Texas should vote against such an amendment for the mere reason or argument that it would infringe the rights of those who desire to obtain whisky or abuse the privilege of drinking in a free country and also vote to allow the state to continue to accept a fee through licenses to encourage and permit the sale of a commodity which ruins thousands of men and homes to where it possibly benefits one and that one could probably obtain other medicines which would produce the same results in his particular case. Whiskey weakens, deludes, debauches and destroys more men of worth and principle than any commodity on the market today, and this writer will cast his vote

in July to curtail its commercial value, sale and use and in doing so we feel that we have contributed to the benefit of many where possibly such a vote might injure one.

RUN OVER BY WAGON

Frank Goff is now recovering from injuries received recently by his wagon running over his leg. Mr. Goff was hauling a load of wheel-barrows to Dickens and in driving through the big gate near the town a part of the load struck the gate post, throwing Mr. Goff from the wagon, he falling in front of the fore wheel which struck his shoulder and pushing him ahead of the wagon for some little distance when he managed to get from under the wheel and in doing so one of his legs was placed in such a position that the back wheel passed over it. However, no bones were broken and the bruises sustained have now healed sufficiently for him to again operate his dray and hauling business.

DRIVING CATTLE

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned the first of the week from Clarendon where he had gone to drive through the country a bunch of seven or eight hundred steer yearlings which had been bought by Mr. Mooseworth of the Spur ranch and who will pasture the steers on the Spur range. Mr. Anderton reports plenty rain along the route home and says that he and his bunch were forced to swim Red River on account of the rains.

WHAT ARE BRAINS FOR?

(By W. C. Palmer in Scientific Farmer.)

Agricultural College, N. D.
 It has been well said that a man from his eyes down is worth a dollar and a half a day, while from his eyes up he is worth up to hundreds of dollars a day. The reason that so many people are not worth more is that they do not use their brains, being content to follow methods and practices that have been handed down, that perhaps do not meet present day conditions, at any rate cannot meet them as well as what has been worked out lately. It is necessary to find out the best that is known on any subject that one has in hand; then with that as a starting point, work out new methods and practices. Oftentimes one finds a farmer who does not have a good library of agricultural books and does not even take agricultural papers, and no one has more time to read and study.

Go into the doctor's or lawyer's office and you will find a library costing from five hundred to five thousand dollars or more, and several medical or law journals. When a difficult case comes up they ransack their libraries, going thru the books that treat of the particular subject in hand and the journals. Then they will call in fellow doctors or lawyers. They do not propose to take any chances that it lies within their power to avoid. Does the farmer turn to his library, to the agricultural paper and to the experiment station bulletins when he as a problem? A good many do, but why not more of them? When a crop is to be grown, the best that is known on the growing of that crop should be brought into play in preparing the soil, in selecting the seed, in caring for the crop. When stock is to be raised the best knowledge available should be used in selecting the stock, in breeding them, in feeding them, in caring for them and in marketing them. And so on with the different operations on the farm. This is where the man from the eyes up comes in, and remember that it is this kind of work that pays.

The farmer should have a library containing the latest agricultural books, the experiment station bulletins and the agricultural papers. This will bring into his home the best that is known on the different phases of farming. One hundred dollars, or even twenty five dollars would make a pretty good start. And if use was made of it, its teachings applied to the different farm operations, the returns would be several times one hundred dollars greater each year than under the hit and miss plan. What would be even more of a remuneration would be the interest and satisfaction that comes from work well done, from being master of conditions instead of slaves to them. We like to do what we can do well. The farmer cannot afford to take chances any more than the doctor or the lawyer. It will be his own fault if he does, as the information is to be had if he will simply work his brains.

Dr. Bachelor returned Saturday from Matador where he has been doing dental work the past several weeks.

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, had business in Spur Monday and spent several hours here.

WHAT IS THERE IN IT

The saloon keepers all may be very nice men,
 But what is there in it for me?
 I blow in my money and wake in the Pen,
 So what is there in it for me?
 Of course, I'm as welcome as flowers in May,
 When I come to the Joint to squander my pay,
 But I wake in the Cooler the very next day;
 And that's all there's in it for me.

All over the country we're swimming in booze,
 But what is there in it for me?
 The saloon keeper's kids are wearing new shoes,
 But what is there in it for me?
 The distiller's share is an automobile,
 A carriage, the retailer's share of the deal,
 But I'm wearing shoes that are down at the heel;
 And that's all there's in it for me.

The booze maker's wife may be dressed like a queen,
 But what is there in it for me?
 My wife hasn't duds that are fit to be seen,
 So what is there in it for me?
 The beer-brewer's son may be dressed like a dude,
 While I'm wearing garments exceedingly rude,
 And if we vote "wet," I'm afraid I'll go nude;
 And that's all there is in it for me.

My thirst costs me more than my clothes and food,
 And that's all there's in it for me.
 The booze took my money, and did me no good,
 And that's all there is in it for me.
 The brewer is rich, he has gold by the peck,
 The bar-man gets paid, he's always on deck,
 But whatever I get, I get in the neck;
 And that's all there's in it for me.

Why should I vote that the curse may endure?
 For what is there in it for me?
 I'm bound to vote "dry" on election sure,
 For what is there in it for me?
 A new self-respect, and a chance for my life,
 New clothes for the kids, and a home for my wife,
 The beginning of peace the end of strife;
 And that's what there's in it for me.
 —JOHN MACLEOD SUTHERLAND.

GROWING BERRIES

Mrs. Buchanan, of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday afternoon with a load of berries grown in her orchard. The berries were as fine as can be grown in any country and demonstrates that this section of country will produce as fine fruit and berries as the more noted fruit belts of Texas. The only drawback here is that we have too few orchards, too few farmers and too small an acreage in cultivation. However, with the advantage in soil, markets and general conditions we expect to see every acre of land developed and thousands of prosperous farmers in this section before many years.

D. C. Sparks, one of the most prominent citizens of the Croton country, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time in the city. Mr. Sparks reports his section in pretty good shape, but of course a little rain would be acceptable at this time.

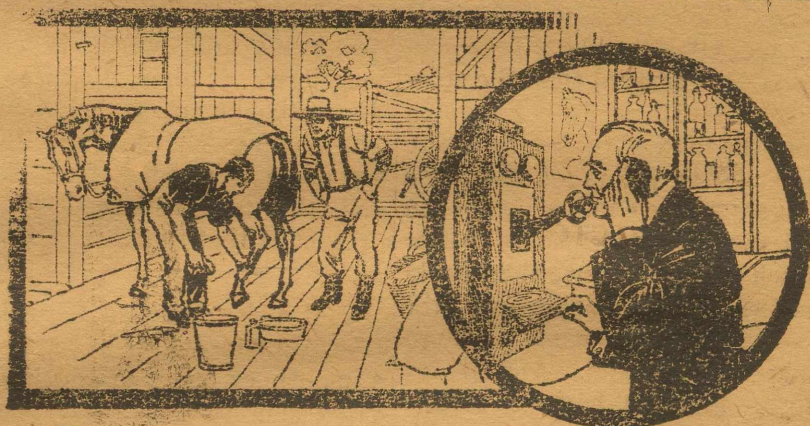
C. M. Buchanan, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of near Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business. Mr. Buchanan owns some valuable property in Spur and when he accumulates as much of this world's goods as he desires from the products of his farm, we expect to see him retire and make his permanent home in Spur.

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DIED

The death of Boley Brown last week in Kent county came as a shock to his many friends and acquaintances in this section of the country. He had been suffering some time of heart trouble, but his death at the time was unexpected. Wednesday morning Mr. Brown ate a hearty breakfast and rode out in the pasture to look after his cattle and while thus engaged he became sick and started from the ranch to Clairemont, about fifteen miles distant, to secure medical aid but before reaching his destination he died. The remains were carried the following day to Snyder and interred in the Snyder cemetery, the funeral services being largely attended by friends and relatives. Boley Brown was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the country, and for years he lived on his ranch in Kent county. In the death of Boley Brown the country as a whole sustains the loss of a recognized and substantial citizen. He was a man of the true western type, broad, liberal and progressive, and the Texas Spur joins with his many friends in extending sympathy and condolence to the family and bereaved relatives.

THE WOMAN FOR US

A lady recently received the following reply in answer from another to the question why she allowed her children and husband to litter up every room in the house, and the sentiment will find lodgment in the heart of every home loving person in the land. "The marks of little muddy feet upon the clean floor can be easier removed than the stain when those little feet go down into the mud of the highways to evil. The prints of the little fingers on the window pane can not shut out the sunshine half so much as the shadows that darken the mother's heart over the one who is but a name through the coming years. And if my John find his home a refuge from care and trouble and his greatest happiness within its four walls; he can put his boots in the rocking chair and hang his coat on the floor every day in the week, and if I can stand it and he enjoys it, I cannot see that it is anybody else's business. —Ex.

W. L. Croom came in Monday from the ranch and spent some time here on business.

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E. R. Rorie came in Monday from the Ranch and spent some time in Spur.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Monday from the ranch and reports everything moving along nicely in the Cat Fish country.

Jesse Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in the city Monday on business and trading with the merchants.

Willis Smith and wife were in the city Saturday from their home in the Red Mud country. Willis reports everything in pretty good shape.

George M. Hill and family were among those who attended the Crosbyton picnic Thursday and Friday of last week.

Mrs. L. N. Riter returned the latter part of last week from Hamlin where she had been on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Little Travis and son, of Emma, were in Spur Saturday and Sunday on business and visiting at the home of G. C. Pass and family. Mr. Travis reports everything in pretty good shape in the Emma country.

W. F. Godfrey.

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AHEAD ON COTTON

Tol Merriman came in Saturday from his place several miles south of Spur and spent some time here on business. Mr. Merriman is said to be ahead of everybody in the country on cotton this year, since he had cotton ready to chop when other farmers were beginning to plant. We hope to report a bale of cotton made to the acre on Mr. Merriman's place.

The Spur Drug Company for cigars, cold drinks and medicines of all kinds. Cook will greet you with a smile.

MORE TROUBLE FOR EMMA PEOPLE

We notice that some of the Crosbyton people are now picking a flaw in the Emma school district recently created, in that the metes and bounds of said district are not fully defined. Recently the Emma people had an election, almost unanimously voting to create an independent school district and at the same time also voted to issue bonds to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars for the purpose of building a brick school house. We understand that Crosbyton parties give as their main reason of interfering in this matter that the district created is too large and might at a later date interfere in the building of other school houses which might be needed within the extensive area of the district created, but to outside parties such interference has more of the earmarks of a spirit of jealousy and rivalry on the part of Crosbyton to the proposed new town of Ralls and which will be open to settlement just as soon as this school matter and other matters pertaining to the promotion of an ideal town in which to live and established upon a solid foundation with reference to education, moral and religious surroundings as well as commercial and industrial advantages. Seek to build up and not destroy is just as applicable to rival towns as to individuals of a community, and all should work together for the common good of Western Texas.

CONSIDERABLE SHOWER

Bill McArthur was in Monday from his place in the Cat Fish country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Bill reports crop conditions in pretty good shape but says that we are beginning to need a general good rain all over the country. A considerable little shower fell in this section Sunday but Mr. McArthur says that it was heavier between Spur and his place than elsewhere. Well, we predict that general ground-sorker will come at no distant date. Plenty time to make a bale of cotton to the acre.

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GONE TO NEW TOWN

W. F. Godfrey and J. D. Powell left Saturday for Slayden where they will remain several days and also attend the opening of the town lots for sale in that new town. It is said that Slayden already has the Santa Fe railroad shops and which is now considered the main feature in the establishment of the town. The opening will be June 15th and quite a number from this and other sections intend to be present at that time.

C. C. Tyler returned Saturday from Matador where he has been a month, or more organizing a Praetorian lodge at that place. He reports a very successful organization with respect to a large membership, insurance and social organization. Mr. Tyler will hereafter remain in the Godfrey-Tyler Realty office in Spur. We extend him a cordial welcome back home.

Mrs. H. K. Parks, of Girard, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

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Mrs. Sam Clemmons and little son left Tuesday for San Angelo where they will remain on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

The building formerly occupied by the Bijou Cafe is now for rent. Also a 5-room residence desirably located and with good cistern. Apply at Richardson Lumber Yard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Johnson, of Afton country, passed through Spur Tuesday on their way to Arkansas where they will spend some time with relatives and friends.

Recently a bunch of several hundred head of cattle from near Colorado were driven through Spur in route to the Plains where they will be pastured.

It is every man's duty to see that the home is conveniently and comfortably furnished, and there is no one thing that will contribute more to that end than an oil cook stove. Barber & Hancock.

W. H. L. Ward returned this week from the J. A. Davis place several miles northeast of Spur where he has been doing carpenter work for Mr. Davis. Improvements continue in the surrounding country as well as in Spur. Let the good work go on.

KILL MAD DOG

Monday morning Deputy Sheriff Anderton shot and killed near the Conner feed store a dog which was supposed to be mad. The dog during the past day or two had been noticed prowling around in that part of town, and Monday he began having fits, whereupon he was shot.

Mr. Shields and son, Jessie, of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Shields is a boot-maker by trade and has been employed for a long time in the boot making establishment of B. A. Crego at Dickens. He reports everything in good shape and the boot and shoe making business good in Dickens.

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THE TEXAS SPUR OFFICE, Spur Tex

Poet Hagins, of near Gilpin, was in town one day this week looking happy and prosperous.

J. B. Morrison, of the Red Mud country, had business in Spur the first of the week.

J. E. Shelby and family, who are now living on the Plains, are in the city this week visiting Mr. and Mr. J. W. Bramhall.

J. D. Walker has moved his bakery to the Central Meat Market where he will be glad to secure former patrons and the public.

E. Luce and wife, of Tap, were in Spur Thursday trading and spent some time here. Mr. Luce reports everything all right in his section.

Mrs. Shep Holly left the latter part of this week for Oklahoma where she will spend several weeks with her parents. Shep is already beginning to look lonesome.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here trading with the Spur merchants. He reports dry hot weather in his section.

Tom McArthur came in Thursday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything all right. He says that his crop prospects are very flattering at this time and his old land cotton is doing fine.

C. F. Cates and family went up last week to Petersburg where Mrs. Cates and children will remain several days with relatives, Mr. Cates returning to Spur the first of this week.

STUDY CLUB

At our last meeting we elected Harvy Lee and Willie Gilpin president and secretary-treasurer respectively. We have eight enrolled in the club at present and are getting along rapidly. We have decided to pursue the evil demon, mathematics, until we have at last conquered it. At our last meeting we discussed the methods of study halls and

we finally threatened by our institution with a large individual cover to be used after class; these will prevent spit balls, notes and love letters.

Editor.

STEEL HILL

The farmers are about up with their work until it rains.

Crops are holding up fine in this part considering the dry weather. Cotton has taken a good start to grow the last ten days. All kinds of feed stuff is doing well.

Will Young, of Red Hill, is in this part this week harvesting grain. Our oat crop was fairly good, though it was low but well headed.

The ball team played ball Thursday evening at the school house—getting in practice for the Girard team next Saturday evening.

Will Craig and wife left last Thursday for the White Mountains in Mexico for Mrs. Craig's health. We hope their trip will not be in vain.

W. D. Evans and family will leave Friday for Snyder to visit relatives.

The Cherry brothers have bought the Tofer section of land two miles south of Steel Hill. They contemplate moving back in August and improve the place. We will be glad to have them back among us.

The young folks attended an ice cream supper at Al Taylor's Wednesday night.

Bill Harris will move to Spur next week and contemplates working for the Perry Fite Meat Market as butcher. Mr. Harris is an experienced butcher and one that Mr. Fite will be proud of as he was looking for and expert butcher.

The young folks attended a musical entertainment at Will Cousert's last Friday night.

Like the Prodigal Son, Lee Duncan has returned to Dickens county, perfectly satisfied to stay and happy as a Jay Bird in the month of May.

Rip Saw.

WHY NOT HAVE A PICNIC?

The Texas Spur suggests that we have a picnic, a Western Texas Reunion and Artesian Water Celebration during the summer in Spur. An air ship, various shows and other attractions could be secured to draw people to Spur from hundreds of miles distant, and by securing cheap rates on railroads we could have a two or three days celebration to eclipse anything ever had in Western Texas.

There are hundreds and thousands of people who would appreciate an opportunity to see Spur and this country and given such an opportunity would respond to the invitation and inducements. The people of Spur and surrounding country would also appreciate such an invitation and contribute to its success. When shall we have the Spur celebration?

FIRST YEAR IN THIS SECTION

W. T. Duke, of three miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Thursday. Mr. Duke had just finished punching by hand a well sixty feet deep and reports that he secured an abundance of water and was here to secure a pump and casing to complete the well. Mr. Duke cleared land and is cultivating a number of acres in cotton and feed stuff on the Sherrod tract of land. This is Mr. Duke's first crop year in this country and he is beginning to get somewhat uneasy concerning the continued hot, dry weather. However, we assure him that if he will stay with it and work as if he expected to make a bale of cotton to the acre he will come out on top in the end. He is also an expert and experienced cistern builder and no doubt his services in this line will be in demand during the summer and fall. Mr. Duke is a fine citizen and we hope that he will prosper beyond his expectations in this section of the country.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER CO.

W. J. Duncan, of draper was in Spur Friday morning on business and spent the day here.

Rev. Stewart will go to Rotan Saturday to make a prohibition address at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herndon are visiting relatives and friends at Rule and other places this week.

W. F. Walker, of near Spur, was in the city Thursday and spent some time trading and looking after other matters.

Chas. A. Jones made a trip this week to Fort Worth and Dallas to secure a boiler for the deep well drilling. The intention is to have the new machinery in operation within the next week.

Miss Nelson, of the Fashion millinery establishment, returned last week to her former home in Lubbock to spend the summer. She will return in the fall and again be identified with the Fashion in Spur.

J. J. Hatfield, who formerly operated the Old Western Hotel in Spur, has moved to Lockney where he engaged in the hotel business. We wish him a successful business in his new location.

Will Stephens and wife, and Miss Jud Neely are in Slayden attending the sale of town lots and opening of that town to the general public. Slayden is attracting considerable attention from outsiders and it is said that twenty four contracts have already been made to build that number of brick business houses as a beginning.

The Diaz reign in Mexico is now a thing of the past and however much good that gentleman may have done, his day is past and we believe a more progressive day has dawned for Mexico in that hereafter governmental affairs will be more in the hands of the people and of necessity the people will become more enlightened and progressive as a result of self government.

The squabble between Guthrie and Oklahoma City as to where the state capitol of Oklahoma should be located has been settled in favor of the latter place under the agreement that the state buildings would be erected free of cost to the state. The fund for this purpose is being secured through the sale of town property as the government addition to the city.

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We place for your inspection our entire line of Straw Sailors, also in soft cure brims. Prices as follows: \$3.00 for \$2.50, 2.50, for 2.00, 1.75 for 1.50, 1.50 for 1.25. We will also offer in broken lines small style of soft hats at greatly reduced prices.

J. A. LAMBDIN & COMPANY, SPUR, TEXAS

NO. 9611.

Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, June 7th, 1911.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$110,869.63
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,013.09
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking House, Fur. and Fixtures	33,264.84
Due from Nat. Banks (not reserve agents)	1,895.04
Due from approved reserve agents	12,202.18
Checks and other Cash Items	106.78
Notes of other National Banks	1,390.00
Fractional Paper Cur. Nickels, and Cents	51.85
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK VIZ:	
Specie	\$4,555.90
Legal-tender notes	\$1,000.00
Redemption fund with U.S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$192,599.31

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	4,794.65
National Bank Notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National banks	425.94
Due to approved Reserve Agents	11,793.82
Individual deposits subject to check	46,584.90
Total	\$192,599.31

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

I, W. G. Sherrod, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.
Correct Attest:

C. A. Jones,
W. J. Lewis,
R. V. Colbert,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of June 1911.

E. J. Cowan,
Notary Public.

Will Walker was in the city this week from his place a few miles east of Spur.

GRASS-HOPPERS AT WORK.

Uncle Buck Hardin, who lives a mile or two southwest of Spur, reports that the grass-hoppers have about destroyed his cotton crop and the indications now are that he will be forced to replant the cotton acreage with late feed stuff.

Misses Irma Morrison and Kate Mahon are visiting this week in Stamford.

W. M. Stovall and wife, of Dickens, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur.

Sam Smith, wife and daughter, of Red Mud, were in the city Tuesday and spent some time here trading.

R. R. Morrison spent several days this week in Rotan looking after his business interests in that place.

Mrs. John Ligon, of Alexander is in the city visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Miss Bam Leatherwood, daughter of J. V. Leatherwood of the Wake country, was a visitor in Spur Wednesday.

Baxter Scoggins and Mr. Cave, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Tom Griffin and wife left this week for Oklahoma where he has secured a position with a lumber company in that state. F. W. Jennings will take his place in Spur as manager of the Brazelton-Pryor Lumber Company.

A boy was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Walker at their home in the west part of the city. We congratulate Mr. Walker and wish him a deserved increase of trade in the bakery business.

F. A. Prideaux is contemplating a trip to the north and east where he will probably spend a month or more recuperating and enjoying the pleasures of a man free from business cares and surroundings.

Vergil Davis, formerly of the Draper country but who recently sold his place in that section and bought another place in the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

G. W. Jackson, of Croton, Dr. Blackwell and W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, Billy Pressly, Hawley Bryant and Sulu Gardner, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were visiting members of the Masonic Lodge meeting held in Spur Thursday night.

Bill Cooper, editor of the Kent County News, and Mr. Jay, Cashier of the Clairemont bank, had business in Spur Tuesday and were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They report everything in pretty good shape in the Clairemont country.

J. N. Zumwaldt and family, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Wednesday.

J. M. Neely is in Slayden this week attending the sale of town lots which will begin June 15th.

J. B. Richburg is in Slayden where he expects to remain indefinitely since the opening of that new town.

Amis Faver, of the Afton country, was a recent business visitor in Spur and reports the Afton country in good shape.

J. A. Alston, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Tuesday after supplies and reports a good rain on his place Sunday.

W. D. Evans, of Steel Hill community, was in the city Tuesday and reports a nice shower between Spur and the Steel Hill school house Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor, of the Afton country, were in Spur Wednesday trading with Spur merchants and spent the day here.

Hamp Collett, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in recently and looked as pleasant as if it had been raining every day in the week.

Joe Allison, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Saturday and reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

W. D. Clay has accepted a position as traveling agent for a gin machinery company and will begin a canvass of this section of the country at an early date.

J. F. Goodwin and family left this week for Slayden where they will make their home in the future. We wish Mr. Goodwin much success and a prosperous home in his new location.

W. A. Johnson came in Tuesday from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur. He was smiling as if it had just rained or he expected a ground-soaker in a few days.

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section with the exception that the country as a whole is beginning to expect and need a general good rain.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and said that he came in to have the doctor prescribe for Mace Hunter and C. D. Cope-land. He was of the opinion that should it not rain within the next few days the above mentioned gentlemen would have a hopeless case of "Dry-Grins".

TAP TELLINGS

Well, we have not got that rain yet but it is sure to come by the time we have to have it. We are all busy plowing, hoeing eating and sleeping. I prefer the latter.

Cotton is doing well despite the dry weather. It's growing and making forms, will soon have blooms. P. Hinson says he has lots of blooms in his cotton now, but they are on the sunflowers growing in his crop but since his wife has got him to work again maybe he will work his crop out.

E. Luce made a trip to Lubbock last week looking after his business interests there and attending the Crosbyton picnic.

Mrs. S. S. Allcorn, who has been right sick for some time, is now able to be up again.

W. A. and T. J. Copland attended the big picnic at Crosbyton last week.

Joe Allison, the black pepper man of Soldier Mound, was doing business in our locality last week.

Several of the neighbors met at A. W. Manning's Saturday and raised a windmill over his stock well. That's the way we do out here—help those who need help. Some of the best people on earth live on Red Mud.

The Stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert Saturday morning and presented them with a fine girl.

A state-wide Prohibition Club was organized here Sunday evening. Some stirring speeches were made by Prof. Adams, Dr. Brandon and others of Spur. S. S. Allcorn was elected chairman, Mr. Sam Smith secretary-treasurer, and more than thirty names were enrolled.

Missionary W. A. North and Rev. Ingle, pastor of Steel Hill church, stopped over night with J. E. Sparks enroute to the work in Garza county.

Gadabout.

A VICTIM'S STORY

A tramp asked for a drink in a saloon. The request was granted and when in the act of drinking the proffered beverage, one of the young men present exclaimed:

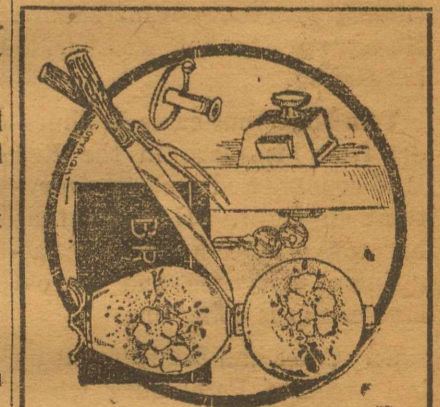
"Stop! Make us a speech. It is poor whiskey that doesn't loosen a man's tongue."

The tramp swallowed down the drink, and the liquor coursed through his blood, straightened himself and stood before them with a grace and dignity that all his rags and dirt could not obscure.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I look tonight at you and myself, and it seems to me that I look upon the

picture of my blighted boyhood. This bloated face was once as handsome as yours; this shambling figure once walked as proudly as yours, for I was a man of the world of men. I too, once had a home and friends and position. I had a wife as beautiful as an artist's dream, but I dropped the priceless pearl of her honor and respect into a cup of wine, and like Cleopatra, saw it dissolve, then quaffed it down in the brimming draught. I had children sweet and pure as the flowers of spring, and saw them fade and die under the blighting curse of a drunken father. I had a home where love lit its flame on the altar and ministered before it, but I put out the holy fire, and darkness and desolation reigned in its stead. I had aspirations that soared as high as the morning star but I broke and bruised those beautiful forms and strangled them that I might hear their cries no more. To day I am a husband without a wife, a father without a child, a tramp without a home, and a man in whom every good impulse is dead. All have been swallowed up in the maelstrom of drink."

The tramp ceased speaking. The glass fell from his nervous fingers, and shattered into a thousand fragments on the floor. The doors were pushed open and shut again, and when the group looked up the tramp was gone. And this gentle reader, is a true tale; the tramp at one time having been a prominent attorney at Tiffin.—Woodville News.



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