

## STATE-WIDE PROHIBITION AND REVENUE FROM THE SALOON

Statements in Regard to Revenue Derived From The Saloon  
And Its Effect on Taxation. True Facts  
Outlined. Read And Consider.

There is one striking feature in connection with this contest in which we are now engaged, that ought to challenge the thoughtful consideration of every intelligent and conscientious man in Texas who has been invested with the sacred right of suffrage, and that is the unanimity with which both pros and antis, unqualifiedly condemn the saloon. So far in this campaign, the saloon has been unable to marshal to its support a single defender. There is not an honest anti in Texas, who places any value for truth and reliability on his word, who will say that there is a single virtue in a saloon. There seems to be no division of sentiment among us on that point. It would appear from this situation that an institution thriving in our midst without a single supporter and not one virtue to its credit, would be easy to overthrow, and yet, strange to say, such is not the case. The honest man, who is earnestly seeking to discharge his whole duty to his country in a crisis like this, the question instinctively arises from whence the mighty power of such an admitted evil as the saloon? The answer to this question may be found in that passage of the Scripture which interpreted in accord with its universally accepted meaning, says: "The love of money is the root of all evil." Men fall in love with an evil and often tolerate it for a season because it makes money for them, and what is true of the individual is likewise true of the state. If the saloon is a paying institution, and we are going to perpetuate the reign of the saloon in Texas because of the money it pays our State treasury, then I submit in all candor that it ought to be the policy of the State to foster and encourage the saloon in every way possible, and that the Act of the Thirty First Legislature, limiting saloons to one for every 500 inhabitants, was the most monumental blunder ever made by a legislative body.

The saloon is the only acknowledged evil in all the world that the people of Texas would permit their legislature to parcel out among them in proportion to the population. If revenue is to be the sordid basis upon which we are to determine our cause in voting for or against state-wide prohibition, then as a business proposition we ought to make sure of our position before casting our ballot and not be deceived. There are 245 counties in Texas, and all stand on an equal business footing except in relationship as to the saloon. There is not an honorable business avocation known to modern civilization which any man cannot freely engage in each of these several counties of this state, except the saloon business, and for that reason, whatever inequalities exist in either the collection or distribution of taxation in the different counties of this state,

must be chargeable either directly or indirectly to the existence of the saloon. Texas would be poorly financed indeed, if the officers intrusted with the business affairs of the state, look only to the sources of our revenues and fail to take into consideration the distribution of these revenues. It is the purpose of this communication to show both the source and distribution of our revenues as shown by the records in the Controller's office and from these undeniable facts, the people can determine whether not the adoption of state-wide prohibition be injurious or beneficial to our financial interests.

For the purpose of this article we will divide the 245 counties of the state into three groups, viz: 162 totally dry, 21 totally wet, and 62 partially wet. Time and space forbid me to do more than simply state the facts, as the intelligent reader can draw his own conclusions.

The liquor traffic paid into the state treasury from all sources for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1909, and ending August 31, 1910, the sum of \$373,748. There was paid out of the State treasury for the same fiscal year for fees and costs of Sheriffs, Clerks, Attorneys, Justices of the Peace, witnesses and Constables, the sum of \$512,288. Of this enormous sum of money collected from all of the people in taxation \$254,080 was expended in the 83 wet and partially wet counties of the State, while \$258,208 was expended in the 162 totally dry counties. For salaries of District Judges, and Criminal District Judges, for District and Criminal District Attorneys and Special Judges, the people paid last year \$241,558, and of this amount there was expended \$130,739 in the wet and partially wet counties of the State, while only \$100,820 was expended in the 162 totally dry counties.

On May 1, 1911, there were 4731 inmates in the three Insane Asylums in Texas, and the maintenance and support of these unfortunate wards of the State cost the taxpayers of this State \$731,500. Of this number 2405 came from the 83 wet and partially wet counties, and cost the taxpayers \$375,625; while 2376 came from the total 162 dry counties, and cost the taxpayers \$375,525.

On September 1, 1910, there were 3578 convicts in the penitentiary, and the total cost of the penitentiary system for the last fiscal year was \$1,199,434. Of this number 2127 came from the 83 wet and partially wet counties, and if figured on a per capita basis cost \$712,123, while only 1451 came from the 162 dry counties and cost \$486,311. In this connection it might be well to note the corresponding reduction in the number of convicts, as the saloons have been banished by local option, from our territory. In 1890 the population of Texas was 2,235,637, and there were 3200 convicts in our peni-

ententiaries, being one convict to every 698 inhabitants; In 1900 our population was 3,043,710 and there were 4129 convicts in our penitentiaries, being one convict to every 738 inhabitants, In 1910 our population was 3,896,562, and the number of convicts were 3578, being one convict to every 1089 inhabitants.

The State institution for the training of Juveniles on September 1, 1910, had 201 inmates and cost the taxpayers \$70,054. Of this number of unfortunate boys 142 came from the 83 wet and partially wet counties, and cost the taxpayers \$49,490 while only 59 came from the 162 dry counties and cost \$20,564. If I had no other argument to present to the people of Texas in opposition to the liquor traffic than the last statement that I have made in reference to these unfortunate little boys of our great State, that one alone would be abundantly sufficient to forever condemn this vile traffic in the estimation of any man who has a mind to think and a heart to feel for youthful humanity.

That the saloon is a financial burden to the State, and every county, city and precinct in which it is permitted to exist, there is not the shadow of a doubt. If this is not true the people would like to have some liquor

## PROSPECTS FOR A BALE TO THE ACRE

Dickens County Favored Above  
Other Sections of  
The Country.

When we pick up the Dallas News and read reports from different sections of the country where cattle are starving to death for want of grass and water we are more forcibly impressed with the fact that this section of the country is indeed favored above other sections, notwithstanding the fact that the uninformed of other sections consider the whole of Western Texas drouthy and adapted only to grazing and raising cattle. At the present time Dickens county has the prospects of producing a bale and more of cotton to the acre and every character of feed stuff in abundance. We have said heretofore and again repeat that Western Texas has as many advantages and as few disadvantages and is no more subject to drouths than any section of country. There are men who have been farming in Dickens county during the past twenty years who tell us that in not a single instance have they made a complete crop failure. The soil of Dickens county is as rich and productive as any country, there are more advantages and inducements offered to homeseekers than elsewhere and this section of the state has greater agricultural possibilities which are now being rapidly developed and demonstrated and will continue to develop more rapidly in the years to come. The man who has little money and a desire to secure a home in a land of unlimited possibilities and responsive to thrift and intelligence should investigate this section of the Great West.

## PEOPLE OF SPUR AND COUNTRY PROSPEROUS AND MONEY IN BANK

Nearly Ninety Thousand Dollars Deposited in Spur Banks by  
Individuals And The Country in General in  
Prosperous Condition.

That the people of Spur and the Spur country are in good shape is evidenced by the individual deposits as reported by three bank statements appearing in the Texas Spur, and that the people of Dickens county are prosperous and contented is evidenced by the crop conditions and unsurpassed prospects for abundant crop yields in the various sections of the county. The statements of the Spur National Bank, First State Bank and Farmers & Merchants State Bank of Spur reveals the fact that individuals of the town and surrounding country now have on deposit subject to check the total sum of \$89,795.89, and this in connection with the total capital stocks of the three banks makes a total sum of cash to the amount of \$254,795.89, the sum total being sufficient to meet the emergencies of a large number of

people and possibly afford even luxuries for some of the more fortunate.

We are informed by farmers who have been tilling the soil successfully in Dickens county during the past ten years, and who have also during that time gathered more than a bale of cotton to the acre, that at no time within ten years has crop prospects been more promising of a bountiful yield than at the present time, and these same farmers say that they now expect to gather more than one bale of cotton to the acre this year. Feed crops are in good shape and with rain within a reasonable time will make an abundant yield.

Taking everything into consideration Spur and Dickens county are in the finest shape, crop prospects are flattering and the people in general are hopeful, prosperous and contented.

advocate explain why the following discrepancies exist in the rate of taxation. Average rate of taxation in the 162 totally dry counties is 42 1-4 on the one hundred dollar valuation, 43 3-4 in the 62 partially wet counties and 46 3-5 cents in the totally wet counties. This increase in the average rate of taxation costs the people of these eighty-three wet and partially wet counties of our state last year, \$399,833, which was \$100,000 more than they received in revenue from the saloons for county purposes. The breweries and wholesale liquor dealers for the year ending April 1, 1911, paid a gross receipt tax on wholesale sales to the amount of \$11,435,000. It is fair to estimate that this amount or more was shipped into the State by outside liquor dealers upon which the State received no gross receipt tax, which would make approximately \$25,000,000 spent at wholesale each year for liquors. Estimating the liquor dealers' profits at 200 per cent, we find that not less than \$50,000,000 was spent last year by our people in the retail purchase of liquor. Now in all seriousness, I want some business man or financier who is now advocating a continuation of the saloon to point out a single benefit brought to our people by reason of this enormous expenditure of money. Giving the liquor traffic the benefit of all doubt and calculating the cost that the saloons entail upon the State at the smallest percentage, the records in the Controller's office show that the saloons cost the taxpayers of Texas annually more than one-half million dollars more than they pay into our State.—W. B. Lane Comptroller, Austin Texas.

### J. O. YOPP RECOVERING

J. O. Yopp, who has been confined in the Dickens county jail during the past week during the temporary derangement of his mind, is now considerably improved and it is thought will be able to return home at an early

date. It is thought the derangement was caused from injuries received on the back of his head a number of years ago in connection with a partial sun-stroke received while working in the hot sunshine at his dray and transfer business. We visited Mr. Yopp Monday and found him rational and he said that his head continued to pain him considerably yet it was getting easier and better each day.

### DRAPER IN GOOD SHAPE

J. A. Murchison, of near Draper, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good shape in his section and that while it continues dry and hot the crops are not yet suffering and only the corn crop is beginning to need a little rain at this time. He reports the organization of a prohibition club at Wichita School House Sunday afternoon. The Club was organized with twenty five members, all of whom are expected to do some good prohibition work between now and the election to be held the 22nd of July.

### KILLING AT STAMFORD

Tuesday the report came to Spur that Mr. O'Neil, a traveling man, was killed by Dr. Alexander of Abilene. The trouble is said to have originated from family affairs. Dr. Alexander is a physician of state-wide reputation and is one of the owners of the Abilene Sanitarium. The killing occurred Tuesday morning.

### WANTS AUTOMOBILE

Amis Faver, of near Dickens, was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business. While here Amis was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and informed us that he intended to have an automobile with which to more agreeably facilitate his social affairs in the Afton country.

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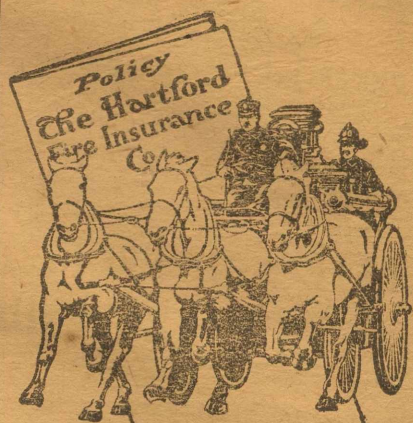
J. H. McCamant, of Duncan, Arizona, who has been prospecting in this section several days, returned the latter part of last week to his home and before leaving called in and had the Texas Spur sent to his address. Mr. McCamant passed through this country many years ago and is familiar with conditions and possibilities of the country. We would be glad to have him locate with us and assure him that no country is superior to this in agriculture, more desirable as a residential section or more conducive to contentment and prosperity.

Mr. Anderson, of Portales, New Mexico, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to the Steel Hill community where he will visit his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Randall. Mr. Anderson was formerly of this section of the country, being one among the first settlers of the West.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hale, Mrs. G. W. Odom and H. K. Perry returned the first of the week from Blanco Canyon where they spent several days fishing. As to the size and number of fish caught we refer you to Messrs. Hale and Perry who doubtless can give a satisfactory report and fish story.

### MONEY TO LOAN

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During the past week the deep well drillers have been delayed awaiting the arrival of a new boiler which came in Wednesday night and it is expected that drilling will again be resumed Friday and the main artesian stream reached within a very few days.

Since the water began flowing from the well the drillers have passed through the rock the last day's drilling they went a depth of thirty six feet.

During the delay in operations the well has continued to flow at the rate of possibly one gallon of water a minute. Evidently there is an artesian stream near at hand and there is no question in our mind but that we will have an artesian well in Spur within a very short time.

# YOUR CASH WILL BUY MORE GROCERIES

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Mr. Childress, a prominent citizen of several miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday.

E. H. Blakely and wife, of the Cottonwood country, were in the city this week trading with Spur merchants.

Jas. Mahon, of Walnut Springs, is in the city on an extended visit with his family, Mrs. Mahon and children.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick, of Dickens, was in the city Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

Dick Jay and Misses Campbell and Flint, of Jayton, came up Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Verner between trains.

Miss Cora Simpson, of Jayton, is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verner in the city.

Messrs. Richburg, Anderton and others, left Wednesday morning for Blanco Canyon where they will spend some time catching fish.

Miss Adams, of the Croton country, and Mrs. Anderson who is visiting Mr. Whitaker of the northern part of the county, were in Spur Wednesday trading with Spur merchants.

A boy was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett at their home in the city. Mr. Barrett's mother and little sister, of Stephenville, are with Mrs. Barrett and will extend their visit several weeks with the family.

### PRAETORIAN ENTERTAINMENT.

The Praetorian Lodge of Spur has made arrangements to give an entertainment, in which will be presented a play entitled "Mrs. Wiggins of the Cabbage Patch" and which will be under the supervision of Mesdames Griffin and Dunn. It is thought now that the entertainment will be had Friday night, June 30th, at either the lodge hall or one of the tabernacles.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following is a list of advertised letters for last week.

#### GENTLEMEN

J. P. Malaire, E. G. Morris, M. W. Palmare, Guy Peterson, J. W. Russel, F. P. Testerman.

#### LADIES

Miss Savannah Croff, Mas. Fauster Aston.

Parties calling for these letters should say the word advertised. N. A. Baker, P. M.

### TEN CARS OF STEERS

Uncle Hank Smith, of Crosby county, was in Spur Wednesday to receive a shipment of ten cars of steers from Sweetwater and which will be carried to his ranch on Blanco Canyon. Uncle Hank Smith is one of the oldest settlers of this western country, having settled his ranch on Blanco Canyon some thirty odd years ago when Indians and buffaloes were numerous, and in view of the conditions of that day he built a substantial rock house surrounded by rock walls as protection against the Indians.

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WILL CRAIG,  
M. B. HAILE, Mgrs.

G. L. Barber and family left Tuesday for Blanco Canyon where they will spend several days fishing.

W. J. Elliot was in Saturday from his Spring Creek ranch and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

P. H. Miller returned the first of the week from Slayden where he had been to attend the opening of that town to the public. He thinks Slayden will be a substantial town.

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian Church will hold a Bakery Sale Saturday, June 24th at the White Front Grocery Store from 10:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Everything good to eat.

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.

W. F. McCarty, of Afton, has our thanks for a dollar sent in by Editor Allison for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. McCarty is one of the most substantial citizens of the country and we are glad to add his name to our subscription list.

Miss Minnie Reece, of Brazoria county, who is on an extended visit to J. C. McNeill and family west of Spur, spent last week in Spur at the home of Sol Davis and wife.

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.

Mesdames Sol and L. W. Davis, Misses Lillian Denton and Minnie Reece spent Thursday of last week picnicing at Crow Springs near Dickens. A most pleasant day is reported by the picnickers.

Mrs. Waddie Mancill, of Cisco, accompanied by her children passed through Spur Saturday on her way to the north part of Dickens county to visit Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker, and also to attend the marriage of their daughter this week.

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eight to ten forms to the stalk. He also went over the crops of E. B. Shaw and W. A. Barrett and found fine crops of cotton, maize and kaffir corn. The Draper country is said to be among the finest farming belts of this section. The farmers all being prosperous and substantial citizens. The crop prospects this year are most flattering and the probability is that this year's crop will come near breaking former records in abundant yields.

### CROPS MORE ADVANCED

W. J. Duncan, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Friday of last week on business. Mr. Duncan reports everything in good shape in the Draper country and says that no crops are suffering for rain in that section. The crops of that country are further advanced than in other sections, the cotton being up, formed and eight or ten inches high.

### Wichita Route to Be Extended.

Wichita Falls, Texas, June 10. Upon his return from a trip to Chicago and other points this afternoon, Frank Kell, vice-president and general manager of the Wichita Falls route announced that arrangements have been completed for building 150 miles of extension. Orders already have been given the engineering

### WANTS THE TEXAS SPUR

T. D. Hurd, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Saturday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our subscription list for which he has our thanks. Mr. Hurd reports that his crop is doing nicely and that everything in the Soldier Mound country is in good shape notwithstanding the continued dry weather. This is Mr. Hurd's first year in this section and we hope he will make a bumper crop.

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W. D. Clay was called the 17th to Draper to inspect the Duncan gin which he pronounced in good shape with the exception of just a little repairs of minor importance. Mr. Duncan will install a cleaner in connection with his gin which will give his customers the advantage of the latest improvements in gin machinery, and should the crop prospects continue to be promising he will also install more machinery to care for the ginning of that section. Evidently Mr. Duncan intends to furnish the people of the Draper country with as fine gin equipment as can be found in the country, and the farmers of that section should appreciate such consideration and accommodations. Mr. Clay said that crops of that section were looking good, he going over a part of Mr. Duncan's cotton crop and finding from

department for surveys and estimates.

Mr. Kell declines to make public the new routes, but it is believed they include lines to Lawton and the extension of the Wichita Falls & Southern from New Castle to Graham, and the Wichita Falls & Northwestern from Hammond to Woodward, Okla.,

### DAVIS-WHITAKER.

Tuesday morning at nine o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker of the north part of Dickens county, Miss Ellen Whitaker and Emmett Davis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. A large number of relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony and congratulate the young couple.

Miss Whitaker is a charming and accomplished young lady while Mr. Davis is a young business man of Clarendon and formerly of the Afton country. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have many friends in Dickens county who wish them much prosperity and a happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis passed through Spur Tuesday on their way to Clarendon where they will make their home in the future.

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The Dickens Item has temporarily suspended publication awaiting the arrival of a printer to take charge of the mechanical department. Editor Allison will leave this week for Eastland where he and F. A. Jones recently purchased the Eastland Chronicle and will take charge of that paper the first of July. We wish Messrs Allison and Jones a prosperous business in the newspaper at Eastland.

was spent in cranking and persuading the auto to move out, but all efforts were unavailing. However, Miss Mary Jane says that she gained much information and experience in the manipulation of an auto and in the future can go out with the assurance that if necessary an engine can be made to meet any emergency.

### Big Steer Shipment.

Raldo Newman, the well known cowman will finish shipping 4,000 two-year-old steers the latter part of this week from his ranch in the southern part of the county. The shipment began last week and will be finished the first of next week. These steers go to Colorado. The biggest round-up for many years will be held next Sunday on the Quitaque draw south of Silverton. The boys have invited a number of their best friends to partake of real cowboy dinner with them next Sunday.—X

### Home On Easy Street.

Little drops of water poured into the milk, gives the milkman's daughter gowns of silk. Little grains of sugar mingled with the sand, makes the grocer's assets swell to beat the band. Little bowls of custard humble though they seem, help enrich the fellow selling pure ice cream. Little rocks and boulders, little chunks of slate, makes the coalman's fortune something great. Little ads well written, printed nice and neat, gives the joyful merchants homes on easy street.—Walt Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin spent Sunday out on the Cottonwood Creek gathering plums and picnicing.

R. B. F. Craig and J. E. Montgomery were in Dickens Monday on business and spent several hours in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, were visitors in Spur Monday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants.

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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

#### LODGE DIRECTORY.

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

Mightah 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.

All of Texas is now becoming somewhat concerned at the continued hot, dry weather. However, the old West Texans are confident that rain will come in plenty time to make a bumper cotton crop and recognize the fact that this section can promise and produce more than any country.

Potatoes, which were selling in Kansas City for seventy five and eighty cents per bushel, jumped in price this week to two dollars a bushel in car load lots. This is fortunate for the producer but a little expensive for the consumer. However, the producer is the man who should have all the profit in every character of farm product.

The Lubbock Avalanche speaks an undeniable truth in the following; "The progress of cities is measured by the public spirit of their inhabitants. Men whose only interest is in the success of their individual business may make money for them selves, but they can not build successful cities any more than a pile of stones can furnish sustenance for growing plants."

### THE SUN NEVER SETS ON THE TEXAS PRES.

The Commercial Secretaries' Association has been conducting an investigation into the number of copies of Texas weekly papers that circulate out side the state. There were 425 papers reporting and they show an average out-of-state circulation of 12 per cent of the total and in many instances the papers report as high as

60 per cent of their circulation going outside the state. The papers go to every state in the Union and many of them across the ocean. Kansas leads all states for subscribing for our weekly papers and foreign countries England and Canada make the best showing. In nations speaking foreign languages, China takes the lead. It can be truly said that the sun never sets on the Texas press.

We have 750 weekly papers in the state and using 12 per cent, as the basis of outside circulation we find approximately 200,000 copies of our weekly papers circulating outside the state. This report does not include weekly papers which our citizens read and send back to their old neighbors in other states to give them the Texas fevev, neither is the circulation of daily papers included.

With a quarter of a million copies of the Texas press singing the praises of Texas in every clime and country, we are able to account for the marvelous influx of men and money moving into our state. There is no more effective way of advertising Texas, than for our citizens to subscribe for the local papers and have it mailed to friends outside the state, and no better service can be rendered non-residents than by giving them an opportunity of learning about Texas through the columns of our newspapers.

### FARM AND FACTORY

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as are compelled in many instances to ship products across the ocean in order to reach the factory. We are world factors in agriculture. Our cotton and wool clothes the human race; our meats supply the larder of nations and our cereals fill the graneries of the world, but we are in the main dependent upon other states and countries to manufacture our raw materials.

The farmers of Texas ship an average of \$1,200,000 worth of raw material to the foreign factory per day. Load these products on wagons and they will form a procession 220 miles long and our annual production on its way to the foreign factory will form a gigantic parade that will reach around the world three times and it will require eleven years to pass a given point. It is a golden stream of prosperity flowing out of the state and on its bosom floats factories, cities and millions of happy homes. It is laden with opportunities destined for the people of the whole world and it furnishes life giving substances to the withering veins of European nations.

The parade costs \$200,000 per day and \$75,000,000 per annum and is paid for by the sweat of those who till the soil. Our public servants who desire to do something more than swim around undevoured in the waters of public life should watch the parade. Our raw material on its journey to the foreign factory forms one of the most colossal pageantries in the history of the human race and is the commercial tragedy of the twentieth century. Watch it.

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LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

Jack Terry was in the city Saturday from Cat Fish.

W. H. Smith was in Saturday from the Cat Fish country.

Uncle Pink Higgins came in Saturday from his Cat Fish ranch and spent some time here.

J. J. Martin was in town Saturday on business from his place in the Cat Fish country.

Riley Smith, of Cat Fish, was among the visitors to Spur Saturday.

Dick Cravy was in the city Saturday from the Cat Fish country and spent some time here.

C. C. Haile returned Friday from Dickens and Afton where he spent several days last week looking after business matters.

J. C. McNeill, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in good shape in his section.

C. M. Buchanan and wife of near Dickens, were in Spur Saturday visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. F. Scott, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was among the many people to visit Spur Saturday.

C. A. Jones, of three or four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and reports the crops on his place in good shape.

J. M. Roland, a prominent citizen of Dickens, passed through Spur Friday of last week on his return from a trip to Fort Worth and other eastern cities.

Paul Girdes, of Sylvester, was in Spur Monday on business and spent some time here.

John Luce and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday trading and visiting friends here.

Rev. J. V. Billberry, of near Dickens to the north, was in Spur Monday after supplies and looking after other matters.

W. D. Clay returned Sunday from Draper where he had been to inspect the gin machinery of W. J. Duncan.

Geo. S. Link, Sol Davis, Messrs. Fisher and Abright of Stamford, made a business trip the latter part of last week to Dickens.

Baxter Scoggins was in Monday from his ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur and reports everything in good shape in that section.

Miss Ione Johnson, of Fort Worth, returned last week with L. W. Davis and will spend a month or more at the home of Sol and L. W. Davis and other relatives near Spur.

Dr. Blackwell, J. C. Davis and Chas. Applegate, of Dickens, were business visitors to Spur Friday of last week and spent several hours here, coming over in Me. Blackwell's car.

T. A. Smith, one of the old timers of the Cat Fish country, was in town Saturday and says that everything is looking good but that a good general ground soaking rain would be acceptable at this time.

## SENATE VOTES FOR DIRECT ELECTION.

Amendment To Constitution Favored By Vote Of 64 to 24.

Washington, June 13.—The resolution amending the federal constitution providing for direct election of United States Senators was passed by the senate last night by a vote of sixty-four to twenty-four. The Bristow amendment giving the government supervision of such elections was adopted by a vote of forty-four to forty-four. Vice President Sherman casting the deciding vote. One Democrat, Senator Clark of Arkansas made possible the adoption of the Bristow amendment, all other Democrats opposing it. Clarke cast the deciding vote.

On the main resolution, seventeen Republicans and nine Democrats voted against it, twenty-four in all.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Prayer services for rain were held Sunday in Ennis and Taylor.

H. H. Harrington, formerly president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, has been appointed agricultural director of the South Texas lines of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad company.

Farmers over Collin county are sinking wells in the creek beds and in many instances are successful in securing a flow of water. The country is drier than at any time known to citizens.

The track has been laid on the Coleman cut-off between Coleman and Lubbock, and it is expected that the road will be in operation by June 15 and will open a new route to California.

The government will begin work next month, deepening the Brazos river. A system of locks and dams will be built. There is an appropriation of \$3000,000 available for construction work.

Mrs. Carrie Nation, 66 years old, who gained celebrity by her use of a hatchet in the cause of prohibition, died at 7 o'clock Friday night here in the Evergreen Sanitarium.

The Texas Nut Company, which owns and operates a peanut factory in Denison, finds the industry is going growing so fast in north Texas that more storage facilities are needed, and have contracted for a warehouse.

Gen. Navarro and his troops left Juarez last Friday for the City of Mexico for the purpose of disbandment.

Coleman is preparing to have free delivery of mail in the near future. All the principal streets have cement sidewalks, the houses are numbered.

### AN OLD RESIDENTER

E. Luce, a prominent business man and citizen of Tap, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent the day here. Mr. Luce has purchased a twenty acre block adjoining the town of Spur and will probably build a home and move here this fall. Mr. Luce is one of the best fixed men of the country and has made his home in this section during the past twenty years. He has prospered here in the past, and since there are more opportunities here now than at any time in the history of the country, we expect not only the old timers but those who come later and stay with the country to prosper and become independent.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR MONEY?  
YOU CAN FILL A BUCKET DROP BY DROP *You can empty it quickly*



PUT IT IN THE BANK

MAKE UP YOUR MIND to save a PART of your income, and put it in the bank and let it stay there. How else can you get ahead. Make Our Bank Your Bank.

Spur National Bank.

Mrs. Cephus Hogan, of the city, was reported on the sick list the latter part of last week.

Leroy Martin came in Saturday from the Cat Fish country and spent some time in Spur.

Joe Martin was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday from the Cat Fish country.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison and daughter, Miss Ruthin, are in Hico on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Willis Smith and wife, of Red Mud, were in the city Saturday and Willis says everything is lovely.

W. T. Duke and wife of three mile southwest of Spur, were in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading.

J. N. Rhodes and wife, of three miles southwest of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading with Spur merchants.

Milton Smith was among those who visited Spur Saturday from Cat Fish and reports everything all o. k. in that section.

J. D. Martin was in Saturday from the Mooseworth ranch department Saturday and spent several hours here on business. He reports everything in pretty good shape on the ranch.

Mrs. Scott, of Hunt county, passed through Spur Saturday on her way to Mr. Whitaker's in the north part of the county to be present at the marriage this week of their daughter to Emmett Davis of Clarendon.

George Dodson, a prosperous citizen of the New Hope settlement, was in the city Saturday trading with Spur merchants.

J. B. Conner and children and H. T. Garner were out Sunday on Cottonwood Creek gathering plums. The plums are said to be plentiful this year.

O. O. Love and Chas. Jay, two prominent citizens and business men of Dickens, were business visitors in Spur the latter part of last week.

W. F. Vickers, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Cat Fish country, had business in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and meeting his friends.

J. B. Morrison, of the Red Mud country, was in Saturday and spent some time here. He reports his section in good shape, crops looking good and notwithstanding the continued dry weather the crops are not yet suffering. This country can stand more dry weather and make bigger crop yields in the end than any section of country.

T. J. Harrison, wife and son, of the New Hope settlement north of Dickens, were visitors in the city Saturday and while here Mr. Harrison was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Harrison reports crops of his section in the finest shape and that nothing is suffering at this time for the want of rain.

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We carry a complete line of both Staple and Fancy Groceries and are prepared to accommodate the public and supply the trade in every respect and on short notice.

HIGHEST GRADE GOODS

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In our staple line you will find the highest grade flour at low grade prices, and we want you to especially try a sack of High Patent W. O. W. Flour.

Crush Your Feed  
AT CROSBYTON GIN

COMMENCING  
Saturday, January 14

and every Saturday thereafter as long as the patronage justifies, Our Corn Sheller Grist Mill and Crusher will be operated

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FIRST-CLASS WORK. HOT OR COLD BATHS  
AGENTS FOR STAMFORD STEAM LAUNDRY

Located West Side Burlington Ave., Opposite Royal Hotel.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB WORK.

The Commercial Club of Mart is engaging in a crusade against the house fly and the entire membership of that organization is now spending its spare time combating this pest. The Ladies Civic League of that city is cooperating with the Commercial Club, and the campaign for fewer flies and better flies is becoming more active each day in that thriving little city. War has been declared on the fly all over the South, and Texas is leading in the movement, the commercial clubs in many instances leading the fight. The health of a community is of first importance and the extermination of the house fly will go a long way toward eliminating disease in the state.—Ex.

### STATE PRIZE CONTESTANT.

Correspondents of the Texas Industrial Congress who are following its instructions in contesting for the \$10,000 cash prizes for the best yields of corn and cotton, report excellent results from shallow cultivation of their crops and the maintenance of a dust mulch to prevent evaporation of the moisture in the ground. Shallow cultivation every four or five days, keeps down the weeds, and saves the fertilizing elements of the soil for the growing crop and at the same time keeps the ground from crusting. Many farmers who are practicing these simple but effective methods say their corn and cotton are fresh and green while their neighbors' crops are burning up, which emphasizes the fact the dryer the weather conditions the greater is the necessity for continuous shallow cultivation.

### WOULDN'T THEY?

The storekeeper who thinks it unnecessary to advertise because "everybody knows" him goes on the theory that he rather than his goods is what the public is interested in. Now, the modern shopper doesn't care to buy the merchant. She doesn't want him, probably wouldn't carry him home if she drew him as a prize. What she is concerned in is what he has to sell, and if he doesn't tell her what he has she will trade with somebody who does tell. As a matter of fact, the oldest merchants in this town (Dallas) are about the best advertisers here. If these men had decided a quarter of a century ago, after they had been here ten or fifteen years, that they were so well known as to not need advertising, does any one suppose they would now be known as merchant princes? Wouldn't they be referred to rather as "has beens" and wouldn't they be carrying on business, if in business at all, in cobwebby little storerooms on side streets? Wouldn't they?—Dallas News.

## The Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & HAYNES, Props.

First-class Tonsorial Work, hot and cold baths and up-to-date service in every respect. Call to see us.

AGENTS FOR STEAM LAUNDRY

### NEW WHEAT REACHES MARKET.

Kansas City: The first car of wheat of this year's crop sold here was auctioned off on the floor of the Board of Trade Monday. The wheat came from Wagoner, Ok., and sold for 86 1-2 cents a bushel.

### NOTICE

A package containing a linen Rushian blouse coat and a piece of new insertion to match, was left on Sol Savis' counter some three weeks ago. This was carried out by some one through mistake. The return of same to Davis' store will greatly oblige the owner. Mrs. M. M. Young.

### NEVER HAD BETTER PROSPECTS

Jake Scott, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Amity community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday and reports everything in his section in pretty good shape. It is reported that the country to the north and east of Dickens never had better crop prospects than at the present time, and we are hoping that the average cotton crop this year will be a bale to the acre.

### BEST PROSPECTS IN YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Young, of ten miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday, and while here Mr. Young was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He has been in this country ten years and says that at no time since he came to this section has he noted better crop prospects than now prevail in this section, and feels confident that the farmers of Dickens county will raise more cotton than they can gather.

W. F. Godfrey.

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### GETTING RID OF THE FLIES.

The agitation to kill flies seems to overlook the fact that a great many are without some reliable manner to aid in the work out side of the usual fly paper and patent articles. Here is a good receipt:

Flies are inordinately thirsty. Dissolve one drachm of bicromate of potash in two ounces of water and add a little sugar. Put some of the solution in shallow dishes and distribute about your room.

Here is another: A spoonful of formaldehyde into four ounces of water and expose in a room will kill all the flies.

This is a good one also: Burning pyrethum powder in a room will stupefy the flies immediately, when they may be swept out and burned.

Still another: Drip twenty drops of carbolic acid on a heated shovel and the vapor will kill the flies.—Ex.

### LET THE COUNTRY DEVELOP

J. D. Powell returned the first of the week from the town lot sale in the new town of Slayden. He said that he was afraid to speculate and as a result did not make expenses while gone. However, he said that many who attended the sale made good money in speculating on lots and since the opening the town is

### WAITING FOR JULY RAINS.

W. F. Walker was in Saturday from his place near town. He looked very pleasant considering the continued dry weather. However, there is yet plenty time for rain and the predicted bumper crop yields in this section. Those who have lived in the west many years are unconcerned as to the present conditions, knowing that June is always considered a dry month and expect the July rains to come in plenty time to mature the crops and produce a bountiful crop yield.

### WEST TEXAS WHEAT

Judge McClain was in Monday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and hauled out a load of wire which he said he was buying for the purpose of replacing water gaps on his place which he expected to be washed away after the twentieth of this month. The Judge has cut his wheat crop and is expecting the thresher to be at his place some time this week. He had about eighteen acres from which he expects to thresh about three hundred bushels of grain. He will have a peanut thresher to do the work since he says that his wheat grains are so large that a small grain thresher would not do the work. He says that he is not needing rain now, crops are looking fine and his expectations are that he will make a record breaking crop on his place this year.

### BALE OF COTTON TO THE ACRE

Wash Robertson and J. A. Neighbors, of near Afton, were in Spur Saturday trading and looking after other business matters. Uncle Wash says that at no time since he came to this country ten years ago has he ever had better crop prospects than at the present time, and this is saying much since he several years ago had the biggest yield known to the country, he having made more than a bale of cotton to the acre at that time and could not secure sufficient help to gather it all. From the present prospects Uncle Wash says that he will make a bale or more of cotton to the acre this year. His feed is growing nicely and no crops of his section of country will suffer for rain for some time to come. The Afton country is said by all who know conditions and soils to be among the best farming belts in all of Texas, and we congratulate the people of that section in having such bright crop prospects at this time when all of the country is suffering somewhat for rain. As an all-round farming and fruit growing section Dickens county can not be beat in the state and before many years such a statement will be a recognized fact by the general public.

## ...FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR... . GUARRANTY FUND BANK.

MANY THINGS TO  
BE CONSIDERED IN  
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FIRST: Strength, the solid financial strength of the bank with which you keep your account.  
SECOND: The strict care with which the bank is managed.  
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FOURTH: The financial strength of the Bank to care for your account in times of need, when you have been our friend in time of plenty.  
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To those wishing an appreciative banking account; we offer you our services as a well established, permanent, conservative bank, promising you courteous treatment, and careful consideration to all business entrusted to our care. The ability of the officers of this bank for the transaction of all legitimate banking interests has been demonstrated by many years of active experience.

### TEXAS FIRST BALE

Houston: The first bale of 1911 cotton crop was taken to the cotton exchange Monday morning, where it will be auctioned off later in the season. It made a new world's record by 11 days and was grown on rented land by Ernest Matz near San Benito, Cameron county. It develops that there was no Riviera bale, as reported, and stories sent out from there are declared to have been a joke and simply for the purpose of enlivening things up a bit.

The bale was composed entirely of new cotton, a fact ascertained by careful examination, weighed 493 pounds and classed strict middling. There was spirited bidding for it. Jesse H. Jones finally secured it at the record price of \$1,015.

### BIG TELEPHONE DEAL.

A big business deal was closed here Wednesday in which Mr. George T. Curtis has sold all the rights, franchises, exchanges and lines and other physical equipments of the Scurry County Independent Telephone Company in Scurry, Kent, Borden and Garza counties to the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, and the new owners are now in full charge of the system. The consideration is said to be \$23,000.—Post City Post.

### BOY SOWELL KILLED

Last Sunday at 10 a. m. a sad and fatal accident occurred in Yellow House Canyon near Lubbock. A crew was working on the railroad dump in the Canyon, when a dynamite explosion occurred, instantly killing a man by the name of Scott and A. D. Sowell, better known to the people here as "Boy" Sowell.

Boy Sowell was practically raised in Dickens county and has many friends and relatives here who will sympathize with his family in his death. He leaves a wife and two children.

now building at a rapid rate. During the sale of lots some advanced in price to more than double the first price and found purchasers at that. It is said that contracts have already been made for the construction work of a number of brick business houses and building work will be plentiful in Slayden for several months yet to come. The surrounding country is plains and very sparsely settled, yet it is thought that the surrounding country will settle rapidly since the advent of a railroad and the creation of a town and convenient trading point. Let the country develop, the more towns the more convenient to the people and the more railroads the more prosperous will be the country as a whole.

## Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

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and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

**BANKS**

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 7th day of June, 1911, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 23rd day of June 1911.

**RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts personal or collateral	\$20,459.95	
Loans, real estate	5,166.10	
Overdrafts	1,466.12	
Real estate, (banking house.)	2,237.03	
Other Real Estate	2,286.75	
Furniture & Fixtures	1,725.00	
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$1,242.74	
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check net,	137.74	
Cash items	306.24	
Currency	1,321.00	
Specie	307.55	3,315.27
Other resources as follows: Interest in Dep. Guaranty Fund	450.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,106.22</b>	

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	300.00
Undivided profits, net	352.49
Due to Banks & Bankers, sub. to check, net	1,251.60
Individual Deposits subject to check	11,935.07
Cashier's Checks	207.06
Bills payable and Re-discounts	8,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows: Dividends Unpaid	60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,106.22</b>

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon 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.

H. P. Cole, president,  
J. F. Vernon, cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 16th day of June A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven. Witness my hand and notarial

seal on the date last aforesaid: R. S. Holman Notary Public, Dickens County, Texas. Correct Attest:

W. S. Dunn,  
F. A. Prideaux,  
W. A. Wilkerson,  
Directors.

**Cause of Divorce.**

Miss Ella M. Haas, an inspector of workshops in Ohio, said at the Washington meeting of the American Federation of Labor, that sending girls out into the world unprepared for any of life's vicissitudes was the primary reason for the wide prevalence of the divorce actions. This might have been controverted, she said, if the education of these girls had been along technical rather than classical lines. Girls are not educated along domestic lines, and children are being turned out by the thousands not equipped for life's battles. She declared that the wonderful advance of the nation in industrial work makes it necessary that girls have industrial education.

**TRY SITTING AS A MODEL**

Grace MacGowan Cooke Found That Good Way to See Herself as Others Saw Her.

A good way in which to see oneself as others see one is to sit as a model to a class of students. A writer in the New York Times gives the experience of Grace MacGowan Cooke, who, before she became an author, tried to fit herself to illustrate stories written by others, and to that end studied at the School of Design in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Cooke's profile is fairly regular, and she was in some demand to sit for the sketch and life classes where the students took the task of posing in rotation.

It was at the time that metal repousse work was most popular, and she reports sitting one morning with her hair in a portentous Psyche knot and a double fillet over her head, while a painting apron that chanced to have a key-pattern border was draped across her shoulders to hide her street dress, and listening to the exceedingly frank comments of her fellow students as they worked.

She had been enlightened considerably as to her facial angle, the length of her countenance from eye to lip, and various other details, when one enthusiastic young woman capped the shaft.

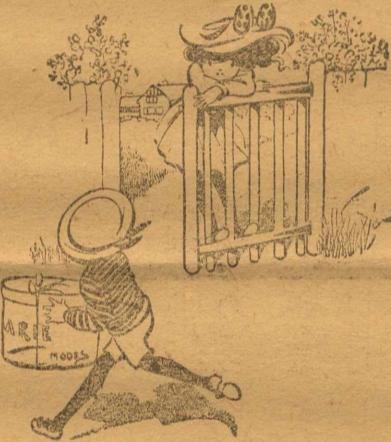
"Well," she remarked, "I just think she's got a beautiful head to pound on brass. Don't you think you'd love to hammer that profile of hers?"

**JOKE ON SECRETARY WILSON**

Not Knowing French, He Joined In the Applause Given to Praise of Himself.

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, knows pretty much all there is to know about trees, vegetables and soils; but he does not shine as a French scholar. Accordingly, he was at a disadvantage when he presided at a dinner at the Cosmos club, where many of the speeches were delivered in French. All the speakers were distinguished scientists, and they dwelt on subjects of an abstruse nature. Naturally, when their remarks were in French, they were puzzling to the secretary. Finally a particularly demonstrative Frenchman began to talk about fields and vineyards and how to improve them according to modern methods. He was applauded several times, and when he came to his peroration, which was full of long words and set off with many powerful gestures, the hand-clapping and cheering grew so boisterous that Mr. Wilson thought it incumbent on him to join in the demonstration of approval. As he got a late start in the hand-clapping, he was still at it when the rest of the assemblage had quieted down. "Do you know exactly what that fellow was saying?" asked a friend of the secretary, when the Frenchman had taken his seat. "No-o, not exactly," admitted Mr. Wilson; "but I applauded because everybody else was doing it, and I wanted to be polite." "He was saying," explained the friend, "that you were the best secretary of agriculture in the world."

**NEED OF HASTE.**



"What are you running for like that, Billy, with that big parcel?"  
"—Hat for sister—running home—before it's out of fashion!"

**PRICE OF RADIUM IS LOWER**

Joyful News is Given Out That the Metal Now Costs Only \$2,100,000 an Ounce.

The price of radium is lower now. The Scientific American says:

"Sir William Ramsay recently announced that radium now costs \$2,100,000 an ounce, which price is slightly less than the value given by him about a year ago, as \$2,500,000. A year ago there was said to be about one-quarter of a pound of radium in the world. As a matter of fact, the actual quantity is not now much greater. Radium banks have been established in Paris and London for the purpose of lending radium at a price. As much as \$200 has been charged for the use of 100 milligrammes for a single day."

In fact, there is not an ounce of pure radium in the world. It is all but a very little in combination with other elements. But there are tons of it in the earth giving life to all animals by its emanations.

**UNEXPECTED ANSWER.**

A prosperous business man of a natural cheery disposition was baffled in an attempt to inspire cheer into three members of the laboring class the other day. The business man was taking a party of friends through the old Granary burying ground, and in their tour of inspecting the graves of notables they came across three grave-diggers, who were eating their lunches on the top of one of the large, flat tombstones.

"Well, my men," remarked the leader of the touring party, "aren't you inspired with awe eating your dinners on the gravestones of great men?"

"H—, no; we've got to eat somewhere."—Boston Journal.

**RATHER DO IT HIMSELF.**

A small boy who felt he had been mistreated by his little sister was vowing all sorts of revenge when his aunt said to him: "We must not pay back the evil people do to us; we must leave that to the Lord," and she quoted the passage of Scripture. "Vengeance is mine and I will repay saith the Lord." After thinking it over for a while the child replied: "Well, I believe I'd rather do it myself and have it off of my mind, and anyway the Lord wouldn't do anything against ladies."

**STUCK TO HIS VESSEL.**

Remarkable grit and tenacity were shown by the captain of the American schooner Holliswood, which was found recently waterlogged and helpless by the master of the Norwegian steamer Harold, in the Gulf of Mexico. The master of the Harold took off all the crew of the Holliswood and expected E. G. Walls to follow their example. But it was all to no purpose, and the Harold resumed her voyage. Three days later the battered Holliswood was sighted by the British steamer Parkwood. When that vessel came alongside, the captain could not stand from weakness, but he was as determined as ever to stick to the vessel. Finally the Parkwood took the Holliswood in tow and conveyed her safely to Galveston, Tex., greatly to the amazement of the inhabitants, who had heard of the abandonment of the vessel.

**SETS SELF HARD TASK.**

London educators are hoping to improve the manners of the poor children while feeding them, and the council of education declares that it will try to make them "well-mannered and well-behaved." Considering how much trouble those with better fortunes have in securing these qualifications to their own children, the London council of education may be excused if it fails.

**NONCOMMITAL.**



Miss Prymme—Er, Gertrude, was it you I saw last night with a man's arm around your waist, or did my eyes deceive me?

Pert Minx—Well, really, I don't see that I am called upon to be answerable for anything on the evidence of your eyesight!

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**

One or two residences, desirable location and close in. One five room house and one three room nicely finished, sheds, cistern, lots, etc. This property is in the town of Rotan, one of the best towns in Central West Texas. Will trade either one or both for land near Spur or Spur town property. For further particulars, apply at

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RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts personal or collateral	\$47,025.90
Loans, real estate	8,498.26
Overdrafts	3,467.02
Real estate, (banking house.)	7,763.58
Furniture & Fixtures	2,162.90
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$9,850.63
Due from other Banks and Bankers subject to check net,	115.40-- 9,966.03
Cash items	152.45
Currency	1,789.00
Specie	1,859.05-- 3,800.50
Other resources as follows: Interest in Dep. Guaranty Fund	1,500.00
Judgements	95.43
Total	\$84,279.62

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided profits, net	1,393.07
Due to Banks & Bankers, sub. to check, net	145.75
Individual Deposits subject to check	31,275.92
Cashier's Checks	168.13
Set aside for Taxes	\$200.00
Suspense acc't.	96.75-- 296.75
Total	\$84,279.62

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

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 my knowledge and belief.

G. H. Connell, president,  
E. C. Edmonds, cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me by E. C. Edmonds, cashier, this 15th day of June A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

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

E. J. Cowan, Notary Public,  
State of Texas, County of Tarrant, ss.

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell before me this 16th day of June, A. D. 1911.

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

Norman Echelson,  
Notary Public, Tarrant County Texas.

Correct Attest:

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

### TAP TELLINGS

We are all getting along fine over here. It is getting to be dusty since it has not rained for two months, but we have not given up yet. Cotton is doing fairly well, feed crops are all right yet and will make an abundant crop if it rains between now and Christmas.

Most every one is through chopping cotton except such fellows as J. E. Sparks and S. S. Alicorn who sleep on the east porch and never rise of a morning till the sun gets so hot they can't sleep.

Arney Baker and lady visited W. F. Shugart out east of Spur Saturday and Sunday.

F. L. Allcorn and family from the lower end of the valley were here Sunday.

Miss Mamie Greer was visiting the Misses Hinson, of Soldier Mound, Sunday.

Mrs. W. C. McArthur is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Maud Scott, at Watson, Texas.

Preaching Saturday night and Sunday, last, by a Primitive Baptist preacher of Afton.

P. Hinson and family visited J. A. Hinson of Soldier Mound, Saturday and Sunday.

D. C. Abney planted an acre of pop corn last week and the sand got so hot in the afternoon that the corn popped out of the ground and raised sand like a regular sandstorm. Now everyone who believes this give me four bits.

Gadabout.

### MUCH SPECULATION

J. M. Neely, wife and daughter, Miss Jud, and Will Stephens and wife returned Sunday from Slayden where they spent several days attending the opening of that town to the general public. Mr. Neely reports that many lots were sold and much speculation was indulged during the opening days. He says that Oscar and Will Jackson are among those who have established real estate offices in the town and doing some business and were among those who made some money in the opening sale of lots.

### GOOD FEED CROP

Chas. Durham, of three or four miles south of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and says that his feed crop is doing all right but the grass-hoppers are destroying his cotton. The grass-hoppers are reported to be numerous in certain localities but are not infesting the country in general. Mr. Durham says that he tried poison but that the grass-hoppers, especially the smaller ones, refuse to eat the dope.

P. C. Maynard made a business trip this week to Sylvester where he will spend several days.

Mrs. L. W. Davis and Mrs. P. C. Maynard visited relatives and friends Tuesday in Dickens.

When you want Stock Powder, Kreso Dip and Disinfectants call on the Spur Drug Company.

R. C. Forbis, of near Dickens, returned recently from Alpine where he visited his father, C. B. Forbis.

W. G. Sherrod left Tuesday for the Plains where he will remain several days on business and pleasure.

Mrs. George A. Stewart left Sunday for Sherman where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Bam Leatherwood, of Crosby county, was in the city Wednesday trading with Spur merchants.

Mrs. Dan Dobbins, of Walnut Springs, is in the city the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jas. Mahon at the New Western Hotel.

The Spur Drug Company is prepared to supply the trade in Kreso Dip and Dr. LeGears Disinfectants.

J. B. Richburg returned the first of the week from Slayden where he spent several days attending the opening of that town.

T. A. Kemp and wife, of Olney, passed through Spur Tuesday on their way to the C. D. Ranch where they will remain on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis.

Miss Minnie Reece, who has been on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill at their home west of Spur, returned Tuesday to her home in Brazoria county.

Rev. Pearn, a traveling evangelist, has been in Spur several days and while here delivered several lectures in connection with stereopticon views. The lectures were largely attended and appreciated.

Uncle Buck Hardin made a trip this week to the Brown and Scoggins ranch in Kent county where he spent some time on business and visiting Mrs. Boley Brown and family.

Mr. Barrett, a prominent citizen and properous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and trading with the merchants. He reports crops in pretty good shape in his section.

W. P. Sampson, a prominent citizen of several miles south-east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and supplying the townspeople with country produce.

The Spur Drug Company, in connection with all kinds of drugs and drug sundries, toilet articles and patent medicines, also has a supply of Dr. LeGears Stock Powders, Kreso Dip and Disinfectants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons and Miss Ora Stewart returned Tuesday from Blanco Canyon where they spent several days. They report a great time, all the fish they could eat and then some, and also say that they enjoyed one of those fishing trips of which others only dream.

Jonas Carlise, of Gilpin, was in Spur Wednesday on business and to visit his daughter, Mrs. Z. V. Smith of the city. Mr. Carlise has shaved his beard and many of his old time acquaintances and friends failed to recognize him.

Mrs. Springer, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at Quanah and Haskell, returned this week to her home in Spur.

J. A. Edwards, of the north part of the county, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Mrs. White, of Stamford, who has been spending the past two weeks in the city at the homes of M. E. Manning and L. N. Riter, returned the latter part of the week to her home in Stamford.

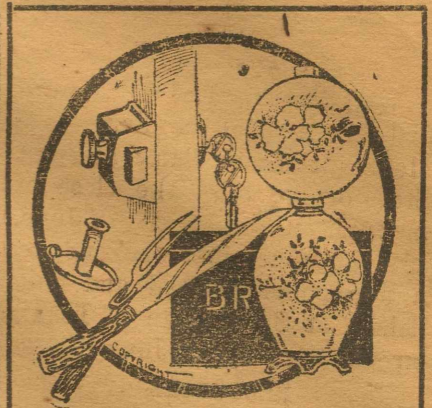
T. A. Tidwell and R. B. F. Craig went over to Dickens Tuesday and brought Mr. Yopp home. Mr. Yopp will remain at home and be cared for by his brother until he is completely recovered.

E. E. Patterson returned Monday from Limestone county where he spent two weeks visiting his mother. He reports that crops in that section are needing rain, especially feed crops. From reports from other sections of the country we can but form the opinion that Dickens county is in first-class shape with respect to crops compared to conditions further east.

### WATER CONSERVATION PROPOSITION.

By Cooperation And Concerted Action Great Good To Texas Will Result.

On a large proportion of the farms in this state there are creeks, ravines or gullies that could be dammed at comparatively small expense, thus forming lakes or pools to catch and hold in the aggregate a vast amount of flood-water. The lake already built could and should be enlarged, thus insuring an abundance of water for man and beast, and in many cases enough to irrigate on a moderate scale. Useful shade or fruit trees could be easily, cheaply and profitably grown on the banks of these lakes, and the evaporation from the waters would to some extent cool the atmosphere and presently, where we have a great number of such pools, might possibly increase rain-fall. If the people generally will become enthusiastically interested in this subject and show their faith by their works, our lawmakers will soon catch the spirit of the enterprise and give country state support of water conservation on a large scale, by creating water bonding districts on the order of our road, levee and drainage districts. The combined efforts of the state, counties, cities, towns and countries neighbor-hoods would save billions of barrels of flood-water which now goes wastefully to the Gulf, carrying with it millions of tons of fertilizing matter washed from the soil, which should be conserved, greatly adding to the comfort, happiness and prosperity of all the people. In fact if we will cultivate more intelligently and carefully, conserve the fertility of the earth as a priceless inheritance and catch and hold the storm waters, we will make Texas a veritable agricultural Eden, capable of supporting in prosperity and happiness millions and millions of people for an almost unlimited time. Let us form Flood-Water Lake Clubs in every precinct in the state, and by concerted action and neighborhood co-operation we will work wonders and dam Texas for the good of all the people.—Henry Exall, President Texas Industrial Congress.



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### WOMEN'S PROHIBITION CLUB

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

#### BLIND TO THE TRUTH

Men who vote to establish a saloon in a community because it brings money into the neighborhood are as blind to the truth as a ground mole is to the light. A saloon takes money out of a community rather than bringing it in. The saloonkeeper is only a hired servant of the liquor trust, who deals out liquor damnation to the citizen who has become a victim of habit and said money is sent out of the community and goes into the coffers of the liquor trust. How many brewers or distillers in your community? Not one. Where does that multimillionaire, Adolphus Busch, reside? He resides in Pasadena, Cal., the driest of all "dry" places in the United States. Why does Mr. Busch reside in a dry city? Because it is the most pleasant sort of a city to live in and the most desirable place to raise a family. Did you notice that not many months ago the brewers whose homes are in Milwaukee objected to the establishment of a saloon in that part of the city where they reside? They did not want a saloon located where it would tempt their boys. They have no use for a saloon other than as a means by which to exact money from the poor soul who has become a slave to the liquor habit, that it may enrich them, but they do not want their boys to frequent such places.—Nebraska News.

#### GILPIN NEWS

Brother and sister Bennett went down in Kent county Saturday where Brother Bennett preached.

They failed to have Sunday school here Sunday because the people are not interested enough to come out, I am sure.

Mr. Lee Billberry and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Spur.

The baptizing near Mr. Carlise's Sunday evening was witnessed by a large crowd while Rev. Young baptized Clara Neighbors.

Mr. Geter left last Friday to join his wife in east Texas where she has been visiting a week or two.

Aunt Polly

## A Peculiar Prejudice.

Some people think a bank is a sort of rich men's club, that no one is wanted there unless he has a lot of money. While of course a bank is always glad to secure a depositor, if they had nothing but depositors the Bank could not make any money. Money has to be loaned and the Bank must have reliable, responsible men to lend it to. As a matter of fact there is scarcely any person in the community whom the bank cannot serve in some way to mutual advantage. Many who have started in a small way have succeeded better because of the confidence and advice of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. This bank is for every honest man who is making an earnest effort to better himself

...Merchants & Farmers State Bank...  
J. F. VERNON, Cashier.