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NEW GIN NOW GOING UP IN SPUR

Mr. Johnson, of Stamford, is now installing a new gin plant in connection with the electric light plant in Spur. The building is now under construction and the gin will be complete and ready for operation by the fifteenth of September.

The gin will have four stands of seventy saws each, being of the best standard make and of sufficient capacity to care for the ginning promptly and in the most satisfactory manner.

Since the Spur country has developed most rapidly during the past two years, there now being more than thirty thousand acres under cultivation within this trade territory, another gin is needed here and no doubt will be given a liberal patronage by the farmers of this territory.

It is very probable that from seven to ten thousand bales of cotton will be ginned and marked in Spur this fall, and with this outlook the two gins here will be kept busy during the ginning season.

WILL BUILD A NEW HOME

J. R. Nations, of Henrietta, was in Spur last week and spent several days here looking after his property interests near Spur. Mr. Nations owns three hundred and twenty acres of land four or five miles east of Spur, and while here he figured with lumbermen and carpenters with the intention of building a farm home and improving his land. Last year Mr. Nations moved to Oklahoma but says that on account of hail and adverse conditions he made a crop failure and moved recently to Henrietta where he will remain through the fall season. Mr. Nations is a substantial citizen and we will be glad to see him move to Spur and become a citizen with us.

PREPARING TO GIN

B. T. Duncan, of Draper, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Duncan said that he had purchased his father's interest in the Draper gin and he is now making preparations for the fall ginning season. He says the cotton prospects continue very good in his section and he thinks the crop will average at least one-half bale to the acre.

A GENERAL GOOD RAIN

On account of a washout on the Stamford & Northwestern railroad near Swenson, Monday's train was delayed several hours. The rain Sunday night was general over this section of the country. At Spur the rainfall registered one inch, in Jayton one and forty-five hundredths and at Stamford one and seventy hundredths.

SPUR IS HEADQUARTERS

W. D. Vinson, formerly of Spur but now of Slaton, is in the city spending the week here with friends. Mr. Vinson has been in Slaton since the opening of that town several months ago

and says that the town is building and progressing rapidly. However, he incidentally said that Spur was one of the most substantial towns in all of Western Texas and he continued to recognize this place as his permanent headquarters. Mr. Vinson is writing insurance and says that he has been doing considerable business.

LAND HERE MORE THAN PAYS FOR ITSELF

C. F. Cates brought in a bundle of cane raised on Bod Davis' place three miles northwest of Spur. The cane is fully nine feet high and Mr. Davis cut three acres, averaging one thousand bundles to the acre. The cane is worth four cents a bundle which will make the three acres of land produce forty dollars to the acre. This is another demonstrated evidence that land in the Spur country will produce more than enough in one year to pay for itself. On an average the very best agricultural land in the Spur country is selling for sixteen or seventeen dollars an acre. This land will produce from forty to sixty dollars an acre. There is little excuse why a man should not own his own home in the Spur country.

BIG TOP CROP

J. R. Robertson and wife, of the Afton country, were in the city the latter part of last week visiting friends of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson moved the first of the year from Spur to the Afton country and are making a crop this year. Mr. Robertson says that crops will be cut short from what was first expected on account of worms and the continued dry weather. However, since the recent rains, both this and last week, will put crops in fine shape again and with a late freeze cotton will put on a big top crop.

MOVING BACK TO SPUR

W. N. Blackwell and family moved last week to Spur, taking charge of the Spur Hotel. During the past year Mr. Blackwell has been doing ranch work in Kent county, moving back to Spur at this time for the benefit of the Spur School. We wish Mr. Blackwell a successful business in the hotel.

GENERAL GOOD RAINS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

The first of last week and again Sunday night general good rains fell over all this section of the country. Sunday night the rainfall here registered one inch, former rains .66, making a total of 1.66 inches during the month of August. Since the first day of February we have had a total of seventeen inches of rain in Spur and the Spur country.

At the present time crops are in fine shape, late feed crops will make a bumper yield, and although the cotton crop is cut short on account of worms, it is now thought that the country will produce an average of one half bale to the acre. With a late frost and the present season it is possible that a good top crop of cotton will put on and mature.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

J. A. Alston came in Saturday from his place several miles southwest of Spur and reports everything moving along nicely out his way. He says that he is now convinced that it pays to advertise in the Texas Spur. Recently he advertised for two pups which strayed from his place, and through this advertisement the pups were returned to him from a number of miles to the southwest. The Texas Spur has a large circulation and is read by those who take it.

WELCOME RETURN

Mrs. J. B. Pruden and children, of Quanah, are in the city this week visiting her sister, Mrs. G. C. Pass and other friends in Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Pruden formerly lived in Spur, moving last year to Oklahoma but recently removing to Quanah where Mr. Pruden is now engaged in the general mercantile business. They have many friends here who stand ready to extend them a welcome return to Spur.

AN APPRECIATED LETTER.

Recently we received a letter from J. T. George, of near Jayton, who with his family is now at their summer home in Iowa, enclosing two dollars for two subscriptions to the Texas Spur for which he has our sin-

cere thanks. In the letter he also congratulated and commended the paper in flattering terms which encouraged us much in our efforts to publish a commendable local paper. It is seldom that we are ever told of our good qualities, and since our faults and failures are many and promiscuously noted, we appreciate such expressions.

DEMONSTRATING AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES

T. L. Oliver, of Loving, passed through Spur one day last week on his return home from a trip up on the Plains. Mr. Loving, while here, called in at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his address for which he has our thanks. He reports that his section of country is short on crops this year, and the crop conditions prevailing here and up on the Plains was noted by him, and before leaving he stated that he might be able to sell his property and move out to this country in time for next year's crop. Every day this western country is demonstrating to the eastern people that it is an exceptionally fine agricultural section, and at the present rate of settlement only a few years remain in which the home builder will have an opportunity to secure raw land and at the prices now prevailing.

AT THE AIRDOME

The motion pictures now being presented at the Airdome, just north of the Sol Davis store, are of the very latest films, coming direct from Dallas, and being carried on under the efficient management of Mr. Zinn, an experienced man in this line, the people who attend certainly have no trouble in getting their moneys worth. The opening show Wednesday night in which was presented three thousand feet of films, was well patronized and those who attended were well pleased, and highly complimented Mr. Zinn on producing an entertainment so interesting, "The Little Fire Chief" alone being well worth the price of admission.

Just received a lot of Shot Guns and Winchesters, 32-25, 25-20, 22 Targets and 30-30s. A large supply of ammunition-Call and see us. Barber & Hancock. 44-tf

A PRETTY HOME WED- DING IN HILLSBORO.

Last night the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Middleton, at 314 East Elm Street, was the scene of the culmination of a most happy courtship when their daughter, Miss Mary Louise became the bride of Mr. George B. Russell.

Long before the appointed time of the ceremony, 7 o'clock, the reception room which had been tastily decorated with ferns, the pots of which had been draped with pink and white, were filled to the overflowing with the admiring friends and relatives of the contracting couple.

As the hour arrived which would mark the crowning epoch in two young lives, Mrs. N. B. Calder, presiding at the piano, sent forth the strains of Mendelssohn's time honored Wedding March, the bride and her maid, Miss Bertha Duff, stately treaded the way to the parlor where they were joined by the groom and attendant, Mr. R. L. Bobbitt, the wedding party taking their places beneath a suspended wedding bell, where the Rev. S. C. Lockett, of Dallas, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Fort Worth, in an impressive manner, spoke the mystic words which united for life these happy mated young people.

The bride was born and reared in this county, passing her childhood and maiden days in or near Hillsboro, where her charming manners and womanly virtues have won for her a legion of friends. The groom is also a product of Hill county, having been born and reared at Abbott, and his sterling qualities have won for him an enviable reputation, and a host of business and social associations.

After receiving the congratulations of all present they were accompanied by a large number to the Katy station where they boarded the south-bound local for Waco, going from there to Stamford for a few days' visit with friends before journeying on to their home, at Spur, where the groom enjoys a lucrative mercantile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were the recipients of a large number of beautiful and useful tokens of the love and esteem in which they are held by all fortunate enough to have come within the sphere of their acquaintance.

Among the out-of-town guests present were Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tinsley, of Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Davis, of West, Miss Hazel Phelps, of Morgan, Miss Minnie Clare Johnson, of Denton, and Miss Fannie Howard, of Henrietta.

The Mirror joins their many friends in extending the best of wishes for an unalloyed life of happiness and prosperity.—The Evening Mirror.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell arrived in Spur Tuesday and will hereafter reside at their new home in the northwest part of the city. The many friends of Mr. Russell in Spur and Dickens county join the Texas Spur in congratulations and best wishes.

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EVERYBODY MUST HELP

It is little use for the local editor to waste his lungs and sprain his spine in trying to boost a town when the citizens stand around with their hands in their pockets and indifferently wait for something to turn up. If the capitalists or business men do not put their shoulders to the wheel and do a little boosting it is useless for the editor to try and boom things. He can write "boom" articles 'till he gets bald headed but if the citizens themselves do not take hold and push the town will forever stick in the mud. Of what use is it for the local paper to suggest improvements and new enterprises if the suggestions are never acted upon? One man cannot boom a town. It requires the concerted action of the citizens. When one man shoulders a town and attempts to carry it there are always a lot of cranky kickers ready to jump on top of the load. Unity of action is what knocks. —Ex.

Mr. Hazlewood, of San Angelo, was here last week and spent several days with his son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hazlewood.

Mrs. G. A. Howsley and children came up last week from Albany and spent several days here with Mr. Howsley. Mrs. Howsley was very much pleased with Spur and said that if their business could be properly arranged she and the children would move this fall to Spur and make this their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Parks, of Girard, came up last week and attended the big picnic and celebration.

S. E. Gunn, of the Gun, Love Company of Dickens, had business in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Duncan, of Jayton, was in the city last week to attend the picnic and also to visit her cousin, C. B. Cook and family.

Herman Morrison of Rotan and Babe Morrison of Hico were in the city last week to attend the picnic and also to visit R. R. Morrison and family.

J. P. Crump, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Frank Smith, of Red Mud, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He was carrying the mail out of Spur to Red Mud.

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Mrs. C. C. Haile returned the latter part of last week from a ten days visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

N. B. Fuquay was in the city the first of the week from his place in the Cat Fish country and reports the crops looking fine considering everything in that section.

Chas. Windham and daughter, of Draper, were visitors in Spur Monday.

The little children of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Winters came up from Jayton and spent Sunday at the Standifer Sanitarium with Mrs. Winters who is convalescing from a recent operation.

C. A. Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was in the latter part of last week and reports that he has about recovered from his hunting expedition recently. He refused to tell where he went and what he killed, but he had the expression of a man who got the game.

W. H. Smith, of Red Mud, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section. Mr. Smith was formerly editor of the Clairement News but is this year farming in the Red Mud country and prospering with the majority of people in the country. Some times when things go all wrong we have a desire to trade off the newspaper business and try the independence of farming.

Messrs J. H. Trout and Ed Acker, of near Adair, Fisher county, passed through Spur Monday on their return home from a trip up in the Wake country where Mr. Acker is pasturing stock this fall and winter. While here Messrs. Trout and Acker were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. These gentlemen are thinking of buying land here and becoming citizens of this section. They are substantial men and we will be glad to have them locate with us.

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BLOODLESS TOWNS

If the reader wants to settle in a wide-awake community, all he has to do is to look at the local newspapers. A wide-awake well-supported home newspaper is always associated with good schools, churches, active business and intelligent people. It never fails. No business man or pioneer in any community makes any better investment than in the support of a home newspaper.—Longview Times-Clarion.

It is easy to look at a town's newspaper and tell what kind of burg it comes from. If it is full of live advertising, then it is full of live merchants and wide-awake citizens. If it is a palled sheet without commercial blood in its veins, then its fellow townsmen are slow pokes who sit for hours in front of their stores and talk horse, while the farmers pass on the way to the railroad station or the express office to get shipments from the mail order houses. Those who abuse the patrons of mail order stores ought to give said patrons credit for knowing what they are about. When one's nearest merchant hasn't enterprise enough to solicit the people's trade and tell the people what he has and what it costs, then the people can not be blamed for trading with merchants, even five hundred miles away, who do tell.—Dallas News.

Mr. Perry, who has been farming this year in the Tap country, has returned to Spur and will operate a cotton yard in the city this fall. He will move his family to town later in the fall.

Mrs. Minnie Beall, who is visiting her son, J. A. Alston of near Spur, went over to Afton and is spending the week with Lon Greer and family.

Dan Hogan came over last week from Crosbyton where he is now doing considerable painting and spent several days here during and after our big celebration.

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Mother—Charles, I see you have written me a little letter to say how sorry you are you took the jam? Well, I forgive you for your thoughtfulness. Charles—Yes, ma. Please don't tear the letter. Mother—Why not? Charles—'Cos it'll do for next time. —Stray Stories.

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A trial, today, will convince you that it is the medicine you need. All Druggists.

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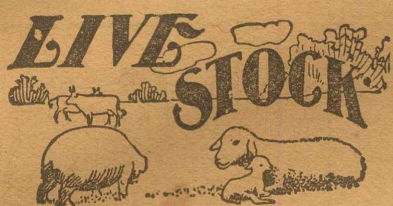
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KEEP HOGS FREE FROM LICE

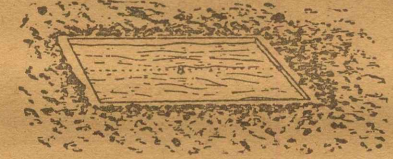
Common Cause of Thriftlessness in Young Pigs and Tends to Retard Fattening in Adults.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

The hog louse is a common cause of thriftlessness in young pigs and when numerous, tends to retard fattening in adult hogs and injuriously affects brood sows and boars. It is advisable and profitable to keep swine free from lice at all ages and stages of their existence and development so far as possible. To this end their houses, pens and sleeping places should frequently be cleaned and disinfected, the woodwork whitewashed, the bedding material kept fresh, clean and dry and the yards free from accumulations of litter and filth. It is impossible to keep hogs free from lice without maintaining sanitary conditions in their quarters and in attempting to rid them of these pests the treatment must include not only the hogs, but practically everything with which they come in contact daily.

To disinfect recently purchased hogs, that possibly may carry disease germs or vermin into the herd, wash them in a warm 2 per cent solution of coal tar dip and repeat the treatment in 10 days or two weeks; or apply the solution freely with a spray pump and rub it in with a brush. The addition of flowers of sulphur at the rate of 16½ pounds to each 100 gallons of dip mixture renders the solution more effective and such a combination solution should be freely used for all forms of mange or chronic disease of the skin in hogs.

To destroy lice a mixture of equal parts of kerosene and machine oil, or one part of turpentine and two parts of machine oil, should be ap-



An Excellent Wallow.

plied to every part of the hog by means of a rag or swab of cotton waste; or it may be applied along the back, from ears to tail, with a common machine oil can and allowed to ooze down the sides of the hog. Repeat the application in 10 days. As a remedy for lice on black hogs crude petroleum oil is successfully used. It is mixed with an equal amount of warm water and applied with a spray pump or brush. A repetition of the application, in 10 to 14 days, eradicates lice with certainty. Irritating applications, such as undiluted kerosene, cannot safely be used on pregnant sows, as abortion may follow their use.

An open concrete bath 8x3 feet containing eight inches of water makes an excellent wallow. Crude oil or a coal tar dip poured into the water will keep swine free from lice and their skins in good condition.

Growing Wool.

Growing wool differs very little from making bone and muscle. The elements of food utilized in its composition do not materially differ from those required by the skin, but vary somewhat in proportion.

Carbon, hydrogen, nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur are the principal and essential elements of wool composition. In order to produce a strong uniform fiber of wool it is necessary that the food consumed by the sheep possess an adequate quantity of these essential elements, and in proper proportion.

Sheep Pasture.

Separate the pastures in which you keep the ewes and the weaned lambs so far apart that they will not hear each other call.

After the lambs have been taken away from the ewes, they need good pasture. It is a good plan, too, to leave a few gentle ewes with them to help them get wonted to their new surroundings.

Making the Horse Understand.

Some folks get into the habit of saying "Whoa!" to their horses when they do not mean it, and these faithful animals cannot tell when their masters really mean them to have them stop, so they keep going. When you say "Whoa!" mean it. That is the only way our horses have of knowing what to do.

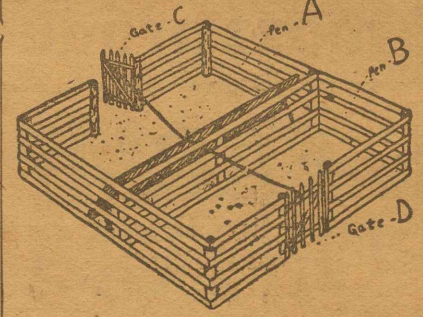
Prices of Mules.

Three mules out of one load were recently sold on the Chicago market for a total of \$1,050, an average of \$350 each. Brisk trade is reported from all parts of the country.

TRAP SHEEP-KILLING DOGS

Small Pen Arranged in Meadow or Field to Capture Destructive Animals—How It is Built.

In a meadow or field a small pen eight feet square is made and fenced strongly with pickets or boards. This pen is divided into two parts (a, b) by a cross fence. The pen is wholly covered over on the top with strong lath. Two gates (c, d) are made so that they will swing open of their own accord and remain so, unless held closed or fastened. The gate (c) is furnished with a latch, by which it is fastened when closed. This gate is intended to admit the dog into the part of the pen (a) when he is attracted to it by a sheep confined for the purpose in the other part of the



Trap for Sheep-Killing Dogs.

pen (b). In the part of the pen (a) is a heavy board, reaching across it. One edge of the board rests upon the ground against two pegs, which keep it from slipping backwards. The other edge is kept up by means of two shaky slender supports. A rope is fastened to the upper edge of this board and to the gates, so that one-half of it, when the board is propped up, holds the gate (d) shut, and thus keeps the sheep confined, and the other half allows the gate (c) to swing open. The trap is now set. A dog seeks to enter the pen. He finds the open gate and rushes in, over the board set upon its edge, and knocks this down. This closes the gate (c), which is at once latched and fastened. The gate (d) is allowed to swing open and the sheep confined is liberated and, of course, proceeds homeward without delay, while the dog is imprisoned.

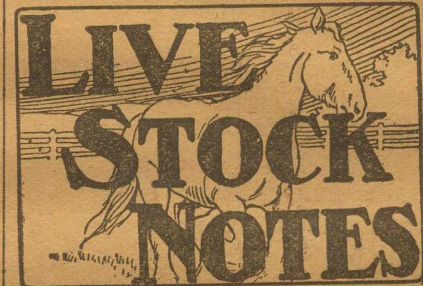
Green Feeds and Tonic Value.

One of the greatest veterinary surgeons acknowledges that grass or other green stuff in spring or summer, as the weather gets warmer, is capable of doing more for the good of the horses that are a bit out of sorts than the faculty could with all their tonics and other drugs to boot. But for maintaining a healthy horse in good, hard condition, green stuff alone will not do a great deal.

The horse's stomach is small, and a portion of the digesting of the food is done farther on in the bowels. Therefore there should be regard paid to the nourishing quality of the grass to which the animal helps himself.

Hogs and Horses.

Hogs and horses have no business in the same lot. May be all right for years before a valuable sow's back is broken.



Good brood sows are worth more than the top price of pork.

It is seldom that both horses in a pair require just the same amount of feed.

It is just as necessary to fit a collar to a horse as it is to fit a shoe to the foot.

Sheep should not be pastured on low meadows when ground is wet, as it will produce footrot.

Sheep that walk lame should be examined at once and the proper remedies applied in time.

It is even more essential in summer than in winter to give attention to proper facilities for watering the hogs.

All things considered, a swift-running stream, with solid banks and bottom, is the best watering place for hogs.

At the present time there is a great demand for good heavy draft horses for which the buyers are willing to pay exceptionally high prices.

The work teams should have a bran mash on Saturday night, as they have a rest on Sunday.

Without good feed and management even the most carefully bred sheep will not produce good fleeces.

It has been found advantageous to feed the young calves in stanchions and to keep them fastened there until all desire for nursing has left them.

It is possible to overdo the large hog pasture but when calves or sheep are grown, pasture crops can be kept under control and yet used to advantage.

AS A RULE.



"What is an income tax, pa?"
"A wife, my son."

TO KEEP THE SKIN CLEAR

For more than a generation, Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment have done more for pimples, blackheads and other unsightly conditions of the complexion, red, rough, chapped hands, dandruff, itching, scaly scalps, and dry, thin and falling hair than any other method. They do even more for skin-tortured and disfigured infants and children. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world, a liberal sample of each, with 32-page book on the care of the skin and hair will be sent post-free, on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 22 L, Boston.

The Fly.

"Where one earth do these flies come from?" is a frequent and despairing question.

They may come down the chimneys, if the fireplaces have tipping dampers. These should be tightly closed in fly-time. An appreciable falling off in their number will be the result.

If the chimneys have not the tipping damper, a screen such as is used for a window can be fitted into the fireplace; or, easier still, a bundle of paper may be stuffed up the chimney.

Either method is successful, and no trouble is too great to get rid of these summer pests.

Vacation Scheme.

"I have gotten a great deal of pleasure from anticipating the trip."

"More pleasure, possibly, than you'll get from the trip itself."

"That's what I think. So I've decided to stay at home and save the money."

A Hopeful Fellow.

"What is an optimist?"
"A man, whose bump of hope is bigger than the rest of his head."

Classifying Member of Inferior Sex. Stella—is her husband a stick? Bella—No, a buttonhook.

The hero is he who is immovably centered.—Emerson.

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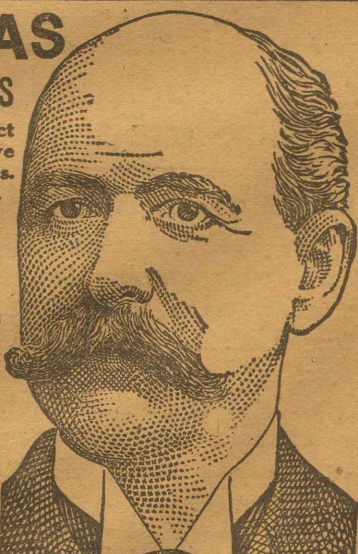
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LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. W. G. Sherrod, W. M.; Jeff D. Reagan, 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, Fred Hsiey Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. T. A. Tidwell N. G. Emmitt Lee 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.

The Eastland county school lands in Crosby county was recently bought by J. M. Bassett of Crosbyton. This is a fine tract of land and will hereafter be opened to settlement by actual farmers and home builders.

It is now generally understood in political circles that Texas will have at the head of our political government the present incumbent who will give us two more years of peace and rest in political affairs. We all just as well fall in line and help swell the campaign procession.

Notwithstanding the fact that the prohibition and anti-prohibition question has been settled for a time by the people, the Legislature continues to kill time and keep the political pot boiling at the expense of the tax-paying public. The politician works in a mysterious manner his wonders to perform.

For the first time within our knowledge of the history of Texas the State Legislature last week refused to endorse our illustrious United States Senator, Joseph Weldon Bailey. We expect to hear of Joseph coming down at an early date to line up the Texas delegation for further campaign purposes before the ending of this season of called legislation. Politics is an interesting game, but we endorse the Republican Representative who said in the House that it is now time to look after the business of the state and let politicians look after their own political fortunes.

In his speech recently in Massachusetts it is said that President Taft opened the Presidential campaign for 1912. Those at the head of national political affairs have not yet decided whom the people will select as a running mate, but it is thought that Governor Harmon will be the Democratic candidate.

During the month of August many prospectors have come into Spur. In fact they have been so numerous that the Spur Farm Lands management could not care for them all, many having to lay over several days before they could be carried out over the country. Many have bought lands and during the fall many more farm homes will be built in the surrounding country.

Big land owners in Texas who are holding land for a big profit are doing the state more injury in development progress than all other propositions now being considered by the Legislature. We suggest that the prohibition and anti-prohibitionists in Legislature drop their squabble, line up together and consider this proposition which will do more to advance the interests of the masses and develop the state than all the legislation heretofore enacted. We of West Texas cry ourselves hoarse urging the development of the country, and yet under the present law a big fat moneyed man will come in and buy up the land and say if you will give me five dollars an acre bonus the settler will be permitted to develop the wonderful agricultural resources.

Harry K. Thaw, who some time ago was adjudged insane during his trial on a charge of murder, and ordered confined in an asylum, has advised the courts that he has recovered and is now as sane as ever. Harry is said to have an income of sixty thousand dollars a year, and this fact with a liberal use of the proceeds no doubt will create a favorable impression and contribute much to an early release.

Colquitt has submitted a proposition to the Legislature to enact a law requiring only a majority rather than a two-thirds majority vote on bond issues hereafter. The issuance of bonds to supply the demand for good roads in many counties is mentioned as an argument for the passage of such a law. While the road question is one of the most important factors in the development of any country, yet the law requiring a two-thirds majority vote in bonding the country and our posterity was adopted for safety and conservatism and we believe should stand as it is writ. Where a country has advanced sufficiently in education and development progress to borrow money to make improvements there is little doubt but that two-thirds of the people of such a country will lend their endorsement to progressive propositions at the polls.

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Manager McSpadden, of the Southwestern Telephone Company, made a business trip Monday to Jayton. He informs us that the Southwestern Telephone is putting in an exchange at Dickens and will probably also put in a local system at Jayton in the near future. The Southwestern is one of the finest systems of telephone in the United States. Their business in Spur under the management of Mr. McSpadden has been satisfactory in every instance. The copper metallic system is installed here and the service is unexcelled by any exchange in any city of the country.



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The United States flag now has forty eight stars representing that number of states now comprising the Union, Arizona and New Mexico having been admitted as a part of the United States. However, President Taft refused to admit them under constitutions containing the referendum and recall planks with reference to judges. They say this is a government of the people and by the people, yet when Congress admitted these states under such a constitution President Taft vetoed the action saying the peoples rule should and must be limited.

Jno. S. Callahan was in the city one day last week from his home in the Tap country. He says that he has a fine crop considering that he commenced farming late in the season, and he now expects to gather a good average crop.

DRAPER LOCALS

Wichita was visited by a few local showers last week which were appreciated by all.

Public School opened Aug 7, with Ellsworth Ham, teacher and 27 enrollment the first week. Prentice Counts, who has been very low from sunstroke for two months, is up again.

Elmer Rogers returned from New Mexico last Friday evening with his bride, Miss Nora Battle. They will make their future home on Croton Flat.

Jno. Counts and family left with Charley Counts and family for a month's visit to New Mexico.

Mr. Murchison Pierce, and Rogers have relatives visiting them this week.

Rev. Zinn preached here Sunday to an attentive crowd. The protracted meeting was postponed until the third Sunday in September.

Mr. Waldrip was sick with fever, but is reported better.

Cotton has begun to open.

W. J. Duncan sold gin and store to his son Bert Duncan.

LOST, strayed or stolen, one alligator grip, hand bag style, large size, ox blood color, new looking, finder will please return same to Marshal J. M. Neely, Spur Texas. H. P. Schaefer, 43-2tp Cisco, Texas.

While taking the Census Reports, Uncle Sam has been investigating the opportunities for investment, and he announces that money invests in Texas farm land shows an increase in value of 173 per cent during the past decade. The total value of farm alone, not including buildings, was given 1910 as \$1,551,000 in 1900, an increase of \$1,021,962,000 or 173 per cent.

Spur Drug Company Changes Hands

R. E. Strickland, of Gatesville, has purchased the business and stock of goods of the Spur Drug Company. Former manager, C. B. Cook will remain with the new management.

All prescription will be carefully compounded by an experienced and expert registered pharmacist. A complete stock of pure fresh Drugs will be kept at all times and the patronage of the general public is solicited. Courteous treatment and the very best service extended to all.

Spur Drug Company DRINK AT OUR FOUNTAIN

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Judge R. H. Buck, Grand Chancellor Commander of the K of P Lodge, of Fort Worth, was in the city Monday on business.

Oliver Gray came up Monday from Jayton and spent several days in Spur assisting in the installation of a new switchboard in the Luzon Telephone office.

Miss Hardin, who is employed as one of the assistant teachers in the Spur School, arrived in the city this week prepared to assume her duties at the opening of school Monday morning. Since the new school building is not complete the school will open and continue in the old buildings until the new school house is complete.

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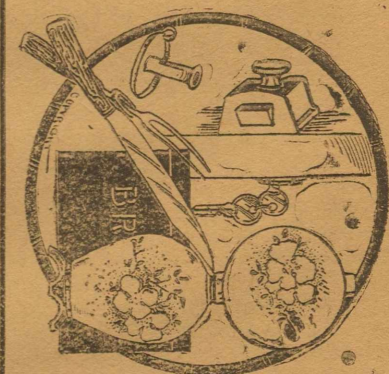
HIT IT HARD

J. G. Hodo, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Dorras country in Fisher county, was in Spur last week looking for grass land for several head of horses and cattle through the fall and winter. Mr. Hodo says the people of his section of the country have hit it hard this year, in fact during the past three years. He says even his orchard is dying out on account of the continued dry weather. We have known Mr. Hodo a number of years and are sorry to learn of the conditions in his section. He is one among the most substantial men of the country and hereafter we hope he and country will prosper with other sections of the great west.

W. G. Henderson, a prominent citizen and capitalist of Grapevine, was in Spur last week looking over the Spur country with a view of making land investments and also to visit his old friend, H. T. Burgoon and family.

STRAYED—Bay mare, four years old, star in forehead branded Y bar connected. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery. W. A. Johnson, Spur, Tex.

Mrs. McGuirt and little child were in the city last week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. McGuirt is now living in Childress, and before leaving for home called in at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to her address and for which she has our thanks.



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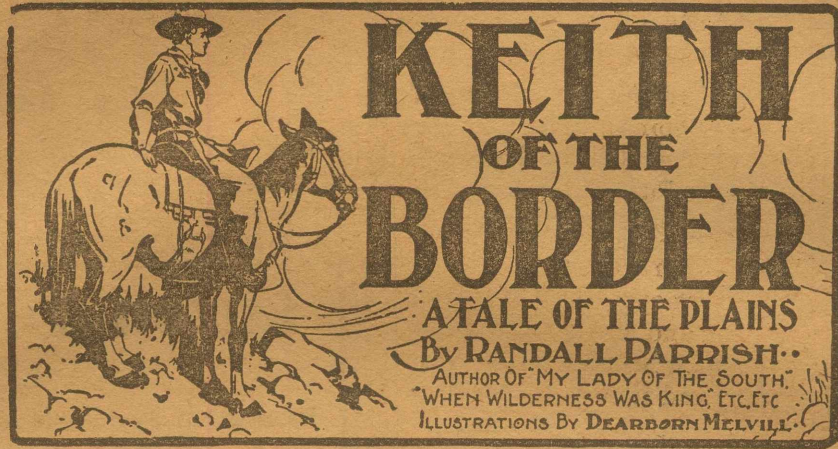
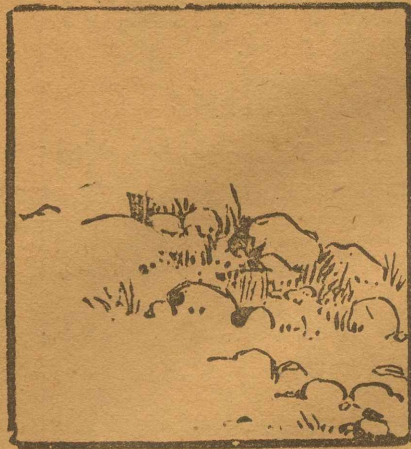
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WHEN WILDERNESS WAS KING, ETC., ETC.
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SYNOPSIS.

Jack Keith, a Virginian, now a border plainsman, is riding along the Santa Fe trail on the lookout for roaming war parties of savages. He notices a camp fire at a distance and then sees a team attached to a wagon and at full gallop pursued by men on ponies.

CHAPTER II

The Scene of Tragedy.

Whatever might be the nature of the tragedy it would be over with long before this, and those moving black spots away yonder to the west, that he had discerned from the bluff, were undoubtedly the departing raiders. There was nothing left for Keith to do except determine the fate of the unfortunates, and give their bodies decent burial. That any had escaped, or yet lived, was altogether unlikely, unless, perchance, women had been in the party, in which case they would have been borne away prisoners.

Confident that no hostiles would be left behind to observe his movements, Keith pressed steadily forward, leading his horse. He had thus traversed fully half a mile before coming upon any evidence of a fight—here the pursuers had apparently come up with the wagons, and circled out upon either side. From their ponies' tracks there must have been a dozen in the band. Perhaps a hundred yards further along lay two dead ponies. Keith examined them closely—both had been ridden with saddles, the marks of the cinches plainly visible. Evidently one of the wagon mules had also dropped in the traces here, and had been dragged along by his mates. Just beyond came a sudden depression in the prairie down which the wagons had plunged so heavily as to break one of the axles; the wheel lay a few yards away, and, somewhat to the right, there lay the wreck of the wagon itself, two dead mules still in the traces, the vehicle stripped of contents and charred by fire. A hundred feet further along was the other wagon, its tongue broken, the canvas top ripped open, while between the two were scattered odds and ends of wearing apparel and provisions, with a pile of boxes smoking grimly. The remaining mules were gone, and no semblance of life remained anywhere. Keith dropped his reins over his horse's head, and, with Winchester cocked and ready, advanced cautiously.

Death from violence had long since become almost a commonplace occurrence to Keith, yet now he shrank for an instant as his eyes perceived the figure of a man lying motionless across the broken wagon tongue. The grizzled hair and beard were streaked with blood, the face almost unrecognizable, while the hands yet grasped a bent and shattered rifle. Evidently the man had died fighting, beaten down by overwhelming numbers after expending his last shot. Then those fiends had scalped and left him where he fell. Fifty feet beyond, shot in the back, lay a younger man, doubled up in a heap, also scalped and dead. That was all; Keith scouted over a wide circle, even scanning the stretch of gravel under the river bank, before he could fully satisfy himself there were no others in the party. It seemed impossible that these two traveling alone would have ventured upon such a trip in the face of known Indian hostility. Yet they must have done so, and once again his lips muttered: "Of all the blame fools!"

Suddenly he halted, staring about over the prairie, obsessed by a new thought, an aroused suspicion. There had appeared merely the hoof-prints of the one horse alongside of the fleeing wagons when they first turned out from the trail, and that horse had been newly shod. But there were two dead ponies lying back yonder; neither shod, yet both had borne saddles. More than this, they had been spurred, the blood marks still plainly visible, and one of them was branded; he remembered it now, a star and arrow. What could all this portend? Was it possible this attack was no Indian affair after all? Was the disfiguring of bodies, the scalping, merely done to make it appear the act of savages? Driven to investigation by this suspicion, he passed again over the trampled ground, marking this time every separate indentation, every faintest imprint of hoof or foot. There was no impression of a moccasin anywhere; every mark remaining was of booted feet. The inference was sufficiently plain—this had been

the deed of white men, not of red; foul murder, and not savage war.

The knowledge seemed to sear Keith's brain with fire, and he sprang to his feet, hands clinched and eyes blazing. He could have believed this of Indians, it was according to their nature, their method of warfare; but the cowardliness of it, the atrocity of the act, as perpetrated by men of his own race, instantly aroused within him a desire for vengeance. He wanted to run the fellows down, to discover their identity. Without thinking of personal danger he ran forward on their trail, which led directly westward, along the line of cottonwoods. These served to conceal his own movements, yet for the moment, burning with passion, he was utterly without caution, without slightest sense of peril. He must know who was guilty of such a crime; he felt capable of killing them even as he would venomous snakes. It was a perfectly plain trail to follow, for the fugitives, apparently convinced of safety, and confident their cowardly deed would be charged to Indian raiders, had made no particular effort at concealment, but had ridden away at a gallop, their horses' hoofs digging deeply into the soft turf. On this retreat they had followed closely along the river bank, aiming for the ford, and almost before he realized it Keith

from molestation so long as he remained quietly on the north shore. Those shots were merely a warning to keep back; the very fact that the men firing kept concealed was proof positive that they simply wished to be left alone. They were not afraid of what he knew now, only desirous of not being seen. Confident as to this, he retreated openly, without making the slightest effort to conceal his movements, until he had regained the scene of murder. In evidence of the truth of his theory no further shots were fired, and although he watched that opposite sand bank carefully, not the slightest movement revealed the presence of others. That every motion he made was being observed by keen eyes he had no doubt, but this knowledge did not disconcert him, now that he felt convinced fear of revelation would keep his watchers at a safe distance. Whoever they might be they were evidently more anxious to escape discovery than he was fearful of attack, and possessed no desire to take his life, unless it became necessary to prevent recognition. They still had every reason to believe their attack on the wagons would be credited to hostile Indians, and would consider it far safer to remain concealed, and thus harbor this supposition. They could not suspect that Keith had already stumbled upon the

finement, exceedingly attractive still, with smiling dark eyes, and a perfect wealth of reddish brown hair. He held the locket open in his hand for several minutes, wondering who she could be, and what possible connection she could have held with the dead. Something about that face smiling up into his own held peculiar fascination for him, gripping him with a strange feeling of familiarity, touching some dim memory which failed to respond. Surely he had never seen the original, for she was not one to be easily forgotten, and yet eyes hair, expression, combined to remind him of some one whom he had seen but could not bring definitely to mind. There were no names on the locket no marks of identification of any kind yet realizing the sacredness of it Keith slipped the fragile gold chain about his neck, and securely hid the trinket beneath his shirt.

It was noon by this time, the sun high overhead, and his horse, with dangling rein, still nibbling daintily at the short grass. There was no reason for his lingering longer. He swept his gaze the length and breadth of the desolate valley, and across the river over the sand hills. All alike appeared deserted, not a moving thing being visible between the bluffs and the stream. Still he had the unpleasant feeling of being watched, and it made him restless and eager to be away. The earlier gust of anger, the spirit of revenge, had left him, but it had merely changed into a dogged resolution to discover the perpetrators of this outrage and bring them to justice for the crime. The face in the locket seemed to ask it of him, and his nature urged response. But he could hope to accomplish nothing more here, and the plainsman swung himself into the saddle. He turned his horse's head eastward, and rode away. From the deeply rutted trail he looked back to where the fire still smoked in the midst of that desolate silence.

CHAPTER III

An Arrest

The Santa Fe trail was far too exposed to be safely traveled alone and in broad daylight, but Keith considered it better to put sufficient space between himself and those whom he felt confident were still watching his movements from across the river. How much they might already suspicion his discoveries he possessed no means of knowing, yet, conscious of their own guilt, they might easily feel safer if he were also put out of the way. He had no anticipation of open attack, but must guard against treachery. As he rode, his eyes never left those far-away sand dunes, although he perceived no movement, no black dot even which he could conceive to be a possible enemy. Now that he possessed ample time for thought, the situation became more puzzling. This tragedy which he had accidentally stumbled upon must have had a cause other than blind chance. It was the culmination of a plot, with some reason behind more important than ordinary robbery. Apparently the wagons contained nothing of value, merely the clothing, provisions, and ordinary utensils of an emigrant party. Nor had the victims' pockets been carefully searched. Only the mules had been taken by the raiders, and they would be small booty for such a crime.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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Measuring a Field.

The area of any rectangular piece of land, that is, one the corners of which are square, is obtained by multiplying the length by the breadth.



A Bullet Chugged Into the Ground at His Feet.

was himself at the water's edge where the trail abruptly ended, staring vaguely across toward the opposite shore. Even as he stood there, realizing the futility of further pursuit amid the maze of sand dunes opposite, the sharp reports of two rifles reached him, spurts of smoke rose from the farther bank, and a bullet chugged into the ground at his feet, while another sang shrilly overhead.

These shots, although neither came sufficiently near to be alarming, served to send Keith to cover. Cool-headed and alert now, his first mad rage dissipated, he scanned the opposite bank cautiously, but could nowhere discover any evidence of life. Little by little he comprehended the situation, and decided upon his own action. The fugitives were aware of his presence, and would prevent his crossing the stream, yet they were not at all liable to return to this side and thus reveal their identity. To attempt any further advance would be madness, but he felt perfectly secure

truth, and was determined to verify it.

Secure in this conception of the situation, yet still keeping a wary eye about to guard against any treachery, the plainsman, discovering a spade in the nearest wagon, hastily dug a hole in the sand, wrapped the dead bodies in blankets, and deposited them therein, piling above the mound the charred remains of boxes as some slight protection against prowling wolves. He searched the clothing of the men, but found little to reward the effort, a few letters which were slipped into his pockets to be read later, some ordinary trinkets hardly worth preserving except that they might assist in identifying the victims, and, about the neck of the elder man, a rather peculiar locket, containing a portrait painted on ivory. Keith was a long time opening this, the spring being very ingeniously concealed, but upon finally succeeding, he looked upon the features of a woman of middle age, a strong mature face of marked re-

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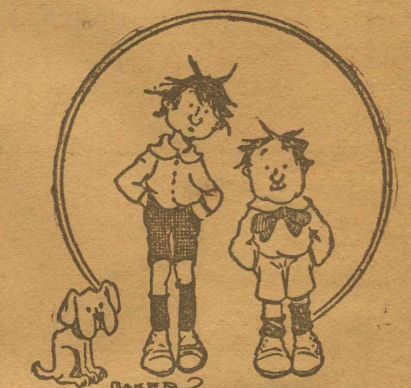
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ALL OFF.



The Big Boy—What did yer girl give yer at Christmas, Bill?
The Little Boy—De mitten.

An Anomalous Parent.

"Father!"
"Yes, Wilfred."
"What is reciprocity?"
"Reciprocity, Wilfred—"
But pause! Father never told. He slipped over an epigram. He knew not what was reciprocity. No. He was totally different from the average father figuring in this sort of short squib. He just told Wilfred to run along and play, and resumed his reading of the evening paper.
Truly a refreshing personality—not so?

A Complication.

Bessie found getting well much more tiresome than being sick. She was becoming very impatient about staying indoors and eating soups.
When her aunt asked her how she felt she replied that she was much worse; that the doctor had found something else the matter with her.
"Why, what is it?" asked her aunt.
"I think the doctor said 'convalescence.'"

AT THE PARSONAGE.

Coffee Runs Riot No Longer.

"Wife and I had a serious time of it while we were coffee drinkers.
"She had gastritis, headaches, belching and would have periods of sickness, while I secured a daily headache that became chronic.
"We naturally sought relief by drugs without avail, for it is now plain enough that no drug will cure the disease another drug (coffee) sets up, particularly, so long as the drug which causes the trouble is continued.
"Finally we thought we would try leaving off coffee and using Postum. I noticed that my headaches disappeared like magic, and my old 'trembling' nervousness left. One day wife said, 'Do you know my gastritis has gone?'
"One can hardly realize what Postum has done for us.
"Then we began to talk to others. Wife's father and mother were both coffee drinkers and sufferers. Their headaches left entirely a short time after they changed from coffee to Postum.
"I began to enquire among my parishioners and found to my astonishment that numbers of them use Postum in place of coffee. Many of the ministers who have visited our parsonage have become enthusiastic champions of Postum." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.
Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

THE FARMER SOWS WHAT HE EXPECTS TO REAP. IF YOU WISH A COMFORTABLE OLD



AGE, PLANT SOME MONEY IN THE BANK NOW

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.

SPUR-FLOYDADA AUTO LINE

Mr. Saulsbury of Floydada passed through Crosbyton Monday afternoon on his way home from Spur. He was making his first trip over his new automobile route from Floydada to Spur and return. He may make this trip daily as a passenger car line. His passengers Monday were Miss Harkey, daughter of Tom Harkey of Spur, and Mrs. Livingston of Lockney. The latter lady was on her way home after visiting in Milam, Robertson and Stonewall counties.—Crosbyton Review.

D. E. Parten returned recently from Mount Pleasant where he had been several days disposing of a car load of horses shipped from Spur. Throughout the year Mr. Parten has been shipping horses and has been successful in every instance with respect to disposition and price secured.

W. F. Godfrey, who has been doing a real estate business at Slaton during the past month or more, came in last week to attend the two day's picnic, barbecue and celebration. He reports everything at Slaton moving along nicely, building continues and everybody prosperous.

Editor Seldon, of the Dickens Item, was in the city Saturday and while here paid the Texas Spur a fraternal call. Mr. Seldon is publishing a creditable paper and is doing his part in the upbuilding of the town and country.

C. A. Bushon and mother, of Grapevine, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burgoon at their home in the city.

Misses Grace and Lena Roberts who have been on an extended visit to relatives at Dublin returned last week to their home in Spur.

Mat Howell was in Saturday from his place near Spur to the west. He reports a good rain and crops looking fine in his section.

Our picture framing department is very complete. We mount and frame all kinds of pictures. Texas Furniture Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer and two sons, of Aspermont, were in Spur last week and spent several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Ned Springer and family.

Mr. Rich, a prominent citizen of Jacksboro, spent several days last week in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. P. H. Miller. Mr. Rich reports crops short this year in his country.

Walter Powell and wife, of Lubbock, were in the city last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Neely, and also attending our first annual celebration.

The Ladies Social Club of Spur has been reorganized and now has regular meetings each Friday afternoon. Friday last the Society met with Mrs. Sam Clemmons. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Y. L. Jones next Friday afternoon.

Billy Hancock, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Monday with a view of buying some of the Spur land and it is very probable that he will become a resident citizen of the Spur country at no distant date.

Capt. J. A. Lambdin, of Stamford, was in the city a few hours Saturday greeting his friends and looking after business interests.

Mrs. Joplin's sister and children, who have been visiting several days at the Joplin home, returned the latter part of last week to their home in eastern Texas.

A. J. Neighbors, of Afton, was in last week to attend the picnic and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

I. D. Gamble, formerly a business man of Spur but now of Floydada, was in the city last week to see friends and also to attend our big picnic and barbecue and first annual celebration. He reports everything in fine shape on the Plains, fine crops and everybody prosperous.

Lon Greer, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office one day last week and while here had his name with that of his brother, W. H. Greer of Marquez, added to our growing subscription list, and for which he has our sincere thanks. Mr. Greer says that everything continues to look good in his section of the country at this time.

R. M. Dickenson, a prominent citizen and business man of Stamford, was in the city Friday and Saturday looking after his business interests in Spur. Since the beginning of Spur Mr. Dickenson has been interested in the Spur Grain & Coal business, and although a non-resident citizen, he at all times has been very much alive to the interests of the town and has contributed much to the progress and prosperity of the town and country.

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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.

W. N. Blackwell left Monday to attend court at Benjamin as a witness.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was in the latter part of last week and reports everything in bretty good shape.

Roy Roddy, of Afton, is in the city visiting his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile.

L. J. Greer came in one day last week from the ranch camp and spent some time here greeting his friends and seeing the sights at the big picnic and first annual celebration.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons' mother, who has been spending several days in the city, returned the latter part of last week to her home in Stamford.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Hagins says that notwithstanding the report of damage by worms in sections of the country he has not been molested from that source, but that throughout the year he has been in a dry strip of country and his crops have suffered somewhat on account of dry weather. However he says he expects to gather a good cotton crop which is now beginning to open.

Mrs. J. A. Moore and children, of Lubbock, are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bruce. Mrs. Moore formerly lived in Spur and has many friends here who are glad to see her again.

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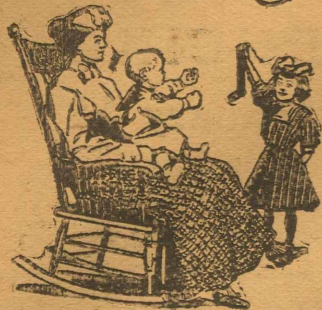
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there is a stocking with a really elastic short ribbed top, and of course, it's an

"IRON CLAD"

This new stocking is made of combed yarn, with a very elastic top, double sole and high spliced heel.

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Red Goose SHOES

Have arrived -- Fit your hands with the best, Great Western and Busby Gloves -- We have your every Want.

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COTTON INJURY NOT SO BAD

J. E. Sparks was in Thursday from his place in the Croton country and reports everything in good shape since the recent rains. Mr. Sparks says he has been in a dry streak of country up until recently. However, he has been getting plenty rain lately and his crops are doing fine, especially the late feed crops. He says that he thinks the cotton crops of the country are not injured near so badly as is now thought.

PROSPERING AND PROGRESSING.

M. S. Faver and wife, of near Afton, were in the city Thursday trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Faver also hauled out some lumber with which to build a barn on his place. Improvements continue in every section of Dickens county and which is substantial evidence that the people of the country are not only prospering but progressive.

BIG HEARTED PEOPLE

Editor of the Texas Spur. I take this method through your valuable paper to thank the good people of Spur for their liberal premium given me for the first bale of cotton. I never met a more liberal and big hearted people, and Spur is an up-to-date cotton market. Can't be beat in any country. I thank you one and all. Long live the editor and his good paper.

Respectfully,
G. A. Boland, Girard Tex.

TAP TELLINGS

The temperature has dropped 250 degrees more or less and a fine rain fell here Sunday night. Just the thing we needed for our late feed crops and fall gardens. Crops that are not too far advanced are looking good. The rain will be of untold benefit to cotton and we bet you a nickel to a chew of gum that we come out winner yet.

Mrs. Daniels, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. Sam Smith the past month, left a few days ago for her home at Greenville.

Mr. Parsons of Nolan county, has been here the past week visiting his son, Henry. Mr. Parsons report crops very short in his locality.

W. A. McKay is seriously ill. The family has our sympathy in this their anxious hours. We hope for his speedy recovery.

J. N. Self and son Richard, was here Saturday from several miles down the river.

Rev. O. Smith of Hale Center, left first of the week for his home, having spent several days here with relatives.

S. W. McKay and family returned Saturday from an extended visit at Redland, New Mexico.

Luther Gilmore is here looking out a location, having sold his holdings in New Mexico.

Frank Harrell had business at the Spur Ranch headquarters Monday.

Mrs. Mollie Smith and daughters, Misses Olie and Dovey, are here from New Mexico and will

visit kinfolks for a time.

D. C. Abney says his popcorn is alright, that I misrepresented the thing during those hot days. I am always glad to make a correction.

Gadabout.

FOR TRADE

A set of good wagon harness for feed. See R. W. Walker Spur Texas.

Jess Moseley and wife, of Dallas, returned this week to their home after spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hazlewood.

Mrs. Looper and Miss Estelle Miller, of Fort worth, returned Thursday to their home after spending the week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen.

Some one carried away the wrong dishes from the picnic grounds during the barbecue and picnic last week. If anyone has dishes with blue flowers, please return them to the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. W. B. Griffin left Wednesday for Dallas and Saint Louis at which markets she will buy a stock of ladies hats and millinery goods preparatory to opening a millinery store in Spur about the fifteenth of September.

Sam Smith, of Tap, was in Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a dollar for the paper another year for which he has our thanks.

WE NEED THE MONEY.

This week the Texas Spur is mailing out statements of subscription accounts to readers of this paper. We mean no offense whatever, but since the postal laws require subscription accounts to be paid within one year from the time your name is entered on the list to insure admission at the regular postal rates, we are forced to collect from those in arrears, and then, too, we need the money. We cannot afford to lose what we have out and yet, we cannot under the law continue to mail the paper to those owing us for more than one year.

On the first day of November we are going to quit mailing the paper to all who are behind one year, and before that time we hope every subscriber will come in and pay up and let the paper continue to go to your address.

We have just added a mailing machine to the equipment of our office and hereafter each reader can look at his address on the paper and observe the time his subscription expires: the figures opposite the month represent the year and month to which time you have paid or from which time you owe. For instance, if opposite your name is stamped "Ma 09" you will know that you owe us from May 1st, 1909 to the present time at the rate of one dollar a year, and you will do us a great favor and assist us materially by remitting two dollars for past due subscription and also one dollar for a renewal which will extend your time to May 1912. We would like to see "12" after each name on the list. Help us stamp it that way.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the post-office for the week ending September 2nd. Gentlemen: Mr. Norris Wigginton. Ladies: Mrs. Jim Foster, Mrs. Jewell Nunel, Mrs. M. Whitney, Miss Edna Webb.

When calling for these letters please say advertised. Norton A Baker P. M.

NEW MILLINERY

I have just returned from Eastern Markets where a fine selection of Ladies Hats and Millinery goods were bought. I am now opening my stock in the store next door to Farmers & Merchants State Bank where we will be glad to have the ladies of Spur and the Spur country call to see them.

Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

TEXAS SPUR LIST GROWING

Mr. Williams of the Afton country was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business, and while here called at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to T. J. Williams of Rochester. The Texas Spur list continues to grow and before the end of the year we expect to have a much larger list of regular subscribers than the general average of newspapers in Western Texas.

W. S. Taylor and wife are spending the week on the Plains visiting his father and other friends of that country.