

## MAKING MOLASES FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

That the Spur country will produce as fine sorghum molasses as any of the more noted states in that respect is evidenced by a sample brought to this office Monday by Mr. G. A. Draper of three miles west of Spur.

Mr. Draper had only a few acres of cane which he did not thin out nor give it special care in the cultivation, yet he manufactured seventy gallons of high grade molasses from his crop.

The cane turned out about eight or nine gallons of molasses to each wagon load of cane hauled up. Mr. Draper has worked in the cane fields of Louisiana and says that the average turnout in that noted cane belt is not more than five gallons of molasses to each wagon load of stripped cane. He was of the opinion that the cane grown in this section would not produce the best molasses, but since experimenting with this year's crop Mr. Draper is convinced that the Spur country will produce as fine molasses as any section of the southland.

Verily, the Spur country is a great country, and in the years to come will be known and recognized as a leader in agriculture, commerce and prosperity of its citizenship.

## LONG LIVE THE PRESS OF WESTERN TEXAS.

Mr. Little, editor of the Woodson paper, passed through Spur Thursday on his return from the Plains country where he had been with a prospective view of putting in a newspaper plant at some of the new towns now being opened up along the lines of railways building in that section. Mr. Little was impressed with the richness of the soil of this territory and also the conspicuous absence of settlers in the rural districts. However, this latter defect in the progress of the country is being overcome rapidly and substantially. Farmers and developers are coming and the newspapers of the country are the greatest factors in promulgating development progress and extolling advantages to that end. Long live the press of the country, and may each enjoy an era of deserved prosperity.

## SPUR SCHOOL OPENING INTERESTING PROGRAM.

The opening exercises of the Spur School Monday morning was well attended on the part of patrons and citizens as well as pupils, and the program rendered in the opening exercises was not only interesting and instructive but most encouraging to teachers and pupils. Interesting and encouraging talks were made by a number of patrons and members of the Mothers Club, and the 1911-12 term of Spur School was begun under the most flattering conditions in every respect.

The faculty is one the strongest of any public school in West-

tern Texas, and under the supervision of Prof. S. W. Adams as principal, Miss Ollie E. Clarke high school assistant, Misses Winona Glass and Lutie Hardin intermediates, Mrs. Mary E. Sudbury and Miss Fannie Kelly primary department, Miss Douthit expression, and Mrs. S. T. Clemmons music, the Spur School is expected to make a record in advancement of pupils, efficiency and thoroughness in all departments and establish a reputation for Spur as a superior and recognized educational center.

Prof. Adams will include in the course of study for this term the first, second and third years of high school work, and is now making the necessary arrangements to have Spur included in the affiliated schools of the state, and it is very probable that such arrangements will be concluded at the beginning of another term.

The Texas Spur will cooperate with Prof. Adams and the patrons in making Spur School the best.

## SCHOOL BEGINS IN DRY LAKE COMMUNITY

Monday morning the Dry Lake School opened its 1911-12 term under the supervision of Miss Fannie May Cherry, recently of Gonzales county, an accomplished and experienced teacher of recognized ability.

The opening of the school was begun with a good attendance and throughout the term the pupils are expected to advance rapidly under the tutelage of Miss Cherry.

The whole of the Spur country and Dickens county has educational advantages far superior to any newly settled country, in that first-class schools have been established in every section, new and adequate buildings have been constructed and men who are personally interested in the welfare of school interests have been elected to serve as trustees and on the school boards.

Nothing is of more advantage to a country than educational interests, and Spur and the Spur country offers the very best inducements in education, social intercourse and religious institutions as well as in agriculture, and the home seeker and the home builder will find it to his advantage to investigate Spur and Dickens county when seeking a new location.

## MANUFACTURING BROOMS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Monday Chas. Durham, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city and informed us that he had a man on his place manufacturing brooms for the Spur market and that at an early date he would be in a position to supply the townspeople with brooms grown and manufactured at home and within the bounds of Dickens county.

Mr. Durham only had a few acres of broom corn which was grown this year on his place, but we venture the assertion that in the sale of the finished product at fifty cents per broom he will have made more than twice as much profit from this product than from the same acreage planted to cotton or any other farm product grown in the country.

Another encouraging fact in this connection is that by producing broom corn in this section the establishment of a broom factory will be the result and thus the profits of the business will be saved to both producer and consumer, and this is a proposition that all of Texas people should consider. When we have factories to care for the raw products both producers and consumers will be given an advantage not now enjoyed and all of Texas will be prosperous. Let us have more factories to care for the various products of the country.

## THE TEXAS FURNITURE CO. DOING A BIG BUSINESS.

Among the firms of Spur now doing a big business and deserving commendation is the Texas Furniture Company, a firm made up of live, progressive business men and under the direct management of A. J. Tyler, an able and experienced furniture dealer and one of the most accommodating salesmen of the town and country.

The Texas Furniture Company was created and opened its doors for business on the first day of August last, and since that time the large volume of business enjoyed by the firm is evidence not only of popularity and acceptable business methods but of meri-

torious goods with price and quality of first consideration. The firm receives its shipments of goods in car load lots which places them in a position to sell furniture, carpets, rugs and all house furnishings of the highest grade at the very lowest prices, and their sales during the thirty days existence of the firm is evidence of quality, price makers and business favorites, they having furnished no inconsiderable number of the homes of Spur and surrounding country in the most handsome and acceptable manner.

In connection with the furniture business the Texas Furniture people are also jobbers of school furniture and supplies, handle pianos, do picture framing and have an undertaker's establishment second to none in Western Texas. The business is located in the Standifer building, where each day is exhibited an attractive window display, and here the people of Spur and the Spur territory will find not only the needs and necessities but the luxuries of a modern home.

## HAS PROSPERED IN THE SPUR COUNTRY 26 YEARS

Thursday E. Luce, an old time citizen of Tap and this western country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and during a short conversation related a few interesting incidents of his experiences in Western Texas during the past twenty four years. He came to Texas from Mississippi in 1887, landing in Fort Worth where he remained one year to become somewhat acclimated and also to obtain what he terms his first lessons in a Texas education. Later he settled in Palo Pinto county, engaging in the stock business. However, the Texas & Pacific railroad, which was then building through the country, interfered with his plans and he decided to come further west. In accord with this decision he came up the Brazos River seeking a location where the advent of railways was impracticable and the possibilities of civilization a problem of many years, and as a result of investigations he settled on Dickens county as the home of his dreams.

On the 2nd day of September, 1885, Mr. Luce filed on land near

## GROWING APPLES IN THE SPUR COUNTRY.

That the Spur country and Dickens county is specially adapted to fruit growing has long been recognized by the old timers of this section, but until Monday when W. J. Duncan brought in a sample of Dickens county apples did the Texas Spur realize the actual conditions and opportunities existing with reference to fruit production in this section of the great west.

The apples brought in were grown in the W. J. Duncan orchard on his farm in the Cottonwood country. They were without blemishes, larger than those shipped here from other states and for which we pay five cents apiece, and of superior eating quality, being of the mildly sour, juicy and mellow variety.

In the orchard are some forty apple trees, all of which are large and healthy and abundant producers of the choicest fruit.

As an all-round farming and fruit country Dickens county can not be surpassed by any section of the southland. This fact is being demonstrated upon every occasion, and when the wonderful resources are fully developed the Spur country will bloom into a veritable Arcadia, her people thrive and prosper as the shepherds of old, the country recognized as an empire of production and its commercial center assume its favored position in the channels of trade and conservation.

Tap, built a home and cleared a few acres for growing feed, and here begun in reality the acquisition of his Texas education. He planted an orchard the first year from Mississippi peach seeds, and today, more than twenty six years later, that orchard is bringing forth fruit in abundance and stands as a monument to the unexcelled fruit producing soil of Dickens county. In 1887 he planted cotton and picked the first bale of cotton grown within this territory, having it ginned at Sweetwater, a distance of 110 miles, and receiving therefor a price of ten cents per pound—and thus begun the cotton industry within a territory of five surrounding counties. Later a gin was established at Snyder, sixty miles distant, and which was then considered near home. Since the beginning of the cotton industry here Mr. Luce has made and gathered twenty four successive cotton crops, averaging from one half to one bale to the acre and not making a single failure within the time.

Mr. Luce is now one of the best fixed men of the country, owns hundreds of acres of rich agricultural lands in Western Texas and counts his money by the thousands of dollars. He is a typical westerner and his success in the Spur country is the result of effort in a rich and productive territory and an example of what has been done from an early day, is being done today and will continue to be done in the future with better opportunities and fewer disadvantages to overcome than in the past.

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**HOG AND FIELD FENCE**

AND WE CAN SUPPLY YOUR WANTS IN ANY HEIGHT FENCING.

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# Announcement!

WE will have no formal opening of Millinery this season, but on Thursday and Thursday evening September 14th, we will have on display a complete showing of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Up-to-Date

## HEADWEAR

And will be glad to have all my friends and customers to pay me a call.

PUNCH WILL BE SERVED  
...ON THAT DATE...

**Mrs. W. H. Stephens**  
...MILLINERY...

Spur, Texas

## 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 1st day of September, 1911, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 8th day of September, 1911.

## RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....	\$18,737.76
Loans and Real Estate.....	3,021.35
Overdrafts.....	1,537.23
Real Estate (banking house)....	2,255.53
Other Real Estate.....	2,286.75
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,725.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agent net \$6,134.94	
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	1,509.40
Cash Items.....	213.12
Currency.....	1,651.00
Specie.....	139.95
Other Resources as follows: Int. in Depositor Guar. Fund.....	450.00
Total.....	\$39,662.03

## LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in.....	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	300.00
Undivided Profits, net.....	204.22
Individual Deposits sub. to check	14,154.61
Cashier's Checks.....	3.20
Bills Payable and Rediscounts.....	10,000.00
Total.....	\$39,662.03

State of Texas, County of Dickens:

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 6th day of September, A. D. nineteen hundred and eleven.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid

E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

W. S. Dunn,

F. A. Prideaux,

W. A. Wilkinson,

Directors.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the Post Office for the week ending September 9th.

Gentlemen.

Mr. Geo. Asher, Lewis Jackson, J. B. Reynolds.

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

Just received a full line of winter goods at Sol Davis.

## FIRST BALE OF COTTON GINNED WEDNESDAY

The fall season opened in Spur Wednesday when Mr. Copeland of Tap brought in the first bale of cotton of the season to the Spur gin.

The cotton was ginned at the Swenson Gin and weighed at the Spur Public Cotton Yard.

The cotton picking season is expected to begin in earnest next week and the week following. With the exception of Mr. Copeland and P. Hinson, both of the Tap country, we have heard of no other cotton picking being done in the country at this time.

At the present time, those who are in a position to know, estimate that Spur will receive from seven to ten thousand bales of cotton this season. Cotton and feed crops are in fine shape since the rains.

## FAMILY REUNION

Friday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle a family reunion was enjoyed. There were present on the occasion forty three direct descendants of the family and during the day R. B. F. Craig made a picture of the entire family in a groupe.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle are among the oldest settlers of this western country, and although now considered old in years, are hale and healthy and we hope will live to enjoy many more family reunions.

## EDWARDS CASE MISTRIAL.

The trial of Dock Edwards at Benjiman last week on a charge of manslaughter in the killing of R. L. King in Spur nearly two years ago resulted in a mistrial, the jury not being able to agree.

W. A. Hancock left this week for Berclair where he will make his home during the fall and winter. Mr. Hancock is one of the oldest citizens of the town and on account of age he says he will make this move to avoid the severe winter weather expected in this section of the country.

J. J. Hickman of the Plains country, was in Spur this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having his name added to our growing list. Mr. Hickman came to Texas last year and settled in the Plains country and is just now recovering from a runaway accident recently in which he received severe injuries. However, we are glad to note that he is doing well under the circumstances.

Sol Davis line of Hats are the best to be had.

Mrs. Post, of Waco, has been in the city several days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hisey.

## Don't You Monkey With Gruben

IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CLOCK FIXED IN PROPER STYLE!!

The highest grade Repair Work on Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. All work done at Hard Time Prices and guaranteed Satisfactory. We have in stock eight day Clocks, Alarm Clocks, Watches, Chains, Jewelry, etc. Call and see

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.**

## TAP TELLINGS

Another fine rain fell here Sunday eve which will insure late feed crops and maturing of the cotton.

Bob Smith was here last week from Hale Center, visiting his brother T. A. Smith and other relatives.

T. S. Lambert and family are spending this week with kinfoks and friends at Roscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hinson are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home. Mother and babe are doing nicely, C. W. is doing fairly well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks attended the Steel Hill meeting Saturday and Sunday.

S. S. Alicorn is building a house for Ed Fuqua this week.

S. D. Smith and family spent a few days at Steel Hill the past week.

Bill Hyatt of Spur was here a few days ago looking after business matters.

J. C. Hinson and Miss Mamie Greer were married at the home of bride's parents Sunday. We wish for them a long, happy and prosperous journey through life.

J. J. Martin moved his family to Spur Friday for the benefit of the fine school there.

Gadabout.

Mayor Geo. S. Link and wife returned the first of the week from Saint Louis where he spent several days buying goods for the Bryant-Link Company. Mr. Link says that he and Mrs. Link stopped off in Arkansas and spent several days with relatives. He reports the Spur country in as fine condition as any section through which they passed.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter left the first of the week for Hamlin where they will spend several days with relatives and also look after business interests at that place.

Mr. Hinson and Miss Mamie Greer, prominent young people of the Tap country, were married Sunday. The Texas Spur joins their friends in congratulations and best wishes.

## 'Can You Guess Why I Am A good Cook?



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And, too, we use Chase & Sanborns Seal Brand Coffee, Emperors Blend Tea, and are never without a full supply of Golden Brand Can Goods.

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Spur, Texas



## The Mountain Tops of Joy and Valleys of Depression



IT IS very pleasant at times to climb the mountain tops of joy and from some Mount Pisgah to view the landscape beneath. There is joy in so doing, and our souls feel refreshed. As a rule it is far superior than dwelling in the valleys of depression.

The mountain tops of joy are just the thing on which to take a joy-rest. It is my delight to tarry there and to enjoy the spiritual scenery. How delightful it is to leave all care behind and to take a bath in the quietude and grandeur of some mountain where your meditations are not disturbed and where only the whisperings of nature come to your heart and ears. There is joy on such mountain tops that cannot be expressed in words. Such a place is the place in which to sing the praises of God and count over his many mercies.

An hour spent there is most refreshing to both body and soul. If you do not believe me try it once, and my word for it, you will be anxious to try it again.

### Drawn Nearer to God.

But I am not certain if such enjoyment is as beneficial as the experiences often received in the valley of depression. It takes all kinds of situations to make strong men and women. In the valleys of depression there are many things that draw us nearer to God; our hearts are softened and we renew our intentions to live nearer to him. The valley of humility is a good place in which to grow in grace and cultivate repentance. What a beneficial change is brought about by internal examinations while dwelling in some valley. It is always well to know thyself, and what place is better calculated to do it in than in the valley of humility? A residence for a short season in that valley has the effect of making the mountain tops more enjoyable when you get there. It is always after a severe storm that the sunshine is best appreciated. No real sorrows mean no real joys. Coming out of darkness into light is a pleasure we all enjoy. The shadows of troubles have their use, and blessed is the man or woman who can profit by them.

I know as well as any man how delightful it is to live on mountain tops; but, nevertheless, I have often felt that a residence in some valley is good for my soul; for it has the effect of putting down spiritual pride and of making new resolutions to serve God more faithfully in the future.

A tumble from a mountain of joy into some valley is not very pleasant, but it is yours to rise up again on pinions of faith and enjoy the luxuries again of being far away from the world and all of its sorrows and cares.

What you like and what is best for you are two different things. God knows best, so be content and trust him always.

### Profit From Hard Lesson.

There are lessons to be learned both on the mountain tops of joy and in the valleys of depression. Learn your lessons well and profit from them. A change is good. To live always on the mountain tops of joy would stunt you, and to live continually in the valleys of depression would be injurious to you.

After bathing in the cold waters of depression what a happy change it is to bask on the hilltops of joy; to feel the presence of Christ and to have your mouth filled with praises.

As human beings we need changes, and it will be well with us if we can get into the habit of taking pleasantly all the circumstances that God surrounds us with.

Rejoice and be glad that you have enough to eat, clothing to wear and a home to reside in. Do not walk about with your head hung down, but lift up your eyes to Heaven and drink in all the pure pleasures that come your way. In this world, in the language of the negro hymn, you will be "Sometimes up and sometimes down," but do not get discouraged, knowing that your Father's hand is ever extended to keep you from falling.

In my old days my testimony is that goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my past life, and why should I not trust him the remaining days of my existence?

### Depravity.

Man is not totally depraved. Every man, no matter how depraved he may be now, has had a childhood; and during child life holy things were stored up in his soul. These are never lost. It is this golden side of human life the church must reach.—Rev. T. A. King, Swedenborgian, Cleveland.

## QUEER DISEASE IS IN UNITED STATES

Many Here Afflicted With Odd Ailment, Says Prof. Munyon.

GREWSOME CREATURES VERY COMMON, FINDS EXPERT.

Many people in the United States are afflicted with a queer disease, according to a statement yesterday by Professor James M. Munyon. He made the following remarkable and rather ghoulish statement:

"Many persons who come and write to my headquarters at 53d and Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., think they are suffering from a simple stomach trouble, when in reality they are the victims of an entirely different disease—that of tape worm. These tape worms are huge internal parasites, which locate in the upper bowel and consume a large percentage of the nutriment in undigested food. They sometimes grow to a length of forty to sixty feet. One may have a tape worm for years and never know the cause of his or her ill health.

"Persons who are suffering from one of these creatures become nervous, weak and irritable, and tire at the least exertion. The tape worms rob one of ambition and vitality and strength, but they are rarely fatal.

"The victim of this disease is apt to believe that he is suffering from chronic stomach trouble, and doctors for years cannot get enough to eat. At other times the very sight of food is loathsome. There is a gnawing, faint sensation at the pit of the stomach, and the victim has headaches, fits of dizziness and nausea. He cannot sleep at night and often thinks he is suffering from nervous prostration.

"I have a treatment which has had wonderful success in eliminating these great creatures from the system. In the course of its regular action in aiding digestion, and ridding the blood, kidneys and liver of impurities it has proven fatal to these great worms. If one has a tape worm, this treatment will, in nine cases out of ten, stupefy and pass it away, but if not the treatment will rebuild the run-down person, who is probably suffering from stomach trouble and a general anaemic condition. My doctors report marvelous success here with this treatment. Fully a dozen persons have passed these worms, but they are naturally reticent about discussing them, and of course we cannot violate their confidence by giving their names to the public.

Letters addressed to Professor James M. Munyon, 53d and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., will receive as careful attention as though the patient called in person. Medical advice and consultation absolutely free. Not a penny to pay.

### A Personal Matter.

"You must have studied political economy pretty thoroughly to be so impressed with the iniquity of the trusts."

"To tell you the truth," replied the candid citizen, "I don't know much about the inside workings of trusts. But I have seen pictures of the men who run them, and I have kind of taken a dislike to them."

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### Crafty.

"What does the veterinary surgeon next door advise for your pet lap dog's sickness?"

"He forbids my playing the piano." —Flegende Blaetter.

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### Revision.

Suitor—I am afraid that I am not worthy enough for your daughter.

Parent—Bosh! The point nowadays is, Are you worth enough for her?—Judge.

The Bradley's Hair Emporium, Westbrook Hotel Building, Box 665, Ft. Worth, Texas. Finest line of human hair goods, wigs, pompadours, switches, puffs and curls. Any of these articles made from your combings. Used or faded articles renewed. Mail orders sent on approval. Hairdressing and Manicure Parlors; Electrolysis and Cosmetics a specialty.

### In Seclusion.

"Is your mistress at home?"  
"Are you the manicure lady?"  
"No, indeed!"  
"Then she ain't at home, mum."

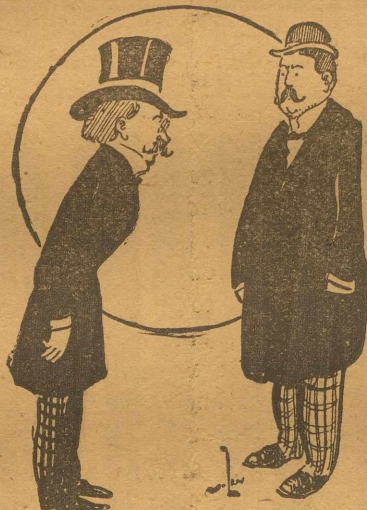
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SURE.



Man in the Big Hat—I've always made money out of politics.

Man in Small Hat—Are you a political orator?

Man in Big Hat—No; I'm the leader of a brass band. The musicians always get paid, but the orators are expected to talk for nothing.

### Family Enough.

Horace, five year old, has a brother, nine, and a sister three, and with his father and mother, he deemed this family large enough. When, therefore, he was told by his aunt that a little baby was to be added to the family, he protested—

"I think papa and mamma might better spend their money for more strawberries and powdered sugar for me," he observed, indignantly.

On a certain day a doctor came to the house and Horace thought he knew what that meant. His spirit of revolt nearly got the better of him, however, when a second doctor came.

A few hours later, after the doctors had departed, his Aunt Ella told him he had a new little brother. Horace brightened, and tiptoed to his mother's room. "It's all right, mamma," he assured her. "There's only one."

### Serinity.

"The true religious man, amid all the ills of time, keeps a serene forehead and entertains a peaceful heart. This, going out and coming in amid all the trials of the city, the agony of the plague, the horrors of the thirsty tyrants, the fierce democracy abroad, the fiercer ill at home—the saint, the sage of Athens, was still the same. Such a one can endure hardness; can stand alone and be content; a rock amid the waves—lonely, but not moved. Around him the few or many may scream, calumniate, blaspheme. What is all to him but the cawing of the seabird about that solitary, deep-rooted stone?"—Theodore Parker.

### Unimportant.

Southern negroes have an irresponsible way of visiting about indiscriminately.

"Please tell me your name and address?" asked the depot reporter of a middle-aged negro.

"Ah's Mrs. Cat'tah from Co'fax." "Whom have you been visiting, Mrs. Carter?" she was asked. "Ah's been visiting de ole colo'd woman down de track heah a couple blocks fo' about a week. Ah can't jus' member her name."—Success Magazine.

### Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the

Signature of *Wm. H. Fitch* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

### A New Ailment.

Mother was sick, and Janet, four years old, had heard the doctor say that she had ptomaine poisoning.

A short time later Janet was heard confiding to one of her playmates: "Mamma's sick. She's got toe-nail poisoning."

### A Specimen.

"Did you ever hear of anything so ridiculous as men of honest graft?" "What's the matter with the gardeners?"

A sordid love of money is certainly a very senseless thing, for the mind much occupied with it is blind to everything else.—Diphilus.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker a rich, mellow-tasting 5c cigar.

The man who plays poker for pastime usually passes more or less coin over to the other fellow.

Know prudent, cautious self-control is wisdom's root.—Robert Burns.

Our highest religion is named "the worship of sorrow."

## PHILOSOPHY TO THE RESCUE

Pat Went Without His Steak, but at That Everything Was Not Lost.

Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, says the Irish race has, in addition to its sentiment and romance, a lot of philosophy as one of its characteristics.

"The best illustration I ever heard of this," he explained to a dinner party one evening, "was the case of a poor Irishman who had been given a fine, juicy piece of steak. Being a religious man, he placed the steak in front of him, and there, in the shade of the trees surrounding his benefactor's house, he folded his hands, closed his eyes, and gave thanks to heaven for the meal. When he was in the attitude of prayer, a dog rushed up and captured the steak. Pat looked around in time to see the food disappearing over the hill.

"Thank heaven," he exclaimed, again closing his eyes, 'he left me my appetite!'"—The Sunday Magazine.

### Plenty of Stability.

A western mining prospector was paying his first visit to New York. "What do you think of it?" asked the proud Gothamite as he pointed out the skyscrapers.

"Well," replied the miner, "it looks like a permanent camp all right."—Success Magazine.

### Original "Hello Bill."

William G. Meyers, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., January 7, 1911, is said to have been the original "Hello Bill" of the Fraternal Order of Elks. —From the Magazine of American History.

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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

A philanthropist in West Texas is one who would buy up a big land proposition and sell it out to small holders and homebuilders for not more than double the price paid.

Prospectors are coming in and buying land preparatory to building homes and becoming permanent citizens with us before another year. We believe the Spur country can not be excelled in agricultural resources and when fully developed this section will become an empire of commerce and agriculture.

The only salvation for Texas in governmental affairs is to make a clean sweep of the legislative representatives at the next election by sending up men to represent the whole people and for their benefit exact laws rather than grind political axes and engage in personalities. Nominations are now in order for a candidate from this Representative District.

To keep things moving in the newspaper line we are going to add two yearly subscriptions to our list for one dollar during this month, and we won't object if a thousand names are secured during this quiet season. Now is the time to let your friends in the east know what is being done in the Spur country.

The special session of the Legislature now stands adjourned, and a report of the proceedings shows that more good legislative laws were not considered and turned down than were enacted. Many of the representatives now recognize the fact that so long as the people continue to send the present delegation to represent them in the Legislative Halls of Texas personalities and political tommyrot will be the paramount and prevailing issues.

How many people and newspapers of Texas will join in with the Texas Spur in a practicable campaign looking to a more rapid and substantial development of both agricultural and commercial resources as well as the advancement of social relations? We refer to a proposition to place a tax in sufficient sum on all surplus land, under one ownership and being held for speculative purposes for what is known in West Texas deals as a "bonus", to insure an early sale or disposition to actual settlers and developers. By assessing a tax in sufficient sum to insure the sale of all lands now being held for speculative purposes the State Legislature will have done more to promote the development and future prosperity of

Texas, and especially Western Texas, than all the legislation heretofore enacted and now contained in the statute books. Let us get down to business and send representatives to the legislature who will create at least one law for the benefit of the great majority of homeless and landless families of Texas.

It is a demonstrated fact that advertising not only pays but creates business. Put a live ad in the Texas Spur offering special inducements to the trade and we will further demonstrate the efficiency of advertising, even though this be an admittedly dull season. The dull season is the most practicable time to push your business.

Governor Judson Harmon seems to be the favorite candidate for the democratic nomination for president. We, with the great majority of voters, never met Mr. Harmon and know very little of him personally except those fellows in the political centers are backing him up, and for that reason we again favor the nomination of William Jennings Bryan. Everybody knows him, and we all would rather hurrah for one with whom we are personally acquainted. And then, too, since the republicans have the presidential chair chartered for an unlimited term, we think a man of experience in presidential campaigns as well as a speaking acquaintance with the voters, would come nearer unseating the present incumbent and following the instructions of the people than any other available man.

Another illustrious statesman in the person of Roger Q. Mills of Texas departed this life recently for that "long home". He was an ex-Confederate soldier and distinguished himself in war as well as in peaceful government.

Occasionally we read of a train robbery or hold-up, but such crude methods are giving way to more scientific plans and twentieth century methods recognized as business and conducted by combinations known as trusts and corporations and under the leadership of men known and recognized as captains of industry and commerce. Well, if we must permit our coin to depart, it is preferable to have it go in the most modern manner and the methods consistent with twentieth century dispatch.

Now, honestly, don't you believe a tax of ten per cent on the real value of all surplus land owned by one man would do more to destroy land speculation and encourage the building of more farm homes, an early settlement of the country and a more rapid development of the agricultural as well as commercial resources of the country, and especially Western Texas, than all other legislation and schemes combined to attract the homeseeker and home builder. The land speculator is an injury to the country and the people as a whole in that he retards the settlement and development progress in that he notes the tide of immigration and demand for agricultural land, invests his money and holds the purchase for a bo-

nus of five or ten dollars an acre and thus delays a number of years our development and settlement progress. We are here only a few years at best, and why should we, for the lack of proper legislation, be forced to suffer indefinitely the hardships and deprivations of a sparsely settled and partially developed section, for the mere reason that a land holder and speculator wants a bonus of more than the land is actually worth considering the prevailing conditions and the hardships to be overcome in establishing a new home in a new country. Let us assess a sufficient tax on all surplus land in excess of a homestead under one ownership that the big land holders and speculators will be forced to turn loose to the smaller man who will become a home builder and developer.

When business becomes dull and sales slow the live, wide-awake business man will get in behind and push his business by offering special invitations and inducements to the trade and otherwise encourage activity in business. In view of the conditions in printing as well as commercial lines in Spur at this time, The Texas Spur, throughout September will send two yearly subscriptions to any two people in the United States for one dollar, cash in hand. Now who will be the first one to accept this half price offer?

Eighteen and one-sixth inches of rain within six months in Spur country does very well for a so-called drouthy country.



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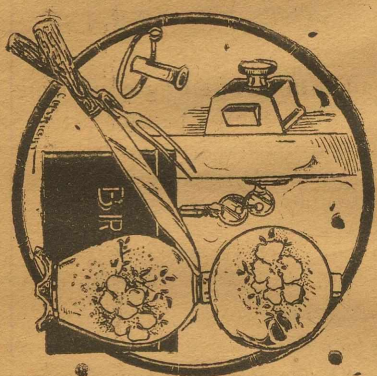
### TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

Caesar built the Appian way and advanced Roman civilization to the zenith of its glory; Pericles found Athens a city of mud and left it a city of marble. Trace all the world movements for progress to their source and we will find a great man. The inspired thought of our builders have moved the wheels of civilization since the beginning of creation and the dawn of a glorious development that will illuminate the universe awaits the appearance in our state government of men who are builders. We need empire builders who can civilize our virgin soil, organize the untamed force of progress and give to raw material the touch of genius, as well as traverse the State with macadam highways, gird it with bonds of steel, improve our waterways, make the State throb with industrial life and build a thousand cities. Texas needs great man.

### 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.



### Useful and Ornamental

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### CLUB ORGANIZED

On Friday afternoon, August 18th, a number of ladies met with Mrs. Burgoon and Mrs. Turnage with a view of organizing a social club. The club was organized with Mrs. Brandon as chairman pro tem. Constitution and by-laws were read by Mrs. Turnage, and after some amendments were adopted by the club. The nature of the club is entirely social and is to meet once a week with the various members. The following officers were elected for the first term of six months: Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, president; Mrs. Turnage, vice-president; Mrs. Senning, secretary; Mrs. Brandon, reporter. The club then adjourned to meet the following Friday with Mrs. Clemmons. After adjournment the club was served delightful grape ice with nuts and cake by Mrs. Burgoon, Mrs. Turnage and Misses Burgoon. The ladies thank Mesdames Burgoon and Turnage for a very pleasant afternoon. The club guests were Mrs. John H. Reagan of Palestine, Miss Heafer of Dallas, and Mrs. McNeill.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons was hostess to the Social Club, Friday, August 25. She entertained the guests in a very novel and delightful manner. Musical Romances with missing words were passed and the words to be supplied were musical terms. The ladies found an interesting but difficult lot in finding the missing words. The club was treated to a lovely musical program by Mrs. Clemmons and her mother, Mrs. McAlpin. Mrs. McAlpin has a rare cultivated voice and her solos were much appreciated. Altogether it was a musical afternoon. After the program Mrs. Clemmons served delicious chocolate and cake. The club guests were Mrs. McAlpin of Stamford, Mrs. Reagan of Palestine, Mrs. Gray of Abilene, Mrs. C. A. Jones, Mrs. Clifford Jones, Mrs. McNeill and Mrs. Hall. After a short business meeting the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Y. L. Jones, Friday, September 1st.

On Friday afternoon, Sept 1, Mrs. Y. L. Jones proved herself a most charming hostess in entertaining the Social Club. At the appointed hour the ladies met at Mrs. Jones and from there were conducted over "the hill" to enjoy a few delightful hours in one of the most beautiful spots on earth. Sitting about on the great rocks, with the clear blue sky above the beautiful sloping green valleys below, and breathing the fresh pure air each lady appeared at her best in telling stories, jokes, etc. All too soon the waning warned

them that the afternoon was drawing to a close, and then came the surprise. Mrs. Jones passed little boxes containing a dainty lunch of sandwiches, chicken, pickles, stuffed eggs, etc. After these were enjoyed to the fullest, the hostess then served lovely pineapple cream in cones and delicious cake. The President, Mrs. Edmonds, in the name of the hostess presented Mrs. John H. Reagan, the guest of honor, with a beautiful souvenir of the occasion. The club reluctantly adjourned after unanimously voting Mrs. Jones a most successful hostess. The club guests were Mesdames Reagan, Russel, Herndon, and Jennings.

REPORTER.

### PRINTER'S DISTINCTION

The interesting statistical fact was recently developed that among the 1,200 or more convicts in the Virginia penitentiary there is not among them a printer. It seems that the editor of a weekly newspaper recently wrote to Governor Mann, making inquiry on the subject with a view to giving the man employment. The governor sought information at the penitentiary with the result that not a printer could be found among the felons in striped garb.

It might be asserted that this is a mere curious accident, inasmuch as there have recently been preachers, lawyers, physicians and men of every vocation of life among this large criminal class, and perhaps the condition is unique. There is a reason, however, why more printers are not criminals. In the first place the trade or art is one in which a man need rarely remain long unemployed. The demand for printers is still great, even since the invention of several typesetting machines. The hand compositor cannot be dispensed with yet and there is scope for much taste and judgment in the business of hand composition. In the first place, the printer is seldom a loafer. If he loafs or sprees for a time, he goes back to work again. Another reason for this immunity from criminality is the fact that the printer who has been at the business for any length of time is usually intelligent and well informed. Not a few men have acquired practically all the education they have at the case. They think as they work and read. Indeed, no man will become a competent printer who does not soon begin to understand what he reads. Generally the ability to speak or write correctly and fluently comes to the man who stands all day picking up type and alligning them in a 'stick.' Life would

be a dreary monotony to him if he didn't comprehend what he is putting into type.

Intelligence, education and employment are antithetic to crime, just as ignorance and idleness are contributory to it. All honor to the calling whose thousands have no representative in the felon class. May the vocation maintain its present high standard and prove an example and inspiration to future apprentices to maintain the ethics of the "art preservative of all the arts."—Danville (Va.) Bee.

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.

### TAX VALUES INCREASED

The recent estimates of the Comptroller showing that the taxable values in Texas this year have been increased over eighty-seven million dollars over last year, shows that Texas prosperity is real and built upon a firm foundation. The increase is based wholly upon actual improvements and is caused by general prosperity throughout the State.

New industries are springing up every day and this coupled with the fact that we have more natural resources than any other State in the Union, is bringing the State to the front in development and making it a power in the world of commerce and industry.

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FROM

BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY

SPUR, TEXAS

## 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



## THE TEXAS SPUR

ORAN McCURE, Editor and Publisher.

SPUR - - - - TEXAS

### VERSATILITY IN THE ARMY.

Is there anything that cannot be done by officers of the United States army? And done exceptionally well? There is nothing. For example, take Colonel Goethals and watch him construct the Panama Canal with ease and grace after various civilians had tried their hands at the job without achieving any glittering success. Then take the five bachelor lieutenants at Fort Scriven, Georgia, who gave a chafing-dish party, the particulars of which we find in the Army and Navy Journal. It was a surprise party. It was given in the Bachelors' Club. The service publication which makes known the achievements of these heroes justly remarks that "a great deal of praise is due the bachelors for having given such an elaborate party without the assistance of the ladies of the post," says the Chicago News. For example: "The dining-room and den, in themselves very handsome, were lavishly decorated with carnations and ferns. The beautiful pale pink flowers were massed in profusion on the mantel and library table in the den. In the dining-room a large vase, filled with the same gorgeous flowers adorned the table. As a souvenir of the occasion a large bouquet, tied with pink tulle, was presented to each of the young ladies present. A delightful Welsh rabbit was served with dainty sandwiches, and a mild punch was served during the evening." Is it not plain that these bachelors are artists and poets as well as warriors? What bachelor outside the service could tie a bow of pink tulle around a bouquet? Doubtless, also, any one of the five, like Cyrano, could compose a ballade while preparing to transfix an enemy on the point of his service sword. Gentlemen, a toast, standing to the army men who can concoct a Welsh rabbit which will not kill either at close or long range.

"A little harmless flirting with nice people with whom you are acquainted will do much to rest the tired mind after the arduous duties of the school-room." This is one of the suggestions to young women schoolteachers made by an elderly lady on relinquishing her position as teacher in the Boston public schools after 49 years' service. "Be a live wire every minute, and don't eat too much," is another bit of advice. This kind of advice from a learned and experienced school "marm" will make most people "sit up and take notice," for in our opinion it is much worse than indiscreet to say the least, says the New Orleans Picayune. As a cure for brain fag, flirting is entirely new to us, though some years ago we heard it highly recommended for other ailments, and we thought it pleasant to "take." Wonder how this teacher held her job for 49 years? She must have had a strangle hold on it.

A Hindu philosopher and scholar who has been visiting this country declares we have all the heathens we can manage at home, and that the money sent abroad to make converts is wasted and could be better spent in missionary work among the "Greeks at our own doors." He also made some caustic comments on practical Christianity in the United States. Sometimes the oriental mind displays unexpected but comprehensive accuracy of observation of Western superiority.

The object of the organization which calls itself the Non-Smokers of America is to secure the enforcement of laws, ordinances, regulations and rules against smoking in public places in the United States. The man who endeavored to incorporate it in New York include several distinguished educators. However, they were careless in drawing up their application. There was no statement from the would-be incorporators that they had not made application for incorporation before. For this reason, Judge Giegerich denied the application. But the non-smokers can begin over if they choose.

A Brooklyn woman refused to obey an order of the Supreme court to allow her divorced husband to visit their baby, and the justice whose authority was thus defied, asked: "What are we going to do about it?" Being a jurist of wide experience and knowledge of human nature, he admitted that all the courts going were no match for a woman once her mind was made up.

## NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

### Capital to Lead in High Prices War



WASHINGTON.—The high cost of living is becoming a live topic again. Much of the mail that comes to members of congress daily deals with the subject. Constituents of senators and representatives are saying that if the legislative body can do anything to bring prices of the necessities of life down, it ought to do it. Among public men there is very general agreement that the topic will be to the front in the presidential campaign next year.

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has come forward with the suggestion that every large municipality ought to take up the cost of living problem. He thinks the problem of reducing the cost of living is one that must be settled by municipalities. Federal legislation can, he declares, at best do but little toward bringing prices down.

The secretary is trying to persuade the leading citizens of the national

capital to get in behind an inquiry here as to why things people have to buy are so high. He has a notion that if Washington would conduct an investigation that resulted in obtaining cheaper food for the people, other cities would soon become interested.

Secretary Wilson suggests that President Taft appoint a commission to study the situation here at the national capital. The president has indicated that he is willing to carry out the suggestion of his secretary of agriculture if the people of Washington would indicate that they really want such an investigation made.

"One of the most pitiful things of modern times," said Secretary Wilson, "is the manner in which the poor of the large cities are beaten down by the prices which prevail at this time. The prices are such that no man working for ordinary wages can meet them."

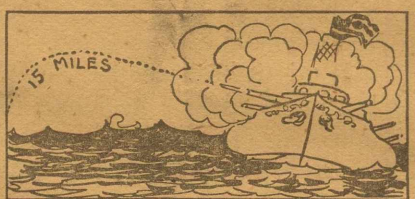
"The farmer does not get half the price the consumer pays. Many persons are inclined to place the blame for high prices on the farmers, but as a matter of fact the farmers are not benefited by the high prices. A few middlemen, selected individuals, who step in between the farmer and the consumer, are the persons who reap the benefit."

### Huge Guns Will Shoot Fifteen Miles

THINK of a gun which will hurl a 1,400-pound projectile through nine inches of the best face-hardened steel 15 miles away from where it is fired! This is what Uncle Sam's new 14-inch guns will do. They will shoot beyond the horizon. In other words, the range of the monsters with which the two new battleships, New York and Texas, will be equipped is greater than it is possible to see a target the size of a ship of the Delaware type. Under the most favorable conditions not even the tall masts of the Delaware could be seen from a ship of the same size 15 miles away. And the new 14-inch gun is effective at that range.

The navy department has just completed a successful test of the gun and work will go forward at once in the Washington factory to make the 20 huge weapons needed for the two vessels.

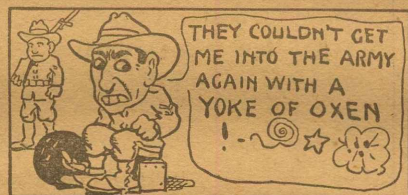
The recent tests made with the naval service 12-inch gun on the old



battleship Texas in Chesapeake bay showed that the efficiency of the gun-makers had reached a high state. These 12-inch guns literally made a sieve of the Texas at a range of 12,000 yards, or six miles. It was the longest range at which actual shooting had ever been done. Eight to ten miles is about the maximum for these guns.

The new 14-inch gun's weight is 63.6 tons. The diameter at the breech or butt is 47 inches and at the muzzle 24 inches. The cost of one gun and breech is \$74,770. The carriage upon which the gun will be mounted in the turret of the vessel will cost \$50,000.

### Army Regulations Are Being Modified



ARMY regulations are being changed for the benefit of the enlisted man. The old rules which have added to the hardships of the common soldier are being modified to keep pace with modern ideas of humanity and justice, and, in the course of a short time, it is hoped that conditions will be so far improved that desertions will be practically unknown and reenlistment will be general. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, is working out the proposed changes and his efforts have the sympathy of President Taft, who ever since his administration as secretary of war has been interested in the enlisted men.

As long as the ancient regulations

continued in force, both President Taft and General Wood agreed, little real amelioration of the soldier's condition could be brought about. As long as young soldiers were sent to jail and herded with criminals for trivial offenses, they believe, the army would continue to be shunned by a large class of desirable men who would otherwise be inclined to enter the service.

One of the first reforms to be inaugurated was that of the sentences administered for slight infractions of army law. The most common of these offenses now, as it has been for many generations, is desertion, and most of the desertions are unintentional.

Under the new system the punishment for mild cases of desertion is merely a deprivation of leave, extra work or the cutting off of special allowances. The guardhouse is only to be used for real offenders and the military prison for hardened criminals.

### The Progress of Our Game Protection

THE report of Dr. T. S. Palmer of the government's biological survey on "The Progress of Game Protection" is an exceedingly interesting document. It bears every evidence of careful study of conditions. Nothing is set down which in any way can be attributed to guesswork. It can be accepted as accurate and authentic. Doctor Palmer is known to scientists as a man of method with an innate love of the subject of which he is making a life study.

Deer, moose, elk and other big game of pronounced economic value are increasing in numbers. With the awakened interest in their protection and with the constant improvement in laws intended to save useful species there are sound reasons for the belief that future generations of Americans will know the animals that man today knows, and that legitimate sport will be possible in the years to come. The movement for the conservation of the natural resources of the country takes full heed of the



necessity for the preservation of the wild birds and mammals.

Some few species of big game perhaps are bound to disappear, or to survive only in a semi-domesticated state. Animals which live in the cover a part or a whole of the time will survive as long as law is enforced and forests continue to grow.

The government has control only of such game animals as are to be found in the territory directly under federal rule. Notwithstanding this limited authority the additional protector given the wild life in recent years by the several states is due largely to the efforts of the officials of the United States biological survey.

## THE BOUDOIR

Dame Fashion's Diary

### TRULY CHARMING HAT

### WHITE FLOWERS ARE LIKED

MODEL ONE OF THE BEST STYLES OF THE SEASON.

Various Distinctive Points About It Are of Importance—Also Excellent Investment as a Matter of Economy.

This very fine model is one of this season's shapes having a moderately high sloping crown. A wide net top lace with dainty floral pattern, serves to face the brim. A cascade across the front is held by a long buckle made of a double row of small June roses in pink. The moss sole variety is the best choice for this purpose.



This is a charming hat and both the shape and the lace will stand more than one season's wear. A good eghorn hat and a fair quality of net lace make an excellent investment for those who buy good looking and economical millinery.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

### SLIPS ON OVER THE HEAD

Dress That is a Decided Novelty and Also Has Much to Recommend It for the Summer.

The "slip-on" dress, a gown of white serge, surah silk, or marquisette, is one of the decided novelties of the summer season. It slips on over the head, and doesn't have to be hooked or buttoned. One of the prettiest of these frocks is made of plain white surah silk, trimmed with white silk, striped at one-inch intervals with navy blue and green alternating. This striped material forms the yoke applied beneath the low-cut round neck. This yoke opens about three inches in front, and is laced with a blue cord. A fine net yoke, gathered on a cord, fills in the low-cut neck.

Both bodice and skirt are cut in one piece, the fullness being adjusted by a draw-string at the waist-line. A belt of the material is worn over this shirring. A twenty-inch flounce of the striped material finishes the bottom of the skirt.—Harper's Bazar.

#### Picture Gown.

On every side one sees the revival of picture frocks that are most suitable for young girls and even for certain types of older women. That quaint old color known as forget-me-not blue is again in fashion and is used for such gowns as well as floral taffeta which has scattered bouquets over the surface or single flowers.

One gown made of the former fabric had a short skirt, was high-waisted and was draped with eyelet embroidered batiste in a strong ivory tone. Yards of fringed ruching made of the taffeta was used as trimming, and the drapery of the top of the tunic was held in at the left side of the waist with a bunch of forget-me-nots made of blue velvet.

#### Hair Stripe Lawn.

The woman of refined taste is enjoying this summer the lawns with a fine hair stripe, in black and white, or in any color with white. These lawns trimmed with the English eyelet work are charming, and, while any amount of the embroidery can be used, the amount can be regulated by the amount of money one can afford to spend. The band around the skirt is sufficient to make the frock look smart.

Paris Has Set Its Seal of Approval on This Color for Forms of Ornamentation.

White flowers are perhaps the most important in the new favorites. In Paris there is a furore over the dead white flowers that are of velvet or muslin. These are placed in white hats, that in their all-white glory are giving the new, fresh touches to the bright costumes worn at afternoon parties, receptions, etc.

Flowers formed of mousseline de sole are used to decorate sash ends. These are usually lily-shaped, with narrow pointed petals gathered into a yellow center of bright streamers.

Tiger lilies are giving the touch of brilliant orange to summer dresses. One large one will be used on the girdle, a bunch of them will weight down a chiffon sash; a cluster will decorate a hat.

Hydrangeas in the shaded pinks and lavenders are mixed with white on large garden hats or formed into up standing bunches at the side of white net lingerie hats.

The old-fashioned phlox, sweet williams, hollyhocks, candytuft, mignonette, heliotrope, with geraniums and nasturtiums, are very much in evidence. Indeed, the old-fashioned gardens are here again in our millinery world.

Lilacs in white and purple are here to form entire crowns on large hats. They also fashion the bunch at the side.

There seems to be no choice between the stiff flowers and the graceful ones. Any one will do, and no time limitation is placed on them, the new American beauties being just as popular as grandmother's favorites.

### FOR A SIMPLE, USEFUL BAG

Easily Made in Any Size Desired and Does Not Call for Use of Much Material.

This is a very useful, easily made bag, that may be copied in any size from quite a small one to hold small pieces of crochet to one of larger size for the household mending. It needs a square of material, which for the small size should be of silk; cretonne, chintz or casement cloth for a large one.

Fold the square in half, and sew the ends together, about two-thirds



the length; hem the open edges, then turn down the top over a ring of some sort—a brass curtain ring will answer, and at most fancy-work shops suitable rings of all sizes can be purchased; the material must be hemmed over the ring loosely, so that it may be easily pulled up. A bow of ribbon is sewn to each side.

#### Suit Styles in Favor.

Buyers now in the market are showing their confidence in suits made with a 28 or 30-inch coat, says the Dry-goods Economist, although a few longer and some shorter lengths are being ordered by merchants who carry large stocks and who have to cater to all classes of trade. While a large business is being done in coats that are cut off at the waistline and have a fitted skirt or peplum attached, as well as coats that show some odd cutting of the seams, there is also a big call for the straight semi-fitted or seven-eighths fitted coat, particularly in the medium and popular-priced goods.

#### Novelty for Summer Wear.

White cotton marquisette, yellow wool, coarse linen lace and white porcelain beads, have been combined to produce a novel parasol with bag to match. The parasol of marquisette is bordered with the lace, fringed with loops of the wool, on each one of which is strung a white bead, and embroidered with a few large yellow wool flowers and a long yellow wool cord to carry it by.





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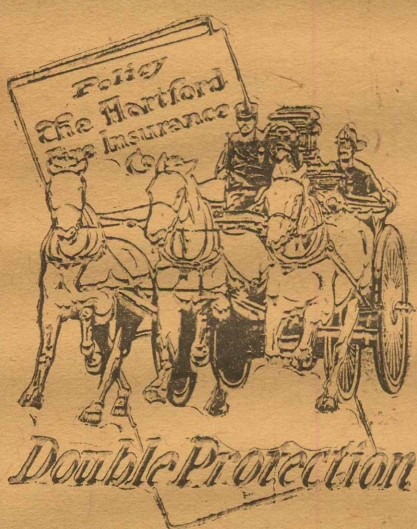
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TEXAS

N. B. Hancock and family left this week for Beeville where Mr. Hancock has accepted a position with a mercantile firm, he having transferred his business interests here to G. L. Barber and sold his residence to Perry Fite. Since the beginning of Spur Mr. Hancock has been identified with the business interests of the town, was recognized among the progressive element and it is with regret that the Texas Spur notes the departure of he and family. However, we join his friends here in wishing them a pleasant and prosperous home at Beeville.

The protracted meeting now in progress at the Baptist tabernacle is progressing most satisfactorily under the ministry of Rev. Berryman assisted by Rev. Rankin, formerly of Rotan but now of the Plains country. The meeting will continue throughout the week and everybody is invited to attend.

Attorney R. S. Holman made a business trip Thursday to Dickens, returning in the afternoon.



L. W. DAVIS & CO.,  
COMPLETE ABSTRACTS TO DICKENS  
COUNTY LAND.

Hon. C. K. McDowell and wife of Del Rio passed through Spur this week on their return home from a visit to friends and relatives north of Dickens. Judge McDowell was formerly an old time resident of this section of the country and has many friends among the oldtimers here who were glad to see him again. At present he is County Judge of his county.

J. L. Moore and wife, of Matador, are in the city this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hazlewood.

D. I. Herndon returned the latter part of the week from a business trip of several days to Santa Anna.

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The farmers of the country are requested to assist in securing an exhibit of the best products of every variety to be carried to Dallas and exhibited at the fair which begins October fifteenth. The farm exhibits at this fair will be viewed by thousands of people from every part of the United States and it is to the advantage of this section that we have an attractive showing of the various products of the country. It takes farmers to develop the resources, and the quickest and surest way to get them to investigate and settle here is to advertise and demonstrate the possibilities in agricultural pursuits. Such produce as any farmer will contribute to that end can be left either at the Texas Spur office or at the Commercial Club office over the Spur National bank.

One of the most complete line of groceries in the west always in stock at Sol Davis.

Burley Griffin sold his home and truck farm north of Spur this week to Mr. Squyres recently of Oklahoma, father of our former townsman, L. W. Squyres. Mr. Squyres will take possession immediately and Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will move to the city. This is one of the nicest suburban homes surrounding Spur and we are confident that Mr. Squyres will be pleased with his purchase.

C. B. New is now employed as bookkeeper of the Sol Davis mercantile establishment, taking the place of Ned Hogan who is preparing to embark in the Gents' Furnishing and Tailoring business with Ross Edwards.

Mrs. Jno. H. Reagan, who has been spending several days in the city with her son, Jeff D. Reagan and family, left this week for her home in Palestine.

R. B. Bryant and Joe Payne of Jayton made a business trip Tuesday to the Plains country.



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### TOO MUCH WATERMELON.

J. E. Sparks was in Saturday from Tap and said he had been feeling mean the past several days on account of too many water melons out his way. Well, we haven't suffered here because of too much of anything unless it be from lack of business. If business continues as slack in the printing line as has been the case during the past few months we will have plenty opportunity to get out, eat water melons and enjoy life at least until winter time rolls round.

C. L. Love left the first of the week for eastern markets to buy goods for the J. A. Lambdin Company stores here and at Stamford. C. L. Love is one of the best business men of Western Texas and we will be glad to see him at the head of a big business of his own at no distant date.

Mr. Askin, of Garza county, came in Wednesday with his daughter who is now at the Standifer Sanitarium for an operation. Another daughter of Mr. Askin was also operated upon recently at the Sanitarium, both operations being successful.

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

Ross Edwards and Ned Hogan left Monday for the Dallas market to buy a stock of goods preparatory to opening up a general furnishing establishment in Spur about the fifteenth of September.

Sebe Lambert and family, of the Tap country, left Thursday for a few weeks visit to friends and relatives in Fisher and other counties.

Misses Tot Morrison and Nell Mahon returned this week from Fort Worth where they spent several weeks with relatives and friends.

For school shoes, a complete line at Sol Davis.

### A GOOD MAN GONE

On last Sunday evening at 5:30 p. m. Mr. James Leatherwood, formerly of Johnson county, died at the home of his son, Mr. Leatherwood had been to church and stopped at his son's, Henry, to take dinner. He ate a hearty dinner after which he walked out to the barn and when found was in a dying condition. They carried him in the house and sent for a doctor, but he was dead when the doctor arrived. All he ever said was "pain in my bowels."

Mr. Leatherwood came to Texas at the close of the war and settled in Johnson county near Cleburne. He was a member of the Baptist church, a member of Pat Cleburne Camp 88, U. C. V. at Cleburne. He was a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Cleburne. He also belonged to the Royal Arch Chapter at Crosbyton. I have known him for 35 years. He gave me a job of work soon after I came to the state. He was a good soldier and a good kind, loving husband and father. He has finished his work and has gone to meet his loved ones who have gone before him.

Three years ago he lost his wife. They buried her on the farm close to the house. On Monday morning Mr. Wooten and two other gentlemen and myself, went to the grave, removed the remains and placed her by the side of him in the one grave at Crosbyton.

Success to the Spur editor and gang.

W. H. L. Ward.

### QUARTERLY MEETING AT METHODIST TABERNACLE

As announced previously Bro. G. S. Hardy the Presiding Elder was in Southern Texas at regular time for the third quarterly meeting and hence postponed it until the second Saturday and Sunday in September. All the methodist people are therefore urged to be present at 11 o'clock Sunday at which time Bro. Hardy will preach for us. It is near the close of our conference year and very important that we have our people together. In deference to the Baptist meeting the 11 o'clock service will be all we will have.

R. A. Stewart.

A boy was born Saturday to Sol Davis and wife at their home in the north part of the city. We had noticed that Sol was unusually reticent although with a noticeable bearing of superior importance, but were not aware of the probable cause until informed by friends of the family. We offer congratulations and wish young Mr. Davis a long, eventful career in the land of his birth.

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### FOR SALE

Hogs, all sizes. P. E. Johnson, 3 miles west of Girard.

L. C. Smith, who is buying cotton seed for the Stamford oil mill, has been in the several communities of Dickens county recently buying and engaging the fall cotton seed crop of the country.

John Murdock, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur recently and reported everything moving along nicely in his section.

Mrs. W. A. Hamilton returned last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in other sections of the state.

Misses Callie and Ruth Smith, of Stamford, were recent visitors to their sister, Miss Mary Jane Smith of the city.

We are offering for cash some broken lots of Enamelware at one-half value. It will pay you to take advantage of this offer. Barber & Hancock.

All Sol asks is a trial order. Both phones 139.

### A WONDER.

When we see a man with no visible means of support, who is nevertheless providing for a large family, it makes us wonder how he does it. He usually smokes cigars, his wife has at least one new hat in a season and his children wear new shoes. Go to his house and his table is well supplied, the furniture is new and of the latest pattern. It sometimes makes us wonder if they are not the wayward sons of a multi-millionaire, living on an allowance from an indulgent father who had rather support his son in some distant land than endure his presence. This is not the solution in every case however, because they are too numerous. We know the rich have not many children and this class are, to say the least, plentiful. We must come to the conclusion that they have discovered means of securing life's necessities beyond the comprehension of we unfortunates who have come under the ban of earning our bread by the sweat of our brow. It is beyond our comprehension, but nevertheless, it is encouraging. We all may live in hopes of discovering their secret some day and cut out this work and worry.—Andrews County Times.

LOST—Roman gold bracelet with Amethyst setting. Liberal reward for its return to Mrs. G. M. Bachelor.

E. Ham, of the Croton country, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section of the country.

B. T. Duncan, of Draper, was in Thursday with several wagons hauling out a car of coal for his gin at Draper.

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