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SPUR COUNTRY WILL HARVEST BIG CROP

W. P. T. Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was one among the number of visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Smith says that everything is in the very finest shape in his section of the country. He says that while he did not sow any wheat or oats this year, yet those who did are making fine crops. The fact of the business is that we of the Spur country are expecting to harvest the biggest crops of all kinds this year that has ever before been known in all of Western Texas. Throughout the winter months the rains were abundant and as a result we now have a deep, lasting and most ideal season which with an occasional shower at the proper times will make and mature bountiful crops. Keep your eyes on the Spur country.

CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP! CLEAN UP!

I hereby proclaim Thursday, April 25th, Clean-up Day for the town of Spur, and insist that every citizen take a hearty interest in this very important work. Fly time is here and for the protection of public health, I insist that you, as a good citizen, put your premises in perfect sanitary condition so that they may not endanger the health of your family and that of your neighbor. This date has been selected by all the Commercial Clubs of the state, and all cities and towns are co-operating and impressing the people with the importance of this day. Cleanliness is hand in hand with Godliness, and the world is just waking up to the fact that most disease is traceable to bad sanitation. Let Spur be a progressive town, what better advertisement can a small town have than to be clean and healthful. Spur has already gained a reputation for cleanliness so let us see if we can improve on past conditions by giving our time and attention to this work. Please do not treat this lightly but remember and observe this day and be a helper in making Spur one of the cleanest little towns in the state. — Geo. S. Link.

ARMS FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

Washington, April 15. — In response to an appeal from the American consul at Guadalajara, Mexico, President Taft has authorized the exportation of 150 rifles and 50,000 rounds of ammunition for arming the citizens of the United States in that district.

This is the second step by this Government to permit Americans in Mexico to receive munitions of war for self protection, Americans in Mexico City already having been similarly armed.

The president also gave his consent to the exportation of 400 rifles, 120,000 cartridges and a large mass of miscellaneous gun parts for the Mexican Government.

W. M. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and reports everything flourishing in that section.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR

This week the Texas Spur is authorized to announce E. L. Harkey as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Harkey has filled the office of Tax Assessor only one term, having been elected to the place at the election two years ago. He is one of the old timers of Dickens county, is familiar with land values and taxable valuations and during his term of office has performed the incumbent duties faithfully, conservatively and satisfactorily to a majority of the tax payers and voters of the county.

Mr. Harkey is well known to the voters of the county, and in making his announcement for reelection he asks that the voters follow the time honored custom of Democracy by giving him a second term in the Tax Assessor's office, and the Texas Spur asks that readers of the paper give Mr. Harkey's candidacy due consideration before casting a ballot in the Primary Election.

DOES IT PAY?

One of our prominent citizens was heard to remark recently that he did not believe in newspaper advertising. It takes all sorts of people to make up this world, and that man was one of them. To show how different are his views from those of the largest and most successful merchants in Texas, we call attention to last Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram in which Monig Bros., of that city, carried twenty pages of advertising. The advertising was in the nature of a celebration of their twenty-fifth anniversary in business, and was undoubtedly the most elaborate newspaper advertising ever gotten out in the South. It gives the history of the firm from the time of the first coming to Fort Worth of two of the Monig boys up to the present, telling in picture and in type the story of the growth of the firm. If newspaper advertising did not aid in the building up of this immense business, then the question arises, why did they adopt a newspaper advertisement at this late day. — X.

A BUSY PRACTITIONER

Dr. Grace reports having made a trip up into Garza and Kent counties the past week in response to calls for medical aid. He said that during the past several weeks so many calls had come in that for a number of nights he had no opportunity for rest or sleep and that throughout one week he did not remove his clothing for a single night's restful sleep. However, the sickness of the country is mostly of colds, la grippe, pneumonia, measles and mumps.

COMPLETELY RECOVERED

Mrs. J. C. McNeill has completely recovered from a recent operation at the Standifer Hospital. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. McNeill intend to move soon to Spur from their ranch several miles west and we will be glad to welcome them as citizens of the city.

GROUND SOAKING RAINS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

During the past few weeks ground soaking rains have fallen over every section of this country and as a result the whole country is in the very finest shape and now has the most promising prospects of a record breaking crop year.

Since the first day of January a rain fall of more than three inches has been registered in Spur. During the past week heavy rains fell in every section surrounding Spur and which was not registered at the Spur Bureau. In the Girard, Gilpin, Red Mud, Tap, Dickens, Afton, Croton and other sections it is said that the rain fall amounted to several inches. In fact the rain is reported to be the heaviest of the season and as a result all of the surrounding country is soaking wet and the farmers are complacently contemplating the harvesting of an enormous crop of every character during the fall months.

Taking everything into consideration Spur and the Spur country is in an exceptionally promising condition with respect to both commerce and agriculture. The farmers are planting big diversified crops, clearing new lands for cultivation, building new homes, making additions and improvements and looking forward to harvesting the biggest crops within the history of farming in western Texas. The merchants are stocking up with a large volume of varied supplies with the expectation of enjoying a liberal trade from a prosperous citizenship.

REVIVAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

Nest Sunday, April 21st, revival services will begin at the Methodist tabernacle, as previously announced. Rev. D. V. York, of Eldorado, Oklahoma, will come to assist the pastor. The Christian people of the entire community are cordially and earnestly invited to co-operate in these services looking to the salvation of the people. May we not express the hope that this campaign for souls may be carried forward, not only by the prayers, but the personal efforts of all the Christians who love Christ and look for His appearing. We have a great Savior who never fails in a contest of this kind, except as human perversity defeats Him. With Him there are no hard cases. From the mere ruins of a wasted life He reconstructs character—the strogest and noblest. May we not press His claims; not timidly but urgently, upon our friends, who have left Him out of their scheme of life. — R. A. Stewart.

HAD A NICE TRIP

W. F. Godfrey returned the first of the week from San Antonio where he had been to attend the state convention of the Praetorian Lodges. He reports having had a most pleasant trip and said that he had the pleasure of hearing some of the finest oratorical contests of his life.

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A PLEASANT CALL

Editor Selden, of the Dickens Item, and Mrs. Seldon were in the city Wednesday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Selden says that Dickens is one of the liveliest towns of the country and the prospects are that within the year the possibilities are that the town will become a railroad town. He says that the Santa Fe people as well as other railroad builders are taking note of Dickens and are not only making inquiries of the conditions but are making preliminary surveys with the prospect of extending a line of railway into the town. It takes railroads to fully develop any section and the more railroads we have the more prosperous will become the people. We will be glad to see Dickens get a railroad and will never be envious of the progress of any community near or distant.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

L. W. Billberry and family took dinner with W. P. Sampson and family Sunday.

Miss Ruth Hawkins, who has been visiting her sister in Wichita county, has returned to her home.

Rev. J. V. Billberry filled his regular appointment at the Duck Creek school house Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. West, Mr. and Mrs. Loller and Messrs. Stearns and Gibson, all of Steel Hill, attended church services here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins has brought their baby home from the Jayton Sanitarium and we are glad to say that the infant is still improving.

Rev. J. V. Billberry preached an excellent sermon at Girard Sunday night is the report of the Gilpin people who heard his discourse.

Ere you read this item our school will have closed. The trying examination, the exhibition and good-byes will be over—but what is troubling us now is this: Will the children pass?

The heaviest rain and hail storm Gilpin has had for years swept this community Thursday night, April 11th, doing considerable damage to farm land and property. P. E. Hagins says that he drove through hail axle deep between Gilpin and Girard next day.

We regret to say that the Duck Creek Sunday school has been severely wounded by the icy hand of indifference and dying from want of attendance. We suggest that the patrons of the dying Sunday school employ Dr. All Attention and his trained nurse Vigilance, to see that it has at least the necessaries of life.

Saturday Gilpin experienced the worst sand storm they have seen for years which caused real estate to change hands pretty fast. O. J. Taylor and L. I. Arnold exchanged with Al Sullivan, and Sullivan with J. Carlisle and Carlisle with P. E. Hagins and others. They say that J. Carlisle is the winner. — Johnny Jump-up.

WILL RETIRE AND ENJOY RICHES FROM THE FARM

T. C. Copeland was in the city Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Copeland says that he and his brother are cultivating more than two hundred acres of land this year on the W. T. Wilson place six miles east of Spur, and he says from the present prospects he will be able to retire to private life and enjoy his wealth after gathering his crops. Mr. Copeland intends to have at least one hundred and fifty acres of cotton among the many other crops grown during the year, and he figures now that he will gather from one and a half to two bales of cotton to the acre, have lots of feed stuff, garden truck, watermelons and other farm products to sell this fall.

TAP TELLINGS

J. S. Neal and family visited at the home of T. S. Lambert Sunday.

Jeff Smith, of Doekum Valley, was here Sunday casting curious glances at the girls.

Bud Williams and sister, Miss Oma, of Catfish, worshipped with the people here Sunday.

Joe Lambert is laid up for repairs this week, having stuck a nail in his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks left this week for Rule where they will visit relatives for a time.

B. S. Scott of Watson was here this week attending business matters.

A fine rain this week. Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high. Planting is general.

T. B. Rutherford planted twenty acres of feed before the storm and since has been seen out in the field scratching the sand off of it.

Orwin Lambert went down the valley Sunday evening and he didn't come back alone either. Something is going to happen out this way before long.

P. Hinson lost his market garden by the storm and since has been lamenting his fate. We will take a collection for him at the next meeting of the club, poor fellow.

The weather man turned the business over to the boys and we have had all kinds of weather the past week. The latter part of last week we had a hail storm and sand storm the same day. Friday night a wester blew up and continued throughout the day, Saturday, which did considerable damage to gardens and field crops that were up.

Well news is scarce and besides that something serious will occur if I don't quit and get wife some stove wood. I tell you my old woman is a sight when she gets started. — Gadabout.

Attorney R. S. Holman made a trip this week to Matador where he had a case in the courts of that county.

TANK OF WATER POISONED IN THE CROTON COUNTRY

Considerable excitement was created last week in the Croton country by the discovery that a tank of water had been poisoned. The tank was near a windmill and Billy Waldrup and Chas. Perrin were riding the range and on approaching the well Mr. Waldrup drank from the tank. Mr. Perrin noticed that the four supporting beams of the windmill tower had been sawed in two. Further investigation revealed fourteen empty strychnine bottles near the tank. They both left immediately for Dickens and before arriving Mr. Waldrup had become very sick as a result of drinking the poisoned water. However, medical aid was rendered by Drs. Hale and Blackwell and Mr. Waldrup soon recovered.

It is said also that a large number of fence posts hauled out from Spur by Mr. Newman for fencing purposes in that community was set on fire during the week and burned.

Jeff Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

S. P. Odom, of a few miles south of Spur, was among the visitors in the city Saturday.

John Sampson, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

Rev. Billberry, of north of Dickens, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

R. M. Dickenson, of Stamford, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent two days here on business.

NOTICE—See Mrs. Geo. M. Williams at her home in Spur for Rowden Cotton Seed, the finest planting seed, 50c a bushel. tf.

Messrs. M. A. and A. W. Jordan and others went to Childress this week to attend a picnic in celebration of the oil well at that place.

Dr. Bachelor has opened up a dental office at Post City, we are informed, and will probably spend the greater part of his time at that place in the future.

Dave Sparks, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday trading and incidentally furthering the interests of his campaign for sheriff of Dickens county.

T. A. Smith was in the city Saturday and says that prospects were never better nor more promising with respect to abundant crop-yields than at the present time.

Hugh Hunt, representing the Murray Gin Company, was in Spur this week supposedly to sell new machinery for the Afton gin which will be operated another year by Messrs. G. W. Robertson and C. A. Jones.

J. P. Crump, of Garza county, accompanied Miss Rector to Spur Saturday on her return home at Rotan. Miss Rector has been teaching the school in Mr. Crump's neighborhood, the term having now closed for the year.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned the latter part of last week from Hamlin where he had gone to arrest a man on a charge of bigamy. It is said that the man arrested has three living wives, he having married his third wife recently in the Afton country. He will be tried at the next term of Dickens county court.

SOCIALIST LETTER

The great majority of people are honest. Especially is this true of Church-Members.

Most people do not reject Socialism, they only reject what they have been told was Socialism by those who either do not understand its true principles or who are employed to misrepresent it.

Therefore most of the objections to Socialism arise from ignorance or willful misrepresentation. We want to open your eyes to a few of these misrepresentations and trust that a further investigation will remove all of them.

Socialism does not stand for "dividing up." That is what happens now. Labor produces all wealth and divides up with capital. Labor gets one fifth and capital four fifths.

Under Socialism, the government (all of the people) will furnish the capital and each will get according to what he produces. No, the Capitalist will not be asked to divide up, but he will have to become a worker, for "He who will not work neither shall he eat."

Remember, the object of Socialism is not to rob the Capitalist but to prevent the Capitalist from exploiting the worker.

Socialism is not anarchy and does not lead to anarchy. Socialism means co-operation, organization, law in the management of industry and is therefore the opposite of anarchy which means the abolition of all law, leaving the individual to do as he pleases, unrestrained by law.

Socialism does not advocate the use of violence in any form in securing the control of industry or government, but relies on education and the ballot to accomplish its ends.

Socialism will not destroy the home. Capitalism is doing that now, for poverty, unemployment, the liquor traffic and child labor are the causes that destroy the home and family, but Socialism will abolish all these evils.

Socialism will remove poverty by giving the worker all he produces, which means he will get nearly five times as much as he gets now. Socialism guarantees employment to all who are willing to work. Socialism will destroy the liquor traffic, for people engage in the liquor traffic for the profit there is in it. Socialism will abolish the whole profit system, thereby removing the cause and traffic will stop.

Socialism will take the children out of the factories and put men in, for parents will not put their children in factories when poverty does not compel them to.

Socialism will not prevent people from having private property. Remember, that under Socialism things that are publicly used will be publicly owned. You will not be allowed to own the factory that thousands of people must use in order to live, but you will get your share of what you produce in the factory for your own private use.

Socialism will not compel the small farmer to give up his farm, but in as much as the government will make it possible for every farmer to farm without giving one-third of what he produces to a land owner for the privilege of farming. It will become impossible for any man to monopolize the land for farming purposes.

Socialism will not compel anyone to go into public farming any more than it compels anyone to send a letter through the

Spring Time, Old Chap.

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public postoffice, but if public or co-operative farming proves to be the best method, more pleasant and affords more leisure, the small farmer will go into it for the same reason that he sends his letter by mail, because it is the best way.

Socialism will not destroy religion. If religion can use the principles of Socialism, collectivism, democracy and equality of opportunity in transacting the business of its organization, it certainly would not destroy it for all the people to practice the same principles in the management of their industrial organization.

Socialism is an economic question and has nothing to do with religion or religious beliefs, but indirectly it should have a good effect on religion, for it will give the people time and opportunity to develop themselves mentally, morally and spiritually.

But do not Socialists hold meetings on Sunday? Yes. Socialists see millions of human beings, their brothers, falling into the Pit of Poverty and they hold educational meetings to try to pull them out. "Which of you shall have an ass or ox fallen into a pit and will not go straightway pull him out on the Sabbath day?"

Are not men, women and children as worthy of help as the ass or the ox?

Yours for the good of humanity,
SPUR SOCIALIST CLUB.

Mr. Rash, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Monday.

Rev. Mike M. Young was in the city Monday and spent several hours here.

J. B. Morrison, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here.

Lucius Haile, of the Afton country, was in the city recently on business and spent some time here.

LOOK AFTER LITTLE THINGS

The southern farmer has run along for years trying to raise cotton and at the same time neglecting the little things around the farm. Each succeeding year was followed by more cotton and less of the necessaries of life, and at last the cotton farmer wakes up bankrupted, without the means of sustenance, says a writer in the Co-Operator. Thousands cannot obtain supplies in order to make another cotton crop. Cotton is so low in price, and provisions refused in many instances to finance another cotton crop, or in other words, to furnish the farmer to make the crop because they know that the farmer will be unable to meet his obligations in the fall.

The cotton farmer as a rule has neglected the cows, the pigs, the chickens, the corn, the hay and all kinds of feedstuff, when these constitute the foundation of every successful farmer. And out of these small things is where the farmer must make his profits. And out of the small things raised on the farm must come the farmer's living.

The farmer that undertakes to raise cotton and buy his provisions, his corn, his hay and all kinds of feed stuff, has always failed, and always will fail, because there is no profit in cotton. It costs too much to raise it and every farmer who has tried the one crop has failed. The most successful farmers in the south are those that look after the little things. And their first thought is to raise everything they need at home. Whenever you find a farmer that has his cows, his hogs, chickens, and his barn well filled with grain and feed stuff, you will find a farmer that does not have to give a mortgage to obtain anything he wants, and you will find one that is fairly successful.

Cotton has always been the bane of the south, and always

will be unless the southern farmer turns over a new leaf and gets down to the foundation of true farming, then the commissary of the farmer will be on the farm, where it ought to be, and not in the city, as it is today. This is a good time for the southern farmer to start on the work of reformation and reverse the old order of things. It can be done only by seeking after the little things and making the cotton crop a secondary proposition.

CLEAN-UP DAY FOR SPUR

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association has designated April, 25th as a general clean-up day for every city and town in the state. Spur has the reputation of being a clean town, that every citizen here should be proud of. Let us get together on the morning of Thursday, April 25th and clean up all of the trash and rubbish in Spur. It is urged that all property holders clean up their premises and pile the trash in the allies where it can be reached by the clean-up wagons on clean-up day.—Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary Commercial Club.

WILL CLEAR MORE LAND

W. F. Shugart, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in good shape in his section. Mr. Shugart says that he intends to put in some more new land this year for cultivation. He has already cleared and is now cultivating about two hundred and twenty five acres of land on his place, but evidently he thinks such an acreage too small. Mr. Shugart has a number of horses and mules and he is among the most successful farmers and stock raisers of the country.

Jeff D. Harkey came over Monday from Dickens and spent some time here on business.

"THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

In any important undertaking in life's work, the first step should be taken with a feeling of confidence and security. Backed by the knowledge of a healthy bank account, that step will be made more easy and secure. Opportunities constantly occur for the one with financial backing. We invite you to start an account in our bank, if you are not already a depositor.

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We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

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Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

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

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

COTTON ADVANCES \$1.50 A BALE

New York, April 10.—An advance of over \$1.50 per bale in the cotton market was made today on an excited general buying movement with new crop conditions selling at 11 1-2 cents making a new high record for the season. The old crop showed equal strength, July selling at 11.35 cents or the highest price reached since that position reached 8.80 cents following the big crop estimate of last December.

Apprehension of a poor start for the new crop, owing to a renewal of unsettled weather in the South following the almost incessant rain of the past month or more, increasing uneasiness over the flood situation in the Mississippi Valley and reports of higher Southern markets for old crop supplies were supposed to account for the rise.

FROM JAYTON

Rev. Adams visited Spur Sunday.

J. H. Henson and wife visited at Spur Tuesday.

Miss Cora Simpson spent a few days with relatives and friends at Spur during the week.

The nominees for school trustees, to meet the requirements of an act of the last legislature, are as follows: At large J. E. Robinson Jayton, Jayton district G. W. Bennett, precinct 2 T. F. Hunter, Clairemont, precinct 3 J. L. Gilbert of the Snowden community, precinct 4 S. A. McCombs Luzon.—Jayton Herald.

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RED MUD NEWS

G. L. Gaddis and family visited at Clairemont since our last.

Grandpa Lewis is up from Jayton visiting relatives.

W. H. Smith and family were guests Saturday of J. N. Self and family.

G. W. Grubs and R. W. Easterling made a trip to the Plains this week.

Tax Assessor Thompson was in our community last week assessing taxes.

Mrs. W. S. Vickers and children visited Mrs. Frank Smith on Little Red Mud Wednesday.

The Baptist brethren are planning to organize and build a tabernacle at this place in the near future.

Mr. Porter and family have moved on the place which Mr. Sellers recently bought of Geo. Grubbs.

Oscar Parker, of Roby, passed through our community Wednesday en route to the W. A. Lenard ranch.—Kent County News.

HOMESTEAD LAW CHANGED

Washington, March 23.—The house devoted today to a bill liberalizing the homestead laws by reducing from five to three years the period of residence required on public land to prove title.

Settlers would be permitted to absent themselves five months in each year. The legislation making less drastic the existing laws governing settlement has been sought for years.

ABILITY AND PREPARATION

Politics is the only occupation on earth that has been successfully followed without either ability or preparation. The door of public preferment has swung wide open to many a candidate who never read the Constitution and knew no more about our statutes than he did of the laws of the Medes and Persians.

In fact many a man in public life whose success exceeded that of his neighbor has found himself envied and discredited by his colleagues and constituents.

It has been aptly said of many a foremost politician that:

"He didn't use his muscle fat, He didn't use his brains,

But in the Legislature sat, And tried to stop the trains."

But we are beginning to recognize that government is a big business institution and those who would ride in the chariot of state must be able to do something more than chloroform the Constitution.

SOCIALIST MAYOR IS OUSTED

Milwaukee, Wis.—By the combining forces and eliminating national parties from participating in future municipal elections in Wisconsin, Gerhard A. Bading a non partisan defeated Emil Seidel, Socialist, in the mayoralty race by 17,000 majority.

The interest in the fight was to unseat the Socialist administration, and it was indicated by the extra heavy vote polled. The vote this year was 80,000 as against 59,484 two years ago, when Seidel was elected mayor.

A non partisan board of aldermen and county supervisors were elected.

WANT CHURCH OUT OF POLITICS

Thousands of people have been howling for the past three or four years to "put the church out of politics," but we have never once heard them say "put the liquor interests out of politics." The whiskey people have been in politics since the dawn of political creation, but the voters have never once raised their voices against it. There is no man that would attempt to say that the saloon is a cleaner institution than the church, but still they want the church put out of politics and the saloons left in. It seems to us that, if anything should be done, the question should be reversed. To say the least of it the church is not liable to "get out of politics" as long as the saloon is in among the ring leaders.—Paducah Post.

A DEVELOPER

There are in many communities successful business men who stand like a stump in the high-ways of progress and in such a situation the undertaker is an important factor in development. Scarcely a day passes that they do not add a new terror to death by refusing to join with the public spirited citizens in a movement for the upbuilding of their city or by their indifference snag an industrial enterprise.

It takes live men to build a city and there is no sadder sight in municipal life than a few noble spirited citizens staggering under a weight of dead timber. The undertaker is often, a developer.

QUARANTINE RAISED

S. W. Thomas, of Aspermont, was in the city Tuesday on his return home from a business trip to Dickens. Mr. Thomas reports that the quarantine in Stonewall county has been raised and that only one case of meningitis developed at Aspermont. In this one instance Dr. Lott, of Stamford, was called to administer anti-meningitis serum; proved effective and the patient is now completely recovered. Mr. Thomas said that while Dr. Lott said that meningitis was not contagious yet a strict quarantine was instituted to alleviate the fears of the populace as well as to prevent the possibility of further infection.

FROM ASPERMONT

Carl Springer visited in Spur this week.

Clement Guest went to Spur Monday.

Sam Thomas went west on the Wichita Valley Tuesday.—Aspermont Star.

COMING TO TEXAS

Winnipeg, Canada, April 1.—Reports from the wheat acreage of Canada indicate that considerable dissatisfaction exists among the American farmers who have recently immigrated to this country. The partial crop failure and the extremely cold winter has made them long for the Sunny South and many of the colonies have announced their intention of leaving for Texas at an early date.

EACH DAY!

BRINGS something new to help "furryish" to the attractiveness of our Spring Showing. We are just in receipt of new Linens in assorted colors, and white new line Madras, Gingham, and white Braids, 45-inch and narrower Flouncing, all-overs in Embroidery and Laces, Lace Bands, and many other new items. Just received our Spring Shipment of the famous "Holeproof" Hosiery for ladies and men. Guaranteed to wear or replaced with new goods. White Oxfords and Pumps to arrive not later than Saturday. Come and see what money will do at LAMB DIN'S.

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C. L. LOVE, Manager

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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):
H. T. Garner
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club held its regular meeting on last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Brandon. Mrs. H. W. Jennings, the honor guest of the club, was complimented with a miscellaneous shower—the Jennings home having recently been destroyed by fire.

After a few fast and interesting games of heart dice, Mrs. Brandon removed an improvised curtain which had been artistically draped across the corner of one of the receiving rooms displaying the gifts; among which were much handsome linen, cut glass and china. Mrs. Brandon then served her guests with a dainty ice course.—Reporter.

Give us an opportunity to show you just how promptly an order can be delivered after phoning 139.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Thursday morning WE Arawake was found dead in bed. The deceased is the most notorious bed bug in this vicinity. We want you to try a case of our Soda Water, let us bring you a case when we deliver your Ice. The children like it and it is the healthiest drink you can give them. We are headquarters for Ice, Carbonated Drinks, Gas, and Cream. Phone us an order. Both Phones 25. Quality as well as quantity.—SPUR BOTTLING WORKS. T. L. Higginbotham Mgr.

Don't miss seeing those new pictures at the Lyric. An entire change of program every night.

Ben Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur this week on business and trading with the merchants.

The 8-Days Wonder Sale will begin Saturday, April 20. Exceptional bargains are being offered. Don't miss attending this sale.

Mr. Posey, representing the Winona Mills was in Spur last week selling dry goods direct from the factory.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, of the Afton country, were in the city trading this week.

Another big rain is reported Wednesday evening in the Afton country and upon the Plains north and west of Spur.

A splendid program at the Lyric Saturday night. Illustrated song by Miss Lillian Grace, entitled "The Old Red White and Blue." No advance in prices.

J. D. Walker has opened his Bakery across street from Conner Feed Store and solicits patronage of Spur and surrounding country.

J. V. McCormick is reported among those who are suffering of the mumps at this time, and although his condition may not be alarming his many friends are very solicitous and express the hope that he will soon be at his place of business.

We wish to thank our friends and the people of Spur at large for their heroic efforts used in saving our dwelling and household effects from being destroyed by fire April 11, 1912.—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn.

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Spur, Texas, April 16/12.

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By A. J. TYLER, Manager

GONE TO THE OIL FIELD.

Oscar Jackson left Tuesday for Moran to investigate the oil and gas prospects in that section. It is said that gas in paying quantities has already been secured in a number of wells and many think that by further developments a rich oil field will result. Messrs. Jackson and Neely own a two hundred acre block of land near the present gas field in Stephens county, and their idea is to form a stock company for the oil and gas developments on this place. We hope that both Mr. Neely and Mr. Jackson will meet success in their endeavors and that they will soon be recognized in the Rockefeller class with respect to finances.

C. J. Thornton, who has been in Spur on an extended visit to his sister, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, returned this week to his home at Ardmore.

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FLORIDA—\$250 buys a beautiful 10-acre farm near New Smyrna, on the East Coast of Florida; good soil, capable of yielding owner a net income of \$3,000 a year under proper management; close to rail and water transportation; best market facilities, church, school and social advantages; perfect title; terms, \$50 cash, balance \$5.00 a month. No interest, no taxes. Address XYZ, Texas Spur Office. 23-3tp

When you see a star on the heel of a shoe, this is a guarantee all leather. Sol has 'em.

Mrs. Jas. F. Williams arrived in the city this week from Coryell county and the family is now domiciled in their new home in the northwestern part of Spur.

STRAYED—One large sorrel horse, three white feet, white star in forehead. Notify E. C. Edmonds and receive reward. 23tf

ADVERTISED LIST

Gentlemen.
W. F. Adams, Eugene Nather, Ladies.
Mrs. Julia Clark, Miss Bertie Lee, Miss Carries Smith.
When calling for the above please say advertised.—N. A. Baker, Postmaster.

Call and look over our spring and summer line of dress goods, flouncing, banding and embroidered dress goods.—Sol Davis.

We received a letter this week from R. E. Williams who recently moved from Spur to Los Angeles, California. He says that while he is living temporarily in Los Angeles he will continue to call Spur his home and that he will probably "come back home" some time in the future.

If you want to save money and get the best values in every purchase go to the 8-Days Wonder Sale, Saturday, April 20th to 27th.—W. B. Griffin.

When You See the Budding Of the Fig Tree You Know Spring Is Near

Look out upon the prairies and see their new Spring Costumes, how beautiful and cheering to our vision; we must prepare for this glad occasion, winter rags won't suffice now, where can I go to get the prettiest things to wear, so that I may help to make glad and be in harmony with this the most beautiful season of the year; first in my mind is a new hat, and I want something nice but not fussy, and something becoming to me, now this is my hardest job, and I will just go to Miss Burnett's Department at Bryant Link Co. as it is always full of the newest things in millinery, and if she hasn't just the thing in stock I know she can make me one just as I suggest, and I will know as for my head it will be as well crowned as any one in town or country, for there is no more up-to-date Milliner than Miss Burnett. Next I must have a new dress, and Mrs. Herndon's Department is just crowded with new shear dress fabrics of latest weaves and colorings, and she can help me select just the pattern that will be most becoming to me, she also has the Queen Quality Oxfords, and I wouldn't really be dressed in the most stylish way unless I had a pair of those pumps or straps, they are so neat and nice looking, makes ones feet look two sizes smaller and are so very comfortable, too; I can't overlook silk hose and gloves Mrs. Herndon's Department is always the place to find that line of goods, and there are collars, jablots, side-frills, collar pins, new spring hand bags, she has the prettiest stock I have ever seen in these lines, and it is very necessary to properly dress that all these little items be taken into consideration, yes, and I was about to forget that I must have three or four new gingham aprons and dresses, and there is only one place to get The Red Seal gingham, the kind that don't fade and launders so well, Mrs. Herndon can show me anything in the gingham line that I want, just any shade or color, she has even a solid red in gingham that is so hard to find in most stocks.

I had just as well go to Bryant-Link Co's. to do my spring shopping for they appreciate the trade and I will be treated courteously there, and if any item I buy don't come up just right they are always ready to make it good, in fact, they have the very best quality of merchandise that can be had in Spur, and they are constantly inviting the people to trade with them through the paper and in many other ways, they have their homes here, and are helping to build up the town and country, so I really feel it my duty to give them a liberal share of my trade.

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Our stock is complete, with all the new and up-to-date things in Dry Goods, Novelties, Shoes and Clothing.

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RENEWS HIS PAPER

E. Haase, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Thursday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar for the paper another year. Mr. Haase owns one of the finest farms of the country, being located in what is known as the Dockum Valley lands, the soil of which is rich and in productiveness is second only to the Brazos and Mississippi Bottom lands.

Star Brand Shoes are honest shoes. No substitutes for leather are used.

Mr. Will Garner and Miss Moma Peters, of Spur, attended church at Steel Hill Sunday.

Miss Nina Walker, of Dickens, passed through Spur Saturday enroute to Jayton to visit relatives.

The biggest bargains ever offered can be had at the 8-Days Wonder Sale. Every counter loaded with exceptional values at unheard of prices. Come in and see from April 20th the 27th.

NOTICE:—The Lyric Theatre is now running regular, exhibiting 3 new pictures every night of the best service ever produced in the west. All films are obtained direct out of Dallas play houses. A visit is convincing. See for yourself.

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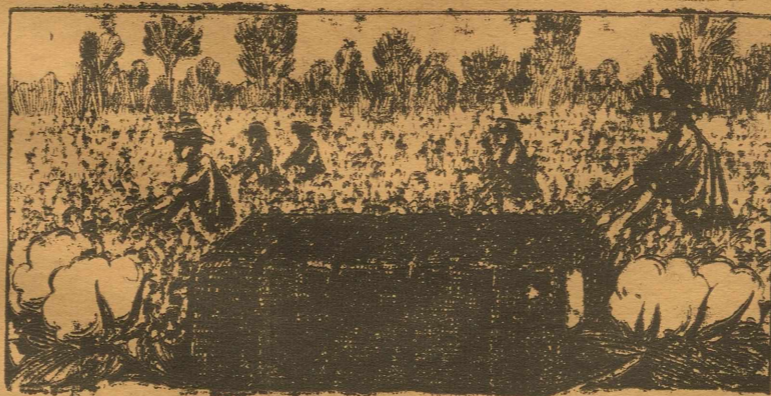
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Cotton is a subject the Texas Welfare Commission is considering. W. T. Loudermilk of DeLeon is chairman of the subcommittee having the investigation in charge.

KISS TOLSTOY'S GRAVE.

Tolstoy's grave at Yasnia Poliana is likely to become one of the chief places of pilgrimage in the empire. Since the funeral large numbers of peasants arrive there daily. They come mostly on foot, and many are now on the way there, tramping from places far distant.

At the grave many hundreds may be seen on their knees, chanting and kissing the soil. The pilgrims are allowed to pass through the rooms which Tolstoy occupied, where nothing has been disturbed. There is deep resentment at the holy synod's action in forbidding memorial services in the orthodox churches.

We have a life scholarship in the Draughtons Practical Business College of Spur which we will be glad to sell to some deserving young lady or gentleman. If you want it call at the Texas Spur office.

BOB TAYLOR EULOGIZES THE STATE OF TEXAS

The late Bob Taylor eulogized Texas at the last State Fair at Dallas in glowing terms that will never be forgotten. Due to the fact that he has been lately called to a better world even than Texas, his remarks are recalled which are in part, as follows:

"I can understand why so many longing eyes turn to Texas. Texas is the largest waffle on the griddle of North America. She is sweetened with the honey of happiness pouring from the hanghole of prosperity and buttered with pure democracy. Woe to the prince or potentate who sticks a fork into Texas. Mexico tried it once and bent double with a spell of San Jacinto.

"The honey of Texas is poison to tyrants and her bees sting to death the invaders of her soil, but to those who love her and are loyal to the Lone Star that lights the pathway of her destiny; her cities and towns and hamlets and homes are beehives of hospitality, rich with the honeycomb of smiles and welcomes. The land of Jackson sends greeting to the land of Houston. May God bless Tennessee and may God bless Texas.

"When I was a barefooted boy way up among the mountains where Nature sings her sweetest song and brawling brooks laugh in the sunshine and dance in the shadows, I used to sit on the bank of the river and watch the caravans of covered wagons creeping like mammoth snails with their shells on their backs southward to the wilderness of Texas. I did not dream then that the rugged, rosycheeked children who crowded under the wagon covers were the prophecies of the wealth and power and glory of the greatest empire that was ever born on the continent. But so it was. The caravans landed their precious freight in the wilds of Texas. The blue smoke began to curl upward from the cabins of the pioneers; the burnished plowshare began to slice from the broad prairies like a hot knife slicing a continent of Jersey butter; the reaper like a phantom ship began to sweep across amber seas of grain, and Texans who had read Milton's 'Paradise Lost' began to talk about paradise regained. The little ragged, candy-haired children grew up into a race of the fairest women and the bravest men that the sun in heaven ever shone upon. They married the sons and daughters of the heroes who had won the independence of Texas, and there were more cabins on the prairies and another generation was born whose vigor and strength have given increased power to this mighty Commonwealth.

"The spirit of the Alamo glorifies the brow of manhood, and the blood of San Jacinto warms the heart of courage and reddens the cheek of beauty here today. The dark-visaged demon of savage hate which once lighted the torch and brandished the scalping knife and spread his flaming wings on the horizon has vanished from Texas forever. The white-crested billows of Mexican wrath which once rolled back again crimsoned with blood were claimed long ago, and the angel of peace is hovering over the land.

"Texas and Tennessee worship together and rejoice as one people in the triumphs of the past and the promises of the future.

"A new era of industrial

growth and intellectual development is breaking like the glory of the morning upon us. The symphonies and hallelujahs of our Centennial Jubilee at Nashville are still falling like the soft waves of a summer ocean upon the glad hills of Tennessee and the reviving South is listening with unutterable rapture to the great industrial song of Texas; and the symphonies and hallelujahs of Tennessee and the triumphant songs of Texas are mingling in one grand anthem of praise to God like the joyous waters of many rivers that meet and flow together and sing to the sea.

"I have stood on the platform of the great auditorium amid the statutes and columns and domes and pyramid of our splendid exposition at home; and I have welcomed a million people to the bosom of my native State. There I have watched sectional lines melt away; there I have seen sectional ignorance enlightened and sectional hate disarmed. There I have seen sectional prejudice transformed into National pride and patriotism. There I have seen the North and the East look with astonishment upon our progress and our miraculous recovery from the ruins of war, and I have heard them pledge their eternal friendship and fraternal love.

"There I have seen the West come to do us honor and then go away to her rich farms and contented homes with new and happier memories of our people and with new and better ideas of our country.

There I have seen our own sweet sunny South drain the brimming cup of joy and return to her cotton bales and fruits and flowers with new luster in her eye and new hope in her heart.

"But I have stolen away from the festivities of the old Tennessee in the evening of her jubilee to swing corners with Texas, the dark-eyed queen of the South.

"The greatest grievances which we have against Texas lies in the fact that we have loaned her thousands of our bravest men and loveliest women and she has never returned our jewels except upon the requisition of the Governor when Tennessee tenderly sang to Texas: 'O, Where is My Wandering Boy Tonight?'

"My wandering friends from Tennessee, when I go back to the land of your nativity and view the Blue Mountains in the spring time and summer which change to bouquets of purple and gold in autumn and to pillars of snow in winter, when I watch with extacy the shining streams dashing down through the valleys, and when I feel the cool breath of the shadowy gorges upon my brow, when I wander among the green hills and quench my thirst from babbling springs and feast my soul upon the beauty of gorgeous landscapes and then look through glassy waters and behold a bending sky as soft and blue and radiant with trembling stars as that which bends above, I wonder what mysterious power is that which charms our people from such a land. But when I cross the border of this cloudless, happy clime where a new world reveals its charms to mankind and invites the caresses of ambition and the homage of honest endeavor, and where new opportunities illuminate the palaces of fortune and the temple of fame, the mystery is solved.

"When I look upon your colleges and universities and your magnificent cities and splendid

towns, and behold there the unmistakable evidences of thrift and the rapid transition from poverty to prosperity; when I look into the smiling faces of your people and see the shadow of heaven in every smile, I feel almost a pang of regret that I am not a Texian. For surely, this is the land of promise to those who dream of the glory of wealth and the splendor of fortune.

"To the farmer it is the Garden of Eden; to the politician it is pumpkin pie; to the lawyer it is a large slice of the aforesaid and the same, to the doctor it is full of the paths of glory that lead but to the grave; to the merchant it is Klondike, and to the preacher it is Glory Hallelujah.

"Not long ago I swung around the circle in Texas and I discovered that Tennesseans were either holding all of the offices or were smiling with sweet prospects of the aforesaid and the same. About every other man I met had been safely inducted into the golden slippers of official powers and when I confronted the old familiar Tennessee grin almost invariably this conversation passed between us.

"Hello, old fellow, when did you come to Texas?"

"About two years ago," quoth he.

"And how are you getting along?" queried I.

"Powerful fine," he answered amid his smiles.

"And what are you doing here?" I asked.

"Gosh, I'm County Judge."

"But ladies and gentlemen, if I should recount the long list of heroes and statesmen who came to your State from the grand old Commonwealth which I represent here today, I am sure that you would agree with me that Tennessee is entitled to the honors which she receives from Texas.

GIVE US A CHANCE

There can be no doubt that West Texas is rich in mineral wealth of various kinds, which only needs encouraging legislation to bring into the spot light. But just so long as the land in West Texas can be held up as a bonus for various "schemes" by a legislature largely made up of political aspirants from the eastern and central part of the state, there is little hope of getting that kind of legislation. An empire of the richest land the sun has ever shone on, has been given way with a reckless lavishness by people who knew as little of the value of the land they were dissipating, as a tomcat knows of millinery. West Texas has been the "prize box" from which every schemer that came down the pike was given a grab; none of which schemes has ever been for the direct benefit of the section that was made to "pay the freight." Yet, with the history of all this inimical legislation staring us in the face whenever a West Texas citizen hints at a division of the state so that West Texas may have a chance to develop its resources, the bountiful givers at the other end of the state yell "Treason." In the words of Patrick Henry, if hankering for the division of the state under such circumstances, is treason, why they can make the most of it. — Colorado Record.

Mack Winkler left Thursday for El Paso. Mack says he likes this country around Dickens all right, but it gets a little too dry during the summer months — Dickens Item.

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Put it in an envelope and mail it to us, or bring it in yourself and let us make you an estimate on it. Then you'll be in position to take intelligent action on it. We will charge you nothing for making the estimate.

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Richardson Lumber Co.

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Jake Scott, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday on business and spent some time here.

John Thompson was in Spur Monday from the Afton country and hauled out a supply of new farming implements with which to cultivate his place this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore formerly of Spur but now of the Plains country, are in the city several days this week visiting relatives, and also possibly with a view of removing to Spur.

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm several miles northwest of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday. He reports the finest conditions prevailing now on the farms.

Jno. S. Callahan was a recent visitor in Spur from the Plains country near Wake and reports everything in that section in the finest shape with respect to crop conditions and prospects.

O. T. Laws returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Arkansas where he spent several days with friends and relatives. Mr. Law is again manager of the Spur Electric Light Plant.

W. H. Smith was in the city Saturday from his Cat Fish place and says that everybody is busy farming in his section. Mr. Smith says his corn, maize and kaffir corn is now up and growing nicely with prospects of making a record breaking yield.

Subscribe for The Texas Spur.

THE LAND OF THE SETTING SUN

(By Griff Crawford, Amarillo, Texas.)

Oh! land of the west, the golden west
The triumphs have but begun;
Each day adds a jewel unto thy crown,
Thou land of the Setting Sun.
Your rocks and rills, your stately hills,
Your billows of virgin soil,
Are vaults of wealth whose doors swing wide
To the key forged from honest toil.

The rat-a-tat-tat of the mustangs feet,
The whirr of the rope through air,
The buzz of the rattler grim and low,
That speaks to the man beware,
The wolf's cry, as she watches nigh,
Where her whelps snuggle down in their den,
Makes the red blood leap with a gladsome rush
Through the veins of men who are MEN.

Where nature unbosoms her secret heart,
And communes unreserved with you,
Where hand meets hand with an honest grasp,
And the words of her Songs ring true,
Where men are judged by their actual worth,
And the sort of a race they run;
And not by the limbs of a family tree,
Or for deeds that their father done.

When winds swoop down from thy mountains crown
And o'er thy vast domain;
'Tis nature's broom that sweep the gloom
Of disease, from the fertile plain.
Where life is a grand and glorious song,
In a land where you live it free
And man is as near to his God above
As a man on earth can be.

So here's to the land of the golden west!
Whose triumphs have begun—
Here's How—to the land that I love best,
The land toward the Setting Sun.
Here's How—to the West when the famine strikes,
Here's How—when her people feast,
I would rather be buried deep under your sod
Than live in the culture east.

—From Daily Panhandle.

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GREATEST OIL FIELD IN WORLD

F. A. Prideaux, Jeff D. Harkley and E. C. Edmonds returned the latter part of last week from the Electra oil fields where they had been to investigate the prospects of oil on land belonging to Mr. Prideaux. Mr. Prideaux says that he made no disposition of his land at this time but that later he will either lease it for development purposes or organize a stock company for that purpose. He says that country will become the greatest oil field in the world. At the present time several oil wells have been brought in and the prospects are that more flowing oil wells will be developed at an early date.

WINE STIMULATES HENS

A French chicken farmer claims that a small quantity of wine increases the egg-producing capacity of hens to a considerable degree. He divided a flock of 12 hens 16 month old, into two groups of six. Each group was fed with exactly the same amount of grain, bread, etc., but the bread given one group was soaked with wine. In the four months of the test, the wine-fed hens laid 148 eggs more than the other six.

In another test, 12 hens of the same breed, but only eight months old, were fed in the same way, and the wine-fed hens won by 87 eggs.

THE BETT CROP PROSPECTS

J. D. Powell returned the latter part of last week from a trip of several days to eastern Texas where he had been with his father-in-law during an illness which proved fatal. Mr. Powell says that everything in eastern Texas is drowned out at this time and that the Spur country has the best crop prospects of any country in the state.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

The saying that misery likes company is an expression of very human frailty. If it reveals truth, the people of the United States will doubtless find comfort in the knowledge that other nations besides our own are realizing the increased burdens of the high cost of living. Statistics prove that the increased cost of living is not restricted to any single country, but is prevalent in all civilized lands. In Japan the prices of the necessities of life have risen more alarmingly than in any other country. The United States probably comes next. England, Germany and France follow in line. The rise in prices of commodities has ranged between fourteen and twenty-five per cent. In the last ten years, every necessity of life, with the possible exception of sugar, has gradually become dearer. Not only is this true in regard to foods in common use, but clothing in every line and all other manufactured products have experienced the same upward tendency. The proposal of President Taft that an international conference be held to investigate the causes of high cost of living is regarded by other nations as opportune and well advised.

NOTICE

I will drill you a well for 40 cts. foot.—Luther Hindman. 23-1f

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county.—C. H. Senning.

Miss Richie, who has been assistant in the Spur Postoffice during the past year, will return to her home at Stephenville. Miss Richie has many friends here who regret to see her leave Spur.



THE WANTS OF WINTER

are now asserting themselves, and among them are stoves, ranges and the scores of little things incidental to their proper fixing and running. We are prepared to show you a large new stock of

HIGH-CLASS STOVES AND RANGES

in all the best and most popular makes and styles and with the very latest improvements. Also separate grates, bars, lifters, lids, coal hods, poker, etc., etc.

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Night Calls Promptly Answered

W. F. Walker, of near town, was here Saturday and spent some time here. Mr. Walker with the many other farmers of the Spur country is wearing a broad smile as a result of the bumper crop prospects now prevailing in every section.

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LUMBER, COAL, POSTS, BRICK, CEMENT,
LIME, BUILDING PAPER & DEVCO PAINTS.

We carry a large stock of building material of all kinds and will be glad to figure your bills. We also sell the Best McAister Coal at the lowest prices.

The Highest Prices Paid for dry Bones.

TAFT ASKS BIG APPROPRIATION

Washington, April 15.—President Taft today sent to Congress a special message urging the immediate appropriation of amounts aggregating nearly \$788,000 for use in controlling the floods of the Mississippi River and to aid flood sufferers.

The message asked for \$300,000 in addition to the \$350,000 already appropriated, to be used in strengthening the levees; \$275,000 for expenses of the Quartermaster General's Department in furnishing shelter and forage for cattle and horses, transportation, etc., and \$212,897 for rations already supplied or to be supplied to destitute persons.

The president based his request on estimates made by the Secretary of War which accompanied the message.

"The crest of the flood," read the message, "is now reaching the lower portion of the Mississippi, where the country is flatter and where the danger to the levees is at least as great as above, and where the damage and loss to persons and property, if crevices occur, will be far greater than on the upper river, necessitating even a greater amount of relief work than that already incurred.

"These estimates have been carefully made and are based on communications of officers of the army now on the ground superintending the relief and engineering work.

"I respectfully urge upon Congress the importance of meeting this great emergency."

The River and Harbors Committee of the House today voted to favorably report a bill appropriating \$350,000 for work on the Mississippi River and tributaries, in addition to the \$350,000 already appropriated.

Miss Burnett, we are glad to note, is again at her post of duty in the millinery department of the Bryant-Link Company, after an absence of several weeks on account of an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

NOTICE

I have bought the Poole Jack and he is now ready for service at the old Haskew Stable in Spur. He will stand the season for \$10 and \$15 to insure colts. Not responsible for accidents.—W. H. Stephens.

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate.—E. C. Edmonds.

Call or phone Sol Davis for everything in first-class groceries

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business.

The Methodist Ladies will give a bakery sale at the Red Front Drug Store Saturday afternoon beginning at 1 o'clock. Cakes, pies, bread, chicken and candy will be offered for sale.

C. D. Copeland, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports crop conditions ideal in his section. Similar reports are made of every section of this country.

We have a life scholarship in the Draughts Practical Business College of Spur which we will be glad to sell to some deserving young lady or gentleman. If you want it call at the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. Mary E. Harvey, with Mesdames Moore and Bruce, were very pleasant callers Monday at the Texas Spur office, Mrs. Harvey contributing another dollar to our subscription funds for which she has our thanks.

Clay Smart, who is now traveling for a lace and embroidery firm, was in Spur this week and spent some time here with old friends and incidentally selling his goods. Mr. Smart was formerly with R. R. Morrison and has many friends here who are always glad to see him and wish him success in his new line of business.

ALL IN GOOD TIME

There is a good demand all over this section for hogs—not hogs with a pedigree a foot long, but hogs of fairly good stock and quick growth. The farmers want to convert the peanuts and milo maize they will raise this year into hogs. The farmer who has a few hogs now is decidedly on the safe side from exactions of the meat trust. But all these things will come to West Texas in time; nor will it require a very long time, either. We must remember that nearly all the agricultural development of this county has been done the past ten years, and that it requires an element of time for the most favored country to secure all the comforts and assets of a long settled section. It must pass through certain processes of development and adaptation. It requires several years for orchards to grow, for the orchardist to find out by exclusion, what varieties are adapted to the soil and climate, and which are not; what kind and breed of stock do best, etc.

Much of the work of the first few years of settlement of any country is necessarily rough work—work that concerns more the immediate subjugation of natural conditions, providing water, fencing, clearing of grubbs and building, so that no great attention is paid to the raising of stuff for home consumption. This phase of development comes later and naturally. The next generation that tills the land of Mitchell county now being put under the plow, will not be concerned with this kind of work, but will give their attention to raising what they consume. The home was established by this generation, the next will provide the comforts and conveniences. This seems to be the law in the settlement and development of all countries. The complete work of pioneering and civilizing is too great for one generation. The work must be divided.—Colorado Record.

OKLAHOMA WILL VOTE ON JUDICIAL REGALL

Guthrie, Ok., April 15.—An amendment to the State Constitution, providing for the recall of Judges, will be submitted to the people of the State for their approval at the general election in November, according to information received here today. It will be a bill similar to that being submitted in Arizona, which was cut out of Arizona's enabling act by President Taft, and will have, it is said, the approval of United States Senator Owen and his fellow-workers. The Democratic State platform adopted recently at Oklahoma City when delegates were elected to the Baltimore convention, indorses the judicial recall.

The amendment will be initiated and blanks, to secure the necessary signatures, will soon be in circulation. It is understood that the Oklahoma State Bar Association, of which Judge J. W. Hocker of Purcell is chairman, will oppose the amendment.

Tol Merriman was among the visitors to Spur Saturday.

N. A. Baker made a business trip the first of the week to Dickens.

Tax Assessor Eli Harkey has been in the city several days this week assessing taxes for the year 1912.

Sheriff Cole was over the latter part of last week from Dickens on official business and spent some time here.

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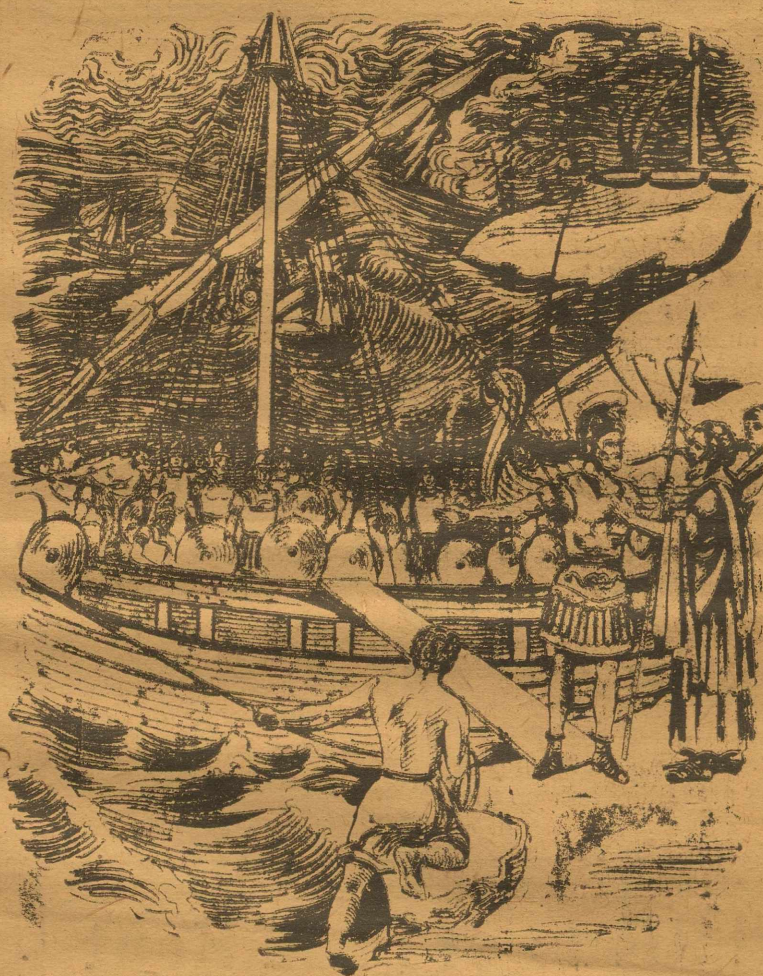
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TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIII. PATRIOTISM.

DURING a famine the Roman government commissioned Pompey to procure food from foreign countries and when the expedition was confronted by an angry sea and he was urged to delay in order to avoid danger, he replied, "It is not necessary that I live, but it is necessary that I go," and he went. The human race moves forward only when it has great men to meet the emergencies of civilization and a citizenship that applauds self-sacrifice in leadership.



THE PATRIOTISM OF POMPEY.

Let those who would make their names ring across continents and reverberate through the corridors of time, brave the perils of civilization and sacrifice their lives to succor humanity and preserve the resources of their country.

It is better to wear a diadem of good deeds than to don the purple of authority, and more noble to contribute a life toward the prosperity of one's country than to spill blood on the field of battle. Texas Needs Great Men.

Always Open For Business

People sometimes ask us when we will be open for loans. There is not a day in the year except Sundays and legal holidays that we are not open for any kind of legitimate banking business

**IF YOU HAVE ANY MONEY TO DEPOSIT, BRING IT!
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Our customers all know that when they have a legitimate business proposition they can put it up to us any day in the year, if you are not a customer, come around and let us show you why it would be to your advantage to become one.

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I have moved my Boot Shop to the Texas Spur building where I am better prepared to serve the trade in the Boot Making Line. Your business is respectfully solicited. Only the very best Hand-Made boots are turned out and a perfect fit is guaranteed in every instance. Call on me.

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