

A GAMBLE AND WILD-CAT SPECULATION

Since the whole country, in both eastern and western sections, is being thoroughly worked by agents selling blocks of land for oil development purposes, it will not be out of place, and we consider it right and proper that the general public should be informed more fully as to the most popular propositions now being offered the public.

The first step is the organization of the company with, say one hundred and sixty acres of land which is cut up into small blocks, the average block being 20 by 25 feet in size and which sells for ten dollars. There are eighty-seven blocks in one acre, making the price of the land eight hundred and seventy dollars per acre, the whole tract selling for a fraction under one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Of this sum the promoters or organizers of the company get one-half which amounts to about seventy thousands of dollars; the agents get three dollars for every block sold which will amount to forty-one thousand seven hundred sixty dollars, while two dollars out of each block sold is banked for development purposes and which amounts to twenty-seven thousand eight hundred forty dollars. The sum of the agreement of the company is to furnish each purchaser with a deed to a 20 by 25 foot block of land for ten dollars, and to reserve two dollars of that amount for development purposes. No stipulated time is made for the beginning of developments nor are any rules and regulations made public in the management of the company business.

To sum to proposition up briefly it amounts to this: The general public is sold a one hundred and sixty acre tract of land at eight hundred and seventy dollars an acre for the purpose of drilling a well to see whether or not oil can be struck. Oil may and it may not be found. Nobody knows. It is a gamble, a wild-cat speculation. All bona fide, sure oil fields are covered and superintended by men of capital and knowledge of the business and are in a position to handle it.

A man can buy a nice little farm within the Spur country with a sum of money paid for one acre in a wild-cat oil scheme. He would have a bona fide proposition. Something that would surely bring in returns for the investment and which will increase in value as the years roll by. Yet there are hundreds of people who will not consider a sane, sensible proposition of this character, but will jump at a ten dollar chance oil proposition designed for the benefit of promoters at the expense of a gullible public. We do not condemn the promoters because they are probably fair, square men who will do everything they promise to do. Neither are the sales agents to be blamed because they are working for the three dollars commission, but the business judgment exercised by those who chunk in their money to the amount of one hundred and thirty five or forty thousand dollars on an undeveloped oil scheme is to be pitied.

COME TO THE WEST

W. E. Kellar returned first of the week from a trip to east and southeast Texas where he spent several days on business and looking at the country. He says that in portions of the eastern part of the state many communities are suffering of too much rain at this time, and for that reason the crop prospects are apparently gloomy. Again we say that this western country will be recognized as one of the best and surest agricultural sections of America and each succeeding year demonstrates not only such a possibility but the more probability. Come to Western Texas.

WILL MAKE BUMPERCROPS

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday trading. Mr. Arrington is making a crop this year in both the Afton country and on his place near Spur, and he says the present crop prospects indicate that he, as well as all other farmers of the country, will make bumper crops. We now have the best prospects ever known in any farming section.

TRIP TO BLANCO CANYON

Dr. Standifer and family and Jeff D. Reagan and family returned this week from Blanco Canyon where they spent several days fishing. We haven't yet heard their fish stories, but are confident they can relate some thrilling experiences.

TRADING IN SPUR

Tom Hicks and son Alvis, of the Afton country, were in the city Wednesday and Thursday trading with Spur merchants and also spent Wednesday night with H. S. Hansford and family. Mr. Hicks reports the Afton country in fine condition with respect to crop prospects.

REAL ESTATE DEAL

H. W. Jennings bought this week the W. H. Stephens residence in the north part of the city, the consideration, we are informed, was about eighteen hundred dollars. This is one of the nicest places in Spur. Mr. Jennings sold his lot recently vacated by the burning of his residence to W. S. Dunn, the consideration being four hundred fifty dollars.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports everything in his section in the finest condition with respect to crop prospects.

CONFEDERATE STATES' GREAT SEAL FOUND

Richmond, Va., May 19.—An announcement was made today that the great seal of the Confederate States of America, which disappeared half a century ago, has been found, identified by the English makers and acquired by Epps Hunton, Jr., William H. White and Thomas P. Bryan of this city and brought back to Richmond, the old capital of the Confederate States.

The sacred relic was obtained from Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U. S. N., retired, who got it from Col. John T. Pickett. The seal will be placed in the Confederate Museum—or the Battle Abbey, now under construction may become its custodian.

The facts now show that the seal was taken from Richmond upon the evacuation of that city by William J. Bromwell, a clerk, or his wife, together with other official papers of the State Department.

The papers were sold by Bromwell to the Government, through Col. John T. Pickett, in 1872 for \$5,000.

Capt. Selfridge, now Rear Admiral Selfridge, was the Government agent in transaction and was presented the seal by Col. Pickett in recognition of his services. Admiral Selfridge parted with the seal for a monetary consideration, it is declared.

NOT DISCOURAGED

J. J. Martin, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Martin says that he, too, has had to replant his crops on account of heavy rains and high winds. However, he is not in the least discouraged since plenty time remains in which to grow and harvest bumper crops of all kinds.

WILL HARVEST BIG CROPS

Mr. Eldridge, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Plains country, was in Spur this week trading and greeting his friends. He reports the Plains country in the very finest shape with respect to crops and crop conditions. Similar reports come from every section of this country and we are expecting to harvest one of the biggest crops ever known in Texas.

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FORCED TO REPLANT

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Smith says that on account of the heavy rains followed by sand-storms he will have to replant his entire crop. A number of other farmers of that section will have to replant for the same causes. However, there is plenty time to plant and grow a big crop, and the disadvantages now being encountered may prove a benefit in the end, since most of the old-timers here tell us that the late plantings generally make the best crops.

DELIGHTFUL OCCASION

On Friday afternoon last Mrs. Kate Turnage was hostess to a jolly crowd of young people at supper "o're the hill." At the appointed hour the young men all gathered at Sol Davis' store, the meeting for the young ladies. From there all strolled leisurely over the hill to the chosen feast ground, quite forgetting their troubles of the day.

After having reached the destination and all were comfortably seated, the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Burgoon and Bachelor, served each one with a box containing a real genuine supper consisting of chicken salad in Timbales, deviled eggs, pickles and sandwiches galore. A second course consisted of ice cream and spongy wafers. After eating several jokes and the playing of games the young ladies were given a chance to escort the gents to the "42" party given at Mrs. Bachelor's home.

After playing several games of "42," and having thanked the hostess for a most pleasant and enjoyable afternoon and evening, all departed to their several homes. The following were present:

Misses Crego, Gunn, Lena Roberts, Bowman, Grace Roberts, Lillian Grace, Burnett and Mesdames Bachelor, Burgoon, Turnage. Messrs. Cliff Lovelace, Leith Higginbotham, John Hardin, W. G. Sherrod, Thacher Edgar, Frank Prideaux, Ross Edwards, W. F. Godfrey, Lehman Dunn, E. J. Cowan.—A Guest.

VISITS SPUR

Attorney Dalton, of the Plains country, passed through Spur Thursday morning on his way to Dickens. He was joined here by Attorney R. S. Holman and together they will arrange for the defense of a number of cases to be tried at the next term of District Court which convenes in Dickens Monday, May 27th.

OLD MAIDS' CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

At the School Auditorium on Tuesday evening last, the curtain was raised at eight forty, and a large house was allowed the privilege of viewing in one grand body twenty typical Old Maids from whose cheeks the roses of youth had long since departed and in its stead cosmetics reigned supreme, the vacancy caused by an occasional departed tooth added to the realistic appearance of these twenty Maids, around their temples twined the bow-catcher curls, the identity of which locks we fear would be hard to locate. Their costumes baffle our weak attempts to describe, suffice to say they were of the most gorgeous colors, well blended. They evidently were not made in this country, and we fancy they must have puzzled the skill of some Parisian tailor. Their hats were grand and certainly speak louder than words for the genius and creative power of Mrs. Griffin and Miss Burnett. All parts were well rendered and we hardly know who to give credit with being the star of the occasion. Taking Miss Grace's costume and general appearance in consideration, together with the mellow entrancing harmony of her voice and the beautiful little ballad she sang, which brought much applause and encores after encores till a reappearance was necessary so perhaps she should have the honor of being termed the Star Maid of the evening; however, there were nineteen others who made merriment for the audience in the most real and tactful manner that Old Maidenhood possesses. Dr. Ross E. Pinkerton with his wonderful invention, The Transformer, received many compliments from the appreciative audience. His machine worked some wonderful changes and almost convinced us that "all things are possible with man." We learn that some Maids that were present in the house are very much interested in the Doctor and his machine, and he is having many calls at his office for consultation. We could, but modesty forbids us calling the names of those visiting Dr. Ross's office.

The occasion as a whole was a success for the audience enjoyed an hours hearty laugh, which was healthful to the mind and body, and the ladies feel well repaid for their efforts to entertain, by having such a good house and taking in at the door forty six dollars which will be used by the Methodist Ladies Missionary Society for church purposes.

We understand the Old Maids would entertain a proposition to hold their next Great Convention at Dickens should the citizens of that city give them an encouraging invitation. We will say that we feel sure Dickens will not let this opportunity pass, as the Convention is well worth all its costs, and the money goes to further Christianity.

Chalk Brown, of the Twenty-Four Ranch, was in the city this week on business and to purchase supplies for the ranch.

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We Have a Confession To Make!

OUR confession is this: We are selfish—selfish in wanting more of your business; we try to merit a liberal share of it, however, by keeping good clean merchandise, and giving you the best values possible for us to do, and be honest in our dealing with you. We have been buying goods a long time, yet we do not claim to know very much about values of merchandise, we to a great extent have to trust to the honor of those from whom we buy. We want you to trust us, as many of you are doing. Remember: "It is not always gold that glitters." Good goods are the cheapest; we strive to keep the best merchandise that can be handled in a town of this size, and we are begging you to spend your cash at home, and we ourselves are selfish enough to want you to give us not the lion's share, but a liberal part of it. We have no leaders, no catches of any kind, just straightforward, fair dealing; we don't know any other way, and don't want to learn. We know as to prices that as a whole they are as good as goods can be sold legitimately. We buy right, as we have several stores to buy for, which enables us to buy in quantities, and get the quantity price. Our expenses are not above an average; our net profits are small on amount of goods sold; we know we are giving our customers a fair deal, and on this basis we are confessing to you that we want more of your business.

Your Friends,

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ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. S. J. Thomas entertained with a most artistic and beautiful luncheon yesterday at one o'clock in compliment to her sister, Mrs. Y. L. Jones of Spur, and Mrs. Dickson of Dallas, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. B. Colquitt. The table was much admired with its exquisite emphasis of the spring motif in the fairy Maypole that marked the center and from which the different-hued ribbons reached to the twelve places, where they were caught to the individual baskets of many hued pansies and ferns. The Maypole was placed on a mound of pansies and maidenhair ferns, and bowls and baskets of pansies were evidenced in the floral embellishment of the diningroom and other apartments. The place cards were handsome hand painted designs. The rooms were also decorated with the bright red and gold wild flowers now blooming so profusely. Those present were genuinely enthusiastic over the beauty of the decorations, the perfectly appointed menu faultlessly served, but especially the gracious hospitality and the interesting charm of the honor guests who have made many friends in the short time they have been here. Covers were laid for:

Mesdames—Jones of Spur, Dickson of Dallas, Colquitt, E. E. Bramlette, West of Fort Worth, R. C. Walker, Cyrus Jackson, T. H. Williams, C. C. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Thomas.—Austin Statesman.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in Saturday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Monday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports everything in the finest shape.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Red Hill country, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his friends here.

PROGRAM

Entertainment at Tap, June 6th, by W. O. W. Camp.

10:00 a. m., Speaking of W. O. W. Craft, by O. S. Furgerson.

11:00 a. m., Speaking on W. O. W. Craft, by W. W. Ferrell.

Dinner.

1:30 p. m., Recitation, by the following persons: Elmer Hinson.

Dialogue, by Edna Lambert, Rosia Lee Rutherford and Vera Neal.

Recitation, Ira Harrell, Mabel Neal, Jessie Smith, Sudie Scott, Joe Lambert, T. B. Rutherford, Pearl Smith, Willie Martin, Sylvanus Neal.

Song, by B. H. Murry, P. Hinson, Mrs. Mary Sparks, and Mrs. Emma Davies.

Recitation, Miss Lizzie Perkins, Orwin Lambert, Allcorn Girls, A. L. Thomas' Boys, Miss Fanny Preslar, Miss Easter Preslar, Annie Cross, Mamie Garrett.

Song, by Allcorn Girls.

Recitation, Miss Clara Hinson, Miss Lillian Scott, Mrs. Mattie Smith, Miss Essie Rodgers, Miss Lottie Parson, Rodgers Boys, Mrs. Rutherford, Miss Nettie Williamson, Wallace Hinson, Walter McKay, Mrs. Holden, and anyone else who has a piece.

Talk, by Ben Glasgow.

There will be a grave-yard working, beginning at 8:00 a. m. Everyone who is interested in the grave-yard come. Everybody come and bring your basket well filled and let us spend one day together.—Committee, T. S. Lambert, J. S. Neal, A. Q. Smelser.

Jack Morrison, of Timpson, has been in the city the past week visiting R. R. Morrison and family.

R. C. Morrison reports that his wife is at home on an extended visit. Mrs. Morrison has been at Hico the past several weeks with her sister who is sick.

We do Commercial Printing.

FIRST-CLASS FARMING SECTION

C. F. Cates made a trip the latter part of last week out over the Spur Farm Lands with a number of prospectors, and the tour will probably result in the sale of several tracts of land. While there are few prospectors at this time of the year, yet all those who see the Spur country are convinced that it is a first-class agricultural section and has more advantages and less disadvantages of any newly settled country in the state. Here we have schools and churches in every community and no town is better prepared or more centrally located as a commercial center than is Spur.

THE PURPOSE OF LIFE

The purpose of our existence is not to get what we can out of the world, but to give of ourselves the best there is in us. A person who passes along life's highway and plants no seeds but only plucks the flowers grown by other hands, is poor indeed. The natural law of the world is labor. Life has no other meaning or reason for being. We only appear on earth that we may contribute our share of labor and disappear. The shirker is a human parasite, a discord in the divine harmony of the universe.

A number of candidates for baptism were baptized Sunday in Spade tank by both the Christian and Methodist churches.

Mrs. J. H. Fox, came in Sunday from south of town and spent the day in the city with her daughters, Misses Alpha and Lewis Fox.

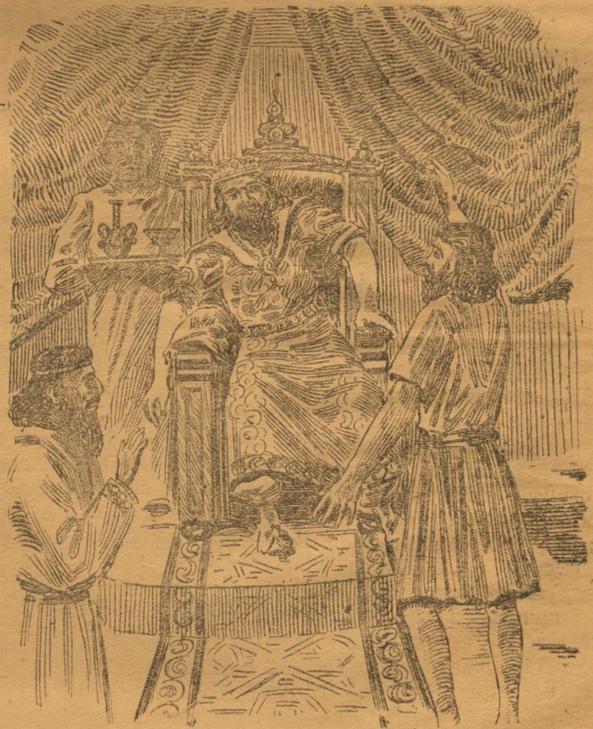
J. W. Denton came in Saturday from the Spur Ranch where he has been employed in "tanking" the past several weeks. Mr. Denton says that "tanking" is just about as inviting work as railroading, and since he has had experience in both "professions" it is presumed that his opinion should have weight.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVIII. APPEAL

PHILLIP, the Macedonian king, while drowsy with wine was trying a case and the prisoner after sentence was pronounced, exclaimed, "I appeal." "And to whom do you appeal?" inquired the astonished monarch. "I appeal from Phillip drunk to Phillip sober," replied the prisoner, and the king granted the request and at a rehearing gave the prisoner his liberty.

The people drowsy with the wine of discord oft-times pronounce a verdict on public questions which they reverse in their more calm and deliberate moments. The next best thing to making no mistakes is to correct them.



A PRISONER APPEALING FROM PHILLIP'S DECISION.

Let those who balance the scales of justice and weigh out the destinies of their country, avoid the bar-room of suspicion where envy and hatred are served and where the atmosphere is poisoned with the fumes of discord; touch not the wine cup of ambition sparkling with dishonesty and bubbling with deceit; abstain from the use of class prejudice that benumbs judgment, inflames the mind and dethrones reason. Texas Needs Great Men.

"FATHER'S DAY" SUGGESTED

It has been suggested by a Texas citizen that it is unfair everybody should have a day but "poor old dad," and the further suggestion is made that the first Sunday in October be observed as "Father's Day" with the chrysanthemum as the popular flower. "There is children's day, he says, and mother's day, decoration day and memorial day." Everybody is remembered but the one who contributes all his labor and money for the comfort of the loved ones at home.

Try a sack of our Wapco Flour, its guaranteed to please.—phone 139, Sol Davis.

WORKING STREETS

Street work has been in progress throughout the week in the city superintended by Marshal Neely. First-class streets and side-walks are the first steps in city building and since the beginning Spur has been most attentive to this branch of city construction. Let the good work continue uninterruptedly.

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN

House and two lots in Spur. Also 20-acre block close in. Would trade for good stock. For particulars address—Mrs. Eva Puryear, Roosevelt, Texas.

For the best in eatables phone Sol Davis 139.

BOOT SHOP MOVED!

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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and we will give you prompt and satisfactory service.

SPUR FARM LANDS

We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most productive Territory

Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

\$12 to \$25.00
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

HAS IN SOME PORTIONS TAKEN PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING UNDER THE PLAN OF RESERVATION OF EACH ALTERNATE SECTION

WE ARE, Therefore, Ready to Price and offer for sale such Sections in these localities as has heretofore been Reserved.

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.

DEFINITE PRICES ON THESE OR ANY OTHER LANDS WILL BE MADE UPON APPLICATION

STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

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 matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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

ANOTHER CORRECTION

Some time ago, with reference to the taxes of the state and county, we stated that according to the amount of taxes we paid and our assessed valuation of property it amounted to near two dollars per hundred. County Commissioner Crabtree called our attention to this matter and showed us wherein we were wrong. Instead of being assessed at nineteen hundred and fifty dollars as we supposed, our assessed property amounted to twenty eight hundred dollars. Thus, we were mistaken in the first instance and in the second instance we are much richer than we thought. However, we did not intend to convey the impression that Commissioner Crabtree misquoted the amount of taxes levied, but we could not make the amount we paid accord with the amount levied, being misinformed as to the total amount of taxable values.

POPULARITY

Gee, but the editor is a popular guy these days, judging by the amount of letter mail he receives. Seventy-five per cent of the letters he receives start off: "Enclosed find—" no, not check, but the history of some aspiring candidate from the cradle to the time he was attacked by the office seeking germ. If the editor gave space to all copy received he could fill his paper each day, and have "dope" to spare. The editor would have no work; he could just rear back in his chair and starve to death living on what he received for boosting the candidates.—Ex.

IDLERS ARE ROBBERS

Every idle person is living off the labor of some one else. We cannot escape our share of the burden of idleness, and what we fail to solve of the question, our children will have to deal with. The best government is the one in which there are the least idle people. This vast army of unemployed is evidence that something is wrong, and every patriotic citizen should try to find what it is, for these people who have nothing to do are a menace to the peace and the safety of the nation. From their ranks the prisons and the penitentiaries are recruited, and the gallows and the electric chair find many victims. Self preservation is the first law of nature, and when one is hungry, friendless and suffering for clothing to keep them warm they not only do not feel they are doing any harm to take from the plenty of those who have an abundance and to spare, but they learn to hate the law and despise society. Most of our hoboes are uneducated and unskilled, who can do nothing except the most menial labor while others are human derelicts on the sea of life, who having lost their rudders, are just drifting with the tide. It is much more needed that we try to find some way to provide better education and useful occupation for these idlers than that we find ways and means for punishing them and caring for them after they have become violaters of the law. Two million idle people represent about four and one-half per cent of the total population of the United States, and as

these people live off the labor of the rest, they will remain a constant menace to society's peace and safety.—Cleburne Enterprise.

THE HARVESTER TRUST

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch put it up to the Harvester Trust in this way:

"Cyrus McCormick's defense of the Harvester Trust is good—as far as it goes. As an example of begging the question, it would be hard to beat.

"The farmer on the steppes of Southern Russia or the plains of Manchuria pays less for the same reaper than the price paid by the farmer in Illinois or Nebraska. None of all the iniquitous industrial trusts in the United States has taken heavier toll of unearned money from the American people. None have given less in return.

"The Harvester Trust may have no water in capitalization. If so, the lack of it was an oversight on the part of Messrs. Morgan and Rockefeller. It may earn only seven per cent dividends. There are other less ostensible avenues for the distribution of revenue, notably subsidiary supply companies. But as long as it pays freight to Russia and Sweden and pays the high import tariffs of those countries and sells its machinery for lower prices than to American farmers almost within sight of its factories, it has a slim chance to be the noble, charitable institution for the benefit of the public which Mr. McCormick would have us believe."

A SHOE MAKER GOT REVENGE

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)
"I dug out a pair of low cut tap shoes that looked worth having; half soled," said Dr. Frank D. Wilson, member of congress from Brooklin, "so I took them to a shoemaker.

"He looked them over and called my attention to some places in the uppers where the leather was about to break and told me he would like to do the work, but he did not think it worth while to repair the shoes.

"I was a little disappointed, but I couldn't help admiring the man's honesty. I picked up my old shoes and started for the door, but stopped when the cobbler called after me:

"Just a moment, doctor, 75 cents please."

"What for?" I asked, you didn't do anything.

"Neither did you one time when I called at your office to see what was the matter with me," replied the shoemaker. "You looked me over and said there wasn't anything the matter with me, but you didn't forget to charge me."

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

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

I. D. Gamble, of Floydada, was in the city several days the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Myrtle McKnight, of Oklahoma City, is in Spur visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt.

LATE PLANTING BEST

J. E. Counts, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Friday and Saturday and says that the recent rains in his section while not too heavy were sufficient to make the moisture meet and the country is in good shape. He says that the people of his section have not been injured by sand-storms since they long ago learned to wait until the proper time to do their planting. The old timers of this section all agree that the late planting is the surest and best crop and encounters less disadvantages in weather conditions.

W. D. Blair was in the city the latter part of last week from his place several miles east of Spur.

Blacksmith Shop for sale or trade.—See W. H. Teague.

Will Garner returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Matador and Floydada.

Maben and Rowden Cotton Seed for sale by M. A. Jordan at Steel Hill, Postoffice at Spur.

Geo. B. Russell and wife left the latter part of last week for Stamford and Hillsboro where they will spend two weeks with relatives and friends before returning to Spur.

Will Hills, of Rule, and Mr. Anthony of Austin, were in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Anthony is campaigning for the re-election of O. B. Colquitt to the Governor's office, and is said to be very enthusiastic in his campaigning duties.

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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
H. P. Cole (Re-election)

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

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:
W. A. Craddock
O. S. Ferguson

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

WHAT ONLY MEN CAN DO

In the foggy ages when the swampy land was first pushed above the sea and men were steeped in fear of the slimy monsters that crept silently up from the deep, there was born in its most dreadful form a law of nature called the instinct of self-preservation. It exists in every form of life, but it became most terrible when man fought best to see who should live, or when men crushed each other in precipitated defeat. It has been the law of the centuries that no man is responsible for what he does in the face of death. He may cry out to his God in his anguish and grovel upon his face in plea that his life may be spared, and none who share his danger will call him coward. Men have lost even the sense of blood relation and crushed the skulls of mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters to make a path to safety. Mothers have deserted or slain their children in the mad horror of sudden painful death.

But with the age of chivalry has grown up a new code which recognizes men as the protectors of the women and children in the highest possible sense in the time of great danger. In time of peace each man is expected to be a bread winner and a protector. In time of danger every man is expected to offer up his life upon the altar of gallantry. And such is the power of this higher plea to the highest that is in every man, regardless of creed or clime that it makes men step aside that women they do not know may walk to safety while they look death in the face and dare its pain. Some of the men who stood upon the deck of the sinking Titanic were doubtless Godless men; many were doubtless of loose morals and careless habits. They were not the stuff from which the romancer makes martyrs. But when the test came they were men, and no man who has the age old boastfulness of sex in his heart could read that story of the dis-

aster without feeling his chin rise and his heart throb, and feeling within himself a certain stubborn pride that whatever else blackens the history and hearts of men, thank God they know how to set their teeth and choke a whine.—Austin Statesman.

PROBABLY FALSE

State Press doesn't know how true, but it is related that a Texas editor died and went to Heaven. That seems reasonable enough and we do not doubt it. However, it is said that he stayed close for several months after he got up there, not desiring to venture far abroad for fear of meeting somebody whose obituary he had balled up in the past. After a while he got more confidence and flew around some, finally coming down at a prominent corner of a golden street, where he was much surprised to see a new arrival in the form of a certain distinguished Texas Statesman who was alive and well when the editor left the earth. Pretty soon the angel Gabriel came along, and the Texas Statesman asked Gabriel how were tricks. "All right," replied the angel, "except that we are having trouble with our heavenly choir. We can't get them properly classified." "Leave it to me," responded the Texas Statesman. "I'll fix 'em up and straighten things out. After I have made a speech they will be as clay in my hands." Next day the editor went back to the same locality and found the Texas Statesman and Gabriel in conversation, also three great hosts of angels ranged about. "How have you got them lined up?" asked Gabriel. "Well, over there," said the Texas Statesman, "are ten thousand sopranos, yonder are ten thousand tenors." "Fine, fine!" exclaimed Gabriel; "but where are the basses?" "I," replied the Texas Statesman, slapping his broad breast confidently, "I will sing bass."

CONGRESSMAN AT LARGE

The following extract is taken from The Cleburne Chronicle of April 19th: "The list of candidates for this position continues to grow as the weeks roll by. At present there are about 20 in the field, and only two to be elected.

"The Panhandle and the West have been making rapid progress in the past two years. The last census shows that this section of the state has made a greater rate of increase in rural population than any other section of the state, and for this reason The Chronicle shares in the prevailing sentiment over the state that the Panhandle and West Texas should have one of the Congressmen to be elected at large. Unfortunately for this section of the state, it has two candidates in the field, namely, Judge Joe E. Lancaster, of Plainview, and Judge J. N. Browning, of Amarillo, and it becomes necessary for the voters of the state to decide which one of these gentlemen should receive their favorable consideration.

"Judge Browning at the last general election was elected District Judge of Amarillo District—which position he now holds. It will be remembered that Judge Lancaster was urged through the press to make the race for Congress, but he would not consent to do so until it was made clear that no one else would make it.

"Judge Lancaster went to

Amarillo, the political headquarters of the Panhandle, and in a conference with her citizens stated that if they had anybody who would make the race for congressman-at-large, name him, and he (Lancaster) would not run. At the conclusion of the conference, Judge Lancaster was informed that they could find no one who was willing to incur the expense and lose the time necessary to make the race, and the Amarillo people would support him. With this assurance, Judge Lancaster resigned the presidency of a local bank in Plainview and, early in November, published his platform, and has been actively campaigning the state since that time, and the West is responsible for the widespread sentiment over the Panhandle and the West having one of the Congressmen to be elected at large.

"After Judge Lancaster succeeded in building up this sentiment, and victory was in sight, Judge Browning, holding onto his office, decided to and did enter the race. In doing so, he is not only unfair to Judge Lancaster, but is against the interest of his section of the state.

"The Chronicle believes in fair play, and 'thinks the laborer is worthy of his hire,' and believes Judge Lancaster should be recognized as the original Panhandle candidate."

TEXAS MANUFACTURE OF COTTON LOW PER CAPITA

Dallas, Texas, May 15.—The Welfare Commission will hold its annual meeting in this city on the 15th of May. Among other subjects docketed for discussion, is the Fabrication of Cotton into Cloth and the Establishment of Cotton Mills. Each member of the Commission has been furnished with a copy of the latest census report on manufacturing industries of the Lone Star State. The report shows that there are only thirteen establishments in Texas that are engaged in the manufacturing of cotton into a finished product and that the capital investment in this line of industry has increased only 57 per cent during the last five years, while all other industries combined show an increase in capital of 87 per cent during the same period. Texas produces 307 pounds of cotton per capita, per annum, consumes 30 pounds, and manufactures only 71.4 pounds per capita, per annum.

A fine boy was born last Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Duke Henson at their home in the city. Duke, now having an heir, is one of the proudest men of the country. We extend our congratulations.

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A PATHETIC SEPARATION

He went from them one quiet summer day, and they two stood at the open door, heads bowed, tears dropping fast, arms tight clasped, and together felt keen sorrowful pangs of separation. In the drawer was his tiny shoes and little stockings, his pinafores and playthings, and every where about the house clung sweet memories of the little darling who had so often romped and frolicked there, but now would do so nevermore. He had gone out into another life, called to greater things, out in the busy world, where there is so much to be done when strong capable hands are willing.

Mesdames J. W. Bramhall and S. Power were visitors Monday to friends at Dickens, spending the day in that city.

Redden Andrews, a prominent and able Socialist speaker, was in Spur this week and addressed the people on the streets Monday and Monday night. His other speaking dates in the county during the week will be at Dickens Wednesday night, Draper Thursday night, Afton Friday night and Amity Saturday night.

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STREET TAX PAYERS

Those within the corporate limits of Spur who fail to either work the streets or pay the street tax before the first day of June will be dealt with in strict accordance with the law. —J. M. Neely, Marshal.

Dr. Blackwell was in the city Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time here on business.

Clay Smart, who is now drumming, was again in Spur this week selling his goods and also meeting his many friends here.

T. A. Tidwell left Sunday for O'Brien, Texas, where he goes to spend two weeks with his family, who are visiting in that city.

Throughout the week numerous agents have been devoting their time to the sale of oil stock and no doubt are meeting with many who have funds to contribute for oil development purposes. What we need most in this country is people and funds to develop our agricultural and commercial resources, and we are confident that Spur and the Spur country is offering a bona fide proposition and one which will make returns on the money invested.

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Specials in Gingham	Flaxon and Madras
All 12 1-2 and 15c Gingham..... 11c	35c Plain Weave Flaxon..... 27c
Staple Checks 10c Gingham..... 8c	25c Cross Bar Flaxon..... 21c
Big Line Dress Gingham..... 9 1-2	20c Grades Madras..... 14c
Linens Are Good This Season	Bargains in Flouncings
50c Brown Linen 36-in. wide..... 42c	45c in. Wide Flouncing in Match Set
35c " " " "..... 27c	1.50 Grade Flouncing for..... \$1.19
25c " " " "..... 19c	1.15 Grade Flouncing for..... \$1.05
25c All Shades Linen..... 19c	OTHERS CHEAPER
40c Pure White Linen 36-in. wide..... 33c	

We have a beautiful showing in All-Over Nets, Bands, Embroideries, which will be offered very cheap during this sale. If you are open for conviction come and look.

Specials in Shoes and Oxfords	Men's Odd Pants
Ladies White Pumps \$2.50 Grade..... \$2.20	\$5.00 Peg Cut New Styles..... \$4.35
Misses White Pumps \$2.50 Grade..... 2.20	4.50 " " " "..... 3.95
" " " " 2 1-2 to 5 \$1.75..... 1.50	4.00 " " " "..... 3.45
" " " " 12 to 2 \$2.50..... 2.20	3.50 " " " "..... 2.95
" Canvas 2-Strap 12 to 2 \$1.50..... 1.35	3.00 " " " "..... 2.60
10 per cent discount on all Ladies, Misses and Childrens Shoes and Oxfords.	2.50 " " " "..... 2.10

Boys' Knee Suits	Boys' Knee Pants
"Wooly Boy" make Pants lined and reinforced.	MADE IN THE STRONGEST WAY
\$6.00 Wooly Boy all wool guarant'd \$4.95	\$1.75 For..... \$1.45
5.00 All Wool..... \$4.25	1.50 " " " "..... 1.25
4.50 " " " "..... 3.90	1.25 " " " "..... 1.05
4.00 " " " "..... 3.45	1.00 " " " "..... .90
Other Cheaper Suits at Cut Price.	.75 " " " "..... .60
	.50 " " " "..... .45

All Men's, Boys', Ladies' and Children's Shoes 10 Per Cent Off

Men's Furnishing Goods	Men's Hats
\$1.75 Cluett Shirts..... \$1.23	\$6.00 Stetson Hats..... \$5.35
1.50 " " " "..... 1.10	5.00 " " " "..... 4.60
1.00 Monarch Shirts..... .89	4.00 " " " "..... 3.65
.75 Holeproof Hosiery Silk quart'd..... .65	3.00 Hats All Shapes..... 2.50
.50 Holeproof Socks..... .45	2.50 " " " "..... 2.15
.25 " " " " 6 pair..... 1.25	2.00 " " " "..... 1.65
.50 Men's Belts..... .45	1.50 " " " "..... 1.25
.50 " " Ties..... .45	1.00 Boys' Hats..... .89
.35 " " " "..... .25	
.25 " " " "..... .20	\$1.00 Scrivens Drawers..... .85
.50 Silk Garters..... .42	.75 " " " "..... .69
.25 " " " "..... .20	.50 Elastic Seam Drawers..... .45
1.50 Silk Hose and Ties..... .95	.50 Undershirts and Drawers..... .45
.75 Hose and Ties..... .50	

We are making special prices on many items not mentioned, some of which you may be vitally interested in. Ask for that which is not in sight; we will gladly do all possible to see that your needs are supplied. This sale is to raise cash, hence all prices quoted are for cash only and when goods are to be charged please state so and save time, as these prices are for cash consideration only. Ask for our Special Prices on Guaranteed Hosiery.

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XXXIX. FACTIONS

JULIUS CAESAR, Crassus and Pompey formed a triumvirate which ruled Rome and reaped a rich harvest off Roman civilization. It was the most powerful political faction known in human history. It destroyed the confidence of the people in the government and hastened the downfall of Rome, which resulted in plunging the world into the dark ages. Factions are always formed to reap, they never sow, and while disbursing one class of property among all others, they levy a heavy tribute for their labors. A pooling of political power is the most dangerous trust that was ever formed in ancient or modern civilization.



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beware of factions that chase each other, dagger in hand, across the political arena, avoid the bitter clash of classes that cause fear and consternation to roll over the land like a flood, and put out the smoldering fires of discord before they burst into flaming revolution and the iron moan of a decayed nation fills the land. Texas Needs Great Men.

A PLEASANT CALLER

J. I. Greer, of the Tap country, was a pleasant caller Monday at the The Texas Spur office and contributed one dollar and a half to our subscription funds. Mr. Greer was one of the first settlers of this country, and he says during the past twenty years he has heard the wolves howl, but that he came here to secure a home and quit paying rent, and in this he has succeeded. He says that during the past twenty years of farming in Dickens county he has averaged making a half bale of cotton to the acre, thirty five bushels of maize, having made as much as fifty bushels of corn to the acre. He now has a fine sandy land farm and is in a position to live easy and enjoy his declining days. Next year he says he intends to rent out his farm and travel around over the country since he is now getting too old to do extensive farm labor. The experience of Mr. Greer is similar to many farmers who came here in the early days. They are all well fixed, made it farming, and are now in a position to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

FARMING SIX YEARS

C. A. Jones was in Spur Monday from the Afton country and spent some time here on business. Mr. Jones says that he has been farming in Dickens county during the past six years and that during that time he has never seen better crop prospects than at the present time. He says in the Afton country they now have a sufficient season in the ground to last without injury to crops until July without more rain. Mr. Jones with Uncle Wash Robertson will operate the Afton gin this fall and they expect to have more ginning than they can do with first-class machinery and expert ginners.

WANTED—To rent five or six room house. State location and price. Will be permanent. Box 47, Spur, Texas.

M. S. Favor, of the Afton country, was in Spur recently on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Favor is one of the most successful farmers of the country.

Last week a report of the musical entertainment given at the school auditorium Friday night, May 10th, by Mrs. Bachelor was inadvertently overlooked. The entertainment was by the pupils of Mrs. Bachelor and the program rendered was enjoyed by a large audience, and demonstrated to all present not only the musical ability of the pupils but the superior qualifications of Mrs. Bachelor as a teacher and instructor of music.

C. H. Senning requests the Texas Spur to announce his withdrawal from the campaign for the office of County Judge of Dickens county, thanking the voters for their support and encouragement while campaigning. Mr. Senning's withdrawal from the race now leaves the County Judge's campaign between Messrs. W. A. Craddock and O. S. Ferguson.

HE WAS NOT INSANE

He died in an insane asylum. But the will he left proved that there must have been some terrible mistake in his case. He was eminently sane. Here is the proof in full:

My right to live being but a life estate, it is not at my disposal but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

I give to good fathers and mothers in trust for their children all good and little words of praise and encouragements, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge the said parents to use them generously as the needs of the children require.

I leave the children for the term of their childhood the flowers, fields, blossoms and woods, with the right to play among them freely, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. I devise to the children the banks, the brooks and the golden sands beneath the waters thereof, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees, and leave to the children long, long days to be merry in, and the night and the moon and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at.

I devise to the boys jointly all the useful fields, all the pleasant waters, where one may swim, all the streams where one may fish, or may skate, to have and to hold the same for the period of their boyhood; the meadows, with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof, the woods and their appurtenances, squirrels, birds, echoes and strange noises, all the distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures there found. I give to the said boys each his own place by the said fireside at night, with all the pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without encumbrance or care.

To the lovers I devise their imaginary world, and whatever they may need, as stars, sky, red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music and aught else they may desire.

To the young man all boisterous and inspiring sport and rivalry and I give them disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength. I give them power to make lasting friendships, possessing companions, and to them exclusive I give all merry songs and brave choruses.

And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers I leave memory, and bequeath them the volumes of the poems of Burns, Shakespeare and other poets, if there be others, to live over their days without tithe.

To the loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath happiness, old age the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep.

PUT PROPERTY ABOVE LIFE

A New York dealer in drugs was recently prosecuted for counterfeiting the trademark of a certain brand of pills and for selling the goods bearing this counterfeit mark. He was found guilty, and although it was the first offense, the court refused to impose a fine, but sentenced him to four months' imprisonment in the penitentiary at hard labor, without the possibility of commutation for good behavior. Counterfeiting, of course, is a serious crime, and as such should be punished.

Nevertheless, there are more serious crimes, such, for instance, as adulterating foodstuffs, selling putrid material for food, or dispensing dangerous, habit-forming drugs, like cocaine, in soft drinks. All these crimes are crime against the person, against the people, against the public health, against the very lives of the people. Although the Government officials have brought evidence sufficient to convict more than 1,200 firms or individuals of violating the Federal food and drug act, and although this act provides that its violation may be punished by imprisonment, yet in not a single instance has the Court imposed any sentence more severe than a fine, and the majority of the fines have been trivial to a degree.

A Canton, Ohio, firm was convicted of selling a soft drink containing cocaine. The Court considered a \$25 fine sufficient punishment. A St. Louis house sold a powder for infants that was said to make "teething" easy, it contained opium. A \$10 fine was sufficient punishment. An "agreeable and efficient tonic" was found to contain cocaine, although the presence of this drug was not stated. In this case the Court suspended sentence. Some day a Court may be found that will consider the crime of making drug fiends of young people, of poisoning babies with opium mixture or of killing women with headache powders, as more serious offenses than the counterfeiting of the label of a fraudulent patent medicine. Apparently, the time is far off.—Journal of the American Medical Association.

PREPARE NOW TO SAVE SEED CORN FOR NEXT YEAR

Careful experimentation and investigation covering a period of ten or fifteen years has satisfactorily proven that Texas grown seed produced in the neighborhood where it is to be planted is the safest, best and most productive that can be used.

As almost every one knows, the silk on the cob before the corn is formed is simply a hollow tube leading to the cob and can not produce a grain of corn un-

less it is fertilized by the pollen or fine dust that falls in great profusion from the ripening tassel. If conditions are favorable for crop growing and the stalk that bears the ear is well bred and vigorous and the stalk that bears the pollen is its equal or superior ears and full plump grains are the happy result. But if either party to this union lacks in these qualifications then the results are not satisfactory.

Every corn grower can greatly increase his next year's yield by a careful system of cultivation and selection from his own crop this season. It is very harmful to allow positive inbreeding with corn, that is, to allow the pollen from the tassel of a given stalk to fertilize the silk on the ear of the same stalk. To prevent this, choose a few acres of the very best of your corn where all conditions are favorable, good growth, etc. Mark off say thirty rows, about the center of this patch, seventy steps long, and pull off the tassel from every weak or inferior stalk in the first row to prevent pollen from these rusty stalks from fertilizing the silk of your strong stalks and thus dwarfing the corn. In fact it would pay big to go over the entire corn field and pull out the tassels of every feeble stalk. Thin the corn in row No. 2 to one good stalk to the hill, three feet apart, absolutely destroying all weak stalks in this row and detasseling or pulling out the tassel from all of the stalks.

As even the rows in this patch are to your seed produces every stalk must be a good one. Treat row No. 3 and all other rows of odd number as you did No. 1 and treat all other rows of even number as you did No. 2. To be sure that no mistakes are made watch the tassels for five or eight days after the first tassel appears, as some of it may tassel earlier than the balance. See that these few acres are carefully and frequently cultivated, aiming as near as possible to keep the top soil for about one and a half inches deep well pulverized practically all the time until the grains are hard on the cob.

When this corn is ready to gather, pull and keep for seed the best ears on the strong stalks in the even rows where the tassels have all been pulled, as these ears will have been crossed-fertilized, that is, fertilized from the pollen not of their own, but of their strong stalks.

In gathering these ears for seed it will pay to give preference to the goosenecked ears, that is, those that bow their heads. The fact that they have turned over instead of standing upright indicates, in the first place, that they are heavy ears and in the second place that their shapes are comparatively weak. It is desirable of course to perpetuate the heaviest ears, and it is also desirable to perpetuate the tendency of the ear to turn down when it ripens, as this insures perfect protection of the grain by the shuck from the rain that would otherwise run into the ear and to some extent damage it.

Hang this corn in a dark, dry place to preserve it carefully for next season's planting. Repeat this breeding process from year to year and this alone, other conditions being equal, will add 25 to 40 per cent to the value of your corn crop. Try it.—President Texas Industrial Congress.

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Chas. Cannon and a Mr. Tolbert, of ten miles northeast of Dickens, were arrested last week and lodged in the Dickens jail on a charge of poisoning a tank of water in that section of country.

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NOT ALL RADICAL MOVES ARE PROGRESSIVE

This from a worldly wise man, who knows something of the history of the human race:

Men fight a losing battle when they take the side of special privilege. No matter how strongly entrenched it may seem to be, no matter how powerful its supporters, it is bound to be overwhelmed in the end. The cause of progress always wins because all the forces that have made civilization are behind it. The world moves forward and the most frantic efforts to block it must result in failure.

There is a paragraph which the younger men of affairs will do well to commit to memory. Not that it would not also be a good thing for the older men also to understand it, but in the final analysis the older men do not amount to a great deal. It is the younger man, always who is to be considered when figuring upon the world's progress.

One trouble with a great many enthusiasts, however, is that they consider everything that is radical as progressive. Such is not the case by any manner of means. It would be radical to tear down all the churches, and

attempt to get along without them. But it would not be making progress in better citizenship nor in civilization.

In fact, one can progress, at times, by going back and getting hold of truths and clinging to them rather than by grabbing every new-fangled idea that is launched upon the troubled sea of human endeavor. But there has never been a moment in human history when one could make progress by sitting down and believing that it is wise to let well enough alone.

FITS MEN TO LIVE

The bright illusions cherish Of duty, friendship, love, Without them that would cherish Which buoys us earth above But why illusions call them? What else so long survives In mortals to enthrall them? To live their human lives?

Believe, for they are real, Those visions pure and high, Pursuit of the ideal Fits men to live and die.

—John Goadby Gregory.

Big line of new patters in Linoleums just arrived. See them low prices. — Texas Furniture Co.

WORK

Harper's Weekly: In adult life it is the obligation to work that speeds the time and sends the years rolling behind us, while we unconscious of their passing, bungle away at the given task, building absorbedly at our little structure of separate life. That the ground was cursed for our sake we can see by the perfectly natural turning of the child, after six or seven years of play and ease, to the desire for work. He envies every one about him their responsibilities and obligations. He plays at having to sit still in church or of taking a punishment in school, and finally he begins to plead for tasks.

But, long before we finish with life, work performs other vitally important functions for us; it both concentrates and diverts. Work is that which prevents us from diffusing vaguely through time and space without any gain of objective reality. Life we must remember, is only available as it is put into concrete form, and most of the work of this human world is in some way or other that of drawing lines around the visible and the infinite, building up and setting in motion the machinery of visible life. To do however small a share of this great universal task requires the herding home of scattered thoughts and emotions and the wilful confinement of thought to a given object. Whether it be a house to set in order, a shop to keep, an engine to build or a book to write, we have the same task ahead; to call home our thoughts from wilful straying, thoughts interminable fields of vague distance and hold them fixed upon the given point. This faithful carrying out of a purpose is what makes a personality. The man who has consciously controlled his thought for the carrying out of his given object has also builded himself. Wherever there is a set purpose and power to accomplish there is likewise personality.

But the greatest solace of work is, perhaps, that it diverts. Human desire and the infinite purpose are undoubtedly at variance. As playtime vanishes and fancy wanes we find that life after all, is taking but small account of us. The years have slipped by and left us with energies worn, ambitions unattained, friends gone before us into that silence whence we catch no voices. The sorrows, the mistakes, the follies, the tragedies, the incompleteness of life press close in about us, and it is hard to shut our eyes to the apparent futility of this eternal grind of age after age of living. Then the greatest solace in the world is to know that at least our immediate task faithfully done will ease some need. That if we stop short some one will miss our work even if forever so short a while.

And so, perhaps, no man is more blessed than he who is born with a distinct bias for some special kind of work. His work stands waiting for him when he arrives in the world, so that no time is lost feeling around for it. He has time to build from foundation to tower some concrete, visible, lasting sign in life. Is it not Carlyle who said, "Blessed is he who has found his work, let him seek no other blessedness."

When we are tired of all the futile fuss and fume of living, when we would be glad to lay aside personality and its limitations, when we feel our part in life pretty well played out and

know ourselves no longer either very useful or decorative in it, what, then, remains to us the last tie to earth? Is it not our work? For so long as we live the finishing stroke is never quite given. There is always one more brick to set to the edifice, one last touch to the picture, one more song we fain would sing for those to come after.

"'Tis a child's longing, on the beach at play:
'Before I go,'
He begs the beckoning mother,
'Let me stay,
'One shell to throw!'
'Tis coming night; the great sea
climbs the shore—
'Ah, let me toss one little pebble
more,
Before I go!'"

When pleasures are intoxicating, work steadies; when pain is paralyzing, work strengthens; when life is empty, work fills it with that deeper companionship with ourselves which is most enlightening and developing. But above all, it leaves always a little loophole for fancy. We can always believe that there are all sorts of pursuits and pleasures that would make us happy if only we had leisure to try them. The idle man can test these joys and prove them failures, but to the busy man they always lie just out of reach and so remain the golden country forever.

A FATAL MISTAKE

The greatest problem of this age is the education of the boys and girls. The greatest need of the hour is compulsory education. If a man will not send his boys and girls to school, the state ought to step in and make him do it. The damning sin in this country is the neglect of education, and this neglect makes grist for the courts and inmates for the jails and penitentiaries. It costs the state less to educate a boy than it does to railroad him to the pen and board him for ten or twenty years. It is criminal to neglect the education of a boy or girl, and the sin will be laid at the door of those who mould public sentiment. Not long ago we wandered back to the old homestead and while there took a stroll in the graveyard, and walked from gravestone to gravestone, reading the inscriptions thereon. In this ramble through a country graveyard we came to a gravestone with this name upon it: "Hiram Audd." When we read that name memory traveled back down the years to the time when we were a barefooted, ignorant country boy, and in our boyhood days we knew this man, his wife and children. He was honest, industrious and economical, and his life's ideal was land, cattle and gold, and on this altar he sacrificed all, his wife, his children, his God, and the welfare of his community. He blocked every movement for better school advantages in his community. A three months school and an old shack for a school house was good enough for him. We remember hearing him say when we were a boy, that if one would give his children plenty of money they would get along in the world. Let's see. Hiram Audd made money and when he died he left each of his five children twenty thousand dollars in land, cattle and money. But they were entirely devoid of culture; they could barely cipher, read and spell. The scene changes. We stood in a crowded court room; Sally Audd, eldest daughter of Hiram Audd, was a pris-

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oner at the bar of justice, charged with the murder of her own illegitimate offspring. She sat there alone, without a friend on earth, except her hired attorney. As we sat there and watched Sally Audd, our mind wandered back to the days of her childhood, when she was a handsome blue-eyed, golden haired girl, when life to her was a poem and every day and every hour was like a fragrant rose. She, too, had built the air castles of childhood and dreamed the day dreams of childish fancy. But, alas! the curse of human greed and ignorance blotted out the childish picture. The verdict of the jury was: "Twenty years in the pen." One of Hiram Audd's boys was sent to the pen for theft. Today, Audd's land, cattle and money are scattered to the four winds of the earth, and the remainder of the family are paupers. Wouldn't it have been better for this man to have invested a goodly portion of his fortune in the education of his children? — Aspermont Star.

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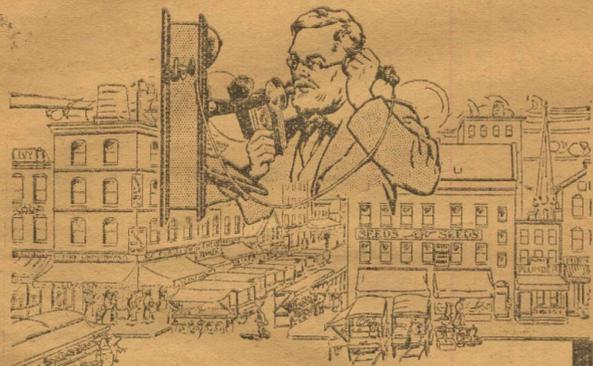
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Luther Jones was in the city this week from his place several miles north.

100 patterns of wall paper at a big bargain.—Texas Furniture Co.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

H. F. Murray came in this week and spent several days at home. He is working on the Brown Ranch in Kent county where they are making extensive improvements, building two fine residences.

Bill McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Wednesday trading.

Best line of refrigerators in west Texas. Low prices.—Texas Furniture Co.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton Flats country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

T. C. Copeland was in the city Saturday from his home six miles east of Spur. He says that his crops are the finest in the world and he expects to be forced to send back east this fall for help in the harvesting.

GOT THE MUMPS

Henry Clay, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Clay of the city, is now in Dickens employed at the Gipson grocery store. He is reported suffering of the mumps at this time. However, we are glad to state that he is not seriously ill.

J. C. Davis, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday on business and to see his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis and families.

J. C. McNeill came in Saturday from his farm and ranch several miles west of Spur and spent some time here.

A new line of flowers and new shapes just arrived at the Wonder. Call and let Mrs. Griffin show you her line.

A girl was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan at their home in the city.

T. H. Tallent and family recently left Spur and are now located at Red Land, New Mexico.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in the city the first of the week on business and trading with the merchants.

Crawford Cobb was over Saturday from Dickens and spent an hour or two here on business and meeting his friends.

Since the Red Front Drug Store reports the sale of three fine diamond rings at a recent date it is presumed that Spur will have at least three marriages within a short time.

T. A. Ham, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and spent several hours here. He reports everything in fine shape in his section.

The Ladies' Aid, of the Christian Church, will hold an ice cream social on Saturday evening of June 1st on the lawn between the Western Grocery store and W. B. Griffin's store. Everybody invited. Grand music.

G. A. Howsley returned the first of this week from Albany where he had spent several days with his family. While gone he also attended a state meeting of K. of P. Grand Lodge at Waco. He reports having had a big time.

Friday night, May 31st, a concert will be given at the High School Auditorium under the auspices of the Mother's Club for the benefit of the Public School piano fund. Music will be furnished by the Spur Orchestra and readings and musical selections by local talent. All are invited. Admission 25, 15 and 10 cents.

Bob Shields, a prominent citizen and business man of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Shields, we are informed, will also be a candidate for the office of County Judge of Dickens county in the general election on the Socialist ticket.



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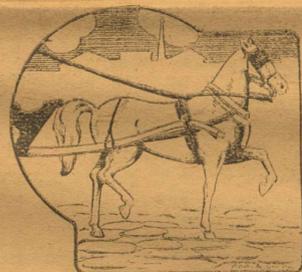
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J. N. Zumwalt, a prosperous farmer and ranchman of fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city this week on business and trading with the merchants.

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Mesdames Boley Brown and Willis Rodgers, of Claiborne, were in the city this week trading and visiting friends.

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O. O. Love and wife, of Dickens, were in the city and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Rev. Mike M. Young and W. S. Taylor went to Tap Saturday to attend preaching, returning Monday morning.

J. J. Martin, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday.

Uncle Wash Robertson, of the Afton country, was in town this week and spent some time here on business and trading with the merchants.

Mr. Scoggins, of the Twenty-Four Ranch, was here this week and hauled out a big load of supplies for the ranch headquarters.

Edwards-Hogan Co's. French Dry Cleaning machine has arrived, enabling them to clean the most delicate fabrics without injury.

Misses Bessie, Evelyn and Hermia Burgoon left Spur Tuesday for Grapevine where they will remain on an extended visit to their grand-mother and other relatives.

Everybody is doing it. Doing what? Using Marchel Neff flour and White Swan Can Goods. Sold by Sol Davis.

Frank Smith, who is farming this year on the new farm recently purchased several miles south of Spur, was in town Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

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