

DO NO ATTEND STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Of the five delegates appointed by the Dickens County Democratic Convention to attend the State Convention Tuesday at Houston, not one of the number were in attendance. However, Dickens county was represented by "proxy" in the convention and the instructions to vote for a Wilson delegation to the National Convention will be carried out.

However, other matters will probably be considered in the convention. The State Convention will probably write the Democratic State Platform, have something to say about "the tariff," endorse or condemn the "initiative and referendum," shape the policies of the party during the campaign, etc.

The County Conventions in most instances gave instructions to delegates only with reference to preferences for Presidential nominees, and yet these other matters will be outlined and the policies consummated at the State Convention according to the wishes of those in attendance and possibly without any respect to the wishes of a majority of the voters and those who constitute the real Democratic party. We may and we may not favor and endorse the acts of the convention, and yet we will not be considered good democrats if we fail to stand by what the convention does. This is the very reason we are opposed to the rule of conventions. Often a convention does not reflect the will of the people. Right or wrong, we believe in the "rule of the people." In many instances we may not be sufficiently informed, or possessed of sufficient intelligence and knowledge to act wisely, but it is our privilege and duty to seek knowledge and to become informed on all public matters, and should we to a certain extent fail to apply ourselves, we do not consider it a sufficient reason to transfer all political power to politicians and political tricksters who in many instances use such power for special interests and personal gain. Our forefathers who settled America did so in view of a free country, fought for their freedom and instituted a government of the people, for the people and by the people. Conventions are all right so long as they represent the people and do their wishes, but the real power of our government and our country must ever remain in the people. Conventions are not supposed to tell the people what they shall do, but in every instance are supposed to meet for the purpose of executing and consummating the wishes and instructions of a majority of the people. When they go beyond such instructions neither the people nor the party are bound by unauthorized acts.

CAN'T STAY AWAY

A. G. Spencer returned this week from Matador where he had been several days working on the Matador Messenger. Spur has an attraction for all who have ever been here, and especially is this true in this instance.

MOOT QUESTION

There are several books in the country entitled, "The Evils of Socialism," published by the Firm Foundation Publishing Co., Austin, Texas. They are being endorsed by a good many people, who read only one side.

We consider it harmful to spend your opinion on a subject you know nothing about and we judge from the writings of this book that you know nothing of the principles of Socialism.

We do declare and stand by that Socialism has no evils.

We will have to say that the man who wrote this book has not much respect for the truth and the man that indorses this book shall be measured with the same rule.

We will meet you in joint debate at any time or place.

Now if you keep silent on this discussion we do not believe you mean what you say when you talk contrary to Socialism.

Yours for the upbuilding of humanity above the dollar.—W. D. Clay, County Chairman.

UNCLE HANK SMITH DEAD

A report came last week of the death of Uncle Hank Smith of Blanco. Uncle Hank Smith was one of the oldest settlers of the country, having settled at Blanco in the early days when Indians were numerous. He built a fine two-story residence of rock, surrounded by a rock wall for protection against depredations by Indians. He was one of the most prominent citizens of the country and his death is a real loss to the country.

SOCIALIST SPEAKING DATES

Stanly Clark, a prominent and noted Socialist speaker, will speak at the following places:

Crosbyton, May 31st; Ralls, June 1st; Floydada, June 2nd; Dickens, June 3rd; Spur, June 4th.

Everybody is invited to come out and hear the question of Socialism, Socialist ideas and policies propounded by an able and well informed speaker.—W. D. Clay, County Chairman.

BEEN HERE TOO LONG

J. N. Zumwalt was in Tuesday from his farm and ranch about fifteen miles west of Spur. Mr. Zumwalt says that he has just finished planting his crops and that he has very fine prospects of making bumper crops. With reference to many farmers having to replant on account of the recent winds and sand storms, he says he has been here too long to get caught in such a manner.

ANOTHER SUCCESS

A number of the ladies of Spur went over to Dickens Tuesday night where they entertained the people of that section with "The Old Maids' Convention." The performance was given at the school house and was largely attended and appreciated. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in Methodist church work.

RETURNS HOME

Mrs. W. S. Dunn returned the latter part of last week from Stamford, where she had spent several days visiting friends.

DO YOUR TRADING WITH THE HOME MERCHANTS

Patronizing home merchants is not a charitable act, but a dutiful one. We can say further, that the merchants and business men of the town should also support their home printing office. There is a great deal of printing that is done in Dallas, Fort Worth or some other big town that could easily be done by the home printer if he could only have a chance at the job. The home printers do not try to compete with "Uncle Sam" or the big printing establishments in the larger cities, but, they do propose to do the work at a reasonable price and spend the money with the home merchants and keep every dollar paid them at home.—Rochester Record.

ENTERTAINMENT

The ladies of the Spur Social Club were entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. George Bennett at her home in the city. A most entertaining feature of the afternoon was a needle and pins contest, the contestants being awarded pleasing premiums. Upon their arrival the guests were handed small aprons in the pockets of which were the contest cards and souvenirs of the occasion. Delightful refreshments of ice cream and cakes were served and the occasion was most pleasant and profitable.

The previous Friday afternoon Mrs. G. M. Bachelor entertained the Club at her home in the city. On this occasion progressive forty-two was a most pleasant feature of the entertaining program. At the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments consisting of ice cream, cakes and almonds were served.

MANY ATTEND COURT

Since court convened Monday in Dickens many have been coming to Spur for hotel accommodations since Dickens is overcrowded and can not accommodate the crowds. There are a number of important cases to be tried at this term of court and as a result people from many sections are interested and in attendance.

DISTRICT COURT

District Court convened Monday in Dickens, Judge Jo A. P. Dickson presiding. The Petit jurors were dismissed for the week, and civil cases will be heard this week. The criminal docket will be taken up next week.

The Grand Jury is in session, having found and reported one bill to date, that of Mr. Stewart charged with bigamy. The following gentlemen compose the Grand Jury: Fred O. McFall foreman, R. C. Forbis, E. D. Chambers, J. T. Parker, A. P. Hollar, C. D. Neely, M. C. Hopper, E. F. Fuqua, J. C. Kellar, P. E. Hagins, J. A. Murchison, R. D. Shields.

WILL "BATCH"

Mrs. N. Q. Brannen and children are spending the week with relatives at Jayton. During their absence N. Q. is keeping "batch."

WILL SPEAK SATURDAY

"About three men in this town are kicking my dog around." Therefore, I think it time to put a stop to same. When I announced for County Judge I expected the "muckraker" would get busy, and I have felt if there was one thing in my whole past life that could not bear the light of publication I certainly would not have started to make the race.

All I ask is that the whole truth be known. This I intend to have done and after the whole truth is told let the people decide as to my fitness for the office.

I will speak on the streets next Saturday evening about four o'clock and I want everybody to hear my side.

I shall deal in straight goods straight from the shoulder. Mr. "Muckraker" I want you to hear the truth and then stick to it. Respectfully,

W. A. Craddock.

TAP TELLINGS

Raymond Halt, of Rule, is here this week visiting relatives.

H. C. Parsons and lady were here Saturday from White River community.

T. S. Lambert and family returned Monday from a visit to friends in Floyd county.

Mrs. J. H. Sparks returned a few days ago from an extended visit at Rule.

Alva Smith and family, of Cat Fish, worshiped with the people here Sunday.

Arthur Smith and wife, of Hale Center, are here visiting relatives and friends.

L. S. Scott is attending court at Dickens this week.

Rev. T. F. Medlin, of Dickens, is here this week looking after his farming interests.

G. E. Given, of Denton, was here the past week representing the Denton Nursery.

Miss Minnie Hinson, of Floydada, was visiting friends here last week.

Postmaster, A. E. Davies made a trip to Post City a few days ago looking after business matters.

Farm work is being rapidly pushed, most everyone done planting except late feed, such as sorghum, and June corn. Crops are growing nicely and present prospects are very promising. We did not get any rain during the recent showery spells but crops are not suffering yet, have a good season for growing crops.

J. E. Sparks accepted an invitation to attend court this week.—Gadabout.

FINE PROSPECTS

Uncle Jim Jones, of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday and says that the Afton country has better crop prospects at this time than at any time since he came to this country more than twenty three years ago. The present crop outlook in every section of the country is most flattering and things are expected to hum in Spur and the Spur country this fall.

JUDGE A. J. HAGINS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

This week The Texas Spur is authorized to announce Judge A. J. Hagins as a candidate for Representative of this the 105th District composed of Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall and Scurry counties.

Judge Hagins formerly lived in Dickens county, but for many years has been a resident of Kent county. In the early days he was appointed County Judge of Dickens county to serve out an unexpired term, and at that time it is said that he was the only county official who escaped being indicted for some violation of the laws. He is a clean man, well informed and having lived here for many years knows our needs and is in a position to give the people of the 105th Representative District an able, capable and influential representation in the Legislative Halls of Texas.

Judge Hagins' candidacy is not only endorsed by the lawyers and attorneys, but by the people of Dickens, Stonewall, King and Kent counties and, although these four counties only have a voting representation of approximately twenty-five hundred people while the remaining county in this district, Scurry, has a voting population of about sixteen hundred people, we consider that this section which has a larger area and altogether has a larger population is entitled to name a resident representative of the district as a whole. We are not familiar with the platforms of any of the candidates for the place, but we do know that the counties of this end of the district should have a man who is influential and stands for progress, settlement and development of the country and will work to such ends in the Legislature.

Believing that Judge A. J. Hagins is eminently fitted for the place we submit his name and commend him to the voters of the 105th Representative District, and ask that his candidacy be given due consideration at the July Primary, his candidacy being subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

DIED AT AFTON

Mrs. Eugene Blakely died Monday at her home in the Afton country after an illness of several weeks duration. The remains were interred Tuesday in the Dickens cemetery, the ceremonies being attended by a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives.

The Texas Spur joins the many friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives.

PLENTY OF FRUIT

Hugh Squires was here this week from his home in the Afton country and reports everything in the finest shape. Mr. Squires says that soon there will be plenty fruit in the Afton country and that his crops are the finest ever known. Mr. Squires moved last year from Spur and engaged in the farming business, and we are glad to note that he is making a success and prospering.

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,

Bryant-Link Comp'y

HAVE YOU PAID FOR THE PRIVILEGE TO CUSS?

If there is anyone who does not like the Signal, cuss it, if you want to; we don't care. But remember you have no right to cuss it so long as you are in arrears on subscription. First pay up so we can get an even start, then turn your vials of wrath loose. When you hear anyone cussing the Signal, find out if he has paid for the privilege, or is behind on subscription. We object to being cussed on credit.—Gainesville Signal.

The foregoing sentiment is bristling with truth and wisdom. The man who subscribes for a paper—and pays for it—has a right to complain if it falls short to any considerable extent without reason, but this class of men is very seldom heard to criticize and generally has some good word to say. The real kicker is the man who either borrows his neighbor's paper or else subscribes "to help the editor," and never pays the bill, thereby causing that obliging man to furnish him the county news free of charge and to place his paper in the hands of a man who expresses his appreciation by caustic comments. The intelligent citizen knows that the local newspaper does a work in a community that cannot be done by any other agency, and although its editor may not always agree with him, he is broad minded enough to allow the same freedom of opinion that he himself demands. Realizing its value in advertising its town and county, he is on the alert to report any news item that would reflect credit upon the community, or to do anything else that would assist in any way. The man who does these things will always be found to be one who has the respect of his fellow citizens, and who is prominent in every movement for the betterment of his town or county. In contrast

to him stands the "kicker." He usually borrows someone else's paper, or if this is not convenient he will grudgingly subscribe for it, and after it has been sent to him until the proprietor gets out of patience and mails a subscription statement, he puts it back into the office marked "refused," and goes about town swearing that "we've got the sorriest paper in the country." These men are little better than dead-beats; they are of no use to their community, and will usually be found loafing about the street corners abusing the government and the human race generally. The only use that they could be is to show people "what not to be" as Josh Billings expresses it.—Ex.

IF TIME SHOULD BE NO MORE

When the time of our departure has been fixed and the cold seal of death is upon our lips we grow very anxious to do some good in the world. We are unwilling to try our fortunes in the world to come with records of unrighteousness and "nothing but leaves" in our hands. 'Tis then we crave a little time to right the wrongs we have done and to give our time, our talents and our substance for the good of others. If it could be definitely known that Time would cease to be with the rising of the sun next Friday morning, not an oath would be sworn during the week that remains, not an untruth would be uttered, and the people would give themselves to prayer and works of benevolence. In fact if it could be known that the curtain would fall on Time as stated, the greatest revival meeting the world has ever known would start today and continue even until the world is wrapped in flame and the realms of ether glow with the fire that is to wreck matter and crush worlds.—Honey Grove Signal.

T. E. Marshall, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

CONFEDERATE RE-UNION HELD IN DICKENS

The Col. John A. Green Camp of United Confederate Veterans held its annual reunion and decoration ceremony at Dickens May 18. It was manifested to the casual observer that the remnant of that once grand army of patriots is becoming visibly smaller year by year. Scarcely a roll is called at these annual meetings that silence the once well known voice of some comrade is not observed with bowed heads. If to the careless this constant depletion be so noticeable, how deeply it must be felt by the veterans themselves, yet no one of the remaining guard of this noble band seems to have any fear or regret to express, from a personal standpoint, that he soon will have answered the last roll call, but the constant thinning of his ranks, the last visible representation of the cause he cherishes so well, is keenly felt.

Captain W. C. Ballard called for order at 10:30 and Chaplain J. C. Stephens offered a short prayer of thanksgiving. The welcome address, though impromptu, was delivered in few well chosen words by O. S. Ferguson which was responded to by an able address by W. A. Craddock, of Spur. B. G. Worswick next responded to a call from the Ranks. He spoke in high praise of the Veterans and enthusiastically of the cause for which they fought. Each of these speeches was well received by the audience, which soon after the beginning taxed the seating capacity of the district court room, but, after all, they were somewhat commonplace compared to the reminiscent remarks of the old soldiers themselves. The man who from some secluded and distant point observed the approaching storm may draw before the mind's eye a vivid picture of the havoc

wrought, but he must fail to arrest the attention like the man who endured the avalanche of the pelting hailstones.

At twelve o'clock a bountiful feast was spread on the Court House lawn, and most eloquently did the occasion speak of undying devotion of the wives (who are few) and daughters of the Confederacy. This occasion offered two hours of feast and pleasant social conversation.

The most touching incident of the occasion were those attending the decoration of the graves of deceased comrades. With faithful and deft hands the daughters and grand daughters had prepared beautiful wreaths for the decoration. With tear bedimmed eyes and solemn tread the procession moved from mound to mound and reverently deposited the wreaths of remembrance.

The veterans' expressed appreciation afforded by Dickens and an auto ride to and from the cemetery the kindness of J. D. Harkey and R. M. Hamby.—Dickens Item.

A girl baby was born this week to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry at their home in the city.

Mr. Wilson, of Lockney, was in the city Monday on business and spent some time here.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday trading and looking after business matters.

Toi Merriman, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his friends.

Luther Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor's sister is here on an extended visit and will probably remain with Mrs. Bachelor indefinitely.

Baxter Scoggins was in the city Friday and Saturday from his home on Cat Fish and reports everything in good shape in that 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.

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.

COAL FUME FOR TUBERCULAR

In the little village of Coperas Cove, Coryell county, there resides a Methodist preacher, whose name is L. G. Grimes. He has been a minister of the Gospel for many years and, unlike the prophet of old, he is honored at home and enjoys the full confidence of his people. He is living with his second wife, the first one having died of consumption, that "white plague," that has carried away so many of our people. Shortly after the death of his dear companion, he was stricken with the deadly malady. He was at the time immigration agent for one of the great railroads entering Texas, and his business called him to the Gulf States. The disease spread so rapidly that he was forced to give up his situation and after several physicians had given up the case as hopeless he returned home to die and made every arrangement to that end. He had frequent hemorrhages from the lungs, and the only exercise he took was a short horseback ride occasionally. One day he rode over to the blacksmith shop to have his horse shod, and while the smith was doing this he got on the forge to warm, and accidentally inhaled some of the fumes which seemed to give instant relief and he inhaled it for some time. He returned home, feeling better than he had felt for months, and determined to continue the experiment. Rev. Mr. Grimes says that he never had a symptom of consumption since. He had a lady friend who was in the last stage of consumption. She had given up all hope and was confined to her bed, from which she could never arise. As she could not sit her husband had a little furnace made with pipes conveyed the fumes of stone coal into her lungs.

Her physician forbade the treatment, but the husband refused to desist and in a few weeks the lady was able to leave her bed and has never had another symptom of the disease.

Mr. Grimes has told many of this simple remedy and he does not know of a case that was not cured. He has decided that this information is too valuable to be confined to a few, and ought to be published to the world. He knows no better medium than the papers and he hopes that every paper will print it.

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

Mrs. Y. L. Jones and little daughter, Miss Nan, who have been visiting relatives the past several weeks in Austin, returned this week to their home in Spur.

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.

BILLY MARTENS, SPUR, TEXAS

Spur Dray and Transfer Co.

J. P. Simmons Prop

We do all kinds of heavy and light hauling and transfer work, and solicit your business in our line. 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.

HISTORY OF TEXAS

Beginning with the issue of May 14th, the Galveston and Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News started the publication of the "History of Texas" by Profs. Barker, Potts and Ransdell of the University of Texas. Installments of this most interesting and instructive recital of the deeds of valor of pioneers and the sacrifice of the founders of the Texas Republic, and of the State of Texas, will appear in each issue of The Semi-Weekly Farm News, presenting the complete story to News readers in convenient form.

By reading the installments carefully, subscribers will derive much valuable information about our great and growing State which will stay with them and be of use to them, and yet a more intensely romantic story of adventure and achievement than this true history of Texas can not be found. The main object of the authors is to present in form sufficiently simple for young readers the essential facts of the history of Texas, but in this older readers also will find what is important to an understanding of the making of Texas.

The News is quite sure that, when the last installment has appeared, all its readers will be of one mind—fully agreed that this "History of Texas" has been worth many times over the space and care that have been devoted to its reproduction.

It's time for Ice Tea, White Swan makes the best, you can get it by phoning 139.

THE FATAL WEDDING

If the parcels post bill and the mail order houses ever walk down the business aisle together while the organ peals the wedding march from Lohengrin, the country editor can go away back in the cool umbrageous wood and sit down with his sorrow. He can go over again in his fancy the days when he landed with a shirt-tail full of type and a head full of enthusiasm. He can recall the days of struggle when he lived on dried apples and water, when he worked all day and half the night trying to make the pay end of his financial belt meet the buckle end of his hunger. He can live once more the days of promise and denial, of struggle and endeavor, during which the weakling newspaper child grew lusty and healthy. He can conjure the story of his small beginning and his humble success—hard earned success, deserving success.

And then he can begin to think down hill again, debating the lofty heights from the day the mail order houses begin ruining the home merchants. The mail order houses advertise by catalogue and fill the orders with dispatch and substitution, unsight and unseen. He can look in on the wedding ceremony of the parcels post and the mail order houses, and as he gazes on into futurity, he can move his blistered feet out of the drip of his scalding tears for his heart will be of stone if he doesn't weep in remorse at being a pin-head for letting the people of his community go to bed unmindful of their danger the night of the wedding.—Selected.

EDITORS TRUE TO THE PEOPLE

Readers of the Enterprise will recall the days of Boss Tweed in New York who bought state senators for \$40,000 each. They were to have received \$50,000 each, but a newspaper reporter, nosing about found out about the big pot of \$250,000 and he insisted on a share. He was finally given \$40,000 which he afterwards lost in a game of poker. A good many years after this, when Tweed's attention was called to the incident he said, with a sigh: "If I could have bought newspaper men as cheap as I bought members of the legislature, I wouldn't be in the fix I am now. The most of these ———— cusses would refuse money when they didn't have enough to get 'em a decent meal." This is a characteristic of newspaper men. They are true to the peoples' interests, and often the public never knows the strong temptations under which they labor, and the trials they endure as they tell the news honestly and fairly, let the consequences rest where they may.—Cleburne Enterprise.

NORMAL COURSE IS FIVE YEARS

Five instead of four years' study will be necessary to graduation certificates in the state normal schools of Texas hereafter. The extra year was added to the course by the board of normal regents and presidents, who adjourned their four-days' conference in Austin last week. To further increase the efficiency of the teachers and the graduates from the normals, the courses of study have been ar-

ranged into five different groups in each of which teachers may specialize and develop a comprehensive scholarship and a high quality of efficiency for teaching.

The five groups come under the general heads of primary work, and art, agriculture, industrial arts, language and science, respectively. In addition to one of these, all teachers must take a course of the usual subjects of the public school curriculum.

PUBLIC LANDS

The Standard is in receipt of the following advice from Jas. T. Robinson, Commissioner General Land Office, Austin, Texas, which may be of interest to our readers:

"Towards the last of this month I expect to have ready for distribution the 23rd semi-annual list of public free school lands. This list will include all unsold school land except a small quantity that is leased and some scattering sections that are in conflict with other surveys. While the larger part will be for sale to actual settlers only, yet there will be some that may be purchased without settlement. These lists are free. It is my desire that everyone of your readers who wants information concerning our public lands should have it. I will send a list free to everyone who writes to me for it."—Brady Standard.

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

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

COMMERCIAL NEWS

An unpaved business street is a blot on the community.

Cheap notoriety will retard the growth of any city.

Big payrolls are more essential to a community than big bank accounts.

The saddest words of pen, "The city that stood still."

"Make haste slowly," "Build only with a solid foundation, be honest and industrious and success is sure to follow."

Some cities are as clay in a man's hands to make or break as they see fit. All depends on the potter.

Search for the good in a community and you will find abundance; seek for the bad, and you find plenty.

A city's worth is in proportion to its progressiveness.

The peaceful, quiet city will eventually become a bore to the live man.

You will have the largest city in Texas, if all do your part.

"Action" is the keynote of success.

If necessary sacrifice your personal gain for the good of the community.

Progress and the world progresses with you; if you don't you may get lost in the shuffle.

"Smoke" is what counts; there should be no limit to the volume.

A good hotel, a good newspaper, and a commercial organization are first class assets and can be used to advantage at all times.

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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)

For Representative (105th District):
A. J. Hagin

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friday afternoon of last week many of the little friends of little Miss Anna Walker responded to invitations to attend a birthday party to celebrate her sixth or seventh anniversary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Walker.

During the afternoon various and entertaining games were enjoyed by the little people, ice cream, ice cream cones and cakes being served to the delight of all.

Little Miss Anna was the recipient of many nice presents as a token of remembrance by her many little friends, all of whom wish her many more pleasant and happy anniversaries.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Knox, of the Presbyterian church has kindly consented to fill the pulpit at the Methodist Tabernacle Sunday morning. The evening discourse will be held at the Presbyterian church. Everyone is cordially invited to attend both services. Sunday school at the Methodist Tabernacle at 9:45 Sunday morning.

The regular prayer meeting service will be held Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE

On account of the high price of hogs and cattle I will again be forced to adopt the cash system in my meat business, and respectfully notify my friends and customers that after the first of June nothing will be charged on account and one and all will be expected to pay the cash for all meats sold. Very respectfully,
Central Meat Market,
Perry Fite, Proprietor.

Mr. Fields, of Oklahoma, is in the city visiting his uncle, Dr. Standifer, and family.

Mrs. F. W. Jennings, who has been on an extended visit to relatives in Georgia, returned home the latter part of this week.

**WILSON DELEGATION
ELECTED AT CONVENTION**

(BY TOM FINTY JR.)

Houston, Texas, May 23.—In complete control of the Democratic State Convention, the Wilson forces tonight elected a solid delegation of forty Wilson men to the Baltimore convention, instructed under the unit rule to vote for Wilson first, last and all the time. They elected as delegates the men selected in the Wilson caucus, with Cone Johnson's name leading, and tonight, in emulation of the treatment they received at Fort Worth four years ago, they ran the steam roller over the opposition, electing Wilson men as delegates from all districts, regardless of the recommendations of the district delegations.

Little remains to be done now except to adopt a platform. That document, which is of a progressive nature and is quite lengthy, is at a late hour being debated in the platform committee, and the indications are that it will not be reported until tomorrow. Accordingly, the convention adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

At the State Republican Convention held in Fort Worth, the Taft and Roosevelt factions separated, holding two conventions, each sending delegations to the National convention instructed one for Taft and one for Roosevelt. The Taft delegation was in the minority, therefore retired from the regular convention to hold one of their own.

WEATHER PROPHECY

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Wednesday. Some time ago Uncle Pink was in and told us that we could look for and expect one of the biggest rains in the history of this country, within five days of the 28th of May. Heretofore Uncle Pink has made good as a weather prophet and we will await the outcome of this latter prophesy.

BUILT NEW HOME

Uncle Tom Gilmore came in Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Uncle Tom is living on his farm this year, south of Spur, he having built a new home and has about ninety acres in cultivation. He says he is beginning to need some rain since that section failed to get much of the last rains of the country. Uncle Tom says he has about twelve acres of corn and fifteen acres of oats and that both crops are looking fine and growing rapidly. For many years Uncle Tom Gilmore was one of the Spur Ranch force, but he says he prefers farm life to ranch work.

J. P. Simmons and wife, J. B. Richburg and family, Mrs. Chapman, Misses Iva Joplin and Elnora Dunn and others, making a party of nineteen, left Thursday of last week for Blanco and spent several very pleasant days fishing, returning Sunday night to Spur.

Mr. Goff left Monday for Throckmorton where he goes to deliver a wagon and team, he having sold his black horses and wagon to a party at that place for a consideration of near four hundred dollars. Mr. Goff's team was the best in the country.

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Sebe Lambert came in Wednesday and spent several hours in the city and reports everything moving along nicely at Tap. He and family had just returned from a visit to Mr. A. Corn and family near Floydada and he says that section of the country is in fine condition and the farmers all smiling at the big crop prospects.

A. G. Spencer left Spur Wednesday for his home at Anson.

Mrs. N. A. Baker and daughter, Miss Irma, are on an extended visit to friends and relatives in the eastern part of the state.

T. A. Tidwell returned Tuesday from O'Brien where he spent several days with Mrs. Tidwell who is on an extended visit to relatives. Mrs. Tidwell has been in ill health and we are glad to note that her health is improving and she will soon return home.

Berry Pursley came up Wednesday from his ranch near Jayton and spent some time here on business.

W. A. Craddock, candidate for county Judge, will make a speech on the streets of Spur Saturday evening. In this address he will probably give the the people an outline of his ideas of the duties of the office, and incidentally, since he says some one has been kickin' his dog aroun', he will probably entertain his hearers along other lines.

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Ladies
Marshal, Miss Lottie.
When calling for above please say advertised.--Norton A. Baker, Postmaster.

Carl Lowery left the first of the week for Galveston where he goes to attend a three months course in pharmacy. During his absence Mr. McKinney, of Fort Worth, will have charge of the Red Front Drug Store business.

P. J. Hext, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the north part of the county, was in the city this week on business and trading with Spur merchants Mr. Hext bought more than a hundred dollars' worth of new and improved farm implements with which to cultivate his crops this year.

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LOST

Between the northwest corner of the Experimental Station at Spur, and A. E. McClains' place on Red Mud, one ladies imitation leather satchel, with handle mended, fastner broke and fastened with wire. Lost last Sunday evening, has 1 think 56c in change, one ladies' small sized watch and chain, one lid broke off of watch, and watch and chain wrapped in a piece of white linen, also several credit bills to M. Howell and three receipts for payments on library books. Will reward finder to please leave same at Bryant Link Co. for me to identify.--Mrs. Edna Howell.

If you want something good to read call at The Wonder.

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PHONES 28

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BUILDING AND IMPROVING SUBURBAN HOME TO SPUR

This week the Spur Farm Lands management sold a twenty acre block of land west of Spur to T. J. Braddock of the Afton country. Mr. Braddock is an old settler and one of the best fixed men of the country, and since he is becoming aged he is preparing to retire from active farm labor and will build on his recent purchase a nice, attractive, convenient and comfortable suburban home in which to enjoy his declining days.

Mr. Braddock, after giving each of his children a quarter section farm, recently sold six hundred and forty acres of his lands on twenty years' time at eight per cent interest and upon this, together with the income from his remaining section of land on which he has a fine farm, he and his wife expect to live peacefully and comfortably in their new home surrounded by the advantages of a metropolitan town and a superior commercial center.

Since placing on sale the twenty acre blocks surrounding Spur there have been twenty eight blocks improved and on which there are now twenty one fine residences, nice cottages and comfortable suburban homes. Of the many other blocks sold there will probably be a number of other new homes built this summer and fall.

Some pretty new shapes, flowers and ribbons at the Wonder. See Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. Moore, of King county, was in Spur this week and while here bought the Geo. B. Russell residence in the northwest part of the city. Mr. Moore will move his family here and become a permanent citizen of the town.

Geo. B. Russell and wife returned this week from a visit of several days to relatives a Hillsboro. Mr. Russell sold his residence in Spur this week and we understand that he and wife will soon move to Hillsboro and make that place their home.

WHEN YOU TAKE YOUR OUTING

YOU should make it a point to have plenty of Spur Brand Soda Water with you. You can keep cool on the warmest Summer day by drinking our healthy and invigorating beverages. We sell Spur Brand Cream for table use as fast as we can make it. This speaks for itself, for we make the best and a trial order will make a regular customer out of you. Call for Spur Brand Cream at all fountains; it is the pure stuff and always tastes like more. Try our products in your home.

TO THE WHOLESALE MAN

If you intend to handle Soda Water, Ice Cream or Ice this season, it will pay you to use the best on the market, therefore, you should trade with us and get the best that money can buy. We make Soda Water in the following flavors: Strawberry, cream Soda, Lemon, Ginger Ale, Orange, Vanilla, coca cola, Dr. Pepper, and Vin Fiz. We want to sell you your Liquid Gas, Ice cream and Ice. Agency Texas Co. Oil.

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Alston, J A	\$6.88	Leonard, W L	3.06
Brown, Geo L	9.63	Love, N W	3.17
Bobs, L A	1.93	Ledbetter, C H	1.93
Boyles, H P	1.93	Martin, J W	2.83
Boone, B B	1.93	Mullinnax, H A	3.38
Butts, R O	4.76	Mullin, Bob	17.59
Butts, T J	2.01	Martin, E H	1.93
Brannon, J H	1.93	Morris, Jnoe	4.58
Brannen, R E	3.27	Morris, J C	6.48
Ballard, L A	3.65	Montgomery, J E	3.20
Brumhall, J W	1.93	McLaughlin, J W	4.41
Bass, W F	3.94	McGill, R F	6.10
Brown, E M	1.93	Nelms E C	4.53
Bandy, J W	3.49	Neal, J S	3.09
Breithling, J M	2.58	Norris, T B	3.37
Blackwell, S T	1.49	Overman, D M	5.86
Bartley, H S	20.19	Odam, G W	2.89
Ball, H D	2.73	Peacock, W P	1.93
Bledsow, R Roy	1.93	Peacock, L M	1.93
Campbell, R D	2.68	Pugh, J P	5.75
Chism, W E	1.93	Robertson, J	1.93
Chenault, Henry	1.93	Riter, L N	3.64
Conner, C H	1.93	Rhodes, J W	3.86
Cook, H B	3.36	Spur Furniture Co	18.17
Clayton, M J	2.95	Stephens, N H	3.87
Chatman, S T	3.38	Stephens, Elmer K	1.93
Coleman, S A	4.22	Stewart, E L	2.68
Copeland, W A	6.93	Smith, M	1.93
Copeland, T C	3.61	Stewart, R A	4.58
Currie, D R	5.67	Shelby, J A	1.93
Coleman, T B	5.95	Shelton, J E	1.74
Craig, J W	6.32	Shiple, Jno	3.26
Crump, J F	5.01	Scoggins, A B	3.55
Dye, W I	1.93	Tidwell & Haines	7.99
Dodge, H D	8.28	Trout, A B	1.93
Davis, T V	2.60	Trout, J M	1.93
Davis, J A C	2.89	Tankersley, R J	6.54
Dickson, Jas B	1.93	Trout, A C	3.93
Durham, C S	2.74	Thomas, A L	4.69
Dement, Ernest	4.99	Tyler, E G	5.95
Edwards, J T	2.12	Teague, E W	3.18
Edwards & Vinson	2.75	Traweek, A B	2.77
Ellis, Hub	8.75	Vinson, G H	5.28
Edgar, W F	2.73	Verner, T M	8.76
Ernest, W D	3.70	Wright, T E	3.83
Floyd, Forrist	3.56	Walker, J D	1.93
Faver, R A	1.93	Wade, W R	1.24
Gilpin, W D	1.93	White, J L	1.93
Golden, W H	1.93	Williams, E A	6.04
Griffin, T B	4.69	Womack, H	1.93
Griffin, G C	7.68	White, J B	1.93
Gross, W H	4.32	West, S W	1.93
Graham & McGuirt	5.27	Waggstaff J I	1.93
Gooden, Ed	4.88	Spur Sheet & Metal Works	11.74
Green, Nick	3.94	Those whose names appear on the above list will please call or write and settle at once.—H. P. COLE, Tax Collector.	
Green, J L	1.93		
Gooden, J H	1.93		
Glover, J C	7.90		
Hagins, E R	4.56		
Horton, J T	3.18		
Hughes, R	1.93		
Hubbard, F	4.23		
Holly, S	1.93		
Hawes, R L	4.53		
Henry, O C	4.24		
Holly, R L	3.97		
Hughey, O J	1.93		
Hunter, C J	21.94		
Henson, J C	1.93		
Hill, Geo M	1.93		
Hill, E	3.49		
Hubbard, E E	4.81		
Harvey, H D	1.93		
Heflin, R J	5.36		
Higgins, W Z	6.87		
Hill, E S	1.39		
House, C E	50.36		
Haines, H S	1.23		
Hodges, J W	17.74		
Humphrey, Mrs M M	3.49		
John, D C	3.16		
Jaye, Ross	1.93		
Johnson, Fred	1.93		
Jones, Y L	2.90		
Kimball, C C	3.94		
Kropp, S T	3.63		
Kimble, J M	.75		
Luthrell, J H	4.22		
Laws, O T	1.93		
Lomax, C B	8.80		
Lain, J R	1.93		

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mr. P. E. Hagins is on the grand jury at Dickens this week.

Mr. Willie Hagins spent Saturday and Sunday in the Jayton vicinity.

Messrs. J. Carlisle and son Charles, D. D. Hagins and L. W. Bilberry went to Dickens Monday.

Crops are still looking fine, but a rain would be appreciated by the Gilpin farmers.

Rev. Bennett filled his regular appointment at the Bond school house Sunday.

Ben Hagins and family spent Saturday and Sunday with kinsfolks in the Clipper settlement.

Charley Carlisle has bought a fine buggy, and now no longer goes alone.

Two of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins' children are on the sick list.—Johnny Jump-Up.

A. T. Odeneal has just received a large lot of the celebrated Hawk's spectacles and will sell for one-half regular price. See him at the Western Grocery Co.



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DICKENS COUNTY MOST PROSPEROUS

J. L. Hearn returned the latter part of last week from the Afton country where he has been engaged several days in improvement work. Mr. Hearn completed work on the C. A. Jones farm home and also finished up the work on the new residence of S. B. Scott in that section.

There is no more progressive country than the Spur country and Dickens county, and from every section comes the reports of building progress and substantial improvements of various character. Such reports not only indicate but substantially demonstrate that this country is not only progressive and prosperous but that those who live here and intend to make this their home know that the country is a safe proposition and rich in agricultural resources. This fact is not only being demonstrated each year but is being recognized by the outside world. Come to West Texas and the Spur country in particular. We offer advantages in commerce, educational facilities and social intercourse as well as unlimited agricultural resources.

DOCKUM NEWS

The farmers of Dockum Flat are very busy killing weeds.

Rev. Buck Hardin preached at Dry Lake school house Sunday.

Uncle Jimmie Sparks spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. E. J. Smith on Dockum Flat.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Walker spent Sunday with Uncle Billy Smith's family.

Mr. Floyd Pruett attended church and Sunday school at Dry Lake a few Sundays ago.

The young ladies of Dockum Flat had a leap year singing at Miss Addie Pruett's house Sunday night.

Miss Lena Harris of Matador spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Eddie Pruett of Dockum Flat.

We hear that Mr. Shird Smith near Dockum Flat was figuring on building him a house southwest of his father's place.—Bachelor Girl.

Arthur Poole, we are glad to note, is again able to be at his post of duty in the Henson & Poole grocery store. Mr. Poole recently had an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer hospital which has established an unprecedented reputation for success and skill in all cases of surgery.

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HIS WILL

Now comes the Arlington Journal which in addition to other things says of Col. Astor's conspicuousness as a hero, and it does look as if the Colonel was a little shi in looking after humanity left behind that has paid the toll:

"Now comes his last will and bears out all the Journal said, and more than we said. In the entire history of the world there has never been a will made that was more destitute of a single throb of philanthropy. He left—because he couldn't take it with him—wealth, mostly real estate, hence not of his making nor accumulation as to value, valued at from \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000—probably \$100,000,000 is about the correct figure. And not a dollar beyond \$30,000 to a small, obscure school in New Hampshire (worthy enough of course) did he leave to any sort of philanthropy or to any person for making the world better and preparing men and women for larger usefulness, but, like his selfish grandfather and father, his uncles and brothers, he left it all to his own blood and in such a way as to keep his vast holdings together intact, with directions for increasing them.

Verily, the world will not soon forget that other multi-millionaire who said, "It is a disgrace for a rich man to die rich." Mr. Carnegie is practicing what he preaches and the world is better; so does Mr. Rockefeller. Nothing is truer than that scripture which said in the words of the Master Himself, "A man's riches consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." And John Wesley rose to the heights of true manhood when he said: "A man ought to make all he can, save all he can, give all he can." And Mr. Wesley, though he made more than \$500,000, as wealth is counted now, gave away to uplift humanity until he scarcely left enough at his death to bury him. It is such men, and not in the Astors, that the world is made better and life made worth living.

FRANK IRVIN ACQUITTED

The case of the State vs. Frank Irvin, charged with the murder of Bug Sampson, was tried in the district court at Aspermont this week, and resulted in his acquittal, much to the surprise of all who heard the evidence.—Ex.

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

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

J. B. Morrison was in the city recently from his farm and ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur.

A BEAUTIFUL WORD PICTURE

I have wondered a thousand times if an infidel ever looked through a telescope. The universe is a dream of God and the heavens declare His glory. There is our mighty sun robed in the brightness of his eternal fires, and with the planets forever wheeling round. Yonder is Mercury and Venus, and there is Mars, the ruddy globe whose poles are white with snow, and whose other zones seem dotted with seas and continents. Who knows but that his roseate color is only the blush of his flowers? Who knows but what Mars may now be a paradise inhabited by a blessed face, unsullied by sin, untouched by death? The giant orb of Jupiter, the champion of the skies, belted and sashed with vapor and clouds; and Saturn, haloed with bands of lights and jeweled with eight ruddy moons, and there is Uranus, another stupendous world speeding on its prodigious circles of tireless journey around the sun. And yet another orbit cuts the outer rim of our system, and on its gloomy pathway, there, the lonely Neptune walks the cold, dim solitude of space. In the immeasurable depths beyond appear millions of suns, so distant that their light could not reach us in a thousand years. Here, spangling, the curtains of the black profound, shine the constellations that sparkle like crown jewels of God. There are double and triple and quadruple suns for different colors, comingling their gorgeous hues and flaming like arch-angels on the frontier of stellac space. If we look beyond the most distant star, the black walls are flecked with innumerable patches of flimy light like dewey gosamers of the spider's loom that dot our fields at morn. What beautiful forms we trace among these phantoms of light, circles, and eclipses and crowns and shields, and spiral wreaths of palet silver. And what are they? A telescope revolves them into millions of suns standing out from the ocean of white hot matter which contains the germ of countless systems yet to be. And far removed from us are these suns that the light which comes to us from them tonight has been spreading on its way for more than two million years.

What is that white belt we call the milky way which spans the heavens and sparkles like a Sahara of diamonds! It is a river of stars, it is a gulf stream of suns, and of each of the suns holds in its grasp a mighty stream of planets, as ours does, how many multiplied millions of worlds like ours are now circling in that immeasurable concourse?

Oh, where are the bounds of this divine conception? Where ends this dream of God? And is there no life and intelligence in this throng of sphere? Are there no sails on those faraway summer seas, no wings to cleave those crystal airs, no forms divine to walk those radiant fields? Are there no eyes to see these floods of light, no hearts to share with ours that love which holds all these mighty orbs of space? It cannot be! It cannot! Surely there is a God! If there is not, life is a dream, human experience is a phantom, and the universe is a flouting lie.—Bob Taylor.

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.

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RETURNS FROM AUSTIN

J. B. Yantis returned the latter part of last week from Austin where he had been to conduct Judge W. B. Gilpin to the asylum for treatment, he having been adjudged insane recently in Spur. Judge Gilpin is a well known citizen of this western country and in the early days was a leading and progressive citizen, and although at this time he is aged and enfeebled we hope that his treatment in the asylum will result to his benefit and that he will return home soon completely recovered.

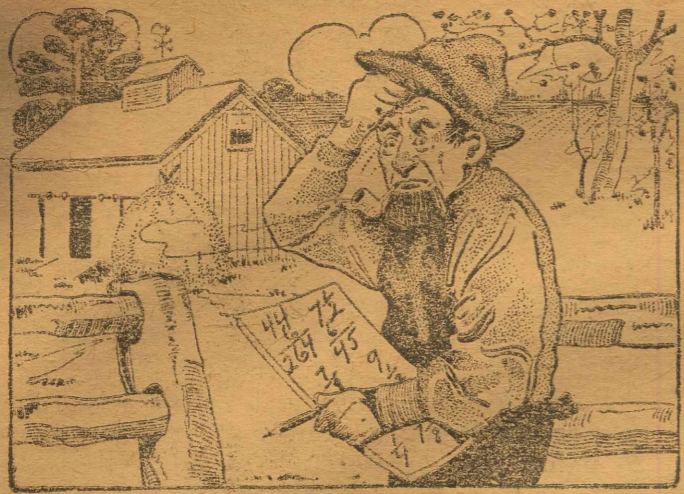
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LET US HELP YOU FIGURE IT

If you are figuring on building, or making some repairs about the place, and can't figure out just the amount of material it will take and how much it will cost you, come in and let us help you with it.

Right now would be a mighty good time to figure on building a barn, as we are a little long on this class of material and can make you money saving prices. But no matter what you want in lumber, get our prices before buying.

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FARLEY SAYERS KILLED

The report came to Spur last week of the killing of Farley Sayers in Quanah, Burk Bennett, a prominent cattleman, being charged with the killing.

It will be remembered that Farley Sayers recently killed his brother near Dumont. The latter killing is said to be a result of an old feud or differences of long standing. Burnett lives in Fort Worth and owns a ranch near Quanah.

Every cup is a cup of joy. White Swan Coffee. Sol has it, phone 139.

Billy Martens returned the latter part of last week from San Angelo and other places where he had been several weeks. During his absence Mr. Martens has been quite sick.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and says that they are as "dry as a bone" out his way, not having had any of the many recent rains. However, Tom did not look discouraged nor very much concerned as to the "dry conditions," and we venture the assertion that when harvest time arrives Tom will have the goods to market.

UNIQUE TRIBUTE TO BIBLE

The following is from an old manuscript that was found in Westminster Abbey, London, without signature or date:

A nation would be truly happy if it were governed by no other laws than those of this blessed Book, which contains everything needed to be known or done.

It gives instructions to a Senate, authority and directions to a magistrate.

It cautions a witness, requires an impartial verdict from a jury and furnishes the judge with his sentence. To understand it is to be wise, indeed; to be ignorant of it is to be destitute of true wisdom.

It entails immortality and life everlasting, and shows the way to glory.

It entails honor on parents, and enjoins obedience on children.

It prescribes and limits the sway of the sovereign and ruler, the authority of the master, commands the servants to obey, and promises the blessings and protection of the Almighty to all who walk by its rule.

It gives directions for weddings and for burying the dead. It points out a faithful guard-

jan to the departing husband and father; tells him with whom to leave his fatherless children, and whom his window can trust.

It teaches a man how to put his house in order and how to make his will; it appoints a dowry for his wife, and shows how the young branches should be left.

It contains choicest matter; gives the best instructions and affords the greatest degree of pleasure and satisfaction that mankind ever enjoyed.

It contains the best laws and the most profound mysteries that ever were penned, and it brings comfort to the disconsolate.

It is a brief recital of all that is to come, and settles all matters in dispute; resolves all doubt and eases the mind and conscience of all their scruples.

It reveals the only living and true God, and shows the way of salvation; in short, is a book of wisdom that condemns all folly and makes the foolish wise; a book of truth that detects all deceit and confronts all errors.

It contains the most ancient antiquities and describes strange events, wonderful occurrences, heroic deeds and unparalleled wars.

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It is the King's best guide; the young man's best companion; the school boy's spelling book, and the great and learned man's masterpiece.

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It affords knowledge for the witty and dark sayings for the grave; it is its own interpreter, and that which crowns it all is, the Author is without partiality and hypocrisy. "With whom their is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."—Selected.

COMMERCIAL NEWS

A business, unless based on honesty is bound for disaster.

Patronize home merchants and help the town grow and prosper.

The road to success usually lies next to a steam or electric right-of-way.

Talk alone will not build a city, put some hard work in your efforts.

"For Rent" signs are evidence of coming decay.

Make the city as you would your home a place of beauty and contentment.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE

R. B. Bryant made a contract last week with carpenters to build a residence on his lots in the northwest part of town, work to begin immediately.

Mr. Bryant's residence will be one of the finest in Spur, and we are glad to note that the building progress of Spur continues substantially and uninterruptedly.

Since the very beginning of Spur more than two years ago there has never been a time some character of building has not been in progress, and at the present time Spur is one of the best, most progressive and substantial commercial centers of all Western Texas.

PRESIDENTIAL SITUATION AS IT STANDS TO-DAY

Washington, May 25.—On the face of returns from Republican conventions and primaries thus far held President Taft has a total of 553, or twenty-three more than the majority necessary to nominate him at Chicago.

Roosevelt has 411 and needs 129 more delegates to land the nomination.

Only fifty-eight delegates remain to be chosen. They are to come from Arizona, New Jersey, South Dakota and twelve of them are delegates at large yet to be named by the Republican State conventions in Texas and Ohio.

Taft has 255 delegates who are instructed for him and who are not contested up to the present minute, he also has 136 delegates who were not given instructions, but who are represented as pledged or favorable to him, and likewise has 172 delegates, nearly all instructed, but likewise confronted with contests initiated by the Roosevelt forces. This is the way the Taft total of 563 is made up on the face of the returns.

Most of Roosevelt's delegates are bound to him by iron-clad instructions. Roosevelt has 317 delegates who have been instructed for him and whose right to sit in the convention has not been contested. He also has eighty delegates who have not been instructed, but are represented as pledged or favorable to his nomination. Fourteen delegates elected and instructed for Roosevelt have been contested by the Taft forces. This is now the Roosevelt total or 411 is formed.

Champ Clark's boom made no headway during the past week. The only States picking delegates were Ohio and Virginia. Wilson and Harmon only figured in the Buckeye situation and the Virginia delegates are to go to Baltimore uninstructed.

The Democratic situation on the face of returns is tonight as follows:

Instructed for, pledged or favorable to Speaker Clark, 343.

Instructed for, pledged or favorable to Gov. Wilson, 181.

Instructed for Representative Underwood, 81.

Instructed for, pledged or favorable to Gov. Harmon, 36.

Instructed for Gov. Marshall, 30.

Instructed for Gov. Baldwin, 14.

Pledged to Gov. Burke, 10.

Not instructed and uncertain, 124.

LORIMER MAY RESIGN

Washington, D. C., May 25.—Lorimer's friends can only count on forty votes for Lorimer when the vote is taken in the senate to pass upon whether or not he is to remain a member of that body. Thirty-nine are certain to oppose him, while sixteen are doubtful. Friends are not urging him to resign, but they are making the situation plain to him. It is now believed that he will resign because of "poor health." It is understood that Vice-President Sherman is explaining this to him.

Ross Edwards, Lemar Dunn, W. B. Griffin and others left the latter part of last week for the Plains country to sell lots and stock in the Prideaux Oil Development Company of Archer county.

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PLANTING MILO MAIZE AND KAFFIR CORN

The following information was prepared by the agricultural Extension Department of the A. & M. College of Texas:

In growing kaffir corn and milo maize fall preparation of the land is preferable to spring plowing. Deep plowing is better than shallow plowing because it encourages deep rooting. Fall broke land should be planted to some winter cover crop. If no winter cover crop is planted the soil should be harrowed during the winter months.

For good yields three to five pounds of seed to the acre is sufficient if the seed is good quality. Milo and kaffir are usually planted with an ordinary planter in rows about three and one-half feet apart. They should be from 12 to 18 inches apart between each hill and only one stalk to the hill. Some attachment should be used on the planter in order to pack the dirt, which makes it come up better. The seed should be buried at such a depth as to insure sufficient moisture for germination.

The cultivation of kaffir corn and milo maize is very similar. The deepest cultivation to be done should be done at first—followed by the shallow cultivation.

It is important that kaffir and milo maize for seed should be selected in the field. In selecting heads for seed the following points should be considered; (1) earliness, (2) drought resistance, (3) productiveness, (4) uniform height and ripening, (5) freedom of branches and suckers, (6) erect heads. The heads should be stored in a good dry place over winter and not thrashed out until planting time the following spring.

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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.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business and trading with the merchants.

W. E. Kellar recently sold his business house and lot on Harris Street to J. M. Chumley. Mr. Kellar is now making preparations to move his saddle and harness business to the place recently vacated by the Westside Barber Shop.

Rev. Stewart's brother and sister, of Tennessee, arrived in Spur Monday to be with Mr. Stewart during his illness. Rev. Stewart has been confined to his bed the past two weeks suffering with frequent hemorrhages of the lungs and as a result is in a very critical condition.

W. H. Stephens made a trip this week to the Plains country, including in his rounds, Amarillo, Plainview and Texico. He will return the latter part of the week bringing with him a fine horse which he and Marshall Neely traded for at Texico.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Braddock, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants. Mr. and Mrs. Braddock are now contemplating building a nice five room residence and will probably begin the work at an early date.

J. P. Simmons and wife, J. B. Richburg and family, Mrs. Chapman, Misses Iva Joplin and Elnora Dunn and others, making a party of nineteen, left Thursday of last week for Blanco and spent several very pleasant days fishing, returning Sunday night to Spur.

Mr. Goff left Monday for Throckmorton where he goes to deliver a wagon and team, he having sold his black horses and wagon to a party at that place for a consideration of near four hundred dollars. Mr. Goff's team was the best in the country.

Texas Spur for good advertising

The Texas Welfare Commission

The Commission Will Review the Industrial Life of State.

The Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association, recognizing that a wholesome public sentiment is the most powerful asset that a state or nation can possess, has launched the Welfare Commission for the purpose of providing the people with dependable information essential to a more intelligent analysis of economic conditions, to the end that our citizenship as a whole may be able to more readily distinguish lines of industry conducive to its progress and to more easily recognize and maintain public policies which promote the general welfare of the people.

This body of men will sit as a tribunal reviewing the material life of State and there will pass before it for inspection some of the grandest, the most stupendous and some of the saddest events in 20th century civilization.

In this line of march will be seen the Texas farmer hauling \$425,000,000 per annum of raw material to the foreign factory—forming a procession that will reach from the earth to the moon; the Texas cowboy will be there driving a herd of sixteen million head of live stock to the market. Our lumber mills loading a hundred thousand cars of their products for the factories of the North and East and millions of dollars of other products will pass on their journey to the factory.

More important than the mighty current of commerce that is sweeping our raw material from our State is the mute pleading of our powerful resources for an opportunity to pour a golden stream of wealth into the channels of trade. We have less than one fifth of our area under cultivation; our mineral wealth is sleeping undisturbed; our cotton factories can handle only one bale of cotton out of every seventy produced. The opening of the Panama Canal will flood us with a new world of opportunities and we have many possibilities yet undeveloped.

The return of the tide of commerce brings with it from the foreign factory \$100,000,000 of finished products per annum and we ship in seventy-five million dollars of feed stuff per annum, 5,200 carloads of cured meats per annum, 2,000 cars of canned goods and \$25,000,000 of miscellaneous items, all of which can and should be produced and manufactured in Texas.

Mrs. Potts left last week for Decatur where she goes to attend the unveiling ceremonies of her deceased husband's monument. She will probably remain in that place a week or ten days visiting friends before returning to home in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyler spent Sunday at Crow Springs near Dickens and report a most pleasant outing.

Business house and lot for sale. Now occupied by C. H. McDonald Confectionery. Price \$1500. See C. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Allie Campbell, who has been spending the past week with relatives and friends at Rotan, returned this week to her home in Spur.

A. Esser, of Abilene, representing the North American Accident Insurance Company, was in Spur this week looking after the business in this section.

R. M. Broyles and family, of Lockney, visited W. G. Broyles and family several days last week, returning home Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Ballew, sister of J. C. McNeill, was operated upon Monday at the Standifer Hospital, and we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely at this time.

The East India Medicine Company spent several days in Spur this and last week selling their medicines and entertaining the crowds by songs and dances.

Mr. Rhodes, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports his section of the country in fine shape.

Mesdames Burgoon and Turnage left the latter part of last week to visit their mother at Grapevine who is reported quite sick and in a critical condition as a result of an surgical operation.

Wyatt Taylor and wife, of the Plains country, were in Spur Wednesday trading and visiting their son, W. S. Taylor, and family. Mr. Taylor says that crops are fine on the Plains.

G. W. Dodson, of near Mador, was in Spur Tuesday on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Dodson reports his section of country in the finest condition with respect to crops and crop conditions.

Hamp Collett, of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his subscription to this paper and the Dallas News renewed and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Collett reports everything in the finest shape in his section.

Judge McClain and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in the city Monday trading and spent some time here. While in the city the Judge called around at the Texas Spur office and handed in a dollar, having the paper sent to W. M. Rhoades of New Mexico.

Editor Frank E. White, of the Crosbyton Review, was in Spur Monday and spent a few hours here with friends. We notice that Mr. White is a candidate for Representative from his District. He is a level-headed man and we will be glad to see him elected to the place.

Mr. Seider returned the latter part of last week from the Afton country where he and wife spent the week with relatives and friends. He says that he never saw a country in better shape with respect to crop prospects than the Afton country at this time.

Billy Martens left the first of the week for the country where he is spending the week recuperating from an illness of several days duration. We hope that the trip to the country will prove beneficial to his condition.

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J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent some time here.

W. G. Broyles and wife and R. M. Broyles and family visited in Dickens Sunday.

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city this week on business and trading.

STRAYED—A dark bay horse, one eyed, front foot cut with wire. Tell C. H. Senning about him.

R. O. Owens, of Rotan, passed through Spur the first of the week for Dickens where he intends to do watch repairing work, etc. during court week. He reports business dull at this time in Rotan but says that they have fine crop prospects.

W. G. Broyles, R. M. Broyles and Geo. S. Link made a business trip to Jayton Monday.

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Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here.

Hodges Haile was in the city this week from his home in the Afton country and hauled out a load of supplies.

Sunday W. F. Godfrey, Miss Mary Jane Smith, Earl Roberts, Miss Jessie Beavers, Jack Stringer and Miss Grace Randleman went over to Crow Springs where they spent several hours very pleasantly.

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