

MOTHERS' CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

The concert given under the auspices of the Mothers' Club Monday evening at the High School auditorium was one of the highest class entertainments ever given in Spur. The attendance, though small, was appreciative, as shown by the numerous encores.

The Mothers' Club takes this method of thanking all who took part in the concert, and especially the ones who took the places made vacant by some of those whose names appeared on the program being unavoidably absent.—Mrs. I. S. York, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary; Mrs. Geo. M. Williams, Chairman, Entertainment Committee.

NITROGEN AND FOOD

Wall Street Journal: A recent issue of the London Times gives prominence to results of many years' experiments in manufacturing a fertilizer from the nitrogen of the atmosphere. It is now claimed that the experimental stage has passed into the domain of assured fact.

Nitrogen, usually worth about \$30 a ton, is the most expensive of the three principal elements of soil fertility. To make a bale of cotton the growing plants draw 100 pounds of it from the soil.

How much did it take to make last season's sixteen-million-bale crop? The cereal crops together will demand eight billion pounds of it every year, to say nothing of the hay and sugar beet crops, and other nitrogen consumers.

Unless every year an amount of nitrogen is returned to land equal to that taken out, the soil becomes sterile. Our pitifully small average yields of grain and cotton are mute witness of the result.

All available substances containing ammonia in any form are used to replace the annual drain; but the amount can never be sufficient. The world has been compelled to look to the nitrate mines of Chile and Peru, and annually to import large quantities from those countries, which have a monopoly in the substance but about fifteen years ago the fact was brought home to the world that mines would be exhausted fifty years.

Science has attempted to solve the problem of "fixing" or combining the nitrogen of the atmosphere with other elements, to make it available for plant food. Apparently has succeeded. Prof. Hopkins of the University of Illinois was recently quoted as saying that there is ten million dollars' worth of nitrogen in the air above every acre of land.

Be that as it may, with nitrogen forming 80 per cent of the atmosphere the supply of it is unlimited; and with it available for plant food the alarmist loses another opportunity of picturing a near future when all animal life must perish from the face of the earth for want of food.

Editor Thompson of the Dickens Item was in the city Wednesday.

BAPTIST MEETING

A protracted meeting will begin at the Baptist Tabernacle on Sunday, June the 16th. The Pastor will be assisted in the services by Evangelist L. E. Finney and Singer Hiatt, both of whom are expected to arrive by the 18th. Messrs. Finney and Hiatt are well known in the Evangelistic field, both in and out of Texas.

The public is given an earnest invitation to attend the meeting. Our friends of all denominations, the different congregations in the city, are cordially invited to co-operate with us for a great soul-winning campaign.—G. C. Berryman.

A WELCOME DECISION.

Chicago Tribune: The Federal Supreme Court has just handed down a decision which is an admirable expression of the aroused moral consciousness of the evils practiced in what is ironically called "high finance."

Certain high financiers of an unfortunately familiar type organize a corporation and proceeded to sell to this fiction and absolutely their creature, properly owned by them. The valuation affirmed in this theoretical sale was, of course, exorbitant, but on the basis of it stock was sold to the public.

The device is well known, and a certain kind of legal logic is relied upon to protect it. The Supreme Court now has refused to countenance it, and the wholly unearned and unsupported profits must be returned.

The number of American fortunes that within the last quarter of a century have been built upon such legerdemain is not pleasant to contemplate. They are indefensible from any point of view save that of formal law. They should no longer be defended even from that point of view. They do not represent any economy, any benefit of organization, any creation of new value. They represent merely the cheating of legitimate investors.

That we have permitted the Get-Rich-Quick Wallingfords to thrive as they have in America is a reproach to our laws, our courts, and social morals. The Spanish Main of our "high finance" needs to be swept clean of the freebooter.

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

Commercial printing cheap.

TARIFF PROSPECTS DIMMER THAN EVER

Washington, June 5.—Prospects of any tariff legislation emerging from Congress at this session and going to the President to make a clean-cut campaign issue are dimmer than ever. The situation was not improved by the action of the Democratic members of the House Committee on Ways and Means today when that committee took up the steel bill, as sent back to the House by the Senate, and voted to concur in two of the amendments and non-concur in one amendment.

The steel bill having been modified by the senate so as to affect the raising of finances, had to go to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration. The Democratic members of the committee this morning took up the amended measure and voted to send it back to the Senate with a declaration by the House that it concurs in the two amendments reducing the tariff on pigiron and ferrosilicon and not concurring in the rider repealing the Canadian reciprocity act, which also substitutes for free paper from Canada a rate of \$2 per ton on all paper from whatever country imported.

Representative Ollie James, a member of the committee, said it is now up to the Senate to demand a conference on the item on which the house is expected to vote its non-concurrence. Should the Senate fail to ask a conference the bill will fail as far as this session is concerned, unless the House votes to accept the bill with the reciprocity rider.

Other Democrats do not take this view. By some it is contended that should the House uphold the Ways and Means Committee and say to the Senate that it will not accept the provision repealing the reciprocity act, there will be nothing about which to hold a conference, and that the action of the House will mean the end of the steel bill, unless the Senate votes to recede.

If the Senate standpatters carry out their plan to attach the reciprocity rider to all the pending tariff bills, the fate of tariff legislation, as far as this session is concerned, is doomed.

G. Walter Powers, of Hamlin, was in the city Wednesday. Mr. Powers recently sold his newspaper interests in that city.

THE MEETING

At Christian Tabernacle continues. Services begin at 8:30 o'clock each night. The Old Jerusalem Gospel is being preached in its purity; nothing added, nothing taken from. Brother Borden is a fine speaker. If you are not attending these meetings you don't know what you are missing. The house is being filled each night and quite a number are being seated in the open. We have seats arranged so all that will attend can be seated comfortably. We are anxious for every man, woman and child in Spur to hear these sermons. They will do you good. Meeting will continue until Sunday night, the 16th of this month. Come out to these meetings. The sooner you come first the sooner you will attend regularly. Come.—A. T. Odeneal, T. A. Tidwell and J. V. McCormick.

I AM THE PRINTING PRESS

I am the printing press, born of the Mother Earth. My heart is of steel, my limbs are of brass.

I sing the songs of the world, the oratories of history, the symphonies of all time.

I am the voice of today, the herald of tomorrow. I weave into the warp of the past the woof of the future. I tell the stories of peace and war alike.

I make the human heart beat with passion or tenderness. I stir the pulse of nations, and make brave men do braver deeds, and soldiers die.

I inspire the midnight toiler, weary at his loom, to lift his head again and gaze, with fearlessness, into the vast beyond, a myriad people listen to my voice. The Saxon, the Latin, the Celt, the Hun, the Slav, the Hindu, all comprehend me.

I am the tireless clairon of the news. I cry your joys and sorrows every hour. I fill the dullards mind with thoughts uplifting. I epitomize the conquest of mind over matter.

I am the record of all things mankind has achieved. My offspring comes to you in the candle's glow, amid the dim lamps of poverty the splendor of riches at sunrise, at high noon, and in the waning evening.

I am the laughter and tears of the world, and I shall never die until all things return to the immutable dust. I am the printing press.—Robert H. Davis.

W. T. Duke, of three miles south of Spur, was in the city Tuesday.

SPUR CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETS

In compliance with an invitation from the Secretary of the Commercial Club to the ladies of Spur, a meeting was held at the club rooms Wednesday afternoon, and the Spur Cemetery Association was organized with twelve charter members.

Mrs. J. H. Grace was elected President, Mrs. I. S. York Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Rieburg Treasurer, E. C. Edmonds, Geo. S. Link and Jeff D. Reagan Trustees.

A committee on rules, regulations, etc., was appointed to report at the next meeting, which will be held at the Commercial Club rooms Monday afternoon, June 10th, at which meeting other officers will be named and the duties of all officers defined.

The business men of Spur endorse the move taken by our good ladies, who will take charge of, fence and beautify the Cemetery grounds east of Spur that were set aside for burial purposes by S. M. Swenson & Sons when the town was platted.

TAP TELLINGS

W. A. North was here this week attending to business.

A number of our people are attending court at Dickens this week.

Mrs. P. Hinson and children are visiting relatives at Norton this week.

T. B. Rutherford and family, worshipped with the people at White River Sunday.

B. F. Hinson of Steel Hill, was here the past week visiting relatives and friends.

We are getting a little dry out this way but crops are looking good. Everybody busy plowing and chopping cotton.

Rev. J. S. Neal filled his appointment at White River school house Sunday. Preaching to a crowded house.

J. E. Sparks and wife, Orwin Lambert and others spent a day fishing this week at Saints' Rest. We guess they caught 'em but they didn't bring 'em home.

Little Amsey Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Thomas, died the latter part of last week and the remains were laid to rest Friday evening at five o'clock. J. S. Neal conducted the funeral services. To the bereaved ones we commend you to God who said "My grace is sufficient for thee.—Gadabout.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At a regular meeting of Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M., Thursday, May 30, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. A. Hamilton, W. M.; W. S. Taylor, S. W.; C. H. Loveless, J. W.; E. C. Edmonds, Treasurer; Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary; S. T. Clemmons, S. D.; C. A. Jones, J. D.; W. G. Sherrod, S. S.; J. E. Morris, J. S.; Mark Hardin, Chaplain and E. F. Springer, Tiler.

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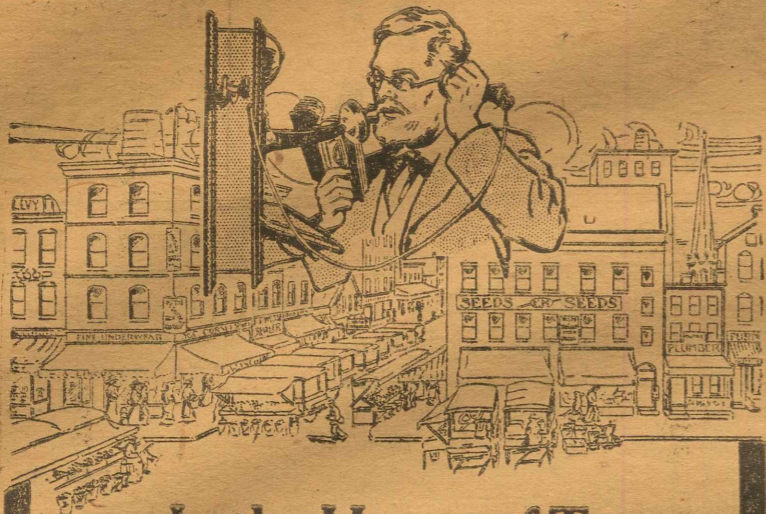
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It appears from what we learn from newspapers and other sources that the south, both the business and farming elements, are in a fair way to get together on a plan for marketing the cotton crop in a way that will take it out of the hands of the speculators and leave the profits where they belong—in the pockets of the producers.

The agency working directly to bring about this result is the Southern States' Cotton Corporation, organized under the laws of Alabama. As our readers will be keenly interested in this proposition we will give briefly an outline of the plan the Corporation proposes for handling the crop as taken from the prospectus furnished by Judge Poole.

The Southern States' Cotton Corporation has an authorized capitalization of \$1,000,000 voting stock and \$6,000,000 of participation certificates, which will be placed throughout the South. There is provided for a board of fifty directors, apportioned to the states on the basis of cotton produced by each.

The Corporation proposes to obtain for the cotton growers 15 cents per pound for cotton, basis middling.

Through each county organization the Corporation proposes to issue contracts which will be known as "Selling Certificates" to the cotton growers at \$1.50 per bale up to July 1st and at

\$1.75 per bale after July 1st. This "Selling Certificate" feature is largely to ascertain beforehand the number of bales the Corporation must be prepared to handle. This "Selling Certificate," is a contract executed by the Corporation and obligating it to procure for the producer 15 cents per pound for the number of bales specified in it, on middling basis, delivered to the Corporation after August 1, 1912. The Corporation proposes to pay 11 cents cash per pound when the cotton is delivered 4 cents per pound in scrip bearing 6 per cent annual interest payable each 90 days until the cotton is finally sold. Meantime the cotton is stored in warehouses under bond to the Corporation, which obligates itself to pay all freight, insurance, and storage charges, in short to dispose of the cotton at such a price as will pay all expenses of handling and net the producer 15 cents a pound.

It will be seen that the purpose in withholding a pound is to give the Corporation a margin for holding the surplus or enough cotton off the market until the mills will take it on the basis of price set by the Corporation. However, as the 4 cents, or \$20 per bale, is in the form of 6 per cent interest bearing scrip issued against bonded cotton by the Corporation it would appear that the producer could use it as collateral at his local bank or in settling accounts, so that the use of the entire 15 cents per pound from the time he delivered his cotton.

The foregoing are the main

features of the Southern States' Cotton Corporation's plan as fully as we have space to give them. It is plain and simple and looks as if it ought to solve the South's great problem, if her business men and farmers will take it up earnestly.

Government statistics of production and prices in 1910 and 1911 show conclusively that the farmers and the business interests of the South lost over three hundred millions of dollars on the last crop as compared with that of 1910. When a plan is offered guaranteeing to save this loss to the South, surely then we should have sufficient energy and intelligence to grasp it.

The special Committee of the Texas Welfare Commission which met in Dallas last week to consider this proposition endorsed it fully, as reported in The News, as follows:

"Whereas we, the undersigned farmers and business men of Texas and other States, realizing the cotton growers do not receive for their cotton a price equal to the cost of producing same (leading to the impoverishment of the farmers and demoralizing of business, due to a serious defect in our present plan of marketing of cotton, by which plan the price of cotton is uncertain and fixed independent of any condition known or anticipated by the growers), and having thoroughly investigated the plan and organization of the Southern States' Cotton Corporation and thoroughly believing in the equity and feasibility of said plan insuring to the cotton grower a price of not less than 15 cents per pound, basis middling, for cotton at his local market.

"Therefore be it resolved. That we, the undersigned, do most heartily and unanimously indorse and approve the organization and plan of the Southern States' Cotton Corporation and earnestly urge all good citizens of the cotton growing States to join in advancing this, knowing that in its success and welfare of the entire country is vitally concerned. We, without one dissenting voice, pledge our individual and united support of its accomplishment and do here now request our Governor, O. B. Colquitt, to call a conference of the Governors of the Southern States to meet in this State at an early date for the purpose of discussing and approval of the plans of the Southern States' Cotton Corporation and encourage co-operation with said corporation throughout the Southern States. Respectfully submitted, your committee: Howard Bland, B. L. Sherley, J. H. Christolm, C. C. Mayhew."

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

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

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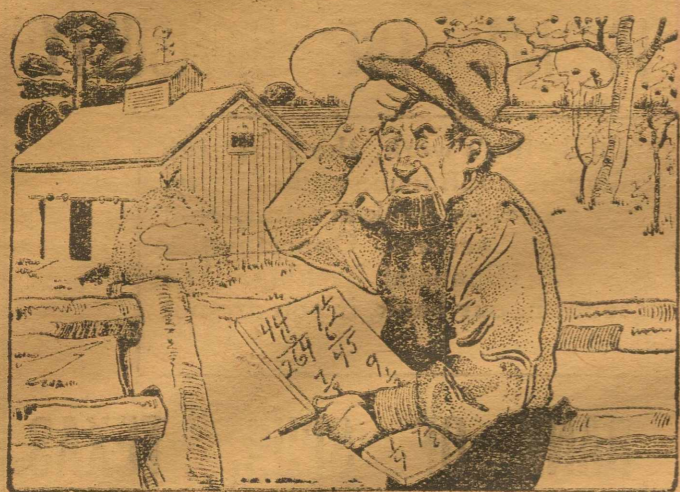
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PREPARATION FOR OLD AGE

How are we to meet the responsibilities of earning a living and enjoy the quiet and contentment that should accompany old age? What provisions should be taken while there is enthusiasm strength and perseverance to prepare us for the stern realities of old age? These questions will be uppermost in minds of young people who are entering upon their life work and who expect to reach that ripe age which gives strength and alertness of character acquired by diligence to the duties of citizenship and interest in neighborly kindness. No more laudable ambition is possible than a desire to live long enough to brighten the lives of those with whom we come in contact, and to leave a monument, not alone of marble, but of deeds designed to teach others the art of useful living.

Farm life has many advantages over the ordinary wage system or even for those who are dependent upon salaried positions. The farm, with its livestock, implements, machinery and crops is a safe investment, and even should the owner become incapacitated for labor, it is an easy matter to secure a competence

from the farm. The increase in land values makes the investment desirable and the owners past experience in farming makes it possible for him to direct the work of the farm intelligently and hence profitably.

When the shades of life are lengthening and the ambitions of youth have taken their flight, the farm home becomes dearer and its environments sacred. The charm of the woodland, the verdure of the fields, and the fruits of the orchard bear witness to years employed; young animals and growing plants stimulate hope and waft the tottering footsteps onward. The comforts of the country home rest the body, stimulate the declining vitality and afford opportunity for longevity. And finally when the summons comes what better environment could one desire in which to close the walks of life than the old farm home, and what heritage could be richer to leave for one's children than the farm that has maintained them, given them health and happiness and taught them Nature's handiwork?—Farm and Ranch.

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XXXII. GOVERNING

PETER THE GREAT, standing at the tomb of Richelieu exclaimed, "Thou Great Man, I would have given thee half of my dominion to have learned of thee how to govern the other half," and Peter the Great was one of the most progressive monarchs of any nation or age. The greatest rulers the world has ever produced are those who sought wise counsel from their associates and profited by the experiences of others.

Knowledge is the most valuable element known in human life and to government it is the most powerful asset in civilization.



PETER THE GREAT AT THE TOMB OF RICHELIEU.

Let that country feel secure whose rulers cry aloud for wisdom and who are anxious to exchange power for knowledge and sacrifice ambition for intelligence to the end that the throne may become the fount that makes the brook of industry flow and flood the land with a golden stream of happiness and prosperity, Texas Needs Great Men.

DIED POOR REFUSED TO ADVERTISE

Aura, Ill., May 28.—The death of D. W. Stockwell of this city at Hawarden, Canada, last night, marked the passing of one of the quaintest characters in Illinois.

He was known as "The Man Who Stood Still."

As owner of one of the biggest stores in Northern Illinois outside of Chicago during the Civil War, he prospered. After the war he failed to keep abreast of the times and the same goods which he carried then still adorn the shelves and show windows of the store.

Five years after the war he was still making a profit. In ten years more the place was a curiosity shop, and has continued so. The hoop skirt, barber striped hose, jet jewelry and like antiquities contained a part of his stock.

In later years he was the only one who entered the place except visitors to the city. He did no advertising. He had about \$10,000 worth of goods and settled down to wait for customers, who never came. He was at business at 7 o'clock each morning and remained until 6 in the evening. He was 77 years old.

Mrs. Harry Slack, of Comanche, and son, Courtney, in the guest of Mrs. W. H. Stephens this week.

Texas Spur for good advertising

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Dickens, Texas, June 1st, 1912.—In accordance with law, I hereby call a meeting of all members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County to meet at the Court House in Dickens on Monday, June 17th, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of apportioning the expenses of the Primary Election among the various candidates and transacting such further business as may be necessary to come before the Committee at said meeting.—L. G. Crabtree, County Chairman Democratic Executive Committee.

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Fred Higginbotham, of Dublin, brother of T. L. Higginbotham of this city, came in Monday and has accepted a position with the Spur Ice & Bottling Works.

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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 Representative (105th District):
A. J. Hagins

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)

W. D. Clay and wife visited in Dickens Tuesday.

C. L. Love went to Dickens on business Tuesday.

J. F. Vernon and I. D. Gamble had business in Paducah Wednesday.

C. L. Love went to Stamford Wednesday on business.

T. H. Cravy and son, of Cat Fish, were here Wednesday trading with Spur business men.

R. H. Walker and Hugh Hazlewood made a business trip to the county capital Monday.

Bill Saulsbury, of Floydada, was in Spur this week on business.

J. W. Bramhall, W. F. Godfrey and Oran McClure made a trip to Crosbyton this week.

We are sorry to note the fact that Laura Atterbury is on the sick list this week.

Carl Patton, of Floydada, spent several days in Spur this week.

Miss Winkler, who has been visiting the Misses Fite for the past several days, returned Saturday to her home.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Zinn and daughter, of Stephenville, arrived in Spur, on an extended visit at the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Zinn.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Elliott will soon be able to leave the Standifer Sanitarium after a successful operation.

L. M. Johnson and S. P. Preslar were in the city Tuesday and while here made large bills with Spur merchants.

Stanley J. Clark, Socialist speaker, of Oklahoma, spoke on the streets Tuesday to a large crowd of people.

C. J. Gardner and L. G. Garrett, two prominent and prosperous farmers of west of Spur, were in Tuesday and report crop prospects never better at this time of year, but that just a little shower would be appreciated.

JOE SAPPINGTON ON SOCIALISM

Gentle reader, have you ever had the beauties of socialism explained to you by a member of the socialist party? If you have, I know just how you feel and can sympathize with you, as I am just now recovering from the effects of an extended explanation of it by a large male member of that political faith. I had almost as soon undergo an operation for the removal of my appendix as to have socialism explained to me again by a socialist.

The average democrat or republican can state his political views in the briefest manner and let it go at that, whether his ideas are accepted or not, but with the socialist it is different—it takes him nine hours to get fairly started, and when he gets hold of a victim he never turns loose as long as he can hold him by argument or physical force.

The fellow who tried to convert me to socialism used twice as much force as argument. For the first two hours he delt mostly in argument and quoted from every authority on the subject from Genesis to the National Ripsaw, but in the last four hours he interspersed his argument with force and maltreated me in the most shocking manner. During the six hours in which he was engaged in explaining to me how socialism was destined to lift all the burdens from the shoulders of the human family, tore my shirt into threads and left his finger prints on my tender neck. It was during the third hour of his argument that I made my first attempt to escape from the room where he had me cornered, and it was while making this attempt that he tore my shirt to pieces in his effort to hold me. However, he never laid violent hands on me until the latter part of the sixth hour of his argument, when I tried to hit him over the head with the office stool. That was when he choked me.

I have a scheme which if put into practice, would in my opinion go a long way toward suppressing petty crime. My scheme is for the courts of the country, when they find a man guilty of drunkenness, wife-beating and other minor crimes, to turn him over to a socialist and force him to listen to a four-hour's talk on socialism.

I know this punishment would be bitterly assailed by the members of the Humane Society, as well as all of those who believe in kind treatment to prisoners, as they would be sure to contend that the penalty was too severe for the offense. But as stated, it would keep down crimes, as no man, no matter how tough he might be, would dare commit a crime the second time where the penalty forced him to listen to a talk on socialism by a wild-eyed, long-winded socialist.

If I ever meet old Bill Serogins again I am going to walk right up to him and grasp his hand and ask him to forgive me for disputing his word about sitting in a poker game for thirty-six hours on a stretch, without eating or sleeping. I made up my mind to apologize to old Bill on sight after meeting with my first socialist, for I am positive that this fellow, with the proper encouragement, would have talked socialism for forty-eight hours on a dead stretch, without feed, drink or sleep, thereby beating old Bill's poker stunt by twelve hours.

Socialism must be very hard on the system of those who argue it, as there is nothing more detrimental to health than the loss of sleep and exposure to bad weather. The average socialist will stand out in a hail storm to argue socialism. It is the opinion of those who have investigated the matter, that if socialists would devote just half as much time to their personal affairs as they do to the government, they would become immensely rich.

I once heard a story that illustrates the zeal the average socialist has for his party. The story goes that once upon a time a stranger was found dead in a community where there was but one socialist. No one knew the

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stranger, and just before the remains were lowered into the grave an appropriate song was sung and a short prayer delivered after which the minister announced that anyone desiring to say a few words on this solemn occasion was at liberty to do so. The socialist brother saw that it was a chance for him to get in some licks for his party and stepped to the edge of the grave and solemnly observed:

"Brething, I don't know nothen about this corpse, but I want to say a few words about the socialist party and what it will do for the poor men, and now if youens will give me your attention, I'll read you a few columns from the Ripsaw and Appeal to Reason and—" but just then three able-bodied men took hold of him and pulled him away from the grave. He fought like a tiger and swore that it was a dirty democratic trick to throttle free speech.

Scientists are making some startling discoveries, and are finding that nearly all human ills are caused from germs. Who knows but what they will discover yet that it is a germ that produces that form of insanity that causes men to stand on the street corners, by-ways and in back alleys, and bore people with socialistic rot, while their own wives are taking in washing to support their own families.—Mineola Monitor.

P. Henson, a prominent citizen of Red Mud, was in the city Wednesday trading with the merchants.

Ollie Tunnell made a business trip to Stamford this week.

Doctor Felton Cleghorn left Tuesday for Hemphill County to reside there in the future.

Mrs. R. P. Miller, of Mangum, Oklahoma, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Zinn.

John Hatfield, of Lockney, was a business visitor to Spur this week.

Little Miss Adie May Fite is spending the summer in Stephens county, the guest of Miss Alpha Richie.

Mrs. T. E. Fears and children, of Altus, Oklahoma, sister of Mrs. Zinn, are in the city on an extended visit.

Mrs. A. G. Love and children, of Dickens, spent last week in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Power.

Judge Dalton and Ray McWhiter, who have been in Spur the past several days, left Tuesday for Plainview.

Rev. Bowles left this week for Missouri and it is rumored that when he returns Mrs. Bowles will accompany him and will make Spur their home.

Ross Edwards and Lehma Dunn, who have been on the Plains selling lots for the Prudeaux Oil Development Company returned Tuesday to Spur.

Miss Ethel Fite is on an extended visit to friends at Draper.

Wess Hisey made a business trip to Jayton this week.

Mr. Higginbotham arrived in Spur Monday and will visit indefinitely with his brother, T. L. Higginbotham.

Earl Mayfield, who has been attending Draughon's Business College in Spur, returned Sunday to his home in Jayton.

Mr. Miller, who has been in Spur the past several months left Sunday for his home in Abilene.

Jack Moseworth passed through Spur Tuesday on his way home after an extended visit in eastern Texas.

Mrs. Slack and little son, of Comanche, arrived in Spur Monday and will spend a week or ten days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and Mr. and Mrs. Neely.

N. A. Baker, manager of Spur Hardware Co. Store returned Tuesday from Stephenville where he had been visiting friends and relatives for the past several days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Broyles left Sunday for San Antonio, Wills Point and other eastern towns where they will spend a month or six weeks recuperating.

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.

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IS good advertising, but its scope and effectiveness is limited to the passer-by who chances to read as he runs. A sign board in The Texas Spur is carried to the homes of the Spur Trade Territory and is read by every member of the family; therefore, to that extent is better and will bring more results than a road sign. A sign board in the paper is more effective and costs less.

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The Currents of Civilization
Flowing Texasward—69,000
Homeseekers and \$123,000,000
of Property Moving
Into Texas Annually.

There is no more inspiring scene than to watch the growth of an empire, and no viewpoint is more instructive than to sit by the highway of civilization and watch the currents of progress sweep life and property Texasward.

Along the roadstead of nations there passes annually 69,000 homeseekers and \$123,000,000 of property. In this moving van of civilization can be heard the accents of every nation and the jostle of property from every clime. In this line of march can be seen the fiery haste of the East, the hurry and bustle of the North, the enterprise and enthusiasm of the West, the strange and powerful energy of Europe and the queer frugality of the Orient—all united in one thought and one purpose—to build in Texas the grandest civilization the world has ever known.

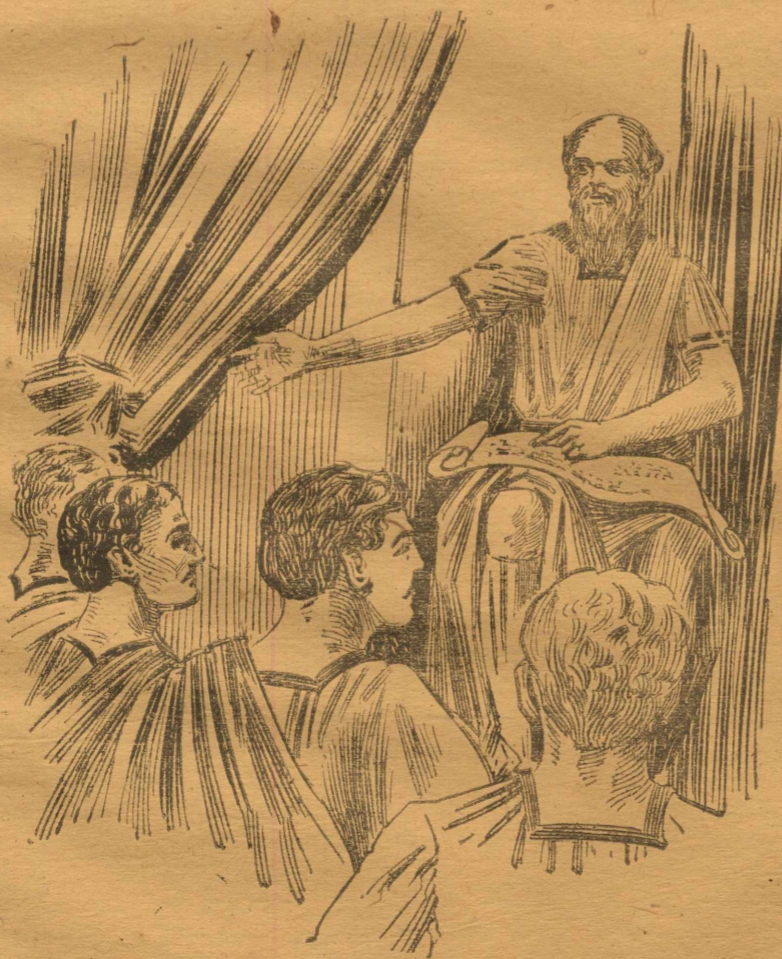
This mighty movement of world forces is the most tremendous event in human affairs today. This uprising in civilization is gathering its forces from the hills and valleys of two continents and its powerful sweep is startling the nations of the earth. No country on the globe ever possessed such a powerful asset, and economic students look with amazement upon this accumulation of human power in Texas, which must inevitably result in recasting the civilization of the whole world.

In a decade our immigration has given us a population exceeding that of the States of New Hampshire, Vermont or Delaware, and the money moved into the state during this period has exceeded the assessed value of all property in all the above states combined. Our population and wealth increased so rapidly that the figures are too large to grasp, and we must measure our growth by States and Nations.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XL. WISDOM

SOCRATES taught the Athenians philosophy and Solon gave Greece her laws and under their inspiring influence civilization bore its noblest fruits. The Greeks owed their advancement to strong leaders who were able to grapple with fundamental thoughts and to a citizenship that drank deeply at the fountain of truth and wisdom. Every age has been indebted for progress to its geniuses who could open the store-house of knowledge and history tells us that nations pine away and die in the arms of ignorance.



SOCRATES TEACHING WISDOM.

Let that nation that would reach the towering height of civilization rock the cradle of thought in the billows of progress, nurture genius on the milk of inspiration, chasten ambition with the rod of experience that civilization may bloom and bear its golden fruits of power, happiness and prosperity. Texas Needs Great Men.

INSOLVENT LIST OF TAX PAYERS, DICKENS COUNTY TEXAS

Alston, J A	\$6.88	Nelms E C	4.53
Brown, Geo L	9.63	Neal, J S	3.09
Bobs, L A	1.93	Norris, T B	3.37
Boyles, H P	1.93	Overman, D M	5.86
Boone, B B	1.93	Odam, G W	2.89
Butts, R O	4.76	Peacock, W P	1.93
Butts, T J	2.01	Peacock, L M	1.93
Brannon, J H	1.93	Pugh, J P	5.75
Brannen, R E	3.27	Robertson, J	1.93
Ballard, L A	3.65	Riter, L N	3.64
Brumhall, J W	1.93	Rhodes, J W	3.86
Bass, W F	3.94	Spur Furniture Co	18.17
Brown, E M	1.93	Stephens, N H	3.87
Bandy, J W	3.49	Stephens, Elmer K	1.93
Breithling, J M	2.58	Stewart, E L	2.68
Blackwell, S T	1.49	Smith, M	1.93
Bartley, H S	20.19	Stewart, R A	4.58
Bail, H D	2.73	Shelby, J A	1.93
Bledsow, R Roy	1.93	Shelton, J E	1.74
Campbell, R D	2.68	Shipley, Jno	3.26
Chism, W E	1.93	Scoggins, A B	3.55
Chenault, Henry	1.93	Tidwell & Haines	7.99
Conner, C H	1.93	Trout, A B	1.93
Cook, H B	3.36	Trout, J M	1.93
Clayton, M J	2.95	Tankersley, R J	6.54
Chatman, S T	3.38	Trout, A C	3.93
Coleman, S A	4.22	Thomas, A L	4.69
Copeland, W A	6.93	Tyler, E G	5.95
Copeland, T C	3.61	Teague, E W	3.18
Currie, D R	5.67	Traweek, A B	2.77
Coleman, T B	5.95	Vinon, G H	5.28
Craig, J W	6.32	Verner, T M	8.76
Crump, J F	5.01	Wright, T E	3.83
Dye, W I	1.93	Walker, J D	1.93
Dodge, H D	8.28	Wade, W R	1.24
Davis, T V	2.60	White, J L	1.93
Davis, J A C	2.89	Williams, E A	6.04
Dickson, Jas B	1.93	Womack, H	1.93
Durham, C S	2.74	White, J B	1.93
Dement, Ernest	4.99	West, S W	1.93
Edwards, J T	2.12	Waggstaff J I	1.93
Edwards & Vinson	2.75	Spur Sheet & Metal Works	11.74
Ellis, Hub	8.75	Those whose names appear on the above list will please call or write and settle at once.—H. P. COLE, Tax Collector.	
Edgar, W F	2.73		
Ernest, W D	3.70	Dock Ellis, of the Swenson Ranch, was in the city Tuesday after supplies and says everything is moving swiftly out his way.	
Floyd, Forrist	3.56	Miss Fite, who has been teaching in the northeast corner, returned recently to Spur and will make this her home during the summer.	
Faver, R A	1.93	Geo. Roberts, banker and ranchman, of near Rotan spent Tuesday in Spur transacting business and shaking hands with his many friends.	
Gilpin, W D	1.93	Mrs. Hugh Squires and children and Miss Alma Young, of Afton, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday shopping, and spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Oran McClure.	
Golden, W H	4.93	J. P. Higgins, of fourteen miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and reports that it is getting dry in his section and that a good rain at this time would help the crop situation wonderfully.	
Griffin, T B	4.69	Sebe Lambert, of the Tap community, was in the city Tuesday and states that everything is moving along splendidly in his part of the world. While here he invited us to a picnic to be given at Tap Friday. We regret our inability to attend, but appreciate the invitation.	
Griffin, G C	7.68	Roy Brummell, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday after a three-horse load of supplies, which he intends to use in making a large crop of every kind this year. Roy says that he is expecting a bale of cotton to every acre and seventy-five dollars per bale.	
Gross, W H	4.32		
Graham & McGuirt	5.27		
Gooden, Ed	4.88		
Green, Nick	3.94		
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		
Leonard, W L	3.06		
Love, N W	3.17		
Ledbetter, C H	1.93		
Martin, J W	2.83		
Mullinnax, H A	3.38		
Mullin, Bob	17.59		
Martin, E H	1.93		
Morris, Jnoe	4.58		
Morris, J C	6.48		
Montgomery, J E	3.20		
McLaughlin, J W	4.41		
McGill, R F	6.10		

NOTICE

All members of the Socialist Party with red cards are hereby notified to meet with the Centralized Committeemen at Dickens Saturday night, June 8th 1912, for the purpose of attending to some important business.—W. D. Clay, County Chairman,

PLEA FOR SQUARE DEAL FOR PATIENTS

Waco, Texas.—The following paper on a "Square Deal for the Patient" was read at the meeting of the State Medical Association at Waco by Dr. R. R. White of Temple, who was chairman of the surgical section.

(This paper was unanimously indorsed by the surgical section of the Texas State Medical Association and requested that it be published in the State papers by its house of delegates.)

Dr. White said: "From time immemorial the medical profession has commanded the love and confidence of the people as has no other craft or calling. The profession has occupied a peculiar and almost sacred (though not mythical) precinct in the lives of the people. For all the ages, the doctor has stood nearest and dearest to his patrons. The minister is called to discuss or decide questions of orthodoxy. The teacher is called to decide methods and means of education. The lawyer is called to get us out of trouble, or to get us into litigation. But the doctor, the man who ushers us into the world, who hears the first cry of an individual embarking on a voyage of unknown length—on a turbulent sea, beset with icebergs, volcanoes, pitfalls and poverty; the man who sees and always responds to distress signals, the man who has placed along life's pathway monuments, warning us of danger directing us to safety and thoughtful of others; who has not avoided fatal epidemics; who has at all times been willing, without money and without price to go to the forefront of the conflict, to battle with death, to render cure when cure is possible, and, when there is to be a triumph of death, he is on hand to render the balm of relief. He renders the last as well as the first, service to humanity. If one is a stranger in a strange country, and is ill or dying—a friend tried and true through all the ages of civilization, a friend who has no selfish motives in service, who renders to the pauper as to the millionaire his conscientious service, his best advice—so has been the doctor.

"We are living in the age of combination, of graft, in private and public life, and of money worship. All vocations, callings and professions have been touched and weakened by the lust for gold. The medical profession has been among the last to be infected. It has been blessed with the training influences of centuries of devotion to humanity. Unfortunately for the profession, and by far more unfortunate for the public at large, there has crept into our midst a leaven that threatens the whole lump—a Russian thistle that threatens disaster to the rose garden of love and confidence that has always been the heritage of our calling. I refer to the so-called 'Square Deal' between doctors; to the so-called 'live and let live' plan of handling patients; to the so-called 'equitable' plan of division of fee to the actual 'plan' of commissions paid and accepted for patients.

"As to the square deal between doctors, there can be no question and no objection. We must, however, remember that the patient is entitled to a square deal. Doctors should not become so seemingly interested in each other as to deprive the patient of his square deal. The daily press

and the monthly magazines are now beginning the discussion of this fee-splitting business. The people have been kept in ignorance of the plan, or it could never have reached its present degree of magnitude. Organized medicine has been negligent in this matter. Had the people been fully advised at the beginning of the practice, they would themselves have stopped it. They would have said to the family physician: 'I want to pay you for your service. I want to pay you for your examination and for your service. If you have advised operation, I want to pay you for that. If you have advised me to go or to take one of my loved ones to a hospital for operation, and, if in your conscientious judgment as my physician, as the guardian of the health of my wife and children, as my friend and confidential adviser, you add safety to my dear ones by going with me to consult with the specialist, then by all means go; give the specialist the benefit of your acquaintance with the family, the benefit of your observation and treatment of the case, and render me your bill for the services.'

"But, doctor, remember you are working for me, you are the custodian of the health of my family, the question of life or death may depend on whether or not you have made a wise selection of the specialist. Do not allow yourself to be influenced by a personal friendship for some particular specialist; do not allow yourself to be influenced by some personal grudge, and by all manner of means do not take my child to a man who will pay you a fee for bringing her. If he is willing to pay you a fee for bringing her, and if you are willing to accept a fee for taking her, there is the beginning of a collusion between you doctors where, for financial reason, you will protect the specialist and he will protect you, and the Lord, unaided by the greatest boon to suffering humanity, a loyal, conscientious family physician, will have to care for my child alone. Doctor, don't put yourself in position to be unwisely, unwittingly or selfishly influenced. You are in my employ; I will compensate you as best as I can, and I want to know that I have received that to which I am entitled, your whole-souled, honest, conscientious advice, and, irrespective of results, I will know that my friend, my adviser, my doctor, has given my child a square deal.'

"Now, gentlemen, is not this about what any father would feel and say? Is it not fair and honest. Is it not a square deal to a brother doctor? Is it not a square deal to the family and to the sick child? Whenever the people understand the question thoroughly then it will not be necessary for us to discuss it in medical meetings, for they will themselves condemn it and stop it. As a matter of common sense, the people will know that their family physician can not give them an unbiased opinion when he is being secretly paid for some particular kind of advice, and when they know of this they will lose confidence in their family physician and will enjoy a new one.

"When the family physician takes his case to the specialist he should say, 'Here is my patient, here is the history, here is the result of my treatment, my observations and conclusions. Make your examination and give me your advice as to operation or treatment. I have advised

the family that my visit and consultation would be \$25 (or maybe \$100); that they should provide for that before paying you for your fee; that my services were rendered first, my bill is the oldest, and by priority should be paid first, and that if they have not enough to pay us both they should give you a note for the balance due you. Would this be fair to the specialist? To be sure it would and all whole-souled men would approve it; and, best of all, it would be fair to the patient, for it would insure him that to which he is entitled, a conscientious, frankly business-like handling of his case. Those specialists who are paying commissions for their cases have manufactured a smooth, plausible story to repeat to the general practitioner, and the burden of the song is 'square deal' and 'live and let live.' But the square deal does not apply to the patient, but to the doctor. If it means anything in particular to the patient it may mean that he may not live.

"Many years ago a certain evil spirit took a good man onto a mountain top, overlooking a great and beautiful valley; he pointed out all that was of worldly good and offered it to the good man in exchange for his honor. He wanted him to forsake and betray those that had trusted him. Fortunately for humanity the offer was declined. From that day to this, temptations have been flaunted in the face of those who are rendering to humanity a fatal, conscientious service. The temptations, as of old, are always framed in language that is appealing, as for instance 'a square deal.' The great difference between the tempter of old and the man who offers to buy patients under the guise of square-deal and live-and-let-live, in that the fellow in olden times went to the mountain top and there proclaimed his offer whereas, the specialist who offers his reward, not to the patient by better, safer service, but to the doctor, in glittering gold, does in under cover, secretly and aside from the patient. He has not as yet exhibited the commendable trait of publicity. There should be no secret between patient and doctor. The doctor's first and highest duty is a square deal to the sick, the lame, the halt, the ignorant and incompetent, and by rendering to them his 'square deal,' he has rendered to his profession, to those gone before, to those now laboring in the vineyard of preventive and curative medicine and those yet to follow the square deal in its true and highest sense. Because of the great confidence reposed in a doctor, because of the great ignorance of laws and health because of the intricacies and mysteries of disease and death, the mercenary, unscrupulous doctor is, to the community at large, the most dangerous of all its dangers.

"The public has an opportunity of protecting itself against depredations of the extortioner, the usurer or the grafter in all other lines of business, it has slight opportunity of protecting itself against the ravages of a man or a body of men whom it has been taught for generations to regard with reverence, and fit to be trusted with their lives. The more confidence a man enjoys in his community, the more dangerous he becomes if he is led from the paths of moral or financial rectitude, and so the medical man who concludes that his patient becomes his property

subject to barter or sale. It matters not to me whether you admit it as a question of barter or sale, or whether you try to dignify it by the name of 'square deal' or 'division of fee,' the fact remains that the medical man accepting such fees has other motives and influences besides his professional interest in his patient that may be, even unconsciously, the means of his making a decision or giving advice that may deprive his patient of that which not mean to say that a man in National affairs can not honestly represent the people and in certain cases justly represent public service corporations, but I do say that all men should not do so. Some of us are mentally so constituted as to make us easily (though unwittingly) subject to the influence, and it must be admitted that the glare of gold is decidedly 'the most influencing proposition' that has ever been presented to tempt a man from the paths of fairness.

"Lead us not into temptation, protect us as a profession from ever reaching that point where we will so lightly regard human life as to allow us to trade and traffic in the destiny of those who repose confidence in us.

"I do not mean to say that all members of our profession who practice the division of fee or commission plan would be wrongfully influenced by such plan but I say that some would be influenced, and it is our duty to so construct our laws as to prevent an unfortunate brother from falling, and thus prevent him from killing some innocent woman or child through his fall. I am one of those who believe that organized medicine should stand back of him, not in a perfunctory manner, but in an aggressive, effective manner. I have never been able to understand why the doctor is any more liable for the care and comfort of an unfortunate than is the banker, or the teacher or the lawyer, merchant or farmer, and he is not except through the law of precedent, which he has himself established. Why should it not be right for the doctors to say 'we sympathize with this individual in his misfortune; he is entitled to help from those who are more fortunate; we will contribute with the banker, the teacher, the merchant and farmer, \$1 or \$5, as may be needed, with which he can employ medical assistance.

"The unfortunates are a public responsibility and should by the public be cared for. So long as we continue year after year to do without compensation the practice for the improvident and dishonest, and continue to criticize some brother who is more sensible, for refusing to do it, just so long will conditions among medical men be had and will continue to grow worse. We should cheerfully bear our part of the responsibilities, but should not bear the responsibilities of every other business man in the community. It's a reflection on our profession and an injustice to our families. Our failures along these lines have seemed to justify some of us in the belief that we are at liberty to collect by devious and private means what we have not the backbone to collect in an open and business-like method. The man who divides or accepts fees from referred cases will not, as a rule, admit it in his locality, or in his medical society. I have never yet heard a man take the floor to justify it. Why this secrecy if it is right? We should advertise it,

not to other doctors who will become a party to the procedure, but to the laity, to the people who are being bid for. I know, and they understand the program will rebel. They will not have the implicit confidence in their professional adviser when they know that he will receive from them all that is due him and for which he makes his bill, and in addition thereto, will receive from the specialist a fee for the case.

"We have in our experience had many letters saying, in effect: 'We have a certain kind of surgical case in need of operation. What part of the fee may I expect if I send the case to you? Do you pretend to say the writer of such a letter is honest? Suppose he should get honest for one-half hour and should say to his patron: 'I have written different surgeons to ascertain what commission I may expect for referring your wife to him. As soon as I hear from him I will let you know where to take her. Do you suppose the man would be governed by his advice? By no means. He would likely employ a new medical adviser. If the general medical man is entitled to refer his cases to a specialist, receiving therefore a fee from the specialist, then the surgeon should be entitled to a commission from the eye man and from the internal medical man, and from the nervous disease man, and the eye man, in turn, where referring cases to a specialist in some other line would be entitled to his commission, and so on, finally revolving the patient into a kind of professional football to be kicked about from medical man to specialist so long as his money lasts, with the temptation ever present to refer him to that man who would pay the highest price for him.

"If I examine a case and find it to be one properly belonging to a man making a specialty of nervous diseases, and so advise the patient, am I entitled to a fee? To be sure I am, for making the examination and giving him conscientious medical advice. I present the patient with bill for the service, and refer him to a competent nervous disease man. Am I entitled to a fee from the nervous man? Certainly not. I am not in his employ. I have been employed by the patient to tell him what to do; what he has paid cannot be returned—his life. I do me, or will, and my financial interest in the case has ceased until the patient comes back under my care for further service.

"I read an article in a medical magazine recently in which the author made bold to assert that that the first law in practice was 'self-professional preservation.' Has medicine reached that point where the reputation of the doctor is of more importance than the welfare of the patient?

"I am glad to say that I do not think so. The world is still full of conscientious, self-sacrificing doctors, whose first law and whose last law is the welfare of the patient. The question as to whether the patient is blind or sees, whether deaf or hears, whether lame or sound, whether dead or alive, concerns the honorable, conscientious medical man than is glory or hope of financial reward.

"If this fee-splitting plan is proper, we should advertise it; we should indorse it; we should enlighten the public; we should tell them that we have decided that the fellow who pays the best price is entitled to them and that

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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

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

<p>ST. PETER AT THE GOLDEN GATE St. Peter stood at the golden gate, With solemn mein and an air sedate, When up to the top of the golden stair A man and woman ascending there Applied for admission. They came and stood Before St. Peter, so great and good, In hopes the city of peace to win— And asked St. Peter to let them in. The woman was tall and lank and thin, With a scraggy beardlet upon her chin. The man was short and thick and stout, His stomach was built so it rounded out, His face was pleasant and all the while He wore a kindly and pleasant smile. The choirs in the distance the echoes woke, And the man kept still while the woman spoke. "Oh, thou who garest the gate" said she, "We two come hither, beseeching thee To let us enter the heavenly land And play our harps with the angel band, Of me, St. Peter, there is no doubt, There's nothing from Heaven to bar me out. I've been to meeting three times a week,</p>	<p>And almost always I'd rise to speak. "I've told the sinner about the day When they'd repent of their evil way, I've told my neighbors—I've told them all— 'Bout Adam and Eve, and the primal fall, I've showed them what they'd have to do If they'd pass in with the chosen few, I've marked the path of duty clear— Laid out the path for their whole career. "I've talked and talked to 'em, loud and long, For my lungs are good and my voice is strong, So, good St. Peter, you'll clearly see The gate of Heaven is open to me, But my old man, I regret to say, Hasn't walked in exactly the narrow way, He smokes and he swears and grave faults he's got, And I don't know whether he'll pass or not. "He never would pray with an earnest vim, Or go to a revival, or join in a hymn. So I had to leave him to sorrow there While I with the chosen united in prayer. He ate what the pantry chanced to afford, While I in my purity sang to the Lord,</p>	<p>And if cucumbers were all he got It's a chance if he merited them or not "But, oh, St. Peter, I love him so! To the pleasure of Heaven please let him go. I've done enough—a saint I've been, Won't that atone? Can't you let me in? By my grim gospel I know it is so That the unrepented must fry below, But isn't there some way that you can see That he may enter who's dear to me? "It's a narrow gospel by which I pray But the chosen expect to find some way Of coaxing or fooling or bribing you So that their relations can amble through, And say, St. Peter, it seems to me This gate isn't kept as it ought to be, You ought to stand by that opening there And never sit down in that easy chair. "And say, St. Peter, my sight is dimmed, But I don't like the way your whiskers are trimmed, They're cut too wide and outward toss, They'd look better narrow and cut straight across, Well, we must be going, our crown to win,</p>	<p>So open St. Peter, and we'll pass in." St. Peter sat quiet and stroked his staff, But, despite of his office he had to laugh, Then said, with a fiery gleam in his eye, "Who's tending this gateway, you or I?" And then he arose in his stature tall, And pressed a button upon the wall And said to the imp who answered the bell, "Escort this lady around to"—well. The man stood still as a piece of stone— Stood sadly, gloomily there alone, A lifelong settled idea he had That his wife was good and he was bad. He thought if the woman went down below That he would certainly have to go. That if she went to the regions dim There wasn't a ghost of show for him. Slowly he turned by habit bent To follow wherever the woman went. St. Peter, standing on duty there, Observed that the top of his head was bare, He called the gentleman back and said: "Friend, how long have you been wed?" "Thirty years" (with a sigh), And then he added, "Why?"</p>	<p>St. Peter was silent. Then he bent down, Raised his hand and scratched his crown. Then seeming a different thought to take, Slowly half to himself he spake: "Thirty years, with that woman there? No wonder the man hasn't any hair. Swearing is wicked, smoking not good. He smoked and swore—I should think he would. "Thirty years with that tongue so sharp? Ho, Angel Gabriel, give him a harp— A jeweled one with a golden string, Good sir, pass in where the angels sing. Gabriel, give him a seat alone— One with a cushion—up near the throne Call up some angels to play their best, Let him enjoy the music and rest. "See that on finest ambrosia he feeds, He's had all the---he needs, It isn't hardly the right thing to do, To roast him on earth and the future too." They gave him a harp with golden strings, A glittering robe with a pair of wings, And said as he entered the realm of day, "Well, this beats cucumbers anyway." And so the Scriptures had come to pass, "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."</p>
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we, as doctors, have agreed to sell them in the best medical markets available.

"If the plan is wrong, we should condemn it in no uncertain term, we should, if needed enact new laws governing the practice, and we should enforce them. We should, through medical journals, county societies and the daily press, inform the people of the plan and the inevitable ending, it will eventually subject patients to heroic and needless operations; it will do away with efficiency, experience and judgment in the respective specialties and will place in the fore front the man who pays the highest commission."

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

P. E. Hagins and Lee Bilberry have gone back to Dickens.

Cecil Bennett attended church at the Bond school house Sunday.

Farmers are still busy, crops are growing, but my, how glad we'd be to see a good rain.

Rev. Moreland, of Jayton, preached an able sermon at the Duck Creek school house Sunday.

The stork passed through Gilpin last week, depositing a fine girl at Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sampsons' and a bouncing boy at Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Henrys' and went on his way rejoicing.

Mesdames P. E. Hagins, W. B. Bennett, W. T. Lovell, W. H. Taylor, Donnie McDonald, Carl Bonham, J. Carlisle and Mary Jones visited Mrs. O. C. Henry Tuesday evening.

There was a good crowd present at the ice cream supper at Plaine Jonson's Tuesday night and everybody enjoyed themselves immensely. Who'll be the next to fix something nice for our deserving young people.—Johnny Jump-Up.

COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Commercial Club met Wednesday morning at the Club rooms and elected the following directors for the ensuing year: N. A. Baker, W. S. Campbell, S. R. Savis, E. C. Edmonds, Oscar Jackson, F. W. Jennings, C. A. Jones, Geo. S. Link, C. L. Love, L. N. Riter, W. G. Sherrod, Dr. T. E. Standifer and J. F. Vernon. A directors meeting was then held and the following officers elected:

Dr. T. E. Standifer, President; W. G. Sherrod, Vice-President; Oscar Jackson, Treasurer; Jeff D. Reagan, Secretary.

Confidence in Spur and the Spur country was expressed by those present, and a determination to bring every business man in Spur and the farmers from the surrounding country into the Club, as well as to develop the resources we have will be the work for the club.

DICKENS ITEM

Deputy Sheriff Anderton, of Spur is here assisting Sheriff Cole this week.

Attorney L. W. Dalton, of Plainview, and R. S. Holman, of Spur, are in attendance on district this week.

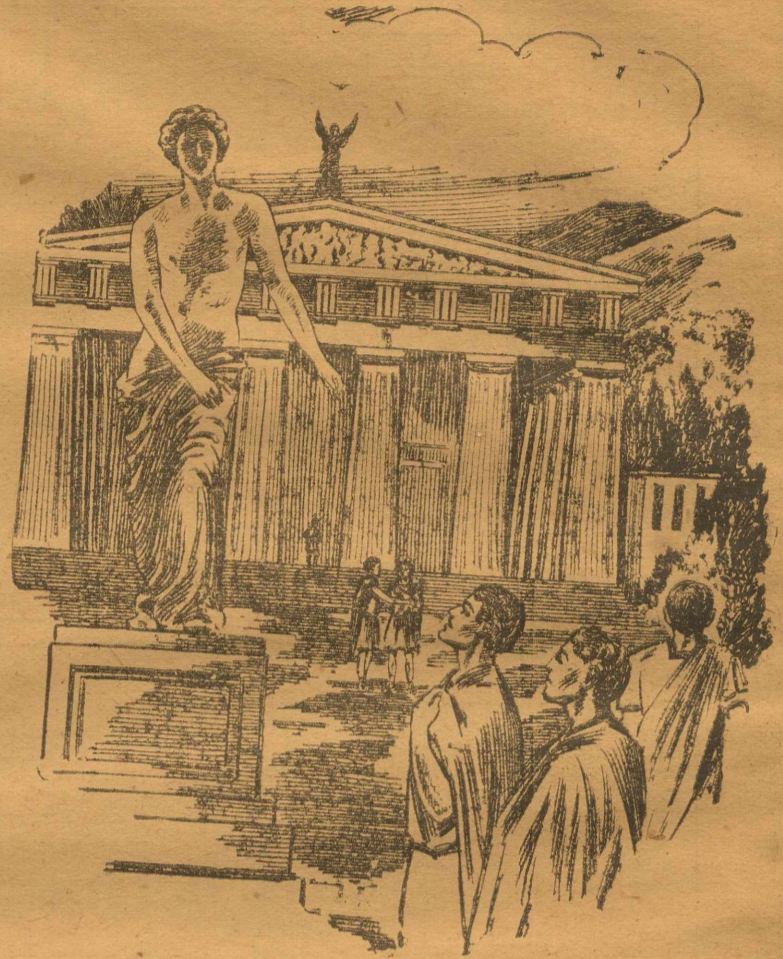
"The Old Maid's Convention" given at the high school auditorium Tuesday night by the Spur ladies, was well attended and highly enjoyed.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXIV. BEAUTY

THE GREEKS loved beauty, but ugliness gave them a pain like a blow. They planted in human life a love for the beautiful which has lifted mankind into a brighter world and widened the horizon of human happiness, and the lives of their great men were models of human effort and examples of marvelous achievement which have encouraged and inspired the world.

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