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PLAN TO SECURE 15 CENTS FOR COTTON

A Southern Cotton Corporation has been organized for the purpose of systematically marketing the cotton crop of the southern states with a view of securing fifteen cents a pound for the staple on a basis of middling grade.

The plan and organization of the company follows, and we believe it is worth the careful consideration of every farmer of the country:

To pay 15c per pound, basis middling, for cotton at each shipping point, payment to be made as follows: All of the price of 15c in ninety days scrip, bearing 6 per cent interest or if the owner prefers 11c will be paid in currency and 4c per pound paid in ninety days scrip, bearing 6 per cent interest. The contract, between the Corporation and the owner of cotton, under which this price is paid calls for the payment of \$1.00 in cash per bale by the owner of the cotton, and with this payment the liability for further expenses for the owner, or farmer, ceases and the Corporation assumes and will pay all charges from the delivery point to the mills.

1st. A general office to be located in some one of the Southern States, and to be a clearing house through which the various State offices clear their business.

2nd. A state general office in each of the cotton growing states through which the business of that particular state will pass.

3rd. A county committee, consisting of each cotton growing county.

4th. Fifty directors to be selected by the stockholders, each state being entitled to its proportionate number of these directors, based on its growth of cotton in 1911, compared to the total growth, each 300,000 bales representing a director.

The Southern States Cotton Corporation proposes a capitalization of \$7,000,000.00, divided as follows:

One million in common or voting stock, six million in participation certificates. This stock to be sold while the Corporation is in information, so as to net par to the Corporation, afterwards the value to be raised to such price as the directors of the Corporation think it should be worth. When the entire stock is sold, it is believed that it will represent something like \$10,000,000.00 cash in the Treasury. This capital, together with the certifying fees should bring the cash capital of the Corporation up to approximately twenty or twenty-five million dollars, with which to begin business. With such a capital under the present system of marketing any man or firm could confidently count on doing a business of one million bales of cotton.

Under the plan of the Southern States Cotton Corporation, the amount of business which could be handled with this same capital would be unlimited, since each bale which passes through its hands would add to its capital \$20 over the cash price paid to

HE GETS THEM

Marshal Neely returned Tuesday from Lynn county where he had been to serve a writ of attachment on a party leaving the country with a bunch of horses. Mr. Neely caught his party all right, but since the proceedings failed to cover all law technicalities, the absconding party was suffered to proceed on his journey. When Mr. Neely goes after them he gets them and all ways does his duty regardless of who the offenders may be.

the owner for it, as under the certificate or contract with the grower or owner a loan of \$20 per bale has been arranged, which is to run ninety days, or longer, if necessary, and, therefore, each bale delivered to the Corporation would strengthen its reserve instead of weakening it. Under this plan cotton at every railroad Station, town or city in the South would have one value, the same as gold has its stable value throughout the world.

Should more cotton be produced than the world needs for its consumption at 15c to the farmer or grower, the 4c which it is provided to withhold in the payment between the Corporation and the grower, would furnish the money to hold the surplus, and this surplus will remain the property of the growers until the cotton has passed into the hands of the mills. Should, therefore, at the end of any year there be a surplus of one million bales more than the world needed 1c per pound on the total crop would provide the money for holding the one million bales off of the market. For instance, 1c a pound on 15,000,000 bales of cotton represents \$75,000,000.00 and \$75,000,000.00 represents the value of one million bales of cotton at 15c.

As president of the Southern States Cotton Corporation, I earnestly and sincerely trust that you will give the plan presented herewith a most thorough and searching investigation. Add to this an investigation of the people who are engaged in advancing this proposition and I am sure that you will be able to see the value of this Corporation will be to the people of this country. It requires only publicity, and for the people to be informed of it, for it to become an organization in complete and successful operation.

Yours truly,
President.

OWENS RESIDENCE BURNED EARLY FRIDAY MORNING

One of the three J. F. Owens residences in the northwest part of Spur was almost irreparably damaged Friday morning by fire. Geo. Bennett and family were living in the house and it is supposed the fire originated from one of the flues.

The fire boys responded promptly with the new chemical fire engine and did most effective work. Upon their arrival almost the entire roof was on fire, but the chemical preparation soon extinguished the blaze and the building and adjoining houses were saved a total loss. Heretofore we have had little faith in the capacity of the new engine, but the work done at this fire demonstrated that it is worth the price, and the fire boys are to be commended for their quick response to the fire alarm and effective work upon their arrival.

The loss was partially covered by insurance. The household effects of Mr. Bennett was removed from the building, as was that of Mr. Barrett who lived in the adjoining residence, all of which sustained more or less damage in the removal.

VISIT DICKENS

Cliff Lovelace, Sol Davis, Earn Clay and W. G. Sherrod attended the installation of officers in the Masonic Lodge Friday night at Dickens.

GOOD RAIN IN THE WESTERN PART OF COUNTY

A good rain is reported west of Spur Saturday night and which extended from Saur to the Cap Rock. All of the crops in this section are in fine condition.

The rains this year, as was the case last year in the whole country, come in localities and communities rather than in general rains over the entire country. However, the local showers and rains have been coming regularly in different sections and as a result no one section of the Spur country is suffering for lack of rain. A good, general rain however would contribute to the encouragement of the farmers in general and would assure bumper crops over the entire Spur trade territory.

ENTERTAINED

Little Allie Belle Chapman entertained a number of her little friends Friday of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Chapman. The occasion was a birthday party and during the evening cake and lemonade were served and the little guests enjoyed games of various kinds.

MARRIED

Card Stearns, of Steel Hill was married Sunday afternoon to Miss Clara Creamer of Iowa Park. Mr. and Mrs. Stearns arrived in Spur Tuesday and a big dinner was had at J. P. Gibson's upon their arrival at Steel Hill.

Mr. Stearns is a prominent young man of the country and has many friends here who wish he and his bride a long, happy and prosperous married life.

KICKED TO DEATH

Ramp Collett was in the city Wednesday from his home in the West Pasture and reports that they have had no rain in that section for some time. He says that Uncle Pink Higgins says that when the grasshoppers hit his place they have difficulty in getting away and that the majority kick themselves to death trying to hop out of the sand which slips from under their feet.

DIED

Mrs. Coleman was carried last week to the Stamford Sanitarium for an operation which proved ineffectual, she having died Sunday night. The remains were brought back to Spur Monday and interred in the Spur cemetery. She leaves a husband and two or three small children. The Texas Spur extends condolence to the bereaved family.

WILL MOVE SOON

H. H. Hazlewood and family are contemplating moving the latter part of the week to Reeves county where they intend to make their home in the future. They intended to leave several days ago but on account of the illness of their children did not get away. Mr. Hazlewood and family have been residents of the city since the beginning of the town and have many friends here who regret to see them leave. However, the Texas Spur joins their friends in wishing them a pleasant and prosperous home in their new location.

UPSHAW FARM HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE

Monday the farm home of J. M. Upshaw, two miles northeast of Spur, was destroyed by fire. Nothing but one trunk was saved from the burning building, the family being away from home at the time.

Mr. Upshaw carried insurance to the extent of nine hundred dollars, which only partially covered the total loss.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

CONTEMPLATING

J. V. McCormick, at the solicitation of friends, is contemplating entering the campaign for the County and District Clerk's office of Dickens county. J. V. McCormick is an experienced and able business man, is eminently qualified to fill the office, is a popular man and has many friends who will be glad to see him make the race.

FROM GEORGIA TO TEXAS

A. J. Tyler returned the latter part of last week from Dallas where he visited his brother and sister, the latter of whom came from her home in Georgia. A. J. Tyler came to Texas from Georgia and located in Spur at the beginning of the town in November, 1909. For some time he has been a member of the Texas Furniture Company and manager of the business, and by right of business ability and a progressive spirit he has established a substantial business and is enjoying a liberal patronage within the Spur trade territory. A. J. Tyler is a business man of real worth to the town and country and we are glad to see him at the head of a prosperous business.

CROP CONDITIONS GOOD

Jno. Wooten, a prominent citizen of the Wake country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Wooten reports that his section is beginning to need rain but that crops are not suffering from any cause and is growing nicely to the present time. The grasshoppers, he says, are not bothering the crops in that section.

DOCKUM NEWS

We hear that Mr. Jeff Smith, Jr. is going into the cat business.

Mr. Hallie Lynch, of Tongue River, is visiting Mr. Floyd Pruett at present.

There was quite a crowd spent Saturday at Mr. A. H. Smoot's. All report a good time.

Mr. George Dodson and family, from near Dickens, spent Friday night and Saturday on Dockum Flat.

Mr. S. Smith spent Saturday night and Sunday morning on Red Mud, returning home Sunday evening.

There was a crowd of boys and girls from Spur out on Dockum Flat Sunday.—Batchelor Girl.

BOTTLED SODA WATER FOR SPRINGTIME PLEASURES

TO THE PUBLIC—For that little June picnic, for your auto trip, for your lawn party, for entertaining visitors on your porch or an evening—nothing "hits the spot" quite so gracefully as BOTTLED SODA WATER.

OUR GINGER ALE, DR. PEPPER, COCA COLA, LEMON SODA, CREAM SODA, Etc., Etc.—Are bottled under conditions of scrupulous cleanliness, from pure water, and flavored with the best cane sugar syrup combined with the purest flavors that the art has produced. Come to our plant and see how careful we are.

GET THE HABIT—Of having a case of bottled sodas in your house at all times. Then you'll never be caught "without a thing in the house" when visitors come.

FOR THE CHILDREN—There's nothing more wholesome nor more delicious than our bottled sodas. Let them drink all they want. It is good for "little tummies"—a food and drink combined.

CALL US UP, PHONE 25—And we will deliver a case of 24 half pints or 12 quarts, either direct to your home or to your grocer.

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STRAIGHT FACTS

One of the world's wisest men said "He who will not reason is a bigot; he who cannot reason is a fool and he who dare not reason is a slave."

The reason I write this is because I do not think you are either a bigot, a fool, nor a slave and that you will use your reason in deciding for or against the subject this letter discusses: Socialism and the practical application of its principles to the objections formed by lack of knowledge of the subject.

The whole aim and object of Socialism is to give to the laborer the full product of his toil by abolishing the system of private monopoly which enables the few to rob the many, and to establish a Co-operative system in harmony with the Golden Rule.

This in business transactions would mean giving unto others in the exchange of either labor or commodities what you would have others give unto you, doing away with all profits, all special privileges, and all legalized robbery of every form.

The principles of such a co-operative system will be Collectivism; or ownership by all the people of what all the people must use in order to live.

Democracy, or majority rule in the management of what the all people own and use collectively, and

Equality of Opportunity, in the ownership use and management of all public utilities.

Whenever you hear or think of an objection to Socialism, remember the object of Socialism as expressed by the Bible, "Let every man enjoy the good of all his labor," and then apply the Three principles stated above and your Reason will tell you whether or not the objection is valid.

Now let us apply these principles to a familiar objection. Some one says "Socialism will destroy the incentive to work." Under the present system the worker gets about one-fifth of what he produces. If one-fifth is a sufficient incentive now, would not all be a greater incentive under Socialism.

How could Collective ownership destroy incentive? If you were one of a hundred or a thousand and to own a factory, would that destroy your desire to work and make a living for yourself and those you love? Certainly not.

Would give you a voice, a vote and an Equal Opportunity to get the benefits of the collectively owned factory make you lazy and shiftless? No! It would make you feel like a man among men and your incentive for good would be many times greater than under the present system.

The incentive to graft and cheat and take advantage of

your fellowman would disappear for it would not be necessary and things that are not needed are always forgotten and disappear from lack of use.

All other objections to Socialism vanish when this Rule of Reason is applied to them.

Analyze the objection by comparing the object of Socialism with the objection and apply the principles of Collectivism, Democracy and Equality of Opportunity and if the objection can not be measured by those principles they are not valid or have nothing to do with it or it with them.

Socialism is an economic question based on Absolute Justice in all business transactions between man and man, hence there can be no objections to it.

"To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice." (Prov. 21-3.)

Capitalism with its child labor, white slavery, liquor traffic, food adulteration and robbery of the workers is the greatest crime of the ages, but "The robbery of the wicked (private monopolies) shall destroy them because they refuse to do judgment."

Why not come out on the right side and help fight the battle for the poor, the weak, and the unfortunate as the lowly Nazarene did, instead of voting to perpetuate a system that you can not defend?

Yours for Socialism,
W. D. Clay,
County Chairman.

DIVISION OF TEXAS

The discussion of a division of Texas into two or more states, is a topic of common conversation in this section, and the movement threatens to take definite form unless the coming legislature takes cognizance of conditions in west Texas.

The legal aspect of the situation has been investigated by competent lawyers who give as their opinion that it will not be necessary for the whole state to vote on the subject, but only the citizens living within the boundary of the proposed new state. The West Virginia case is cited as a precedent in which the Supreme Court of the United States held the citizens of that section had a right to form a new State without the consent of the whole of Virginia.

Peter A. Whaley, Secretary of the Pecos Commercial Club, in discussing the subject said: "All we want is a chance to grow, and we hope it will not be necessary to burst the bonds of state in order to develop our resources. We are a new country in about the same period of development as East Texas, when the state gave away West Texas lands as a bonus to build railroads. We demand a square deal."

Commercial printing: cheap.

PROCEEDINGS OF DISTRICT COURT AT DICKENS

District court adjourned Wednesday. The Grand Jury turned into court during the session seventeen bills of indictment, thirteen felonies and four misdemeanors.

Following is the disposition of the Judge's trial docket.

CRIMINAL.

No. 257—State of Texas vs. Ernest Edwards; judgment final on judgment nisi granted as per decree entered.

No. 259—State of Texas vs. Lee Taylor; dismissed.

No. 282—State of Texas vs. T. L. Stuart; verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in the state penitentiary.

No. 283—State of Texas vs. Will Duncan; (two cases) venue changed to Motley county.

No. 285—State of Texas vs. J. L. Law; (three cases) venue changed to Motley county.

No. 288—State of Texas vs. W. R. Tolbert; (two cases) venue changed to Motley county.

No. 290—State of Texas vs. C. I. Cannon; venue changed to Motley county.

No. 291—State of Texas vs. J. N. Ballard; venue changed to Motley county.

No. 292—State of Texas vs. J. L. Law; venue changed to Motley county.

No. 293—State of Texas vs. W. R. Tolbert; continued by agreement of parties.

CIVIL.

No. 322—J. D. Harkey vs. C. I. Cannon; continued by agreement of parties.

No. 338—Matador Land & Cattle Co. vs. F. A. Burnum; continued by agreement of parties.

No. 328—L. W. Davis vs. J. McAlister; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

No. 356—E. A. Taylor vs. J. R. Rogers et al; continued by agreement of parties.

No. 358—C. C. Windham vs. E. B. Shaw; Judgment for plaintiff.

No. 359—W. G. McCarty vs. B. F. Whitaker; continued by agreement of parties.

No. 362—Oscar Benson vs. Pearl Benson; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

No. 365—R. S. Holman, et al vs. R. B. Spencer & Co.; continued to perfect service.

No. 366—Kate Mahon vs. A. C. Buchanan, et al; agreed judgment.

No. 367—First National Bank of Dickens vs. J. N. Ballard; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

No. 368—Mrs. Sue V. Green vs. Don H. Biggers, et al; judgment for plaintiff.

No. 369—Ernest E. Patterson vs. Lillie M. Patterson; continued to perfect service.

No. 370—J. B. Martin vs. Ross Martin; decree of divorce granted.

No. 371—Ellison Furniture Co. vs. E. A. Braswell and G. C. Pass judgment for plaintiff.

No. 372—Robt A. Payne vs. Otis Payne; continued to perfect service.

No. 373—The First National Bank of Dickens vs. J. N. Ballard, et al; to be settled in vacation.

No. 374—Allie Montieth vs. Jessie Montieth; continued to perfect service.—Dickens Item.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in the city Saturday and reports everything moving along nicely.

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TIDWELL & WILSON, Props.

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Kaffir Corn Chops	Seed Wheat	Cotton Seed Hulls	Special Horse Feed

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W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

H. H. Hill, of Dockum Valley, was in the city Saturday.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants.

R. R. Morrison returned last week from a trip to Rotan where he spent several days looking after business interests in that town.

Mrs. Bennett, who has been spending several days in the city with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Bennett, returned the latter part of last week to her home in Rule.

Mrs. Hugh Squires and son, Don, and Miss Alma Young, of the Afton country, were visitors in the city last week.

Jeff D. Reagan and family left Monday for Chicago where Mrs. Reagan and the children will remain several weeks.

Marshal Neely left Sunday for Tahoka to overtake a party charged with the theft of some horses in another section of the country. He was in the car with Dr. Batchelor and unless the parties wanted travel mighty fast they will be caught.

W. C. BOWMAN

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A SIGN BOARD

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.

Give It a Fair Trial

Keep Your Job Work in Spur

IT LOOKS EASY

There were a couple of men on the car who were abusing the rich in a general way, when the man in the corner spoke up and said:

"It's entirely your fault that you are not rich men yourselves. If others have taken advantage of the opportunities you have neglected they are not to be blamed."

"Where in blazes have been our opportunities!" demanded one of the pair.

"Have you dug a hole in the ground and advertised it as an oil well?"

"No."

"You might have made a million apiece out of it. Ever wash a bar of brass over and sell it for a gold brick?"

"Of course not!"

"Ten thousand dollars a year are made at it. You run no risk whatever. It's a profession that is looked up to these days. How about the green goods business?"

"Do you mean to insult us, sir?"

"Not at all. I'm simply showing you how to get rich. Ever go into a merger?"

"No, sir."

Simplest thing in the world. You merge with the other feller and he has nothing and you have it all after a bit. An industrious man can lay the foundation of a fortune by highway robbery, and if you divvy with a politician you are safer than winning at poker in a mixed crowd. Gentlemen, all round you are golden opportunities awaiting you, and—"

But they had to leave the car at that corner, and the rich man had no more to say.

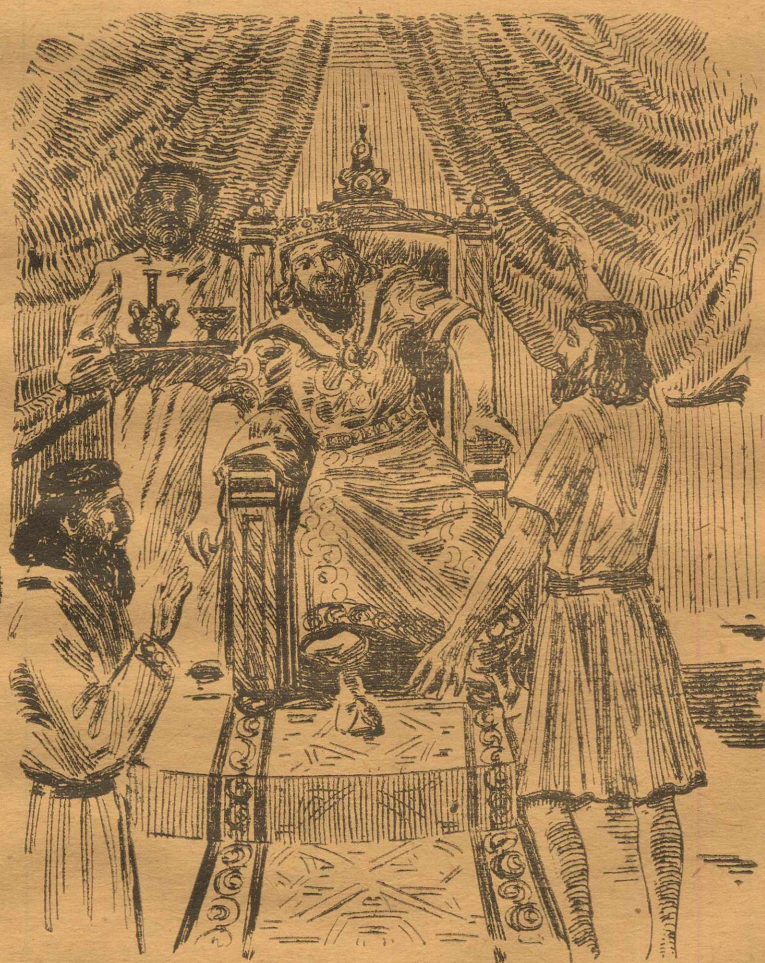
Allie Campbell and wife left last week for the Plains country where they will spend several days before returning to Spur. During Mr. Campbell's absence Clay Smart will be employed in his place with R. R. Morrison.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XXXVIII. APPEAL

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

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



A PRISONER APPEALING FROM PHILLIP'S DECISION.

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

TAP TELLINGS

The Spur postmaster, N. A. Baker, was here Monday on business.

O. L. Wright, of Coné, was here the past week visiting his old home and friends.

Mrs. Gray, of lower Red Mud, was visiting her daughter here the past week.

Quite a few of the Spur people attended the picnic here last week.

J. D. Rash and family, from south of Spur, was here last week, the guests of S. H. Sparks.

B. B. Boone, of Amarillo, while passing through enroute to Abilene, stopped off a few days last week with friends and relatives.

J. A. Hinson, of Steel Hill, took in the picnic, and from his manners he is going to take in somebody's girl.

Henry Fitzgerald left the latter part of the week for his former home at Santa Anna, where he will reside in the future.

The W. O. W. picnic last Thursday was a decided success. After the work at the cemetery was finished all repaired to the house. Hon. T. S. Lambert acting chairman, called the house to order and introduced Rev. W. A. North who entertained the crowd with a splendid talk on insurance. Dinner was announced and the good ladies spread a feast fit for the gods under a cool, shady arbor nearby. After noon a program was rendered including select songs and recitations by the little ones and grown people as well, but John Sparks capped the climax. When the program was exhausted the chairman called for volunteers to speak. John came to the stand, addressing the chair and audience and the house came to order to almost breathless silence, when he began by saying, "Ladies and gentlemen one and all you think I'm going to speak but I'm not going to speak at all," and took his seat. J. S. Neal closed with a very impressive talk. Gadabout.

ATTENTION!

Albany, Texas, June 1, 1912. —The Texas National Guard will go into Camp this year at Alexandria, La., forming a joint Camp with the National Guard of Louisiana and Arkansas. I would like very much to have you join us and go with us to this Camp. The trip will be an instructive one as well as an enjoyable affair. The Albany Rifles will leave Albany on or about July 4, 1912, returning about July 20. Kindly let me hear from you if you should desire to go. There is no expense attached to the trip.

It will be necessary that you report at Albany at least two days before so you may secure your equipment and get everything in shape for the trip.

Respectfully,

J. R. RICKER,

Captain 4th Infantry, T. N. G.,
Commanding Co. E.

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

Duke Henson returned Wednesday from a business trip of several days to Abilene.

To arrive Saturday afternoon a shipment of Arsenic poisoning for grasshoppers. —Spur Drug Company.

W. A. Johnson was in the city Wednesday from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything in good shape.

SPEAKING DATES

Realizing that it is nearly impossible to meet the people of Dickens county in a house to house canvass. I have decided to make appointments to speak at each school house. I sincerely trust the people will take enough interest in the office of County Judge to hear me at these speaking dates. I will try to make it worth your time in coming. All who feel an interest in county affairs, especially better results in our schools should come. Ladies invited.

Steel Hill, Friday night June 21; Duck Creek, Saturday night June 22; Spring Creek, Tuesday night June 25; Red Mud, Thursday night June 27; Peaceful Hill, Friday night June 28; Dry Lake, Saturday night June 29; Soldier Mound, Tuesday night July 2; New Hope, Wednesday night July 3; Liberty, Friday night July 5; Afton, Saturday night July 6; Cottonwood, Monday night July 8; Prairie Chappel, Tuesday night July 9; Amity, Wednesday night July 10; Highland, Thursday night July 11; Buford, Friday night July 12; Wichita, Saturday night July 13; Noview, Wednesday night July 17; Dickens, Thursday night July 18; Spur, Friday night July 19; Prairie View, Saturday night July 20.

All other candidates are invited to be present, and will be given all the time they desire in presenting their claims for your votes.

Respt.

W. A. Craddock.

To arrive Saturday afternoon a shipment of Arsenic poisoning for grasshoppers. —Spur Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan entertained the Bob White Club Friday evening at their home in the city and those present report a most enjoyable occasion.

Mrs. Williams, daughter and son, of Angleton, are visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell in the city this week.

To arrive Saturday afternoon a shipment of Arsenic poisoning for grasshoppers. —Spur Drug Company.

J. C. Hamill is in the city this week visiting his mother and will probably spend several days here before returning to Hillsboro where he is now making his home.

T. L. Higginbotham, of Dublin, was in the city Sunday to spend the day here with his son, T. L. Higginbotham of the Spur Ice and Bottling Works.

Mr. Johnson, of Stamford and proprietor of the Spur Electric Light Plant, spent several days last week in Spur looking after his business interests.

A. P. Edgar has opened up a new barber shop on the west side of Burlington Avenue first door north of McDonald's confectionery and is now doing tonsorial work.

Carl Lowery returned Monday to Galveston after spending several days in Spur on business. Mr. Lowery will remain in Galveston three months to take a course in pharmacy before returning to Spur.

Mrs. W. M. Bender was operated upon last week at the Standifer Hospital and is reported doing very well at this time. There are now a number of patients in the hospital, all of whom are doing nicely.

Commercial printing cheap.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

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)

A newspaper can drop the same thought into a thousand minds at the same moment. A newspaper is an advertiser who does not require to be sought, but comes to you briefly every day of common weal, without distracting your private affairs. Newspapers, therefore, become more necessary in proportion as men become more equal individuals, and more to be feared. To suppose that they only serve to diminish their importance; they maintain civilization.

A Kansas paper quotes every dollar in a man's pocket as saying to him: "If you will let me stay in this town I'll circulate around and do lots of good. You buy a big beefsteak with me and the butcher will buy groceries, and the grocer will buy dry goods, the merchant will pay his doctor with me, and the doctor will spend me with the farmer for oats for his horse, and the farmer will pay his subscription to the local paper, and the editor will pay for his last summer's trousers and buy a pair of socks. In the long run, you see, I'll be more useful to you here at home than if you'd send me away forever."—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

The National Republican Convention meets June 18th in Chicago and it is expected to be one of the warmest conventions with in the history of our government. Both Roosevelt and Taft are claiming a majority of the delegates, and since there have been many bolts in Republican State Conventions much depends upon the National Committee as to which delegations in controversy will be duly seated. We are expecting a bolt in the National Convention and the probabilities are that the Republicans will thereafter split into two parties known as the Progressive and Stand-Pat parties with Roosevelt and Taft as the leaders and candidates for the presidency. If the Democrats ever get into office this is the year.

The platform adopted at the State Democratic Convention at Houston recently indorsed Woodrow Wilson and his campaign platform for the presidency of the United States, favoring the initiative and referendum and the rule of the people, including a plank to the effect that legislators should not accept fees nor serve in any manner public service corporations, and throughout the convention adhered to the idea adverse to machine rule and machine politics in any form. In our opinion it was a real democratic convention, or as much so as can be under the convention system. The time is already here when democratic conventions will meet only to consummate the wishes and instructions of the party membership. The day of the professional political trickster is passing and the time is here when true representatives will do the wishes of a majority of the people.

An appeal is being made by old Confederate Veterans at Austin for the people of Texas to adopt a Constitutional Amendment authorizing the state to levy a tax of five cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation of property for the maintenance of helpless Confederate Veterans and their families. It is estimated that such a tax will supply a fund of ten dollars a month to each family. It is right and proper that we help the poor and needy, and it is especially right, proper and patriotic that we help the old ex-Confederate Soldiers who fought valiantly for Southern principles. There are but few of the old soldiers remaining and within a very few years they will all have passed over into the unknown beyond. Their names and deeds will live in history, and let us not have it recorded that we failed to protect and care for those who defended and gave their lives for our country and the principles of Southern manhood.

Recently a gentleman was in Spur trying to sell land in what is called the Archer county oil field. The proposition was explained to the effect that this land had been formerly purchased for twenty-five dollars an acre by a party who could not pay it out according to the contract, and in view of this circumstance and since an oil boom and excitement had been instituted the party desiring to sell one-half of the land for fifty dollars an acre and by so doing make one-half of the land clear to himself. We did not hear if the sale was made, but it seems to us that if those familiar with the oil business and the possibilities of the field in which the land is located were desired of going into the oil business such a proposition would be cheap considering that many are investing in oil companies and paying more than eight hundred dollars an acre on the mere possibility of later striking oil. Rockefeller may have increased his fortune selling such propositions but we venture the assertion that he did not increase said fortune materially by buying such propositions as is now being offered by wild-cat oil companies.

We noticed that a proposition is being considered whereby it is thought that the cotton crop of the South can be successfully handled to the end that the producer of the staple can secure fifteen cents a pound for every

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pound grown. The plan as we understand it is to have the farmers store their cotton at convenient warehouses under the control of the Farmers Union which organization has made arrangements with financiers and money lenders to furnish cash to the extent of ten or twelve cents on each pound of cotton, charging six per cent interest on the loan for twelve months. The warehouse supervisors or the Farmers Union then issues a due bill to those who store cotton and draw money on same for the remainder of the funds due on a basis of fifteen cents. In this manner it is believed that the farmers of the southern states will be in a position to live and at the same time demand and secure a price of fifteen cents for the cotton. There is no question in our mind but that such a plan is practicable and if all the farmers enter into such a plan the price will be easily secured. However, if such a plan is adopted successfully it is likely our troubles will not be ended, since the price of the finished product will also have to be regulated for the protection of the consumer.

A FORECAST

We have now approached near enough to the Republican national convention to forecast the action of that body. Ex-President Roosevelt will, apparently, have a majority of the northern states, while President Taft seems likely to have a majority of the convention, including the southern delegates, who represent merely patronage and boodle. Mr. Roosevelt has been careful to arrange for contesting delegates from the south, this was the first indication of his intention to bolt. With a majority of the northern delegates he is in position to have a convention of his own in case his contesting delegates are refused admission.

The conclusion, therefore, is that Mr. Roosevelt will be the nominee of the regular convention or the nominee of a bolting convention. Get ready for his candidacy. He is quite sure to run.

Can Roosevelt be defeated?

Yes, by any good progressive. A progressive will hold the democratic vote and the Republicans who oppose a third term will do the rest. Mr. Clark and Mr. Wilson are the leading progressive candidates, either one of them can defeat Roosevelt. The country will never have a president for a third term.—Bryan's Commoner.

SNAKE INSTEAD OF CAT OR DOG

In some respects snakes are better as mousers than dogs or cats, according to the current issue of Farm and Fireside. An extract from the article on the subject follows:

It has been suggested by a French professor that every household should have its snake instead of its cat or dog, for the purpose of keeping rats or mice away.

"It is not new, for in the days of the Romans many snakes were kept by the housekeepers for precisely this purpose. Since those early times, however, the household reptile has been supplanted by the cat or dog, and the modern housewife, as a rule, has nothing but revulsion of feeling for all species of snake, harmful or harmless. The hostile reptile attitude toward snakes, however, is largely due to ignorance. Thus it is commonly supposed that snakes are 'slimy.' As a matter of fact they are not. Their skin is cold to the touch, but absolutely dry. It feels as if it were made of china or porcelain.

"Then, again, the sharp, worm like tongue of the snake, which darts in and out at lightning speed, is harmless, all though it is commonly believed to be the medium by means of which the snake ejects its venom.

"Snakes which have venom communicate it by means of special teeth called fangs. Harmless snakes do not have these fangs.

"The principal disadvantage about a cat or dog is that these animals are apt to carry the same disease-spreading vermin as the rats and mice they are supposed to destroy.

"Both the dog and the cat frequently kill rats and mice with-

out eating them, leaving them to decompose in invisible places. The snake never does. Every rat killed by a snake is at once swallowed. The snake, too, is much cleaner than either of the other household pets."

SOCIALISTS, NOTICE

On June the 8th, at 8-30 o'clock, I, W. D. Clay, County Chairman of the Socialist Party of Dickens county, called the Centralized Committeemen and Red Card members to order for the purpose of providing some plan to finance the Socialist Party throughout this campaign. We endorsed the subscription plan. Any amount that will be subscribed will be received by the Socialist Party of Dickens, and the Socialist Party will make a note to cover fifty cents on the dollar and borrow that amount. We will use this money to pay all speakers and all other expenses of the Socialist Party of Dickens county, that is approved of by the Socialist Party. This money will be put in the bank subject to the endorsement.

W. W. Selder, Co. Sec.
Signed:
W. D. Clay, Co. Chair.

As birds sing oftener on lowly roofs than palace domes, and roses love to bloom o'er lowly window sills and cottage eaves, so to the poor, God's blessings come freighted with dearest wealth, and to the humble heart His love is sweetest. They who have oftener bowed to earth deep affliction are nearest heaven; and as the rose never gives forth all its sweetness until it is crushed, so human hearts need the Good Father's hand to press the blossoms of purity, and love, and faith, that he may not have imparted to them their heavenly fragrance in vain.—Dickens Item.

Rev. Stewart, who has been confined to his bed the past two weeks, is now able to be up, and his many friends here hope that he will soon have recovered his former good health. For a time it was thought his illness would prove fatal, and his convalescence at this time is appreciated by the general public of both the town and country.

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IN FINEST SHAPE

J. E. Sparks, of near Tap, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Sparks reports that the Tap country had a good rain Saturday night and the crops are looking fine and growing as rapidly as could be desired. The Spur country, as a whole, is in better shape with respect to crop conditions of any country in this section of the state.

House and lot, west part of Spur, well improved, for sale at a bargain on easy terms.—J. L. Borden. 32-4t.

T. J. Harrison, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent some time here on business and meeting the voters in furthering his campaign for Tax Assessor of Dickens county.

JAYTON HERALD

Miss Ellis, who had been visiting friends here for some time, has returned to her home at Snyder.

Tom Harkey, president of the Luzon Telephone Co., was here this week on business.

Mrs. Lowrance returned Sunday from Spur, where she recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Martha Hardin, who had been with her during the past few days.—Jayton Herald.

E. E. Patterson is again on the streets after remaining in the Standifer Hospital one week as a result of an operation for appendicitis. Pat is looking fine and seems to have suffered little ill effects by the operation, we are glad to note.

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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.

FINE GRAIN CROP

J. J. Hickman, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Wake country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Hickman reports that the crops of his country are in fine shape, and especially with reference to wheat and oats which crops are now about ready to harvest. Mr. Hickman has completed a fine residence and now has one of the best improved places of the country, intending to cultivate about three hundred acres of his one section farm. He came last year from Indiana and says that he and his wife will probably return to that state during this summer on a visit and also to attend to the settlement of some business matters.

C. H. McDonald has all kinds of fresh fruit direct from growers, and the best and purest cold drinks.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pullin of the northwest part of the city Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Pullin says: "And his name shall be called C. D."

Rev. Borden, of Little Rock, Arkansas, has been in Spur this and last week conducting a protracted meeting at the Christian tabernacle. Considerable interest has been manifest in the meeting, and those who have heard Rev. Borden say that he is an able preacher.

COUNTRY IMPROVING

W. H. L. Ward, who has been spending several months in the Wake country doing carpenter work, returned Monday to his home in Spur and will probably remain here several days. However, he says he is contemplating moving back to the Wake country and remain there during the year since there is considerable improvement and building to be done in that section and he will be constantly employed at his carpenter trade.

STAMFORD NEWS-TRIBUNE

S. T. Chapman of Spur had business here this week.

Dr. J. H. Grace was here this week from Spur visiting relatives.

Sidney Belle Greenwood is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. T. Chapman, in Spur.

Ben Charlie Chapman of Spur is visiting the family of News-Tribune writer, his grand daddy.—News-Tribune.

RANCH LOANS

I am prepared to make ranch loans in any part of the state. No loan too large where the security is satisfactory. If interested write me.—B. E. Hurlbut, Brownwood, Texas.

J. E. Filpot, a prosperous farmer of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports grass-hoppers damaging his cotton crop.

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E. L. Harkey was in the city Monday from Dickens and spent some time here on business and also meeting the voters looking to his re-election to the office of Tax Assessor. In his rounds Mr. Harkey is also assessing the taxes for the coming year.

Chas. Durham, of near Wake, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday trading and meeting his friends here. He is making preparations to go up into the Canadian country to cut and thresh grain. He says that the grain crop of that country is reported fine this year and anticipates no trouble in finding work.

Mrs. E. D. Chambers and daughter, of Afton, were in the city Tuesday trading, and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, having their name added to our subscription list and also leaving an advertisement with us for publication and for which we extend our thanks.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

With both Roosevelt and Taft running in the general election either Wilson or Clark will have an opportunity to be favored with the presidential office.

At an election held at Jayton recently for the purpose of voting bonds to build a school house, the bonds carried by one vote. The election will probably not be contested.

The National Republican Committee is now in full swing seating contested delegates, and it is presumed that the Taft-Roosevelt war will continue to the end and probably thereafter. On with the battle. Democracy may again come to the front.

The revolution continues in Old Mexico with honors about evenly divided or possibly favoring the Federals. Possibly if Roosevelt is elected President his menacing Big-Stick may have a quieting influence even in Mexico.

More than ten thousand acres of onions were planted this year in south Texas, the crop averaging a clear profit amounting to one hundred fifty six dollars and twenty-five cents per acre. What is the matter with Dickens county farmers planting a few acres each year to onions?

District Court adjourned last week in Dickens, having disposed of a number of cases on the docket. The Grand Jury returned seventeen bills of indictment, ten felonies, four cattle theft cases, two indictments for poisoning a tank in Croton country and one case of selling intoxicating liquors. The expense in jury fees alone at this term of court amounted to six hundred ninety-nine dollars.

The State Nominating Convention in August will be held in San Antonio. There are eighty-four state candidates and with district and county candidates the tickets in the July primary will have about one hundred and fifty names. To print the tickets according to law they will be about twelve feet long. An amendment to the Constitution will not be submitted to a vote looking to the adoption of the initiative and referendum at this time.

We note from the Kent County News that the O-O Ranch, comprising near 117,000 acres of land, will be partially cleared up and devoted to agricultural pursuits. It is presumed that later this land will be cut up into small tracts and sold to farmers. The big ranches of the country are rapidly giving place to the agricultural demands and within a few years ranch life in Western Texas will be known only in history of the past. Let us continue to progress and develop.

Grasshoppers are reported depredating on the crops in several sections of the country. Paris Green poisoning is said to be an excellent antidote. Try it.

Get-rich-quick schemes seldom, if ever, make returns on the "investment." They take out of the country a limited surplus of money and withhold it from legitimate channels of trade and more often deprives the deluded purchaser of hard-earned money needed for meat and bread. Yet such schemes will always appeal to some people and many will risk a small amount of money at the suggestion of a hope to realize a fortune.

In the early days the gold-brick men thrived and prospered on the unsuspecting public. Today the gold-brick men have been relegated to the past, yet we have various but more modern schemes by which the public is relieved of surplus coin. However, since we are living in an enlightened and advertising age such methods and wild-cat schemes exist and thrive only a very limited time. The people of today want to see what they buy and know it is worth the price. Get-rich-quick schemes no longer delude and entice the general public. However, there are yet a few who must be given practical experience and no doubt those desirous of investing only a few dollars to become millionaires can find such a proposition for their special benefit.

There are many newspapers which have little fear in cussing the grafters, making charges on folks up at Washington and at a distance from home, but there are not so many which will promiscuously score and expose grafting schemes being perpetrated by those within their home community. The real province of a local paper is to publish the home news and look after the general interests of the community and the home people, and when it fails to expose grafts and grafters operating within their home community we consider that it has not only failed in its duty, but has betrayed the confidence of readers, patrons and the general public. And yet if a paper does its full duty along this line there is generally a "boycott" attempted by those who possibly lose from an exposure of their schemes.

American Bankers are planning to send a representative committee to France to investigate the rural credit system in operation in that country. This is a move in the right direction. The farmers are the real backbone of the country but their loan credit at the banks in the past has been more limited than any other business man. Heretofore business men of a town and cattle men have had little trouble in negotiating loans on which to operate while the farmer has been side-tracked for the benefit of other interests. The farmer is entitled to recognition on an equal footing with other business interests by the banks and money lenders, and when such becomes the prevailing conditions our agricultural interests will develop more rapidly.

We note that committees from Stamford, Anson and Hamlin have been appointed to secure rain in Jones county, and as a result said committee has ordered a large amount of dynamite which will be exploded at a point

equal distance from each town. The C. W. Post plan of rain-making will be adhered to throughout the experiment, and since Post has been successful it is expected that Jones county will soon have rain sufficient for their needs. The rain-making process will undoubtedly prove a success, judging from the past limited but successful experiments, and in the future neither this section nor the semi-arid sections further west need have further fears of crop failures. The people at El Paso have also made contracts with rain-makers to furnish a certain amount of rainfall through the summer months which will insure abundant and staple crops in that section.

AN OPEN LETTER

Honorable A. C. Wilmeth for Representative of the 105 Representative District of Texas.

To the Democrats of the 105th Representative District of Texas composed of the counties of Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall and Scurry:

I most respectfully ask your vote and influence for the nomination of myself as your candidate for representative in the 33rd Legislature.

I came west in 1880, and except for about three years in Collin county, mostly on the farm, have been actively engaged in developing this section ever since. My 28 years in Snyder have made me familiar with your every want. I served in the 29th and 30th legislatures and was present and working every day of the entire two sessions except for three days in Denton in visiting and investigating the state schools at the request of the house. I promise if again honored, I will give you the same faithful service.

I do not promise to make many changes in existing laws. The following, however, I think desirable and will endeavor to secure:

First—Our Judicial System and court procedure should be reformed. The present bungle-some arrangement of splitting up the jurisdiction should be replaced by one grade of trial courts of general jurisdiction, and one appellate court with sufficient numbers to transact the business. Judgements should not be reversed on technical errors when substantial justice has been done.

Second—The Democrat receiving the majority vote in the primaries in this district shall receive my vote for United Senator.

Third—Trusts in the commonly accepted sense of the word, could and should be prevented, not by a system of fines which works a hardship on the ultimate consumer and upon no one else, but by a system of State regulation of those branches of production and distribution.

Fourth—One of the greatest fields for development, one whose results for good will be boundless is the conservation of the rainfall to prevent overflows in the lowlands and for irrigation purposes in the semi-arid regions.

Fifth—Laws similar to those now existing in some states which will give railroad workers and other members of our great industrial army, adequate compensation in cases of accident should be enacted. This would enable them to get the compensation themselves instead of giving up the greater part of it

to damage suits lawyers and for court costs. It would also be a direct benefit to the public, for one of the greatest drains on railroads is the damage suit industry, and they immediately shift the strain to the people who pay the freight.

Sixth—The M. K. & T Railway Company should be allowed to consolidate with the Texas Central railway company, as they are not competing or parallel lines and reason teaches that one management can handle the business more expeditiously than two.

Seventh—I favor Statewide prohibition, but will not urge another election until public sentiment crystallizes somewhat in its favor. However, I will favor again submitting it to a vote of the people at any time they demand it.

Eighth—I favor the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

There are many other things that will need vigilant, earnest and honest attention, which I promise, keeping in mind that laws made, not for particular classes, but for securing justice to all. Believing that my knowledge of what needs to be done and of how to do it is an asset worth something to you and the State, I tender you my services asking favorable consideration and your active support.

Yours truly,

A. C. WILMETH

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

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Jeff D. Harkey was over Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time here on business.

M. A. Jordan was in the city Monday from the Steel Hill country and spent some time here.

R. B. F. Craig, who has been spending some time in Oklahoma, is at home visiting his family in Spur this week.

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

Uncle Tom Harkey has been going about on crutches this week, he having a crippled foot as a result of injuries received from a horse stepping on his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Broyles left last week for a ten days visit to his parents at Austin and relatives at other places. Mrs. Broyles will probably remain on a more extended visit while Mr. Broyles will return and resume his duties with Bryant-Link Company.

J. A. Nichols, a prominent citizen of the Wake country, had business in Spur Monday and spent some time here trading with the merchants. Mr. Nichols is one of the most prosperous citizens of the country and has just completed a fine residence on his place which is evidence of prosperity and progress.

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,
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A LION'S MEAL

In an article on lions in the June American Magazine, Stewart Edward White describes the manner in which a lion kills his prey. Mr. White has just returned from a year's hunt in Africa, during which he saw 71 lions and killed several. Following is an extract:

"The lion generally springs on his prey from behind or a little off the quarter. By the impetus of his own weight he hurls his victim forward, doubling its head under, and very neatly breaking its neck. I have never seen this done, but the process has been well observed and attended; and certainly, of the many hundreds of lion kills I have taken the pains to inspect, the majority had had their necks broken. Sometimes, but apparently more rarely, the lion kills its prey by a bite in the back of the neck. I have seen zebra killed in this fashion, but never any of the back. It may be possible that the lack of horns makes it more difficult to break a zebra's neck because of the corresponding lack of leverage when its head hits the ground sidewise.

"Once the kill is made, the lion disembowels the beast very neatly indeed, and drags the entrails a few feet out of the way. He then eats what he wants; and curiously enough seems often to be very fond of the skin. In fact, lacking other evidence, it is occasionally possible to identify a kill as being that of a lion by noticing whether any considerable portion of the hide has been devoured. After eating he drinks. Then he is likely to do

one of two things; either he returns to cover near the carcass and lies down, or he wanders slowly and with satisfaction toward his happy home. In the latter case the hyenas jackals and carrion birds seize their chance. The astute hunter can often diagnose the case by the general actions and demeanor of these camp fellows. A half dozen sour and distinguished looking hyenas seated on their haunches at scattered intervals, and treefuls of mournfully hump-backed vultures sunk in sadness, indicate that the lion has decided to save the rest of his zebra until tomorrow; and is not far away. On the other hand, a flapping, snarling kilkenny-fair of an aggregation swirling about one spot in the grass means that the principal actor has gone home. It is ordinarily useless to expect to see the lion actually on his prey. The feeding is done before dawn, after which the lion enjoys stretching out in the open until the sun is well up, and then retiring to the nearest available cover. In an undisturbed country, or one not much hunted, the early morning hours, up to say nine o'clock, are quite likely to show you lions sauntering leisurely across the open plains toward their lairs. They go a little, stop a little, yawn, sit down awhile, gradually work their way home. At those times you come upon them unexpectedly face to face; or, seeing them from afar, ride them down in a glorious gallop."

When in Spur don't forget to subscribe for The Texas Spur.

YOUR SIN WILL FIND YOU OUT

The curtain has fallen on the last scene of the last act of one of the ghastliest tragedies that ever shocked the American people, and a useful lesson may be learned from the tragic drama in which a young minister and a trusting, confiding girl were the chief dramatis personae.

There have been those who contended that the very iniquity and enormity of some crimes are the strongest evidence that the reason of the accused was dethroned.

Where the defendant in a case in Kentucky, without any apparent motive or any apparent premeditation, and without any antecedent menaces or previous grudges, walked up to an unsuspecting man and stabbed him to death, the plea was put up that none but an insane man could so slay without motive; but the appellate court wisely answered, in substance, that such plea was not sound in law, that even if what was said were true such a man was a foe to the human race and deserved to be put to death as a protection to society.

There will always be a question as to whether or not Riche-son was insane, but his actions were so deliberate, so coolly planned, so devilish in their ingenuity, and he took the life of the young, unsuspecting victim of his own base passions with such calm premeditation as to show that his intellectual faculties were in absolutely normal condition, however morally depraved he may have been.

One lesson he learned is that

criminals do not always come from the so-called criminal classes, but that those well reared and who have had the benefit of moral and Christian training may prove immune to every good influence, and that by reason of inherent viciousness or such abnormality as apparently violates every rule of heredity they are or become criminals.

A woman trusted one who wore the robes of a minister of the Most High. He, in violation of every moral obligation which could possibly influence human action even on the part of, one not a teacher and leader in the paths of rectitude, betrayed and took advantage of her trustfulness, and, as one lie makes another necessary, so one crime requires another; and so lechery and lust paved the way to murder, and murder led to death.—Houston Chronicle.

Mrs. Hardin, of near Spur, made the Spur office a very pleasant visit recently, having the paper sent to T. J. Owen, of Dallas.

A. J. Hill, formerly of Spur, but now of McCauley has been in Spur the past several days on business. He had the Texas Spur sent to his address.

J. A. Kerley, of near Spur, was in town Saturday on business and while here had his name added to our subscription list.

Judge McClain was in the city recently, and called at the Texas Spur and handed in a dollar to have the paper sent to W. M. Rhoades of Midway, New Mexico, for which he has our thanks.

NEW HOPE

A light shower fell here yesterday afternoon, which did some good to growing cotton.

T. N. Dodson, one of Motley county's best citizens, is here visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. Alvin Billberry preached at Midway Baptist church Sunday. His theme was, "Faith."

The Sunday school at Midway adopted the New Evangel Song Book.

Quite a crowd enjoyed themselves singing at C. M. Buchanan's Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mae Conner, daughter of A. A. Allen, is here to stay for a while.

Miss Edna Shields and Walter Van Lier attended church at Midway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Allen.

We were glad to greet our friend, Prof. Arthur Woodward, and wife. He formerly taught school at Duck Creek, but will teach another year in Stonewall county.—Onion.

Mrs. Standifer and children left this week for Shawnee, Oklahoma, where they will visit relatives and friends.

Mike M. Young is in the city this week attending the protracted meeting now in progress at the Christian tabernacle.

Mrs. Standifer, of Elk City, Oklahoma, returned this week to her home after a visit of several days to Dr. Standifer and family in Spur.

Good Things Cheap!

To further the sale of Holeproof Hosiery, which is the best known, we are going to offer for Saturday and all next week the 75c line of Pure Silk Half Hose for Men at 50c; the 50c line in Ladies' and Men's at 45c.

All Boys' "Wooly Boy" Suits in \$6.00 grade for	\$4.95
" " Wool Suits in \$5.00 grade for	4.25
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" " Full Peg Knee Pants \$1.75 grade for	1.45
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Big line Ladies' White and Colored Waists go at 1-2 former price.

Special Prices on Men's Clothing in Suits and Odd Pants; in fact, something doing of interest to wise money spenders.

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REV. L. E. FINNEY

A noted Evangelist, of Greenville who will begin a protracted meeting at the Baptist Tabernacle in Spur, Wednesday, June 19th.



HUGH L. HIATT, Arlington, Who will conduct the song services during the meeting.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Monday on business and reports everything in fine shape in the Cat Fish country.

Well drill outfit complete for sale. For particulars see W. G. Sherrod at Spur National Bank. —Shelby & Landes. 32-4tp.

Dr. Blackwell came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business.

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

REMOVED THE CAUSE OF APPENDICITIS AND TUMOR IN TWELVE TREATMENTS

Spur, Texas, May 8 1912. —To whom this may concern. I suffered for 9 years with a hurting in my side that Medical Doctors said was tumor and nothing but an operation would do me any good. I couldn't stand on my feet any length of time to do my work, but what I was all over a jerk, I was so nervous. I took treatment under Prof. Stevenson and after the 4th treatment I stood up and cooked dinner by myself, something I hadn't done in over a year. In 12 treatments I was well and feel better than I have in 15 years. He also cured me of a very severe case of indigestion. —Mrs. E. A. Tallent.

Massage was good enough for the people in the days of the Apostles and we believe it's good today. Come and give me a trial. What I have done for others I can do for you. —Prof. O. D. Stevenson, S. M.

Mr. Stewart and sister, who have been in Spur several days with Rev. Stewart during his illness, returned this week to their home in Tennessee.

CURED OF APPENDICITIS

It was a mistake about me being operated on at Jayton.

I have taken twelve treatments from Dr. Stevenson of Spur, and I am sound and well. I highly recommend him to all, not only for appendicitis but for other diseases.

MRS. J. A. LAFOON.

Dr. Bachelor returned Sunday to Post City after spending several days in Spur with Mrs. Bachelor.

H. F. Jennings has been carrying his hand in a sling this week, he having a rising on his arm from which he has been suffering severely.

Miss Jessie Schneider is visiting relatives and friends at Abilene and Winters. She will probably spend two weeks before returning to Spur.

Marshal Neely left Thursday to attend the big picnic to be had the latter part of the week at Slaton. This is advertised as one of the biggest picnics to be had on the Plains.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of Red Hill community, has been in Spur this week attending the protracted meeting at the Christian tabernacle.

COUNTY SEAT REMAINS AT FLOYDADA

As a result of an election held in Floyd county Saturday for the purpose of removing the county seat from Floydada to the center of the county Floydada will hold the county seat by a reported majority of twenty four votes.

This election was ordered as a result of the Commissioners Court refusing to allow the voters to vote on issuing bonds to build a new seventy-five thousand dollar court house, the Court ordering the house built and issuing warrants with which to pay for same.

B. T. Duncan, Jr., of the Draper country, was in the city Friday on business and trading with the merchants.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Four 70-saw gin plant for sale, or will trade for cattle, mules or Dickens county real estate. Will sell all on time, four annual payments, with proper security. —E. D. Chambers, Afton, Texas.

Mr. I. G. Van Léer, of near Spur, was in the city Friday and spent several hours in the city.

Attorney Burton and Mr. Smith, of Crosbyton, were in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shelton and children returned this week from Jayton where they spent several days with relatives and friends.

Attorney R. S. Holman made a trip this week to Clairemont on legal business, returning Wednesday to Spur. He reports that that section of country is beginning to need rain at this time, as well as other sections.

BOOT SHOP MOVED!

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

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