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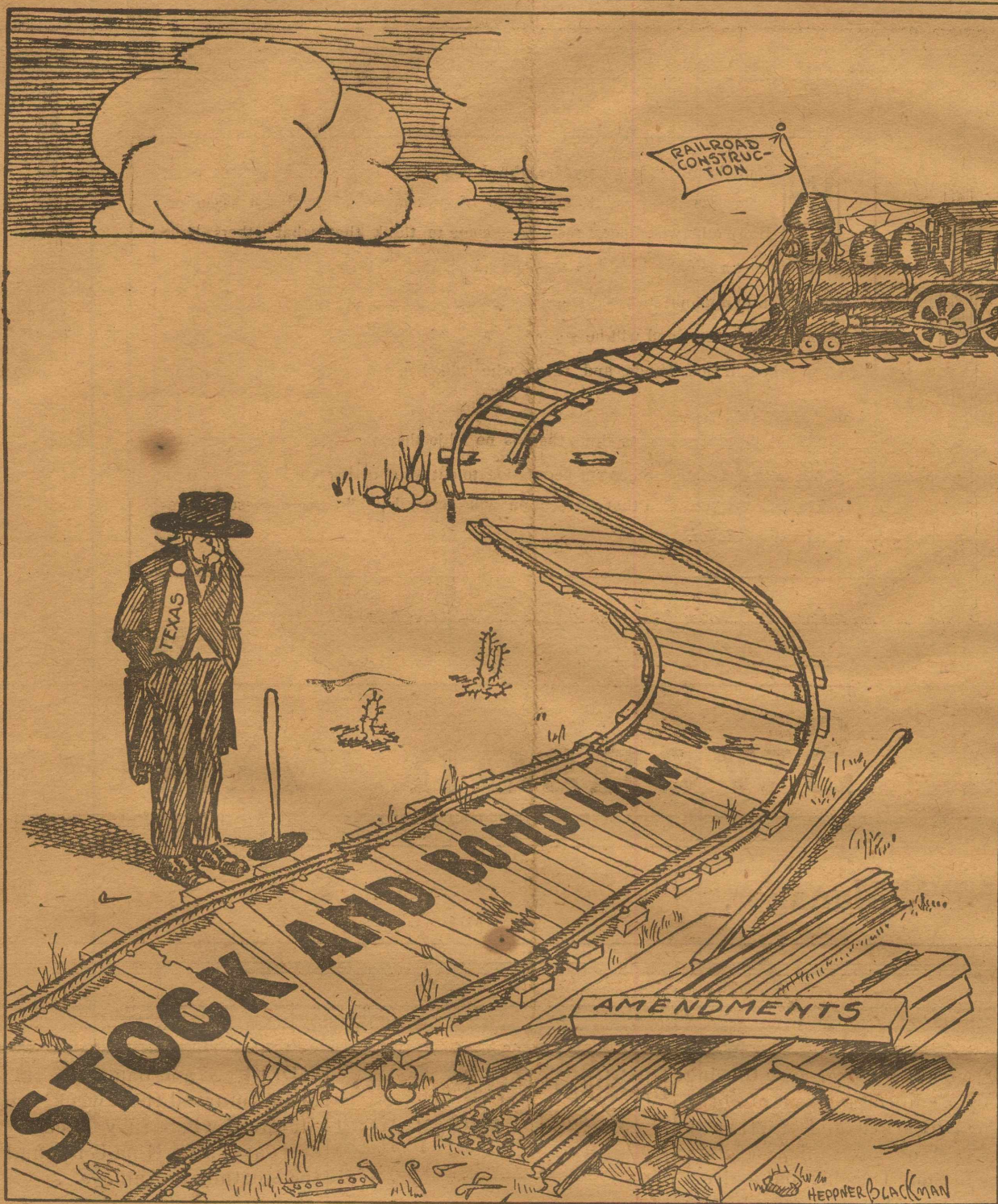
Draper, Texas, Jan. 2, 1913.—Texas Spur, Spur, Texas: Gentlemen:—Just read your article in your paper; also Mr. W. J. Elliott's. I am inclined at present to want over on Mr. Elliott's side of the good roads question. I live about as remote from the railroad as most any one in the county and if any body should be in favor of good roads it certainly should be those who are living as great a distance from market as I do.

1. I find that it does not worry my team but little to pull all the loads I haul to market. 2. It worries them less to pull all out from the market that I am able to pay for. 3. We are not in need of the work now probably as bad as we will be in the future, and should the bond issue carry and work on the road construction begin in the spring, how many farmers do you suppose would drop their plows and go to work on the roads? Not a one. They are too prosperous and can't afford to leave their crops to take care of themselves. They have too much at home to look after. How then will we get the roads built? Just run an add in the papers, I suppose, stating that we want one hundred mule teams and scrapers and two hundred hands to work on the roads in Dickens county, and further stating we have one hundred thousand dollars to pay out within six months or less time to the right kind of men for this road work. This would bring all the crap shooters and booze fighters to this country we would need for some time to come.

In building the court house and jail at Dickens it was specified in the contract that the work, as near as was possible, be given citizens of the county. I am confident that of the thirty-two thousand dollar bond issue voted to construct these buildings any one citizen of the county failed to receive as much as one hundred dollars for work and as many as twenty applicants failed to get any work at all. We got a few as good men from out of the county to work on the court house and jail as those of our best citizens, but a majority of the non-resident workmen were such as have been described in another part of this letter. The court house and jail is not much to look at. Of that thirty-two thousand dollars the biggest thing we have with us is the old debt saddled upon us twenty years ago. It probably has changed its form a little but its the same old thing in part.

As friend Elliott said, there is not a tax-payer in the county who wants to pay another dollar in the way of taxes. I haven't much in the way of property, yet in taxes, interest and leases I pay about three hundred dollars annually. I don't think we should make the burden any harder because we are not ready to meet it. We cannot pay the bankers and merchants in the fall if our crops are a failure, and in case of a crop failure the

FILL IN THE GAPS



The production and industrial activities of the state during the past twenty years have developed three times as fast as the transportation facilities.—Texas Welfare Commission.

road and bridge bonds would give work to the farmers and be a help to all.

If this is a scheme to boom the country and draw immigration westward, I am of the opinion it will drive out more than it will draw. About the first question asked by a prospector is: "How much taxes are you paying on the one hundred dollars valuation." If he finds that the taxes here are higher than in the country he came from, do you think he will buy? Not hardly. He will go on further as hundreds are doing.

I don't wish to make the impression that I am opposed to the building of good roads, if we were ready to meet the expense, but I think this proposition a little premature and unless I can be shown the emergency and need of good roads to cost the tax-payers of Dickens county one hundred thousand dollars I shall vote against the bonds. With best wishes I am very truly yours,—E. B. Shaw.

SCHOOLS ON SOLID BASIS

Superintendent of Public Instruction F. M. Brally today announced the school apportionment for February to be \$2.50, and further announced that this large apportionment would be the means of enabling all the public schools of the state to pay off all vouchers, in other words, the schools will be on a solid financial basis.

At certain seasons of the year,

when tax collections are running low, it is necessary for some schools to give vouchers to teachers and in many instances these are carried by the banks, while there are a number of teachers who keep vouchers themselves until an adequate appointment is made to cash them.

The apportionment made today is on \$2,542,832.50 to the credit of the available school fund and is based on a scholastic enumeration of 1,017,133. Previous to today's apportionment, three apportionments have been made, one for 75c and two for 50c each. The total per capita apportionment for the year is \$6.85 and of this amount \$4.25 has been apportioned, leaving \$2.60 yet to be apportioned.

LOCAL LOAN AGENCY

Mr. Bell, a loan and real estate man of Benjamin, was here this week and made arrangements with Glasgow & Davis to represent the loan company in this section. Messrs. Glasgow and Davis, being also in the abstract business and familiar with the titles to lands, will be in a position to give immediate loans on land, avoiding all unnecessary delay. Mr. Glasgow, being an able lawyer and prepared to care for the legal questions involved, those desiring loans are assured of the very best service. We understand that the company will loan as much as fifty per cent of the value of farm land.

BIG BOY BORN

J. D. Martin was in the city Monday from his home several miles north of Spur and reported the birth of a son in his home on the last day of January. Mr. Martin said that the young fellow weighed eight and a half pounds and that he wanted to name him Wilson but that the mother assumed authority in the naming—and of course he will be called Dud, Jr. The Texas Spur wishes young Mr. Martin a long, eventful and prosperous life in this great Western country, and arriving at manhood's estate may he fulfill the fondest hopes of his parents.

MOVES TO STAMFORD

R. B. Bryant and family shipped their household goods last week to Stamford where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Bryant being associated with the Baker-Bryant Company of Stamford. Their many friends here wish Mr. and Mrs. Bryant a pleasant stay in Stamford and an early return to their home in Spur.

TO DALLAS FOR TREATMENT

Prof. George T. Barnes, of the Dickens School, passed through Spur last week en route to Dallas to have his eye treated, he having been suffering considerably the past several days. During his absence Mrs. P. H. Miller will take his place as teacher of the school.

SOMETHING TO GIVE TO EVERY FARMER

Any farmer who will come to our office and give us his name and address we will give him one years subscription to a good farm paper and in addition to that a book on soil culture, one of the best ever gotten out. Remember to come to the office and have your name and address registered.

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A friend is one who knows all about you and likes you just the same.

You must see our 10c gingham. We have never before been able to show such a wide range of patterns together with quality. It is equal to most gingham sold for 12 1-2c. We bought for our stores 600 pieces in order to get it at a price so as to make it a 10c leader.

The old receipt for making rabbit pie is: First catch the rabbit.

"Queen Quality."—We are showing our new spring styles. If you would be well dressed your feet must look neat and feel comfortable. If you once wear Queen Quality you will wear no other. Remember we are exclusive agents in Spur.

Don't fuss at your old cook stove. Just buy a sack of Light Crust and the biscuits will be good.

Now is the time to select your spring white goods and there is one brand that is better, and it's guaranteed to hold its luster after being washed. If it don't you get a new dress—"Linweave." Ask to see our beautiful line. No trouble to show you, look whether you want to buy or not. For several years we've wanted to get the Linweave line and feel proud that we now have it in our shelves.

Be a live wire and you wont get stepped on. It is the dead ones that are used for door mats.

Say, its going to rain some of these days and you will need to work. Why not buy your implements and be ready. Its useless to tell you "Jno. Deere" are superior in quality to most other lines. There's none better and few, if any, as good.

Unfortunately a swelled head does not hurt like a swelled thumb.

Say, we want your business and have bought this column to tell you we do. Now if you do not read it we'll both be losers.

Don't wait thinking we have not new goods; they are coming on every train, and our stock is in fine shape.

We will have something new to tell you next week so watch this space. Make our store your headquarters when in town. If you want to write to your friends you will find plenty stationery and desk room in our office.

"Come in without knocking and don't knock when you go out."—Bryant-Link Co.

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter Will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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Joe Newsom, representing J. F. Weiser and Company, was in Spur several days last week looking after their interests here. In traveling over a large portion of the state Mr. Newsom says that he finds the country as a whole in pretty good shape.

G. B. Walker, formerly of the Gilpin country, but now of the Jayton country, was in Spur last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Grubbers—to grub land for the wood, fine wood and a paying proposition. See L. C. Arrington or W. F. Shugart, six miles east of Spur. 13-2t.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons recently made a short visit to friends and relatives at Rule, their old home.

A boy was born Thursday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewis at their home in the city.

A woman lecturer, now touring the state in the interest of christian education and furthering the work of ladies aid societies, was in Spur Tuesday and addressed ladies of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society of Spur at the Baptist tabernacle. Quite a number of the ladies of the town were present and the lecture was appreciated.

Will Ezell, county clerk of Crosby county, was in Spur this week to attend the school in Masonry conducted at the Spur Masonic Hall.

Mr. Sparks, of the Tap country, was in the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

A number of the children of Spur are reported sick this week of severe colds and threatened pneumonia.

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The Red Front Drug Store sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it. For you and your children, it's a good thing to keep a bottle always in the house.

The Red Front Drug Store will give you your money back if you think Dodson's Liver Tone is not worth the price. "Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working," is good advice to go by.

J. C. Cooper, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports the Afton country in good shape, but says that a good rain and good roads would be acceptable to that section.

W. P. Sampson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Gilpin country, was in Spur last week and reports everything in good shape in his section.

Dr. Grace and daughter, Miss Nina, returned this week from Stamford where they spent several days, Miss Nina being under the treatment of an eye specialist.

Edwards-Hogan Co. will re-block your hat, clean your clothes and sell you a new suit—if you will let them. See our spring line.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray is reported sick of pneumonia, but is doing nicely we are glad to note.

R. M. Glazbrook was in the city last week from his ranch home several miles south of Spur.

W. H. Teague has leased his blacksmith shop to Messrs. Murray and Berry and the business will hereafter be conducted under the firm name of Berry & Company. They are expert workmen and the business will continue to cater to high class work in the future.

Mrs. Duke Henson, who has been in the Standifer Hospital the past several days on account of an operation, is reported not doing so well at this time and the many friends of the family are very solicitous of her condition.

J. C. McNeill was in the city from his ranch home several miles west of Spur.

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EDUCATION.

Education is not in adopting the fads and notions and foolish eccentricities of those higher up, but in the cultivation of that quality of mind and strength of character so essential to real culture. Superficial culture, such as the foolish and silly pronunciation of words, by rolling the tongue and twisting the neck and blaring the eyes, is more disgusting to thinking people than dense ignorance. I much prefer to hear grandma talk about the good old soap-making days, with her specks adjusted just right on the bridge of her nose, her hair slicked back and done up in a little knot on the back of her neck, with a lead ring on her fore finger to keep off rheumatism and stop blood, than to hear one of these up-to-date, tight-waisted, frizzled-haired, silver-slipped, silk-petticoat, diamond-ringed, rat-wearing, fiction-reading, society-going and womentalk of Mrs. Browning woman suffrage around a punch bowl at a pow-wow.

Education is not veneered ignorance dressed up in the language of the latest love story, but refined and cultured common sense expressed in the language of real life. Education is not something added by a four years' course in college at some fashionable finishing school, but a process of culture which touches the very essence of our being and requires the labors of a life time. Books and travel are only aids toward an education, for it is possible to be poor and live in a cabin, and yet be educated, provided you have ambition and brains. Many of the world's most famous writers and thinkers lived in obscurity, for years, during their most productive period of mental activity, with but few books and never traveled over one hundred miles from the place of their labors. There is more to be gained, many times, by thoughtful study and mental penetration into the real things of life in the quiet of the home than in a trip to Europe. There is no such thing as monotony to a real thinker, for life is

too short and there is too much to learn for time to drag. The educated man is at home and at ease anywhere except in idleness.

Education is not a thing you can put off and on like a suit of clothes, talcum powder, face lotion or blondine, but operates from within and transforms your conduct. Education is learning to appreciate values of moral, mental and spiritual worth and devoting powers to discriminate between the gaudy, the sensual and the vulgar, in contradistinction to the real, the noble and the true. Educated men and women value human beings and things for their intrinsic value, and not for their seeming importance. Education worth while does not train us away from the appreciation of the common, ordinary, everyday things of life, such as work and sacrifice and economy, for true culture helps us to discover in these the MAKING of character.

Education is not an abnormal development of the mental faculties, making us idealists, transcendentalists, metaphysicians and theological hair-splitters, but the normal development of the mind in its natural

unfolding, in the face of facts which must be dealt with in all candor and sincerity; which premise is to say that the only education worth while is Christian education. Regenerated scholarship is the hope of the country and the help of the Church.—I. E. Gates in Plains Baptist.

I have leased the Gilpin well and will sell water from same at customary prices.—J. H. McMichael. Phone 1 long and 1 short ring. 13-5t

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NOTICE

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Don't fail to hear A. Lincoln Kirk at the school auditorium Saturday evening, Feb. 15. Mr. Kirk is an impersonator of ability and you will enjoy the evening. The entertainment is for the benefit of the school. Reserved seats 50 cents. General admission 25 and 35 cents. Reserved tickets on sale at Red Front Drug Store.

E. J. Cairns, manager of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, left last week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will remain indefinitely for the benefit of his health, he having been suffering of rheumatism for some time. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cairns.

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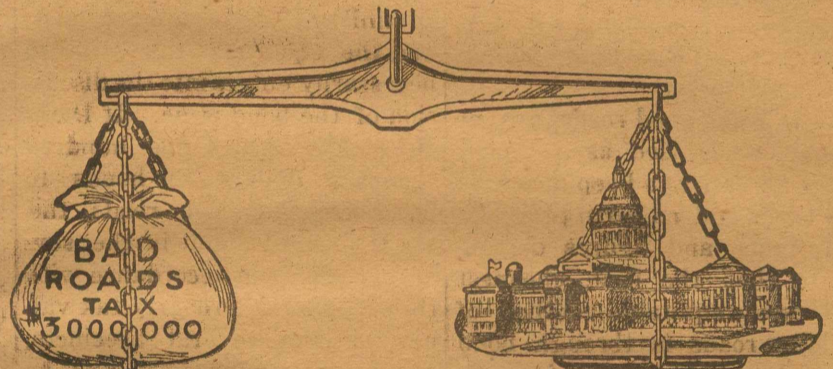
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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

THE ROAD BOND ISSUE.

There has been much said both for and against the proposed road bonds for Dickens county, and since an election will be held next Saturday to determine whether or not one hundred thousand dollars in bonds be issued to construct, maintain and operate macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in the county, it is right and proper that the proposition be thoroughly discussed and understood.

The Texas Spur has preached good roads for years, and after we get good roads we will continue to preach for better roads. The benefits and conveniences of good roads is recognized by everybody and unquestioned by those who oppose the issuance of bonds, consequently we consider any argument for good roads unnecessary at this time.

For years, and almost since the beginning of our present form of government "taxation without representation" and the "equalization of taxes" has been most important factors in the administration of public affairs, and as a representative of all the people of Dickens county The Texas Spur will stand for the rights of the people and contend for the equalization of taxes in every instance, and since the proposed road bond issue is a tax proposition and affects every citizen, we deem it right and proper and our duty to express our ideas and opinions in the matter.

In this age good roads are no longer recognized as a luxury but a necessity to keep pace of the times and modern progress, and facts and figures demonstrate that the best, cheapest and most equitable method of building roads is through bond issues by taxation, therefore we favor a proposition to issue one hundred thousand dollars in bonds at this time and another hundred thousand dollars at a later date for the purpose of building good roads in Dickens county. However, in issuing such bonds and building good roads the equal distribution of the bond funds should be a consideration, and every section of the county should have its proportionate share in the expenditure of the bonded funds. Say that in Commissioners Precinct Number One the taxable values forced the people of that section to pay taxes on \$35,000 of the bond issue, while in Precinct Number Two the people only pay taxes on \$30,000 of the bond issue, Precinct Three pays \$25,000 and Precinct Four pays only \$10,000 of the fund, would it not be right and proper to spend the funds according to the amounts paid by the several sections of the county? Further, say that in Commissioners precinct Four the country is uneven, broken and it will require two thousand dollars to build one mile of macadamized road while in Pre-

cinet Two, the geography of the country being more inviting, it will require only five hundred dollars to build one mile of road, would it equalize the taxes to divert the funds from the one precinct to the other to build equal mileage of road over which the tax-payer will probably never have occasion to travel. If Precinct One pays \$35,000 of the tax, that precinct should have \$35,000 worth of roads whether the amount builds ten miles or fifty miles of roads, and if ten thousand dollars of its funds are diverted to another section the people of Precinct Number one will be burdened with taxes to that extent for forty years. When properly equalized road taxes will not be a burden because those who pay get the benefits of good roads in accord with the amount they are forced to pay. Say that the Afton Precinct is assessed to pay \$30,000 of the proposed bond and that amount of funds will build fifty miles of macadamized roads in that section, would it be just and right and equal taxation for the Commissioners Court after the election to say that the Afton country should have only twenty-five miles of macadamized roads and in consequence transfer \$15,000 of the money paid by the Afton people to the Spur Precinct which is assessed to pay only \$10,000 of the bond funds when it will require \$25,000 to build twenty-five miles of road. In other words if Afton is bonded to pay thirty thousand dollars that section should have thirty thousand worth of macadamized roads whether that amount of money builds ten miles or fifty miles of roads, and if Spur is bonded for ten thousand dollars for macadamized roads that amount of money should be expended in this section even though on account of the geography of the country the ten thousand dollars would build sixty miles of road.

As said before, the equalization of taxation is a problem which should be considered in the administration of public affairs, and the equalized tax problem necessarily enters into the discussion of the bond issue. If Dickens county issues one hundred thousand dollars in bonds to build macadamized roads the roads should be built in the several precincts in accordance with the amounts of property tax values in the several precincts, otherwise one precinct will be forced to pay a tax for the benefit of other people and another section of country and for which the tax-payer does not get value received. Such a method of taxation would become an unjust burden of taxation upon the people of one precinct and continue throughout forty years.

In the absence of a statement from the members of the Commissioner's Court, and since the Court will have the matter entirely under its supervision after the election, The Texas Spur is not in a position at this time to say definitely how the road bond funds will be distributed should the election carry. By inference we have formed the opinion that at least one member of the Commissioners Court will favor distributing the funds similarly as above outlined, while others may favor pooling the total bonded sum and build roads without regard to the necessary expenditure or tax money received in different parts of the county; and as to how a majority of the members of the court will decide to distribute the funds we can only surmise; and since the people are

footing the bills we believe that the plans should be definitely stated before the election because the principal objection to the proposed bond issue is on these points.

However, since it is conceded that the amount of the proposed bond issue is not sufficient to build macadamized roads directly in connection with every farm in the county, The Texas Spur is contending before the election and will contend after the election for an equitable distribution of the funds and building of the roads in exact accord with the amount of taxes paid by the people of the several precincts of the county to the end that every tax payer will get what he pays for and no more, none will have a forced road tax burden and each community of citizens will have access and equitable connection to good roads, and thus being given a square deal, just and most equitable benefits the individual tax-payer will be more willing and anxious when the proper time arrives to vote an additional bond for further road improvement; and we believe that if it is known that such a plan will be consummated the road bond issue would carry by practically an unanimous vote.

The State Legislature has decided to investigate the public lands proposition, especially with respect to the former transaction in connection with the building of the State Capitol building in former years. It is said that one million acres of Western Texas lands were given a syndicate to build the State Capitol, and that since that time the syndicate has sold approximately three million acres of the land and still has about one million acres to its credit. There is no question but that a thorough investigation into the public lands proposition and the transactions of former years will reveal many acres of land gobbled up in many sections and which now rightfully and lawfully belong to the public.

It is now said that the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway now building into Roaring Springs has accepted a bonus proposition from Plainview and will build from Roaring Springs, through Plainview and on to Roswell, New Mexico. We had thought, and hoped, that the road would build through Spur, Post and on to Roswell, but the indications are that we have either slept on our "pulling" opportunity or the railroad building management thinks another route a more practicable and paying proposition.

A bill has been presented to the legislature to put pool halls under local option law, thus permitting a vote as to whether or not they shall be operated.

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ABOUT THE PROPOSED ROAD BOND ISSUE

In the matter of the coming election for the \$100,000 bond issue for the construction and maintenance of a system of graded roads for this county, there seems to be considerable opposition to the proposed issuance. This opposition the writer believes to be based upon a misunderstanding and a misconception of the facts and with little knowledge of the proposed expenditure of money, for the writer feels assured that the people of this county are progressive and are alive to the necessity of good roads.

One reason assigned for opposition to the issuance of bonds is that it will increase taxes materially, and if this was true, it affords no good reason for opposition for their issuance, taking into consideration the present deplorable condition of all of the roads of this county, and unless there is a bond issue for their improvement, their present condition will become worse. But as a matter of fact the proposed issue, if carried, will not increase the taxes to any material extent. For over eighteen years there has been a tax levied and collected of fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of all taxable property in the county, during which time over sixty thousand dollars has been collected from the tax-payers. The money has been expended as received for road purposes but for the reason that the amount of this fund has not at any one period of the time been sufficient to permanently construct any portion of our roads the results of such expenditure have been temporary.

In the event of the carriage of the bonds, the fifteen cents now levied will be reduced to five cents and the ten cents will be applied to the payment of interest on the bonds and to the creation of a sinking fund for their payment at or before maturity and it is very probable that the entire fifteen cents will be so applied.

It will require a tax of eighteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation to take care of the \$100,000 issue, and if the court should deem it wise to apply all the present levy of fifteen cents, the taxes would be increased but three cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, meaning but ninety cents increase to the tax-payer whose property is assessed at \$3,000, an amount too small to be considered by any one whose intelligence has entitled him to that amount of property.

Now as a matter of economy, the bonds should carry, for, under our present system the tax-payers of this county in forty years (the period of payment of

the bonds) will have paid in taxes the immense sum of \$240,000. Making no allowance for increase in values of assessable property, and with eighteen years experience with the benefits derived therefrom, can any one expect any improvement in our roads?

Another objection to the bond issue is that the amount of bonds to be voted on is too much. In this the writer disagrees and would be opposed to any less amount, any amount less than would be necessary to grade all of our roads, main and neighborhood, would be an injustice to the citizen tax-payer who did not live adjacent to the roads graded.

In the discussion of this bond issue, a majority of the commissioners court have expressed themselves in the writer's presence that the amount of the proposed issue shall be expended for the benefit of the entire citizenship of Dickens county and with a view that all of the neighborhoods of the county be enabled to have rural routes established, as with our present roads none can be established, and to let the neighborhoods all have the advantage of the parcels post system.—B. G. Worswick.

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DRY LAKE ITEMS

We have been having some real cold weather in this section the past week.

H. C. Allen made a business trip to Dickens Monday.

F. W. West was in our community this week visiting his brother and family.

Bennie Tunnell, who has been in our community the past few weeks, left recently for his home at Stamford.

Little Sue Dell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Draper, has been real sick of pneumonia.

Wayne VanLeer, of near Spur, was in our community Sunday the guest of his parents.

Mrs. H. C. Allen has been real sick of pneumonia but is reported convalescent.

Little Mary Helen Johnson is reported real sick.

Misses Irene and Erna Leach were the visitors of the Misses McEntrie, of near Dickens, Sunday.

Dee Hargrove, of near Dickens, was in our community this week.

R. C. Thomas and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Reeves.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry will fill his regular appointment at the school house Sunday.—Maiden Vine.

Miss Minnie Lee Springer last week complimented the Texas Spur force in extending tickets to a school entertainment given at the school auditorium Friday night, and while circumstances prevented us from attending the entertainment the compliment was no less appreciated. The entertainment was reported very entertaining and enjoyed by a large audience, and the pupils and school are to be congratulated for the success of the entertainment programs.

Mrs. George Bennett is reported quite sick this week at her home in the city.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two good young mares at a bargain or will trade for mules not over seven years old.—W. F. Shugart, Spur, Texas. 10-4tp

I will be in Spur to do veterinary work the first and third Saturdays of each month. Bring in horses and mules to Conner's wagon yard.—J. F. Speer. 9-1f

See Shylock, Jingles, Mr. Dooley and other famous characters as in real life at A. Lincoln Kirk's entertainment for the benefit of the school at the school auditorium on Saturday evening, Feb. 15. Reserved seats at the Red Front Drug Store.

H. F. Wade, of Lockney, was in Spur Sunday and Monday visiting at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cooper, and also on a prospective cattle deal. He reports the Plains country in good shape.

Mr. Chumley, of Abilene, is in Spur to be with his daughter, Mrs. Duke Henson, during her illness and confinement in the Standifer Hospital.

Jim Thompson, who has been with the Dickens Item several weeks, passed through Spur this week on his way to Aspermont and Stamford.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12-

Edwards-Hogan Co. has the "Old Reliable" Abilene Steam Laundry. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here on business.

Bundled maize and kaffir corn for sale by Mace Hunter on his place 4 miles east of Spur. 13-2p

Mace Hunter was in the city this week from his home several miles east of Spur.

ROAD BOND ELECTION NOT TO BE HELD SATURDAY

By order of the Commissioners Court the Road Bond Election will not be held Saturday, Feb. 8th, as heretofore ordered. An error or omission in the order being stated as the reason for not holding the election at this time.

W. H. Smith and family, of the Red Mud country, left this week for the San Patricio country where they will make their future home. Mr. Smith was editor of the Clairemont News, and the family has many friends in both Kent and Dickens county who are sorry to see them leave the country, but wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in their new location.

O. O. Love, a prominent business man of Dickens, was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business.

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city this week and spent some time here on business.

FOR SALE—Bundle maize, kaffir corn and cane, also Mebane Triumph cotton seed.—J. P. Gibson, Spur, Texas. 11-5t

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A young man by the name of Robertson, alias "Higginbotham," alias "Kid," was arrested by City Marshal Neely Wednesday at the Spur Inn shortly after his arrival in the city from Crosbyton and was returned to Crosbyton Wednesday night by Sheriff Roy of Crosby county on the charge of forgery. Mr. Neely states that Robertson deposited a check in a bank at Crosbyton for \$900 and drawn on C. W. Post, alleged to have been received in payment for a bunch of mules. He also exhibited a check for \$13,600 drawn on Mr. Higginbotham, financier of Dublin. Investigation by the bank officials led to the fact that the checks were forgeries which information caused his arrest in Spur. At Crosbyton Robertson posed as a son of the Dublin financier while on other occasions his alias was "Kid."

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PHOTOS

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Come in and let us show you our work and give us a trial. We make good pictures.—P. E. Randolph. 13-1f

W. D. Bender and wife left Saturday for Clairemont where Mrs. Bender will remain with relatives while Mr. Bender makes an extended trip to South Texas to trade, buy and sell horses. They will probably be gone several months.

H. K. Parks has bought the Spur Auto & Supply Company and now has charge of the business. Mr. Parks was formerly manager of the Parks Livery Stable in Spur and his many friends wish him success in his new line of business.

W. I. Maxwell and family have moved to Spur and occupy a residence in the north part of town. Mr. Maxwell has a position with the West Side Barber Shop and is a first-class barber and a good citizen.

Wyatt Taylor was in the city Wednesday from the Plains country and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

Full car of Baker Boy Flour at \$3 per hundred.—E. Luce.

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GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins made a trip to Spur last Friday.

Willie Hagins and sister, Miss Lily Hagins, and Miss Mae Wasson attended the fruit supper given by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bailey Friday night and report a nice time.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett, who has been suffering of lagrippe for several weeks, is convalescent.

B. J. Hagins made a business trip to Jayton Monday.

D. D. Hagins made a trip to Spur Wednesday.

Messrs. Bilberry and Brooks were in Spur Monday.

Mr. Turner and son attended court at Clairemont Monday.

L. W. Bilberry is having some work done on his house, which when completed will make his one of the nicest country homes in Dickens county.

It is reported that we are soon to lose another one of our fair belles. Look out for next week's announcement.

Our school is going to give an entertainment on Washington's birthday. Every body is invited to come.

Misses Mae Wasson, Mary Bennett, Lily and Mattie Hagins, Mamie Bilberry, Jewel and Eunice Sampson, Iva Taylor and Martha Arnold took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins Sun-

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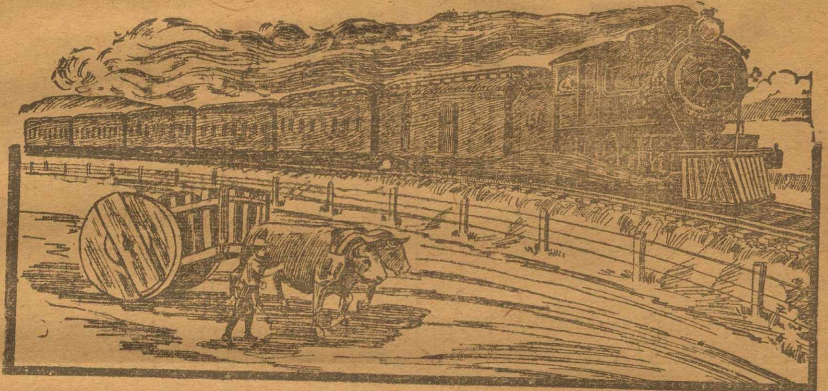
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Cost \$350.00 will sell for \$150. Call at A. T. Odeneal's Jewelry store or at his residence.—A. T. Odeneal Watchmaker and Jeweler. With Lambdin & Co.

W. A. Johnson was in the city one day this week from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything in good shape.

Berry Pursley was here from Jayton last week and spent some time in Spur looking after his business interests.

Baker Boy Flour is the best flour that comes to Spur. \$3 per hundred.—E. Luce.

Miss Lewis Fox returned this week from a visit of several days to friends at Paducah.

Why not buy Baker Boy Flour? It is only \$3 per hundred pounds.—E. Luce.

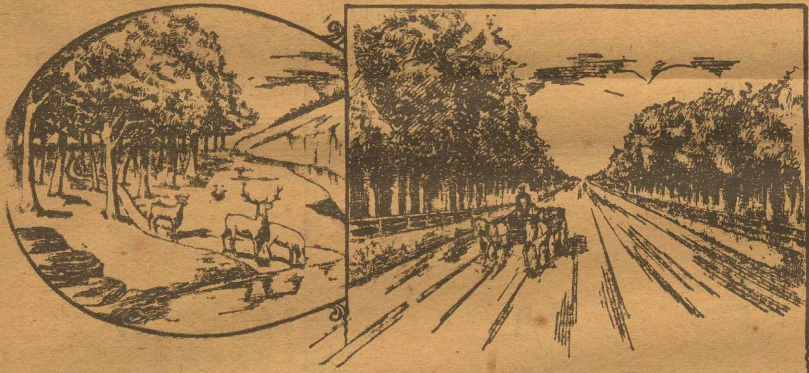
Fred O. McFall was in the city this week from his place several miles north of Spur.

White Oak heart is the best of the best of wood.—Brazelton-Pryor & Co. sells it. 14

Will Walker was in the city last week from his home several miles east of Spur.

Buy Baker Boy Flour at \$3 per hundred pounds.—E. Luce.

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Good roads are just as important as good water and no one is any more opposed to good roads than to good water, but strange to say, good roads are the last thing we build. The farmer must dig his well at his own expense, while his neighbors help him build roads.

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