

WILL RECEIVE BIDS ON SPUR WATER SYSTEM

The City Commissioners of Spur will receive bids on the fifteenth of July for the material and work in installing the water works system in Spur. Twenty five thousand dollars in bonds have been voted for that purpose, and while the Attorney General has not yet approved the bonds it is not necessary to delay the work of putting the waterworks system into operation on account of the delay on the part of the Attorney General. The waterworks system as planned will supply every part of the city with water to meet the domestic requirements and also supply the standard requirements for fire protection. The water supply will come from wells put down on the creek, and it is said that the water from these wells is pure and free from gyp. It is hoped and presumed that before the end of this year Spur will have a first-class waterworks system in operation and assume its proper place in the front ranks of progressive western cities in commercial advantages and more desirable residential inducements.

A GREAT EVENT

On last Friday afternoon from three until six o'clock at the grocery department of the Sol Davis Store, very delicious cakes of the National Biscuit Company brand, together with White Swan Tea, were served by Mrs. Luke Davis. No one was overlooked—Mrs. Davis waited on everyone who would partake.

However, the main feature of the occasion was a cake baking contest, and at the proper hour the judges, Mesdames L. N. Riter, Jas. Mahone and F. R. Harrington, were assembled in front of the table bearing twenty eight cakes of different variety. Mrs. C. M. Bartlett then served each judge with a piece of each cake and after some delay, which was occasioned by having so many good cakes baked with Marshal Neill Flour to select from, the decisions as follows were made:

Miss Thera Beavis, first prize; forty eight pound sack of one Marshall Neill Flour. Mrs. W. Marsh, second prize; one ten D. Wilson. Mrs. S. R. Pound buckwheat. Mrs. S. R. Barrett, third prize; one five pound can of Jacob's Baking Powder.

Everyone was entirely satisfied with the undisputed decision of the Honorable Judges and all in attendance enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent.—Sol Davis.

BEST CROP CONDITIONS

Tax Assessor, T. J. Harrison was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Cottonwood country. He says that he has the best crop prospects he has had in many years and that he could not wish for better conditions than now prevail. Everybody ought to wake up and get busy. Things are coming our way.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER

Tuesday morning of last week at the Methodist tabernacle and under the auspices of the Ladies Home Mission Society a number of the lady friends of Miss Edie Fite tendered to her a miscellaneous shower of wedding presents on the eve of her marriage to W. C. Gruben, June 26. The shower consisted of many dainty, useful and appropriate gifts which were received in the most graceful and appreciative manner.

During the afternoon refreshments of cake and punch were served, and appropriate wishes and toasts were extended the bride and groom to be.

This occasion with the shower of many nice gifts was a demonstration of the high regard in which Miss Fite is held by her friends and associates. Miss Fite has been a teacher in the schools of Dickens county the past two years and is a lady of superior intellectual ability and endowed with the accomplishments of beautiful character, lovable individuality and the qualifications of creating and superintending a true home.

The Texas Spur joins the many friends in wishing her the full realization of her most cherished ideals and a happy home.

A GENERAL RAIN DUE

W. M. Childress was in the city Saturday and in speaking of the rains he said that he had noticed it rain sufficiently to wash away trash in places while within a few yards the rain was insufficient to lay the dust. Such rains have been the rule over the country throughout the year until Sunday night we had a general rain, a gully-washer and a ground-soaker throughout not only the Spur country but practically all of Western Texas. We were confident such a rain was due and we are also confident that bumper crops will be grown in the Spur country.

THE SUCCESSFUL MAN'S CREED

I believe in the stuff I am handing out, in the organization I am working for, and in my ability to get results. I believe that honest stuff can be passed out to honest men by honest methods. I believe in working, not weeping; in boosting, not knocking; and in the pleasure of my job. I believe that a man gets what he goes after, that one deed done today is worth two deeds done tomorrow, and that no man is down and out until he has lost faith in himself. I believe in today and the work I am doing, in tomorrow and the work I hope to do, and in the sure reward which the future holds. I believe in courtesy, in kindness, in generosity, in good cheer, in friendship and in honest competition. I believe there is something, some where, for every man who is ready to do it.

SIX INCH RAIN

Sl. Neill and wife were in the city Tuesday from their ranch home west of Spur. Mr. Neill reports a six inch rain on his ranch Sunday night and as a result everything is in fine shape.

THAT THREE INCH RAIN

We have been waiting to tell you about that three inch rain for a long time, but it isn't necessary now. It would be like a fellow who is in love the first time and has the prettiest sweetheart and most perfect girl in the world—he already knows it.

Now let's quit worrying; there is no use in that. Let's stick to our knitting and the results will come. Why worry over the fact that a very black hen lays a very white egg?—get the egg.

Now that it has rained, you will want to do some fencing. We have a car of Baker Perfect wire coming, and the price will be right. Staples and nails, \$3.

Come on and get that New Moline wagon; you will need it this fall, and we'll wait 'till then for the money, and you will have the wagon to go to see your wife's kinsfolk this summer. Nothing better for the money than the New Moline—noted for its extreme lightness of draft.

We can't keep from being proud of our buggy line. We are just tickled to get to show down in quality and price with anything on the market. As to peddlers, they can't reach us; we are \$15 to \$40 under them. Mail order houses are not in it if you give us a chance. We are after the buggy business, and will get it if you compare before you buy. Almost any of your boys can get married if you buy one of our Jno. Deere buggies. Mr. Gruben had one only two months. Don't you see the result?

Say, bring on your chickens—old roosters and all—we are never overstocked, and butter—any old kind, don't care how stale—we can use it at 15 cents per pound. This is not much, but beats throwing it away when it is old.

A LITTLE BOY'S PRAYER IN TROUBLE
"Dear God, I need you awful bad;
I don't know what to do.
My papa's cross, my mamma's sick;
I think I have no fren' but you.

"When keardless Angels went and brung,
'Stid of the boy I ast,
A weency teency baby girl—
I don't see how they dast!

"An' God, I wish't you'd take her back—
'She's just as good as new.
Won't no one know she's second hand
But 'ceptin' me and you.

"An' pick a boy, dear God, yourself—
The nicest in your fold—
But please don't choose him quite so young;
'I'd like him five years old."

Big shipments of shoes came in last week, and our shoe business continues to grow along with Iron Clad hose. New goods coming into our dry goods department all the time. We are trying to please you—if we don't tell us. Star Windmill is at the bottom of this add but on top in the wind mill line. Let us put a Star about your home.

MAN DROWNED IN LAKE.

It is reported in Spur that Lee Bonine, of Ralls, was drowned Tuesday in a lake near Ralls while in swimming. He had gone some distance into the lake when he lost control of his limbs from cramping and sank before assistance reached him. Mr. Rodgers, of near Dickens, father-in-law of the deceased, left for Ralls Tuesday afternoon in response to a telephone message telling him of Mr. Bonine's death. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

MARRIED

It is reported that Jim Smith and Miss Henderson, two prominent young people of the Spur country, were married Sunday and are now being congratulated by their friends. Jim Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith of seven or eight miles west of Spur, and is a young man of integrity and high character, while Miss Henderson is an accomplished and beautiful young lady and of one of the best families of the country.

The Texas Spur wishes Mr. and Mrs. Smith a long life, much prosperity and a happy home.

IN GOOD CONDITION

T. B. Cross, one of the most prominent citizens and ranchmen of Kent county, was in Spur Friday. Mr. Cross came in after ranch supplies and spent several hours here trading with the merchants. He also loaded out posts and other building material and will make extensive improvements on his properties. With reference to the general condition of his section of the country, Mr. Cross stated that plenty of rain had fallen throughout the spring and the country was now in a better and more promising condition than for a number of years. A luxuriant crop of grass is on the ranges, crops are fine and the people in general are optimistic over the outlook.

OPTIMISTIC.

R. R. Johns, a prominent citizen of a few miles northwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Johns reports that he has one hundred acres in cotton which is looking fine and promises to produce a big harvest. His other crops, too, are in fine condition and Mr. Johns is optimistic over the outlook.

GENERAL GROUND-SOAKING RAIN OVER THE COUNTRY

Throughout Sunday night and Monday morning ground-soaking and gully-washing rains fell over the entire Spur country and the greater part of this whole Western country. In some sections of the Spur territory six inches of rain fell, and in every section the rainfall amounted to three or more inches.

While this rain did considerable damage in wash-outs and wrecked bridges along water-courses, it places the Spur country in a most excellent condition with respect to bumper crop prospects, and we are now confident of abundant harvests of cotton and various feed crops.

The Spur country is one of the richest agricultural sections of America. It offers many inducements and has few disadvantages to the agricultural and stock farmer and home builder. The prevailing conditions each year demonstrates the unlimited possibilities and rich resources of the country. The possibilities are becoming more generally recognized, the conditions more wisely considered and the rich resources more fully developed, and within a few years our large acreage of agricultural lands will be improved and under cultivation and the Spur country recognized as a factor in the nation's progress and its citizenship among the most prosperous.

MASONIC OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of the Spur, Masonic Lodge the following Royal Arch Officers were elected:

J. C. McNeill, H. P.; J. C. Davis, King; W. A. Wilkinson, Scribe; S. T. Clemmons, Secretary; M. E. Manning, Treasurer.

The Council Officers as elected at the same time are as follows: J. C. McNeill, T. I. M.; J. C. Davis, I. B. M.; C. A. Jones, R. C. W.; Geo. S. Link, Recorder; W. G. Sherrod, Treasurer.

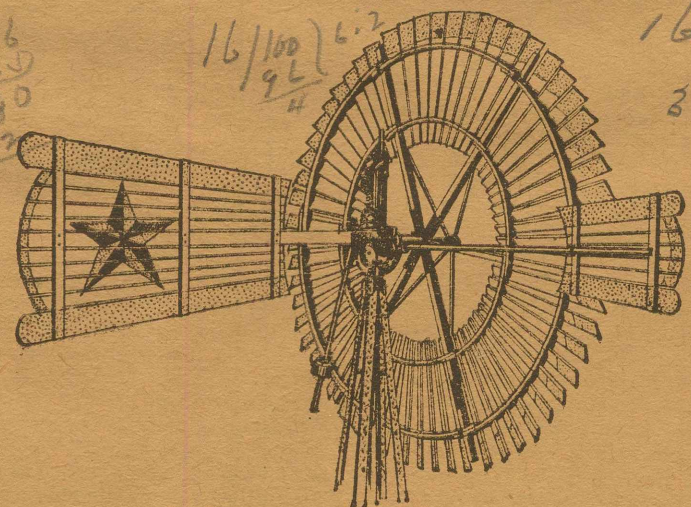
Officers of the Masonic Lodge were also elected and announced as follows: W. S. Taylor, W. M.; Cliff Lovelace, F. W.; Geo. S. Link, J. W.; M. E. Manning, Secretary, E. C. Edmonds, Treasurer; T. J. Allen, Tiler; J. D. Reagan, S. D.; S. T. Clemmons, J. D.; H. C. Allen, Chaplain; Dr. Morris, S. S.

A "TRASH MOVER."

H. C. Allen was in Spur this week from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent some time here on business. Mr. Allen reports that a regular "trash-mover" fell in his section of the country Sunday night and as a result everything is in fine shape.

GENERAL PROSPERITY

Sheriff J. B. Conner passed through Monday on his return with a prisoner secured further east. He reports that the rain Sunday night extended to El Paso in the west and Texarkana in the east. As a result a general wave of prosperity is due this fall. Keep your eyes on Texas and the Spur country in particular.



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HELP FOR THE MORTGAGER

Satisfactory Method of Borrowing Money Which Is Resorted To by Swiss Farmers.

Swiss farmers find it comparatively easy to borrow money of the mortgage banks which exist in many of the cantons, Farm and Home remarks. The chief advantage secured by the farmer in placing a mortgage with the cantonal or state mortgage banks is that he escapes the necessity of repaying the principal of his mortgage in a single payment, and he is practically relieved from the danger of foreclosure.

The interest rate charged by the cantonal mortgage banks is about the same as that collected by other banks. For instance, a farmer wishes to raise a loan of \$10,000 on his property. He secures the money from the cantonal bank at 4 1/2 per cent. He could probably do as well for himself if he went to the private sources, but here is where the cantonal banks help him out. If he went to a private bank to borrow money at 4 1/2 per cent. for a stated number of years he would be required to pay that bank his interest each year and the full amount at the end of the term.

Now, with the cantonal bank he is required each year, in addition to his 4 1/2 per cent., to pay one per cent. as amortization. After the first payment he owes the bank \$10,000 less one per cent. Naturally, the second year he must pay interest, not on the \$10,000, but on \$9,000. However, his actual payment is still 5 1/2 per cent of \$10,000. Each year, however, a large portion of the 5 1/2 per cent. goes to liquidate the loan. In this way the farmer ultimately pays back the entire loan without having been burdened with one big payment in any year, as he ordinarily would have been. Only in very rare cases are the loans made by these mortgage banks on farm properties foreclosed.

German School for Clerks.
The Madgeburg Verein Selbstandiger Kaufleute (Madgeburg Association of Independent Merchants) plans to open a school for the special training of women and girls desiring to become shop clerks. The scheme of instruction contemplates courses in the courteous and intelligent treatment of customers, in the art of decorating, modern languages, mathematics, grammar, general commercial knowledge, commercial correspondence and book-keeping.

A one-year course, consisting of twenty hours weekly, is to be given in the above mentioned subjects, the tuition amounting to \$19. The cost of school materials will be about \$5. It is hoped that the new school, in providing its students with theoretical and practical knowledge certain to prove of great value to them in their future work, will bring about a betterment in the social standing of shop clerks, and thus open a field for girls of higher intellectual and educational qualifications than has hitherto been the case.—From a Madgeburg Consular Report.

Time Had Come.
A big, brawny Texan, known for his nasal twang and ability to make money, was paying court to a young woman of his town, when she left Texas for Vancouver, British Columbia. Some time later she married there. When the Texan heard of it—but let him tell his own story:

"D'ye know what I done? I got on the train and I went up there, and I went to see her. And d'ye know what I said to her? I said to her, 'I'm goin' to quit ye. I'm goin' to quit ye right now!'"

Command "Keep Still" Cruel.
Sir John Cockburn, speaking to teachers at the London Day Training college, said speech was called into function by the movement of the hand.

"If you want to reach the brain you must do it through the hand, and if you disregard the use of the eyes and hands in education you are placing the brake on all mental development of the child.

"The command to 'keep still' in a school is the greatest cruelty you can possibly impose on children, for to make children keep still for any length of time very often produces deformity."

The Height of Obstinance.
Representative Pujos was talking about an obstinate financier.

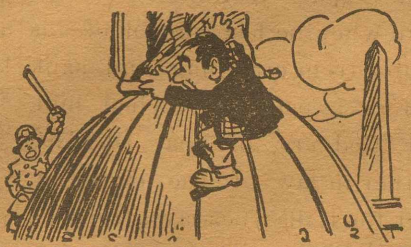
"This man," he said, "is undoubtedly the most obstinate man in Wall street. I may say, in fact, that he is the most obstinate man in the world.

"Why, he is so obstinate and contrary-minded that if he sees a newspaper advertisement headed: 'Don't Read This!' he doesn't read it."

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



Says Goddess of Liberty Will Fall Some Day



WASHINGTON.—"Some day that goddess of liberty on top of the capitol is going to fall down and hurt someone. I know, because I was up in it."

Thus spoke Rodman Law, who calls himself the "human fly," while he was reclining on a bed in a downtown hotel waiting for a telegraphed remittance from New York, which was necessary after the way some friends of his had disappeared with his cash while he was climbing up the goddess' insides.

"All that bracing material on the interior of the statue is made of cast iron," continued the "fly." "It was put up there before anyone used steel

construction, I suppose, and I scraped up handfuls of dust. I went all over the inside and I'll bet that if something isn't done about it there will be an accident some day."

The "human fly" took the impending danger to the goddess about as seriously as he took the fact that his friends who accompanied him to the top of the capitol had disappeared with his cash.

Any old time he wants to go back and sit on Liberty's head he is going to do it, but he is going to make sure that his friends can be trusted with a "human fly" pocketbook before he gets up in the air between earth and sky, with no one but a press agent to keep the secret.

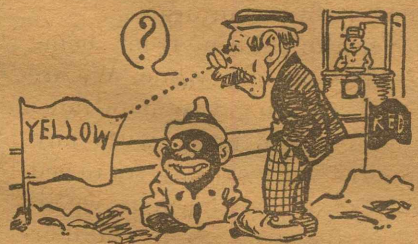
The "fly" went to the capitol in the afternoon with his false friends. He climbed up a column on top of the dome, using a piece of steeple jack's rope to aid him in his efforts. Previously he had handed his pocketbook and valuables to his false friends who accompanied him. When he descended they had gone.

He Found Out What the Yellow Flag Was For

IT IS notorious that street railway companies in Washington, as in other cities, have a good deal to trouble with rail joints and with the street paving along the rails. The pounding wheels and the vibration of the track seem able to break down or break up almost any kind of pavement which the railroads lay. The result is that repairs are made frequently necessary.

At each end of the construction work by day flutters in more or less harmony with the red and green flags a yellow flag, and at night lanterns with yellow globes let their light shine there. The question was put to many fellow-travelers: "What does the yellow flag mean?" Day after day the answer was: "Give it up." "You got me now," or "It stands for small-pox."

Those yellow flags were getting on the scribe's nerves, and on one of



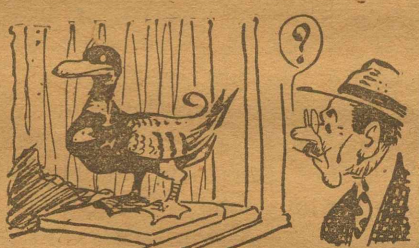
the few pleasant days in early April he got on a car determined to pay an extra fare to find out the significance of those strange flags. He walked over to a stalwart colored laborer, who was cracking concrete in the excavation, and asked him: "What does that yellow flag mean?"

The man looked amused. There was pity in his eyes and his voice as he replied:

"Boss, dat am de sign fo' de kyars to go slow."

Simply crushed!

Duck on the Window Sill Known to Many People



TWO weeks ago attention was called to a duck on the second story window sill of a fine old house on H street. "Attention was called" is not a happy phrase, because nearly everybody who passes along that part of H street knows the duck.

In the previous story it was said that: "Perhaps the family living in the house will be able to explain it, and perhaps not, but the writer did not care to pursue the inquiry further than to make the necessary observation and notation."

The story of the duck is well told in the following letter, which was received a few days ago:

What Middle Statue of Buddha Said to Teacher

THREE Chinese students entered the Y. M. C. A. Educational institute not long ago to study, among other things, English, American history and geography. They are young men in whom the Chinese government is taking an interest, it having sent them here to acquire the English language in the shortest possible time. They haven't been here very long, but they're strong on English already, as will appear from this exclusive story, told by Myron Jermain Jones, director of education of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Jones took the education of the three boys as a personal matter. He gave them all the time possible, and mingled his plain language teaching with several highly polished courses in ethics, philosophy, philology, apologetics, etc. He dipped into the Gospel of St. Mark for some of the great social teachings there, and gave the three Chinese students a lecture that they would scarcely be able to get anywhere else in a month's journey. Dr. Jones concluded his remarks.



The boys did not stir a muscle, and Dr. Jones was totally at a loss to tell whether his efforts had made an impression upon those mute and immovable orientals.

"dave I made myself plain?" he asked.

Three heads nodded.

"I should be glad to go over the ground again," he said, "if you are not quite sure you got what I was saying."

And then the middle statue of Buddha spoke:

"We gotcha, Steve," he said.

Which is certainly making progress in English.

SMART WITHOUT FUSS SHOWS SOME NOVEL IDEAS

NEW FROCKS FOR LITTLE GIRLS SLIP ON LIKE COATS.

No Cause to Complain of Lack of Variety in Children's Dresses This Season—Simplicity the Watchword.

Certainly no one will have cause to complain of any lack of variety in children's frocks this season. They are as original and show as much individuality as those designed for their



Frock and sash for a small girl.

elders. There is no restriction as to material, and, as to design, both the coat dress and the long waisted effects are about equally popular. Frills and fluffy ruffles do not seem to belong to the children of nowadays, the smartness of their frocks being attained through good lines and simplicity, though not necessarily, severely.

An effective design for a small girl is here sketched. A telling point in its favor is that it slips on like a coat, buttons down one side and is belted in loosely with a soft crushed sash, which, in its treatment, forms the feature of the frock. White eponge or ratine is used, cut in one piece from neck to hem. The opening down the left side is curved from under the collar, and has the lower corners rounded off, leaving a very short notch in the skirt. The sleeves are long and easy fitting, set into dropped armholes under a corded seam. Blue or tan colored ratine may be used for the round turned back collar and cuffs, with the buttons along the side opening to match, or it may be left all white. A nine-inch width of messaline will be better and softer than ribbon for the sash, which is tied loosely about the waist with one end run through the eyelet in front and knotted under the opening.

Fashion's Fancies

The light laces—shadows and so on—are the kinds promised for spring. A tailored shirtwaist of white silk brocade is worn with the carefully tailored suit.

Some of the new negligees are so sheer that it is necessary to wear a soft finished loose slip undergarment.

Some of the newest veils have hexagon meshes and hand run borders—the borders to be worn high on the hat.

A pretty boudoir robe is of a shell pink charmeuse with a half girdle of turquoise blue velvet holding it in place.

Lingerie frocks of embroidered net, batiste, voile or crepe have broad girdles of silk or satin. Frequently this touch of color is repeated at the neck.

Striped materials are extensively used for street costumes; and a Paquin model of gray and brown ribbed material has a modified bolero jacket, with revers, collar and cuffs of brown and white checked silk.

Young girls are wearing long, narrow straw hats trimmed with ribbon stretched in two widths across the crown from the front and extending out behind in two loops. A tiny bunch of bright flowers is placed in the front.

Awning Choice.

In selecting the awning cloths, green and white is the best color, and is always effective against a greater number of paints than any other color.

Handkerchiefs for This Season Are Dainty, and Many Original Designs Are Seen.

All is astir in the handkerchief market. New samples are being received, lines for roadmen arranged and plans completed for the coming season. As usual, absolute novel ideas are few and far between, but the desired element of novelty is found in new and clever interpretations of old motifs.

The one corner idea continues to hold the center of attraction. The features of this season's productions are daintiness of the designs and their careful arrangement so as to extend up into the body of the handkerchief, instead of spreading out at each side, as in former seasons.

One-sided designs are again in evidence, and will find favor by adding the spice of variety.

The Longfellow initial won such widespread favor last season that its position in this season's lines is practically secure. Many new Longfellow designs are shown surrounded by elaborate decorations, but the simpler, daintier effects will have first place in popular esteem.

The oriental initials which made their appearance last spring are again featured, and as the oriental influence is pronounced in women's wear they should find even greater favor than ever before.

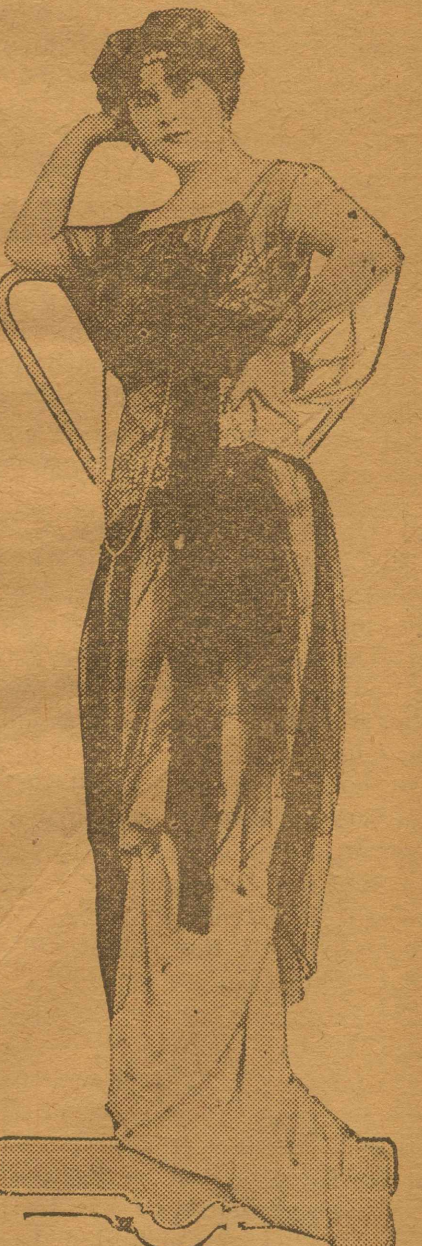
The usual big movement in simple initial handkerchiefs, both script and blocked, is expected. The dainty undecorated letters are indicated for a slight preference over the decorated ones. Among the faintest initialed numbers are those finished with a tiny Armenian lace edge.—Dry Goods Economist.

In the Nursery.
One of the handiest articles a young mother can have in the house is a low hall tree, which should be cut down to be only three or four feet high, and will be one of the most convenient pieces of furniture, for on it can be slipped the little long dresses and petticoats, which are most convenient when always within reach. Then it is a good way to air the little articles that come from the laundry.

Old China Revived.
A revival of old china, the original of which an importer saw in a Dresden museum, has led to a cross-stitch embroidery to match its design; the embroidery, of course, appears on the table sets, which are to be used with the china. The cubist note in the decoration accounts for the popularity of these.

Smart Negligee.
Embroidered crashes and printed linens are the smartest materials for men's negligee shorts. A white or natural ground is best, and the neat, detached fixtures are in strong colors, such as brick tangerine, brown and apple green.

EVENING GOWN.



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MAVERICK BRANDING IN THE DAYS PAST

Perhaps there are but few citizens of this country who have never heard the expression, "Branding a Maverick" and doubtless all can tell what it means, but few know how the expression originated.

Late in the year 1845 Samuel A. Maverick was temporarily residing at Decrow's Point on Matagorda Bay.

He was a lawyer with a strong propensity to speculation in land. During that period, a neighbor become indebted to him in the sum of \$1,200, paid the debt in cattle, transferring 400 head at \$3. per head.

There was no market for cattle in those days, the hides only being marketable. He did not want the cattle, but it was a case of cattle or nothing, so he took them and left them in charge of a colored family while he returned to San Antonio. In 1853 the cattle were removed from the coast up to Conquita, 50 miles below San Antonio. Here, as before, under the distinguished management of the colored family. The cattle were left to graze, fatten and wander away. Mr. Maverick was absorbed in his real estate business in San Antonio. About one third of the calves were branded, so in 1856 the entire plant or brand was estimated at only 400 head. To the ingenious mind that explanation is clear that the branding of "Mavericks" was "square." The neighbors shrewdly surmised that all unbranded calves and yearlings were Mavericks and the lawful property of the first man who could get his brand upon them, this being at that time the only evidence of ownership. About the year 1859 he sold the entire brand still only 450 head, to A. Toutant Beauregard, a brother of the distinguished Confederate general, at \$6. per head. With the exception of this experience, Mr. Maverick never owned any cattle, except probably a few milk cows, to supply his domestic wants.

"Maverick" has become an American word, and as such has been a subject of misapprehension. And so it was, by reason of the fact that the range was open, all unbranded cattle came to be known as "Mavericks" and the property of any able to brand them.—Abilene Reporter.

Judge A. J. McClain was in Spur last week from his farm and ranch home on the Cat Fish and spent some time in the city on business and greeting his friends. The Judge reports good rains in the Cat Fish country and is predicting a good crop production for the farmers of that section.

Ellis Scogin, of the 24 Ranch, underwent an operation last week at the Standifer Hospital for appendicitis and is reported to be doing nicely.

Mrs. Will Cooper and children left last week for Clairemont where they will spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wade.

Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his home in the Tap country and spent several hours in the city trading and on other business.

W. F. McAteer was a recent business visitor in the city from his farm home several miles north.

Report of the Condition of The Spur National Bank

Made To the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$198,631.21
Overdrafts	321.01
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Five Per Cent Fund	1,250.00
Banking House and Fixtures	32,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,274.42
Total	\$341,476.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	7,014.71
Circulation	24,500.00
Individual Deposits	169,961.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,000.00
Total	\$341,476.64

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
R. V. COLBERT, President

ABOUT FLIES

"We ought to kill all the flies, what did the Lord make 'em for?" was a question propounded recently in a discussion of the subject by Beaumonters. Here is the answer of a very young man, who happened to be in the crowd: "Flies are danger signals: they mean there is matter around some where that ought to be removed. When you see swarms of flies about, you ought to get busy and find out what brings them. Go to the source, put it out of the way and the fly will clear out."

R. L. Jones was in Spur last week from his farm home in the Steel Hill country and reported that his crops were being damaged as the result of depredations by rabbits. During a two afternoon's hunt on his place last week Mr. Jones slaughtered fifty-four of the destructive pests and no doubt by this time has reduced the rabbits to a number that will be of but little further injury to his crops.

Mrs. R. E. Wilson, who has been in Spur on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham and family, returned last week to her home in Milford.

Mrs. Brewer, of Dallas, arrived in the city last week for an extended visit to her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

Mrs. Thomas Scogin, of Clairemont, visited in the city several days of last week.

MAN KILLED IN LUBBOCK

E. L. Crosser, a barber in Lubbock, was shot and killed in the lobby of the Howard House of that town Wednesday. H. M. Holbrook, a conductor on the Crosbyton-South Plains Railroad, did the shooting, and it is said that few if any words were passed between the parties before Holbrook fired. It is supposed that family troubles led to the tragedy. Holbrook waived a preliminary trial and gave bond in the sum of \$2,000 to await the action of the grand jury, which will convene next Monday.

Harry Ward, representing the J. M. Radford Grocery Company of Stamford, was in the city last week seeing the trade in his line. Mr. Ward reports the Stamford country in fine shape.

A. S. Jackson was in the city last week from his home in Dickens and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

Joe L. Jay and family, of Jayton, were in Spur last week and spent several hours in the city visiting friends.

DON'T YOU OWE YOURSELF SOMETHING?

For beautifully illustrated literature descriptive of the numerous, splendid, home-like and not unreasonably expensive resorts throughout Wonderful Colorado and along the Pacific Coast, including the Great Colorado Chautauqua at "Boulder-the-Beautiful," address A. A. Glisson, General Passenger Agent, "The Denver Road," Fort Worth, Texas. Little vacations in those directions are always worth more than they cost. 28-12

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

SOMETHING for the LITTLE ONES

RURAL SCHOOL HAS MISSION

Where One Bushel of Corn Grew Before Two Are Now Secured by Methods Just Brought Out.

(By RAY P. SPEAR.)

The training of country children to grow two bushels of corn where one bushel grew before is a commendable thing. To bring this about many changes may be made in the programs of most country schools. Arithmetic problems may be worked out in terms of corn and potatoes and cows. Reading may be largely confined to the subjects of interest to country boys and girls. Essays on farm topics may be written in place of the usual parsing and other grammar work. This will lay a foundation for much practical work in the later years of school life.

Older students trained in the elementary principles of agriculture could conduct germination tests of corn and grain. Herds could be tested, rations could be worked out for five stock, records could be kept of poultry, garments could be made for home, and the art of cooking could be cultivated. These and many other practical things could be worked out with the school house as a center.

Added to this is the social pleasure that could be obtained by everyone in the community when a permanent interest in the school was established. Basket socials, evening entertainments, picnics, school house fairs, lectures, and moving pictures would make the rural school a real factor in the social improvement of the school district. The country school has a mission which should not be neglected.

TELEPHONE TEACHES A BIRD

Most Original Method of Instructing Parrots in Art of Elocution Employed in London.

London has a school of elocution for birds. Trained parrots are made teachers of other parrots by being placed near the pupils' cages. While whistles and various musical instruments are used in giving instructions, one of the most original methods of



Parrot Listening.

teaching is by the employment of the telephone, says the Popular Electricity.

With the feathered pupil perched upon a stick in the instructor's hand, a telephone is held in such a position that Polly may readily distinguish the words or sounds emitted, and whether from the oddity of the thing or from some other cause the bird invariably pays strict attention.

Sockless.

Bennie was looking over his brother's shoulder at the pictures in a new geography.

"What are those men with the bushy hair?" he asked.

"Those are Australian aborigines," replied Ben.

"Don't they wear any more clothes than that?"

"That's about all."

"Dear me!" exclaimed the little brother, "what in the world do they hang up on Christmas?"

A Good Loser.

A Rhode Island politician who was a prominent candidate in the late election came home one day much provoked at some misdemeanor which his son, aged ten, had committed.

"Frank," he said, sternly, "do you know, sir, that you are a candidate for a whipping?"

"I hope I'll be defeated, father," was young Frank's reply, as he looked up playfully at his father.—Harper's Bazar.

Not Unlikely.

"Well, my boy," said the visitor to Bobby, "I suppose some day you expect to step into your father's shoes."

"Oh, I suppose so," said Bobby, gloomily. "I've been wearin' out everythin' else he wears since mother learned how to cut 'em down for me."

Wise Brother.

"What's a stepbrother?" asked little Mabel of her six-year-old brother.

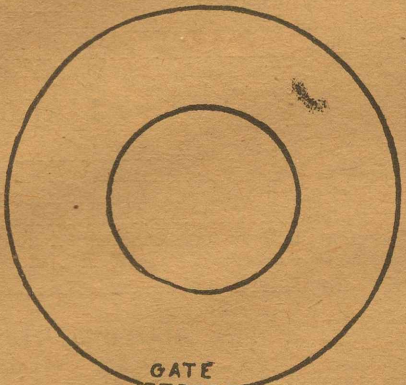
"A stepbrother," he replied, "is me sitting on the front step."

AMUSEMENT FOR DULL DAYS

Wolf, in Search of Prey, Enters Outer Circle and Makes His Way Around, Closing the Gate.

The illustration represents in the simplest outline a primitive wolf trap. The dotted line is a gate opening into a circular enclosure. How was the trap set and the wolf caught?

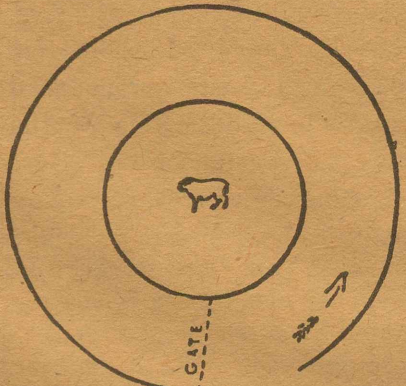
The trap consisted of two circular fences higher than a wolf could scale, with a gate as was shown on the former diagram. To set the trap a lamb



"Primitive Wolf Trap."

was placed in the safe center and the gate was opened as is shown.

Attracted by the bleating of the lamb, the wolf entered the outer circle,



Solution of Puzzle.

made his way round, and presently pushed aside the gate, which closed with a spring and shut off all escape.

Best He Could Do.

Mr. Raymond appeared at his neighbor's door one November evening at dusk in a towering rage and uttering fierce threats against his neighbor's dog Nero. Vainly the neighbor tried to explain that Nero was only a puppy. "He belongs to Johnny," he went on, "and it would break Johnny's heart if anything happened to him. I think," hopefully "that his manners will improve."

"Manners," roared Raymond. "I'm not complaining of his manners, but his nature. After he had jumped all over me he bit the back of my leg."

"That's as far as he can reach," broke in Johnny in a wounded tone. "You don't expect a little pup like him to bite a big man like you on the neck do you, Mr. Raymond?"—Youth's Companion.

Bound to Get It.

Tommy, after going to bed, became thirsty, or thought he did. He called out:

"Ma, I want a drink."

The mother's voice answered back: "Tommy, you go to sleep."

Tommy grunted, turned over, and was silent for ten minutes. Then again:

"Ma, I want a drink."

"Tommy, you go right to sleep, was the reply.

Intense silence again for ten minutes. Then:

"Say, ma, I want a drink."

"Tommy, if you don't go right to sleep I'll come and spank you."

More silence, this time for about two minutes. And then:

"Say, ma, when you come to spank me won't you bring me a drink?"

RIDDLES.

What is the difference between a pastry cook and a billsticker?

One puffs up paste, the other pastes up puffs.

What is the difference between a hungry man and a glutton?

One longs to eat, the other eats too long.

Who was the first whistler and what was his tune?

The wind, when he whistled "Over the Hills and Far Away."

Why is opening a letter like taking a queer method of getting into a room?

Because it is breaking through the sealing (ceiling).

If you suddenly saw a house on fire what three celebrated authors would you feel inclined to name?

Great Scott, Howitt, Burns (Great Scott! how it burns!)

What is the difference between a man going upstairs and one looking up?

One is stepping up the stairs, the other is staring up the steps.

TOOLS FOR A GARDEN

Implements Are Demanded for Proper Cultivation.

Old-Fashioned Hoe and Rake Will Not Supply All the Needs of the Up-to-Date Gardener—Some Good Ones Are Illustrated.

(By C. S. MILLER.)

The growing of vegetables and fruit has become so important that improved tools are now demanded for proper cultivation. In order to get the very best results cultivation must be carried to the limit and the old-fashioned hoe and rake will not supply all the needs of the up-to-date gardener.

Those shown in the accompanying picture are all extremely useful, and as they cost but a trifle nobody who expects to do the best work in a garden can afford to be without them.

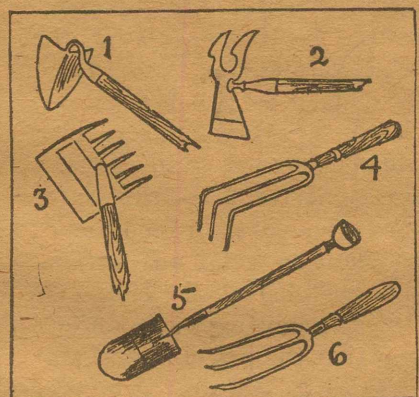
No. 1 is the hoe, and is remarkable for the great number of uses to which it can be put in both field and garden.

No. 2 is especially useful for covering seeds and for heavy weeding.

No. 3 is a combined hoe and rake and enables the operator to do either hoeing or raking without laying aside one tool and taking up the other.

No. 4 is a hand weeder to scratch weeds out of flower beds and pots.

No. 5 is one of the most useful tools that can be used. It is extremely



Improved Garden Tools.

useful, not only in spading, but in cutting out weeds close to large plants and trimming walks and beds.

No. 6 is a handy little tool about the flower bed. You can transplant, pulverize and mix earth preparatory to planting, loosen the earth about plants and do numerous other things with it.

Clover Bloat.

Bloat in cattle generally comes as the result of pasturing clover, though it is a fact that in some cases ordinary grass pasture will produce the same results if it is rank when cattle that have not been used to it are turned in. The importance of getting cattle used to clover while it is dry cannot be overemphasized.

It may be necessary in some instances to turn them in for an hour or two only during the middle of the day, and continue this for two or three days, so that the ravenous edge for the new clover is taken off their appetites. Under no circumstances should they be turned from a dry lot when they are hungry into a clover field.

Good Bedding for Horses.

A good way to keep a horse clean in the stable is to clean out all dirt, etc., and then cover the floor about three or four inches thick with dry sawdust, as far back in stall as the horse usually stands, then cover the sawdust with straw, or bedding that you may use. The sawdust will absorb the moisture, and therefore make the other bedding last longer in case it is scarce. The sawdust should be replaced by fresh occasionally.

Fertilizing Properly.

Farmers are paying out millions of dollars each year for fertilizers. Probably the greater part of this money is well spent, but it is possible that it might be better spent by a more careful selection of the goods used, by adapting the fertilizer to the crop and soil, and by buying on the basis of plant food they contain rather than by seeking goods that sell at a low price.

Good Disinfectant.

The most convenient and cheapest of all disinfectants to use in the cellar is quicklime. It may be placed in dishes or cupboards, or scattered loose in dark, damp corners.

Crop in Poultry Yard.

Plant the poultry yards to some crop if possible. If this not practicable, keep the yard sweet and clean by plowing and disinfecting.

Scraps for Poultry.

Bran or middlings and beef scraps should be kept in receptacles to which the fowls have access at all times.

SUPPLEMENT TO A PASTURE

Feeding Corn Silage Is Most Economical Method of Supplying Feed to Help Out Pasture.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

Green crops fed as a supplement to pasture may be fed in the pasture or in the barn lot but as a rule are fed most economically in the barn. The cows remain inside long enough at milking time to eat their portions.

As a rule the most economical method of supplying feed to help out the short pastures of midsummer and fall is to feed corn silage. Silage will keep in good condition for summer feeding with no loss except on the surface. If it is not needed during the summer, it may be covered with the new silage and kept until wanted. Corn furnishes a larger yield of dry matter per acre than any crop that can be ordinarily grown for summer feeding, and has the further advantage of being on hand as early as wanted.

It is handled more economically also than soiling crops since it is cut all at once and not every day as is necessary with soiling crops.

It should be remembered that it is only possible to feed a bunch of cows economically when they are fed as individuals and not as a herd. A too common practice, even in the otherwise well conducted herds, is for all animals to be fed the same amount of grain, regardless of the time they have been in milk or the quantity of milk the individual cows are producing. Such feeding always lacks economy, as the high producing cow does not get enough, and while she may milk very well for a time, she soon comes down to a lower level, while the lighter producing cow usually gets too much feed and accumulates fat.

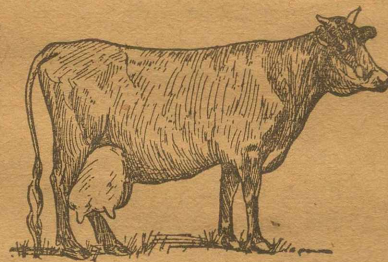
MAKE-UP OF JERSEY CATTLE

Breed Attracts Notice by "Dairy" Type of Their Bodily Conformation—Some Characteristics.

(By R. M. GOW.)

The characteristics which mark the present race of Jersey cattle are known to have been notable and prominent in the breed at least one hundred and fifty years ago, so that now they have become thoroughly "fixed," sure to be inherited by their progeny, thus affording the breeder a sure foundation for further development.

The main external characteristics of the Jerseys are the beautiful softness of the various tints of fawn and gray in their coats of hair; their gracefully formed deer-like limbs; their neat, incurving horns, large limped eyes, small heads and delicate noses; their bright, attractive and intelligent faces; their soft yellow skin, long tails and



Eurotas, 2454. Record for One Year, 778 Pounds of Butter.

well-developed switches; their full, rounded-out udders, straight backs, and the fine proportions of their general conformation. The Jersey cow looks the high-bred lady of the cattle race. Well-developed male animals should weigh from 1400 pounds to 1800 pounds, and females, from 750 to 1200 pounds. Above all else, Jerseys attract notice by the "dairy" type of their bodily conformation, by their large and well-formed udders, and prominent milk-veins. In color they are of various shades of soft fawn, from red to silvery, with more or less white, broken color being unobjectionable except from the standpoint of individual taste.

DAIRY NOTES

A silo will pay for itself in one year. Be sure that the calves are started right.

A farmer owning six cows should have a silo.

Be sure that the temperature of the milk is right.

It is not possible to grow too much forage on a dairy farm.

A comfortable stable reduces the cost of maintenance and increases the flow of milk.

Feed regularly, not too much at a time, and young calves at least four times a day.

Nothing can be marketed on the farm so successfully or so economically as butter.

The dairyman who does not keep an individual record of his cows is not an up-to-date dairyman.

You cannot fully judge of the capabilities of your cows unless you supply the feed in liberal quantities during the whole period of lactation.

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Don't take chances any longer with calomel or harsh, violent cathartics of any kind.

If your liver bothers you or you have constipation the best remedy you can take is HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS. Take one to-night; you'll know to-morrow that at last you've found a perfect, blissful laxative.

Take one every night if you want to drive away that blue feeling, banish pimples and sallow skin and be free from bad breath, coated tongue and headache. 25 cents everywhere.

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Not Losing So Many.

Bacon—I see the population of your town is increasing.

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It's Easy to Learn.

Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, hit on his marvelous discovery while studying and while teaching the deaf.

At a dinner in Washington, Professor Bell said, apropos of this fact:

"Yes, we can learn valuable secrets from the most unlikely sources. A Persian poet, famed for his wisdom, was once asked by his king where he had learned his philosophy.

"From the blind, sire," the poet replied—"from the blind, who never advanced a step till they have tried the ground."

Hopeless Case.

Miss Irene Gillicuddy, of Millville, Miss., writes: "I have a gentleman friend who has been keeping company with me all this year, but who has never indicated or intimated that he wished to be considered other than a friend of mine. I am nineteen years old, with ruby lips, rose-pink cheeks, golden hair, azure eyes and a gentle disposition. Do you thing I should hang up some mistletoe and accidentally stand beneath it while he is around, just to encourage him?"

"Irene, if a young man needs the encouragement of mistletoe under the circumstances, there is no hope for him."

Decline and Fall of the Kiss.

Real kisses soon become monotonous, according to Mrs. Minnie Slentz, who, in her divorce testimony, said: "Some couples may kiss each other right up until they are 60, in an attempt to fool themselves into thinking that their kisses have the genuine heart glow of the first month of marriage, but it is all bosh. Real kissing becomes monotonous during the second year, intermittent from the fourth to the sixth, and stops entirely before the eighth year of married life."—Steubenville Dispatch to Philadelphia Inquirer.

In Summer—

When the body needs but little food, that little should be appetizing and nourishing.

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FROM DICKENS ITEM

County Surveyor Cochran was up from Spur to attend the picnic.

W. Neilon, popular depot agent at Spur, was in Dickens Thursday to see the ball game.

Attorneys Glasgow and Holman, of Spur, were here Thursday at the picnic.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb reports having issued marriage license to Roy Thomas and Miss Mamie Bilberry, of the Gilpin community.

Rural Mail Carrier Gibson on Route 1 out of Spur was water-bound Monday and failed to make his regular daily mail deliveries. The rain Sunday night over the country was the heaviest we have had in many days. The rainfall in different sections of the country is reported from two to six inches. In Spur the rain registered two and six-tenths inches.

Mayor Geo. S. Link returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Stamford, Hamlin, Rochester, Rule and Lueders. He reports good rains at some of these places and the crop conditions promising.

S. P. Odom, one of the most prominent citizens of the Twin Wells community a few miles south of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday.

J. P. Gibson, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill country, was among the number of citizens in Spur Saturday.

Robt. T. Dopson, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday and purchased supplies of the Spur merchants.

S. W. Rather, a prominent farmer of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, came in Saturday and spent several hours in Spur on business.

Mr. Greer was a recent business visitor in Spur from his farm home in the Red Mud country.

J. A. Davis was a business visitor in Spur Saturday from his farm home several miles west.

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C. D. Copeland and wife were in Spur Saturday from their farm home six miles east of the city. Mr. Copeland has the principal acreage of his four hundred and fifty acre farm in cotton, and while here Saturday employed cotton choppers to assist him in working out the crop.

Mace Hunter, of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city last week. We failed to learn of Mace the kind of crop prospects he has on his place, but at any rate he looked prosperous.

J. B. Cade was in Spur last week from his farm home in Kent county and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Mrs. R. I. Jackson, who has been visiting in Spur the past several days, returned Sunday to her home in Jayton.

J. C. Smith was in Spur Saturday from his farm home several miles northwest and spent some time here.

AS YOU WERE SAYING

(Nuggets, Bullion And Fool's Gold)
Mebbe that lad's tryin' to slip one over me!

Gosh!

Mebbe that lad's a damn scoundrel!

Geel!

But hold oh! After all, come to think of it—

Thinkin' so and believin' so'll hurt worse than anything he can do to me.

Lot of ornery cusses runnin' around loose. Uh-huh. Lot of shmy fakers with knives up their sleeves. That's so. Feller's got to look out he don't get it in the neck. Ye-ah.

But say—what's the odds to you and me?

We know the world's made up of reg'ler guys, and the other kind is only cockroaches, crawlin' around the dark corners.

The recipe for them is sunshine—and a mop.

Leave the mop to the strong right hand of providence, which deals plenteous with such like.

But you and me—let's tend to the sunshine.

That's our business.

Nobody can hurt us.

'Cept ourselves.

Nothin' can hurt us

'Cept hate and suspicion.

That wise lad who sees a faker and a crook in everybody who comes his way—

Keeps his eye peeled for lairs and scamps—

Turns a bilious mug on folks in general—

Life is bitterness in the mouth, and he finds jes' exac'ly what he looked to find.

He livin' in the dark corners,

With the bugs.

Don't know the sunshine of good faith—

Don't know laughter and joy and open heart and content—and friends.

Don't know the big, glad clasp of his brother.

He's too busy tryin' to figger what somebody's tryin' to put over on him.

Nacherly, he gets good at it.

But there's damn little juice in figgers.

Kind of poor diet for a humam soul.

No—

It's better to trust and mebbe get stung.

Better to smile and mebbe get left,

Than to spend yer life huntin' bugs.

P'raps somebody will slip somethin' over on you.

Let him.

Much good it may do him.

There comes a reckonin' for him—and a mop.

Meanwhile—

Let's fergit the bugs.

Live in the sunshine.

Believe the best.

Hope the best.

See the best.

Keep sunny

And—

Smile!—John Edward Russell.

COTTON CONVENTION

A second meeting of the cotton growers of the South will be held in the Fair Park coliseum July 10, continuing several days. This is pursuant to a resolution passed at the last convention, May 1. The interest and enthusiasm displayed at the preceding convention went far to show the officials the spirit of the men toward the Southern States Cotton Corporation and their plan for marketing the cotton of the South.

The convention to be held July 10 will doubtless reveal in concrete form the progress of the plan in the entire cotton growing belt, and it is probable that the co-operation of the banks in the movement will be shown by the attendance from banking circles. The convention will be held at Fair Park Coliseum and it is expected that a large crowd will attend.—Dallas Times Herald.

T. A. Smith was in Spur Saturday from his home a few miles southwest. He reports that the wolves are making daily raids on his chickens, of which he has a goodly number of fryers, and was here after ammunition with which to wage war against the depredators.

Mr. Pounds, a prominent farmer of near Crosbyton, was in Spur last week after cotton choppers to assist him in working out his crop.

Al Bingham, who is now stationed at the South Camp on the Spur Ranch, was in Spur Saturday after supplies.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen of the Spur country, was in the city this week on business.

M. L. Reavis left last week for Wichita Falls where he will spend several days on business.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in the city Tuesday from the ranch and spent several hours here.

W. F. Walker was in the city Saturday from his farm home near Spur to the southeast.

Ivan B. Brown was a recent business visitor in Spur from the 24 Ranch.

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CREDIT

In speaking of the most powerful influences in the world's advancement Mr. Fowler places the invention of printing first and credit second. Printing first because it opens up the paths of knowledge to the poorest as well as the richest and completely destroys the supremacy of wealth in the acquisition of knowledge. The second most powerful agent in the advancement of the human race is that instrumentality called "Credit," says the author, by which all the resources of the human mind have been developed and brought into requisition in meeting the ever increasing demands of mankind throughout the world. It has destroyed the supremacy of money and proved the means by which the most humble race can place his foot upon the ladder of opulence.

Credit is generally the gateway to opportunity and opportunity is the everlasting hope of the world. Without credit no development. Credit builds state houses, court houses, improves highways, builds electrical and steam railroads, telegraph and telephone lines, ships to sail the seas, and loads them with valuable cargoes; credit has built our cities, for there is credit to build houses and carry on business in our cities; credit builds factories and moves our farm products to the factories, through them and back to the consumers. The nations of the world must have credit or they will fall to pieces. Credit raises armies and supports navies. The nation with the largest credit is today the most powerful. Surely credit is the touchstone of success in all undertakings.

Is it any wonder that agriculture should have gained such magic quickening wherever systems of credit suited to its needs have been provided? Is it not a most anomalous condition in the world of business and industry when that industry which produces the wealth and which is the basis of all wealth, upon which all business is dependent, should be the only industry in the country for which no system of financing has been provided?

If a system of credit is to be worked out for agricultural America, I hope it will be on the basis of cooperation, just as has been done in Europe. The farmers over here, by their co-operative rural banks, learn to be business men. They also learn the value of character, punctuality and thrift.

Let me quote the words of Luegi Luzzoti, who was the father of the popular banks of Italy and who addressed our commission at Rome the other day. Said he, "The Rural Bank, for instance, which arose without capital, rich only in its invisible treasure of human trust and mutual solidarity, is the fruit of the modest, unrecogniz-

ed virtues of the country folk, bound together by bonds of mutual affection, who assist and watch over each other with the subtle vigilance of neighbors. And, lo and behold, these humble folk, void of economic lore, have accomplished a miracle, due to the fact that a moral and not a material impulse guided their work—the miracle of creating capital without nothing. They have succeeded in coining their simple good faith and honor, and in transforming them into concrete credit—so rebellious to all idealistic considerations, promises of payment guaranteed only by their obscure immortal souls. And now in Germany and in all other countries which have followed in its footsteps, the business transacted by these banks, founded without capital and which have laboriously built up their own reserve funds, amount to several billion a year and they represent the billionaires of agrarian poverty."

Mr. Wolf, in his most valuable work on the "Peoples Banks," says of the co-operative banks:

"Now see how co-operation of this kind acts upon the men who engage in it. It knits people very much more closely together and enlists very much higher sentiments than the pursuit of gain. It links interest. It binds people together as with the tie of one single family, bringing sentiment, aspiration, the consciousness of common needs into co-operative enterprise. And it opens the door through which others not needy themselves, wishing to help rather than be helped, may legitimately come in but only by helping people to help themselves."

Be it remembered these institutions are built upon the principle of self-help. The member is given an opportunity to help himself, but nothing else is given him. It is recorded that in every instance where either the state or some rich individual has undertaken to give money to start these institutions, the enterprise has failed. The reason is that the farmers desire only opportunity and not gifts and prizes.

Members of our commission are saying that the people of America will never be able to get together in one of these rural credit banks. This may be true, but if true it will be so without any just reason. Italy is the very melting pot of Europe. Here are every nationality of people and religious differences far more fixed than in America. Then too, fifty per cent of the Italian farmers cannot read. Surely conditions for the organization of the rural credit associations are far more favorable in Texas than in Italy. That is if laws are given our people under which they are given the opportunity to organize.

Some of our commission are saying that the farmers of America will never join an unlimited credit society and thereby become responsible for the defaults of others. I myself am not so sure of that. When they get to thinking they will soon see how they are now paying the defaults of others. Every bank which lends money to farmers and every merchant which sells goods on credit to farmers calculates to have some losses but the interest on the one case and the profits on the other take care of the losses. Would a rural credit bank not be as able to select honest members and make only good loans as our commercial banks, and would not they be as likely to

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extend credit to their members as do merchants?

Think it over and see if the advantage in extending credit is not with the rural credit bank through which neighbors deal with neighbors only. Upon this principle are built rural banks, and they have economic fitness, which is where they are successful.—S. A. Lindsey.

Dr. Grace has made application to the Washington authorities for a patent to protect an automobile tube which he recently invented. The tube will be manufactured of a combination of cork and rubber cement, made in three or four sections and easily adjusted and fitted within the tires. The new tube does away with air pumping, blow-outs and the necessary delay and expense in consequence and in comparison is inexpensive, practically as light and springy and more desirable than the tubes in use at the present time. We congratulate Dr. Grace on his practicable and superior inventive mind and we hope that he will realize from the invention a million or more dollars, and in the years to come will be in a position to practice his medical profession solely for the sake of relieving suffering humanity and to gratify his princely inclinations and most generous spirit.

The man who sets with expectant countenance and idle hands waiting for prosperity to jolt up against him, and ask to be taken in over night bids fair to be disappointed again. There was never a time yet when prosperity was looking around for furnished rooms in the house of any person on record. Prosperity is not that kind of animal and so no man should sit with his mouth open waiting for the morsels of the succulent article to drop into it. He will catch nothing but a few unsatisfactory flies, and perhaps a bad cold. The man who is really desirous of cultivating the acquaintance of the elusive creature will have to put his hustling clothes on, as heretofore, and get up and dust.—Lubbock Avalanche.

P. Bumgardner, a prominent citizen and business man of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday to visit his daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. North. Mr. Bumgardner reports everything in fine shape in the Jayton country.

G. T. Wade and little son, Q. T., of Lockney, passed through Spur the first of this week on their way to Clairemont to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wade.

W. F. Shugart was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Red Hill country and reports his section in fairly good shape.

TOO LATE

The future of the Review depends on our advertising patronage. We have done all we can do. We are now making a last appeal. Unless there is a change for the better, we will have to "Silently fold our tent and steal away" to greener fields. We are running our business almost at an expense, but have done so with the hope that Crosbyton would some day wake up to the fact that advertising is essential to the maintenance of the trade. But they don't seem to look at it that way.—Crosbyton Review.

People are by a newspaper like they are by their fellowmen. They wait till the hearse is bearing them off to the solemn city of the dead before they awake to the realization that deceased was a "good man." They are profuse in extending sympathies to the family and heaping of floral offerings upon the casket of the dead man.

In the case of the Review, Mr. White has been giving the people of Crosbyton and Crosby county an extraordinary fine weekly paper ever since he first started his presses in Crosby county, and a greater part of the time the patronage has been exceedingly light, except may be from one or more strong firms, who have borne the brunt of nearly everything that has come along. The masses have not supported the Review like they might have and should have, and hence the little clipping above from the Review.

There are other newspaper men in this part of the Plains that will be making the same preparations some day if the local merchants continue to send out of town for their printing and the lawyers and real estate men insist on using engraved or embossed stationery, which the local printer cannot produce on account of the great cost of preparing his office for the work. Better use printed stationery and let the local printer do the work, rather than to attend the funeral of a once good newspaper that you let go to the bad on account of starvation.—Lubbock Avalanche.

G. M. Wilson, who is operating an automobile line out of Lockney, was in Spur several days of this week, he having been detained here because of the heavy rains throughout this country.

Attorney Green Harrison, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday on his return home from a business trip to the Plains country.

W. E. Smith, merchant of Jayton, was in Spur the first of this week and spent some time here on business.

W. M. Featherston, of Jayton, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Luther Hindman came in Monday morning from his farm home north of Spur in the Dry Lake neighborhood and reported that his farm was wet to the top of the hill and that the frogs are so numerous and noisy that they have become a menace to his peace and dignity.

Sol Davis left Sunday for Fort Worth to return with Mrs. Davis and children who have been in that city on an extended visit to relatives. They returned to Spur during the week.

Howard Roach, who has been in Spur the past four or five months visiting Mrs. McClure and family, left Sunday for his home in Mexia.

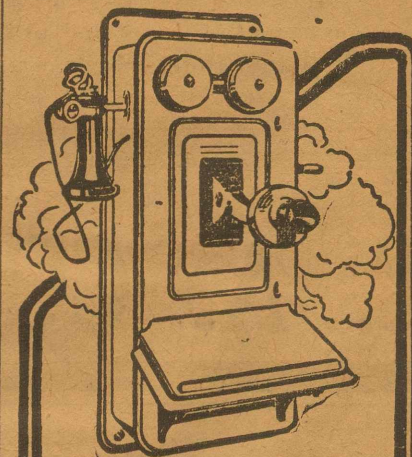
George Renfroe was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm and ranch home near Girard.

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MOLLY McDONALD

A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



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SYNOPSIS.

Major McDonald, commanding an army post near Fort Dodge, seeks a man to intercept his daughter, Molly, who is headed for the post. An Indian outbreak is threatened. "Brick" Hamlin, sergeant who has just arrived with messages to McDonald, volunteers for the mission. Molly arrives at Fort Ripley two days ahead of schedule. She decides to push on to Fort Dodge by stage in company with "Sutler Bill" Moylan. Gonzales, a gambler, is also a passenger. Hamlin meets the stage with stories of depredations committed by the Indians. The driver deserts the stage when Indians appear. The Indians are repulsed in attacks on the stage. Moylan and Gonzales are killed. Hamlin and Molly plan to escape in the darkness by way of a gully. Molly is wounded and Hamlin carries her. They cross a river and go into hiding. The Indians discover their escape and start pursuit, but go in the wrong direction. Hamlin is much excited at finding a haversack marked C. S. A. He explains to Molly that he was in the Confederate service and dismissed in disgrace under charges of cowardice. At the close of the war he enlisted in the regular service. He says the haversack was the property of one Capt. LeFevre, who he suspects of being responsible for his disgrace and for whom he has been hunting ever since. Troops appear on the scene.

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"I prefer to rely on my own judgment," he said tartly. "From what this man reports they are in stronger force than we are. Besides my instructions were not to provoke hostilities."

Wasson grinned, revealing his yellow teeth.

"Sure not; they are so damned peaceable themselves."

"I prefer leaving Captain Maxwell to deal with the situation," Gaskins went on pompously, ignoring the sneer, "as he outranks me, and I am under strict instructions to return at once to the fort. Two of our horses are disabled already, and Smiley is too sick to be left alone. I'll not risk it. Well," he broke off suddenly, and addressing a corporal who had just ridden up and saluted, "have you buried the bodies?"

"Yes, sir; found these papers on them."

The lieutenant thrust these into his pocket.

"Very well, Hough. Form the men into column. Miss McDonald, you will retain the horse you have, and I should be very glad to have you ride with me. Oh, corporal, was everything in the coach destroyed? Nothing saved belonging to this lady?"

"Only the ironwork is left, sir."

"So I thought; exceedingly sorry, Miss McDonald. The ladies at Dodge will fit you out when we get in. I am a bachelor, you know," he added, glancing aside into her face, "but can promise every attention."

Her eyes sought Hamlin where he stood straight and motionless, respectfully waiting an opportunity to speak.

"Is—is this what I ought to do?" she questioned, leaning toward him. "I am so confused I hardly know what is best."

"Why, of course," broke in the lieutenant hastily. "You may trust me to advise."

"But my question was addressed to Sergeant Hamlin," she interposed, never glancing aside. "He understands the situation better than you."

The sergeant held his hat in his hand, his eyes meeting her own frankly, but with a new light in them. She had not forgotten now the danger was over; she meant him to realize her friendship.

"It seems to me the only safe course for you to take, Miss McDonald," he said slowly, endeavoring to keep the note of triumph out of his voice. "Your father is perfectly safe, and will join you within a few days. I would not dare attempt your protection farther west."

"You are not going with us then?" she questioned in surprise.

"Not if Lieutenant Gaskins will furnish me with horse and rifle. I must report at Union, and, on the way, tell your father where you are."

"But the danger! oh, you mustn't attempt such a ride alone!"

"That is nothing; the valley is swept clean, and I shall do most of my riding at night. Any plainsman could do the trick—hey, Sam?"

Wasson nodded, chewing solemnly on the tobacco in his cheek.

"He'll make the trip all right, miss," he drawled lazily. "Wish I was goin' long. I'm sure tired of this sorter scoutin'. I am. Down below the Cimarron is the only place you'll have ter watch out close, 'Brick.' Them Comanches an' Apaches are the worst."

"I know—night riders themselves, but I know the trail. Can you outfit me, lieutenant?"

Gaskins smiled grimly, but with no trace of humor. His eyes were upon the girl, still leaning over her pommel.

"I'll outfit you all right," he said brusquely, "and with no great regret, either. And I shall report finding you here in disobedience to orders."

"Very well, sir."

Molly's brown eyes swept to the lieutenant's face, her form straightening in the saddle, her lips pressed tightly together. Gaskins frowned the sergeant, stung into anger by the man's quiet response.

"I shall prefer charges, you understand," almost savagely. "Helm, give this fellow that extra rifle, and ammunition belt. McMasters, you will let him have your horse."

Wasson rolled out of his saddle, muttering something indistinctly, which might have been an oath.

"I ain't goin' ter stand fer that, lieutenant," he said defiantly. "Bein' a: I ain't no enlisted man, an' this yere is my hoss, 'Brick' Hamlin don't start on no such ride on that lame brute o' McMasters'. Here, you 'Brick', take this critter. Oh' shut up! I'll git to Dodge all right. Won't hurt me none to walk."

The eyes of the two men met understandingly, and Hamlin took the rein in his hand. Gaskins started to speak, but thought better of it. A moment he stood, irresolute, and then swung up into saddle, his glance ignoring the sergeant.

"Attention! company," he commanded sharply. "By column four—march!"

The girl spurred her horse forward, and held out her hand.

"Good-by," she said, falteringly, "you—will be careful."

"Of course," and he smiled up into her eyes. "Don't worry about me—I am an old hand."

"And I am to see you again?"

"I shall never run away, surely, and I hope for the best—"

"Miss McDonald," broke in Gaskins impatiently, "the men are already moving."

"Yes," her eyes still upon the sergeant's uncovered face, "I am coming. Don't imagine I shall ever forget," she murmured hastily, "or that I will not be glad to meet you anywhere."

"Some time I may put you to the test," he answered soberly. "If any trouble comes, trust Wasson—he is a real man."

He stood there, one arm thrown over the neck of the horse, watching them ride away up the trail. The lieutenant and the girl were together at the rear of the short column, and he seemed to be talking earnestly.

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Mechanically the sergeant loaded his rifle, and strapped the old Confederate haversack to his saddle pommel, staring again, half unbelieving, at the faded inscription underneath the flap. Yet the sight of those letters awoke him, bringing to his bronzed face a new look of determination. He swung into the saddle, and, rifle across his knees, his eyes studying the desolate distance, rode westward along the deserted trail.

CHAPTER XIII.

Back at Fort Dodge.

The swiftly speeding weeks of that war-summer on the plains had brought many changes to the hard-worked troops engaged in the campaign or garrisoning the widely scattered posts south of the Platte. Scouting details, although constantly in the saddle, failed to prevent continued Indian depredations on exposed settlements. Stage routes were deserted, and the toiling wagons of the freighters vanished from the trails. Reports of outrages were continuous, and it became more and more evident that the various tribes were at length united in a desperate effort to halt the white advance. War parties broke through the wide-strung lines of guard, and got safely away again, leaving behind death and destruction. Only occasionally did these Indian raiders and the pursuing troops come into actual contact. The former came and went in swift forays, now appearing on the Pawnee, again on the Saline, followed by a wild ride down the valley of the Arkansas. Scattered in small bands, well mounted and armed, no one could guess where the next attack might occur. Every day brought its fresh report of horror. From north and south, east and west, news of outrages came into Sheridan's headquarters at Fort Wallace.

Denver, at the base of the mountains, was practically in state of siege, provisioned only by wagon trains sent through under strong guard; the fringe of settlement along the water ways was deserted, men and women fleeing to the nearest government posts for protection and food. The troops, few in number and widely scattered in small detachments, many being utilized as scouts and guards, were unequal to the gigantic task of protecting so wide a frontier. Skirmishes were frequent, but the Indians were wary and resourceful, and only once during the entire summer were they brought into real decisive battle. The last of August, Major Forsythe, temporarily commanding a company of volunteer scouts, was suddenly attacked by over a thousand warriors under command of Roman Nose. A four days' fight resulted, with heavy loss on both sides, the Indians being driven from the field by the opportune arrival of fresh troops.

The general condition of affairs is well shown by the reports reaching Fort Wallace in September. Governor Hunt wrote from Denver: "Just returned. Fearful condition of things here. Nine persons murdered by Indians yesterday, within radius of five miles." A few days later, acting Governor Hall reported: "The Indians have again attacked our settlements in strong force, obtaining possession of the country to within twelve miles of Denver. They are more bold, fierce, and desperate in their assaults than ever before. It is impossible to drive them out and protect the families at the same time, for they are better armed, mounted, disciplined, and better officered than our men. Each hour brings intelligence of fresh barbarities, and more extensive robberies." This same month Governor Crawford, of Kansas, telegraphed: "Have just received a dispatch from Hays, stating that Indians attacked, captured, and burned a train at Pawnee Fork; killed, scalped, and burned sixteen men; also attacked another train at Cimarron Crossing, which was defended until ammunition was exhausted, when the men abandoned the train, saving what stock they could. Similar attacks are of almost daily occurrence."

South of the Cimarron all was desolation, and war raged unchecked from the Platte to the Pecos. Sheridan determined upon a winter campaign, although he understood well the sufferings entailed upon the troops by exposure on the open plains at that season. Yet he knew the habits of Indians; that they would expect immunity from attack and would gather in villages, subject to surprise. He, therefore, decided that the result would justify the necessary hardships involved. To this end smaller posts were abandoned, and the widely scattered soldiers ordered to central points in preparation for the contemplated movement. Devere had been deserted earlier, and Major McDonald had marched his men to Dodge, where Molly awaited his coming. Retained there on garrison duty, the two occupied a one-story, yellow stone structure fronting the parade ground. In October, orders to march reached "M" troop, Seventh Cavalry, at Fort Union, and the ragged, bronzed troopers, who all summer long had been scouting the New Mexican plains, turned their horses' heads to the northeast in hopefulness of action. With them up the deserted Santa Fe trail, past burned

stations and wrecks of wagon trains, rode Sergeant Hamlin, silent and efficient, the old Confederate haversack fastened to his saddle, and his mind, in spite of all effort, recurring constantly to the girl who had gone to Dodge early in the summer. Was she still there? If so, how would she greet him now after these months of absence? The little cavalry column, dust-covered and weary, seemed fairly to creep along, as day by day he reviewed every word, every glance, which had passed between them; and at night, under the stars, he lay with head on his saddle, endeavoring to determine his course of action, both as to their possible meeting, and with regard to the following of the clue offered by the haversack. The time he had hoped for was at hand, but he could not decide the best course of action. He could only wait, and permit Fate to interfere.

Certain facts were, however, sufficiently clear, and the Sergeant faced them manfully. Not merely the fact that he was in the ranks, great as that handicap was, could have prevented an attempt at retaining the friendship of Molly McDonald. But he was in the ranks because of disgrace—hiding away from his own people, keeping aloof from his proper station in life, out of bitter shame. If he had felt thus before, he now felt it a thousand



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sand times more acutely in memory of the comradeship of her whose words had brought him a new gleam of hope. Never before had loneliness seemed so complete, and never before had he realized how wide was the chasm between the old and the new life. This constantly recurring memory embittered him, and made him restless. Yet out of it all, there grew a firmer determination to win back his old position in the world, to stamp out the lie through which the Confederate court-martial had condemned him. If LeFevre were alive, he meant now to find him, face him, and compel him to speak the truth. The discovery of that haversack gave a point from which to start, and his mind centered there with a fixed purpose which obscured all else.

It was after dark when "M" troop, weary by their long day's march across the brown grass, rode slowly up the face of the bluff, and into the parade ground at Fort Dodge. The lights of the guard-house revealed the troopers' faces, while all about them gleamed the yellow lamps, as the garison came forth to welcome their arrival. Guided by a corporal of the guard the men led their horses to the stables, and, as they passed the row of officers' houses Hamlin caught a furtive glimpse in a radius of light that gave his pulses a sudden throb. She was here then—here! He had hardly dared hope for this. They would meet again; that could scarcely be avoided in such narrow quarters. But how? On what terms? He ventured the one swift glimpse at her—slender, white-robed figure, one among a group of both men and women before an open door, through which the light streamed—heard her ask: "Who are they? What cavalry troop is that?" caught the response in a man's voice: "M' of the Seventh, from Fort Union," and then passed by, his eyes looking straight ahead, his hand gripping his horse's bit.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Like the Greek Philosopher's Fate. The matter of newspaper subscriptions reminds a Kansas editor of the Greek philosopher whose poverty began to pinch him. One of his friends sent word to the men of the city that each should take a certain kind of wine and on a certain day go to the philosopher's house and pour the wine into an empty vat. And so they did but each thought that one bottle of water would not be noticed in so much wine, and the vat was filled with water. Thus the philosopher received no aid. It is somewhat that way with subscriptions. One fellow thinks he owes only a small amount and so neglects to pay it. The other fellow thinks the same and the editor fares almost as well as the philosopher.

Now They Are Making Cowless Milk. Cowless milk is being made in London, where a factory with a capacity of 40,000 quarts a day was opened recently. The "milk" is made from vegetables, principally soya beans. It is said to be scarcely distinguishable from the real article and has the advantage of keeping longer and being free from disease germs. It sells for six cents a quart.

His Confession. Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of Chicago confesses that he once worked as an usher in a theater.

AROUSES THE LIVER AND PURIFIES THE BLOOD. The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S FASTIDIOUS chili TONIC, arouses the liver to action, drives malaria out of the blood and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c.

Wherever the tree of benevolence takes root, it send forth branches above the sky.—Saadi.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children's Teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Some people might just as well be crazy for all the sense they have.

EXPERIENCE OF MOTHERHOOD

Advice to Expectant Mothers

The experience of Motherhood is a trying one to most women and marks distinctly an epoch in their lives. Not one woman in a hundred is prepared or understands how to properly care for herself. Of course nearly every woman nowadays has medical treatment at such times, but many approach the experience with an organism unfitted for the trial of strength, and when it is over her system has received a shock from which it is hard to recover. Following right upon this comes the nervous strain of caring for the child, and a distinct change in the mother results.

There is nothing more charming than a happy and healthy mother of children, and indeed child-birth under the right conditions need be no hazard to health or beauty. The unexplainable thing is that, with all the evidence of shattered nerves and broken health resulting from an unprepared condition, and with ample time in which to prepare, women will persist in going blindly to the trial.

Every woman at this time should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, a most valuable tonic and invigorator of the female organism.

In many homes once childless there are now children because of the fact that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound makes women normal, healthy and strong.



If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

Why Scratch?

"Hunt's Cure" is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded WITHOUT QUESTION if Hunt's Cure fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm, or any other Skin Disease. 50c at your druggist's, or by mail direct if he hasn't it. Manufactured only by A. B. RICHARDS MEDICINE CO., Sherman, Texas

To cure costiveness the medicine must be more than a purgative; it must contain tonic, alterative and cathartic properties.

Tutt's Pills

possess these qualities, and speedily restore to the bowels their natural peristaltic motion, so essential to regularity.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY. No. 1. No. 2. No. 3. Used in French Hospitals with great success. CURES CHRONIC WEAKNESS, LOST VIGOR & VIM, KIDNEY, BLADDER, DISEASES, BLOOD POISON, PILES. EITHER BY DRUGGISTS OR MAIL. ST. POST & CTE. FOUNDRY CO., 90, BEEKMAN ST., NEW YORK OR LYMAN BROS. TORONTO. WRITE FOR FREE BOOK TO DR. LE CLERC MED. CO., HAVERSHOCK RD., HAVERHILL, ENGLAND. TRY NEW DRAGS (TASTELESS) FORM EASY TO TAKE SAFE AND LASTING CURE. SEE THAT TRADE MARKED WORD "THERAPION" IS ON BRIT. GOVT. STAMP AFFIXED TO ALL GENUINE PACKETS.

DEFIANCE STARCH

is constantly growing in favor because it Does Not Stick to the Iron and it will not injure the finest fabric. For laundry purposes it has no equal. 16 oz. package 10c. 1-3 more starch for same money. DEFIANCE STARCH CO., Omaha, Nebraska

12 dozen good Pearl Buttons, 5 best sizes, 2 grades, 75 cents and 50 cents. Muscatine Supply Co., Muscatine, Ia.

Readers of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations

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.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

BERNIE HILL DEAD

As many of our readers became acquainted with Bernie Hill when he worked in the West Side Barber Shop three years ago, we clip the following item from the Lubbock Avalanche of last week.

"Information was received here Saturday morning that Bernie Hill had died and would be buried at Merkel Sunday afternoon. He was a brother of Geo. M. Hill, formerly of this place but now of Plainview. He died from drinking hair tonic, in a barber shop that contained wood alcohol.—Lynn County News.

Burnie Hill was interested with Geo. M. Hill in the Spur Standard and lived in Spur for about one year.

Perry Fite at the Central Meat Market has any amount of pure hog lard for sale at twelve and a half cents a pound. If you want any pure hog lard at this price you had better get it today. 31-1f

C. O. D. PARCEL POST

Effective July 1, the "Collect on Delivery" plan will be inaugurated by the U. S. Government on parcel post packages where the sender so desires, the charges to be returned to the sender by the government. Under this innovation a package may be insured to the value of \$50. No examination privilege will be allowed to the receiver, however.

Rural carriers will be authorized to accept and receipt for C. O. D. parcel post packages.

This will be another great convenience for the people and will doubtless be appreciated by all.

Mrs. Addington, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Reavis, of the city, returned last week to her home in Dallas.

W. W. Waldrup, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur last week and spent several hours here on business.

DRUGGISTS ENDORSE DODSON'S LIVER TONE

It is a Guaranteed Harmless Vegetable Remedy that Regulates the Liver Without Stopping Your Work or Play.

A dose of calomel may knock you completely out for a day—sometimes two or three days. Dodson's Liver Tone relieves attacks of constipation, biliousness and lazy liver, headaches, and you stay on your feet.

The Red Front Drug Store sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it to give perfect satisfaction. If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone and do not find it the safest, most pleasant and successful liver remedy you ever took, this store will give you back the 50 cents you paid without a question.

This guarantee that a trustworthy druggist is glad to give on Dodson's Liver Tone is as safe and reliable as the medicine and that is saying a lot.

G. L. Barber, who is now doing grade work on the Spur and Dickens public road, was in Spur and spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Barber. The Commissioners Court recently appointed Mr. Barber Road Supervisor of Dickens county and, he being a practicable and reliable man for this position, the public can be assured that the road work done according to his specifications will be properly constructed and represent the minimum amount of expense.

W. P. T. Smith was a business visitor in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles northwest.

Hurley Sampson was in Spur Saturday from his home eleven miles southwest.

CLARENDON TO HAVE RACES

Clarendon is to have a race meet July 2, 3, 4 and 5. It is reported that 100 horses from seven states have been entered for purses aggregating \$3,000. The meet is under the direction of the Panhandle Exposition and Fair Association of Clarendon, but will not displace the Donley County Fair, to be held in October. Clarendon has been put on the Texas-Oklahoma Short-Ship Circuit for its racing dates. The Texas Spur thanks the management for complimentary passes.

Delma Scogin, of the Rosewood community, was in Spur several days of last week to be with his brother, Ellis, who was operated upon at the Standifer Hospital. Mr. Scogin reports everything in good shape in his section.

Edd Brown returned Saturday from Roaring Springs where he had gone to attend the opening of that new town.

FARMERS WILL ASK STATE AID

The Farmers Union of Texas is going to ask the Texas Legislature to appropriate \$25,000 a year to be expended under the direction of the State Department of Agriculture in promoting marketing and rural credits, according to Peter Radford, president of the Farmers Union, says a Fort Worth correspondent.

"It is properly a function of government to study and disseminate information and put into execution plans for the sale of products as it is to teach production," declared President Radford in a recent interview. "Certainly it is poor statesmanship to follow the crop to the harvest field and there let it rot for want of a market."

Mr. Radford said the Farmers Union stands ready to co-operate with the State Government in developing a warehouse system and facilities for the systematic marketing of all products on a more intelligent and business-like basis.

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Life Insurance.

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We have second hand goods of all kinds and can save you money on Furniture, cook stoves, refrigerators, ice boxes and all other house furnishing goods. We are located on Harris Street, east of First State Bank, and invite you to come and see us before making your purchases. V. H. DAVIS, SPUR, TEX.

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SOME DAINTY DISHES

NEW RECIPES WHICH INCLUDE THE DELICIOUS STRAWBERRY.

Piquant Flavor of This Fruit Adds a Delightfully Appetizing Touch to Many Dishes—Combinations Worth Trying.

Boiled Rice With Strawberry Sauce—Put into the upper part of the double boiler a cupful and a half of water. Bring to a boil, add a half teaspoonful of salt and one cupful of rice, thoroughly washed. Cook over the fire five minutes, then set in the hot water pan, which should be one-third full of boiling water. Cook until the rice has absorbed all the water, which will be in about twenty minutes, then add a cupful and a half of hot milk. Stir lightly with a fork so as not to mash the kernels, and cook until soft. Pour into a pretty serving dish and serve with strawberry sauce.

Strawberry Sauce—Beat a quarter cupful of butter to a cream, add gradually one-half cupful of powdered sugar, and then having crushed a cupful of strawberries, beat gradually into the sugar and butter.

Strawberry Trifle—Line a glass dish with alternate layers of macaroons and sugared strawberries, dipping both in a little white of egg to make them adhere. Make a custard of beaten yolks of three eggs, a third of a cup granulated sugar and one and a half cups milk. Stir and cook over hot water until thick, then put aside to cool. When cold enough pour into the lined dish. Whip the whites of the eggs very stiff and drop by spoonfuls into a basin of hot milk or water and put around on top of pudding, placing a strawberry with stem and hull left on in the center of each egg puff.

Strawberry Jelly—Mash a quart of ripe strawberries and strain through coarse cheesecloth. Soak two-thirds of a box of gelatine in one cup of cold water for an hour. Add a pint of boiling water, the juice of a lemon and a large cupful of sugar. Stir until the gelatine is all dissolved, add the strawberry juice and strain.

Pour into a pretty shaped mold or small cups and set on the ice to harden. Turn out for serving, put a border of ripe berries around the bottom of the form and serve with whipped cream. Red raspberries may be used in place of the strawberries.

Strawberry Mousse—Hull and wash a quart of strawberries, drain well and sprinkle with one cupful of sugar. Let stand an hour, then mash and strain through a fine sieve. Soak a tablespoonful and a quarter of granulated gelatine in two tablespoonfuls of cold water for an hour, then dissolve in three tablespoonfuls of boiling water.

Add to the sugared berries, let stand in a pan of ice water and stir until it starts to thicken.

Baked Dried Peas.

Take green whole peas and soak over night. In the morning pour water off, rinse by pouring boiling water over them, then put a small piece of pork in the bean pot and put peas in it, cover with water and put in oven to bake. Keep them well watered and covered while baking. We like them very much, and for an economy meal try these with a good Johnny peas in it, cover with water and put in oven early in morning they will be ready for dinner.

Cecils.

Cook enough cold cooked beef or mutton to make a quart, add one-half cup of dry bread crumbs, one tablespoon of chopped parsley, one teaspoon of salt, one-eighth teaspoon of black pepper. Dissolve one-half teaspoon extract of beef in one-half cup of boiling water, when thoroughly dissolved add to the meat and then two well-beaten eggs. Mold into small balls, dip in egg and cracker and fry in hot fat. Serve with brown sauce.

Appetizing Toast, Milanese Style. Select ten cents worth of dry, black Italian olives; stone them and place in a little saucepan. Cover them with olive oil and cook slowly. Mash them with a fork while they are cooking until a paste is formed. Wash and clean ten cents worth of anchovies. Slice milk bread thinly, toast it and spread with sweet butter. Then put a thin layer of olives on the bread and small pieces of anchovies on top of the olives. Decorate with sprigs of parsley and serve. Delicious cold or hot for luncheon.

When Sewing.

The use of colored cotton instead of white for basting white material makes it much easier to follow the seams accurately on the machine. The fastenings are also more easily and quickly removed.

Hickory Nut Cookies.

One cup butter, two cups sugar, two eggs, one-half cup sour milk, one teaspoon vanilla, one teaspoon soda, two cups flour, and one cup nuts. Roll out and sprinkle with sugar before baking.

He Makes a Point.
"Women will never get the upper hand. Men are too smart."
"Can you point out one instance of men being smarter than women?"
"Well, men don't handicap themselves with clothes that button up the back."

"Who's Ahead"

The winner is always the person who possesses a keen appetite, and enjoys perfect digestion—whose liver is active and bowels regular. The sickly person lacks the stamina and strength necessary to win. They should try

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

It tones, strengthens and rebuilds the entire system. Begin today. Avoid substitutes.

TESTIMONY NOT OF MOMENT

Daniel Frohman, as an "Expert Witness," Put Forth Little to Elucidate Case.

Daniel Frohman, who is always called as an expert witness when there are questions of the stage to be decided, was one of those who gave testimony in William Harcourt's suit to obtain royalties from George Broadhurst for having helped him to place his play, "The Man From Home."

"What," they asked Mr. Frohman, "is a Broadway production?"

"A production that is put on in first class style at a Broadway theater," answered the witness after deep thought.

But the answer was stricken from the record.

"Does it benefit an actor to be seen in a Broadway production?" asked the actor's lawyer.

Mr. Frohman looked suspiciously at the judge and then answered: "If he appears to his benefit it does."

"Move to strike it out," came from the opposite side.

"Granted," in the court's monotone. Then the expert was allowed to go.

ECZEMA SPREAD OVER BODY

R. F. D. No. 1, Lewisburg, Ky.—"Fifteen years ago I was badly affected with eczema upon my scalp first, then it spread all over my body and continued to grow worse for four years. It began with a dry rash. After forming thick scales or scabs the irritation forced me to scratch the scabs off and the hair would come out with them. Upon my face and body the sores would get inflamed and they disfigured my face. It was worse where my clothes irritated them. The eruption was a yellowish watery kind, sometimes bloody. In warm weather it was so bad I was not able to work on account of the raw irritating sores on my head and body.

"After trying various medicines without relief I tried Cuticura Soap and Ointment. After using four cakes of Cuticura Soap and four boxes of Cuticura Ointment and one bottle of the Resolvent I was entirely sound and well and have been for eleven years." (Signed) W. H. Williams, Mar. 19, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Adv.

Information Wanted.

A little girl listened quietly to the serious conversation of her elders. At last, hearing her father make an interesting statement about the postal situation, she could no longer keep silence.

"But, papa," she asked, earnestly, "if the postoffice department doesn't pay for itself, then it can't have any money, can it? Then why do they keep on advertising postal banks?"

Jealous.

Jack—Your friend Alice has the prettiest teeth I ever saw in a woman's mouth.

Ethel—Yes, the dentist guaranteed that there should not be a finer set in town.

The great thing in the world is not so much to seek happiness as to earn peace and self-respect.—Huxley.

OF COURSE IT WAS THAT ONE

Given Two Pennies for a Set Purpose Which Would a Boy Naturally Prefer to Lose?

Dull and gray was the afternoon. Slowly, with reluctant footsteps, Walter William made his way toward the Sunday school. If the truth be told in one fell swoop, he was not a lover of Sunday school, and were it not for parental compulsion, would easily have found some other way of congenially passing the time.

As so often happens when one is down in the dumps, another bitter blow was in store for Walter William. He had two beautiful new pennies, one for the Sunday school, and its brother for the purpose of buying sweets, or some similar delicacy.

Unhappily he lost one of the bright new coins, and in due time reported the event at the maternal headquarters.

"But, Walter, which of the two pennies did you lose?"

Back came the reply like a rifle bullet:

"Oh, the Sunday school one, mother, of course!"

Everybody's Doing It.

The premier of Serbia once upon a time had a round of official calls to make in the ministry building. His first visit was at 11 o'clock and he had allotted 15 minutes to it.

He called on a certain high official, stood talking to him for what he thought was his 15 minutes, and then proceeded across the hall to the office of another minister.

On the way there he sought to look at his watch. It was gone. He burst into the other minister's office and exclaimed:

"This is too much. Here I come to this place and call on a high official, and when I come out my watch is gone. I will not stand it!"

"Excellency," said the other minister, "pray be calm! I will see what I can do."

Presently the second minister returned and handed the premier his watch.

"What did the thieving rascal say when you made him return my watch?" asked the premier.

"Oh," replied the other minister, "he did not know I took it."

Had No Use for Phonograph.

Tibet's dalai lama was greatly disturbed by the first phonograph he saw. Edmund Candler, when in Lassa with the Younghusband expedition, heard from the Nepalese resident how he had recently brought the uncanny toy as a present from the maharaja of Nepal to the priest-king. The dalai lama walked round it uneasily as it blared forth an English band piece and an indelicate Bhutanese song. Then he thought for a long while, and finally said he could not live with this voice without a soul. So it was passed on to somebody else.

Rational Love.

"The rational rather than the romantic view of marriage is the one most in favor with the young people of the twentieth century," said Dr. H. Lucas Wentworth, the well known eugenics expert, in an address in Cleveland.

"The rational view will make for happier marriages. And this rational view is beautifully illustrated in two questions—a little dialogue—running thus:

"Will you always love me?"
"Will you always be lovable?"

Sick-Room Light.

If there are electric lights in the sick room they will generally be found too brilliant, hurting the eyes of the patient, and not every sick room has the electric lights that can be turned up or down. Make a little green silk bag and fasten it over the incandescent bulb and it will give a good but subdued and harmless light.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Plenty of Fuel.

"Coal's out," announced the office boy.

"Um."

"Shall I try to scare up some more?"

"No," said the rural editor. "Spring poems will be coming in soon."

The satisfying quality in LEWIS' Single Binder is found in no other 5c cigar. Adv.

Extremes.

"I ran out with my new machine."

"What happened?"

"I got run in."

Wanted to Be There.
Tony came over from the old country and obtained employment in America as a section hand. Some time afterward he went to his foreman and said: "Boss, I like haf vacashun."
"Tony, you don't need a vacation," answered the boss.
"Yes, boss, I like haf vacashun," repeated Tony.

"What do you want with a vacation? If I give it to you, Tony, you will go back to the old country, blow all your money, and then come back broke. You had better stay here."

"I like haf vacashun, boss," stolidly repeated Tony. "I'm going to get married and I'd kinder like to be there."

Poison Oak or Ivy Poisoning is quickly relieved by bathing the affected parts in a solution of two teaspoonfuls of Tyree's Antiseptic Powder to a pint of water. 25c. at all druggists or sample sent free by J. S. Tyree, Washington, D. C.—Adv.

Aim at independence of mind. There are some men who go in leading strings all their days.—Rev. J. Stoughton.

QUININE AND IRON—THE MOST EFFECTUAL GENERAL TONIC

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You know what you are taking when you take GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC, recognized for 30 years throughout the South as the standard Malaria, Chill and Fever Remedy and General Strengthening Tonic. It is as strong as the strongest bitter tonic, but you do not taste the bitter because the ingredients do not dissolve in the mouth but do dissolve readily in the acids of the stomach. Guaranteed by your Druggist. We mean it. 50c.

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LIQUID SUNSHINE

Scientists tell us that all space is an ocean of ether in which our solar system swims, and that all life, animal and vegetable, is derived from the sun's energy, transmitted to our planet by this ether. Plant life organizes this energy for us in nature's laboratory. As animals we then partake of nature's bountiful store and the sun's energy. Certain fruits, nuts and sugar cane represent this energy and vitality best. We have found this great natural law, and we combine these substances with distilled water. The name we give our combination is Dr. Pepper.

Dr. Pepper is liquid sunlight. As the sun rules and governs the day, so should you govern your appetite. Eat and drink to build up the cells that are broken down by fatigue, mental or physical. Drink a beverage that promotes cell building, not one that simply deadens the sensory nerves. Drink Dr. Pepper. Solar energy—liquid sunshine. Vim, vigor, vitality—that is what Dr. Pepper means. Try it. On sale at all fountains and in bottles. It's made in Texas. It's profits are spent in Texas to promote Texas industries.

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THE SALT FORK BRIDGE WASHED AWAY MONDAY

On account of the heavy rains Sunday night over this entire country the Stamford & Northwestern railroad bridge over the Salt Fork of the Brazos River washed away Monday and as a result both passenger and freight traffic and mail service over the railroad has been delayed the greater part of the week.

Thirteen sections or two hundred and forty feet of the Salt Fork bridge went down the river and all other rivers and creeks of the country were bank full and overflowing from the rains.

Later reports are to the effect that the railroad bridge over the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos was washed away Tuesday night. Several smaller bridges or culverts on the Stamford & Northwestern are also gone and as a result train service will be further delayed on this end of the line from Spur to Jayton.

George P. Hume and Attorney Ford, of Austin, Texas, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday looking after the sale of two sections of land to Chas. Windham in the northern part of the county. The sale is being handled through Glasgow & Davis.

Chas. Windham, one of the most prominent citizens of the Dickens country, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Windham was here closing up a deal in the purchase of two more sections of land to add to his ranch holdings.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brannen and little daughter left Thursday for Peacock to attend the two days picnic and barbecue at that place Thursday and Friday and also to visit Mrs. Brannen's parents.

County Commissioner S. E. Shoultz, of Kent county, was in Spur this week to be with his daughter, Mrs. Bill Morris of Red Mud, who is a patient at the Standifer Hospital.

W. A. Johnson, a prominent citizen of several miles west of Spur, came in Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and on other business.

Mrs. Bill Morris, of the Red Mud country, underwent an operation Thursday at the Standifer Hospital and is reported to be doing nicely.

J. I. Mecom has our thanks for having his name added to our subscription list and for a silver dollar to pay for same one year.

Willie Cathey, a very beautiful and accomplished young man of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday to see his best girl.

W. A. Wilkinson has returned to Spur from a several days visit to Del Rio, San Antonio and other points.

Miss Ina Richardson, of Tennessee, is in the city visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. Campbell.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Tom Ferguson, of Jayton, was in Spur Sunday and spent several hours here entertaining the fair.

J. B. Morrison was in the city this week from his ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

FACTS FOR CONSIDERATION!

IN The Purchase of Drugs, as well as any character of merchandise, the first considerations should be "Quality, Price and Service." Throughout our business career in Spur it has been our constant ambition and our controlling purpose to give all patrons Superior Quality, Low Prices and The Best Service in our line, and under such conditions we respectfully solicit your business, will appreciate the favor and will endeavor to merit further consideration at the hands of each purchaser and regular customers

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PATENT MEDICINES, SUNDRIES AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that any man or boy, regardless of age, who attempts to obtain entrance, or does obtain entrance, to the Public School Building, of Spur, Texas, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, as we will not have the building entered by any one without authority. We ask the patrons of the school to assist us in this matter, and see to it that their children do not loaf about the building.—J. F. Vernon, President Board.

Roy Zinn returned this week from Roaring Springs where he has been several days with his moving picture show. Mr. Zinn was among those who purchased business property in Roaring Springs at the opening.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that W. S. Taylor will preach Sunday at the Dry Lake school house. Everybody invited to attend the services.

A. A. Marshall, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Tuesday and reported a big rain in that section Sunday night.

Misses Louis and Blanche Fox left Wednesday for Lockney and Amarillo where they will spend several days with relatives and friends.

August Hollenburg, manager of the Tongue River Ranch, was a business visitor in Spur this week.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business.

T. F. Dixon, of Luzon, was in Spur several days of this week on business.

Poet Hagins was in the city Saturday from his farm home in the Gilpin country and reported crops in pretty good shape but that a good, general rain would make things loom up. Since that time the general good rain has come and this whole country is now wet and in the most promising condition with respect to bumper crops.

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Mrs. Robert King, who spent several days in Spur the guest of Mrs. C. C. Henson, returned last week to her home in Crosbyton.

Mrs. C. C. Tyler left recently for an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

NEW HOPE

We have had plenty of rain now. It began falling Sunday and kept up all through the night, and is still raining.

Aubrey Lloyd and family, Mrs. Lloyd and daughter, Miss Bessie, and R. E. Forbis and family attended the Fifth Sunday meeting on the Plains.

W. B. Griffin and wife, of Spur, have been in our midst.

Mrs. Myrtle Young and Miss Georgia Young are visiting in the New Hope community.—Oat Meal.

LOST HORSE

A drin horse branded O K on left shoulder and O K on left thigh. Liberal reward if returned to Spur Hardware Co. 34t

J. Carlisle, one of the most prominent citizens of the Gilpin country, was among the number of citizens in Spur Saturday.

John Gruben, of Royston, is in Spur managing the W. C. Gruben jewelry business during his wedding tour and honey-moon.

Ex-County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Saturday from his home northeast of Spur.

Judge E. J. Cowan left last week for San Angelo where he will remain indefinitely.

J. M. Neely passed through Spur this week on his way to Roaring Springs.

Will Austin and family, of the Afton country, were in Spur Wednesday.

The picnic and barbecue at Dickets Thursday was largely attended. Plenty of the finest barbecue was served and every body enjoyed the day.

ANCIENT STATUTE UNCOVERED BY COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION.

Asks Repeal of Law Enacted in 1874—Act Hinders Organization of Private Corporations.

Dallas, Texas.—The Texas Welfare Commission in its investigation of legislation in relation to the organization of private corporations developed some very ancient statutes which have been covered by the debris of a half century of custom. One of these statutes which has been water-logged by custom and has escaped the notice of many corporations that depend largely upon bond issues for financing their projects was brought to the attention of the Commission by R. C. Duff, chairman. The statute in question was adopted in 1874 and prohibits private corporations from incurring an indebtedness greater than the amount of their capital stock.

Many private corporations ignorant of or indifferent to this law have frequently violated it and by common custom have long ignored it, but corporations that place their securities upon the market where they are examined by skillful lawyers find their bonds rejected on account of this statute. The provision was incorporated in our law upon the erroneous theory commonly accepted at that time that a corporation should not incur a debt greater than the amount of the capital stock. The Commission finds the statute a menace to creditors in good faith and asks that it be repealed.

The watering of stock of private corporations also came in for severe censure at the hands of the Commission and they made a plea for higher standards of business morality in legislation for the promotion and organization of private corporations. The report of the Commission of this subject in part is as follows:

"When the disposition of the statute concerning railroad securities is remembered, it is remarkable that public sentiment has not heretofore driven our legislatures to throw more safeguards around the organization of private corporations, whose stock is intended to be sold to the people of Texas. Some rational legislation that will insure some reasonable relevancy between the value of the property owned or to be owned by the corporation and the securities to be issued by the same should be adopted."

RIGHT TO ISSUE REFUNDING BONDS.

Freight Rates Not Affected by Refunding of Securities.

Houston, Texas.—The right to issue maturing securities in excess to the Railroad Commission valuation is one that is denied railroads by the State of Texas, although such securities were legally issued prior to the passage of the Stock and Bond law. The opinion of men engaged in financing railroads was sought by the Texas Welfare Commission, recently adjourned. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, gave his views in part, as follows:

"Every railroad company ought to be given the right to issue bonds at par, to refund existing obligations. The existing bonds of the Houston & Texas Central, for instance, (and it is true of every other railroad company in the state except those who have recently issued bonds under the ruling of the Commission) have been outstanding for more than twenty years. They have been held by innocent investors for this long period. The railroad company has, year after year, paid semi-annually the interest on these bonds. The Railroad Commission during all that time has been sitting at Austin, with full power (unlimited power almost) over the railroads, with the state treasury at its disposal, with the Legislature willing to appropriate any amount that the Commission deemed necessary to carry on its work. If there is any illegality in any of these bonds the Commission should have found it out long ago and applied the remedy. I submit that after the lapse of twenty years it is too late to talk about the validity of outstanding railroad bonds. That subject ought to be foreclosed by time, if nothing else."

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