

DEMONSTRATED RESULTS OF AN OPEN GAME.

O. W. Coats, in passing through the Spur country returning to his home in Callahan county, lost a new Winchester rifle. While in Girard he mailed a letter requesting the Texas Spur to advertise the loss and offer a reward of \$250 to the party finding and returning the gun. The following day of mailing the paper W. D. Blair brought the gun in, received his reward and the gun will be returned to the owner—all as a result of advertising.

There is no question but that the twentieth century method of doing business is through advertising, and the most successful business men are those who study advertising methods, know how to advertise and adapt them selves to twentieth century business methods and conditions.

Advertising is an open game, and the American people desire openness and straight-forward dealings in community business intercourse as well as in political dealings. The day is approaching when the business man who fails or refuses to publicly advertise his wares and the prices will be looked upon with somewhat of suspicion on the part of the general public. It is very evident that advertising attracts attention, and those not in a position to do business in an open manner with the public should avoid extensive advertising in every instance and on special occasions only resort to publicity in a brief and indefinite manner, because people read advertisements and can pretty accurately gauge a business concern by its advertising. Read over the advertisements appearing in the Texas Spur from time to time and you will find therein represented the business concerns which are the back-bone and sinew of Spur's commercial life—firms which are not afraid but rather court publicity in their dealings, and business concerns which sell the highest grade goods, make the best prices and sell the most goods because they are in a position to do so as a result of publicity and fair and open dealings.

EFFICIENT BUSINESS MAN.

Chas. A. Jones, who has been spending some time in Freeport looking after the Swenson interests, returned the latter part of last week to Spur. Mr. Jones will divide his time between Spur and Freeport until an efficient manager or superintendent can be secured for the latter place. Mr. Jones is one of the most efficient business men in the state and the Swenson interests are fortunate in securing his services.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Having been endorsed by the local school board for teacher of piano and voice in connection with the Spur Public School, I take pleasure in saying that I will be in the city to organize my classes by September 1, and hope to meet all who desire to take lessons. As to my qualifications, they have already been made known to the school board.—Miss M. Trenholm Doyle. 41-3

A LINEN SHOWER

A very pleasant and one of the most elaborate affairs of the social season was the occasion of a linen shower in honor of Miss Mary Henson on the eve of her marriage and given by Mrs. W. S. Dunn Tuesday afternoon at her home in the city.

In response to the invitations sent out, quite a number of guests were present, and upon their arrival were graciously received by the hostess and presented to the bride-to-be by Miss Elnora Dunn in her usual graceful and most pleasant manner. The guests were then ushered by Mrs. Campbell to an adjoining room where punch was delightfully served by Misses Ruby Reagan and Ethel Henson.

A blank cook book was presented to each of the guests with the request that a favorite recipe be written and the book was later presented for the edification and assistance of the bride in her new position in presiding over the duties of a home.

The bride-to-be, sitting in an arm chair draped in a profusion of green love vines and appropriately decorated for the occasion, was showered with linen presents from an umbrellaswing from the top of the room. The presents were numerous and consisted wholly of linen fabrics, including selections of doilies and feminine dainties for the home and the bride.

The rooms were beautifully and elaborately decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being white and pink which was artistically and effectively rendered throughout the home. The bride-to-be was becomingly gowned in white lace over pink messaline, which presented a combination of charms and beauty. A beautiful bouquet of white and pink roses adorned the serving table while the hostess again served pink cream and white cake. Selections of music were rendered during the afternoon.

Mrs. Mace gave a toast to which the bride-to-be replied in a most appropriate manner, after which the guests departed for their homes.

SELLING APPLES FROM ORCHARD IN COUNTRY

J. H. McCamant was in the city Monday from his farm and ranch twelve miles southeast of Spur. He brought in a wagon load of apples gathered from his orchard, the apples being pulled green on account of the trees being too heavily loaded. The apples were pulled from young trees of about four years growth and while not fully developed were comparatively large and demonstrated that at maturity the orchard will produce the finest fruit. Mr. McCamant has about one thousand trees in his orchard and with proper care and attention will become one of the greatest factors in the revenue returns of the farm and ranch. The apples brought in were sold to Bryant-Link Company for four cents a pound. Mr. McCamant also brought in some nice water melons and peaches, and complimented the Texas Spur with one of the nicest melons and a sack of apples.

A PROPOSITION TO ESTABLISH PEANUT FACTORY

Ed Hulse, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday. He reports that his peanut crop, with other peanut crops of his section, are doing nicely and a big harvest is expected. Mr. Hulse received a letter from the Lone Star Peanut Company stating that if the farmers of this territory will guarantee a sufficient acreage in peanuts that a peanut factory will be established in Spur. This year there are about six hundred acres planted to peanuts in this section of the country, and with the large acreage adapted to the growing of peanuts a sufficient acreage should be readily guaranteed to establish in Spur a factory to handle not only the peanuts produced in this section but other surrounding sections. There is no question but that the establishment of factories is not only a progressive move on the part of the commercial interests but a necessity in caring for the interests of producers and maintaining the position as a commercial center. The Texas Spur is taking the proposition up with the peanut company and will later have a definite proposition to offer the peanut farmers of this section. In the future Spur will not only furnish a market for the products of this territory but we intend to expend every effort in establishing here factories to manufacture the principal products of the country.

VISITING AND PROSPECTING

J. A. W. Cozby and wife, of White Flat, visited last week at the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Blair, of near Spur, returning the latter part of the week to their home. S. B. and J. S. Richards, of Stephenville and Dublin, who were also visiting Mr. and Mrs. Blair, returned to White Flat with Mr. and Mrs. Cozby and will spend some time in that section before returning to their homes. Messrs. Richards were also here prospecting and expressed themselves as well pleased with the Spur country and may return later.

FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Last Saturday night the people of the Draper country were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright with an ice cream supper. There were also guests from Dickens, Afton and Spur, and Knox and Fisher counties. The refreshment courses were interspersed with delightful music and other entertaining features and the occasion will be long remembered by all present.—Contributed.

MAKING PREPARATIONS

Mr. Anderton has just completed an addition to his residence in the northwest part of the city and has a more convenient, comfortable home. He says he is making preparations for the "madam" whom he expects to make her arrival at an early date.

A FINE GIRL.

A girl baby was born Sunday, August 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecum at their home in the city. Mr. Mecum reports that the young Miss weighed nine pounds, and we doubt not that in the years to come little Miss Mecum will develop all of the charms characteristic of American young womanhood and in maturer years become a true ornament of a home and recognized by society as a representative of true womanhood, and The Texas Spur wishes the little Miss a happy life and the fullest realization of life's highest aims and hopes.

THE RIGHT MAN IN PLACE

C. A. Boulte, district commercial manager, and Will S. Stephens, district plant chief, of the Southwestern Telephone Company, were in the city Friday and Saturday of last week from Abilene looking after the interests of the company at this place. Mr. Bobo, local manager for the company in Spur, states he has added a number of new subscribers during the past two months and that prospects are more flattering for the fall months. Mr. Bobo is most considerate in serving patrons, is a congenial and affable gentleman and is evidently the right man in the right place.

BEAUTIFUL DEEDS

There is a little band of twelve bright sunbeam children in the town of Spur known as "Buckner Orphans Home Club." This band is led by Mrs. Dr. G. T. Brandon. It is their delight to do nice things for our six hundred dependent orphan children at Buckner Orphans Home. On June first they sent our children \$6.25 in money and a valuable package, and then again on July thirty-first they sent us \$9.25 in money and another valuable package. When the weather gets cooler we have the assurance of further help from them. They have greatly endeared themselves to our hearts, and our heavenly Father has also taken note. He will not forget.—R. C. Buckner; per L. W. Walker, Chaplain.

SETTLING AND IMPROVING THE SPUR FARM LANDS

W. B. Curry, of Archer county, bought a section of land this week on the east side of the West Pasture thirteen miles southwest of Spur and is now improving the place and will make this his permanent home. Mr. Curry also leased an adjoining section of land and was in Spur Wednesday after wire and other material with which to do improvement work. Mr. Curry is a substantial citizen and we are glad to welcome he and his family to the citizenship of the Spur country.

REVIVAL MEETING

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the tent meeting beginning Sunday (Aug. 24.) Rev. Jno. E. McLean of Fort Worth will do the preaching. All denominations are cordially invited to give cooperation in this series of meetings to the end that souls may be saved.—R. A. Stewart.

2-DAYS PICNIC AND OLD SOLDIERS RE-UNION.

The business men of Spur have decided to have a two-days picnic and celebration in Spur on the 5th and 6th of September in connection with the Old Soldiers reunion, and every effort will be made to make the occasion one of the largest, most pleasant and agreeable social gatherings and biggest events of this character in the history of Spur and within the memory of the oldest settler of this section of Western Texas.

At this time a detailed report of the varied amusements, attractions and entertaining features can not be secured. However, not only the progressive business men but the entire and united citizenship of the town are contributing liberally of funds and lending cooperation to the end that the two days will afford recreation, amusement and real pleasure, enjoyment and appreciation on the part of all people who attend.

The committee on amusements are out after high-class amusements of every character and will probably have the usual and indispensable merry-go-round, flying jenny, ferris wheel, doll racks, knife board, hoop-la, rubber balls and novelties of varied kind and character. A race track is being prepared and liberal purses given in first, second and third class saddle horse races. A balloon ascension will be made each day and vaudeville shows and other amusements will kill the blues and prohibit a dull hour during the two days.

The beef and barbecue committees are arranging to have a big barbecue and all the accessories one day, while a basket dinner will be spread the first day, and there will be plenty to eat for all. Fast base ball games will be played each day, and with a number of shows on the grounds every character of amusement and entertainment will be afforded.

An elaborate program of music, recitations, speeches and reminiscences is in course of preparation for the special entertainment of the Old Soldiers, and every effort will be put forth to make the occasion of the Old Soldiers Reunion one of the most pleasant memories as the shadows of life close around the very few lingering patriots of an unfortunate Civil strife. Patriotic and enlivening music will be discoursed by an able band secured for the occasion, and able speakers will deliver appropriate addresses.

Efforts are being made to secure a flying machine to demonstrate the possibilities and success of air navigation, and the people of this entire territory are assured that the committee on entertainment and amusements will secure every possible attraction really worth while to the success of the occasion and for the pleasure and entertainment of the thousands of people who are expected to attend.

GROWING PEANUTS.

Hurley Sampson was in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country and reported that his peanut crop of seventy five acres was in good shape and promising a big yield.

This seems an age of big guns and big ships.

Philadelphia may be a sleepy town, but its ball teams play between naps.

Thank goodness. Women ordinarily are not as reckless as the clothes they wear.

Sleeping on the floor may be cool, but very few floors are provided with springs.

Perhaps the wooden nutmeg chap moved west and invented the hollow strawberry.

Most of the bathtubs, unfortunately, are too short to be used as sleeping quarters.

When a man sleeps on the floor in a hot night he finds it easier to get up in the morning.

A German dentist has been sent to prison in England for five years as a spy. Evidently, he lost his accustomed pull.

A Milwaukee man had a close shave. An automobile dashed into the barber shop and knocked him out of the chair.

A Chicago statistician says married people really live longer than single people—that it doesn't merely seem longer.

Some people expend so much effort getting ready for their vacations that when they are ready they are too tired to leave home.

Mr. Asquith is said to have made a London physician poet laureate. He will have the advantage of being able to treat sore feet.

In addition to the other troubles of Great Britain, the divided equestrian skirt has now come to engage the thought of the empire.

It is claimed that the people of the United States spend \$600,000,000 a year for music. And it might be added that they get stung.

Parisian hostery displayed by newly devised gowns presents embroidered mottoes. Appropriate sentiments do not occur automatically.

A Kansas City judge has decided that a girl need not confine her attentions to the man she is engaged to but she'd better be careful.

"Life in this country is valueless," said Mrs. Oelrichs as a porter nearly wheeled a truck over her toes. Valueless, perhaps, but not unexciting.

If noise shortens life, as a Chicago doctor says it does, one wonders how children who grow up in the Windy city ever attain their majority.

A tango devotee tried a few steps in the water and nearly drowned. A consideration of the anatomy of the mermaid would have been prudent.

Bogus \$20 bills are in circulation. Watch your change carefully after breaking currency of large denomination in the purchase of watermelons.

Singularly enough, several persons who observed a man burning the other day while held under burning debris in a southern fire yelled to him to keep cool.

The national bureau of chemistry advises the use of the nose and eyes in detecting bad food. Ears came into restaurant service some time ago.

Nobody would care for dandelion greens if they tasted like food.

St. Louis is strong for that congressional baseball investigation. It wants to find out why it can't break into the first division.

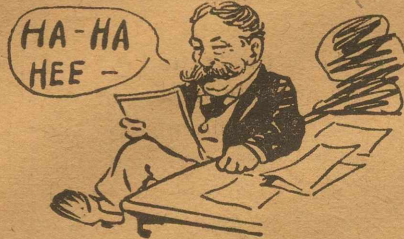
A college for women orators is to be started in Chicago. Next thing you know some college will have a professor to teach young ducks to swim.

Andrew Carnegie says he once tried to get a job on a Pittsburgh paper, but that the editor wouldn't have him. Moral: The editor probably still has the paper.

In spite of the scientific definition of love as a lunacy, nobody appears to be taking steps toward curing those so afflicted or preventing general progress of the disease.

Russia must foresee a real European scrap coming. Its army is to be supplanted with aerial dreadnaughts with machine guns, bomb throwers and wireless telegraphy.

He Twists Letters Like Mexican Juggling Lariat



WASHINGTON.—Frank B. Willis, the rising young statesman from Wool Town, Ohio, who pulled down the spelling laurels in the recent Press Clubs ladies' night entertainment, had better study up that bluebacked spell-er, because there's another chap in town who can twist the letters round his tongue like a Mexican greaser juggling a lariat. This same fellow is Wrisley Brown, special assistant attorney general of the department of justice.

Some time ago a correspondent who purported to be a college professor wrote a letter to President Taft complaining that the recurrence of crime

waves was due to malign thought impulses hurled about by detectives of the department of justice.

The letter was referred to the department of justice, and Wrisley Brown was asked to prepare an indorsement for it. There was a scream of laughter when Brown turned in this burlesque opinion:

"After careful reflection," wrote Wrisley Brown, "I concur in the physical theorems herein deduced by the complainant. His conclusions regarding the auto-suggestion of crime are fully borne out by the history of human experience. Its insidious effect upon the mind has a pronounced tendency to bring on aboulomania or cretinism of the will power, combined with a choreic condition of the faculties.

"In some cases it has even been known to induce katatonia or some more serious dissociation of the mental elements of a luetic character and furibund developments such as, for instance, confusional encephalomalacia."

How John Burroughs Found a Place to Sleep In

JOHN BURROUGHS, accompanied by two well known naturalists, Ernest Thompson-Seton and Glenn Buck of Chicago, was a recent visitor to the capitol.

At the capitol Mr. Burroughs gazed with thoughtful eyes directed toward the imposing, glistening white, marble senate office building.

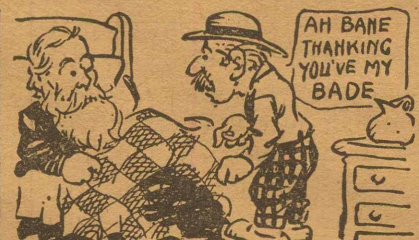
"Beautiful building, isn't it?" he was asked.

"Huh! Yes," was the slow response.

"But," he added, "I would a whole sight rather gaze at a scene I remember so distinctly. I had visited a small hamlet in a state that was 'dry.'"

"I looked about, but could find no place to sleep. It took only a few minutes to traverse the settlement. There was only one place where a light could be seen. The nature of the business being transacted there was apparent to all who cared to understand. It was a so-called 'blind tiger.'"

"Seeking rest there was out of the question, but I was tempted to enter and ask for information. As I was hesitating, a faint light in a building



opposite showed, and in a few minutes the form of a man, partly dressed, appeared in the doorway and began an unsteady course for the blind tiger.

"I did not stop him, but as he entered the place of liquor dispensing, I entered the place he vacated, blew out the light and cast myself into his bed, which was warm.

"It seemed hours later when I was awakened by a reeling Swede.

"Ah bane thanking you've my bade," he began.

"Man," I replied. "You've been to the blind tiger."

"That was enough. The man was too dazed to think. He turned about, by degrees, and walked out of the place. I don't know where he went, but probably back to the blind tiger."

Calamitous Cessation for Bobby's Little Lamb



IT is an admitted fact that Mary had a little lamb, but it may be news to the general public that Bobby Blank, who lives out Georgetown way, had another. Leastwise, he had, until the other day, when his ownership came to what one might briefly call a calamitous cessation.

Bobby had been week-ending with a little cousin who lives out in the country two hours by wagon, on a hill, off the pike. Little cousin owned a pet lamb, and when the wagon was waiting for Bobby he, somehow, managed to sneak pet off and get away with the goods.

The wise men who make the world go round for us assert that character

changes with environment, and it must be so, for, by the time the wagon had wheeled up to the home curb the small white thing that had been as docile as those other dear lambkins that skip on the forever-green grass in the way-back spelling book, took on a kiddish butting velocity.

Bobby's mamma was waiting to welcome little son as he hopped out of the wagon, dragging the lamb at the end of a string. The first thing the two knew the lamb had butted in and sprawled them, mother and man-child, on the pavement.

A crowd developed with a suddenness that suggested it must have swarmed up from the crevices in the bricks.

The little lamb got busy and butted around at the human fringe with skillful impartiality, until a particularly big man gave it what was intended to be a down-and-out kick. But it wasn't. Not for the little lamb. As for the man—but maybe he wouldn't like it mentioned; some people are so delicately sensitive—and, anyhow, maybe he would have done better if the little lamb had given him a second try.

Some Mighty Beautiful Things in the Constitution

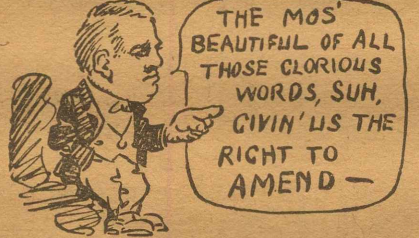
SENATOR TOM MARTIN of Virginia is radically different from most statesmen from the sunny south. He is not an orator. On the contrary, he is usually so silent that he makes the Sphinx seem like the star book agent for an installment publishing house. As some of his constituents like to say: "Tom takes his'n out in thinkin' and actin'."

Some time ago there came up, in the senate, a bill on which there was a bitter fight. Straightway several of those senators who have come to be known as "constitutional sharks" leaped to their feet one after another, in high sounding and resounding protest.

"Shall we, unworthy as we are, dare to violate either the letter or the spirit of our beloved constitution?" they demanded. "Never—never—not one iota—NEVER!"

Martin listened calmly until all had done. Then he rose slowly and draped himself gracefully over one edge of his desk.

"Mistah President," said he in his soft drawl, "I yield to no man, suh, in



my respect for the Constitution and its framers. They did well. They did nobly, suh—fuh their time. But, Mistah President, those gentlemen have been dead mo' than one hundred years, suh, and times, suh, have changed. We've got to remember that, suh.

"An' remembering that, Mistah President, what I started to say was this: There are some mighty beautiful things in our Constitution. It's a beautiful work, suh. But, Mistah President, of all the beautiful things in all that beautiful work, to my mind the mos' beautiful of all are those glorious words, suh, givin' us the right to amend."

SERVE TWO PURPOSES

MORNING FROCKS ALSO LOOK WELL ON TENNIS COURT.

Either in White Serge or Linen They Will Be Found Adaptable—Coats for Outdoor Sports Made on Bulgarian Lines.

There are many little frocks this season designed for general morning wear, which are entirely comfortable and appropriate for tennis, therefore possessing one of these one need not change one's frock in order to enjoy a game.

The skirt must not be too narrow to permit freedom of movement, but a skirt need not be as narrow as that in order to be good looking and modish, and one often sees skirts which are suitable for the purpose with plaits or fullness introduced at the bottom of the skirt.

A simple little frock of white serge with the new long-waisted blouse and gay colored scarf with hanging ends is pretty and serviceable for tennis. This frock usually has short sleeves and a flat sailor collar and a gay touch of color may be added in the way of a tie to finish the collar at the front.

There are very good looking sport coats this season of white ratine. They are usually cut on loose lines and have

any length from hip length to full length and in many shapes. The Bulgarian lines are also in evidence among the new sweaters this season, the wide belt being usually of some contrasting color with cuffs and collar to match.

SUMMER GOWN



Model of yellow silk voile, veiled completely by white allover lace. The slashed skirt is very short in front with a pointed train in the back.

GIVE DAINTINESS AND CHARM

Attractive Methods of Dressing the Neck Are the Most Effective of Many Seasons.

Very few of the new gowns have high collars, and aside from the suitability of this fashion to warm weather the ways in which it is presented are decidedly attractive. Never has there been a more charming fashion than that of soft folds of net, tulle or lace to outline the neck. These are drawn surplice-like across the bust above a filmy vest, which is usually employed to fill in a gown above the girdle.

There are many waist models that have a fichu of white cotton net drawn about the shoulders and half way down the front of the waist, where it meets a cross line of cording which tops a waistcoat of net mounted on white china silk. Lace is not used at all in these models, so that tiny net frillings edge the drape-ry about the throat.

Another new touch is a frilling made of crisp white crepe. This may be bought by the yard and may either be used as a flat border for a net or chiffon trimming, or set so that it stands up from the edge of the neck, which opens Medicif fashion. Mannish little waistcoats of net or mousseline are trimmed with prim rows of buttons down the middle and sometimes accompanied by a little vest pocket.



Tennis Frock of White Linen.

several big patch pockets and are ornamented with large buttons. There are also many good English models of tweed on these same lines, designed principally for shooting or moor costumes, but available for any other outing wear.

There are many coats for outdoor sports made on the Bulgarian lines. One of the sketches in the large cut, for instance, shows a coat of blue serge, made on Bulgarian lines, with sailor collar and cuffs of white linen or serge.

Sweaters show more variety than they once did. One may have them

SEPARATE COATS OF PLAID

In Combination With Skirt of White Muslin or Other Material They Are Always Effective.

If one does not care to adopt a coat-suit of plaid for any occasion one may like to take up the idea of wearing a short plaid coat with a skirt of white muslin or crepe de voile or satin. The latter combination is quite effective for any afternoon occasion, especially in the open, and the adding of plaid silk or voile in any way to a white crepe gown is a fashion that grows in power as people see how attractive it is.

There is no doubt that the public in general has accepted the coat of a different color from the skirt and as they have gone through the various paths of fashion that led to black, red, purple and green coats with white skirts it is only a tiny step further to ask them to wear Scotch plaid coats.

After all the coat of today is such a diminutive affair, which ends the moment it begins, that the dash of color is not inartistic. These negligee coats have a great deal of charm about them, especially in summer, and if a woman will try the fashion first in cotton and wear it over a soft draped white skirt she can then find out

without spending too much money whether or not she looks well in the combination.

PROSPECTS OF FALL FABRICS

With Other Novelties Brocaded Moire is to Have High Place in the Coming Season's Styles.

Among the novelties promised for autumn is brocaded moire. This is described as moire cloth with brocaded satin floral figures in old French designs. Brocaded crepe de chine, which was a conspicuous offering this spring, promises to be a favorite material for evening gowns. In the heavier materials all "pile fabrics," including velvets, chinchillas, plushes and velours de laine are going to be worn.

Speaking of plush, an interesting development in midsummer millinery is the new hats with soft crowns of that material. Most of them are in white, but they are shown also in black and colors. One seen on Fifth avenue the other day had both the crown and the brim of white plush, with a long felt nap. The brim was faced with pink straw, which also formed the band around the crown and was tied in a bow in front. The only other trimming was a brace of small white wings at the left side.

STEEL HILL ITEMS

J. P. Gibson was in Spur Saturday on business.

Quite a number from this community went to Dry Lake Sunday to attend church and baptizing at that place.

Mr. Watts, a picture agent, was in our midst several days this week.

An ice cream supper was enjoyed Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. Tol Merriman spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with relatives who were sick.

Mace Hunter and Miss Myrtle Lanier were in Spur Saturday on business.

Fred Odam and Y. Z. Jones were visitors in Spur Saturday.

Volney Cain left last week for adjoining counties where he will spend some time.

Misses Erma and Edice West spent Sunday at Dry Lake with friends.

An ice cream supper was given last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall. A hundred or more guests were present and all report a fine time and plenty of cream.

Mrs. Cherry and daughter, Miss Eula Cherry, who have been visiting relatives in Gonzales county, returned the first of the week to their home here.

Several from here attended the church and baptizing services at Duck Creek Sunday.

D. A. Moore and family and Fate Cherry and family left Tuesday for Blanco Canyon where they will spend several days fishing.

Messrs. Parker, of Jones county, and Stewart, of the Plains country, are visiting at the home of S. P. Odam.

There was no preaching nor Sunday school here Sunday as almost everybody went to Duck Creek to attend the meeting which has been in progress for some time.

Elson Jones and sister, Miss Marie Jones, and Miss Willis happened to an exciting though in no way painful accident Sunday when their buggy was overturned. They sustained slight bruises but will be recovered in a few days.

Dr. Duke, of Spur, was among those who attended the cream supper Saturday evening at the home of Mr. Henderson.

We are all wearing a smile these sultry days with the expectation of a big rain soon.—Maiden Vine.

We have opened a first-class garage in the building formerly occupied by the Spur Auto Supply Company. Leave your cars with us and buy your oil, gas and supplies from us. Bring us your repair work, we have a skilled mechanic in charge.—J. L. Gilbert. 35-tf.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children returned Saturday from the Gilpin country where she spent the week with her father, J. Carlisle and family.

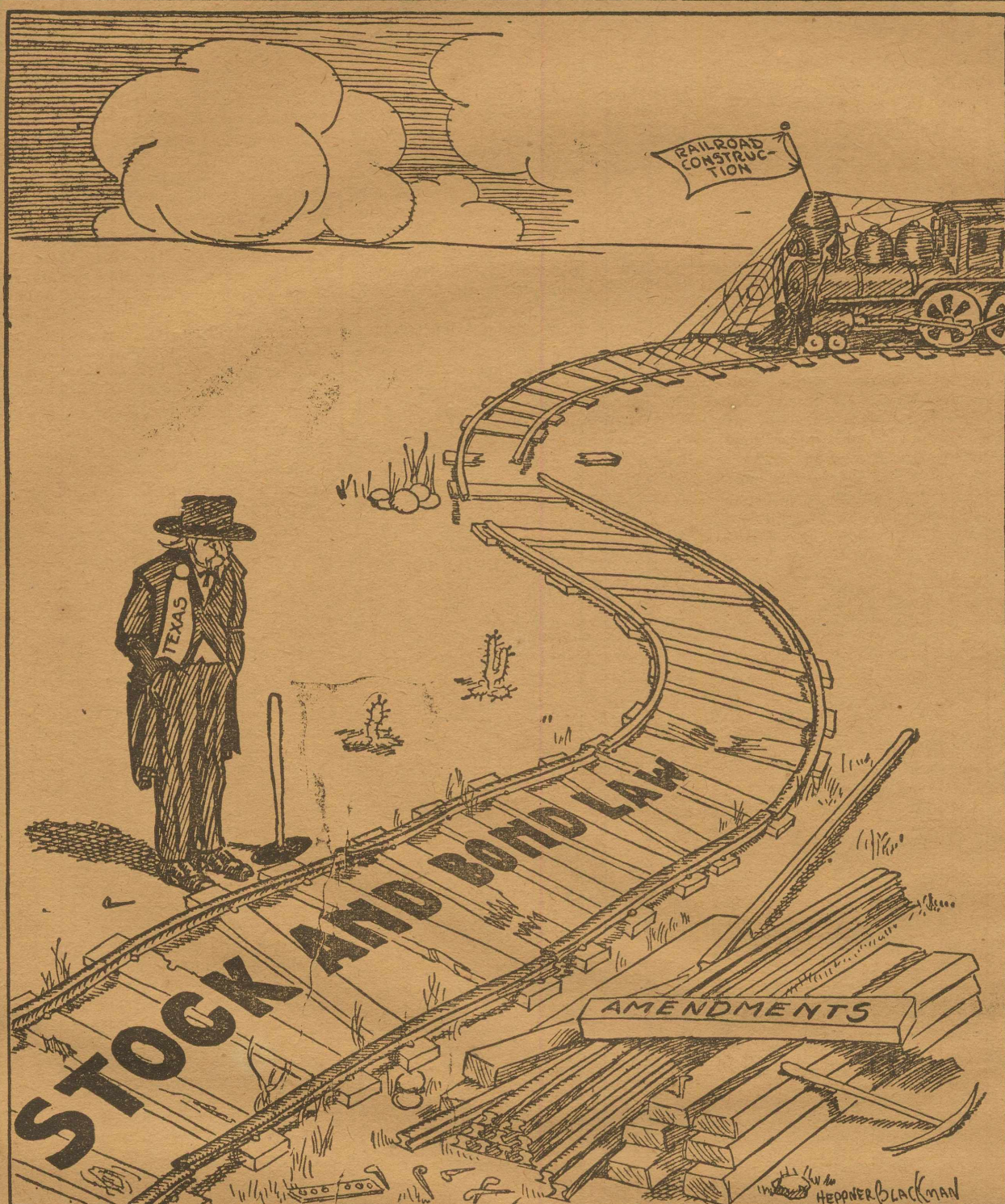
A. W. Springer, wife and daughter, Mrs. Sam Lanier, of Aspermont, were in the city this week visiting E. F. Springer and family.

W. D. Clay left this week for the Pitchfork Ranch where he will be engaged several days in erecting and repairing windmills.

Miss Mary Copeland returned Monday from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Mart.

Wyatt Taylor was a business visitor in the city Tuesday from his home on the Plains.

FILL IN THE GAPS



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

BETTER FARMING METHODS

INCREASED CORN YIELD RESULTS FROM PRIZE CONTEST OF TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

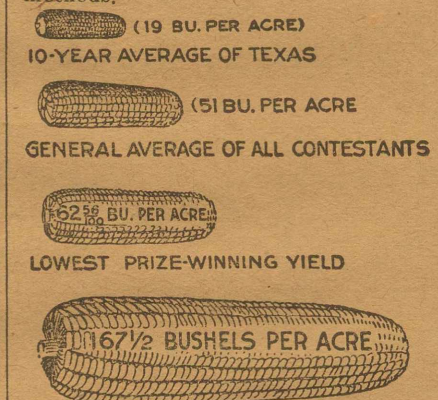


ALFORD BRANCH
"Champion Corn Grower of Texas."
167½ Bushels on One Acre.

Alford Branch is a wide-awake farmer boy living at Overton, Rusk County, Texas, who, by careful preparation of his land in the fall of 1911, so that it was in condition for the winter rains to sink in and to be stored for the use of the plant during the following season; who carefully selected the best seed-corn that was grown in his section and by shallow and constant cultivation from the time the corn was a few inches high until it was actually mature, not only kept it free from weeds, but kept the surface for an inch and a half or two inches so finely pulverized that it acted as a mulch and prevented the loss of moisture by capillary attraction, has raised on one acre of second bottom land 167½ bushels of corn at a cost of 13 cents per bushel. Rating the corn at the low price of 70 cents per bushel, there was a net profit of \$95.35 from this acre. Adding to this the \$250 prize money awarded him by the Texas Industrial Congress, makes a total of \$345.35, which is the interest at 6 per cent upon \$5,755.83, and represents the value of an intelligent combination of brains and work.

This young man broke his land in the early winter with a two-horse plow, cutting about six inches deep; followed in the same furrow with a team pulling what is known as a "bull-tongue" that cut ten inches further into the earth, but turned up no new soil, and formed a reservoir to hold the moisture as well as to aerate the land and make more plant-food available. He used five hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer that had been recommended by a reliable house as best adapted to the successful growth of corn upon his black, sandy land, which had been in grass for a number of years and had an ample supply of humus. He used seed-corn that was popular in his neighborhood, known as the "Bloody Butcher." He states that he made as much corn on the one acre by the better methods above-mentioned as his father made on ten acres prepared and cultivated in the old-fashioned way.

The picture below is a graphic illustration of the value of using improved methods.



LARGEST PRIZE-WINNING YIELD
The general average of all contestants was fifty-one bushels to the acre, while the general average for the State in 1912 was but twenty-one bushels. If all of the corn growers in Texas had averaged just what these contestants averaged, at the prevailing price, the crop would have brought one hundred and sixty-odd million dollars more than it did.

In 1911 the average corn crop of Texas was 9.6 bushels to the acre. Seventeen hundred and forty-six contestants for the prizes offered by the Texas Industrial Congress, coming from one hundred and sixty-one counties, averaged 31½ bushels of corn per acre. All of the prizes were won in seventeen counties. In 1912 there were 4,030 contestants from 205 counties. Fifty-five counties won prizes, and 16 of the 17 that won in 1911 won again in 1912. This clearly demonstrates that the work of the Congress is constructive, permanent and cumulative.

The Congress keeps in touch with all contestants, makes suggestions as to preparation of soil, conserving moisture and fertility to make plant food available, as to seed selection and the best methods of cultivation, but all of these are subject to any changes that the contestant thinks best to make; the only object being to offer suggestions that cause the farmer to investigate and with all the information at hand to determine the best methods to adopt.

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If science can evolve a stingless bee, why not a voiceless cat?

Take your choice, hubby, when the parlor rug comes out. Beat it or beat it.

"Skirts will be worn tighter than ever," says a fashion expert. How can they?

"Woman Goes Over Niagara Falls on Pleasure Trip," says a headline. How enjoyable!

Do you think that the man who is always telling how to manage a woman, ever tried it?

If Friedmann's vaccine shall be established, the turtle will take its place alongside the cow.

What an awful calamity it would be if the leading baseball players should contract writer's cramp!

Long silence by a man at a telephone may not indicate wire trouble. Maybe his wife's at the other end.

Twenty-three hundred love letters were found among the effects of an Australian bachelor. Evidently he either had to die or marry to stop them.

Some men would like to have a job picking the blossoms off a century plant at \$10,000 a year, if they couldn't get the job of boiler inspector.

In payment of an election bet a man is to lead a donkey from Portland, Me., to Portland, Ore. His companion in the "hike" is singularly well chosen.

Announcement that pythons have increased in price five dollars a foot need cause no uneasiness, as a very small helping would be enough for anybody.

Utah evidently wants to increase its population with its reward to mothers of ten dollars for the first child, and seven dollars for each additional consumer.

With a buffalo on the new nickel, don't feel called upon to shrirk hustling for the coin. The "hump" is on your side of the fence just as much as it ever was.

The pursuit of ferocious African animals is urged as a distraction for brain fog. Looking a large lion in the eye is well calculated to dislodge all other thoughts.

A New York patriot has issued a pamphlet that we should speak American, a greater name for the greatest language. What's the matter with talking United States?

A hobo is reported to demand of Los Angeles jailors that he be permitted to take four baths a day. Possibly he is working for a permanent berth in an insane asylum.

The new nickel has evoked much unfriendly criticism, yet the coin might have been a great deal worse. Suppose some cubist had been allowed to furnish the design for it.

One pleasant thing about a cold is the large variety of delightful cures it brings to one's attention, and the patient can generally try them all before the cold gets tired and quits.

The common notion that talk is cheap will have to give way before the figures of the Bell telephone system, which announce gross receipts of \$199,200,090 for a single year.

An eastern divine remarks that the world is growing better day by day. How about the nights?

It is quite indicative that when a girl speaks of her corsetier that her father makes at least \$5,000 per annum, and also when she speaks of her Parisienne corsetiere, daddy has got another raise.

The complaint of the New York lady that on an income of \$18,000 a year she had to help in the housework is expected to arouse sympathy and commiseration only among the "Little Brothers of the Rich."

The cartoonists these days are wielding the pencil to portray spring buds. About the best spring buds in the minds of women, however, are those seen in the millinery departments marked \$49.98.

Here and there you will see a resourceful young man wearing one of those green hats and trying to escape, avoid, or minimize the deep damnation thereof by having the bow shifted from the back to the side.

POPULAR ALICE BLUE

ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE OF SEASON'S PARTY GOWNS.

Original and Distinctive, the Costume Adds to the Natural Grace and Beauty of the Wearer—Follows New Ideas in Lines.

All at once everyone wants Alice blue in gowns and millinery. It is no wonder when one sees how well it looks developed in party gown in visiting costumes and in afternoon toilettes. Here is an example of Alice blue silk muslin made according to a late model. It is admirable because it will do duty for a party gown or for dress occasions at home.

Except for the arrangement of the draping the design follows closely the new waistless and hipless models. They are very new and if rather straight up and down they suggest the youthful figure.

It seems the waist line is vanishing. Coats for summer wear look as if they aspired to be like the outer garments of the Chinese. Dresses have made sash-like draperies

wrapped about the figure and extending to the thigh. Considering their extremes the little gown shown here is conservative, following the new lines tentatively.

Lace and gayly colored embroidery are introduced in the bodies, with small rhinestone buttons holding the drapery down the front. An embroidery medallion holds the skirt drapery at the front. Altogether the gown contrives to be graceful, at the same time embodying the new ideas in lines.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

SHORT, BRIGHT, LITTLE COATS

Russian Blouse Reaching Almost to the Hem of the Skirt, is the Latest Idea.

The long, classic jacket for tailored costumes has this spring become shorter. The fronts are rounded or cut square, and the general effect is very smart. The Russian blouse is suggested, but the lower portion is plaited and made to fall very long. This is not so effective in woolen goods as in soft stuffs such as crepe.

BOTH DAINTY AND ORIGINAL

SMART SPRING GOWN

Costume Appropriate in All Its Details That Was Central Figure at a Recent Wedding.

A dainty straw toque, worn at a recent wedding, was of prune color, with platings of maline in the same color encircling the crown. There were two platings below and two above a narrow band of prune-colored velvet ribbon, and at the front a knot of the velvet seemed to hold the base of a tall fan of the plaited malines which rose some inches above the hat. This hat accompanied a wonderfully draped gown of prune-colored satin brocade and lansdowne in the same shade; the silk and worsted lansdowne forming an underdrapery beneath the brocade which was lifted toward the front at the knee, revealing the swathed lansdowne skirt slashed at the center front—or rather draped in such manner that the daintily booted foot showed at intervals. Patent leather boots with buttoned tops of prune-colored cloth matched the prune gown and hat and the only strongly contrasting color note was in a deep, red velvet rose at the girdle.

High and Tight Stocks.

A good many high tight stocks of lace and net and silk and satin are worn, and there is a trimness and smartness about them which the flat collars do not possess. They bid fair to find great popularity so long as the days are comfortably cool, but in mid-summer they will probably be supplanted by flat open collars.

supple silk or mousseline. One of Poiret's best examples of this cut is a blouse that becomes a kind of redingote, plaited from the waist and falling almost to the hem of the oyster satin skirt. The redingote is in buff mousseline, with bid red and green roses.

When any of the rich, dark-colored tailor suits have to be brightened this is done by introducing "flies" or three-cornered ornaments, embroidered in silk. These are put in the corners or seams or in darts. The color is generally red, yellow or violet. Some of Poiret's tailor costumes are trimmed with white bone buttons sewed on with the same shade of silk as makes the flies. A very dainty cream white eponge is treated in this way with cerise. In the same manner Poiret sometimes combines green and red, green and blue, red and blue, etc.

New Dressing Jacket Dainty.

An entirely transformed garment is the dressing jacket. It used to be a very utilitarian and generally homely jacket, made with a deep frill of lace at the neck and the same trimming on the elbow sleeves. But the modern dressing jacket is a daintily beautiful article, and serviceable as well, for it is invariably made of some pretty washing material. A charming dressing jacket is the "Dresden china" model. It is made of white wash silk patterned with delicate wreaths of pale pink roses, and is trimmed with blue satin ribbon. The jacket is edged with a deep frill of the net, and is draped just before the frill with the satin ribbon. A long draped and pointed collar of pale blue silk is edged with a shorter frill of cream net, and the elbow sleeves are finished with net frills tied up with satin ribbon.

Toilet Table Silver.

Quadruple-plated silver articles for the toilet table are more than ever attractive, and if a "witch" cloth is kept conveniently at hand, the metal may easily be made bright. Just a rub over its surface and, presto! the dust is removed. Three-piece sets—hand glass, brush and comb—in plain or striped design are considered ultra smart and to go with them, although sold separately, are pin trays and graceful vase-shaped hatpin holders. Because talcum and face powder, cold cream and rouge are the better for being kept in glass, there are jars of the four correct sizes in crystal provided with either flat hinge-tops or with detached covers of plated silver matching the other toilet articles.

Dresser Cover.

For a pretty dresser cover, take three embroidered handkerchiefs, sew a row of insertion together, and sew a narrow lace all around each one, then join them together, and sew a narrow lace around all; line with any preferred color of cambric, tacking at each corner so it can easily be removed for laundering. Place at each corner a bow of ribbon the color of the lining.

Baste in Colors.

I have discovered that the use of colored cotton instead of white for basting white material makes it much easier to follow the seams accurately on the machine, writes a contributor to Good Housekeeping. Also the bastings can be more easily and quickly removed and are less apt to be overlooked.

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REALLY A SOUND INVESTMENT

Sanatorium Where the Tuberculosis May Be Cured Is Worth Much to Any State or City.

Dr. H. L. Barnes, superintendent of the Rhode Island State sanatorium, has recently demonstrated by some interesting studies of patients discharged as "apparently cured" from that institution, that a sanatorium is a sound investment for any state or city. The gross earnings of 170 ex-patients obtained in 1911 amounted to \$102,752, and those of 211 cases in 1912 to \$112,021. By applying the same average earning to all ex-patients of the sanatorium living in 1911 and 1912, Dr. Barnes concludes that their income in these two years was \$551,000. This sum is more than three times the cost of maintenance of the sanatorium including interest at 4 per cent. on the original investment and depreciation charges. Dr. Barnes concludes, however, "While institutions for the cure of tuberculosis are good investments, there is good reason for thinking that institutions for the isolation of far advanced cases would be still better investments."

ITCHING, BURNING ECZEMA

317 S. Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md.—"My trouble was caused by a severe sprained ankle; the bruised blood not having been drawn off caused a skin affection which the doctors pronounced eczema. It first started with an itching and burning, with very dry skin. Constant scratching, especially during the night finally broke the skin, and during the day the watery fluid that came from it would dry and peel off like fish scales. My stocking would stick to my ankle as if it were glued. I also had it on my fingers.

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The Right of the Strong.

Three-year-old George and his sister, slightly older, were having a tete-a-tete luncheon. "Why," she demanded, "do you take the last ginger-snap, when you've had two and I haven't had any?" The young philosopher pondered for a moment, then condescended to elucidate.

"Because," he said, kindly, "I'm a boy and you're a girl."

Valued Patron.

"Confound it," said the uptown druggist, "that woman took all the change I had in the drawer."

"Why didn't you tell her you couldn't break her \$10 bill?"

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RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	84,680.94
Loans, Real Estate	1,975.00
Overdrafts	190.68
Bonds and Stocks	
Real Estate (banking house)	7,750.00
Other Real Estate	3,053.79
Furniture and Fixtures	2,150.00
Due from Approved reserve Agents net	\$13,635.82
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	757.27—14,393.09
Cash Items	378.39
Currency	4,360.00
Specie	1,166.95—5,905.34
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	382.26
Other Resources as follows:	3,095.66
Warrants	132.10
Assessment for Guar. Fund	
Total	\$123,708.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	668.03
Individual Deposits sub. to check	52,735.34
Time certificates of deposit	5,525.00
Cashier's Checks	155.49
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	10,000.00
Other Liabilities as follows:	
Dividend No. 3	25.00
Interest & Taxes Reserved	600.00
Suspense	
Total	\$123,708.86

State of Texas, County of Dickens:
We, G. H. CONNELL as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, President.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to by E. C. Edmond, Cashier, before me this 13th day of Aug. A. D. 1913.
Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
R. S. HOLMAN, Notary Public.
Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell before me this 16th day of Aug., A. D. 1913.

NORMAN E. NELSON,
Notary Public, Tarrant Co., Texas.
Correct—Attest:
J. D. Harkey,
S. R. Davis,
T. E. Standifer,
Directors.

Ellis Scogin was in the city Tuesday from the 24 Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Johnson and Mrs. Medley, of Hubbard City, spent several days of last week visiting Fred O. McFall and family of four miles north of Spur. Mr. Johnson expressed himself as being well pleased with the Spur country and stated that he may return and purchase land and establish his residence here.

A. W. Springer, of Aspermont, who has been visiting his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Springer of the city, returned home Monday.

L. R. Barrett and wife left Spur Sunday for Stephenville where they will spend some time with relatives.

NO. 9611

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Aug. 9th, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$189,688.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	747.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	32,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	172.92
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Co's, and Savings Banks	
Due from approved Reserve Agents	37,531.12
Checks and Other cash Items	967.22
Notes of other National Banks	3,210.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	202.35
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	11,765.55
Legal tender notes	500.00—12,265.55
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$303,035.86

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	16,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	9,750.42
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	
Individual deposits subject to check	127,285.44
Cashier's checks outstanding	
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	25,000.00
Total	\$303,035.86

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:
I, W. G. Sherrrod, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Aug., 1913.
J. A. SMITH, Notary Public.

[SEAL] Correct—Attest:
F. S. Hastings,
A. J. Swenson,
R. V. Colbert,
Directors.

W. O. McFall and family, prominent citizens of near Clairemont, visited his brother, Fred O. McFall and family of a few miles north of Spur. Mr. McFall reports that crops in his section are suffering as a result of the continued dry weather.

D. A. Moore and family, of the Steel Hill community, passed through Spur Tuesday on their way to the Plains country to spend a week or ten days visiting friends and looking over the country.

N. N. Rodgers, Jr., and wife were here last week from their ranch in Garza county and spent several days visiting Mrs. Rodgers' parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLier.

Earl Jay, until recently publisher of the Kent County News but now a traveling salesman, out of Dallas, was in the city Sunday.

S. Ellis and wife, of eighteen miles west of Spur, were in the city Monday trading with the merchants.

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RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$14,236.87
Loans, real estate	2,682.25
Overdrafts	257.50
Real estate (banking house)	2,897.41
Other real estate	4,651.75
Furniture and Fixtures	1,908.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$3,356.09
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	407.24
Cash Items	423.64
Currency	1,490.00
Specie	633.60—6,310.57
Int. in Depositors Guar. Fund	254.41
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment of Guaranty Fund	42.33
Cotton Acceptances and Property Acct.	713.45
Total	\$33,954.54

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	300.00
Undivided profits, net	1,493.19
Due to banks and bankers subject to check, net	575.71
Individual deposits, subject to check	11,549.09
Cashier's Checks	36.55
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	5,000.00
Total	\$33,954.54

State of Texas, County of Dickens:
We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. P. COLE, President.
J. F. VERNON, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of Aug., A. D. 1913.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.
W. F. GODFREY, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:

W. S. Dunn,
F. A. Prideaux,
J. F. Vernon,
Directors.

W. B. Rodgers, a prominent cattleman of New Mexico, was in Spur last week on business.

Last week the Texas Spur, in reporting the killing at Slaton, stated that Mr. Riley, the man reported as doing the killing, was a cousin to J. N. Zumwalt of near Spur. Mr. Zumwalt at first heard that it was his cousin and so reported to the Texas Spur. However, it developed later that the Riley was of another family and in no manner related to Mr. Zumwalt.

Jim Walker and Arnold Copeland with a party of young ladies and older people as chaperons, passed through Spur Tuesday en route to Blanco Canyon where they will spend several days fishing and enjoying the enchantment and seclusion of the wild woods.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch. He reports that his section of the country is in good shape but says of course they would appreciate a good rain.

Mrs. C. H. Perry and children returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to relatives at Leuders and other places. She reports a most enjoyable visit.

T. A. Smith and wife were in the city Saturday from their home several miles southeast of Spur and spent several hours here visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. Carlisle was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in the Gilpin country.

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MOLLY McDONALD

A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



By
RANDALL PARRISH
Author of "Keith of the
Border," "My Lady of
Doubt," "My Lady of the
South," etc. etc.

Illustrations by
V. L. Barnes

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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. Sergeant "Brick" Hamlin meets the stage in which Molly is traveling. They are attacked by Indians, and Hamlin and Molly escape in the darkness. Hamlin tells Molly he was discharged from the Confederate service in disgrace and at the close of the war enlisted in the regular army. He suspects one Captain Le Fevre of being responsible for his disgrace. Troops appear and under escort of Lieut. Gaskins Molly starts to join her father. Hamlin leaves to rejoin his regiment. He returns to Fort Dodge after a summer of fighting Indians, and finds Molly there. Shots are heard in the night. Hamlin rushes out, sees what he believes is the figure of Molly hiding in the darkness and falls over the body of Lieutenant Gaskins, who accuses Hamlin of shooting him. The sergeant is proven innocent. He sees Molly in company with Mrs. Dupont, whom he recognizes as a former sweetheart, who threw him over for Le Fevre. Mrs. Dupont tells Hamlin Le Fevre forced her to send him a lying note. Hamlin declares he has been looking for Le Fevre to force him to clear his record. Later he overhears Dupont and a soldier hatching up a money-making plot. Molly seeks an interview with Hamlin. She says her father seems to be in the power of Mrs. Dupont, who claims to be a daughter of McDonald's sister.

CHAPTER XX.—Continued.

"If the woman has not ensnared him by her usual methods," he said soberly, "and I think myself you are right about that, for I watched them together in the dance hall—I did not comprehend what it meant then, but it seemed to me he actually disliked being in her company—then she has uncovered something in his past of which he is afraid, something unknown to you, which he does not desire you ever to know."

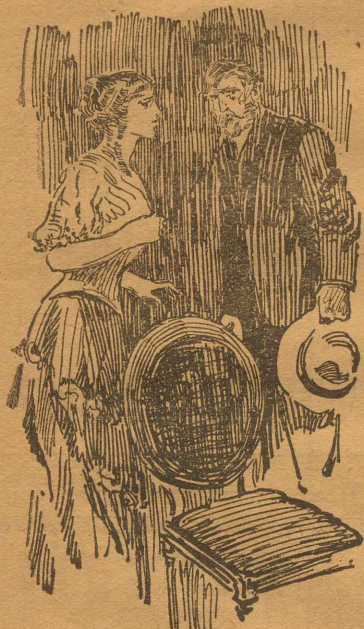
"Yes," softly, "that must be true."
"No; it may not be true; it may all be a lie, concocted for a purpose. A clever woman might so manipulate circumstances as to convince him she held his fate in her hands. We must find that out in this case."

"But how, Sergeant Hamlin? He will not tell me."
"Perhaps she will tell me if I can reach her alone," he said grimly, "or else that husband of hers—Dupont. He'll know the whole story. It would give me pleasure to choke it out of him—real pleasure. Then there's Connors, just the sort of sneaking rat if he can be caught with the goods; only it is not likely he knows much. I shall have to think it all out, Miss Molly," he smiled at her confidently.

"You see, I am a bit slow figuring puzzles, but I generally get them in time. You've told me all you know?"
"Everything. It almost seems silly when I try to explain what I feel to another."

"Not to me. I knew enough before to understand. But, perhaps, you had better go—hush, some one is entering the parlor."

She got to her feet in spite of his



The Two Started Back at His Rather Abrupt Entrance.

restraining hand, startled and un-nerved.

"Oh, I must not be seen here. Is there no other way?"

"No; be still for a moment; step back there in the shadow, and let me go in alone."

He stepped forward, his grasp already on the curtain, when a woman's voice spoke within:

"Yes, that was what I meant; he does not know you—yet. But you must keep away."

CHAPTER XXI.

Molly Disappears.

The speaker was Mrs. Dupont, but Hamlin's one thought was to prevent

any discovery of Miss McDonald. Without an instant's hesitation he drew aside the curtain, and stepped into the room.

"Pardon me," he said quietly, as the two started back at his rather abrupt entrance, "but I did not care to overhear your conversation. No doubt it was intended to be private."

The woman stepped somewhat in advance of her companion, as though to shield him from observation, instantly mastering her surprise.

"Nothing at all serious, Mr. Sergeant Hamlin," she retorted scornfully. "Don't be melodramatic, please; it gets on the nerves. If you must know, I was merely giving our ranch foreman a few final instructions, as he leaves tomorrow. Have you objections?"

"Assuredly not—your ranch foreman, you say? Met him before, I think. You are the fellow I ordered out of this room, aren't you?"

The man growled something unintelligible, but Mrs. Dupont prevented any direct reply.

"That's all right, John," she broke in impatiently. "You understand what I want now, and need not remain any longer. I have a word to say myself to this man."

She waited an instant while he left the room; then her eyes defiantly met Hamlin's.

"I was told you had driven every one out of here," she said coldly. "What was the game?"

"This room was reserved—"

"Pish! keep that explanation for some one else. You wanted the room for some purpose. Who have you got out there?" she pointed at the window.

"Whether there be any one or not," he answered, leaning against the window-frame, and thus barring the passage, "I fall to see wherein you are concerned."

She laughed.

"Which remark is equivalent to a confession, Dave," suddenly changing, "why should we quarrel, and misjudge each other? You cannot suppose I have forgotten the past, or am indifferent. Cannot you forgive the mistake of a thoughtless girl? Is there any reason why we should not be, at least, friendly?"

There was an appeal in her voice, but the man's face did not respond.

"I cannot say that I feel any bitterness over the past," he answered lightly. "I am willing enough to blot that out. What I am interested in is the present. I should like to understand your purpose here at Dodge."

"Surely that is sufficiently clear. I am merely an exile from home, on account of Indian depredations. What more natural than that I should take refuge in my uncle's house?"

"You mean Major McDonald?"

"Certainly—he was my mother's only brother."

"I think I have heard somewhere that the Major's only sister married a man named Counts."

She drew in her breath sharply.

"Yes, of course—her first husband."

"You were a daughter then of her first marriage?"

"Of course."

"But assumed the name of Carson when she married again?"

"That was when you met me."

"The change was natural enough," he went on. "But why did you also become Vera in place of Sarah?"

"Oh, is that it? Well, never attempt to account for the vagaries of a girl," she returned lightly, as though dismissing the subject. "I presume I took a fancy to the prettier name. But how did you know?"

"Garrison rumor picks up nearly everything, and it is not very kind to you, Mrs. Dupont. I hope I am doing you a favor in saying this. Your rather open flirtation with Lieutenant Gaskins is common talk, even among enlisted men, and I have heard that your relations with Major McDonald are peculiar."

"Indeed!" with a rising inflection of the voice. "How kind of you, and so delicately expressed." She laughed. "And poor Major McDonald! Really, that is ridiculous. Could you imagine my flirting with him?"

"I have no recollection of using that term in this connection. But you have strange influence over him. For some reason the man is apparently afraid of you."

"Afraid of me? Oh, no! Some one has been fooling you, Dave. I am merely Major McDonald's guest. I wonder who told you that? Shall I guess?"

Before he could realize her purpose

the woman took a hasty step forward, and swept aside the curtain, thrusting her head past to where she could gain a view outside. Hamlin pressed her back with one hand, planting himself squarely before the window. She met his eyes spitefully.

"I was mistaken this time," she acknowledged drawing away, "but I'd like to know why you were so anxious to prevent my looking out. Do you know whom I thought you had there?"

"As you please," rejoicing that the girl had escaped notice.

"That little snip of a Molly. You made a hit with her all right, and she certainly don't like me. Well, delightful as it is to meet you again, I must be going." She turned away, and then paused to add over her shoulder: "Don't you think it would be just as safe for you to attend to your own business, Sergeant Hamlin?"

"And let you alone?"

"Exactly; and let me alone. I am hardly the sort of woman it is safe to play with. It will be worth your while to remember that."

He waited, motionless, until assured that she had passed down the hall as far as the door of the dining-room. The sound of shuffling chairs evidenced the breaking up of the party, in preparation to return to the ball-room. If Miss McDonald's absence were to escape observation, she would have to slip out now and rejoin the others as they left the house. He again turned down the light, and held back the curtain.

"The way is clear now, Miss Molly."

There was no response, no movement. He stepped outside, thinking the girl must have failed to hear him. The porch was empty. He stepped from one end to the other, making sure she was not crouching in the darkness, scarcely able to grasp the fact of her actual disappearance. This, then, was why Mrs. Dupont had failed to see any one when she glanced out. But where could the girl have gone? How gotten away? He had heard no sound behind him; not even the rustle of a skirt to betray movement. It was not far to the ground, five or six feet, perhaps; it would be perfectly safe for one to lower the body over the rail and drop. The matted prairie grass under foot would render the act noiseless. No doubt that was exactly the way the escape had been accomplished. Alarmed by the presence of those others, suspecting that the woman within would insist on learning whom Hamlin was attempting to conceal, possibly overhearing enough of their conversation to become frightened at the final outcome, Miss McDonald, in sudden desperation, had surmounted the rail, and dropped to the ground. The rest would be easy—to hasten around the side of the house, and slip in through the front door.

Assured that this must be the full explanation, the Sergeant's cheerfulness returned. The company of officers and guests had already fled out through the hall; he could hear voices laughing and talking in the street, and the band tuning up their instruments across in the dance hall. He would go over and make certain of her presence, then his mind would be at ease. He passed out through the desert hallway, and glanced in at the dining-room, where a number of men were gathering up the dishes. Beyond this the bar-room was crowded, a ruffian lined up before the sloppy bar, among these a number in uniform—unattached officers who had loitered behind to quench their thirst. Hamlin drank little, but lingered a moment just inside the doorway, to observe who was present. Unconsciously he was searching for Dupont, half inclined to pick a quarrel deliberately with the fellow or with Connors, determined if he found the little rat alone to frighten whatever knowledge he possessed out of him. But neither worthy appeared. Having assured himself of their absence, Hamlin turned to depart, but found himself facing a little man with long hair, roughly dressed, who occupied the doorway. The hooked nose, and bright eyes, peering forth from a mass of untrimmed gray whiskers, were familiar.

"You keep the junk shop down by the express office, don't you?"

"Yep," briskly, scenting business in the question. "I'm Kaplan; vot could I do for you—hey?"

"Answer a question if you will, friend. Do you recall selling a haversack to a traveler on the last stage out for Santa Fe in June?"

"Vel, I do no; vas he a big fellow? Maybe de von vat vas killed—hey?"

"Yes; his name was Moylan, post-sutler at Fort Marcy."

"Maybe dot vos it. Why you vant to know—hey?"

"No harm to you, Kaplan," the Sergeant explained. "Only I picked it up out there after Moylan was killed, and discovered by some writing on the flap that it originally belonged to a friend of mine. I was curious to learn how it got into your hands."

The trader shrugged his shoulders.

"Vud it be worth a drink?" he asked cannily.

"Of course. Frank, give Kaplan whatever he wants. Now, fire away."

"Vel," and the fellow filled his glass deliberately, "it vas sold me six months before by a fellow vat had a black beard—"

"Dupont?"

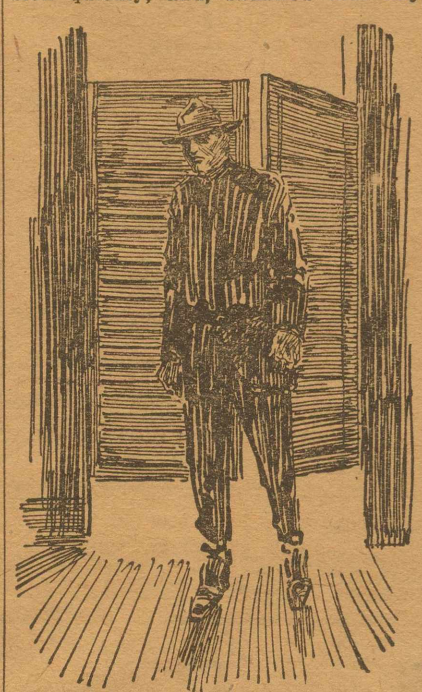
"Dat vos de name ov de fellar, yes. Now I know it. I saw him here again soon. You know him?"

"By sight only; he is not the original owner, nor the man I am trying to trace. You know nothing of where he got the bag, I presume?"

"I know notting more as I tell you already," rather disconsolately, as he realized that one drink was all he was going to receive.

Hamlin elbowed his way out to the street. He had learned something, but not much that was of any value. Undoubtedly the haversack had come into Dupont's possession through his wife, but this knowledge yielded no information as to the present whereabouts of Le Fevre. When the latter had separated from the woman, the old army bag was left behind, and, needing money, Dupont had disposed of it, along with other truck, seemingly of little value.

The Sergeant reached this conclusion quickly, and, satisfied that any



Hamlin Elbowed His Way Into the Street.

further investigation along this line would be worthless, reverted to his earlier quest—the safety of Miss McDonald. Merely to satisfy himself of her presence, he crossed the street and glanced in at the whirling dancers. There were few loiterers at the doorway and he stood for a moment beside the guard, where he was able to survey the entire room. Mrs. Dupont was upon the floor, and swept past twice, without lifting her eyes in recognition, but neither among the dancers, nor seated, could he discover Miss Molly.

Started at not finding her present, Hamlin searched anxiously for the Major, only to assure himself of his absence also. Could they have returned to the fort as early as this? If so, how did it happen their guest was still present, happily enjoying herself? Of course she might be there under escort of some one else—Captain Barrett, possibly. He would ask the infantryman.

"Have you seen Miss McDonald since supper?"

The soldier hesitated an instant, as though endeavoring to remember.

"No, I ain't, now you speak of it. She went out with that kid over there, and he came back alone. Don't believe he's danced any since. The Major was here, though; Connors brought him a note a few minutes ago, and he got his hat and went out."

Hamlin drew a breath of relief. "Girl must have sent for him to take her home," he said. "Well, it's time for me to turn in—good-night, old man."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Manhattan Manners.

"Roofers are said to be going out of fashion. Know what a 'roofer' is? It is the letter you write to people, after you have been a guest at their house, telling them what a delightful time you had 'under their hospitable roof,' and thanking them for all the generous favors you enjoyed at their friendly hands, and expressing the sincere hope that the baby has got over her cold. Nowadays, instead of writing this graceful letter, you generally call your friend up on the telephone, you tell him that the train made good connections, and you add: 'My that was a bully time I had out there, old man!' Not so nice as the old epistolary way, but better than nothing; for when you have had a friend at your house and he has taken his departure you do not like to feel that he has gone into the outer void that he has fallen off the edge of the world into echoless space. That is what it amounts to when he gets home and writes not nor telephones and gives no sign.—New York Mail.

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Coal offers to mankind solar energy in its most concentrated form. Indeed modern civilization may be said to be the daughter of coal. But the supply of coal is not inexhaustible and every ton of it taken out of the earth leaves just that much less for the future needs of the world. Hence it is that today we are looking about us anxiously for some other source of fuel.

DRY-FARM LIVE STOCK

Certain Specific Requirements Must Be Observed.

During Growing Period Animal Requires More Protein and Less Carbohydrates—Value of Balanced Ration Explained.

(By DR. W. E. TAYLOR, in Dry Farming.)

To profitably feed live stock certain specific requirements must be observed. Animal growth is based upon science no less exacting than the laws in chemistry. Any radical deviation in either case will defeat the object we are attempting to attain. In chemistry we know that by combining two volumes of hydrogen with one of oxygen, we obtain water, and no other combination of those two elements will make that valuable substance.

Animal growth is made by combining carbohydrates and protein. If the proportions are out of balance the growth is impaired, but if the proportions are in accordance with the laws of growth, the best possible results will be obtained. Carbohydrates provide energy, heat and fat. Protein makes the growth. If, however, one substance is given and the other is absent in the feed, the animal will perish. During the growing period the animal naturally requires more protein and less carbohydrates, and during the fattening period more of the carbohydrates should be given. When the animal is growing, it should have one part of protein to four and one-half or five parts of carbohydrates, and when fat is desired, the ratio should be widened to one part protein to five and one-half or six parts of carbohydrates.

Feeds which contain only a fair amount of protein, but are rich in carbohydrates, are corn, corn and cob meal, hominy feed, oats, barley meal, emmer meal, rye meal, rice meal, kafir milo dried beet pulp, timothy hay, redtop hay, Bermuda hay, Johnson grass hay, sorghum fodder, kafir fodder, Hungarian grass, millet hay, milo fodder, corn fodder, corn silage, roots.

Feeds containing a fair quantity of carbohydrates, but rich in protein, are gluten meal, gluten feed, field pea meal, cow pea meal, soybean meal, linseed meal, cottonseed meal, soybean cake meal, dried brewers' grains, dried wheat bran, wheat middlings, vetch hay, rye middlings, alfalfa hay, clover hay, cowpea hay, vetch hay, soybean hay, velvet bean hay, beggar weed hay.

To illustrate the value of a balanced ration, or having the right amount of protein and carbohydrates I will cite the following experiments which are in keeping with many other tests along the same lines:

In a test where pigs were fed a ration of three pounds of corn they made a gain of 46 pounds in 80 days.

Another lot were given 2½ pounds of corn together with one pound of soybean meal and made a gain of 101 pounds during the same period.

In other experiments where pigs were given a quarter ration of corn and a soybean pasture they made four times greater gain than when given a full ration of corn alone.

The following results were obtained from both a balanced and an unbalanced ration in feeding steers:

Four steers were fed 104 days on corn and timothy hay and made a gain of 260 pounds. Another bunch of four steers were fed corn and cowpea hay for the same period and made a gain of 624 pounds. In another test four steers were fed 80 days on corn and timothy hay and made a gain of 318 pounds.

If an animal is given any of the concentrates rich in protein and all of the roughages (which are classed as carbohydrates) that they will eat, or vice versa, the ration will be fairly well balanced.

Sheep on Wheat Farm.

"I regard a flock of sheep as the cheapest, best and most efficient agricultural implement a man can have on his farm. It works itself and pays the farmer for allowing it to work. It cleans up the fallow and weeds and fertilizes the land at the rate of about three pounds of liquid and solid manure per day, adding the essential humus to the soil, and, in combination with a proper system of crop rotation, will bring so-called worked out lands to a high state of fertility."—H. V. Sprigg, South Australian Agricultural Bureau.

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Take a piece of gas pipe a trifle smaller than the shoulder of a file and one-half inch larger than the handle. Slip over handle and plug up lower end with dough, then pour in molten babbitt metal till full. Bevel the file on a grindstone, and you have a good chisel that will hold the edge.

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

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

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Mrs. R. S. Holman is reported to be quite sick this week at her home in the city.



E. LONG
BOOT-MAKER

Jim Smith and wife, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Monday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Smith reports that the crops of his section are looking good and holding up fine during the continued hot, dry weather.

Mrs. Brannen, who has been in Spur the past week visiting R. S. Holman and family and N. Q. and C. E. Brannen and families, returned this week to her home in Grandview.

Mrs. W. S. Cooper and little son, Louis, left Spur Sunday for a week's visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade of Clairemont.

Hawley Bryant and wife, of the Pitchfork Ranch, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with friends.

Full blood Plymouth Rock roosters to trade for frying chickens.—Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

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Be sure you get Dodson's Liver Tone when you ask for it. There are imitations of it that may disappoint you.

Mr. Montgomery and family, prominent citizens of the Rotan country, were visitors last week to J. E. Wright and family of the Croton country. Mr. Montgomery reports that while the crops of the Rotan country are promising at this time of good harvests, yet that section is also getting dry.

Mrs. C. L. Love and children arrived in Spur Sunday from Stamford and are now domiciled in their new home in the city. We are glad to welcome this estimable family to our citizenship and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home among us.

The Lyric Theatre entertained a large audience Saturday night with most interesting moving pictures, the feature of the entertainment being an expert "juggler" who performed a number of artistic feats in the juggling profession. The show was a real entertainment and well worth the price of admission.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest died Thursday of last week at their home near Girard. Friends of the family extend sincere condolences to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest in this bereavement.

P. H. Miller came down from Roaring Springs and spent several days of this week at his home in Spur and looking after his business interests.

Messrs. Reagan and Standifer left last week for Arizona where they spent several days on business.

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Dr. Duke, the electric masseur, returned last week to Spur and will again probably become permanently located here. Mr. Duke has been to a number of places practicing his profession since leaving Spur, and returns with a number of testimonials of efficient and effective treatments administered to sufferers.

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Lamb Chops, Montepan.—Have the chops cut about a quarter of an inch thick and nicely trimmed. Dip them in beaten egg and then roll them in a seasoning of finely minced parsley, a little salt and pepper, grated lemon peel and a little grated nutmeg. Heat a large lump of butter in a deep frying pan, put in the chops and fry till well browned. Put a tablespoonful of flour and a small lump of butter into a stewpan, stir over the fire, pour in one-half pint of clear veal gravy and stir till boiling. Drain the chops, place them on a hot dish, stir in one wine glassful of red wine with the sauce, strain it over the chops and serve.

Braised Breast of Lamb.—Remove the bones from a breast of lamb with a sharp pointed knife, season the meat well with salt and pepper, and roll it up and tie the securely with twine. Chop fine one onion, a slice of carrot and a slice of turnip. Put these in a braising pan with a lump of butter and stir over a brisk fire for five minutes; then put in the lamb, sprinkling it well with flour. Place the lid on and stand the stewpan where the meat will cook slowly. When ready, remove the meat, cut off the string and place on a hot dish. Skim the fat off the gravy, strain the latter over the meat, and serve while very hot with a sauceboat of tomato sauce.

Lamb Cutlets, Duchess.—Trim neatly cutlets that have been cut from a neck of lamb, scraping the top of the bone till clean. Place them in a frying pan with a lump of butter and fry. When cooked drain the cutlets and leave till cold. Put into saucepan two or three mushrooms, a finely chopped onion, a sprig of parsley and a lump of butter. Stir over the fire till hot, then pour in one breakfast cupful of white sauce, the juice of a lemon and a liaison of three well beaten yolks of eggs and one tablespoonful of powdered sugar. Stir this mixture by the side of the fire till it is the thickness of cream, then dip the cutlets into it, coating them well with the sauce and setting them to one side to cool. Brush the cutlets over with beaten yolks of egg, roll them in bread crumbs and fry them in butter till well browned. Put a puree of green peas in the center of a hot dish, forming the cutlets around it in an upright position, slightly overlapping one another, and serve with a sauceboat of white sauce.

Salad Rouge et Blanc.

Take a close, firm red cabbage, trim off the outside leaves and cut into four pieces, wash in plenty of water and drain. Break the leaves apart, remove the stalks and ribs and cut the rest into shreds. Now cut the heart and white sticks of two heads of celery into pieces and mix them with the cabbage in a salad bowl, garnish with young green tops of celery and serve with a dressing poured over all, prepared as follows: Beat one egg and mix in gradually a teaspoonful of salad oil, a tablespoonful of vinegar and a half teaspoonful each of sugar and dry mustard. Season with a little salt, and serve.

Fruited Gelatin.

Three-fourths box gelatin, two oranges, 12 walnuts, two lemons, one-half pint cold water, three bananas, one pint of water, two cups sugar. Soak gelatin in cold water and add boiling, sugar and lemon juice. Strain and set away till it begins to thicken. The gelatin may be soaked in brandy if preferred. Figs, dates and candied cherries also may be added. Cut in small pieces. Mold, serve on platter mounded with whipped cream.

Cold Meat and Potato Salad.

Cut a pound of cold cooked meat into thin slices and then into small squares and mix with a pint of cold chopped potatoes. Put a layer of this at the bottom of the salad bowl, cover with chopped parsley and salad dressing, put in another layer of the meat mixture and again the salad dressing, and continue till all the material is used. Place the bowl in the refrigerator for two hours or so and the salad is ready for use. brown and green.

"Farewell Romance!"

Gretna Greens all over the state will file protests against the proposed law compelling marriages to be deferred for seven days after the issuance of licenses. This is a blow at romantic elopements every parent with a big family of girls will hasten to resent.—Pasadena News.

Eternal Fitness.

Some one proposes an official song for Chicago. To be sung with an accompaniment of wind instruments of course.

NURSE HELPS YOUNG GIRLS

She Knew From Experience Just What Was Needed. Describes One Remarkable Case.

Watonga, Okla.—Mrs. Ida Bollinger of this town, makes the following interesting statements for publication: "I suffered for 20 years, with womanly troubles, and in this time, tried several different treatments, but got no better.

I finally got hold of a Ladies' Birthday Almanac, and read about Cardui, the woman's tonic.

I had not taken very much of it, before I was entirely well.

I do some nursing, and have given Cardui, the woman's tonic, to lots of women, with good results.

I use this medicine a great deal in treating young girls. A young girl came to my house one day last summer. She had taken cold at the wrong time, and was in a terrible condition. I went to the druggist, bought her a bottle of Cardui, and the third dose she took did the work.

She is now entirely well. You may use my name in any way you desire, as I am anxious to do anything I can to help suffering women."

For more than 50 years, Cardui has been in widely extended use, by women of all ages, and has given perfect satisfaction, as a remedy for helping rebuild womanly strength and health.

Try Cardui yourself. It will help you. Your druggist sells it.

N. B.—Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, Home Treatment for Women, sent in plain wrapper. Adv.

Odd Things Picked Up.

Card in window near railroad station: "Your Suit Pressed Between Trains." Not our suit, if we know it.

From a newspaper report: "After the gambler was shot, two acres were found concealed in his sleeve." Some sleeve, that!

From the South Wales Echo: "Mrs. Polwarth celebrated her one hundredth birthday yesterday. She was visited by her twin sister, aged ninety-five."

Sign in Vancouver: "This restaurant will open soon with private rooms for ladies with marble fittings." Ladies with marble heart, take notice.

From a woman's paper: "She wore a black velvet hat trimmed with mole feathers." An agreeable change in hat trimmings from the common fur of the pheasant.

Card in English shop: "In order to have a good supply of fresh meat for the manufacture of our pies, we kill half a cow every week." Have they no S. P. C. A. over there?—Boston Transcript.

Temptation.

Representative Solomon Francis Prouty of the Seventh district of Illinois is the only man in the house of representatives who chews gum, and he chews it with a remarkable avidity. He took the gum habit after a conference of Iowa physicians had warned him that he must either stop smoking or fill a grave. They suggested chewing gum as a substitute for my Lady Nicotine.

The only time he has smoked in ten years was on a hot day last summer while out campaigning. He stopped to talk with an old farmer who was puffing at a corn cob pipe. The smoke got into Representative Prouty's nose, and as soon as he reached town he rushed into his office, grabbed his secretary by the arm, and almost shouted:

"For goodness sake dig out that pipe of yours and give me a puff! Lock the doors and keep every man out who looks like a doctor. I've got to smoke or bust!"—Washington Star.

Get Paid for Bathing.

To promote health and comfort among their 700 employes, Harrison Bros. & Co., of this city, have offered to give every man employed at their plant 15 cents each time he takes a bath.

There are no strings to the offer. All that is necessary is that the bath be taken in the elaborately fitted bathrooms of the concern. As soon as a workman finishes bathing he will receive a check from an attendant, and on pay day he may have the checks cashed at the rate of 15 cents apiece.

The idea was suggested by Dr. Francis D. Patterson, former chief police surgeon of this city, whom the company has secured to look after the welfare of the men. Dr. Patterson is an old University of Pennsylvania football player and oarsman.—Philadelphia Dispatch to New York Tribune.

The Cause.

"George is raising mutton-chop whiskers."

"That accounts for his sheepish expression."

Constipation Vanishes

Discovery from World's Great Health Resort that Doctors Prescribe as Best on Earth for Torpid Liver

In Hot Springs, Arkansas, the great remedy for Constipation, Sluggish liver and all stomach and bowel trouble is HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS.

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They are the really perfect, gentle, safe, sure, liver and bowel regulator. Take one to-night—cut out Calomel and harsh cathartics.

All druggists at 25 cents. For free sample write Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

Politics is a good game, but a mighty poor business.

Nothing to Fear. "George, dear," said the girl, "did you ever drink anything?" "Yes, occasionally," George reluctantly admitted. "But, dear," she went on anxiously, "what do you suppose papa would say if he should discover that the future husband of his only daughter drank?" "He discovered it this morning." "Oh, George, and what did he say?" "He said: 'Well, George, my boy, I don't care if I do.'"

A soft answer may not turn away wrath, but it saves a lot of useless talk.

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FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM,
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"What was it?"
"That though there is no excuse for crime, there is generally a warrant for it."

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE,
the Antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes for tired, aching feet. It takes the sting out of corns and bunions and makes walking a delight. Sold everywhere, 25c. Refuse substitutes. For FREE trial package, address A. S. Oldstead, Le Roy, N. Y. Adv.

Quite Apparent.
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"Certainly. That is how their money flies."

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROY'S FAST-BUILDING CHILI TONIC drives out Malaria and builds up the system. A true tonic and sure appetizer. For adults and children. 50 cents.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

The modesty and sensibleness of Western Texas society is further evidenced in that the Slit Skirt and Tango Dance are conspicuously absent and avoided in this section. Come to West Texas

High ideals should be cultivated along with crops as the products of the country. The acquisition of money is only a means to a desired end. Great men live for the benefit of others as well as self.

Banking Aids To Farmer

IN The course of each day's work much information comes to this bank, through the mails, and through market and financial reports, and through its personal contact with farmers and business men, which puts it in position to help its farmer customers in a substantial way. This bank is always willing to give its farmer patrons the benefit of the information it gathers concerning methods and markets, and not only that, it will give financial aid to its customers who are applying intelligent effort to their work, and are trying to build up their standing.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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G. H. CONNELL, President

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In preparing to entertain the old soldiers together with the general public of this entire territory on the 5th and 6th of September the business men of Spur are exhibiting a spirit of liberality which not only insures a success of the occasion but will cement a closer and more intimate relation among the people of the country and the town. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and all business and no rest and recreation makes business stagnant and trade desultory. A

picnic and barbecue together with high-class amusements, such as is contemplated for this occasion in Spur, will afford rest, recreation and amusement for all, stimulate a more friendly and intimate relation in social and business intercourse, and cement a friendly interest and kindly spirit among all the people of every community and which would not otherwise exist. Come to Spur on the 5th and 6th of September. We are preparing to give you a 2 days entertainment worthy your consideration and attendance.

PICNIC MEETING

A picnic mass meeting was held Wednesday afternoon in the Love Dry Goods Company store for the purpose of perfecting an organization to systematically manage and arrange for the picnic, barbecue and Old Soldiers Reunion to be had in Spur on the 5th and 6th of September.

R. S. Holman was elected chairman and Oran McClure secretary of the meeting.

A motioned prevailed that the chairman appoint the necessary committee membership which is as follows:

Finance Committee: C. L. Love, C. P. Poole and Oran McClure. E. C. Edmonds was appointed treasurer of picnic funds.

Committee on Grounds and Entertainment: Fred Hisey, John Harrington, J. B. Richburg, E. C. Edmonds, L. A. Hindman, and the specified duty of the committee being to locate and superintend the preparation of the grounds for the occasion.

Beef Committee: T. G. Harkey, L. W. Davis, Chas. A. Jones, and Jeff D. Reagan.

Barbecue and Basket Dinner Committee: W. S. Dunn, Pink Kiestler, J. W. Anderton, Granville Brown, and Mesdames Williams, Miller, Link, Cole, Smith, Grace, Kiestler, Hearne, Richburg J. P. Goen, C. M. Buchanan, Nannie Legg, W. A. Hawkins, J. P. Higgins, J. E. Sparks, J. Carlisle J. P. Gibson, Tol Merriman and all other ladies of each community who will take an interest in the success of the occasion.

Water Committee: N. Q. Brannen, W. F. Godfrey, L. N. Riter.

The entire citizenship of the town and country is urged to cooperate with the committees to insure a grand success.

FOR SALE

Will sell my residence in Spur very cheap, with small cash payment and balance like rent.—Mrs. M. E. Pruden, Quanah, Texas. 41-tf

Miss Jennie Shields is in DeLeon and Rising Star on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

S. A. Scott, a prominent citizen of west of Spur, was in the city on business this week.

Mrs. J. O. Yopp and children are visiting relatives this week in Jayton.

Jess Jones, who now has charge of the grocery department at the Sol Davis establishment, went to Post the latter part of last week and accompanied Mrs. Jones to Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are domiciled in the Mrs. Harvey residence in the east part of the city.

Rev. Bilberry closed a protracted meeting last Sunday at Dry Lake. Three additions to the church are reported as the result of the meeting. Rev. Mark Hardin will continue the meeting throughout this week and considerable interest is being manifested in the services.

R. I. Byrd, county treasurer of Kent county, was a recent business visitor in the city from his home at Claremont.

Herbert Irwin was in the city this week from the Plains country.

ENTERTAIN MERRY WIVES CLUB.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons entertained the members of the Merry Wives Club and other lady friends Tuesday evening at her home in the north part of the city. Forty two and other entertaining features were enjoyed by the guests. During the afternoon refreshments were served and selections of music rendered and each guest present reports a most enjoyable occasion.

Kim Hisey and family and Mrs. H. Hisey, of near Stamford, are in the city visiting D. G. and Fred Hisey and families. Kim Hisey and family returned the latter part of the week to their home, while Mrs. H. Hisey will remain here for a more extended visit.

Dr. Grace and family moved this week to the residence formerly occupied by R. R. Morrison and family. We understand that Jack Renfroe and family, of Jayton, will move to Spur and occupy the residence vacated by Dr. Grace.

Editor White of the Crosbyton Review was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business. Mr. White reports everything in good shape in the Crosbyton country.

Mrs. W. H. Gee and children, of Winters, are in the city visiting her brother, E. F. Springer and family.

The best car in the world for the money is the Ford. See J. L. Gilbert, sub-agent, at garage. 35tf

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3 DAYS SPECIAL SALE!

Three Days Only; August 21, 22 And 23!

We are going to offer some special bargains on reasonable merchandise, consisting of broken lots, odd numbers, etc. that we wish to get off of our shelves to make room for our mammoth fall stock, which is now arriving. You can make a saving of 25 to 75 per cent by making your purchases during this three days price slaughtering sale. Below we quote prices on some of the items included in this sale, but space will not permit us to make a complete list. Come and let us show you what we offer, whether you buy or not. No goods charged at these prices; no goods exchanged

Shoes, Ladies and Misses, 150 pr. 3.50, 3, and 2 50 Values	.....	\$1.00
Shoes, Boys, 20 pr., 2.50 Values, now only	.....	1.00
Shoes, Childrens Size, 1 to 8, 1 25 and 1 50 Values	.....	.75
Suits, 25 Mens, 15, 12 50 and 10 Values	.....	2.50
Suits, 15 Boys, 7 50, 5 and 3.50 Values, now only	.....	1.50
Pants, 25 pairs Mens	.....	.35
Pants, 25 pairs Mens	.....	.65
Pants, 50 pairs Mens 5, 4 50 and 3.50 Values, size 38	.....	2.00
Pants, 50 pairs Boys, straight bottom	.....	.25
Hats, one lot Mens 2.50 and 3.00 Values, now only	.....	1.50
One lot Straw Hats, your choice now only	.....	.25
One lot Derbys, 2 50 and 3 50 Values, now only	.....	1.00
Shirts, one lot 1 00 Values, now only	.....	.75
Shirts, one lot 1.50 Values, now only	.....	.75
Collars, the 2 for 25c kind, now only 2 for	.....	.05
Neck Ties, 35c Values, now only	.....	.15
Skirts, Ladies 5.00 to 7.50 Values, now only	.....	2.00
Skirts, Ladies 10 00 Values, now only	.....	3.50
Collars, Ladies 25, 35 and 50c Values, now only	.....	.10
Belts, Ladies 25, 35 and 50c Values, now only	.....	.10
Corsets, one lot 1 50, 2.00 and 3 00 Values, now only	.....	.50
Hose, one lot Childrens, 25c Values, now only	.....	.05
Counterpanes, 1.25 and 1 50 Values, now only	.....	.95
Dresses, Childrens Ready Made, 2 50 and 2.00 Values	.....	1.00
Dress, Ladies Silk, 7.00 Values, now only	.....	2.90
Lawn, Figured, 10, 12 1-2 and 15c Values, 8 yards	.....	.20
Lawn, Figured, 20, 25 and 35c Values, 8 yards	.....	.50
Embroidery Flouncing, 45 inch, 1.00 Values, now only	.....	.50
Embroidery Net, 45 inch, 1.75 and 1.50 Values, now only	.....	.95
Silk, one lot Korea and Pasa, 35 and 50c Values, now only	.....	.25
Safety Pins, 3 cards, now only	.....	.05
Dress Pins, 2 papers, now only	.....	.05
Underwear, Ladies Muslin, All Values, per cent off	.....	.50
San Silk, off colors, 2 spools, now only	.....	.05

We want every man, woman and child in the Spur trade territory, and out of it too, to visit our store during these three days, and if the value of the goods offered doesn't convince you that we are giving real bargains, we don't expect you to buy. It is a pleasure to show you our goods if you don't buy. But you will buy.

REMEMBER THE DATE; NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

WHEN PREPARING FISH

THREE GOOD RECIPES THAT MAY BE KEPT IN MIND.

Trout, With Appropriate Garnishing Is One of the Best—Baked Cod a Universal Favorite—Proper Sauce to Serve.

Trout, Friars.—Scale and clean a large trout, place in a saucepan and pour over it a cupful of boiling vinegar, which will have the effect of turning the trout blue, and an equal quantity of white wine. If necessary to cover the trout add sufficient water to do so. Add an onion stuck with cloves, a carrot, half a bunch of celery, a few bay leaves, a small bunch of parsley, half a teaspoonful of peppercorns and salt to suit the taste, and boil over the fire for about 15 minutes, having the cover on the saucepan. When done, remove and drain the fish, place on a folded napkin, spread on a dish, garnish with parsley, and serve with oil and vinegar or any favorite fish sauce in a sauceboat.

Flounder, Brussels.—Clean and skin a flounder, sprinkle both sides with pepper and salt, and squeeze over a small quantity of lemon juice. Dip the fish in warmed butter, cover with finely grated breadcrumbs, place on a gridiron and broil over a clear fire, turning to brown both sides equally. Bone an anchovy, put the flesh into a mortar with a small lump of butter, and pound it, then place it in a small saucepan with a wineglassful of white wine and the strained juice of half a lemon, and stir over the fire for a few minutes. When cooked place the flounder on a hot dish, pour the anchovy sauce over it and serve.

Baked Cod, Savoy.—Prepare a fresh cod by tying up the head with a string and filling the inside with butter, in which have been mixed two tablespoonfuls of chopped parsley to the quarter of a pound, a little salt and pepper and the juice of two lemons. Put the fish, belly downward, on a buttered drainer in a fish kettle and pour over a mixture made as follows: Melt half a pound of butter in a saucepan, add a pint of chopped mushrooms, a blanched and chopped shallot, a tablespoonful of chopped parsley, the juice of a lemon and a crushed clove of garlic, all of these being partly cooked before being used. Season to taste. Now pour in a pint of white wine and bring the whole quickly to a boil, and allow to cook gently for an hour and a half, basting the fish every ten minutes with the liquor. When the flesh is firm put the fish on a dish, pour over half the sauce and put the rest in a sauceboat. This may be accompanied also by any other favorite fish sauce.—Washington Star.

Folding Furniture.
It's for camping.
It's for small houses.
And it folds up entirely.
One may ship it conveniently.
Upon arrival there's simply to unfold it.
Folding tables are useful at home or picnicking.
Folding cots and swings are especially designed for carrying off into the wilderness.

Pig in Blankets.
Choose good-sized, plump oysters. Wash, drain and wipe dry. Select some good bacon and cut very thin. Wrap a piece of this about an oyster and fasten each with a toothpick. Drop these into a hot frying pan, turning until crisp on all sides. Season with pepper and serve very hot.

About Hot-Water Bags.
When a hot-water bag starts to leak never throw it away. Heat clean white sand in the oven and pour it into the bag or bottle. The sand is better than the water, as it retains the heat longer.

Pineapple Salad.
Place the shredded fruit into a deep glass dish and pour over it half a pint powdered sugar mixed with one tablespoonful each of orange and lemon juice. This should be done at least three hours before serving, so that the sugar will dissolve.

In Preserving Time.
When supply of good rubber rings gives out use two old rings on a jar. It is safer than if only one is used. It is better economy, however, to buy new rubber rings every year.

Pepper Relish.
Twelve green tomatoes, four green peppers, two onions; chop together, add two-third cup sugar, two cups vinegar, salt to taste. Mix all together and bottle. This may be kept two years and be as good as when first made.

To Kill an Unpleasant Odor.
Dried orange peel allowed to smolder on a piece of red-hot iron or on an old shovel will kill any bad odor in a room and leave a fragrant one behind.

Deteriorating Effect.
"I suppose the young men do not regard Miss Barrowcliff as so handsome now that her father has lost his money."
"Well, they don't think she has such a fine figure as she once had."

Don't Be "Grouchy"

just because your Stomach has "gone back" on you. There's a splendid chance for it to "come back" with the aid of **HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS**. It soothes and tones the tired nerves, promotes bowel regularity, aids digestion and will help you back to health. Try it.

LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER

Burial by Installments.
A well-known local character of Townsend, Mont., lost a leg in a switching yard on the railroad.
The railroad boys raised a little purse for the victim, who was rather down on his luck in other ways aside from the accident. After paying his board and hospital bills he went down and bought a coffin and a lot in the cemetery and had his amputated leg buried in good style.
"Now," he said, "when I cash in, all they will have to do will be to dig up the coffin and put me in with the leg!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Apt to Land a Fortune.
Alexander Graham Bell, one of the pioneers of flying, said recently in Washington that he was surprised to see aeronautics still at a stage where the aviator has to risk his life in every flight he makes.
"We have not advanced as I expected," continued Mr. Bell. "Indeed, Mrs. Blank's reply to her friend, made ten years ago, is still timely."
"So your husband is working on a flying machine?" asked Mrs. Blank's friend. "Don't you think he is wasting his time?"
"Oh, I don't know," Mrs. Blank replied. "He's got his life well insured."

Hennery's Love Token.
A young colored woman, tall and slender, was standing at the northeast corner of Washington and Illinois street when two women acquaintances stopped and addressed her.
"My, my, 'Liza, who done black yo' poo' eye dat-a-way?"
"Who done black my eye?" said the tall, slim one. "You want to know who done black my eye? My Hennery done black my eye, dat's who!"
"I wouldn't let any man black my eye," said one of the acquaintances.
"Ah, yo' don't know my Hennery. Dis black eye jes' shows how he loves me, an' dat's de kinder man I likes."—Indianapolis News.

They're All Old.
"Say, I heard a good story last night. There were two Jews—if you've ever heard it before stop me—there were—"
"All right, stop. Everybody has heard all the stories about the two Jews."

Dead Man's Address.
Yeast—The Eskimo gives his doctor a fee as soon as he comes. If the patient recovers, it is kept; if not, it is returned.
Crimsonbeak—But how does the doctor know where to send it if it is returned?

WILL RELIEVE NERVOUS DEPRESSION AND LOW SPIRITS.
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, arouses the liver to action, drives out malaria and builds up the system. A sure Appetizer and aid to digestion. For adults and children. 50 cents.

Repeated.
Patience—You say he kissed you?
Patrice—Yes, he did.
"And did you ask him to tell no one of it?"
"Yes; but just like a man, it wasn't two minutes before he repeated it!"

TO TEST YOUR APPLICATION

Hugo Munsterberg Gives a Simple Way to Conduct Really Interesting Experiment.

Have your friends the ability to hold their attention, or does it become quickly fatigued? A simple experiment will show you, writes Hugo Munsterberg in the Youth's Companion. Give each person a column from a newspaper, and have each one cross out with a pencil every letter A and every letter R. Keep an eye on your watch, and when half a minute has passed, say "Now," as a signal for each experimenter to make a mark at the word that he has just reached. Keep this up for five minutes, and then count how many A's and how many R's each one marked in the first half-minute, how many in the fifth, and how many in the tenth, and see how many each person overlooked in each half-minute.

Some persons will do well at the beginning, but will soon become inattentive. In the last four half-minutes they will mark few letters, and overlook many. Others will do better in the second and third half-minute than in the first, and their attention will be sharper at the end than at the beginning.

Under a Different Court.
"Judge Livingston Howland, who was judge of the Marion common pleas (succeeding Solomon Blair, promoted to the Superior court in 1870), and who succeeded me as judge of the Seventh circuit after the election of 1872, was listening to the argument of George K. Perrin, when he interrupted the attorney, saying: 'Mr. Perrin, you have repeated that statement of the law now three times. If you have any other point to discuss I will hear it but no more of that, if you please.'"
"To which Mr. Perrin replied: 'Why, if it pleases the court, I have repeated the Lord's prayer, I suppose, a thousand times, and the Lord has never rebuked me.'"
"Ah, yes," responded the judge, "God is said to be long suffering and kind and may have suffered your vain repetitions, but I am not God; no, not by a long sight."—Case and Comment.

Discovered.
Little Johnny, who is of an inquiring turn, was having a quiet talk with his mother. Johnny wanted to know why Mr. Juggins married Mrs. Juggins. His mother wasn't able to tell very clearly. Johnny thought a while and then asked:
"Mother, why did you marry my dad?"
"Johnny, I married your father because he saved me from drowning," replied his mother.
"I'll bet that's why pop's always tellin' me not to go in swimmin'," said Johnny.

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Not on the Map.
Joan is a conscientious little girl of eight. During a recent school study period her teacher noticed her studying a large atlas with a most puzzled expression. After a few moments she asked the child what she sought.
"Why," was the child's naively innocent answer, "Miss Kane said we were to find all the places spoken of in the history lesson on the map, and it says that Columbus was at the Point of Starvation—and I can't find it anywhere at all!"

Busy Hangman.
"I want you to put up some wall paper I have bought," said the country clergyman, meeting the local man of all works. "When can you do it?"
"Well, sir," he exclaimed, "you see, I'm rather busy just now. I hung Mrs. S— yesterday; I'm hanging your church warden today; but if it's convenient I'll drop around and hang your reverence on Wednesday."

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Caused a Spark.
"Your eyes are so bright you look like you had been sparking."
"Well, I did meet an old flame."

Kindness Appreciated.
The other day I was in a drug store, when a woman came in and handed the druggist a little package, and said:
"Ever so much obliged to you for measuring off those doses of medicine and putting them in these little things."

The druggist looked surprised, wondering when he had ever measured the medicine. On opening the package she had given him, he found it contained empty capsules.—Exchange.

Virtue of Disingenuousness.
In a school I once attended the most popular girl was the most tactful one. As far as I know only one girl disliked her. That girl was spiteful, cross and therefore not very well liked. Do you know what she used to call our idol? A hypocrite. The word bothered me not a little, but she answered me in her thoughtful little way:
"Well, I guess that maybe Betty is a hypocrite, if being a hypocrite means saying little kind things based on small pretexts and leaving unsaid the unkind things no matter how good a reason there is for saying them; but she's a mighty comfortable person to have around. I wish that the world was full of such hypocrites!"—Christian Herald.

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Where It Made a Stir.
"That speech did not make as much of an impression as you expected."
"No," replied the candid orator. "The only real stir it created was the rattle of the typewriter while it was being dictated."
Difficulty.
"How are they getting along with that idea they had of photographing souls?"
"Not at all. They found too many required a microscope to see well."

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VISITORS HONORED.

Mrs. J. E. Morris entertained Tuesday evening at her home in the city, the guests of honor being Misses Morris and Mary Riter. Forty two was the feature of the entertainment and at the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments were served. A number of guests were present and report a most pleasaat time.

A baby was born Friday to Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Blackwell at their home near Spur. The child lived only a day, having died Saturday and the remains were interred Sunday in the Spur Cemetery. Friends of the family extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell in this misfortune.

Jas. S. Wilson, a citizen of Roaring Springs, died at that place Monday and the remains were brought to Spur Tuesday and shipped to Anson, the former home of the deceased, for burial. Messrs. Wilson, of Anson, two brothers of the deceased, accompanied the corpse to Anson.

Rev. W. A. North, who has been in Jayton for some with his wife, was in Spur this week and reported that Mrs. North was slowly recovering of the fever of which she has been suffering for several weeks.

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E. Ham and wife, of the Croton country, passed through the city Sunday on their way to Stamford where they are visiting relatives.

G. L. Barber and family returned Wednesday from a visit of several days to friends and relatives at Beeville in South Texas.

We are glad to note that N. Q. Brannen has sufficiently recovered of an attack of locked bowels to be at his post of duty.

Lost—Crescent broach with 5 pearls and 1 ruby on leaf background. Return to Texas Spur.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor left Sunday for points east on a visit to relatives and friends.



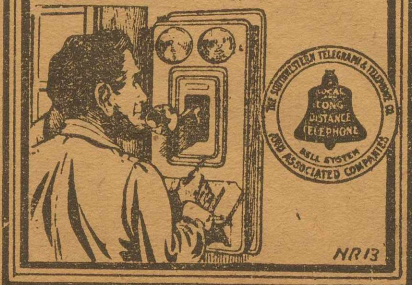
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SPUR WILL HAVE AT LEAST AN EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL AND PROBABLY NINE MONTHS.

In throwing open the Spur High School to all who desire to secure a good education, the Board of Education of Spur is animated by the desire to place within the reach of all an opportunity to fit themselves for lives of usefulness as citizens—to give them ability to care for themselves, the ability to meet the world and its difficulties face to face without fear, and the ability and the willingness to be useful to their country and to those about them. To this end they have decided not to charge tuition to those entering the High School, but to make the Spur High School free to all students.

We invite, therefore, to our midst not the drones, idlers and the unambitious, though we often make good men and women and good citizens of those who come to us in this way, but more especially those who are willing and anxious to acquire an education and we invite the co-operation of these in building up the school. Come to Spur with the feeling that our interests are mutual and Spur will soon have the best school in West Texas if not in the state.

The Spur School was acknowledged last year to be the best in this section of the state and inferior to none in West Texas. This year the school will be even better than that of last year. The corps of teachers is the best ever employed in the school and stands far ahead of that employed by similar schools.

The superintendent of the school, F. F. Mace, came to Spur last year with testimonials from state superintendents, college presidents, school boards and the leading educators of several states, placing him among the best school men of the times. He holds two college degrees and life certificates in six states and has had twenty five years experience in school work, including work as normal instructor and lecturer and fifteen years as city superintendent. The work which he did here last year is well known and speaks for itself. This year, with a more efficient corps of teachers and everything well in hand, the work will be done better than ever.

The principal of the High School, E. M. Saffold, holds the degree of B. A. from the East Texas Normal School at Commerce, Texas, and has had eight years experience in high school work, having been principal of some of the best schools in Texas.

Miss Edna Germany also holds a degree of B. A. and a state certificate from one of the Texas Normals and has had several years experience. She will have charge of the seventh grade and possibly may do some high school work.

Two of the grade teachers are graduates of state normals and all are teachers of experience and ability.

The music will be under the charge of Miss Mattie T. Doyle of the Conservatory of Music at Cincinnati and is an accomplished musician. She will have a studio at the school building and will teach both vocal and instrumental music.

Mrs. F. F. Mace, from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and other schools of oratory and art, will have exclusive control of elocution and art in connection with the school. She will offer training in elocution, in debating, in delivery of orations, the staging and production of drama, and in all departments of art as connected with school work. Her work here last year is well known to all in the community. If a sufficient number apply for training she will open a studio at the school building.

Spur has a beautiful brick school building well located on a broad campus overlooking the town and country, with well lighted and ventilated school rooms, a commodious and well seated auditorium, steam heated, supplied with excellent equipments and modern conveniences. Spur is proud of her progressiveness and most of all she is proud of her school and proposes to put into it every dollar which the law will allow and to make it one of the leading schools of this section. Already it has surpassed many schools of older and larger towns. The town of Spur is beautifully located, well built and full of the progressive spirit. To those who come from outside the community we would say that board can be obtained here as cheaply as anywhere and that there will be no question as to the quality.

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

The course for the high school will include four years, thus taking through the full eleven grades. The course in brief will be as follows:

English: Four years. Three years composition and rhetoric, one year English literature, one year American literature, English and American litera-

ture to include all of the readings necessary to cover the college entrance requirements.

History: Two and a half or possibly three years. One year Ancient History, one year Mediaeval and Modern History, one half year review of American History, possibly one half year English History. Full map, theme and note book required in all history classes.

Mathematics: Three and one half years. Algebra two years, plane geometry one year, solid geometry one half year.

Science: Two and one half years regular, one year botany with microscopic work and fifty plants analyzed. Physical geography one year. Physics, including laboratory work and all required experiments, one year. Possibly one half year review of physiology and one half year Texas Physiology.

The botany class will have the use of a compound microscope but will be required to furnish their own hand microscopes. They will make several interesting excursions in search for botanical material. The physics class will be equipped with a good set of physical apparatus and will as far as possible visit all working plants of machinery in the vicinity.

Latin: Four years. This will include Caesar, Cicero, Virgil and constant practice in grammar and composition.

TEACHERS' COURSE

Arrangements will be made as far as possible to accommodate those who desire to prepare for teachers' work. Superintendent Mace has spent a number of years in normal school work as instructor and lecturer and trained hundreds of teachers. This will enable you to prepare yourself under one who knows thoroughly what is required for the teachers' work and what preparation is necessary. The best school methods will be employed in the various school rooms and an opportunity will be given to observe the actual work.

ORATORY AND DEBATING

The Spur High School is a member of the State Debating and Oratorical League (under the management and direction of the State University.) We will make arrangements for teams to take part in the county debating contest and the county oratorical contest and if possible send them to the district and state meets. Last year, although it was the first year that Spur had entered, our school took a high rank in these contests and there is no reason why we should not win in the state contests this year. Older students especially should take an interest in these. Those desiring to take training for these events will do well to make early arrangements with Mrs. Mace.

ATHLETICS

We do not believe in athletics running the school but we do believe in a moderate amount of clean, vigorous, and honest athletics, entrance to all events being based on school standing first of all. There will be good teams of base ball and basket ball for the boys, and basket ball for the girls. Track athletics will be taken up and a team sent to the state meet.

This will not in any way interfere with school work. Athletic training takes the place of useless and ill-directed play—and often rough and dangerous play—and in order to take part in any school games between other schools or to enter state contests the student must first of all conform to school rules and do good school work. Spur has the best athletic field of any school in West Texas and last year our track team attracted more attention at the state meet at Austin than any other team on the ground.

SOCIAL LIFE

Flirting, correspondence between boys and girls, constant attendance on parties and other similar dissipations, dances and cards are not a part of school life and will be discouraged in every way. But a reasonable amount of mingling in social intercourse is necessary to human happiness and the learning of social usages is an important part of an education. To this end the faculty of the school will endeavor to see that the older students are given opportunities to meet each other in a decorous manner from time to time and will endeavor at all times to see that their amusements are kept within the bounds of decency and good usage.

OTHER PLANS

The school has many other plans for the future which it is impossible to mention here. This one more word we would add. The greatest object of education is character building and it will ever be the aim and object of the schools of Spur to form and inspire true men and women and citizens who will be an honor to themselves and a benefit to their country and to humanity.

NOT A COLLEGE

The schools of Spur make no pretense to being a college. One of the worst stumbling blocks to education is the school claiming to be a "normal school" or a "college" when doing even less work than a good high school. Beware of such schools. We are only a high school but whatever lies within the scope of a good high school we offer you.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information see any member of the Board of Education or Superintendent F. F. Mace.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

A fine girl was born the 11th of this month to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hagins.

The residence of L. L. Arnold, together with all of the household goods, was destroyed by fire August 9. Mr. Arnold and family were visiting in Oklahoma at the time and the origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$1,500. Mr. Arnold is now erecting another residence on the site where the other one stood.

Mrs. A. J. Hagins, of Jayton, visited Earl Hagins and wife last week.

Melvin Bilberry and wife, of Afton, are visiting L. W. Bilberry and family.

P. E. Hagins made a business trip to Dickens Monday.

The Baptist meeting closed here Sunday night. Rev. Bennett was assisted in the preaching by Revs. Bilberry of Afton and Bilberry of Oriana.

Joe Hamilton and wife, of Oklahoma, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

Crops in this vicinity will be short should the dry weather continue much longer.

The Death Angel came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Earnest Thursday of last week and took from them their infant son, Roy. The bereaved family have our sympathy and our prayers.—A. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks, of Wejnert, arrived in the city this week and will make Spur their home. Mr. Burks will have charge of the Swenson gin in Spur and is now having the machinery overhauled for the fall season. He has been with the Swenson people a number of years and is said to be an expert ginner.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give a bazaar Dec. 12 and 13. They will have on sale all kinds of fancy articles suitable for Xmas presents. The place will be announced later. Read The Texas Spur—\$1 a year

Not Boasting

WE would rather boast than boast, any time. We don't claim to be the whole works in the banking business. All that we claim is that our stockholders and directors are plain business men just like the rest of you, men who realize their responsibilities and expect that every customer shall have a square deal. Further, we know that our bank is reliable, has abundant capital and surplus, and has an enviable reputation for fair dealing. If that's boasting, then we have boasted, that's all, but it's all true.

The Farmers And Merchants State Bank

R. L. Collier returned to Spur this week from Fort Worth where he had been with a shipment of cattle which he sold on that market.

J. A. Nichols, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the country near Wake, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Sam White, of Weatherford, arrived in Spur Sunday and is spending several days at the ranch with his son, W. Sam White.