

LOOKING FOR BETTER CONDITIONS THIS YEAR.

Well, things are starting pretty good for a new year, business has not been all we would have liked for it to have been, but we are looking for better conditions in the future. The new currency law, we think is a forerunner of better things.

We are unloading a fresh car of Light Crust today, and we want every lady who has not tried Light Crust to get one sack and after you have used it, if it isn't as good as you ever tried we will refund your money. We do not believe Light Crust has a superior, and we doubt if many equals. So why not have the best when the difference is so very little in the price.

New Red Seal Gingham, the kind that you want; fast colors and beautiful patterns. Our gingham business has been immense and there's a reason—Red Seal.

Have you seen our 5c lace? Well, it's moving, and you would be surprised at the values we are offering in our lace department.

The man whose life is an open book is glad sometimes when some of the pages get glued together.

Smile awhile; and while you smile another smile, soon there's miles and miles of smiles, and life's worth while, because you smile.

Hurry up and get a Jno. Deere Disc or Stag gang plow. We have one for you, and there's nothing better, so plow now with a John Deere plow, and your harvests will pay your debts this fall.

Say, we have a good, fresh stock of Groceries; no hard stock to work off, and the prices are right. We want your grocery business, and only ask the least profits possible to maintain good quality of merchandise, full weight and measure.

Remember we have Star wind-mills, piping and fittings of all kinds. Come and let us fit you up with a complete outfit, the price will be low.

Peter Schuttler Wagon, not just as good, but better and the difference in price is very little, so why not have the best? We also have a new wagon to show you. Come around and look it over. It's something in the wagon line the country has been needing.

We are getting in a new lot of Shelf Hardware, and want your business in that line. We are trying to make this one of our best departments, and are succeeding, we think. Our prices are right, and we handle standard line of goods.

We are determined to make 1914 a banner year, and want the cooperation of the people, and only expect your business if we serve you right. Our aim shall be to deal with you fairly, give you the best merchandise possible at the lowest prices we can and deal honestly with you. Come on with the crowds of satisfied customers who already trade with us.—Bryant-Link Co.

AN OPTIMISTIC FARMER

C. D. Pullin, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and the first of this week on business and greeting his friends here. Mr. Pullin will make another crop this year on the J. P. Higgins farm and ranch, and he thinks now that he will make enough this year to retire from further active labors, or possibly become a capitalist or banker.

AN OLD SETTLER

Sam Presslar, of the Tap country and one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of this section, was in the city Wednesday exchanging reminiscences and recounting incidents of the early days in the settlement of Dickens county. Mr. Presslar has been here sixteen or eighteen years, and he too, no doubt, has heard the "howl of the wolves."

IMPORTANT SESSION OF COMMISSIONERS COURT

The County Commissioners met Monday morning and continued in session throughout Monday and Tuesday, transacting noteworthy and important business.

Among other things a contract was made with J. J. Hickman to grade five miles of roadway on the Plains in the Lee County Settlement. For this five miles of road grading the county is to pay only \$150, Mr. Hickman taking the contract at a price sufficient only to pay cost of material without consideration of cost of labor in order to promote and build good roads in that section and also to experiment with his new road-working machinery.

G. L. Barber, who is now grad-

AN OLD TIMER.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was in the city Wednesday and spent several hours here greeting friends. Mr. Worswick is one of the oldest settlers of the country, was here when the county was organized and played an important and leading part in public affairs. He can relate most interesting incidents of the early days, and promised to write some day a few "reminiscences" of "reconstruction" days in this section for the benefit of Texas Spur readers.

W. L. Dunn returned to Spur last week from Casper, Wyoming, where he has been several months. Mr. Dunn returned to accept a position with the Farmers & Merchants State Bank where he is now greeting his many friends.

CULTURE CLUB ORGANIZED AT SPUR TUESDAY

On Tuesday afternoon, several ladies of the town met at the home of Mrs. J. D. Reagan and organized a study club. The membership of this club is open to all the ladies of Spur and it is hoped that as many as possible will take advantage of this opportunity.

The first meeting of the club will be at the home of Mrs. T. E. Standifer on Friday, Jan. 23, at 2 o'clock. Those desiring to be members will please be present at this meeting.

For your information, we submit herewith the Constitution and By-laws:

Art. 1.—This club shall be known as the Culture Club.

Art. 2.—The purpose of this club shall be mental improvement.

Art. 3.—The membership is unlimited.

Art. 4.—Section 1.—The club will meet every Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Section 2.—Refreshments shall not be served at regular meetings.

Section 3.—Open or special meetings may be held by a majority vote of members present.

Art. 5.—Section 1.—Members must attend all regular meetings unless prevented by sickness or absent from town.

Section 2.—Members must be prompt at the hour of meeting.

Section 3.—A fine of ten cents will be imposed on a member for tardiness or absence except as provided by section (1) of this article.

Art. 6.—Section 1.—The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and critic.

Section 2.—The officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in September of each year and shall serve until their successors are elected.

Art. 7.—Section 1.—It shall be the duty of the president to preside over all meetings.

Section 2.—It shall be the duty of the vice-president to assist the president, and in her absence preside.

Section 3.—It shall be the duty of the critic to note and correct all errors in pronunciation, history and literature.

Section 4.—The secretary-treasurer shall keep accurate minutes of all transactions of the club, papers to be recorded, report all members absent, receive all fines and pay accounts upon order of the president, approved by the club.

Art. 8.—A member absent four consecutive times without excuse will be dropped from the roll.

Art. 9.—Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. 10.—Order of business. Section 1.—Roll call. (Answer by current event.)

Section 2.—Reading minutes of previous meeting.

Section 3.—History.

Section 4.—Literature.

Section 5.—Criticism.

ENGLAND TAKES THE LION'S SHARE



First in production, first in consumption and last in manufacture.

COUNTY DELEGATES TO GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

The following gentlemen have been appointed as Dickens County delegates to the Texas Good Roads Association which meets in Fort Worth January 26, 27 and 28th: Judge O. S. Ferguson, J. P. Gibson, R. C. Forbis, J. A. Nichols, W. J. Elliot, Mayor Geo. S. Link, Chas. A. Jones and Jeff D. Reagan.

The Texas Good Roads Association is affiliated with the National Highway Association, the two being among the greatest factors in the development progress of the state and nation.

Rev. Bennett, of Gilpin, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday.

ing and claying the Spur, Tap and Post road, will move his outfit soon to the Cap Rock and begin working the roads back to Spur and Dickens. Over Duck Creek and Cottonwood, on the Spur and Dickens roads, the Commissioners have ordered concrete driveways on reinforced concrete for these crossings. Such crossings will be much less expensive than bridges, will not wash away and will give the traveling public crossings almost equal to bridges over each creek.

In the matter of scalp bounties the Commissioners paid out \$101 for one hundred and one coyote and wild cat scalps secured in the county. Three-fourths of the amount will be refunded to the county by the state. Earl Harkey brought in seventeen scalps, being the largest number turned in by any one hunter.

FARMERS MASS MEETING TUESDAY AT DUCK CREEK

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a mass meeting of the farmers of the Duck Creek country will be held Tuesday night at the Duck Creek school house. This meeting will be held for the purpose of determining how many farmers of that section will need feed this year, and how much will be needed. It is proposed that a car of corn and oats be bought for the whole community and in this manner make quite a saving in the price and the cost of a car lot shipment.

E. Z. Wyatt has our thanks for a dollar and a subscription to the Texas Spur.

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

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FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce J. Ross Bell as a candidate for the office of District Attorney of this the Fiftieth Judicial District of Texas, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July, 1914.

J. Ross Bell is a member of the law firm of Bell & Bell of Paducah, and during the past year has been County Attorney of Cottle county, having served well and faithfully his constituents and in every instance observed the law and ably prosecuted its violators. He has acquired a superior knowledge of the law by years of study, application and practical experience, is a conscientious gentleman in every sense of the word, and if elected he promises to serve the people of the district with absolute impartiality. Later Mr. Bell will make a personal campaign of the district.

The Texas Spur asks that J. Ross Bell be given a deserved consideration by voters in the July Primary.

This is county and state election year and all who wish to have a vote must pay a poll tax before the first day of February. Get busy.

There are men in business who say that advertising does no good. For those who sincerely entertain such convictions we have no ill feelings, but we know that their minds are deluded to the injury of their business. We can refer to many instances in Spur where advertising brought big business and big returns, but here is a proposition which no clear-sighted business man can controvert: Nothing happens by chance—every happening has a cause and effect. If people were not informed in some manner they would not know Spur is in existence or that a certain business man is selling goods here. Advertising is simply to disseminate information to the trade for the benefit of the business concern, and before a business man can sell a single article the buyer must be informed in some manner. Even the merchant who thinks advertising does no good will hang out a sign to inform the passerby of his location, and should a possible customer come into this place the merchant will encourage him to buy something, telling him of the merits and good qualities of the merchandise—thus, by sign-board and personal conversation, advertising his business and his goods. It is beyond question that advertising is an absolute necessity and no successful business can be conducted without advertising in some manner, and the greatest question and most important problem of doing business is "How to Advertise." Many business men will pay a bonus to secure business location near a live concern which advertises and attracts people, thus to an extent securing some of the benefits of the advertising and

attractiveness of the other business concern. Again we say that no concern can do business without in some manner letting the trade know that he is in business and has something for sale. Many live merchants, in the expenditure of thousands of dollars advertising in various ways, have demonstrated that advertising through the newspapers is the very cheapest and best advertising to be had. The newspaper goes to the home, is read by every member of the family, and in this day and time the buyers while at home determine their needs and decide before coming to town where they will buy such needs. The merchant who is alive to the advantages and opportunities of newspaper advertising will keep an attractive ad in some newspaper covering the trade territory, constantly keeping the buying public informed of his goods, his prices and offering special inducements to attract the attention and the trade of the public.

It is very evident that Spur needs an organization composed of every business man in the town for the purpose of systematically and effectively pushing the collective business interests and extending the Spur trade territory. There are many community business interests which can not be effectively handled without system and active organized effort. For instance, no one merchant can successfully combat large, systematic and organized mail order competition, and no one merchant should be expected to play a lone hand in fighting such concerns and placing a town in absolute control of the competi-

tive mail order situation. We have investigated to some extent the mail order situation in this section and we find that not only hundreds but thousands of dollars within the Spur trade territory are sent out each year to foreign mail order concerns. There are families in this territory who buy practically everything they use, including clothing, groceries, implements and even Christmas supplies, from mail order concerns. The mail order trade is only one of the many business propositions which need cooperative and systematic attention at the hands of the business men of Spur, therefore the Texas Spur suggests and urges the business men and professional men of the town to join us in organizing "Spur's 1914 Business Boosters." An organization of this character will not only encourage friendlier relations among business men and business interests but will promote our collective and community interests by active, cooperative effort, will get results and effectively and permanently advance our business interests.

The political campaign in Dickens county is now open. The little ball was started by Attorney J. Ross Bell whose announcement will be noted in another column of the Texas Spur. Have you paid your poll tax?

The question of the moment is "Have you paid your poll tax?" It is a requirement of the election laws that a man must hold a poll tax receipt issued before the first day of February in order to vote in any election to be held during the year—and this is election year.

Suppose that in a town there are one hundred business men and concerns doing business, and the newspaper of such a town continuously boosted and boomed the town, telling the trade and the public that this town is the liveliest, most progressive and the coming metropolis and the commercial hub of a vast territory; that the merchants offered superior inducements to the trade and that as a whole the town would compete with other surrounding towns in the sale of every character of merchandise and commercial enterprise, and the reader, after absorbing such perorations, inadvertently glanced over the paper finding only three or four dry goods and grocery men, and all together not more than fifteen or twenty business concerns represented in the advertising columns, do you think the reader would be impressed that such statements were facts or would he think it only fiction, Western newspaper hot-air or a veritable night-mare or mid-night dream of a cramped but optimistic editor? Newspaper boosts will help a town, but the boosting must have some foundation or it will soon become ineffective, and the reader who knows will only smile and say "Oh, well, a newspaper has license permit to lie."

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GOING SOME



A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY REX BEACH

SUGGESTED BY THE PLAY BY REX BEACH AND PAUL ARMSTRONG

Illustrated By Edgar Bert Smith

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SYNOPSIS.

Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch are heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized photograph by the defeat of their champion in a foot-race with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is given at the Flying Heart. J. Wallingford Speed, cheer leader at Yale, and Culver Covington, inter-collegiate champion runner, are expected. Helen Blake, Speed's sweetheart, becomes interested in the loss of the photograph. She suggests to Jean Chapin, sister of the owner of the ranch, that she induce Covington, her lover, to win back the photograph. Helen declares that if Covington won't run, Speed will. The cowboys are hilarious over the prospect. Speed and his valet, Larry Glass, trainer at Yale, arrive. Helen Blake asks Speed, who has posed to her as an athlete, to race against the Centipede man. The cowboys join in the appeal to Wally, and fearing that Helen will find him out, he consents. He insists, however, that he shall be entered as an unknown, figuring that Covington will arrive in time to take his place. Speed begins training under Glass' direction.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

During the ensuing pause Mrs. Keap took occasion to call Speed aside. "I have something to contribute to the training-quarters if you will help me bring it out," said she.

The young man bowed. "Most gladly."

"We'll be back in a little while," the chaperon announced to the others, and a moment later, when she and Speed had reached the veranda of the house, she paused.

"I—I want to speak to you," she began, hesitatingly. "It was just an excuse."

Wally looked at her with concern, for it was plain that she was deeply troubled.

"What is it?"

"I have been trying to get a word alone with you ever since I heard about this foot-race." The young man thrilled with apprehension as Mrs. Keap turned her dark eyes upon him searchingly. "Why do you want to run?"

"To win back the cowboys' treasure. My heart is touched," he declared, boldly. Mrs. Keap smiled.

"I believe the latter, but are you sure you can win?"

"Absolutely—lutely."

"I didn't know you were a sprinter."

Speed shrugged his shoulders.

"Have you had experience?"

"Oceans of it!"

Mrs. Keap mused for a moment. "Tell me," said she, finally, "at what inter-collegiate game did you run last?"

Mrs. Keap flushed. "He told me all about you long ago. You wear all the



"Mr. Speed Goin' to Live Here?" Inquired the Foreman.

athletic clothes, you know all the talk you have tried to make the team a dozen times, but you are not even a substitute. You are merely theVarsity cheer-leader. Culver calls you the head-yeller."

"I didn't run last; I ran first." It was impossible to resent the boy's smile.

"Then at what game did you last run? I hope I'm not too curious?"

"Oh no, not at all!" Speed stammered.

"Or, if it is easier, at what college games did you first run?" Mrs. Keap was laughing openly now.

"Why the clear, ringing, rippling laughter?" asked the young man, to cover his confusion.

"Because I think it is very funny."

"Oh, you do!" Speed took refuge behind an attitude of unbending dignity, but the young widow would have none of it.

"I know all about you," said she. "You are a very wonderful person, of course; you are a delightful fellow at a house-party, and a most suitable individual generally, but you are not an athlete, in spite of those beautiful clothes in your trunk."

"Who told you?"

"Culver Covington."

"I didn't know you two were acquainted."

"Columbus has discovered our continent!" said Speed. "You are a very wise chaperon, and you must have a corking memory for names, but even a head-yeller is better than a glee-club quarter-back." He nodded toward the bunk-house, whence they had come.

"You haven't told anybody?"

"Not yet."

"Yet," he quoted. "The futurity implied in that word disturbs me. Suppose you and I keep it for a little secret? Secrets are very delightful at house-parties."

"Don't you consider your action deceitful?"

"Not at all. My motto is 'We strive to please.'"

"Think of Helen."

"That's it; I can't think of anything else! She's mad about athletics, and I had to do something to stand off this weight-lifting tenor."

"Is it any wonder a woman distrusts every man she meets?" mused the chaperon. "Helen might forgive you, I couldn't."

"Oh, it's not that bad. I know what I'm doing."

"You will cause these cowboys to lose a lot more money."

"Not at all. When Culver arrives—"

"Oh, that is what I want to talk over with you," Mrs. Keap broke in, nervously.

"Then it isn't about the foot-race? You are not angry?" Speed brightened amazingly.

"I'm not exactly angry; I'm surprised and grieved. Of course, I can't forgive deceit—I dare say I am more particular than most people."

"But you won't tell?" Mrs. Keap indicated in some subtle manner that she was not above making terms, whereupon her companion declared, warmly: "I'm yours for life! Ask me for my watch, my right eye, anything! I'll give it to you!"

"I assure you I shan't ask anything so important as that, but I shall ask a favor."

"Name it and it is yours!" Speed wrung the hand she offered.

"And perhaps I can do more than keep silent—although I don't see what good it will do. Perhaps I can help your suit."

"Gracious lady, all I ask is that you thrust out your foot and trip up Berkeley Fresno whenever he starts toward her. Put him out of the play, and I shall be the happiest man in the world."

"Agreed."

"Now, in what way can I serve you?"

Mrs. Keap became embarrassed, while the same shadowy trouble that had been observed of late settled upon her.

"I simply hate to ask it," she said, "but I suppose I must. There seems to be no other way out of it." Turning to him suddenly, she said, in a low, intense voice: "I—I'm in trouble, Mr. Speed, such dreadful trouble!"

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" he answered her, with genuine solicitude. "You needn't have made any conditions. I would have done anything I could for you."

"That's very kind, for I don't like our air of conspiracy, but"—Mrs. Keap was wringing her slender hands—"I just can't tell the girls. You—you can help me."

Speed allowed her time to grow calm, when she continued:

"I—I am engaged to be married."

"Felicitations!"

"Not at all," said the young widow, wretchedly. "That is the awful part of it. I am engaged to two men!" She turned her brown eyes full upon him; they were strained and tragic.

Speed felt himself impelled to laugh immoderately, but instead he observed, in a tone to relieve her anxiety:

"Nothing unusual in that; it has been done before. Even I have been prodigal with my affections. What can I do to relieve the congestion?"

"Please don't make light of it. It

means so much to me. I—I'm in love with Jack Chapin."

"With Jack!"

"Yes. When I came here I thought I cared for somebody else. Why, I wanted to come here just because I knew that—somebody else had been invited too, and we could be together."

"And he couldn't come—"

"Wait! And then, when I got here, I met Jack Chapin. That was less than a week ago, and yet in that short time I have learned that he is the only man I can ever love—the one man in all the world."

"And you can't accept because you have a previous engagement. I see! Jove! It's quite dramatic. But I don't see why you are so excited? If the other chap isn't coming—"

"But he is! That is what makes it so dreadful! If those two men should meet—Mrs. Keap buried her face in her hands and shuddered—"there would be a tragedy, they are both so frightfully jealous." She began to tremble, and Speed laid a comforting hand upon her shoulder.

"I think you must be exciting yourself unduly," said he. "Jean's other friends didn't come. There's nobody due now but Culver Cov—"

"That's who it is!" Roberta raised her pallid face as the young man fell back.

"Culver! Great Scott! Why, he's engaged—"

"What!"

"Nothing! I—I—" Speed paused, at an utter loss for words.

"You see, he'll discover the truth."

"Does he know you are here?"

"No. I intended to surprise him. I was jealous. I couldn't bear to think of his being here with other girls—men are so deceitful! That's why I consented to act as chaperon to Helen. And now to think that I should have met my fate in Jack Chapin!"

"I see. You want me to break the news to Culver."

"No! no!" Mrs. Keap was aghast. "If he even suspected the truth he'd become a raging lion. Oh, I've been quite distracted ever since Jack left!"

"Well, what am I to do? You must have some part laid out for me?"

"I have. A desperate situation demands a desperate remedy. I've lost all conscience. That's why I agreed to protect you if you'd protect me."

"Go ahead."

"Culver is your friend."

"We're closer than a chord in G."

"Then you must wire him—"

"I have—"

"—Not to come."

"What!" J. Wallingford Speed started as if a wasp had stung him.

"You must wire him at once not to come. I don't care what excuse you give, but stop him. Stop him!"

Speed reached for a pillar; he felt that the porch was spinning slowly beneath his feet.

"Oh, see here, now! I can't do that!"

"You promised!" cried Mrs. Keap, fiercely. "I have tried to think of something to tell him, but I'm too frightened."

"Yes, but—I want him here—for this foot-race." Wally swallowed bravely.

"Foot-race!" stormed the widow, indignantly. "Would you allow an insignificant thing like a foot-race to wreck a human life? Two human lives? Three?"

"Can't you—wire him?"

Mrs. Keap stamped her foot. "If he dreamed I was here he would hire a special train. No! It must come from you. You are his best friend."

"What can I say?" demanded the bewildered Speed, unhappily.

"I don't care what you say, I don't care what you do—only do something, and do it quickly before he has time to leave Chicago." Then sensing the

hesitation in her companion's face: "Or perhaps you prefer to have Helen know the deceit you have practiced upon her? And I fancy these cowboys would resent the joke, don't you? What do you think would happen if they discovered their champion to be merely a cheer-leader with a trunkful of new clothes, who can't do a single out-door sport—not one?"

"Wait!" Speed mopped his brow with a red-and-blue silk handkerchief. "I'll do my best."

"Then I shall do my part." And Mrs. Keap, who could not bear deception, turned and went indoors while J. Wallingford Speed, a prey to sundry misgivings, stumbled down the steps, his head in a whirl.

CHAPTER VII.

BERKELEY FRESNO was devoting himself to Miss Blake.

"What do you think of our decorations?" she inquired.

"They are more or less athletic," he declared, "Was it Mr. Speed's idea?"

"Yes. He wanted training quarters."

"It's a joke, isn't it?"

"I don't think so. Mr. Fresno, why do you dislike Mr. Speed?"

Fresno bent a warm glance upon the questioner. "Don't you know?"

Helen shook her head with bland innocence. "Then you do dislike him?"

"No, indeed! I like him—he makes me laugh." Helen bridled loyally. "Did you see those medals he wore yesterday?" the young man queried.

"Of course, and I thought them beautiful."

"How were they inscribed? He wouldn't let me examine them."

"Naturally. If I had trophies like that I would guard them too."

Fresno nodded, musingly. "I gave mine away."

"Oh, are you an athlete?"

"No, but I timed a foot-race once. They gave me a beautiful nearly-bronze emblem so that I could get in to the infield."

"And did you win?"

"No! no! I didn't run! Don't you understand? I was an official." Fresno was vexed at the girl's lack of perception. "I'm not an athlete, Miss Blake, I'm just an ordinary sort of chap. He led her to a seat, while Jean enlisted the aid of Larry Glass and completed the finishing touches to the decorations. "Athletics don't do a fellow any good after he leaves college. I'm going into business this fall. Have you ever been to California?" Miss Blake admitted that she had never been so far, and Fresno launched himself upon a glowing description of his native state; but before he could shape the conversation to a point where his hearer might perchance express a desire to see its wonders, Still Bill Stover thrust his head cautiously through the door to the bunk-house, and allowed an admiring eye to rove over the transformation.

"Looks like a bazaar!" he exclaimed.

"What the idea?"

"Trainin' quarters," said Glass.

"Mr. Speed goin' to live here?" inquired the foreman, bringing the remainder of his lanky body into view.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Extravagance Wasted.

"What's doing?" asked the tall plumber. "You're all dolled up." "Had a date with my best girl," explained the short bricklayer. "But aren't you going to keep it?" "I showed up all right, but she wasn't there." "That was pretty tough," "I wouldn't care," said the short bricklayer, "only I went and had my shoes shined all for nothing."—Youngstown Telegram.

Gun Without Bullets.

The bulletless gun has at last made its appearance. It is a German invention, and instead of bullets it shoots a gas which temporarily blinds and chokes the victim.

The cartridge used contains several ingredients, which, when exploded combine to form a vapor of a peculiar character. The gun itself differs very little in appearance and mechanism from the ordinary double action revolver. It holds five cartridges.

The shotless gun is intended principally for the protection of tourists, commercial travelers, doctors, cyclists, automobilists, bank officials, postmen, watchmen and policemen. No one wants to kill a criminal unless it is absolutely necessary for one's own preservation, and this invention is intended to make such a course unnecessary.

There is hardly any noble quality or endorsement of the mind but has been perance for its parent or its nurse.

Tone Up Your Weak Liver

The best, safest and most gentle remedy for constipation and sluggish liver is the celebrated HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS.

You'll be pleased and satisfied with the result of the first one you take. They drive the poisonous waste and gas from the bowels, and purify the blood.

They are simply the best ever for headache, dizziness, biliousness, nervousness, lack of appetite and that no ambition feeling.

Women! Take little chocolate coated HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS, to rid the skin of pimples, blotches and sallowness. All Druggists, 25c, and money back, if not satisfied. Sample free from Hot Springs Chem. Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

Way of a Man.

"And why," she asked, "do you think the world is better now than it was 25 years ago?"

"Because you were not in it then," he replied.

"I'm afraid you wish to flatter me. I am nearly twenty-eight."

"Is it possible? Well, in a way I'm glad of it."

"Why?"

"You see, I'm thirty-seven, and I don't believe any man ought to be more than eight or nine years older than his wife."

"O, Horace! How romantic you are! I wonder if any other man ever adopted such a lovely way to let a girl know that he cared for her."—Chicago Record-Herald.

No Place for Poets.

"Didn't Oliver Goldsmith once live here?" asked the tourist.

"I don't remember the name," said the janitor. "Who was the gent?"

"He was a poet."

"Then it's hardly likely that he ever lived here, sir. We always demand the rent in advance."

Close Quarters.

"A bacteriologist says millions of germs ride on crowded trolley cars."

"I'm not surprised to hear that. A germ is about the only thing that could ride on a crowded trolley car with any degree of comfort."

Cereally Related.

"That husband of mine always gets things twisted."

"Indeed."

"Yes; I sent him for soda crackers and he came back with pretzels."

The Proof.

"Do you believe animals can reason?"

"Well, I've seen a bulldog with a good grip on his subject hold his own."

Out, Damned Spot!

He—Have you read "Freckles?"

She (quickly)—Oh, no! That's my veil!—O. S. U. Sun Dial.

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

A woman with a secret sorrow is interesting—until she turns it loose.

Be sure you're right before telling the other fellow he is wrong.

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

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We are making up a list of young men available for store clerks and traveling salesman positions. Must have common school education, or better. We are professional employers and make a charge for service indicated. Write MACK'S, LITTLE ROCK, ARK., or MERIDIAN, MISS. WARNING: We have no agents nor representatives elsewhere. (F. L. MACK, Mgr. 8 years in the business.)

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stimulate the torpid liver, strengthen the digestive organs, regulate the bowels. A remedy for sick headache. Unquestioned as an ANTI-BILIOUS MEDICINE.

Elegantly sugar coated. Small dose. Price, 25c.

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Your Opportunity to Save Money on Groceries of High Grade, Standard Brands and Quality. The prices will be at and less than the wholesale cost.

BEGINNING

Saturday,

JAN. 10 TO 24.

MOST STARTLING LOW PRICES!

In Order to add to the Prosperity of the "Spur Trade Territory" we are beginning the New Year of "1914" with the "Most Startling Low Prices" you have ever seen or will see again in many days. For only twelve days you will be given an opportunity to

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BELOW THE WHOLESALE PRICE!!

This Never Happened Before and is not Likely to Occur Again

SALE BEGINS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

And continuing only 12 days you are offered groceries at bottom prices. It will pay you to lay in a year's supply at the prices we are now making.

SALE CLOSES

Saturday,

JAN. 24, 1914.

Remember we are not offering only a few "Leaders", but everything in the Grocery line is Reduced alike in Price. Read carefully the cut prices quoted below:

CALIF. CANNED GOODS

25c Peaches for	15c
30c " "	17c
30c Pears	17c
35c " "	21c
30c Apricots	17c
25c Grapes	14c
35c " "	18c
25c Plums	14c
30c Cherries	19c
25c Blackberries	17c
35c Strawberries	21c
Chewing Gum	3c
Spices, all kinds	7c
Bulk Red Pepper per lb.	28c
Bulk Black " "	19c
Lamp Burner	7c
Chimney	7c
Macaroni per package	7c
4 pk. Arm & Hammer Soda	25c
7 pk. M. Yeast	25c
One-half pound Cocoanut	15c
One-fourth " "	8c
One fourth pound G. L. Tea	13c
35c Durkees S Dressing	23c
B. Lye 4 for	25c
G. Lye 4 for	25c
Quart Blueing	13c
Chili Powder	19c
Bakers Cocoa	9c
VanHoutin	20c
8 pk. Tooth Picks for	25c
Faultless Starch 4 for	25c
Knox Gelatin	12c
One-fourth pound Chocolate	6c
One-half lb. Bitter	15c
12 Boxes Matches	33c
1 pound Cheese	19c
Pearl Tapioca, per pk.	6c

CEREALS

Post Toasties, per pk.	12c
K. C. Flakes " "	7c
5 lb. Q Oats " "	18c
Postum " "	19c
Cream of Wheat " "	13c
P. Wheat " "	8c
P. Rice " "	12c
Erice Greenville Tob. per lb.	37c
Brown Mule " "	34c
Corker " "	25c
Derby " "	25c
New South " "	45c
1 Bottle Garrett Snuff	22c
1 Glass Honest " "	22c
100 lbs. No. 1 Salt	50c
200 lbs. Stock " "	90c
100 lbs. Irish Potatoes	\$2 00
Head Rice, per lb.	7c
1 Bucket Crusto Lard	\$1.10
1 " Snow Drift	1.10
1 " Swift Jewel	1.05
1 lb. Breakfast Delight Cof.	27c
3 lb. Bucket Coffee	75c
3 lb. Marquette Coffee	85c
3 lb. White Swan Coffee	1 05
Fancy Blend Coffee per lb.	17c
15c Extracts 3 for	25c
35c Extracts, pure	19c
Axle Grease per can	7c
4 oz. Beach Nut Olive Oil	24c
35c Pipe	17c
25c Pipe	11c
15c Pipe	9c
20c Veal Loaf 2 for	25c
Vienna Sausage 3 for	25c
5 gallon Kerosene Oil	65c
Cabbage per pound	3c
1 Gallon barrel vinegar	20c

BAKING POWDERS

80 oz. H. C. Baking Powder	53c
50 " " " "	34c
25 " " " "	17c
80 " K. C. " "	55c
50 " " " "	34c
25 " " " "	16c
15 " " " "	11c
10 " " " "	8c
1 can St. Lawrence cut Beans	10c
1 can Pie Peaches	9c
1 can, 2 lb. Spinach	12c
1 can, 2 lb. Hawaiian Pine A.	17c
1 can, 2 lb. Red Salmon	15c
1 can, 2 lb. Pink Salmon	7c
1 can, 2 lb. Early J. Peas	10c
1 can, 2 lb. Sifted Early Peas	11c
1 can, 1 lb. Soup	8c
1 can, 3 lb. Tomatoes	9c
1 case, 3 lb. Tomatoes	\$2 15
1 can, 2 lb. Tomatoes	7c
1 case, 2 lb. Tomatoes	\$1.70
1 can, 1 lb. Petit Pois Peas	10c
1 can, 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes	9c
1 can, 3 lb. Beets	11c
1 can, 1 lb. Oysters	8c
1 can, 2 lb. A 1 Corn, v. best	8c
1 can, 2 lb. Worlds Fav. Corn	8c
1 case " "	\$1 84
1 can, 2 lb. New Wiser Corn	7c
1 case, " "	\$1.68
1 can, 3 lb. Kraut	8c
1 case, " Kraut	\$1 84
1 can, 3 lb. Lye Hominy	7c
1 case, 3 lb. Lye Hominy	\$1 68
1 case, 2 lb. String Beans	1 50
14 lbs. Lima Beans	1.00
17 lbs. Pink Beans	1.00
17 lbs. R. K. Beans	1.00

PICKLES

15c Bottle Pickles	8c
30c " "	17c
35c " "	21c
1 Gallon Bot Pickles	73c
5 " "	\$1.30
30c Chowchow	17c
1 Gallon Vinegar	43c
17 lbs. Navy Beans	1.00
20 lbs. Blackeyed Peas	1.00
14 lbs. Best Head Rice	1.00
12 lbs. Dried Peaches	1.00
25 lbs. Dried Peaches	1.90
12 lbs. Dried Grapes	1.00
3 cans, 1 lb. Beach Nut P & B	25
2 jars Beach Nut Peanut But	25
1 jar Beach Nut Jelly, pure	.19
Gladiola Flour, the best you	
can buy, per hundred	\$2 85
Meal, per Sack	.73
7 bars White Soap	25c
4 bars Tar Soap	25
3 bars Lava Soap	20c
6 bars Fairy Soap	25c
3 bars Wild Rose Soap	20c
1 gallon Maple Syrup	\$1.10
1 gallon Uncle Sam Syrup	.44
1 gallon King Komus Syrup	.65
1 gallon Crytol Corn Syrup	.39
1 gallon Angel Food, white	.46
1 gallon Tennessee Sorghum	.39
12 lb. Bucket Honey Comb	\$1 25
6 lb. Bucket Honey Comb	.65
6 bars Clean Easy Soap	25c
8 boxes Washing Powder	25c
100 pounds Sugar	\$4 75
25 pounds Sugar	1 20
1 gal. Castor Machine Oil	34c
45c Broom	25c

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CHAS. A. JONES HONORED BY SYNDICATE EMPLOYEES

In the recent flood at Freeport Chas. A. Jones, manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons at Spur and also manager of the Swenson Syndicate at Freeport, distinguished himself in the fight to save lives and prevent the wholesale destruction of property by the high waters, and in recognition of such service and in honor of the man the employees of the Syndicate presented Mr. Jones with a "Loving Cup" accompanied by the following letter:

"In tender and loving memory of the gallant and altogether successful battle during December, 1913, so ably and loyally general and directed by yourself, in keeping the flood waters of the Brazos river, during its record rise, from entering the townsite of Freeport, relieving the community of what would have been a siege of property damage and one of physical suffering to the citizens, we, the employees of the Vanderlip-Swenson Tilghman Syndicate do hereby tender you this loving cup, as a token of appreciation of the good work so perfectly carried on."

Chas. A. Jones is a man among men anywhere and at any time, and the gallant, unswerving spirit of the man exhibited on this occasion is but another instance of the real man brought to light. In the earlier development days of the Great West, and while a young man, Chas. A. Jones "snow-shoed" into the mining districts of the West and there endured the hardships of a miner, smiled at the limitations and privations of that day and time and with that characteristic spirit of loyalty and progress worked for the betterment of conditions and the advancement of common interests. Later he entered the journalistic field, establishing, publishing and editing a newspaper within the mining district for the edification of a limited and scattering population and to promote the developing mining and other interests of the country and the people.

In the publication of this paper Chas. A. Jones demonstrated not only courage and an indomitable will but an ability to cope with seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and apparently unendurable hardships. On one occasion the mining settlement was snow-bound, the mountain-passes obstructed, provisions of the mining town depleted, and in the little print shop only a few hard crusts of weeks old bread remained in store and on which the editor subsisted and continued the publication under prevailing conditions in a hopeful, optimistic and effective manner. Retiring from journalism the resourceful miner and editor

became identified with other business interests, and possessing irreproachable character and irrepressible characteristics of true manhood, by persistent effort, loyalty and recognized ability he has advanced, step by step, until at this time he is manager of extensive holdings and interests and directly controls millions of dollars in farm, ranch and city properties and mining industries. He is recognized not only as a capable business man but as a man of real worth to the country, and in leading a gallant fight against the recent floods at Freeport Chas. A. Jones displayed but a single instance characteristic of the man, and in presenting a "Loving Cup" in token of honor and appreciation the Syndicate employees at Freeport openly express the sincere feelings entertained by all who know the man.

CONSCIENCE.

The very greatest injury that can be done to you is that which you do to yourself when you do violence to your conscience by quenching its warnings or by going contrary to its dictations.

You do that which is equivalent to tampering with the magnetic needle that guides the vessel across the mighty deep. So many think only of the consequences of sin that may come upon them from without—through discovery and punish-

EXTENSION OF QUANAH ROAD IS NOW ASSURED

Quanah, Tex.—D. E. Decker, general attorney for the Quanah Acme and Pacific Railroad, has returned from St. Louis, where he was in conference with President Lazarus and other railway officials, and says the "Quanah Route" will be extended from Roaring Springs, in Motley County, to Plainview.

"The work will begin within two or three months," said Mr. Decker, "and it is the intention to let the contract for building 100 miles. We feel satisfied the road will go on till it gets to Roswell."

This will shorten the distance between New Mexico and St. Louis by 150 miles and be worth much to Quanah in extending her wholesale territory and make a much shorter route for the people of this and surrounding territory to and from the Plains. The general offices of the road are here and the main shops will be built here.

Local capital is promoting a new railroad from Quanah in a northwesterly direction toward Mangum, Ok., the present terminus of the Rock Island.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

Reached the Point

WHEN you have reached the point in life when you want to become a patron of a bank, come to our bank. We will be glad to offer you our services and treat you fairly. And the sooner you reach that point, the banking point, the better it will be for you. Successful people everywhere will tell you the same thing. And what everybody says must be so. See the point!

The F. & M. State Bank

H. P. COLE, Cashier

OLD SETTLER PROGRESSES WITH WESTERN COUNTRY

Abilene, Texas, Jan. 10.—Tom C. Cross, one of the earliest settlers in this, Taylor county, returned to Abilene for a short visit. Cross was a rancher in this vicinity when Abilene was a ramshackle frontier village and headquarters for rough characters. He marvels at the change, for now the town has a population of 15,000, street railways, fine business buildings and paved streets. But Cross has progressed as much, for he now owns a ranch of seventeen sections, all in one body, in Kent county.

PROBATION PETITION IS FILED BY HEIRS

A probatory petition was filed last week in the County Court by the heirs to the estate of the late J. P. Higgins, who died recently at his home in the Red Mud country.

Temporary administration was granted until the convening of the next regular term of court in February, and the widow of the deceased was appointed temporary administratrix.

The Higgins estate is valued at \$20,000, and includes one of the best stock farms in Kent county. There are eight heirs to the property.—Clairemont Reporter.

Good Results

ARE bound to follow upon a good understanding with a service-giving bank. When you a business problem affecting the financial side of your business, or even its policies, a frank discussion of the matter with your bank will help in its solution. It is a self evident fact that the better acquainted your bank becomes with you and your affairs, the better able it will be to render the kind of service you most need. To the end that this bank may become a helpful factor in your business, it invites your account.

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ment by the law, or through the visitation of the divine wrath. These are not the only evils consequent upon transgression. The first, and in a sense the greatest evil that can befall us is the self injury that necessarily follows the violation of God's law and the disregard of these warnings He gives through His silent monitor to the soul. By all means give the most sacred regard to the voice of conscience. You can no more disregard its slightest whisper than the sailor can disregard the variation of the compass. To do violence to it is to scar it with a hot iron and thus impair its powers to protect and to guide.—Agnes McEnery, in the Southern Messenger.

DR. JOSEPH DALY

Abilene, Texas

Practice Limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses Fitted. Will be in Spur, Jan. 26 and 27. See him about your Eye trouble. Office with Dr. Morris.

THE BIG MEN.

The big men dare and the big men do; they dream great dreams, which they make come true. They bridge the rivers and link the plains and gird the land with their railway trains; they make the desert break forth in bloom, they send the cataract through a flume to turn the wheels of a thousand mills and bring the coin to a nation's tills; the big men work and the big men plan, and, helping themselves help their fellow man. And the cheap men yelp at their carriage wheels, as the small dogs bark at the big dogs' heels. The big men sow while the cheap men sleep, and when they go to their fields to reap, the cheap

men cry, "We must have a share of all the grain that they harvest there!" These men are pirates who sow and reap and plan and build while we are asleep? We'll legislate till they lose their hair! We'll pass new laws that will strip them bare! We'll tax

W. D. Blair, a prominent citizen and farmer of three miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and greeting his many friends.

W. L. Grubbs, a prosperous farmer of the Red Mud country, spent several hours in Spur Saturday and while here called at the Texas Spur office.

them right and we'll tax them left, till of their plunder they are bereft; we'll show these men that we all despise their skill, their courage and enterprise!" So the small men yap at the big men's heels; the fake reformers with uplift spiels, the four-eyed dreamers with theories fine, which bring them maybe three cents a line, the born grafters who always yearn to collar coin that they do not earn. And the big men sigh as they go their way, they'll balk at the whole blamed thing some day.—Walt Mason.

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TO ENTER POLITICS

Young Bryan Will Practice Law Out in Arizona.

Son of Secretary of State Will Also Undoubtedly Become a Factor in the Political Contest of His New Home.

Tucson, Ariz.—When it was announced recently that William Jennings Bryan, Jr., had been admitted to the bar in Arizona people asked whether he was going in for politics, as did his father. The answer is, yes. The question, "Should a young man go into politics?" has been asked of statesmen, governors, mayors and lesser politicians so often that there has come to be a standard answer to it. That answer is "By all means. Young men, the best men are needed in politics. Every man, young or old, should take an interest in his government, for it is only in that way that good government can be assured."

This is the sense in which young Mr. Bryan answered the question, and he added: "As for holding office, I know of no office that I care to hold." Of course he is a Democrat.

Up to the present time he has not taken much of a part in Arizona politics. Just now he is more interested in the law and he thinks that the law of Arizona is of such a character and in such a state of development that it would be of absorbing interest to any lawyer.

"In what branch of law will you specialize?" he was asked.

"Mining, irrigation and lands." Mr. Bryan has been in Arizona five years. He is not heavy set like his father, but slender and lithe. He is the picture of health. He has a record



William J. Bryan, Jr.

as quarterback at Culver Military academy and a record as oarsman in the cutter; he knows every foot of ground within 40 miles of Tucson, he has hunted through the surrounding mountains for deer, rabbits, squirrels, quail and ducks, and he drives his car about town and to the ranch of Alexander Berger, his father-in-law, 22 miles from Tucson, near a place called Vail.

"A fellow has to have a broader foundation in the law in Arizona than in the east," he said to the correspondent. "For instance, the law on water rights is different in the west from what it is in Massachusetts and other eastern states."

"In Massachusetts the doctrine of riparian rights obtains. If a stream runs through a man's premises he owns that stream, no matter whether he uses the water or not. He may desire to simply to beautify his place.

\$140 A YEAR TO KEEP CHILD

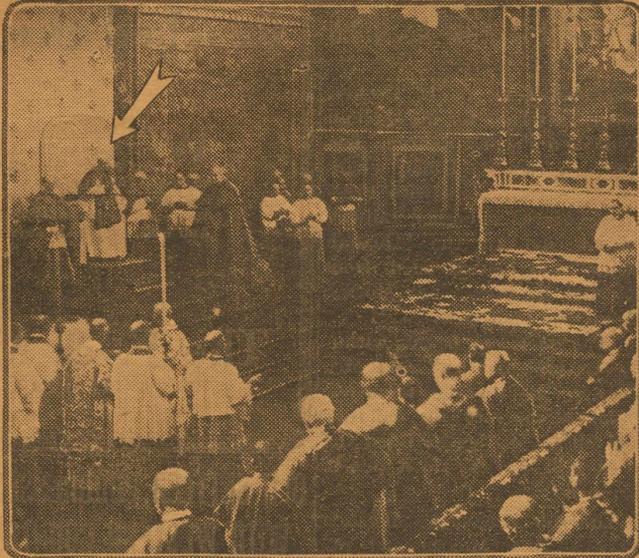
In 1903 It Could Be Done for \$101, and in 1893 \$88 Met the Expense.

Chicago.—Interesting facts in connection with the cost of rearing children were revealed in the annual report issued by the Chicago Nursery and Half-Orphan asylum, which has been in constant operation since 1860 and has cared for more than 4,500 children for periods varying from a few weeks to several years since 1874.

According to the report of that institution, from 1874 to 1883 the cost of maintaining one child for a year was \$79.98, while in the period from 1884 to 1893 it was \$88.68. From 1894 to 1903 this cost was about \$101.45, while in the period from 1904 up to the present time it has cost approximately \$140.60 a child a year, according to the report.

The purpose of the institution is to give to such children of the worthy poor as are deprived by death or other cause of the protection and support of either parent a temporary,

POPE CELEBRATES AN ANNIVERSARY



Ten years ago, on the 16th of November, Pope Pius X. took up the great work of ruling over and governing the Roman Catholic church. The photograph shows the celebration, in the Sistine chapel at Rome, of the first decade of the rule of the present pope, who is seen on the left near the pontifical chair.

Here the ownership of water is based on its beneficial use.

"This is a new state. In many instances the law has not been exactly determined. One has to know the law in other states as well as Arizona decisions. Frequently one has to dig back. There is less routine than in a lawyer's work back east.

"Opportunities are far more numerous here. There are chances for intelligent investment.

"I don't intend to leave Tucson. Phoenix, the capital, is a place of eastern climate set down in Arizona. That is to say, the humidity is great there on account of the extensive irrigation. The ground is saturated.

"The standard set for admission to the bar here is high. The personnel of the bar is high.

"The climate and the picturesqueness of the country have their attractions. Go back east and you can spot a western man as soon as you see him. They seem to be more sincere than easterners. It is because they are not so formal."

Young Mr. Bryan went from Culver academy to Nebraska State university at Lincoln, where he spent three years. He studied at the University of Arizona in Tucson and was president of the athletic association. He took the elementary course in law. From May, 1912, until February, 1913, he was absent from Tucson and during this period he studied law for half a year at Georgetown university in Washington, D. C., taking the first and second year's work. At intervals he has studied in the office of Frank H. Hereford and Frank E. Curley at Tucson. Mr. Hereford is one of the best known attorneys in the west. Mr. Curley is city attorney of Tucson. He will continue to be associated with them.

ART HELPS SOCIAL PROGRESS

Dr. Charles W. Elliot Says Landscape Architecture is Proving Attractive to Young Men.

Landscape architecture is proving one of the most attractive professions to young men graduating from the colleges, according to Dr. Charles W. Elliot, president emeritus of Harvard. Speaking of the training in this profession in Harvard, Dr. Elliot says:

"That department of this university has made notable gains in the last few years, and this year is the best one it has ever had. The best class of students are resorting to that department and in increasing numbers. Why? Because young men have discovered that in that profession they may not

only cultivate to a high degree the artistic faculty, but they may also contribute in high degree to the social progress of the community, of the country.

"We used to think that literature and philosophy were the only humanities, and much of it lingers still, but we have learned, particularly during the last 50 years, that the inspiration of all the professions in these modern days is very much the same."

Concerning present day industrialism, Dr. Elliot said:

"We hear in these days wage-earners sometimes called slaves. Nothing could be more absurd. There is a



Dr. Charles W. Elliot.

great difference between the wage-earner and the slave, who has no property, no right to his wife and children, no safety for himself. The wage system is an infinite improvement on the slavery system, but it does not present to the masses of mankind the motives which make for devoted work, for love of work, for loyalty in work."

Man Locked in Phone Booth.

New York.—After a lengthy telephone conversation David Rosenberg discovered that he had been locked in the booth and the store keeper had gone for the night. With the aid of police headquarters he was released two hours later.

What Ghosts Are Made Of.

Berlin.—"Teleplasma," a cross between smoke and spider web is what ghosts are made of, according to Prof. Schrenk Notzing, the famous expert in psychical research.

comfortable home with educational advantages according to their age in a home kindergarten or in a public school. The surviving parent, relieved of the daily care of the child, is enabled to seek employment and is not made dependent.

Except in destitute cases, when the entire expense is borne by the institution, the parent is required to pay a small weekly fee toward the maintenance of the child.

In cases of emergency arising from illness or other causes the fee is remitted until the parent recovers his position.

DEER BELONGS TO SLAYER

Pennsylvania Justice Rules Against Men Who Stalked Buck Which Another Killed.

Carlisle, Pa.—When several deer shooters have stalked a deer for hours, tramped through undergrowth and up bald cliffs—in fact, meeting all of the obstacles that may be encountered on a shooting trip—and when at last they have got a fair shot at their

quarry and raise their guns to get aim, if they then hear a shot and see the deer fall, with a bullet in him, where do they stand? According to Justice Hughes of Carlisle they don't. They just sit down and weep.

A few days ago Daniel Miller of Shiremanstown, saw a buck running toward him, and shot him. Mr. Miller was looking it over much pleased, when several men arrived, said they had been stalking the deer; that he was their lawful quarry, and took the carcass away.

The justice ruled that the deer belonged to the man who shot him, and the men who took the carcass were told to return the deer or make a cash settlement.

This section is crowded with deer shooters, who declare the sport is better than it has been in years. This is due to the shortening of open season and the rule that only bucks may be shot.

Hoboken, N. J.—Mrs. Julia Minihan has sued for divorce on the ground of her husband taking too many dinners with his mother.

Testimonial From High Authority

Mrs. Betty Lyler Wilson
(of Nashville, Tenn.)

Famous For Her Cakes Recommends

Mrs. Wilson of Nashville, Tenn., is famed the world over for her wonderfully delicious cakes. They are shipped to all parts of the Globe for special affairs where the best of Cakes are demanded.

This year, as in former years, Mrs. Wilson enjoys the distinction of making the President's Christmas Cake, using Calumet Baking Powder.

Mrs. Wilson's Baking Motto is: "To have complete success with no failures, care should be used in selection of Baking Powder."

CALUMET BAKING POWDER

Some little time ago I made a careful study and investigation of the baking powder subject and I feel fully repaid. I am firmly convinced from the results I have received that there is no baking powder to equal Calumet for wholesomeness and economy, and I also recommend Calumet Baking Powder for its never failing results.

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Mrs. Betty Lyler Wilson.

Calumet also received the Highest Awards at the World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago and Paris, France, 1912.

Buy a can of Calumet Baking Powder at once, and use it in your Holiday Bakings, making your Christmas Cakes as good as the President's.

WOULD HAVE THEM HANDY

Married Man's Explanation of Large Order Will Be Understood by Many Similar Unfortunates.

A brisk individual with the accumulated look of 20 winters of married life entered a hardware shop and without waiting for preliminaries asked:

"Do you keep hammers here?"

"That is our specialty, sir."

"Put me down for a dozen. How about screwdrivers?"

"Our great feature. Patent reversible or plain edge?"

"Give me a dozen of each; if you have any other varieties I'll take 'em, too. How about gimlets?"

"You are now mentioning our pet product. All styles."

"Give me all styles—long, short, medium, thick, thin, from the size of a needle to a pickax. Saws?"

"Of every description."

"I'll take 'em—say half a dozen or so—cross-cut, plain, round and square."

"It's down, sir. Can I interest you in nails?"

"You can indeed. I'll take some of all that you have, put up in separate packages; also tacks, brads, screws, rivets, staples—everything. And I want hooks, every hook you have, big and little. Also—"

The clerk leaned forward.

"Pardon me, sir," he said. "You seem like a sensible person. Unless you are opening up a business, I am at a loss to understand your requirements."

"It is perfectly simple, sir," said the brisk person. "I have been married for 21 years, and not once since the ceremony have I been able to locate a single implement when I wanted to put up a calendar or do any other necessary thing about the house, and the next time there is need of anything done I am going, so far as human foresight can provide for it, to have the means instantly to put my impulse to play."—Life.

Of Contradictory Weight.

"What does you understand by 'circumstantial evidence?'" asked Miss Miami Brown.

"As near as I kin splain it, I'm de way it has been splaind to me," answered Erasmus Pinkley, "circumstantial evidence is de feathers dat you leaves lyin' round after you has done et de chicken."

Slow to Realize.

"My dear," said Mr. Bickers to his wife, "I saw in the papers today a decision of a Virginia court that the wife may, in some cases, be the head of the family."

"John Henry," replied Mrs. Bickers, "the courts are sometimes very slow in finding out things!"—Puck.

Plain Prophecy.

"What did the doctor tell you today about old Uncle Jake's condition?"

"He was telling us that his mean temperature was—"

"Telling you about his mean temperature, was he? That's no news. Everybody who knows Uncle Jake knows that he hasn't anything about him that isn't mean."

Bad Form to Be Amazing.

There are no posers on the grand scale now. Our musicians have short hair and play golf. Authors cannot be distinguished from ordinary men. Art students are abandoning their amazing clothes. Even poets have given up poetical locks, and instead of writing pretty fancies worry us with poems of the outspoken natural school. Music is in tweeds, literature is in navy blue, and poetry is in a bowler hat. Apparently there is no chance of any return of affectation. The world becomes more natural every day, and every hour some neglected pose dies a natural death. There are no startling and picturesque figures. The glittering Whistler was the last of the artistic masters to pose, the last man willing to spend an hour before a looking-glass, the last man to use his own word—who could be called "amazing." For now it is bad form to be amazing, and every one is expected to be as insignificant as possible. The only affectation left is the affectation of being natural. And there could not be a duller one.

Posts, Up or Down?

The agricultural experiment station of Ohio has been making some tests as to which end of a post should be set in the ground. Farmers generally believe in planting it with the butt or root end upward, on the principle that, as it is easier for the sap to run up the tree than down it, setting the post upside down tends to prevent the rise of water and helps to keep the wood dry.

The Ohio officials planted 156 black locust posts 20 years ago. One-third of those set top down have rotted off and only a little more than one-sixth of those set top up have met a similar fate. They reach the conclusion that there is no difference which end is put into the ground, except that the sounder or longer end should have the preference.

Sensible Realization.

Quinn—Where is the young poet these days?

De Fonte—Doing well. Always has a dollar and wears a new suit. He's realized something.

Quinn—Sold some of his poems, eh?

DeFonte—No, realized that he is not a poet and got a job as book-keeper.

Recreant Auditor.

"You went to sleep during your wife's speech."

"Yes," replied Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta has been rehearsing that speech for a week. I told her I had better not come here. I know something like this would happen if she couldn't shout 'Are you listening, Leonidas?' every now and then."

Cranky Speeders.

Tjark—Ever notice these motorists winding up their machines in front? Every auto must carry a crank.

Bjenks—Yes, from the way some motorists yell at pedestrians some autos must carry two or three cranks.

COMMUNITY COOPERATION NECESSARY TO PROGRESS

Aubrey Loyd, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur the first of this week on business and spent some time here. Mr. Loyd is conducting a general mercantile business at Afton and enjoys an extensive and liberal business in that section. Throughout this year Aubrey Loyd bought cotton from the farmers of that section, paying the top railroad prices and as a result suffered the necessary loss. It is such men as Aubrey Loyd who create towns, establish superior trading points and make it possible for the country people to secure necessary accommodations and live comfortably at home. The countryman who fails to show his appreciation and consideration of such men and such accommodations by sending their cash to foreign mail order concerns when the trade considerations are anything like equal, injures himself, his business friend, the town and the country.

J. C. Morris, of the Plains country, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday after supplies and greeting his friends. Mr. Morris was formerly a citizen of Spur in earlier and balmy days. While here he was persuaded to leave a dollar with us and as a result he will hereafter read the Texas Spur.

W. H. Teague desires to inform the public that he will operate his blacksmith shop throughout the year and will appreciate your business. Will do horseshoeing and thanks all patrons for past favors and business.

Mrs. W. A. Craddock returned this week from near Crosbyton where she had been several days with her father who has been quite sick. She reports her father improving and recovering from the illness at this time.

Robt. Nichols, a leading citizen and an extensive farmer and stockman of the Lee County Settlement on the Plains, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday on business.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in Spur Wednesday and while here paid the Texas Spur a fraternal call.

MERRY WIVES CLUB.

The Merry Wives Club met with Mrs. J. E. Morris Friday afternoon. This being a business meeting only club members were present. After an hour spent very pleasantly in conversation and needle work, business was taken up. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. F. W. Jennings, president; Mrs. J. D. Reagan, vice-president; Mrs. W. S. Campbell, secretary. After the business was completed the hostess served a delicious salad course. Those present were: Mesdames T. E. Standifer, P. H. Miller, Sol Davis, Luke Davis, F. F. Mace, F. W. Jennings, H. T. Burgoon, Y. L. Jones, E. C. Edmonds, W. S. Campbell, T. L. Higginbotham.—Reporter.

J. H. Foley, representing the Pittsburg Meter Company, was in Spur this week to see how the meters sold for the Spur water works system were operating. For some cause work of installing the waterworks system has been delayed and we are not informed just when the work will begin.

J. B. Morrison recently bought a Ford, and since becoming an expert "chaffeur" he is a frequent visitor in the city and no doubt superintends and cares for his farm, ranch and other interests with more despatch, pleasure and comfort.

Miss Mary Jane Smith, W. F. Godfrey and J. R. Rhone went up to Roaring Wednesday where Miss Mary Jane will resume her duties with Love Brothers Dry Goods Company of that place.

Tom, Bill and Jim McArthur, of the Tap country, were in Spur Saturday greeting their friends and looking after business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were in Spur last week and spent some time here on business and visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster and W. F. Godfrey spent one night of last week in the Afton country with E. Ham and family.

Sheriff J. B. Conner came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on official business.

S. B. Scott, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city this week.

A MEETING OF DICKENS COUNTY AGRICUL. ASS'N.

Don't forget the meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Association to be held in the vacant building next door to the F. & M. State Bank. The meeting will be called promptly at 2 p. m., Saturday, January 17th. Remember the time and place. Every member is urged to be present, while visitors are cordially invited. The notice in last week's issue relative to date of the next meeting of Dickens County Agricultural Association was erroneously stated December 17th instead of January 17th. The meeting will be held on the latter date promptly at 2 p. m., in vacant building near the F. & M. State Bank.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRESS

J. A. Murchison came in last week from his farm home in the Draper country and hauled out lumber and posts with which to make improvements on his place two or three miles east of Spur. With the bright crop prospects now prevailing in this section, development and improvement progress will continue uninterrupted. Come to the Spur country if you want to live long and prosper.

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Lost—In pasture along east fence of C. J. Gardner's place about 1 mile east of Cat Fish, a gray overcoat. Finder return to Western Hotel and receive reward. 11-2t-p.

J. E. Wright, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur this week on business and trading with merchants.

Poet Hagins, of the Duck Creek community, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his many friends of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bachelor, of San Antonio, spent several days of this week in Spur visiting his brother, Dr. and Mrs. Bachelor.

Walter Wilson and wife, of Lockney, spent several days in Spur this week visiting J. H. Fox and family.

R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, was in the city Wednesday and spent several hours here greeting friends.

J. S. Neal, of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Ned Hogan left the latter part of last week to visit her parents in the Eastern part of state.

J. E. Sparks was in the city Saturday from his farm home in the Tap country.

The best \$1 investment is one year's subscription to the Texas Spur. Now is the opportunity.

TAP TELLINGS.

A part of the singing clubs of Dry Lake, together with Prof. English, attended the singing here last Sunday evening. A large crowd from all parts of the country attended and we had some of that good singing worth listening to. We can highly commend Mr. English to the people as being one of the best teachers of vocal music to be found anywhere. He taught us a school here last summer, and by his kind words and polite manners made many friends. Come again friends, we are always glad to have you with us.

Mr. Fayette Dozier is moving his household goods and farming implements from Spur this week. Mr. Dozier will reside at the place vacated by Mr. T. B. Rutherford, while Mr. Rutherford will still be with us, only moving southeast two miles to Jim Perkins place. You will know a good country by the immigrants going to it, and staying when they get there.

J. S. Neal has moved to a part of the W. J. Elliot land, up the creek, and will remain with us until spring and probably all the year. A man need not leave Dickens county to better himself, for if he does he'll come back—"for he's coming."

J. H. Sparks spent Sunday evening with W. E. McArthur. These are two old Confederate friends, and we wish for them many more pleasant visits to each other, for a way down deep in our hearts we've got a feeling for the old Confederates.

Mr. Wesley Boling and Miss Daisy Dewey were quietly married Sunday morning. We wish for the young couple much happiness as they travel life's journey together.

Mrs. D. C. Abney is reported on the sick list this week. We have known Mrs. Abney for many years, and hope she will soon recover.

Mr. John Hinson has moved to the A. W. Manning place recently vacated by J. S. Neal.

T. S. Lambert and J. E. Sparks made a business trip to Spur this week.

Prof. Stephens attended the singing at Dickens last Sunday.

L. S. Scott will soon have his large tank completed.

J. E. Sparks is enlarging his orchard this week.

H. E. Parsons is on the sick list this week.

The Boling-Dewey shiver-ree lasted throughout the night Sunday night.—Kid-a-lude.

A. T. ODENEAL DIES AT STANDIFER HOSPITAL

At half past six o'clock Sunday afternoon A. T. Odeneal died at the Standifer Hospital after an illness of two or three weeks, he having had an operation performed just one week before his death. The remains were interred Monday in the Spur Cemetery, the funeral service being conducted by Sanders Taylor at the family residence and attended by a number of sorrowing friends.

A. T. Odeneal had lived several years in Spur, conducting a jewelry, watch repairing and optical establishment. At the time of his death he was about sixty-five years of age, and during more than fifty years of his life he was a consecrated Christian gentleman, devoting time, study and service to his religion as well as to commercial enterprises. In his younger days he was prominent in state and national political affairs, and throughout life he contributed more than his prorata in promoting the best interests of the country and furthering the interests of humanity. A. T. Odeneal was a good man, worthy the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him, and in his death the country has lost a worthy citizen. To the bereaved family the Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy.

MARRIED.

Sunday Miss Eula Williams and Earl Joplin surprised their friends and acquaintances by driving over to Dickens, securing marriage license and having the ceremonial marriage rights solemnized in the presence of a few witnesses and friends. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple returned to Spur and throughout the week have been receiving the congratulations of friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Williams and Mr. Joplin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Joplin, and in their marriage two of the best and most highly respected families of the town and country are thus united. The Texas Spur extends its very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joplin and wishes them a long, happy, prosperous and useful married life.

THE BABY'S GOOD-BYE.

He kissed his Grandmamma good-bye,
The little child at the station door;
And Grandma murmured with a sigh,
"Perhaps I ne'er shall see him more."

His Grandpa caught his finger tips
And clasped him to his loving breast,
And on his pretty rosebud lips
A trembling kiss he slowly pressed.

As if to say, "It is the last
That I perhaps will ever claim.
My days on earth will soon be past—
My life is but a flickering flame."

The pathos of the baby's kiss,
"Grandpa" and "Grandma's" sad good-bye,

Their joy and sorrow, pain and bliss,
Brought tears to sympathetic eyes.

Life is ever thus dear friends,
Youth holds to fleeting age its arms,
While age its palsied clasp extends
To youth and fame would stay its charms

For one brief hour, but alas!
Our youthful days we can not stay,
Old age comes on, and like the grass,
We wither down and pass away.

—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

Mr. Buyer!!

THIS is a year when the man or woman "who can" finance his or her business in a manner to take advantage and trade with "cash merchants" will find that when crop selling time comes again, instead of being confronted with "excessive obligations" you may say to yourself "I have done pretty well this year—I only owe the Bank \$100." It will be much better to handle your business in this way, and it can be done. Let us help you in our line. We have the price. Plenty New Oxfords for Men and Women and Children. Plenty Cheap Overcoats, Suits, Ladies Suits and Coats and All Winter Weight Goods to close at "Better" Prices than is known elsewhere in this entire section of country.

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The thirteenth candidate for governor of Texas has already made his announcement, and notwithstanding his position in the announcement column, he no doubt will make the campaign of the state at the proper time with as much assurance of success in the end as any one of the candidates. Here is a list of the candidates: W. P. Lane, Austin; Will H. Mayes, Brownwood; Chester H. Terrell, San Antonio; John G. Willacy, Portland; Will A. Hanger, Fort Worth; Chas. H. Mills, Corsicana; Leopold Morris, Victoria; W. A. Chatterton, Waco; Dr. B. M. Worsham, El Paso; W. F. Robertson, Dallas; James E. Ferguson, Temple; J. H. Marable, Mineola; F. G. Thompson, Sherman; a total of thirteen.

Every merchant is bound to admit that Sears-Roebuck & Co., Montgomery-Ward and other mail order concerns do a big business and enjoy an extensive trade, even within the Spur trade territory. Every merchant also knows, without a doubt, that these concerns get this business as a direct result of the use of printer's ink—"Advertising." If the concerns up in New York, St. Louis, Chicago and other foreign cities, by the use of printers ink, can reach out here and get business, how much more business could the home merchant get in the same manner? Advertising creates business and if you overlook or neglect the advertising end of your business you are neglecting the most important feature of that business. The foreign advertiser suggests to the possible buyer, describes the goods, tells what it will cost and makes the sale of goods sight-unseen. The home merchant will have to go after that business in the same way, or in a more attractive and effective manner, and the home man has the advantage in that he can show the goods to be sold provided he will reach out, attract and induce the buyer to come in to look.

Prohibition and anti-prohibition is playing a most important part in the consideration of a nominee for governor of Texas, while little if any attention is being given the prohibition question with reference to the selection of representatives to the Legislature. We have always understood that the Legislature was the law-making body of the state, and if the prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists want to do real, effective work in securing more liquor legislation they had better pay more attention to the selection and election of representatives to the Legislature. However, we believe that the majority of the voters of Texas prefer to drop prohibition questions from politics for a time, believing that the present laws enacted will be effective in meeting the desired ends. The present law prohibits either the shipment to or receiving of intoxicating liquors within prohibition territory.

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GILPIN NEWS.

Hello Mr. Texas Spur and Texas Spur readers: It has been a good while since we have been before you, but will try to give you a few brief happenings.

Most of the people in the community are in good health and feeling fine.

Top Hawkins and Willie Hagins made a flying trip to Roaring Springs Friday and report a nice time.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filed his regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely and Prof. Walden is all smiles this week. He seems to be enjoying life.

W. P. Sampson is on the sick list but we hope he is better by this time.

We are proud of our new neighbor, Mr. Turner, who has moved to Mr. Sampson's place. It is reported that he will put in a blacksmith shop.

L. W. Clark and family spent Sunday with Rev. W. B. Bennett and family.

E. R. Hagins and family were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins Sunday.

The farmers are preparing for a great crop this year.

J. Carlisle is sowing oats.

Everybody come to prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. Prof. Walden is leader.

We are preparing for a Literary Society at Duck Creek, and everybody is invited.

Most all of the children have their books now and the school is moving on nicely. The patrons of the school are cordially invited to visit and inspect the school work.—A School Chap.



GIVES MIDNIGHT ALARM

Farmer Stout was awakened from a sound sleep by the ringing of his telephone bell. The barn of his neighbor, three miles down the turnpike, had been broken into and a driving horse stolen.

The horse-thieves were headed toward the Stout farm. Calling his hands he armed his forces, lined them upon the turnpike, captured the thieves and held them until the arrival of the Sheriff.

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J. I. Greer, one of the best citizens and most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and while here visited the Texas Spur office.

Money—James Brown, of Matador, makes farm loans at 9 per cent. No commission to borrower. Money ready. 11-tf.

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GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

After an absence of several weeks, I will send you a few items.

Hon. and Mrs. A. J. Hagins and children, of near Jayton, Mrs. S. Smith and children, of Spur, Messrs. Carl and Paul Hagins and Misses Pearl and Alice Goodwin, of near Jayton, were welcome guests at Gilpin since Christmas.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins and also at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins for our young folks during the holidays. All report a splendid time.

The dinner given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle's Christmas day will long be remembered by the Gilpin folks. Had not the table been so stout, we are sure it would have groaned beneath its load of good things. There was a monstrous turkey, tender, juicy and brown, garnished with delicious dressing and cranberry sauce, and all kinds of pies, cakes, custards and sweet meats imaginable, which was hugely enjoyed by the many guests. All the Gilpin folks and a goodly number from Girard were present. We feel very much indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle for this kindness, and may they live to enjoy many more Christmas days in the sincere wish of their many friends.

A number of our young folks attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dooley, of near Girard, Christmas night. All report a pleasant time.

Our young folks were also pleasantly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carlisle, of Girard, during the holidays.

"A School Chap" can tell you the rest.—A Farmer.

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