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## DICKENS COUNTY HAS 700 QUALIFIED VOTERS

There were 650 poll tax receipts and exemptions issued before February 1st to voters in Dickens county as follows:

Dickens,	73	polls,	1	exem.
Liberty,	50	"	1	"
Afton,	95	"	2	"
Dry Lake,	44	"	0	"
Red Mud,	33	"	3	"
Duck Creek,	33	"	0	"
Wichita,	29	"	2	"
Dumont,	17	"	1	"
Croton,	40	"	0	"
Spur,	182	"	9	"
Plains,	35	"	0	"
A total of	631	"	19	"

There are in the county some thirty or forty qualified voters over the age limit, and possibly ten or twenty citizens who hold poll tax receipts issued elsewhere, making a total of about seven hundred qualified voters now in Dickens county.

### POLL TAXES ELSEWHERE.

In Kent county 484 poll taxes were issued as follows: Clairemont 74, Jayton 196, Red Mud 38, Polar 51, Riverdale 26, Luzon 29, Girard 70.

In Garza county there are 346 poll taxes and exemptions as follows: Post City 209, James Ranch, 6, New Hope 24, Burnham 45, Commissary 33, Stovall's 29. The total voting strength will be about 275.

In Stonewall county there are 786 poll taxes and exemptions.

In Crosby county there were issued 554 poll taxes and exemptions.

In Floyd county 1100 poll taxes and exemptions were issued.

Scurry County has 1,408 voters

### FOR COUNTY CLERK.

In the announcement column this week will be found the name of C. C. Cobb for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk. Crawford Cobb needs no introduction to the voters. He has been a citizen of the county ten or fifteen years, and during the greater part of that time he edited the Dickens Item to his own loss but to the benefit of the town and county. He has served two terms as Clerk, and this fact, owing to custom, is the greatest charge against his re-election. During the two terms he has served the county faithfully and well, and there is no question but that he is better qualified and can give more efficient service in the future than in the past. Crawford Cobb is a man who has no enemies, one who will to his own injury accommodate a friend, and in an official capacity he has ever been considerate and accommodating to constituents and the public, and always accurate and prompt in official duties. We ask the voters to give the candidacy of Crawford Cobb a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot in the July Primary.

### POOL HALL ELECTION

Petitions are being circulated in the city this week, asking the Commissioners' Court to call an election to determine whether or not pool halls shall be permitted to be operated in Lubbock county.—Avalanche.

### FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The Texas Spur is authorized this week to announce G. B. Joplin as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Joplin has been a citizen of Spur since the beginning of the town and is well known to the voters of the whole county. The writer has known Mr. Joplin a number of years before coming to Dickens county, and he has always been recognized among the very best citizenship. Mr. Joplin is well qualified to fill the office of Tax Assessor, and if elected he will give the county and the people the very best and most efficient services. The Texas Spur asks the voters of the county to give Mr. Joplin's candidacy a due and deserved consideration in the July Primary.

### CASES CONTINUED.

We are authorized by R. S. Holman, one of the attorneys in the cases, to state that the cases of the State vs Bob Holley, Fred Willis, John Adams and J. W. Edwards have been continued for the next term and no witnesses in either case required to go to Benjamin, in Knox county, where the cases were transferred.

### NEW READERS ADDED TO TEXAS SPUR LIST

The following names have been added lately to our subscription list as new readers of the Texas Spur: E. Z. Wyatt, E. Haase, Spur Light Co., G. W. Elmore, B. F. Bural, J. C. Martin, E. A. Langford, T. W. Franklin, L. G. Garrett and W. Neilon of Spur; Cullen C. Higgins, Snyder; W. D. Hindman, Willspoint; J. C. Morris, Wake; Mrs. T. F. Wolfe, Cross Plains; Miss Ollie Clarke, Albany; W. T. Lovell, Draper, Mrs. J. L. Law, Dickens; V. W. Stephenson, Grays, Ark., and J. L. Hearne, Jayton. If you are not a reader of the Texas Spur, nothing would please us more than to put your name on our list.

### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Hon. A. J. Hagins, representative of this district in the State Legislature, was in Spur this week from his home in Kent county. Mr. Hagins is making the campaign for re-election to the next Legislature and it is very probable that he will have no opponent. His record in the past Legislature is evidence that he is a safe and sane representative, one who is right on all legislative questions, and who does not encourage and promote fanatical legislation for the sake of popularity at the expense of the public. In our announcement column will be found the name of Hon. A. J. Hagins for Representative, and the Texas Spur asks the voters to consider his qualifications and fitness for the office before casting a ballot in the July Primary.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow made a business trip this week to Stamford, returning the latter part of the week.

## WILL DEFINITELY SETTLE COUNTY BOUNDARY LINE

The proper authorities this week began the work of ascertaining the correct boundary line between Kent and Dickens counties, in that the strip of land under the jurisdiction of Dickens county but which in the opinion of the authorities here is a rightful part of Kent county and may be recovered.

For some time it has been the opinion of many that the present recognized line between the two counties was incorrect. Official action in the matter, however, has been deferred until all information of record regarding the original survey might be secured and used as assistance in determining the proper steps to take.

It is the opinion of the authorities here that the present recognized boundary between the two counties begins in the northwest corner of Kent county at a point one mile south of the original survey, and crosses the north border of the county in a direction a few degrees north of east, intersecting the old survey near the northeast corner of the county. This strip of land comprises several hundred acres and its recovery will increase the worth of Kent county by several thousand dollars and the revenue to be derived from this source would represent a saving to the tax payers in an item not of secondary importance.

The original survey was made by Dickens county several years ago, but no record of the field notes was made here. Judge Glenn has made requisition to the county clerk of Dickens county for a certified copy of the field notes, and upon its arrival here the steps as outlined above will be taken up.

It is the opinion of the County Judge that no controversy will result from the claims to be instituted by Kent county, should the boundary line be not in accord with the original field notes, he believing that the authorities concerned will consent to a mutual arbitration.—Clairement Reporter.

### COLLAR BONE BROKEN.

Ned Bowers, who has been with E. R. Rorie at the Spur Ranch camp several miles northeast of Spur, had his collar bone broken Wednesday by a horse falling with him while riding after cattle near Wilson tank. He was brought to town by Mr. Rorie for surgical treatment, and while the injury was painful it is not considered serious and requires only a simple operation. We hope soon to note Mr. Bowers' complete recovery.

### PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and hauled out a big load of farm implements which he purchased while here. Mr. Arrington is one of the best and most successful farmers of the country, and in buying more farming machinery and tools he is keeping in the procession of progressive farmers.

### FOR SHERIFF.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce J. B. Conner as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. J. B. Conner is now serving his first term in the Sheriff's office, and upon his qualifications and record of the services rendered he asks for your consideration in giving him the customary second term in office.

Throughout the two years of his service as Sheriff and Tax Collector Mr. Conner has demonstrated a superior ability and efficiency in discharging the duties of the office. The Tax-Collector's books and rolls are neatly posted and correctly recorded, and in every instance citizens and the general public have been accorded due consideration and most respectful treatment from the Sheriff and Tax Collector's official department. J. B. Conner, as a gentleman and public official, is worthy the respect and confidence of constituents and the public, and the Texas Spur presents his name to readers and asks the voters to give his candidacy for re-election to the second term due consideration in casting a ballot in the Primary Election.

## LARGEST POULTRY-PRODUCE FIRM IN THE WEST.

We are going to make this the largest poultry market in the West. We are preparing a poultry yard so we can take care of all you raise this year, so bring them to us. You need not be afraid to raise this year on the account of a market, because we will furnish that part of it. We want your eggs, few or many.

Groceries—We have a complete stock and the price is always right. You can save money by trading with us. We sell for cash.

Racket Goods—See our store for Racket Goods, 5c and 10c counters of value. Come on and meet with friends.—Luce & Brannen Brothers.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT.

Commissioners Court has been in session throughout this week. Judge Ferguson and the Commissioners are giving the county an able and progressive administration of public affairs. The roads are being placed in first-class shape in a systematic manner with the use of the regular road and bridge tax and fund. In fact, with the use of the drag after each rain Dickens county will have as good roads as can be had outside of building permanent macadam or concrete highways. We congratulate Judge Ferguson and the Commissioners on the efficient administration of county affairs.

Judge R. S. Holman is now recognized as an old man, a grandfather, a fine boy having been born Tuesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rucker at their home in Afton. Mrs. Holman is now in Afton to look after the grandson for a time.

## ADVERTISING FACTS ALL MERCHANTS KNOW

The merchant who spends his money for advertising space has but one object—to increase his business. He wants to attract new customers and to let old customers know what particular bargains are available or what desirable new goods have arrived. He does not advertise from motives of vanity, merely to see his name in print. Neither does he do it from motives of charity. The paper is not soliciting gifts.

No; the merchant is after business, and he goes after it in a business way. He knows that it will not pay to advertise bargains that are not genuine, that it will not be profitable to make false claims or statements. He is building not only for today and tomorrow, but for next week, next month, next year. Looking to the future makes him conservative and truthful in his statement.

Every advertisement in this paper is proof of the confidence of the advertiser in the goods he offers. He has confidence in himself, in the publication and in the intelligence of the readers. You can profit by sharing his confidence.—By Holland.

### A PARABLE ON BOYS

Verily in this day and generation, the father raiseth up boy on the streets and sidewalks. He lieth around the soda founts and imbibeth slops and hookworm. He groweth in knowledge of nothing save cigarettes and cuss words. When he attaineth the age of sixteen he acquireth a suit of clothes turned up at the bottom two furlongs above his feet. He displayeth a pair of noisy sox with purple back ground and violets to the front. He weareth low-cut tan shoes, and a green tie and he looketh like a banana merchant on the streets of Cairo. The inside of his head looketh like the inside of a pumpkin. He falleth in love with a spindle shanked girl, with pink ribbons in her hair, and longeth for an automobile to drive her forth in the springtime. He scattereth his money like a cyclone scattereth a rail fence. He sitteth up at night to write poetry and giveth no time to the multiplication table. His mind turneth to the vanities of life and not to the high cost of cornbread. Verily, verily, he needeth a board applied vigorously to the northwest corner of his anatomy. He thinketh his father a plodder and his mother a back number. He pictureth to himself great riches suddenly acquired. He dreameth of steam yachts and private cars. He thinketh himself the real stuff. He butteth in where he is not wanted; he criticiseth his elders; he purchaseth perfume and smelleth louder than a billy goat. When he groweth up he getteth a job as a clerk in a store at a dollar a day and swipeth extra change from his boss until he is caught. Selah.

Moral: Keep the boy at home after dark. Make the home a shelter and a retreat for the children, not a prison.—Ex.

# The Fair Creole's Fortune

By SIR WALTER BESANT and JAMES RICE

A Novel of Absorbing Interest, With a Beautiful Girl as the Intended Pawn In a Marriage of Financial Convenience. :: ::



Then He Stooped and Kissed Her Forehead.

## PROLOGUE.

Captain Kemys and Captain Ferrier, English army officers, marry creole cousins. They become planters. Ferrier dies, and Kemys is guardian of the former's daughter, Virginie. Kemys is poor. If his son Tom and Virginie were to marry his troubles would end. But Virginie's second cousin, Guy Talbot Ferrier, Virginie's second guardian, writes Kemys urging him to send Virginie to England, referring to arranging a brilliant match for her. She says that Miss Ferrier, Virginie's cousin, will also welcome the girl. Guy receives two letters, one from his sister advising his marriage with Virginie and another from his chorus girl wife, to whom he is secretly married, but not living with. She says when their son is of age she will expose Guy. Guy decides to go to England on the same steamer as Virginie, as does the professor also. Not wishing to exhibit his feeling, Tom remains ashore while the rest bid last farewells. In England Guy is again reminded by his sister of his money entanglement. Virginie, under Maude's influence, is easily led to believe that Guy is her silent worshiper. The three riding in Hyde park are recognized by Violet Lovelace, Guy's wife, who is surrounded by admirers. Mr. Percival, no longer a professor, has aspirations as a novelist. His close companion is Elsie, daughter of his landlady. Elsie is employed by Violet Lovelace as governess for her boy, the identity of whose father is kept secret. Guy, deliberating, concludes that a release from his marriage could be satisfactorily arranged and begins to show marked attention to Virginie, while Maude, at the piano, watches anxiously.

## Engaged.

GUY for the first time in Maude's experience seemed attracted, and by Virginie. Maude played more softly, more dreamily. In the old, old days, when he was a lad fresh from Eton and still open to sweet influences, this dreamy music would make him sit listening as long as she chose to play.

Now it fell upon his soul as some potent drug mounts to the brain and makes a man see things which exist not and believe things impossible to be real. His freedom was already achieved—somehow; he was actually free—in imagination. The "other one" had actually accepted her discharge—in his imagination.

He was able to do under these happy circumstances what his sister wanted him to do. He would make her happy; he would make his cousin happy; he would make his father happy. He put the thing to himself in this lively, benevolent way, as if it was a duty closely connected with the fifth commandment.

"Virginie," he whispered. She blushed. It was the first time that her cousin had addressed her by her Christian name.

"Virginie," he repeated gently. I have said that he had a low, rich voice.

Maude heard. She saw her brother's bending head and her cousin's blushing cheeks, and she went on playing more softly, more dreamily, as if her very soul were wrapped and lapped in the melody.

"May I see you alone?" he asked.

"Virginie, my happiness is at stake." She made no reply. Maude, watching, saw how her color came and went.

Then Lord Ferrier stepped to her and interrupted the conversation.

"Will you sing to me, my dear?" he said. "Will you sing me one of your little French songs?"

"If that will give you any pleasure, my lord."

"All that you do, fair cousin, gives me pleasure. You are born under a happy star, to give nothing but pleasure to all who love you, my dear."

She smiled and sang her song. Guy stood by her. When she finished he whispered again, "Let me see you alone. Let me call upon you tomorrow. You will see me alone?"

"I will try," she said, blushing.

Mrs. Hallows had other engagements for the evening, but when they came away Virginie requested to be set down at home. She had a headache.

"My dear," said her guardian, "Captain Ferrier asked me tonight to allow him to see you tomorrow alone. I told him that I could not possibly make any objection. But your decision is in your own hands, Virginie. Shall I say anything for it—or against it?"

"Oh, no—no!" she replied; "only—it seems so sudden—and what will Cap-

tain Kemys say, and my mother and Tom?"

"If Tom is a good brother," said Mrs. Hallows, "he will be rejoiced. Captain Kemys is a sensible man. As for your mother, why, my dear, can it be possible that she would not rejoice at your marriage with the heir, who will some day be the head of the house, the future Lord Ferrier? Ask your heart, my dear, and leave the rest to me."

"I ask my heart in vain," said the girl, half laughing, half sighing; "for I get no reply."

"You do not dislike him?"

"Oh, no—no. How can I dislike a man so good and noble as Guy?"

Mrs. Hallows said nothing for awhile. She was, in fact, lost in natural admiration of Maude's great cleverness, because she had, for her own part, looked in vain for the least sign of this great nobility. Maude had filled this young person's mind with a romantic and impossible conception of her brother's character.

"If you do not dislike him, my dear child, the way is already paved for love. But, indeed, I would not seek to persuade you."

All night long Virginie lay tossing, disquiet, anxious. If she dropped asleep dreadful dreams came to her. She was back at Mon Desir. Tom looked at her with reproachful eyes; the professor held up hands at her and turned away in despair, reminding her that he had always loved her and expected to be considered after Tom. Even Captain Kemys, when he saw her coming slowly up the avenue of palms, dropped his face in his hands, as if he were ashamed of her.

But why? For surely it was a great thing for her and a thing which her father would have liked, and Captain Ferrier was the best of men, although of such sensitive and highly strung nature. And perhaps it would please Lord Ferrier, and Maude would like it, and Mrs. Hallows would like it. And yet—and yet some fear, some regret, some disappointment, in her mind. And when she rose on the morning it was with red eyes and a heavy heart.

"Guy," Maude whispered before they parted, "what did you say to Virginie tonight?"

"I could not say much with all of you in the room. What I am to say tomorrow will please you, Maude."

"I hope it will please her."

"I suppose it will. Why shouldn't it? Most girls like to marry an eldest son. Besides—oh, of course it will please her."

"And then, Guy—Guy, remember a wife is not a sister." The tears came into her eyes. "If you make her unhappy, as you have made me unhappy, I shall never forget that if I had told her the truth she would rather die than marry you. Yet if not for you for my father's sake I would do it again, whatever the consequences. I would rather that Virginie were unhappy than that his last years should be disgraced."

"Thank you, Maude. You are a kind and loving sister. You always contrive to say such pleasant things when a man has gone out of his way to please you."

In the morning Captain Ferrier called upon Virginie. She was still actively engaged in following Mrs. Hallows' advice—namely, in asking her own heart. She wanted to find out how she should like to marry her cousin, and she could not get the least glimpse or foreshadowing of what would happen or how things might be, either toward happiness or repentance in the future. Nor could she understand herself as Guy Ferrier's daily companion. If she had been older, more experienced, a reader of novels or of poetry,

## The Scheming of a Desperate Woman For the Sake of a Profligate Brother and the Resulting Adventures of Winsome Virginie Ferrier.

she would have understood perfectly well that there was no fluttering of her heart at the prospect before her, and that she cared nothing at all about the man, but only respected an ideal.

And now he stood before her; he bent over her; he whispered in his low, full voice, which really sounded as if he was full of feeling.

"Virginie, you know why I am here. Will you bid me hope?"

She made no reply, because she did not know what to say.

"It is for my own happiness." These were the same words he had used last night, and it did seem to Virginie, even at that moment, as if at such a moment there was more to be considered than her suitor's happiness.

Still she made no reply.

"My sister Maude will be pleased, I know. My father will be pleased, I am sure. Virginie, give me your hand."

He took it; he held it. Then he stooped and kissed her forehead. She had said nothing, not one word. But she was engaged.

Her lover dropped her hand and walked to the window, with a sigh. Why did he sigh? Then he came back and sat beside her.

He spoke slowly and said little, and that little was strange. It was an arrangement, he repeated in cold and measured words, that would be satisfactory to all concerned. It was necessary for him to marry; it was pleasant to marry his cousin; they would have an early day fixed; his father would perhaps be the best person to write to Captain Kemys, and she should write to her mother, and perhaps she would tell Mrs. Hallows, and so they could all go on just the same as before.

Then he rose and said that he believed there was no more to be said, and he kissed her again on the forehead and went away.

Mrs. Hallows came into the room and asked her, with a smile, if she had seen Captain Ferrier and then kissed her and congratulated her and told her that she was a girl greatly to be envied and that her own fortune, added to her lover's position, ought to enable her to take any place—any place she pleased—in society. "And then, my dear," she said, "you will remember me and ask me to your very best parties."

The happy lover went straight to his sister. He was feeling, in fact, pretty low about the thing he had done. Still, there was no cause for anxiety; not the least. The other person would be rejoiced to meet him halfway. But he rather began to wish that he had paid the less pleasant visit first.

"I've done it, Maude," he said, in deep and sepulchral tones.

"Done it! You mean that you have actually—"

"Yes, I'm engaged to the Creole girl. That's what I mean."

"Oh, Guy! I am so happy and thankful. But why are you looking gloomy over it?"

"Because I feel gloomy."

"I suppose I am a fool, but I confess I cannot sympathize with you, my brother."

"No, I did not suppose you would."

"It can't be money at such a moment."

"It isn't money. It's worse than money, perhaps. Oh, Maude"—Here he stopped. "No. Now I'm engaged," he added, more lightly, "I shall go round and tell them all to wait."

"There is no one, is there," Maude asked suspiciously, "that you would rather marry? You are not in love somewhere else, are you, Guy?"

"In love! Women are always thinking of love—no, there is no one else I would rather marry. Come, Maude, never mind. Be pleased because you've got what you wanted, and I shall have the money—with the wife. Pity I can't borrow it of her—and let her marry some one else!"

"Do you happen to know—but, of course, you could not ask her—how it is settled?"

"I don't know. I suppose I shall get the spending of it somehow, whichever way it is settled."

"I asked Mrs. Hallows once, but she does not know. Nor does she know how much it is. There is a charge on the estate for the mother for life—that is all she knows. Well, Guy"—she heaved a great sigh—"you will have it, whatever the amount is, but I hope, I sincerely hope, that it is all tied up and settled upon her, so that she cannot even sell out."

"No one loses who can hold on," said Guy gravely. "The worst of it is having to leave off just when your luck is on the turn."

[To be continued.]

## A Glance at Current Topics

### Indians Claim \$200,000,000.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A claim for \$200,000,000 against the United States has been entered by nearly 500 Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Michigan for alleged deprivation of valuable lands and fishing rights.

The former claims of a similar nature were recognized by the government, which paid the Indians \$200,000.

The entire case hinges on the interpretation of the treaty of 1833 between the government and twelve Indian

Williamowitz and Mollendorff, chairman of the German Society For the Protection of Bird Life, says that his estates were infested with mosquitoes till some years ago he stocked his ponds with thousands of wild ducks.

Dr. Heinroth, one of the keepers of the Berlin Zoological garden, a specialist on the habits of ducks, points out that there has been a great diminution of the mosquito pest in the Thiergarten, Berlin's large wooded park, since wild duck were introduced some years ago on its lakes and stagnant water courses.

### Talk to Joaquin Miller's Spirit.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—The widow of Joaquin Miller said at the Heights, the poet's former home in the hills back of Oakland, that she had held communication with her husband since his death, and her daughter Juanita corroborated this statement. They would go into no details, but said they had heard the poet's voice and that he had given them assurances that all was well with him.

Neighbors say they have seen the shadowy form of the poet of the Sierras walking at night near the cairn which he built of big stones near his monument to Moses.

Mrs. Miller also said that in her husband's life she frequently communicated with him across the continent or that the force of his thoughts reached her when she was in New York and he was at his home here in Oakland.

### "Father and Son" Idea Takes.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 2.—Queries received by Secretary Robert E. Lewis of the Cleveland Young Men's Christian association regarding the "Father and Son" movement launched here indicate that the idea is taking root in many cities.

Washington, Harrisburg, Charleston W. Va., Mansfield, O., and other points as far east as Bangor, Me., and as far west as Denver have declared their intention of spreading the movement. Civic bodies and, in the case of Harrisburg and Charleston, city executives asked details for carrying on the plan.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, the first American mayor to issue a proclamation urging fathers and sons to begin the new year with a resolve to be more intimate and companionable said:

"If we can begin now with the resolve that our sons shall be more our companions and our fathers more our comrades it will add both to the sweetness of our private life and to the value of our citizenship."

### Dr. Jameson In a New Role.

Cape Town, Feb. 1.—Sir Leander Starr Jameson, leader of the famous raid which prefaced the Boer war and premier of Cape Colony from 1894 to 1898, has found a fresh field for his energies as head of the Chartered Company of South Africa, which has millions of acres of grazing land that it plans to turn into ranches.

Jameson, as a young doctor, went to South Africa when he was told that his lungs could not stand the climate of England. At Cape Town he became the leading surgeon, and gossip credited him with an income of £10,000 a year. But he gave up his practice to ally himself with the empire builder,

and to increase the number of surgeons detailed for this work and should enlarge the accommodations at some of our immigration stations."

### Harvard Square to Go.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 4.—Harvard square, about which student activities have centered for years, is to be transformed. Harvard officials have been investigating with a view to making the college surroundings more beautiful.

Massachusetts avenue is to assume a Parisian boulevard effect by the alteration of the present old store and office buildings and the erection of arcades. Among the new structures planned are a theater, a woman's college and a hotel. The proposed changes will cost \$3,000,000.

### Eggs as Money in Arkansas.

Harrison, Ark., Feb. 2.—Eggs are becoming so scarce in the mountainous section of Arkansas that they are being used as a medium of exchange. Not only are they acceptable for payment at grocery stores and mercantile establishments, but at motion picture theaters. One egg admits a minor and two one adult.

### Ducks Will Kill Mosquitoes.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—"The most effective method of exterminating mosquitoes," says Dr. Gebbing, director of the Leipzig zoological garden, "is to keep wild ducks on the ponds where they breed. These birds feed eagerly upon all insect life in the larval state, and where there are plenty of ducks very few of the larvae reach the glories of mosquitohood, even in the most stagnant pools."

Dr. Gebbing gives numerous cases to substantiate this claim. Count von



Photo by American Press Association. A Chippewa Chief, One of Those Who Has Made Big Demand.

tribes. Under this it has been the belief that the Indians sold all their rights to the islands in the great lakes region. It has been discovered, however, that because of faulty wording of the treaty this is not the case and that the islands and waters in the great lakes region are not included.

### Eugenic Test For Aliens.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Professor Robert de Courcy Ward, professor of climatology in Harvard university, urging the application of the principles of eugenics to the American immigration problem, thinks that our present laws aim to exclude some twenty-one classes of mentally, physically, morally and economically undesirable aliens. On paper the list of the excluded classes is long and formidable and seems more than sufficient to accomplish our eugenic purposes, but the fact is that careful and unprejudiced students of immigration agree that these laws do not keep out the unfit so as to preserve the status quo, to say nothing of promoting eugenic improvement.

"We could insist that each alien on landing here," says Professor Ward, "should undergo a very thorough mental and physical examination at the hands of our public health and marine hospital service physicians. These examinations should involve the usual physical examinations for physical defects, mental tests, tests for contagious diseases and similar precautions."

"It is nothing short of a crime to admit people, as often happens in a rush season, at the rate of 3,000, 4,000 or 5,000 a day at Ellis island. We ought largely to increase the number of surgeons detailed for this work and should enlarge the accommodations at some of our immigration stations."



Sir Leander Starr Jameson, Leader of the Famous Jameson Raid.

Cecil Rhodes. Alone and unarmed, Jameson traveled to the court of the powerful and dreaded Matabele chief, Lobengula, and gained from him concessions which meant enormous wealth for Rhodes' company.

In 1896 came Jameson's filibustering invasion of the Transvaal, which ended in the capture of the leader, his being sent to England for trial, his sentence to penal servitude and his imprisonment for ten months. [6 B]

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Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his friends. He reports everything in good shape at this time. Mr. Hunter owns one of the finest farms in the country, is a successful farmer and one of our very best citizens.

Lost—I will pay \$5.00 reward for return of one deep red cow, five years old, branded Y on side, also Y on hip, marked split in each ear. Strayed from Spur about Aug. 1st.—G. L. Barber.

W. P. T. Smith came in Saturday from his farm eight or nine miles west and spent some time here buying supplies, marketing produce and greeting his many friends.

I have bought the Auto Garage and prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing. Also have oil and gasoline for sale. I will appreciate your business in this line.—E. L. Clay. 5tf

J. H. McCamant came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent some time here greeting his friends.

J. A. Murchison, formerly of Spur but who is making a crop this year on his farm in the Draper country, was in the city Monday on business.

I will be in Spur on the first Saturday in each month to do veterinary work. Bring your horses to the Harkey Wagon Yard.—J. F. Speer. 12tf

H. H. Hill, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

S. P. Odom, a prominent citizen of five or six miles south of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen and farmer of near Dickens, was among the many business visitors in the city last week.

W. T. Wilson, of five or six miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours on business and greeting his friends.

Found—A stray pig, two or three months old, red with some black. Call at the Texas Spur and pay for this notice. tf

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of the city, was here Saturday trading and looking after other business matters.

W. F. Walker was among the business visitors in the city Saturday, from his farm home several miles southeast of Spur.

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

R. C. Forbis was in the city the first of this week from his ranch home in the north part of the county.

Miss Bobo, who is teaching the Dry Lake school, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bobo.

Howard Campbell was among the business visitors in the city Saturday from his farm home three miles southwest of Spur.

J. A. Davis, of a few miles west, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his friends here.

J. B. Morrison was in town Saturday from his farm home twelve miles southwest.

J. D. Hufstедler was among the many visitors from Dry Lake community Saturday.

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M. S. Favor and wife, of several miles east of Afton, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday marketing farm produce and buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Favor is one of the most prominent citizens of the country and is a successful and prosperous farmer.

J. P. Simmons moved this week the C. M. Buchanan four-room residence from the city to the Duck Creek country where it will be placed on the A. C. Buchanan farm in that section. The residence, we understand, sold for two hundred dollars.

Everybody is invited to attend the Spelling Bee at the Methodist tabernacle Monday night, February 16th. The old Blue Back spelling book will be used, and a very pleasant and profitable evening is promised to all.

T. S. Lambert, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Tap community was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his many friends here.

Little Riley Squyres is now recovering of injuries received by powder explosion recently. He had placed some powder in a box, touched fire to it when it exploded burning his face.

Mrs. Willis Smith, of Tap, was here Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Jim Walker was here Saturday from his home three miles southeast of the city.

Green Harrison, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

W. H. Harrison made a business trip this week to Aspermont where he spent some time.

Mrs. St. Claire, of Comanche, is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen of seven miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

W. J. Duncan, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

H. T. Garner, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting his many friends.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city trading Saturday.

# \$2,000,000 National Tribute to Lincoln



**Costly Memorial Will Face Present Monument to the Father of Our Country at Washington—A Statue of the Abolitionist, the Gettysburg Speech, His Second Inaugural Address and a Symbol of the Union Will Be Most Prominent Features.**

At last it has been determined that a fitting memorial to Abraham Lincoln shall be erected in the national capital, in accordance with the action taken by the Lincoln memorial commission, of which former President Taft is the chairman. The first contract calls for an expenditure of \$1,867,800. Later the contract for the statue, which is to cost not less than \$50,000, will be awarded. The congress has expressed the wish that the total cost of the memorial shall be kept within \$2,000,000.

The memorial is to stand in Potomac park, about three-quarters of a mile southwest of the White House. The movement for such a memorial was halted for years by a controversy as to the form which it should take and as to its location. The Taft commission in the end had to decide whether it should take the form of an arch on Meridian hill, in the northern part of the national capital; a monument at Fort Stevens, five miles north of the city of Washington, where President Lincoln was under fire during the raid of General Early in July, 1864; a memorial bridge, connecting Potomac park with Arlington; a road from the national capital to Gettysburg, or a memorial of pantheon form in Potomac park. In the end the decision of the commission was unanimously in favor of the Potomac park plan.

#### Near Washington Monument.

Standing near the Potomac river, the memorial will have a relation with the Washington monument and the capitol that would be impossible on any other site, and it will have a close relation with Arlington cemetery, where men who fought in the civil war are buried. On a great axis, planned more than a century ago, there will be at one end the capitol, which, as the commission points out, is the monument of the government, and to the west, more than a mile distant from the capitol, will stand for all time the monument to Washington, one of the founders of the government.

The architect comments upon the architectural variety furnished by the vertical lines of the Washington monument, the dome of the capitol and the horizontal element of the Lincoln memorial, which yet involves no conflict in design and makes an imposing whole. The great axis terminating at Potomac park and containing the three structures mentioned is now assuming the name of the mall, and with the completion of the Lincoln memorial it is expected to become the crowning glory of the Capital City.

The Lincoln memorial is thus in a sense the realization of a design formed long ago, when the Washington monument was built, though it was then, of course, impossible to foresee just what form the concluding link would take. It is in every respect a noble and fitting monument to the life



Lincoln Memorial, Facing Washington Monument.

and services of Lincoln and should prove almost as enduring as his fame. Potomac park, in which the Lincoln memorial is to be erected, is situated on the eastern bank of the Potomac river, a little less than two miles west of the capitol, and from its walks and quiet reaches glimpses of the distant hills of Virginia and of the District of Columbia may be had. The surrounding district is undeveloped, and this comparative isolation of the site of the memorial is no small advantage since the whole neighborhood can be so treated as to enhance its effect.

The Lincoln memorial will be built on the axis still farther to the west, by the shore of the Potomac, and, as President Taft said, "We will there have a monument of the man who saved the government, thus completing an unparalleled composition which cannot fail to impart to each of its monuments a value in addition to that which each standing alone would possess."

#### Four Features of Memorial.

Four features will stand out prominently in the memorial—a statue of the man, a memorial of his Gettysburg speech, a memorial of his second inaugural address and a symbol of the union of the United States, which he said it was his paramount object to save, and which he did save. It is proposed that each feature shall be related to the others by means of its design and position and that each shall

be so arranged that it will become an integral part of the whole in order to attain a unity and simplicity in the appearance of the monument.

The statue of Lincoln will be made the most important object in the memorial. It will be placed in the center of the memorial, and this part of the memorial where the statue is placed will not be occupied by any other object that would detract from its effectiveness. The visitor to the memorial will see only the statue there.

#### Two Smaller Halls.

The smaller halls at each side of the central space will each contain a memorial, one of the second inaugural and the other of the Gettysburg address. These speeches will be shown by bronze letters arranged on a monumental tablet and adjacent low reliefs or decorations will relate in allegory Lincoln's great qualities, as evidenced in those speeches. While it will be possible to see these memorials from any part of the hall, they will be partly screened from the central part, where the statue is placed, by a row of Ionic columns, giving a certain isolation to the space they occupy.

Surrounding the walls inclosing these memorials is planned a colonnade forming a symbol of the Union, each column representing a state, as the Union existed at the time of Lincoln's death. There will be thirty-six of these columns. On the walls appearing above the colonnade and supported at intervals by eagles, will be forty-eight memorial festoons, one for each state existing at the present time.

The memorial is to be constructed of Colorado marble. By means of terraces the ground at the site of the memorial will be raised until the floor of the memorial itself will be forty-five feet higher than the present grade. In the center of the plateau constructed, surrounded by a wide roadway and walks, will rise an eminence, supporting a rectangular stone terrace wall, 14 feet high, 256 feet long and 186 feet wide. On the rectangular terrace will rise the marble memorial.

The colonnade will be 189 feet. The outside of the memorial hall will be 86 feet wide and 156 feet long.

#### Hall to Be Closed at Night.

The colonnaded entrance to the memorial hall, which will be forty-five feet wide and forty-four feet high, will be equipped with sliding bronze grills filled with plate glass. These grills during the day will be rolled back into the space provided in the walls and will be closed at night for the protection of the memorial. The central hall, where the statue will stand, will be sixty feet wide, seventy feet long and sixty feet high. The halls where the memorials of the speeches will be placed will be thirty-seven feet wide, fifty-seven feet long and sixty feet high. The interior Ionic columns will be fifty feet high.

The memorial will be several years in building. The commission has not as yet given serious thought to the statue beyond a decision that it shall be sculptured in marble.

\*\*\*\*\*  
 LINCOLN.  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Lofty and noble was his aim,  
 Each deed a step till at last he stood  
 Atop his pyramid of fame,  
 Proclaiming the right of brotherhood.  
 —J. S.  
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## Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

THE challenge of the Hurlingham club of London for a series of international polo matches in this country this year has been officially accepted by the Polo association, and Tuesday, June 9, is named as the date for the first match. The official announcement carried with it a statement from the association which practically closes Harry Payne Whitney's career as an international poloist. The statement makes it positive that Mr. Whitney will not captain the team and will be taken as the first step to his complete withdrawal from international competition.

That the conditions governing last year's contest will again be observed is generally admitted, and the matches will again be played on the Meadowbrook club grounds, at Westbury, N. Y. But no explanation was offered as to the cup committee naming June 9 as the date of the first game. In the challenge the Britishers suggested that it would suit best to play the first match on or before June 1, in order to enable the English players to return in time for the British championships, which are scheduled for June 15 to 20. With the first match on June 9, it will be impossible for the challengers to take part in the cup championship matches at home unless they are postponed for at least two weeks.

At a special meeting of the National Steeplechase and Hunt association, at which August Belmont, C. K. Harrison, Jr., Joseph E. Davis, H. J. Morris and others were present, it was decided to permit three-year-old horses to race over the jumps from May 1 on.

This action is expected to stimulate the breeding of steeplechasers and promises to be especially beneficial to those who race the type at the southern meetings.

All of the important golf championships in Great Britain and France have been decided upon with regard to date and place. The amateur championship of Great Britain is the one in which American golfers are most interested, for it will be in this tournament that Jerome D. Travers and Francis Ouimet, national amateur and open title holders respectively, will compete if they carry out their intentions of going abroad. The time set is the week

beginning May 18, and the place is Sandwich. At Prestwick, beginning June 18, the open championship of Great Britain will be run off, though it is yet doubtful whether or not American professionals will compete. The women's event will begin May 11 at Hunstanton, in Norfolk.

At the Athens (Greece) festival in April Melvin Sheppard, the famous sprinter, will represent the United



Photo by American Press Association.  
 Melvin Sheppard Will Represent America at Grecian Games.

States in the running events. As a middle distancer he has gained most of his laurels, but he may compete in other distances as well.

## The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

Golden Text.—Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness (Luke xi, 35).

The Lesson Explained, Verses 14-23.—The open challenge.

It was the current opinion that those who had mental disorders were under the control of Satan, who had claimed them for himself. Their presence was shunned, and they were allowed to run wild, with damaging consequences. In those days there were no asylums in which they could be confined and controlled. A new method of dealing with these unfortunates was introduced by Jesus, and it is a testimony to his gracious personality that the insane who came in contact with him were restored to normal mental conditions. "He was casting out a devil." This incident is one of many of which we read in the gospels. One effect of the evil possession in this case was that the man was "dumb." Matthew adds that he was also "blind" (Matt. xii, 22).

"The people wondered." They "marveled" at what was a threefold cure. \* \* \* "But some of them." "The scribes came down from Jerusalem" (Mark iii, 22) explained the cure, intending to reflect on the character of Jesus. "Through Beelzebub"—more correctly, Beelzeboul, "lord of flies" or dung. This was a parody of Beelzebub, the god of the Philistines and one of the early rivals of Jehovah in the devoted service of his people. "Knowing their thoughts." These men did not speak out their mind in the presence of Jesus, but he at once knew what they said and he challenged them. "Divided against itself." No kingdom can be strong where disunion exists among its subjects, and no house can be secure where discord prevails among its members.

"If Satan also be divided against himself." It cannot be supposed that the prince of evil would tolerate any attempt to undermine his power, for he is well aware that division means destruction.

"Your sons." The explanation which these Pharisees gave of the cure wrought by Jesus would also apply to the Jewish exorcists. But he rejected their view and stated that he wrought "with the finger of God." This was a symbolical expression for "the Spirit

of God" (Mat. xii, 28). The superior might of "the kingdom of God"—that is, his reign—was further illustrated by the parable of the "strong man," who was none other than Satan. He is represented as "fully armed," while he "keepeth his palace," "guardeth his own court" (revision); he is vigilant and alert in taking care of his own possessions. "But when a stronger," who is Christ, appears on the scene and contests his claims "and overcomes him," then all that he has must pass over to the victor. \* \* \*

Verses 24-26.—The empty life. In sickness a relapse is common if there is no care. In the case of the demon possessed, it was held that after the evil one had been expelled to the wilderness, which is his fitting dwelling place (Isa. xxxiv, 13, 14), it was possible for him to return and take even more violent possession, especially if there is no occupant in the room of the one who has vacated. The folly of being neutral is illustrated by this parable. "The unclean spirit" is represented as restless and awaiting an opportunity to return to the place whence he had been driven out. "Swept and garnished." The soul has been made clean and orderly, but it is empty of good thoughts, noble impulses, godly purposes. "Seven other spirits more wicked." He anticipates opposition and so is well equipped to force an entrance. He succeeds with the help of his evil associates, and the man is reduced to a condition "worse than the first" because he took not heed unto himself to fortify the entrances and to fill his life with good as soon as the evil had been removed. Let Christ take full control of your life.

Verses 33-36.—The right spirit. The need for decisiveness is supplemented by teaching on single mindedness. The lighted candle is not placed "in a secret place," "a cellar" (Revision) or "under a bushel," a bushel measure of four pecks, but "on a candlestick," that its light may be of benefit. "The light of the body is the eye." The eye is the organ of vision, which does not give the light, but which sees the light. "Eye is single." Healthy, without even a squint, so that one can see straight. "Eye is evil." The vision there is both defective and deceptive. \* \* \* "The light which is in thee." This is the inner light of conscience.

# Woman's Work and Fashions

Outstanding Plumes Continue Popular



In spite of masculine protests the outstanding plume continues to maintain its place in feminine affections. One of the most extreme representatives of this style is the hat illustrated here. This chapeau is of brown velvet, with a "stick out" plume at each side of the hat.

## CULINARY NOTES.

### Cooking Doughnuts.

When frying doughnuts put one teaspoonful of vinegar into the grease and the doughnuts will not soak up the grease, but be light and fluffy. Cover with pulverized sugar and place in a stone crock to keep moist. Cover with a heavy lid.

### Squash Pie.

Cut squash in two, clean out, place cut side down in oven and bake. Press through colander. To a quart of sifted squash use three eggs beaten light, a cupful of sugar, a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and ginger, a quart of milk. Mix all together till smooth. Bake with undercrust.

### Money Saving Rules.

"The German housewife is not much given to troubling her head about the high cost of living and its causes. Rather," so writes a friend in the vaterland, "she makes her expenditures correspond to her income. She has certain fixed rules which are quite well worth quoting.

"Pay cash for everything."  
"Do your own buying and marketing."

"Be careful in your selection of food."  
"Study out at the beginning of the week just how much you can spend."

"Figure out a system of utilizing all materials. Even the leftovers from a meal can be made into something."

## NEW USE FOR TANGO.

Modern Dance Appeals to Many Health Culturists.

If you ever had any hesitation about taking up the tango you need hesitate no longer, for now we have the word of a well known physical culturist that the dance is the very best sort of tonic for good health. For the tango, properly danced, according to this authority, brings almost every muscle of the body into play.

If the people who are out of condition would devote a half hour each day to the dance they would keep in good shape and feel all the healthier for the exercise. This applies to older men and women particularly, and, by the way, it is astonishing to find that the new dance has many devotees among the middle aged.

Bitter complaints are heard on every side. The girls have learned the tango, the men have not—the majority, at any rate—and there arises the spectacle of the distracted hostess wringing her hands over the non-appearance of the sterner sex, who are unable to master the intricacies of the new dance.

To watch the tango as danced by experts is a delight; to attempt it yourself, when you are uncertain of the figures, when you seem to have twice your usual complement of feet and a fatal attraction for the toe of your partner's slipper, is no unmixed pleasure.

## CONVALESCENT CHILDREN.

Inexpensive Toys Often Please Them Better Than Costly Ones.

The little weary face and the fretful cry of "I don't know what to do" that so often delay the sick child's convalescence can easily be avoided by a few ingenious thoughts for his amusement.

Very often Teddy bears and expensive toys that have been sent to him by sympathetic relatives will lie neglected at the foot of the bed, and the invalid's interest can be aroused only by some novel form of entertainment that has never amused him before.

Children are never happier than when cutting up paper. Snip, snip they go, clipping out shapeless pieces from old magazines and making a mess while they waste their time. There are so many ways in which paper cutting can train little fingers to be clever and active. For a few cents one of those colored paper "pantomimes" can be bought whose "cast" and scenery will take some hours to finish neatly. Little girls love to cut out paper dolls and create fashionable wardrobes for them. Very often they prefer to draw the outlines themselves, and then they can color them with crayons. Flowers, model houses, brightly hued chains—all these can be made from paper.

## THE SYMPATHETIC GIRL.

You may know a girl who is popular, and justly so. Have you ever taken the trouble to consider the reasons why? If you have doubtless you soon discovered that she has a faculty for putting herself in your place, taking your point of view and seeming deeply interested in your dearest concerns.

She does not talk about herself. She is without conceit. She finds all that there is to praise in her friends and in her own household and in the great round world she loves to live in, but she does not emphasize the magnitude of her own part in the great scheme of things. All her interest seems to be saved for what you are and what you do. She gives you the chance to tell "a hard luck story" if you like or to confide your cherished plans and dreams. You feel, after all, that your life is not a broken, futile thing.

## Parcel Post Tape.

One of the little conveniences now obtainable is a parcel post tape measure. It is seventy-two inches long and thus gives measurements for the largest packages allowed. On one side is printed the length in inches, and on the other will be found the postage rates, according to zone and weight.

# WEDDED UNDER DURESS

By RAFAEL C. SHEEHAN

MY mother and I, house hunting, were referred by a real estate agent to a two family house, the upper part of which was vacant. I went to see it and found it one of about thirty buildings all exactly the same size, built on the same plan, and, so far as the rear was concerned, exactly alike. I would have declined to rent the flat, but we required but little room, and there was nothing else offering. So we signed a lease of it and moved in.

From the first it was difficult for me to tell my abode from the others, and several times I entered the wrong house by mistake. One afternoon I went home when mother was away and on feeling in my pocket for my keys remembered that I had left them hanging to a drawer in my desk at the office. I am, or was then, a good climber and could easily have got up on to the roof over the stoop and in at a window; but, not caring to be seen burglarizing my own flat and called down by a policeman, I went around to the rear, where by one of thirty trellises—all alike—I could reach a window in our apartment.

Our flat was either the nineteenth of the row from the west or from the east, I couldn't remember which. I counted from the west, and it seemed to me the nineteenth house must be ours—indeed, I was quite sure of it. I climbed the trellis, found a window unlocked, stepped into a room and pulled the sash down after me. I was passing out of the room into the hall when I ran up against a girl, who gave a shriek loud enough to waken the dead.

My first impulse was to look about me. This I did and saw signs of difference between the flat I was in and mine.

"I—I've got into the wrong house," I stammered.

"Take everything," cried the girl, evidently too frightened to have heard me, "only don't kill me."

"My dear young lady," I protested, "do I look like one who would kill you? I tell you, I've got into the wrong house. I live in one of those houses."

My manner rather than my words seemed to reassure her.

"Oh," she gasped, "how you frightened me!"

I went back in the room toward the window with the intention of going out the way I came, but the girl interposed.

"For heaven's sake, don't go out that way! Are you sure no one saw you come in?"

"I don't know. What way shall I go out?"

"This is my bedroom. If any one saw you come in"—

"My dear girl!"—

"Come with me. Go out the front door."

"Certainly, if you wish it."

"Tread softly. I live with an old

woman who is a great stickler for propriety. I am her companion. I read to her and take care of her pets. She has seven cats, two parrots, three dogs, to say nothing of rabbits, squirrels and other animals. If she caught a young man in the house not a burglar I don't know what she would do."

"Edith," came a cracked sound from a front room, "who's there?"

I made a dive for the window and was raising the sash when the girl caught me by the coattail.

"Don't! It's too late. We must invent a story. It would never do to tell the truth. She's coming! For heaven's sake get me out of it!"

An old woman whose face alone was enough to scare the life out of a stuffed zebra came along the hall and stood facing us. The girl gave me an appealing look. There was no time to deliberate. I jumped into the first plan that came into my head.

"Madam," I said, "forgive Edith. I assure you it is not her fault that she had not told you that she has a husband. I positively forbade her doing so."

The old scratch of a woman looked at me luridly. She had no teeth, so she brought her gums together over her lips as an indication of determination.

"So you are Edith's husband? Perhaps you expect me to believe that statement. Edith is a truthful girl and would not lie to me. If you have deceived her"—

"I assure you I have not. We were married just before she came to live with you."

"If you have married her you surely can have no objection to marrying her again?"

"Certainly not, but"—

"Never mind the but. I'm not going to have an unsophisticated girl deceived right under my nose. You shall either marry her or go to jail under a charge of burglary."

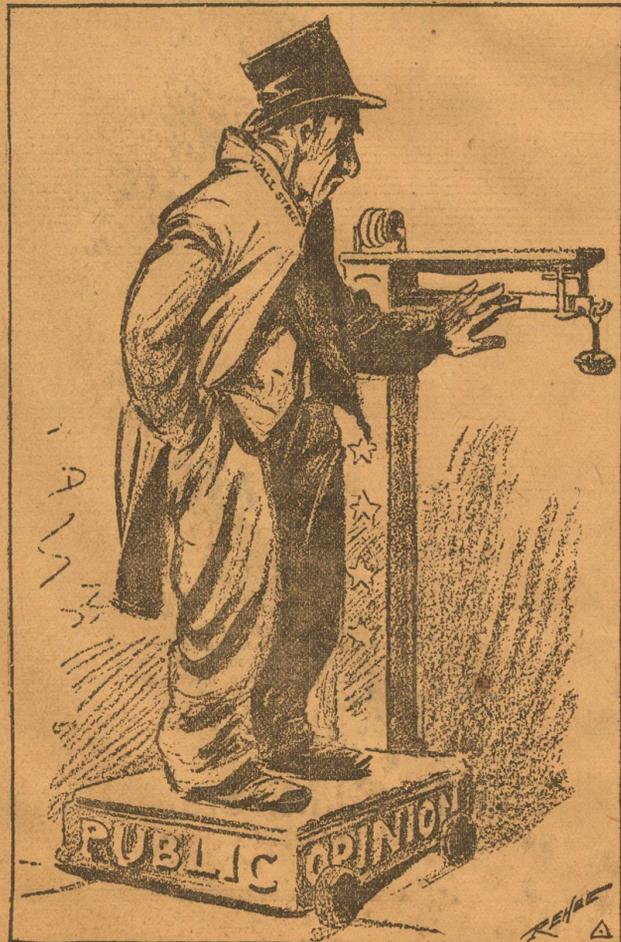
She hobbled to a telephone and called for the Rev. Mr. Starkey, who lived in the next block, and, although so near, it seemed to me that he must have swooped down upon us in an aeroplane. The old woman told me to marry us, and when Edith det-

she started for the telephone to call the police, I whispered to Edith that the marriage would be under duress and not binding. So she consented, and twenty minutes after I had climbed in the back window a bachelor I went out the front door a groom.

Edith and I soon met again for consultation and decided to let matters rest for awhile. We kept putting off the annulment of our marriage till we finally decided to let it stand.

A new electric flashlight pistol of French invention for scaring criminals not only displays a bright light when the trigger is pulled, but makes a noise like a real weapon as well.

## Losing Weight



—Rehse in New York World.

# Devoted to Our Boys and Girls

## LINCOLN'S BOYHOOD DAYS.

Even In His Schooling Period He Would Make Speeches.

The first real excitement of Lincoln's life occurred when he was about four years old. His father moved from the farm on Nolin creek to another some fifteen miles northeast on Knob creek, and here the child began to go to school.

The schools of that day in the west were haphazard affairs, depending upon whether some teacher with nothing better to do for the moment wandered into the country and offered his services.

Lincoln was an unusually bright boy at school, it is said, and made splendid progress in his studies. Indeed, he learned faster than any of his schoolmates. Though so young, he studied very hard. He would get spicewood brushes, hack them up on a log and burn them two or three together for the purpose of giving light by which he might study. It was not a good light, but the best he could get.

Mrs. Lincoln took great pains to teach her children what she knew, and at her knee they heard all the Bible lore, fairy tales and country legends she had been able to gather in her poor life.

Besides the "A B C schools," as Lincoln called them, the only other medium of education in the country districts of Kentucky in those days was "preaching." For years in his boyhood one of Lincoln's chief delights was to get his playmates about him and preach and thump until he had his auditors frightened or in tears.

As soon as the child was strong enough to follow his father in the fields he was put to work at simple tasks—bringing tools, carrying water, picking berries, dropping seeds, etc.

## The Twenty-ninth Baby



Thomas A. Stack, the manager of a hotel in England, recently became the father of his twenty-ninth child, having been married twice. Twenty-one of Mr. Stack's children are still alive, being scattered over the world. Some of the brothers and sisters have never met. Mr. and Mrs. Stack's chief trouble was in finding a name for the new arrival. Suppose you had twenty brothers, as this baby now has. Do you think you could remember all their names? The children in the picture are Leonard, Leslie, Gwendoline, Douglas, Geoffry, Hugh, Cecil and the baby.

## LESSONS FROM APPLES.

There are a great many people who are fond of apples, and it is right that they should be, as this lovely autumn fruit is not only good to the taste, but wholesome to eat. Long, long ago our

ancestors made up this little rhyme about apples:

Eat an apple going to bed,  
Make the doctor beg his bread.  
The Danes had a saying, "The rotten apple spoils its companion," a reminder of the fact that evil is easily spread

# 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

**I**N 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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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

For Representative, 105th District:

Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:

J. Ross Bell, of Paducah

For District and County Clerk:

Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:

T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin

For Sheriff and Tax Collector

J. B. Conner

Lee Carpenter, a prosperous citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in good shape at this time and prospects for bumper crops continue most promising.

H. C. Allen, a successful farmer and one of the most prominent citizens of the Dry Lake community, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday from his home in the Tap country and reports everything in good shape in that section.

#### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Well, we are all feeling better since the weather has got warmer, but, believe me, this old School Chap came very near freezing.

Mrs. Ella Bennett is gone to Coryell county to visit her sister. We all wish her a very pleasant trip.

Little Miss Midget Taylor has her arm broken. She was playing last Sunday with her cousin, falling with the above result.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Sunday. A large crowd listened to his able sermon.

D. D. and Willie Hagins made a trip to Spur Saturday.

G. J. Stearns, wife and sister attended church at Duck Creek Sunday.

P. E. Hagins and family, G. J. Stearns, wife and sister and W. B. Bennett and son took dinner with L. W. Clark and family Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely and everyone seems to be pleased with the school work.

Our last Literary Society proved to be a success but we want all to come this time. Our debate this time depends upon whether our Girard opponents are scared to come or not. We do sincerely hope that they are game enough to come this time.

Now we will give you our program for Friday night, February 13, 1914.

Opening Address, Will Hagins

Song, By School.

Reading, Ivy Taylor.

Reading, Lawson Clark.

Political Speech, Cecil Bennett

Quartette, C. C. Walden, C. Bennett, E. Hawkins, W. B. Bennett,

Reading, Adrian Bennett.

Play—The Boy Flirt. Cast of characters: Mary Bennett, Ivy Taylor, Lillie Hagins, Ollie Adams.

Reading, Eunice Hawkins.

Class Prophecy, Jennie Adams.

Play—The Colored Senators.

Cast of characters: Willie Hagins, E. Hawkins, C. Bennett.

A Dective Letter, Ollie Adams.

Address, C. C. Walden.

“United We Stand, Divided We Fall.” This fact is believed by the people of the U. S. A. and has been ever since the beginning of our great Nation. It not only applies to a Nation, State, County or City, but to the very community in which we live. How often have you known it to be a case that a certain town or community having before it some question of great value, and because of the fact that by some religious difference, or some petty trouble, they have failed to come together—therefore letting some good work slip through their hands unheeded and undone. There is a school at Duck Creek—not the teacher's, but the parent's. There is a question, momentous in value, now before its people and that question is Shall We Have A Successful School Or An Unsuccessful One? “United We Stand, Divided We Fall.” Your presence will not only encourage the pupils, but the teacher's. They need your sympathy and encouragement. Will you stand shoulder to shoulder with them as they try to instruct your children not only in a literary, but a moral way? Or will you sit back for the other fellow, taking no part at all in this great work. Arise! Awake! Your fetters break, and dash to earth any thought other than that of coop-

eration, and let that cooperation begin by each and every one of you visiting the school.

C. C. Walden will make a talk on Talent the Fourth Sunday in February. He is an able man and it will do us all good to hear him. Every body come.—A School Chap.

The Central West Texas Agricultural Association will meet in Abilene, February 20th and 21st. In connection with this meeting will also be held a poultry show. An interesting program has been prepared and a large attendance is expected.

Robert Nichols, a prominent citizen of the Lee County settlement on the Plains, was in Spur the latter part of last week after supplies and looking after other business matters.

Arnold Copeland was in Dickens Monday to buy furs and other valuable hides which were brought in to the Commissioners court for state and county premiums offered for scalps.

I LOVE THE NAME OF WASHINGTON

I love the name of Washington  
Because he never told a lie,  
I wish that I could say the same;  
I tell them, but I don't know why.

I love the name of Washington  
Because he was so brave and true,  
I'd like to make a man like him  
And serve my country; wouldn't you?

I love the name of Washington  
Because he never knew defeat;  
For never in his life through fear  
Did the General retreat.

I love the name of Washington,—  
I love his memory more and more;  
Because he fought for Liberty  
And drove the “Redcoats” from our shore.

I love the name of Washington,  
Because he would not wear a crown;  
But when they would have made him king  
He proudly threw the honor down.

I love the name of Washington  
Because when president he reigned  
A champion for the people's cause  
And never at them once complained.

I'd like to be like Washington  
So good and kind and brave and true.  
Like him I'd like to be beloved  
By everybody. Wouldn't you?

Read the Texas Spur if you  
want to know what is going on.

### Some Reasons

THE institution that asks for your business should have some reasons why it is able to handle it. Here's a few of ours: We try to be courteous to all our patrons. We aim to extend every facility consistent with modern banking. We have ample capital to extend loans. We have every possible safeguard for our depositors. If there is anything more you can ask, come right in and ask it and we will be glad to meet your requirements if possible.

The F. & M. State Bank  
H. P. COLE, Cashier

# Things Farmers Should Know

## BEST STOCK HOGS

They Must Be Cared for In Winter With Extreme Attention.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL SPRING.

Generally "Roughed" During Cold Weather, Too Often Receiving Improper Rations—Feed That Will Make Good Healthy Specimens.

The stock hog is an easy victim of disease in certain cases. He is generally "roughed" through the winter. He doesn't receive a balanced ration in many cases. It often happens that the stock hog's owner wants to get the animal through the winter at small expense. The owner intends to wait until spring before doing any systematic feeding.

This is a grave mistake. The feed given the stock hog need not be as ex-

### TIPS TO STOCKMEN.

A bunch of good shotes will make the best market for skimmilk this winter.

One reason that America has not produced horses so large as those produced in Europe is because, as a rule, we are more stingy feeders.

Too many farmers have not learned that it is all wrong to feed a sow on feed that produces heat instead of bone and muscle.

Every hog house should be fitted with a good ventilating shaft to keep the air sweet, with no drafts.

Double windows are a good investment in a pig house; also tight board shutters to close at night.

Have a skilled veterinarian make a careful examination of the teeth of the old and young horses at the beginning of winter.

### UTILIZE IDLE GROUND.

Every Available Foot of Soil Should Be Made to Produce.

It is estimated that Chicago citizens lose \$1,000,000 per year by not utilizing their back yards for poultry, and a glance at back lots in city and town all over the country shows the fact that thousands of acres in the aggregate lie idle that might return a dividend.

The thrifty Japs make every available foot of soil produce, farming mountains and hills that Americans wouldn't touch.

Americans are wasters, but the tremendous increase in the cost of food has driven many to see that the soil is the source of the bread of life, and many now use the back yard for vegetable growing or poultry and eggs.

Some use the lot for summer trucking and buy pullets and keep them only for winter eggs and roasts, disposing of them by spring, thus raising two crops off the same ground, the poultry fertilizing it for vegetation. Thousands, however, let back yards on which they pay taxes lie idle, from which by light labor they could secure fresh vegetables and poultry products.

By right methods poultry and eggs may be easily produced in back yard henneries at a profit, and should they even cost the market price there is certainly an advantage in having the home grown product and a great satisfaction in knowing they are perfectly fresh and pure.

Day old chicks may be purchased and allowed the run of the garden patch and reach a good size before they must be penned to protect the truck. Many have profitable back lot squab lots, and in our vicinity neighbors raise ducks on one side of the yard and truck on the other.

The day is coming when not only vacant city lots, but back yards and even roofs, will be generally used for some branch of intensive agriculture, growing population and rising expenses requiring such economical operations.

### Make Flats In Winter.

Make a lot of flats this winter for use in the garden. A flat is a shallow box of convenient size used for starting seedlings, for rooting cuttings or for carrying potted plants, pots, soil or other material. Many uses will be found for the flat, and it is advisable to have a good supply on hand. Soap or other boxes obtained from a grocer cut down to two and a half or three inches in depth make good flats.

A quantity of flats will be found very useful when gardening operations begin next spring.

## Healthy Looking Ryeland Ram



Ryeland sheep were little known in this country until recent years. Few are yet to be found here, although the breed is popular in England, and because of its hardy qualities would do well on American farms. It is a medium large sheep, fattens easily and produces a fine quality of mutton and a fair fleece of wool.

pensive as the feed given the hog in the fattening corral, but a ration which will supply the proper kind of nourishment should be given. A ration which will promote good growth can be formed by combining corn, oilmeal, shorts, bran, alfalfa hay and tankage. When oilmeal is fed tankage can be dispensed with. When alfalfa hay is fed bran can be dispensed with. The alfalfa hay will take the place of bran; the oilmeal will act as a conditioner the same as tankage. While tankage contains about twice as much protein as oilmeal (tankage contains 60 per cent protein, and oilmeal contains 34 per cent), oilmeal contains 6 per cent fat and 9 per cent fiber. Oilmeal is a very desirable feed for roughing hogs through the winter. When oilmeal is fed regularly the stock hog does not have a rough, unthrifty appearance when spring comes. He will be sleek and smooth even if he is not fat.

The mill feed should be given the stock hog in the form of a slop. Shorts should be given in the proportion of about twice as much shorts as oilmeal. Oilmeal can be mixed with water alone, but it is rather slimy unless some other mill feed, such as shorts, is mixed with it. Of course some men will prefer to give their hogs dry feed. In this case oilmeal, corn chop, shorts, etc., can be mixed together and fed in a feeder.

### SELLING MATURE SOWS.

This Is Often the Cause of Disaster to the Breeder.

The way some farmers have of selling all their large, mature sows and keeping young things that have not developed from which to raise pigs is a woeful error that brings disaster to many an otherwise successful breeder. Look to it that the mature sows which show large litters and prove themselves to be careful mothers, with full udders, are kept to repeat their good performance. Breeding gilts, picked each year from the litters of well-matured sows, become stronger with succeeding generations and are increasingly able to bring up large litters.

### Steers That Qualify.

Quality in a beef animal is indicated by the following points: Fine, soft hair; loose, pliable skin of medium thickness; dense, clean bone of medium size. The possession of quality does not always mean that the steer has better feeding ability, although it has a marked effect upon the value of the steer after being fattened. Exceptionally vigorous, rough, coarse steers often fatten more quickly than steers that have quality, but are delicate and dainty eaters. For the reasons above mentioned the steer with good quality usually proves the more profitable.

### WHY LINCOLN LAUGHED.

Lincoln was annoyed greatly in the spring of 1863 by a trio of doctors representing the homeopathic interests, says the Philadelphia Times. The president listened to them patiently day after day and finally dismissed them by saying he was too busy with the war to give the matter attention. The doctors then tried Stanton, but he told them they must get the decision from Lincoln himself. When they returned Lincoln greeted them with a loud unctuous laugh and explained the mirth when asked by saying he had been thinking of the story of a boy who

tried in Sunday school to read the biblical passage about the three men who went down into the fiery furnace. Their names—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—troubled the boy greatly. He could not pronounce them. The teacher helped him twice, but again he encountered the names in his reading and began to cry.

"Don't cry, Johnnie," said the teacher. "I can't help it," sobbed Johnnie, "for here comes those three fools again!"

Then said the president genially, "I just couldn't!" But the pests had fled.

## The Painter's Ideal

By J. ANDERSON CABLE

WALTER PHELPS gave early evidence of possessing artistic abilities, and when he was fourteen began to study the profession of painting. One faculty he possessed was that of endowing anything which became attractive to him through association with beauty.

Near his home lived a little girl, who became his playmate. She was of a lower social grade than Walter, but his parents had no fear of his falling in love with her, for she was very homely, and they, not knowing of his disposition to endow what he liked with beauty, supposed that an artist would only fall in love with a beautiful woman.

When Walter was twenty years old he became engaged to this girl, Martha Gibbs, to the astonishment of every one who knew him. Her hair was a fiery red, her teeth were prominent, and she had a cast in her eye. But his parents, knowing how useless it is to interfere between lovers, refrained from any attempt in the case of their son. Besides, they knew nothing against Martha except her homeliness and her indifferent social position. No one supposed that Walter considered his betrothed beautiful till he painted her portrait and they observed that he looked at it with admiring eyes. Then everybody realized that his love for her caused him to endow her with a beauty that existed only in his imagination.

Great as was their surprise at this discovery, it was nothing compared with their astonishment when they learned that he was using Martha for a model. He painted her as a shepherdess, as springtime and, dressing her in fashionable attire, as a lady. Then, when his pictures found no purchasers, instead of attributing his ill success to his choice of a model, he became impressed with the idea that he had mistaken his calling. About the time he was making up his mind to this effect Martha jilted him for a greengrocer, whom she married secretly without letting her fiance know what she was about to do.

Walter's misery was only equaled by the joy of his parents and his friends. Now that it was all over between him and Martha one of his intimate associates made bold to express wonder that he, an artist, with an eye for the beautiful, should have attributed beauty to Martha.

"Ah," exclaimed the unfortunate man, "there is a loss to me as great in my profession as is the wounding of my feelings! Surely all hope of my succeeding in my profession has gone, since I shall never find another model suitable to my needs."

Walter left the brush and the palette for awhile for other avocations. On

the walls of his room he hung the portraits of the girl who had jilted him, and it seemed to his mother that the case of her son's love had been made worse instead of better. At last she ventured to ask him for her sake to put away his past and take hold of the future. Walter loved his mother next to the girl who had jilted him, and she finally persuaded him to let her hang the pictures he worshiped in an upper room, receiving a promise from her that he would visit it but once a month.

During the first half year after the removal of his idols Walter waited impatiently for the day of his visit to them to come round. During the second half year he was less impatient and at the end of twelve months told his mother that she was right—it would be better that he should cease to dwell on that which was dead to him. He would visit his pictures no more.

Walter at this time made another discovery—that if he could not make an artist of himself he could succeed at nothing. He resumed his painting and instead of confining himself to one model chose different ones. In the case of all of them he was uninfluenced by love. From the moment of this second start he met with instant success. Every picture he painted was sold as soon as offered to the public, and it was not long before he achieved a reputation which brought him high prices.

Walter's mother made a match for him with a young lady of his own class. She was not a beauty, but a very estimable woman. Notwithstanding that her husband in marrying her had yielded to his mother's wishes—considering his heart broken forever—he soon came to love his wife devotedly. After his parents' death he removed with his family to the home they had occupied and where he had been born. One day his wife unlocked the gallery of his former idols and saw the walls covered with pictures of red-headed girls all looking alike and all frights.

"Walter," she cried, "come up here!" Walter obeyed the summons and joined his wife in the gallery of pictures of his former love.

"What are these?" asked his wife.

"They all seem to be portraits of the same person."

Walter for the first time, looking at the pictures he had made using Martha Gibbs for his model, saw a row of hideous faces. His wife saw an expression on his face of a sort of shame he was unable to conceal.

"They are my earliest productions," he said. "Please have them removed. I am too busy to attend to the matter myself."

That was the final vanishment of the artist's dream.

## Jokes Still In the Running

### Those Terrible Hazings.

"Have you heard what Mabel's fraternity did to her?"

"They have terrible initiations, I understand."

"That's what. They ordered her to help her mother with the dishes for a month."—Washington Herald.

### Discouraging the Nature Cure.

Tramp—It's needless to ask the question, mum. You know what I want. Mrs. Workhard—Oh, yes, I know what you want, but I've only got one piece of soap in the house, and we're using it. Come again tomorrow.—Stray Stories.

### Emphasis on the Close.

They were discussing certain acquaintances when Flint inquired: "Saunders and Harris are close friends, aren't they?" "Yes; neither can borrow a cent from the other," came the reply.

### Taking Big Chances.

Knicker—Good gracious, man! Didn't you notice? There goes your chauffeur eloping with your wife!

Bocker—Too bad! The recklessness of these chauffeurs is something awful.—Club Fellow.

### Aiming Higher.

"Why the divorce? Couldn't he support her in the style to which she was accustomed?"

"Yes, but then she wanted something altogether better than that."—Washington Herald.

### Hadn't Much to Spare.

He—Look at this infernal bill. You know I can't afford it. Now, I'm going to give you a piece of my mind. She—Are you quite sure you can afford that, papa, dear?—London Opinion.

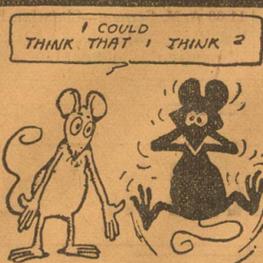
### Steel Inside and Out.

"Did you come back on an all steel train?"

"When the waiters and porters finished plucking me I felt sure that it was."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### NO ROOM FOR THOUGHT

"THINK I CAN PROVE TO YOU THAT I CAN THINK BECAUSE IF I DIDN'T HAVE A THINKER HOW DO YOU THINK THAT—"



—Pittsburgh Press.

### Meeting Emergencies.

"The orchestra is too crowded." "They will have to sit tight." "But the trombone player hasn't room to work his slide." "I can't give him any more room laterally. I'll cut a hole in the floor if he likes."—Kansas City Journal.

### Family Ties.

Luck and Industry met on the highway of life. "I understand we are related," remarked Luck. "Yes, in a sort of a way," replied Industry. "I am the mother of Success, while you are a distant relative."—Philadelphia Record.

### Counter Talk.

"Are these candies fresh, my pretty one?" asked the youth with the sunset socks. "They are fresh, but not in your class," answered the saleslady with the Titian hair.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Literary Food.

"I want to feed on literature. What authors would you recommend to give me a literary appetite?" "I think, if I were you, I would begin with Hogg, Lamb and Bacon."—Baltimore American.

### Betwixt and Between.

"How much money do you think he's worth?" "I don't know, but it's probably somewhat less than he claims and more than his neighbors admit."—Detroit Free Press.

### Farseeing.

"Is Chuggins a man who looks to the future?" "I should say so. He had bought his 1914 model automobile before the summer of 1913 was over."—Washington Star.

### Real Bliss.

He—They say he has more money than he knows what to do with. She—Ah, such ignorance must be bliss!—Boston Transcript.

**NOTICE.**

All members of the Dickens County Agricultural Experiment Station Association are urged to arrange to be present at the next meeting Saturday, January 28th, in Spur. Business of importance, to every member, will be transacted. Meeting called at 2 p. m.

**READY FOR BUSINESS.**

Mr. Christian, an expert jeweler, is now in charge of the A. T. Odeneal jewelry and watch repairing business. All work guaranteed by A. T. Odeneal will be made good under the present management. A new stock of watches, clocks and jewelry will be added and former patrons and the public are invited to call at the same stand and are assured of the best goods, the best prices and the best work.—Mrs. A. T. Odeneal.

We are informed that a number of friends are making an effort to push R. L. Collier into the campaign for the Sheriff's office of Dickens county. Mr. Collier served Dickens county as sheriff a number of years in the early history of the county, and it is said by the old timers that he made one of the best officers the county has ever had before or since.

J. C. Cooper and family were moved this week to Spur from the Tap country. Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Cooper and one of their children are sick, and they were moved to town where they could be given better medical treatment. The family is in hard circumstances and needs some assistance.

Miss Trenholm Doyle will give a musical entertainment Friday night at the Spur School auditorium. The program will be rendered by the music pupils assisted by Miss Doyle, and everybody is very respectfully invited to attend.

Mrs. R. M. Hamby passed through Spur Monday on her return to Dickens from Truscott where she had been to attend the funeral of her father, D. M. Morrison, who died recently at that place.

G. A. Draper, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the country, was in the city Thursday from his farm home several miles west of Spur.

Sol Davis and R. L. Jones returned the latter part of last week from a trip over the Plains country and into New Mexico. They report a very pleasant trip.

The Riter Hardware Company moved this week their stock of goods to the former Lambdin building where they will be permanently located in the future.

County Surveyor L. T. Cochran made a business trip last week to Dickens.

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**PROGRAMME**

Introductory Sermon	.....	Dr. C. R. Taylor, Stamford, Texas.
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9:30 A. M.	Devotional	..... C. Holland
9:45 A. M.	What do we mean by Kingdom building	..... Rev. J. M. Rankin.
10:15 A. M.	The relation of the Church to Associational Mission work	..... Rev. A. P. Stokes and T. F. Meddlin.
11:00 A. M.	Sermon	..... Rev. H. H. Street, Plainview, Texas.
2:00 P. M.	Devotional	..... Rev. Firm Self.
2:15 P. M.	Developing the Country Church	..... Led by Rev. J. V. Billberry.
3:00 P. M.	Our duty as a denomination to our Benevolent Institutions, Orphans Home, Sanitaria,	..... J. M. Rankin, Rev. J. M. Harder, Dr. C. R. Taylor.
7:30 P. M.	Sermon	..... Dr. I. E. Gates.
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
9:30 A. M.	Devotional Services	..... Conducted by Rev. W. B. Bennett.
9:45 A. M.	The State Mission Board and its Purpose	..... By Rev. J. M. Harder.
10:15 A. M.	State Missions and Evangelism	..... By Dr. Lee Scarbrough, of Ft. Worth.
11:00 A. M.	Sermon	..... By Dr. J. M. Rankin.
2:00 P. M.	Devotional Services	..... Conducted by Rev. T. F. Meddlin.
2:15 P. M.	The work of our Home Mission Board	..... By Rev. H. H. Street.
3:00 P. M.	Judson Centennial	..... By Dr. C. R. Taylor.
3:30 P. M.	Our Corrolated School System and Wayland College	..... By Rev. I. E. Gates.
7:30 P. M.	Sermon	..... By Dr. L. R. Scarbrough.
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
9:30 A. M.	The Progressive Sunday School	..... By Dr. Brandon and R. L. Jones.
10:15 A. M.	The 20th Century Church	..... H. H. Street
11:00 A. M.	The Relation of Southwestern Theological Seminary to the Baptist Denomination	..... By Dr. L. R. Scarbrough.
2:00 P. M.	The Church and the Young People	..... Prof. Tarlton and W. H. Forbes
3:00 P. M.	The Layman and His Church	..... Discussed by Geo. S Link, P. H. Miller, Walter Jackson, Oscar Jackson and others.
7:15 P. M.	Sermon	..... By Dr. L. R. Scarbrough.
<b>SUNDAY</b>		
11:00 A. M.	Sermon—Christian Education	..... Dr. A. J. Barton.
7:15 P. M.	Sermon	..... By A. J. Barton.
	Deepening the Spiritual Life. Every evening between 4 and 5 o'clock	..... Dr. Scarbrough

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon at her home in the city. The usual refreshments and entertaining features were had and quite a number of the membership were present and enjoyed the occasion.

R. L. Overstreet was in Spur Wednesday circulating a subscription list to pay for building of the new school house at Midway. The list was numerously signed with liberal contributors.

**A RAPID AGE.**

J. D. Powell, we understand, is also going into the automobile business, he having a car load of "Crowns" coming in at an early date. The extensive and rapid sales of automobiles in this section indicates not only prosperity but that we are living in a progressive and rapid age.

J. B. Richbourg made a business trip this week to Plainview and other Plains towns where he spent several days looking after his property interests and other business matters.

Mr. Zinn, who has been janitor at the Spur School building throughout this term of school, left this week with his family for Oklahoma where they expect to make their home in the future.

All candidates desiring cards to present voters will please take notice that the Texas Spur is well supplied with candidate cards and can print them in the very best and most acceptable style.

Henry Kennedy and wife, of Anson, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on their way to his ranch in Garza county where they will spend some time looking after his ranch interests in this section.

W. F. Shugart, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Little Miss Nan Jones is reported quite sick of fever at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones in the city.

Mike M. Young will preach Sunday at the Church of Christ in Spur. Everybody invited.

L. A. Hindman, of the Dry Lake country, had business here Saturday.

**NEW GOODS COMING EVERY DAY!!**

WE have just received a full car of Avery Implements, Mr. Bill Planters, also the Sun Ray Four Horse Listers, Disc Harrows---two of the best lines of implements on earth. Ask the man who uses them. We carry a full line of Pipe and Pipe Fittings, Tanks, Windmills, Gutter and Well Casing, Painted and Galvanized Roofing. We are still selling the Studebaker and Newton Wagons, the Henney Buggies, and when you are in the market for a buggy or wagon don't fail to get our prices. We also have a full line of Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Builders and Finishing Hardware, Queensware, Enamelware, Harness, Saddles and Strap Goods. In fact we have everything you will find in a First-Class Hardware Store.

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Geo. S. Link and Geo. Bennett are in Dallas and Baltimore buying goods for the Bryant-Link Company stores at Spur and other western towns. They will probably be gone ten days or two weeks.

W. S. Taylor will preach at the Soldier Mound school house Sunday at 3:30 o'clock, and everybody is invited to hear him.

J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm, was in the city the first of the week on business.

Dr. Bachelor and W. F. Godfrey made a business trip the latter part of the week to Jayton.

Found—A gold ring, with monogram and "From Mama" on inside. Owner can get it by paying for this notice. tf.

Sam White came in one day this week from his ranch headquarters several miles southeast of Spur.

Y. L. Jones left Thursday for Jayton, Peacock and other points along the Stamford & Northwestern railway.

A. J. Swenson, of Stamford, came to Spur Thursday and spent some time here on business.

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