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## BUYING AND SETTLING THE SPUR FARM LANDS.

The Spur Farm Lands management reports sales of land this week to the following parties: J. B. Zinn, of Matador, one and one-fourth sections in the West Pasture; W. H. English, of Cone, one section in the West Pasture, and C. P. Poole, of Spur, one hundred and sixty acres north of Spur.

All of the land sold will be improved, farm homes built and land cleared for cultivation. Surely and steadily the Spur Farm Lands are being sold and improved, and a most encouraging feature to home seekers is the fact that home men and old timers of this section are buying the land and building permanent and substantial farm homes.

There is no better farm land than the Spur Farm Lands, and there is no better country in which to live than the Spur country, and those who appreciate and take advantage of this fact today will become the most prosperous and substantial citizens of the future.

## MARRIED.

H. A. Boothe and Miss Dora Odeneal were married Sunday at the home of Mrs. A. T. Odeneal in the city. Rev. Mike M. Young performing the ceremony. Only a few relatives and intimate friends being present. Mr. Boothe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boothe near Spur, and is one of the most prominent young business men of the city. He is a young man of sterling worth and integrity. Miss Odeneal is a young lady possessing the highest womanly attainments of virtue, modesty and high ideals, and will contribute more than her part in establishing and maintaining a true home. The very brightest future is before these young people and the Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Boothe and wishes for them the very best there is in this life.

## ENTERTAINED.

Miss Flora Love entertained the Drew Brew Fek Club Saturday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love in the north part of the city. Progressive forty-two was the feature of the entertainment, four tables being prepared for the occasion. During the course of the evening delightful refreshments of gelatin, fruit salad, coffee, olives and salk flakes were served. Miss Flora proved a most interesting and pleasant hostess and each guest appreciated the occasion.

## PROHIBITION MEETING.

At the Prohibition meeting Saturday in Dickens delegates were sent to the State convention instructed to vote for W. H. Lane as the Prohibition candidate for Governor. Lane and Mayes were the only names before the convention.

Reports from the several county conventions of the state indicate that Ball will be the Prohibition nominee for Governor in the campaign.

## WOOD NOTICE.

Our advertisement and notice to the public in regard to getting wood in Spur pastures, has been abused by some people, claiming that as the notice states cutting wood is not permitted, that any other means of securing wood is not prohibited, and that a man can therefore go out with a saw, or grub the wood or break it down, and he is free from prosecution, so long as the wood is not actually cut.

The advertisement is therefore being extended so as to cover the situation so that no one can have an excuse of not being advised.

Cutting, breaking down or gathering wood in any description and in any way from the Spur pastures is absolutely prohibited and prosecution will follow any violation.—S. M. Swenson & Sons, C. A. Jones, manager.

## SEVERAL LOADS OF COTTON BROUGHT TO SPUR.

This week Joe Jackson, P. J. Hext and Messrs. Powers and Johnson, of the Afton country, brought several big wagon loads of cotton to the Spur market to sell to the buyers here at prevailing prices.

Notwithstanding the fact that the cotton season is now past in this section, there are quite a number of farmers holding cotton with the expectation of securing a higher price than was paid during the fall season, and we see no reason why they should not profit in the delay. From what we understand of the situation, speculation more than supply and demand is now holding down the price.

## COUNTY COURT.

In County Court, which convened Monday, the following cases have been disposed of up to Thursday.

C. I. Cannon, conducting butcher business in Spur without the necessary bond required by law, not guilty.

A. Hutchinson vs. T. E. McArthur, suit for damages, verdict for McArthur.

The court will probably dispose of all cases by Saturday night.

Throughout the week Attorneys Glasgow, Wilson and Holman of Spur, together with a number of other citizens have been in attendance.

## EDUCATIONAL & MISSION RALLY AT BAPTIST CHURCH.

As previously announced our Educational and Mission Rally will begin next Wednesday night, February 25th. However, we are expecting to continue services on from next Sunday every night until Wednesday night, then all through the day and each night throughout the week. Rev. Merrell, of Abilene, will preach for us Monday and Tuesday night.

Our main object in having this Rally is to get before our people the work of our denomination, and what we are doing a long the lines of educational and mission work.

We will have some of the best talent the denomination affords. We cordially invite other denominations to attend these meetings, in so doing you will get a great deal of valuable religious information. Especially do we urge our Baptist people of Dickens county to attend. Free entertainment will be furnished all out of town visitors. Come and let's make this one of the best religious meetings in the history of Spur.—Jas. M. McMahan, pastor.

## NEW AND BETTER GOODS.

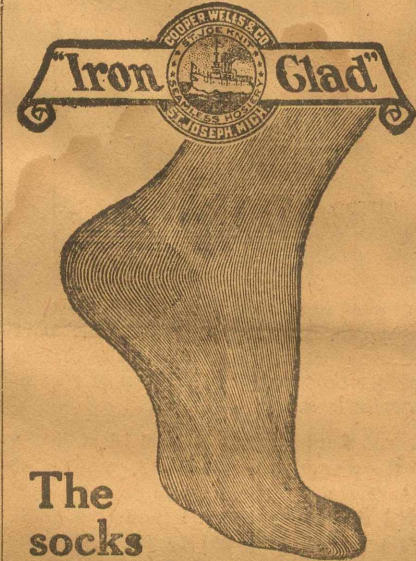
We have more new things to show you than we can tell you about, and, from now on, any time you come to our store we will have new merchandise to show you. We really think our stock will be the best we have ever been able to secure, for we have used time in making our selections, and have bought in all the main markets of the country. Some things we bought in Dallas, others in Kansas City, St. Louis, Baltimore and New York. We are trying hard to give the people as good service as can possibly be given, and we want your business. Our prices, we know, are right, taking quality into consideration, and actual figures prove to us that merchandise cannot be sold cheaper than we sell and honesty and square dealing maintained. We certainly appreciate the business you have been giving us, but want more. It is our aim to make 1914 our banner year in Spur. We are not knockers, neither are we optimists, but we believe that confidence, common-sense and work will be all that is necessary to make this a great

year for all of us. So let's stand first by our homes, second by our home town, third by our state and fourth by our nation.

Wanted—Women with tired feet to wear Queen Quality Shoes, the one shoe with a real Flex Sole, and with style and wear also. Do you read the Ladies Home Journal and other leading magazines? If so, you know that Queen Quality Shoes for children have a world-wide reputation. We are telling you right now that we have our New Spring Oxfords, Pumps and Straps in all the new lasts now ready to show you. Come on quick and get your feet perfectly fitted.

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Minne-Haha shoes for children. Now, we don't care where you go you can't find a greater line of childrens shoes. They have the snap to them, not the old clumsy childrens shoes you have been buying from the general shoe houses. These people make only Childrens Shoes, and they are BETTER.



The socks which satisfy!

If you are hard on socks, you want the kind that is hard to wear out. Ask us to show you "Iron Glads" with beautiful "silk finish" and soft, seamless fit,—guaranteed to give you satisfaction.

Come on with the crowds who trade with us.—Bryant-Link Co.

## PROBABLE CANDIDATE.

T. W. Morgan, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Morgan informed us that he would probably be a candidate for Sheriff of Dickens county and would make his announcement at an early date. Mr. Morgan is one of the very best citizens of the county and will make a strong campaign for the office.

## EXPRESSION AND MUSIC RECITAL AT AUDITORIUM.

The recital given by Mrs. Mace and Miss Trenholm Doyle Friday night at the School auditorium was largely attended and enjoyed by every one present. The program was rendered by the pupils in expression and music and demonstrated the ability and success of teachers and aptitude of the pupils. The program as rendered was as follows:

Violet Lady, J. Lindsay Redmon, by chorus.  
The Cuckoo, Frank Liftl-yp 95, by Ada Mae Scott.  
Mav Pole Dance, Bugbee, by Jessie Martin.  
Reading, The Dutifuls, by Ruby Reagan.  
Duet, Through Field and Forest, by Audrey Barber and Susie Brown.  
Reading, The Prisoners Plea, by Boney Fields.  
The Wayside Chapel, Wilson, by Dorris Attebury.  
Reading, King Robert of Sicily, Erma Baker.  
At Grandpa's Farm, Steabboy, Audrey Barber.  
Slumber Song, Gurlitt, by Susie Brown.  
Reading, A Battery in Hot Action, by Harvey Lee.  
Sleep My Little One Sleep, Taubert-Wolff, by chorus.  
Reading, Boots, by Zada Stafford.  
Narcissus, Nevin, by Margaret Irvin.  
Reading, Jerry the Bobbin Boy, by Evelyn Burgoon.  
The Maid and the Rose, De-Koven, by Erma Baker.  
The Butterfly, Grieg, by Donaleta Standifer.  
Reading, After the Battle, by Faust Collier.  
Goodbye to Summer, Tosti, by Miss Doyle.  
Culture Drill, by girls of Expression Class.

## ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. R. P. Cole entertained Friday afternoon at her home in the city. Seven tables were prepared and the games of progressive forty-two were most interesting. During the entertaining program a delightful salad course was served. Quite a number of ladies were the guests of this occasion and Mrs. Cole maintained a reputation as one of the most pleasant and gracious hostesses of the city.

## BUYS THE LYRIC.

Walter Smith purchased the Lyric Theatre of Roy Zinn and assumed the management of the business Monday of this week. Mr. Smith intends to put on extra plays and make the show more attractive in every possible way to the general public. During the past the Lyric Theatre has been a source of real pleasure and enjoyment to many and in the future the present high standard show will be maintained.

Dr. Morris reports a girl born this week to Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson at their home three miles south of Spur.

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

## Commands Success

SOME people "command" success, others sit down and wait for it. Those who command success are the ones who watch for opportunity, getting ready meanwhile to seize upon it. The way they get ready for it is to give constant attention to the growth of their bank account, thus developing, at the same time, business instincts and a helpful acquaintance. Identify yourself with this successful bank, and get in position to command your success.

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# Shall the Government Own All Wire Lines?



## Public Acquisition of Telegraph and Telephone a Question of Nation Wide Interest—Postmaster General's Report In Favor of the Plan Elicits Opinions From Prominent Men.

CONFRONTED by the possibility of government acquisition of its telegraph lines, the big combination of line interests dissolved, "according to the needs of the public demands," it was announced. With the severing of the interests of the Western Union and Bell systems it was thought by many that the postmaster general's report on government ownership of lines would lose considerable of its force, but discussion still persists, and leading men of the day have expressed themselves on the topic as in favor of or against it.

Government ownership of wires is by no means a recent innovation, as the postmaster general makes plain in his report. He expressed himself as being convinced that "a study of the constitutional purposes of the postal establishment leads to the conviction that the postoffice department should have control over all means of the communication of intelligence. The first telegraph line in this country," he said, "was maintained and operated as a part of the postal service, and it is to be regretted that congress saw fit to relinquish this facility to private enterprise. The monopolistic nature of the telegraph business makes it of vital importance to the people that it be conducted by unselfish interests, and this can be accomplished only through government ownership."

Acted on In 1866.

"The act of July 24, 1866, providing for the government acquisition of the telegraph lines upon payment of an appraised valuation," said Mr. Burleson, "and the act of 1902 directing the postmaster general 'to report to congress the probable cost of connecting a telegraph and telephone system with the postal service by some feasible plan' are evidences of the policy of the government ultimately to acquire and operate these electrical means of communication as postal facilities, as is done by all the principal nations, the United States alone excepted."

"Every argument in favor of the government ownership of telegraph lines may be advanced with equal logic and force in favor of the government ownership of telephone lines," said the postmaster general.

This opinion written for the country

at large hastened action on the part of congressmen in bringing the matter before that body in the form of recommendations.

### Congressman Lewis' Idea.

Representative David J. Lewis of Maryland, "father of the parcel post," told the house in an exhaustive analysis of his proposal to have the nation's telephone and telegraph lines taken over and operated by the postoffice department. His plan is to have the government first own the telephone lines of the country, operate some of the lines as telegraph lines and have the government system compete with the private telegraph companies at the outset in the same proportion as the parcel post now competes with the express companies.

"Investigation discloses that our telegraphic rates are the highest among twenty countries," said Mr. Lewis. "The result of these abnormal rates is that we rank but ninth as telegraph users."

There are approximately 3,300,000 miles of these wires which Mr. Lewis thinks should be acquired for \$900,000,000.

### The Opposition.

But protests against acquisition have been numerous. From the heads of the big telegraph companies even to men outside of financial circles entirely the controversy has found pro and con champions. Bishop Thomas B. Neely of the Methodist Episcopal church, regarded as one of the best authorities in Methodism upon government affairs, ecclesiastical and otherwise, says that "government ownership of public utilities is one of the greatest perils that confront us."

"It is not the business of a government to undertake to do everything for everybody," he says. "The suggestion that the government should take control of the telephone and telegraph companies is along that line. The government has just as much right to assume control of all the newspapers of the country as it has to engage in the telephone and telegraph business. If the government took charge of every business enterprise every worker would be in the employ of the government, and the workers would be worse off than they are at the present time."

"Would Cost \$2,000,000,000," Mackay. Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay companies, commenting on the proposal, gives reasons for his opinion that the plan was not feasible. The most important among them are the problems of financing and organization. Mr. Mackay said:

"In denominating the telegraph business as being 'monopolistic in its nature' the postmaster general is mistaken. If there ever has been more continuous, keen and even bitter com-

petition than that between the Postal and the Western Union I would be pleased to know when and where.

"The entire bill, including telegraph lines, would be about \$2,000,000,000, which is about two-thirds of the national debt at the close of the civil war, when many intelligent men despaired of the solvency of the republic."

"Nor is this the worst. Judging from English experience, that vast sum would be entirely lost because under government management the operating expenses year by year would exceed the income."

Theodore N. Vail, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, does not believe in government ownership of the wire systems. He maintains that the service in this country is far superior to that in any country which regulates its own systems. He made the following statement in support of his contention:

"Our telephone system has been the study of investigators from many countries. It has been considered the world's model, not because it is the largest, but because it gives the best service and is more useful to the public than any other system."

"I am not in favor of the government ownership of the telephones. Our experience has been that it is not as satisfactory as private ownership. It has not been satisfactory in other countries. It is poor in France. I know what it is in Germany, and you have heard what it is like in England. It is not the kind of service you get in this country."

### Experience Abroad.

Others not directly interested point out the necessity for private control, giving strong arguments to bear out their beliefs, while figures and facts are also presented by enthusiastic supporters of government ownership.

"Government telegraph and telephone systems in Europe have usually been profitable," says Arthur N. Halcombe, assistant professor of government at Harvard university. "Most of the larger European countries are too much in need of revenue to be able to afford the luxury of supplying the public with telegraph and telephone service at cost. In some countries, however, where the need for revenue has been less urgent the service has been managed on the same principle as the United States postal service in the past—that is, with the emphasis on the service rather than on the profits. In England, for example, the telegraph service has not been profitable, although the postoffice as a whole is profitable, and in Switzerland the government aims just to make both ends meet, avoiding both a profit and a loss."

"European experience with public ownership of telegraph and telephones seems to indicate that the best government administration can accomplish what it sets out to accomplish. If it desires to make money out of the telegraph and telephones it can do so, or if it desires to make the service popular it can do that also."

## Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

SECRETARY JOHN B. FOSTER of the Giants has completed the schedule of spring games for both the first and second teams.

The regular team will play twenty-one games, while the second squad will take a different route north and play twenty-two exhibition games.

The Giant recruits are already beginning to assemble at Marlin Springs, Tex., in charge of Scout Dick Kinsella. The youngsters will be put through a rigid system of training, and before March all the veterans who did not go on the world trip will report at Marlin. The Giants who are on the world tour will be back in New York on March 6, and, with Manager McGraw, they will go to Texas to join the other players.

It is expected that the players who have been on the tour will be in good physical condition and will not need much preliminary work. The training camp will break up on March 19. On March 7 and 8 the second team will play two games at Dallas, returning to Marlin Springs, when the party will be divided into two squads.

The feature of the regular team's exhibition season will be a four days' visit to New Orleans, April 4 to 8.

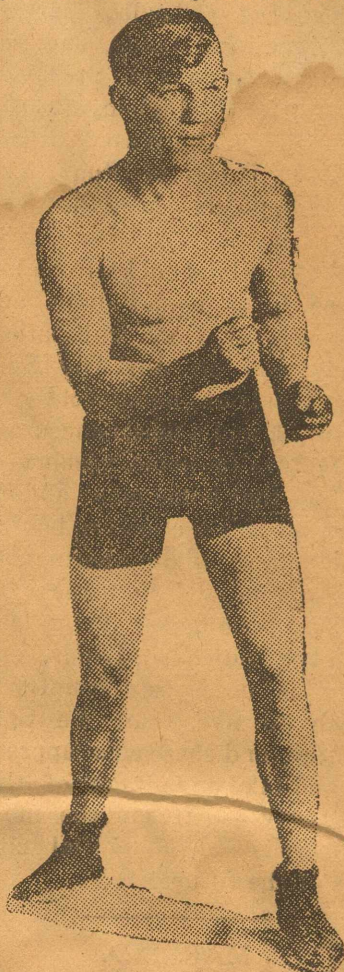
Yale's oarsmen must be a very temperamental lot. Now it is announced that Dick Armstrong, recently appointed head coach for rowing, will not really coach. He is to be merely the manager for the squad of rowing prima donnas at New Haven. "Armstrong will not actually do any coaching, but will act as an organizer and in a diplomatic capacity," says a report from New Haven.

Guy Nickalls and Eugene Giannini are to do the instructing. Armstrong is appointed to teach the famous winning Bob Cook stroke, but Nickalls and Giannini are to do the actual coaching, which makes the entire affair about as clear as a tub of water from the Mississippi.

It seems strange that with all the athletic reverses Yale has met in the last few years it will not realize that there must be one man at the helm in every sport. Imagine Cornell appointing a man to act in a diplomatic capacity in rowing and allowing two others to shape the policy and the destinies of the crew. Somehow it does not sound right.

"Knockout" Eggers, the New York bantam, has no less than thirty-one knockouts to his credit, and this sterling fighter is now going speedier than ever; also he boxed Frankie Burns to a draw.

Eggers, who is under the management of Billy Jacobs, the able manager of the Sharkey Athletic club of



"Knockout" Eggers Has Thirty-one Complete Decisions to His Credit.

New York city, includes in the long list of men he has defeated the following:

Jack (Twin) Collins, Patsy White, Young Wagner, Jimmy Carroll, Frankie Fleming, Barry Hill, Eddie Rector, Arthur Simon, Joe Mooney, Jimmy Murray, Johnny Clark, Frankie Callahan, Eddie Wallace and Dutch Brandt.

Eggers is going to the Pacific coast to fight at Jimmy Coffroth's Daly City club in California.

## The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

Golden Text.—Be not deceived; God is not mocked (Gal. vi, 7).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 37-41.—True inwardness.

All who came in contact with Jesus were impressed by his sense of the seriousness of life. He was also quite at home in every company, and the transparent sincerity of his character was seen in treating all people as equals. He visited in the homes of the rich as well as the poor; he associated with those who were honored, like the Pharisees, and with those who were despised, like the publicans. "As he spake," better, "After he had spoken." He was earnestly invited by a Pharisee "to dine"—that is, to breakfast. The purpose of this invitation was to show hospitality to a recognized teacher. All the Pharisees were not bitter toward Jesus. Some of them held him in high honor, like Nicodemus (John iii, 1). His host was, however, surprised because Jesus "had not first washed" before sitting down to the meal. The practice of washing was symbolical of removing any defilements, and the Pharisees were so scrupulous about it that some of them went to the extreme of washing between the courses of a single meal. It was not because Jesus did not believe in cleanliness, but it seemed to him not necessary on this particular occasion. If it was the morning meal it is evident that he had already washed before going out. "Make clean the outside." Jesus at once went to the point and showed the folly of Pharisaic customs, which made more of appearance than of the reality. What good was it to wash the outside of the cup or plate if the inside that held the food was not clean? "Your inward part." In moral matters the heart must first be pure, free of "ravening and wickedness." The Pharisees were commonly guilty of the sin of extortion, and Jesus fearlessly smote their evil deeds. "Did not he?" It is one Creator who made both the world of nature "without" and the world of the soul "within." Both worlds should therefore be kept consistently clean. "Such things as ye have." "Those things that are within" (revision). Let them give the contents of their dishes as "alms" to the poor and needy. \* \* \*

Verses 42-44.—False outwardness.

When Jesus passed judgment on the Pharisees it was not in a spirit of reckless denunciation. It was virtually a lamentation over a people whose moral perceptions had become so dulled and whose spiritual light had become so darkened that they were incapable of appreciating the nobler things of life. \* \* \* "Uppermost seats in the synagogues." They valued highly "the chief seats" (revision). This was a semicircular bench upon a platform which faced the congregation. "Greetings in the markets." These salutations in public places were marks of great respect. "As graves which appear not." It was the practice to whitewash the tombs once a year before the passover so that people would be warned away and not be defiled by coming in contact with them unexpectedly. \* \* \*

Verses 45-51.—Hollow reverence.

The scribes are spoken of as "lawyers" in Luke's gospel. "Reproachest us also;" better, "insultest." This man felt indignant that Jesus should pass such wholesale condemnation so as to include men, like himself, who were teachers of the law and presumably knew better. He was, however, surprised to have the errors and evils of his class also emphatically exposed. "Burdens grievous to be borne." They interpreted the law in a way that made a mountain out of a molehill, and they saw wrong where none existed. For instance, their perverted view of the Sabbath converted the weekly day of rest into an intolerable curse rather than a merciful blessing. "Ye yourselves touch not." They were strict in applying the law to others, but they evaded their own responsibility to keep the law themselves. "Sepulchers of the prophets." Later generations built tombs in honor of the saintly seers of God, who had been done to death by former generations. It is nothing but superstition that shows reverence for the name of a prophet, but treats with neglect his teaching. "The wisdom of God." "God in his wisdom" through acts of divine providence and through "prophets and apostles." The apostles were messengers, like the wise men and saints who bore a true testimony. "Slay and persecute." Such has been the fate of all faithful witnesses. \* \* \*



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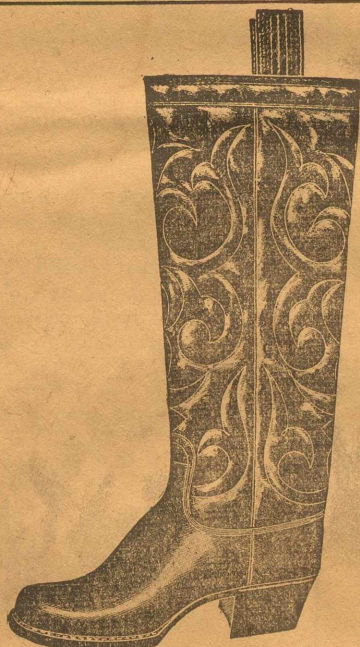
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### NOTICE

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Seed Oats For Sale, 65c a bu. See A. W. Jordan, Steel Hill. tf

### NEW HOPE.

The gin man of Afton, J. V. McCormick, had business in Spur Saturday.

J. W. Clark is away supervising the bog crew camp for the Matador Land & Cattle Co.

Will Marshal has just about all his land broke for another crop. Mr. Marshal has several chances for the seasons while those who plow later may only have enough rain to bring their crops up.

We regret very much to note that J. M. Jones has been quite sick for several days.

Through the efforts of R. L. Overstreet and Vie Dennington the debt of the Midway High School building is just about liquidated.

A move is being agitated to organize School No. 4 in district No. 1. This is as it should be as those people live so far from other schools that it is almost impossible to send. We understand that Pat Peters will give an acre of land for the building site.

Rev. W. B. Bennett preached Sunday at eleven at Midway Baptist church. His subject was "Roll the Stone Away." He applied the stone as being the christians sins which hinder the world from coming to Christ. At the next regular appointment the Lord's Supper will be taken. — Oat Meal.

Dave Carter, foreman of the Gose Ranch twenty-five or thirty miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his many friends here. He was accompanied by Misses McAula and Walker.

W. H. Lain, of New Hope, was a business visitor to Spur Saturday and while here called at the Texas Spur office. He reports crop prospects good at this time and everybody looking forward to a bumper crop this year.

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.

L. W. Clark, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the south part of the county, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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. 5t

Geo. S. Link and Geo. Bennett returned the latter part of last week from Dallas and other Eastern markets where they went to buy dry goods for Bryant-Link Company store at this place.

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. 12t

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill community, spent several hours here Monday on business.

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

Joe Ragsdale, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was here Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

No. 9611

## The Spur National Bank

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### HORNED RABBIT.

D. F. Taylor, one of our well known farmers, brought to town Monday the scalp that his son, Dugan, had taken from a cotton tail rabbit on the farm north of town a few days previous. On the scalp were eight well developed horns, varying in length from three-quarters to one and one-quarter inches. Four were clustered about the left ear, three about the right and there was one in the forehead. When caught the rabbit seemed perfectly healthy and normal. Mr. Taylor offers no explanation of this strange phenomena. He merely exhibits it as a curiosity. — Vernon Record.

W. R. Henderson was among the many business visitors from the West Pasture Saturday.

W. M. Austin, a prominent citizen of Dickens, had business here Saturday.

J. C. McKeever was among the many business visitors from the West Pasture.

Mat Howell, of Cat Fish, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business.

D. J. Bilberry was among the many business visitors from the Afton community Saturday.

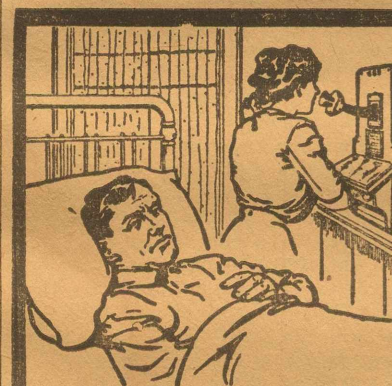
Mace Hunter was here Saturday from his farm home several miles east of Spur.

J. V. McCormick, of Afton, attended the Boothe-Odeneal nuptials Sunday.

John Jackson, of Matador, spent several hours in the city Monday on business.

Judge R. S. Holman made a professional trip to Dickens Saturday.

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# 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. :: ::

## PROLOGUE.

Captain Kemyss and Captain Ferrier, English army officers, marry creole cousins. They become planters. Ferrier dies, and Kemyss is guardian of the former's daughter, Virginie. Kemyss 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 Kemyss 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. With the artful assistance of Maude and Mrs. Hollowes Guy and Virginie are engaged. Maude and her brother then discuss the money affairs of the fair creole.

## Mutual Dislike.

"DON'T be afraid, Maude," continued Guy. "I shall do very well after I have married Virginie. Will you tell my father that I am engaged, or shall I?" "You tell him, Guy. He will be greatly pleased, I am sure. Go now and tell him, and for heaven's sake, my dear boy, try not to look as if you were going to be hanged." "I wonder," said Maude to herself, "I wonder what it is, who it is. He says there is nobody he would rather marry. At one time I was afraid he might have got himself entangled. But it can't be that. Why has he always set his face against marriage. And shall, oh, shall I get my jewels back?" Lord Ferrier was indeed greatly pleased. Nothing that his son had done pleased him so much. Indeed, the contemplation of his successor's career so far gave him little cause for gratification, although he knew nothing of the quagmire of debts, liabilities and money raised on reversionary interests in which Guy was plunged. "I congratulate you," he said, "on your good taste and good judgment. Virginie is a most charming girl. I shall go this afternoon to tell her so and to thank her for giving you her hand. Her fortune is considerable and, properly husbanded, may help to win back some of our lost acres. You must regard it as a trust for that purpose, Guy. Think of your successors." "I will, sir," said Guy, with conviction.

He went away, and his father fell to building castles in the air based on the many virtues of his promised daughter-in-law. Then Maude came, and they talked together about it and how wonderfully things had turned out as they wished and what a remarkable Providence it was that a bride and a fortune should be found for Guy in so forgotten and obscure a place as Palmiste island.

They all dined with Mrs. Hollowes that evening. Guy was still silent and preoccupied, thinking over his great and singular happiness, no doubt. Virginie looked in vain for any words of the deeper heart because none came at all. And even Mrs. Hollowes thought, though she said nothing, that a little attention was due from the young man to his fiancée and that Captain Ferrier seemed certainly the coldest lover she had ever heard of. But Lord Ferrier saw nothing of this; he was the lover; he made Virginie sit beside him and held her hand in his and stroked her hair and whispered how happy she would make him in becoming his daughter and what a lucky man was his son.

Guy knew his wife's address because



"How dare you come to this house?" she asked.

it was the old one. He knew that she still lived with Paul Perigal, as she had done in former days. He called at the house the next morning at 12. Miss Lovelace had not returned from the theater; he would wait for her. No, he would not give his card. Miss Lovelace would see him when she came home.

He walked upstairs with the air of a man who knew his way about the house and went into the drawing room. A young lady—rather a pretty girl—rose as he came in.

"Pardon me," said Guy, astonished; "I am waiting to see Miss Lovelace."

The girl gathered up some work. "I will tell her," she said. "Perhaps she will not be home for half an hour. But Mr. Perigal will be back immediately."

"I do not want to see Mr. Perigal at all," said Guy rudely. "May I ask, if you please, who you are?"

"I am the boy's governess and companion"—it was, in fact, Elsie—"and at present he is asleep."

And then she knew by the change in her visitor's face and the sudden look of resemblance to whom she was talking.

"I will go," she said hastily and fairly ran out of the room.

"A governess?" He had forgotten the boy. "Already a governess. Yes; he must be in his sixth year. And Violet has got on."

He looked about him. The room was hung with bright curtains; there were flowers in the window; it was papered and painted in the new style; on the walls were pictures, some of them good; there were choice cups and all kinds of pretty things in cabinets.

"I think—oh, Mr. Perigal, don't go upstairs! I think," cried Elsie, below, in great agitation, "it is her husband come back again—a tall man with dark eyes. When I said I was the governess he scowled. Shall I go upstairs and watch beside the boy? Shall I call a policeman?"

"I will be back," said the actor solemnly.

When the door opened and the old man appeared Guy perceived that he was transformed as well—that is, his coat was no longer shabby. Violet's success meant new coats and new boots for her old friend. It would also, let us add, have meant honorable retirement to her father, the carpenter, and her mother, the dresser—but they would have died out of harness—and new furniture for the house and newness and brightness generally, with a good deal of champagne, which Paul regarded, just as the young man of the present day, as the drink of the gods.

"Oh," said Paul, recognizing him, "you are the man, are you? You are the man." He spoke with a hissing breath between every word.

"What the devil!" began Guy.

"You are my Violet's husband. And a pretty husband too. You desert her a year after you married her; you send her back without a penny in her pocket for her baby and herself; you leave her for five years, and when she makes her mark and begins to command her price you come back to stand in with her. That is the kind of man, sir, you are!"

It was remarkable about Paul Perigal that even when in deepest earnest he used old catch words of the stage.

Guy expected to be accused of cruelty and of neglect and desertion, but it did not occur to him that his visit would be construed into an attempt to live upon his wife's salary. Yet the suggestion gave him a hint which he was not slow to act upon. They were afraid that he would claim a husband's rights over her money, were they?

Good!

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

"We are no longer, however," Paul Perigal went on, "without defenders. We have friends. It is no more a question of one old man—nobody but myself—standing between the serpent and his victim che-yild." He really was quite desperately in earnest. But he had personated virtuous indignation so often on the stage that in real emotion he naturally fell back upon the language of melodrama. "We have but to raise our hands and all London would rise in defense of its favorite, the fair and accomplished Violet—my pupil—your innocent victim, Mr.—Mr. Marryer-under-false-names!"

"You are an old fool!" said Guy.

What Paul would have said in reply one knows not. While he was gathering himself together for the effort of retort, Violet herself burst into the room.

"How dare you come to this house?" she asked, with resolution in her eye.

"I see," said Guy slowly—he was sitting in her easiest and most comfortable chair and did not go through the formality of rising for purposes of greeting or courtesy—"I see that success has not changed your temper."

"Daddy," said Violet quietly, "leave us alone. No, I am not in the least afraid of the man, I assure you." She shut the door after him and then, standing beside the table, looked her husband in the face.

"I want to talk to you, quietly and without heroics. If you please to listen—"

"Go on," said Violet. "The very sight of you fires my blood—but go on—go on—let me hear you."

"What I have to say shall be brief. When we parted it was on the understanding that we should never at any time trouble one another again."

"It was. Then why do you come here?"

"You told me to go my way and you would go yours."

"I did. I have gone my way. It has been a hard and toilsome way, but I have won what I wanted."

"Very good. I shall not seek to disturb you in the possession of anything that you may have won if you agree to my proposition. I have gone my way too. But I have not been so fortunate as you. I have lost what I hoped to win. I am now a perfectly ruined man. There is nothing left. I have raised money on my reversionary interests till they are mortgaged to the hilt. I have debts which must be paid somehow—debts of honor. There is one way by which I can pay those debts."

"What do your debts concern me?"

"They might concern you very seriously. Of course you know that as your husband I have the right to draw all your pay."

Violet turned pale. That was what Paul had told her.

"Draw my pay? But we are separated."

"That makes no difference unless we are separated under a bond and agreement, which is not the case. However, the question may not arise, I only mentioned it to show that my creditors might, if they pleased!"

"Go on."

"There is, I said, one way only out of the difficulty. It is nothing for you to consent to—in fact, you will be the greatest gainer by it, which is why I expect you to agree—and yet it is everything for me. Tell me, is there the least chance of any present or future reconciliation between us?"

"Never—never—never!" Her resolute lips were set firm. She meant it.

"Quite so. And what I expected—and hoped. Yes, hoped, by Jove!" he said in the hard and cruel tones which had formerly maddened her.

"We regard each other," he went on, "with profound aversion. We do not wish ever to meet again nor even to hear from each other. Is not that the case?"

"It is."

"Then, Violet," he said, springing to his feet, "make the separation complete. We were married in secret. We will be divorced in secret. I give you your liberty. Go, marry, if you please, and any one you please. I am sorry to have stood in your light so long. You are bound no longer. We are divorced."

He spoke rapidly, gesticulating with his hands.

"You agree?" he asked.

She was carried away by his impetuous words. She was on the point of accepting the release offered her when, fortunately, the old distrust of all he did or said came back to her, and she hesitated.

[To be continued.]

# A Glance at Current Topics

## Fighting Tuberculosis.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The National Association for the Prevention and Study of Tuberculosis has prepared a statement showing that approximately \$29,000,000 was spent in this country last year in the treatment of persons afflicted with the disease and in the maintenance of preventive measures.

Treatment of tuberculosis patients in the more than 500 sanitariums and hospitals of the country and the construction of such institutions cost over \$18,000,000 of the total expenditures. Care of patients in dispensaries and open air schools cost about \$825,000. Anti-tuberculosis associations and committees spent nearly \$675,000, while state and local boards of health and special tuberculosis commissions spent over \$250,000.

More than \$13,800,000, or 69.3 per cent, of the total expenditures came from public funds. The percentage of public money spent in tuberculosis work has increased from 53.5 to nearly 70 per cent since 1909.

New York state spent more money in tuberculosis work than any two other states.

## Memorial Service to Maine's Dead.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Everything is ready for the sixteenth annual memorial services to be held at Arlington National cemetery Feb. 15 in honor of the sailors and marines who lost their lives when the United States battleship Maine was blown up in Havana harbor. President Wilson, the Cuban minister, Admiral Dewey, Rear Admiral Sigsbee, who commanded the Maine, and Father Chidwick, who was chaplain, are all expected to attend.

## Memphis as an Inland City.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 10.—Memphis as an inland city is hardly conceivable, but the bar forming in the harbor directly in front of the city threatens to cut it off from the main channel of the Mississippi river and leave it on a stagnant lake, as it did Vicksburg a few years ago.

## New Slide For Ski Tourney.

Virginia, Minn., Feb. 10.—The new ski slide recently finished between this city and Eveleth is now working to perfection and came up to all expectations. Many records will be broken on the new slide, it is said, in the national ski meet of Feb. 14 and 15, possibly a new record for distance. Barney Reilly, the famous ski jumper, will be one of the contestants. Three hundred others of more or less fame have been entered in the events.

## Chicago May Beat New York.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—If 50 per cent of Chicago women eligible to the franchise register this city will have a larger registered voters' list than Greater New York, according to the report of the board of election commissioners made public. The city now has 1,382 voting precincts.

## Boys Are Mexico's Soldiers.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 10.—The desperate straits to which the civil strife is reduced in Mexico are exemplified by the young boys that are found fighting in the ranks of both federals and revolutionaries.

Jose Santillo, only eleven years old, was pressed into the service of Huerta.



Photo by American Press Association. Jose Santillo, Eleven Years Old, Fighting With Seasoned Mexican Soldiers.

recently. He has a brother who is also fighting under Huerta's banner and who is but sixteen years of age. The horrors of this Mexican civil strife are brought more forcibly home when mere children are pitted against one another in a bloody and ruthless war.

## Insist on Safety in Mines.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Letters have been sent to the general superintendents and general managers of every coal company in the state by James E. Roderick, state chief of

mines, urging them to take measures to reduce by 50 per cent the number of accidents.

The chief has also sent letters to the mine inspectors of the state service notifying them and directing them to notify the department at once if they find that suggestions for safety are not being followed out. In case of persistent violation of directions for safety the inspectors are instructed to institute suits.

## Object to Taxation Without Vote.

Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, national president of the woman suffragists, has called upon all suffragists in America to follow her lead and refuse to give the assessors of the voting precincts in which they live an account of their personal property.

By refusing such statements, Dr. Shaw says, the women of the country can voice their protest against a gov-



Photo by American Press Association. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw Calls Upon Women Not to Pay Income Tax.

ernment which taxes women without giving them the privilege of voting. Her letter says:

"To Unfranchised American Women:

"The enactment of an income tax law has caused assessors to be more insistent in their demand that an accurate statement of all personal as well as real properties shall be listed and returned within a specified time in order that no property may escape the government tax collectors.

"Here women may make their passive protest and decline to aid the government in levying taxes upon them by refusing to render an account of their property. In this manner we can show our loyalty to those who struggled to make this a free republic and who laid down their lives in defense of the equal rights of all free citizens to a voice in their own government."

## Cupid Hard Hit in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 10.—Prospective brides and bridegrooms of this state who were unable to arrange their affairs to procure marriage licenses in 1913 are facing a strange situation now.

County clerks everywhere have announced that no licenses will be issued until a certificate complying with the new eugenic law is presented. Physicians almost unanimously have stated that no examinations will be made for the price fixed by the state, \$3, and many say that the price will be \$25 to \$50.

To complicate matters further, many reputable physicians say they will refuse to make examinations on the ground that no physicians will be able to swear that the person examined is free from the diseases aimed at by the law.

The general opinion now seems to be that the law will be repealed as soon as the legislature meets, and there is talk of a special session.

## Wills Dowries to Poor Girls.

New Brunswick, N. J., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Amelia Marks, a recluse who died recently, left her \$100,000 estate to charity. Her executors are to hold the estate for ten years, paying small amounts semiannually to local charities, and are directed to pay \$200 to every poor Jewish girl who marries a poor Jewish man.

## Utilizing Underground Streams.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 9.—There is more water in western Kansas than the people can ever use, said Erasmus Haworth, professor of geology in the University of Kansas.

Professor Haworth displayed a map showing a good water supply from 25 to 150 feet beneath the surface of 50 per cent of the western half of the state. If the farmers would utilize these streams, he said, Kansas would become one of the greatest irrigation states in the Union.

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# Talks on Agricultural Topics

## TREES AND SHRUBBERY MAY NEED ATTENTION.

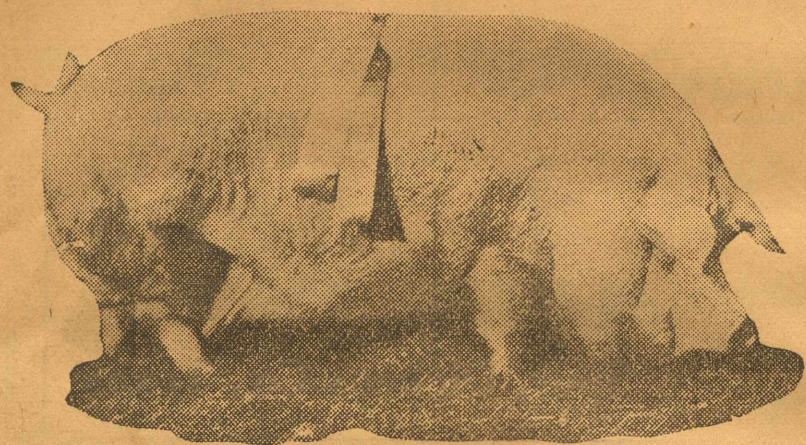
This Is the Time of the Year When a Little Pruning and General Patching Up Will Count.

If there is any pruning to be done in the orchard or about the lawn do it before growth begins in the spring. After the orchard is pruned look after the shrubbery and shade trees. If any large limbs of the trees of the lawn are diseased or in a partially dying condition they should be saved off close up to the trunks of the trees and wounds painted with coal tar or some other paint that will stop the pores of the sound wood and prevent the entrance of the germs of decay.

Go through the peach orchard and dig out all borers from the roots of the peach trees before spring opens. These borers are not very active during winter and should be dug out before they begin their destructive work in the spring. A good, stout pocket-knife and a flexible wire are very good implements for getting the worms out from the base of a peach tree.

If there are any large cavities in the

## Champion Chester White Boar



The Chester White was at one time rated as the largest breed in the United States, but the modern tendency has been toward the production of a finer boned, smoother hog than the older type. At present the Chester White is classed with the Poland-China, though the former is often claimed to be the larger breed. The face of the Chester White is straight, and the snout is usually a little longer than that of the Poland-China and the body a trifle longer.

trunks of the shade trees about the lawn they should be treated at once. A decayed place in the trunk of a tree may be treated very much the same way the dentist fills the cavity in a tooth. The decayed wood of the cavity is first chiseled out, then the cavity is painted with coal tar, creosote or some good wood preservative. Following this the cavity is filled with sand and cement mortar. A very good proportion to use is two parts of sand to one part of cement. If the cavity is very large pieces of broken stone may be used in the mortar to help fill up. If the work is well done the tree will often grow sufficiently to almost cover the entire cement filling. A tree is not entirely unlike an animal—its life may often be prolonged by the skill of the (tree) doctor.

## COWS DIFFICULT TO MILK.

They Are Sometimes the Biggest Producers, Test Showed.

At the recent meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's association one of the members related how in one instance the testing association had been of help to him, says the Kansas Farmer. In his herd was a short teated cow, to the milking of which the boys objected strenuously.

The cow was sold for \$55 on the promise to pay plan. It was necessary for the original owner to take back the cow. This he did, and in the meantime he had joined the test association, and his entire herd was on test. The much despised short teated cow led the herd the first month she was in it, with a product valued at \$30.51.

On general principles we do not believe in a man fooling his time away milking a short teated, a hard milking, kicking cow or a cow having other bad habits, but if one realizes that such cow is highly profitable and may be the best milker in the herd the money income goes a long way toward minimizing her faults. The fact is that the so called drudgery and displeasure of milking cows are to a great extent, if not wholly, overcome by the realization of good profits from the herd.

## VALENTINE—AFTER ONE YEAR.

Having no talent, I never wrote a valentine.  
When I was courting you, dearest—I bought 'em.  
Colored extensively, gilded expensively.  
Well I remember how lovely you thought 'em.  
Flowers I sent you, too; books, for I meant you to  
Take a large view of my taste and my wallet.  
Idea impractical! Devilish tactical  
Error, I call it!

## LEGAL ADVICE.

Where a creditor grants an extension of time for payment by agreement with the principal debtor, reserving his rights against the surety, the surety is not discharged unless his rights have been affected by the extension. —National Park vs. Kohler, 121 N. Y. S. 640.

One party to a contract of sale need not proceed to a complete performance of the contract in order to recover for materials furnished under the contract where the other party has violated the contract and shown intention not to perform. —Willis vs. Jarrett, N. Car., 67 S. E. 265.

Where articles are sold for a particular purpose—as, for example, food sold for consumption—there is an implied warranty on the part of the seller that it is fit for the intended use, and if it is not he is liable to the purchaser for all damages suffered. —Cook vs. Darling, Mich., 125 N. W. 411.

A right of way over another's premises will not be implied unless it is strictly essential in order to obtain access to the land for the benefit of which it is presumed to have been granted. —Bauman vs. Wagner, 130 N. Y. S. 1016.

## SILAGE FOR BEEF FATTENING.

Although It Gives Good Results, It Should Not Be Made Sole Feed.

For a period of four years tests have been carried on with steers at the Wisconsin College of Agriculture to determine the value of silage as a feed for the fattening steer when fed alone with a suitable grain ration or in connection with either good alfalfa or clover hay roughages fed with a grain ration. In every instance it was found that silage lowered the cost of grains when introduced into the ration, and when fed as the sole roughage (although gains were not so large as when clover or alfalfa hay was added to the ration) the gains were made the most cheaply.

It is unwise for the farmer to feel that because silage is a good feed it can be made the sole feed for stock, says the Iowa Homestead. By nature it is high in water content, low in protein and high in carbohydrate materials. To be properly balanced the ration should contain some feeds that are low in water content and carbohydrate material and high in protein. For fattening purposes a good day's ration for a 1,000 pound steer would consist of from fifteen to twenty pounds of silage, five or six pounds of alfalfa or clover hay, fifteen to eighteen pounds of broken ear corn and two or three pounds of cottonseed meal.

Not only is silage useful to the beef man for fattening purposes, but it is useful for stocking cattle over the winter, and a farm test made upon a Wisconsin farm under the supervision of the College of Agriculture showed an average daily gain of over a pound per day, and the steers came out in the spring in good condition to go on grass. These steers were fed about twenty pounds of silage daily, together with what timothy they would consume. When stocking over young cattle on silage it would be preferred to have clover hay or alfalfa hay, as it is higher in protein than timothy hay.

## Accidents by Machinery.

Frequent terrible fatalities resulting from the operation of traction engines and shredding outfits would seem to suggest the need of far greater caution when one is near such high power outfits. A majority of such accidents seem to be traceable to portions of the clothing or gloves or mittens becoming caught in working parts of the machines.

## Curing Scaly Legs.

An effective method of curing scaly legs in chickens is to dip the legs of the fowls into a mixture of equal parts of kerosene and linseed oil at intervals of a week apart. The job should be done after the fowls have gone to roost, so that the mixture will have several hours in which to soak in.

# Just For the Fun of the Thing

## English as She Is Spoken.

The teacher was instructing the class in the rudiments of the English language.

"John," she said, "make a sentence using the word 'indisposition.'"

John, who was evidently of a pugilistic turn of mind, assumed an aggressive pose and announced:

"When yous wants to fight you stands in dis position."—Youth's Companion.

## Saving the Day.

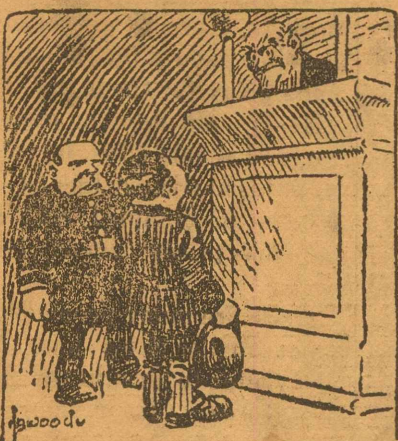
"The doctor says I must quit smoking. One lung is nearly gone."

"Oh, dear, John! Can't you hold out until we get enough coupons for that dining room rug?"—Washington Herald.

## Poor Man!

Willie—Paw, what is a slave to fashion? Paw—A man who has a wife and some grown daughters, my son.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## Seizing His Chances.



Judge—You are charged with whipping your wife. Why did you do it?

Prisoner—Why, judge, she's sick abed. I have to lick her when I can! —Chicago News.

## Bianca Conda, Brigand

By WALLACE I. HAZARD

THERE lived in medieval times in Florence, Italy, a nobleman, one of the Conda family, who fell under the displeasure of Lorenzo de' Medici and was obliged to fly for his life. He found his way to the island of Sicily and took up his abode on the foothills below Mount Etna, where he was joined by his wife and children.

Those were troublous times, and the dividing line between making a living honestly and by plunder was not so well marked as now. Giuseppe Conda, having been a man of action, naturally fell to levying tribute from travelers for a living. He passed years supporting his family in this way and was at last, shot by the police and killed, leaving a daughter twenty years old to care for several younger children.

Bianca Conda, having been brought up without a knowledge of any way of making a livelihood than that adopted by her father, saw no other way to support the little ones intrusted to her care than by turning brigand. Adopting man's attire, she would go out to some spot favorable for ambuscade on a thoroughfare and lie in wait for some luckless traveler, order him to leave his valuables on a rock, and when he had done so she would permit him to pass on.

But Bianca had a very sweet, womanly voice which she could not disguise. Indeed, she did not attempt to do so. She would say in her own natural tones: "Signor, I have you covered with my carbine. Place what valuables you have with you on that rock beside the road and proceed on your way. If you refuse I shall kill you."

Some submitted through fear, but a number were influenced rather by being commanded by a woman with a sweet voice. Perhaps there were persons robbed who were well armed and would have resisted had it not been for this consideration. At any rate, Bianca did not have to hurt any one. But so averse was she to her calling that whenever she took in valuables from a traveler she never robbed another till the plunder was all gone.

Bianca was pitted by the people who dwelt in her section of the island, and the story of her method of supporting her brothers and sister spread abroad. The young Count Tarantola, a Florentine who was visiting Sicily, heard of her while sojourning at Palermo. He knew of her connections in his native city and had heard of the treatment her father had received at the hands of Lorenzo de' Medici. He resolved to make the ascent of Mount Etna and on the way attempt to secure an interview with the woman bandit.

He purposely traveled alone on a road on which he was told that Bianca levied tribute. He heard that the night

before she had levied upon two different travelers, from neither of whom she had secured more than a pittance. Therefore he calculated she would try it again the next night.

At the point where he expected to be robbed he heard Bianca demanding the tribute in her accustomed voice.

"Signorina," he replied, "I have nothing to give you except the signet ring of my family. I leave it for you on the rock, begging that you will not turn it into money, but wear it for the sake of one who knows of your father's treatment at the hands of the Medici family and pities you sincerely."

Bianca heard this request given in a voice no less attractive for a man than hers was for a woman. She readily made the promise. The count then begged that she would permit him to see her, but she refused his request. So there was nothing for him to do but pass on.

Count Tarantola ascended Mount Etna, but he was oblivious to what he saw, for the voice of Bianca Conda was ever sounding in his ears. Returning to Florence he went to court, where he had great influence, became an advocate for Bianca Conda and her young charges and succeeded in removing the ban against them and securing a restoration of their estates. But before they were recalled he exacted from the government a promise to keep secret the fact that he had been instrumental in their change of fortunes.

One night after Bianca's arrival in Florence she was attending a ball. Suddenly she started. A voice behind her was saying: "Good evening, signorina. When did you return from Rome?" The words were spoken in the voice she had heard the night she had robbed Count Tarantola of his signet ring. She had it on her finger at that very moment. She turned and saw the young count, whose eyes met hers. The lady to whom he had spoken moved on, and, approaching Bianca, he said:

"I have heard of your restoration to your estates, signorina. Permit me to congratulate you."

He advanced and offered his hand. Bianca, whose cheeks were aflame, allowed him to take hers.

"What's this?" said the count. "I feel a ring, the stone of which is turned in."

Bianca knew by his expression that she was known as the woman who had robbed him of his ring.

It was not long after this that the union occurred between the Tarantola and Conda families. Nor did the lover need to tell that he had been the cause of the return of her patrimony to win her. That she did not know till some time after they had been married.

## Quick as a Flash.

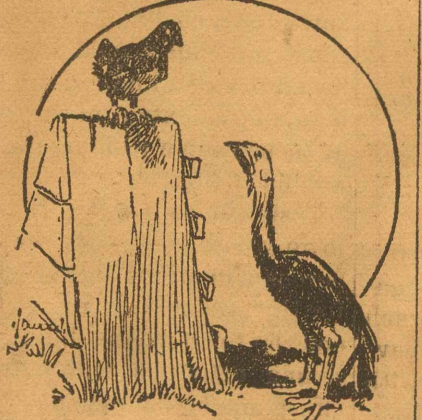
"I say, Reginald, I've forgotten my cardcase."

"Nevah mind, deah boy. I'll lend you some of mine."

"But—ah—the names would be different, doncherknow?"

"So they would! What a head you have got, Algy!"—London Opinion.

## Famous Record Makers.



The Pullet—They say the ostrich can run faster than any other bird.

The Turkey—Mebbe so. But anyhow I hold the trotting record.—Chicago News.

## Is That All!

Blobbs—You're pretty much stuck on Miss Gobbs, aren't you, old man? Hobbs—I was once, but after what she said to me last night I'm not going to pay any more attention to her. Blobbs—Gee! What did she say? Hobbs—"No!"—Cleveland Leader.

## Just Possible.

"Would you," her inquisitive friend asked, "speak to a man without an introduction?"

"Well, I might. If, for instance, I were to squirt my grapefruit juice in his eyes I should certainly ask his pardon."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Bull Fighters' Haven.

Teacher—Now, children, can you tell me what are the national flowers of England? Class—Roses. Teacher—And France? Class—Lilies. Teacher—And Spain? (Silence for a minute—then small voice at back of the schoolroom)—Bulrushes, ma'am.—Life.

## Railroading In India.

It is related that an Anglo-Indian officer once asked the station master at Delhi whether the 12 o'clock train from Calcutta was in.

"Which," was the reply—"today's or yesterday's? They are both due, but yesterday's isn't in yet!"

## Payment In Advance.

"You might let me have the car for an hour, uncle."

"All right, my boy, you can have it."

"And, I say, you can let me have the price of a couple of fines or so!"—London Opinion.

## A Wonder.



Riggs—Oh, yes; he's an expert on economy.

Briggs—Yeah! Why, that fellow can cover three slices of bread with one chip of restaurant butter!—Pittsburgh Press.



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

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#### 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

Judge McClain came in Monday from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish and spent several hours here mingling with friends and attending to business matters.

J. Carlisle, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Gilpin, was in Spur Monday greeting his many friends and trading with the merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were in the city Saturday from their farm and ranch home several miles southwest of Spur.

A. L. Smith, a prominent citizen and good farmer of the Afton country, was transacting business here Saturday.

### COMMUNITY COOPERATION BY FARM AND RANCH

While stopping in a small Texas town not long ago, I overheard a remark, the significance of which impressed me very much. A prosperous-looking, middle-aged man casually stated to a local merchant: "No, I am not in the market this year for any farm implements, as I am preparing to lease or sell my place and move to the city. My children are getting along, you know, and I feel that I should locate where educational facilities are better than here." To the ordinary person this incident would seem most commonplace; in fact, similar conditions, no doubt, exist in many Southern small-town communities, but the cause for same should not be allowed to exist, and the remedy is to a large extent in the hands of those people residing in and around the towns.

It stands to reason that the town whose merchants are prosperous will afford a good market for the products of its vicinity, and the town whose buying and selling activities will naturally afford ample educational facilities, thereby not only holding its old residents, but offering strong inducements to contemplative newcomers.

The number of stores (and the financial condition of same) in a town depends entirely on the amount of patronage accorded the local merchants, and where all wants are supplied by these local mercantile establishments, the condition is governed by the law of supply and demand. Every dollar spent in your local stores benefits you as well as

every other individual residing in your community, as a portion of that dollar will find its way to some municipal development. It should require no argument to convince the most skeptical persons that they are doing their community a serious injury every time they make a purchase elsewhere.

If a resident of some distant city should ask you for a donation to a fund to be used for the development of his city, you would, no doubt, refuse to comply with his request, with the explanation that you are interested only in the upbuilding of your own town and community and that he should confine his solicitations to his particular locality alone. You would be absolutely right in so doing, and your action in the matter would receive the endorsement of every right-thinking person in your neighborhood. In the very face of these facts, a certain per cent of small-town people accede to identically the same request above mentioned, but a little differently put; in fact, they make donations of this kind every time they make a purchase away from home, and when the articles wanted can be had to as good advantage in their local markets, there is absolutely no plausible excuse for sending or going away for them.

Every small-town merchant can, and should offer merchandise in his particular line as good as can be obtained elsewhere, and his prices should be the same.

There are many people living in our smaller cities and towns who prefer to shop in the larger city stores. Their impression seems to be that their local stores, being less pretentious,

cannot give them as good values, styles, etc. If this class of buyers realized the fact that standard or trademarked-advertised lines of goods offer the same style and quality, and sell for same prices in their local stores as in the largest city stores, they would patronize their home merchants in every instance.

John Aston, who resides in the West Pasture, returned the latter part of last week from Abilene where he had been for several days under the care of an eye specialist. We are glad to note that Mr. Aston's eyes are much improved and hope they may be permanently cured in a short time.

B. F. Bural, a prominent citizen and one of the most progressive farmers of the whole country, was here Saturday from his farm home several miles west of Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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

### FOUND A QUIET PLACE.

A man went into a certain store and asked if he could rest a few hours. The proprietor, who was removing a nest of newborn mice from a coffee grinder, told him he could, and then asked why he didn't go to a hotel. The man replied: "I am suffering from nervous prostration, and the doctor said to get a quiet place to rest, and as I see you do not advertise, I knew that I could not find a quieter place." And with that he settled back in his chair and watched the swallows build nests in the cheese case.—Livingston Enterprise.

R. M. Slack, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was here Saturday on business.

Mrs. Peterson and niece were shopping in Spur Saturday from their ranch several miles west of town.

W. A. Wilkinson visited at Dickens Saturday night, returning Sunday.

### An Incentive

**T**HE person who starts out to accumulate money by opening a bank account usually has some strong incentive to urge them on. They want to get a start in life, to own a home, to have some of the comforts of life, to make more money and lay up a competency for old age. We are helping our patrons in every way we can. You are invited to become a depositor and thus have some definite aim in life.

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



# The Fashions and the Home

## New Coiffure For St. Valentine's Party



A novel ornament for the coiffure is shown here. It consists of a band of gold embroidery across the back of the head and is finished with a flaring ruche of white tulle. It is an effective decoration for the woman whose hair is not very luxuriant and is suitable for wear at a Valentine day party.

### HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

#### Some Useful Suggestions For Mending and Cleaning.

To make arrowroot jelly moisten two tablespoonfuls of arrowroot in a little cold water and then add a pint of hot water to this and boil for five minutes, stirring constantly.

A good way to clean a carpet sweeper is to remove the brush and after rubbing off all the hairs and lint rub it well with kerosene. Let the brush remain in the air until all the odor has evaporated. The sweeper will leave the carpets and rugs looking much brighter after this treatment.

A small, square cushion, which should be especially nice for a guest room, is covered with blue silk, and over this a fillet lace cover of white is drawn. This dainty little bit of blue and white is then supplied with blue and white headed pins, neatly arranged, all ready for the guest's use.

#### Perfumes For Clothes Press.

Everybody is familiar with the custom of putting lavender bags in linen closets and clothes presses. There are, however, other delicate perfumes for the same purpose that are not very generally employed. Two of them notably are rosemary and sandalwood. When the actual substances cannot be conveniently obtained a few drops of their essential oils on raw cotton will produce the same effect.

### WASHING DISHES.

#### There is a Right as Well as a Wrong Way to Go About This.

Dishwashing requires two dishpans, one in which to wash and the other to rinse the dishes; an abundance of heavy linen towels, some lighter ones for glasses, a good dish mop and dishcloths. The dishcloth should be of strong linen. Stair crash is excellent for this purpose, as it will become soft enough to be flexible and is very durable. Make these cloths about ten inches long, of narrow crash and hem them to prevent the edges from fraying when they are put through the laundry.

First of all, the dishes should be gathered up and properly scraped, then held for a moment under the hot water faucet to take off the first coating of grease. Any dishes or knives and forks used for fish should be carefully wiped with paper, as dishcloths are infected by fish immediately.

Put the dishes in hot suds. Use the dish mop freely and transfer them to the other pan to be rinsed. Let this second pan be very large and have a wooden drainer fitted in two inches from the bottom, so that the boiling water poured over the dishes will drain off them. This is the best and safest way of draining.

Wash spiders, pots and kettles separately and with an iron dishcloth. Pots and kettles should be washed inside and outside and thoroughly wiped before being set away.

### VALENTINE DAINTIES.

#### Good Things In Attractive Shapes For Parties and Luncheons.

With the fruits, fresh and canned, nuts and jellies generally to be found in the average pantry, a hostess can make up unique and delicious dishes for valentine social affairs with but little trouble.

With a heart shaped cookie cutter, even the plainest of bread and butter sandwiches take on a new and festive appearance. If these be filled with odd and savory fillings they become things to be remembered. Tied with red ribbon, they are decorative as well. Cream cheese, chopped olives, nuts and mayonnaise dressing work wonders with the plainest of sandwiches.

One good plan is to use different breads, as wheat, rye and brown bread. Cut this in slices and spread with different fillings, piling one on top of the other until a loaf is formed. Put under a weight. When firm, cut in thin slices like a layer cake and cut with a heart shaped cutter. If preferred, bread of only one kind may be used in this way.

Gelatin may also be used in making many delicious ices, jellies, fillings and salads for Valentine day. Given a guaranteed, pure gelatin and the most wholesome dishes may be made.

Chicken may be diced and molded in small jelly hearts to serve on lettuce leaves, and lobster is especially delicious served in this manner. All salad vegetables may be prepared like this.

### THE MAID'S ROOM.

#### She Will Work Better and More Cheerfully if Given Pleasant Quarters.

Before the new maid arrives see that her room is comfortable and cheerful. Bear in mind that you have a whole house to live in, but her room is the only place to which she can retire when she is exhausted from her day's work. See that the furnishings are bright and pretty and, above all, see that the mattress is soft and easy. The maid needs a soft mattress more than any member of the family, for her labor is harder and she cannot work well if her rest has been broken and disturbed.

Any conveniences for the work which you can afford buy for the girl. Rest assured it will be appreciated and the money will be well spent, for she will give cheerful and willing service if she knows that her comfort is just as important to her mistress as the comfort of the members of the family.

Some women are very neglectful of their servants' comfort. They keep up a constant stream of new maids and wonder why none of them remains.

## Martha Proved a Failure

By RALPH W. BONDS

I'D been plantin' corn all day, and when I started for him I met Martha Hodges.

"Evenin', Mr. Rogers," she said. "On your way home, I reckon. It must be mighty pleasant to have such a nice home as yours to go to after a hard day's work."

"It used to be 'slong as mother and Anna lived, but now it's kind a lonesome. Besides, when a feller's tired out he don't want to cook his supper and wash dishes."

"Why don't you git married? Then you'd have some one to do your cookin' for you and wash the dishes and take keer o' the house."

"Waal," I said, kind o' thinkin' out loud, "I don't know but that's a good idee. But it ain't so simple as would appear. Furst off, a feller's got to find the gal he wants, and to make it a go she's got to want him. Then, s'posin' it is a go, it's easy and cheap enough to git married; you kin git a parson to do the job for whatever you like to pay. Now, I can't hitch two critters together and expect 'em to travel easy. Furst off, one on 'em 'll plunge for'ard, and t'other 'll hang back. Then one on 'em 'll balk when the other is sot down to a stiddy gait. That's the way it is when two pussons begin to travel the matrimonial road together. And, s'posin' that instead of gettin' used to the same kind o' goin' they git wuss and wuss, what you goin' to do then?"

"Oh, Mr. Rogers," says Martha, "you're a pessimist, and the wust kind of a one."

"I don't know what that is, but I do know that gittin' married is like buyin' a pig in a poke."

"I'll tell you what I'll do with you. Reckon you don't want me, and I'm not hankerin' to git married. You kin experiment on me if you like, and if you don't find out at the end o' six months that I'm what you took me for in the beginnin' I'll agree with you that wimmen is mighty deceptive."

"Well, now, that's accommodatin', I declare," I says to her. "When shall I begin?"

"Whenever you like."

"I'll commence tonight, when I've had supper and got the dishes washed."

"You needn't mind about the dishes. Jest you let 'em alone tonight. Tomorrow when you're out to work I'll go in and tidy up for you and do your dishes. Where'll I find the door key?"

"Hangin' under the porch, left side near the front."

She'd started on, and I didn't say no more. I went on hum, got my supper and tuk Martha at her word, leav-

in' the dishes in the pan. About 8 o'clock I went over to her house and found that she'd done her evenin' chores and was a-sittin' before a blazin' fire, darnin' stockin's. I thanked her for the offer she'd made me and told her when she'd convinced me that wimmen was jest as amiable as they looked I'd like for her to put me onter a nice gal that I could experiment on, with a view to marriage. She said she would if she could hit on the right gal.

I spent a couple of hours with Martha, toppin' off with some cakes and cider she brought out. The next day, when I went home at noon, I found the dishes washed, the pots and kettles shinin' like lookin' glasses and everything spick and span. By crackey, I hardly knowed the place. That was Saturday, and I thort I oughter go over the same evenin' and thank Martha. I did so, and she said that for a few weeks she'd clean up for me every Saturday.

After that every Saturday mornin' Martha put everything to rights, and I dropped in to thank her Saturday evenin'. She said she'd do it for a few weeks, but the few weeks grewed into a few months.

Meanwhile I was a-watchin' her to see if she was good all the way through or only varnished. At last I told her that I was well satisfied with the experiment and I didn't think wimmen was so onsartin' after all. I'd been so encouraged by her goodness that I concluded to git married. She looked very much pleased after this and asked me who I was goin' to marry. I hadn't any one in view; but, thinkin' I oughter name somebody, inasmuch as I said I was goin' to git married, I said the gal was Matilda Blake.

"You jist oughter seen the change in Martha. Her face got red, and her eyes fairly spit fire."

"Matilda Blake!" she said, mighty scornful. "She doesn't know how to fry bacon. She couldn't even sew a button on your coat."

I said somefin in defense of Matilda, but it only made Martha madder than before. She began to abuse me more'n Matilda, and when I got a trifle huffy she up and throwed a book at my head. I got out as quick as I could, but not before an inkstand struck me on the shoulder. It didn't hurt me, but spoiled a suit of store clothes.

The experiment was a failure. I've been cookin' and washin' dishes myself since then, and I expect to keep it up all my life.

## For the Juniors of the Family

### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY.

#### Suggestions Which May Help Youngsters Enjoy Themselves.

A new way to plan the invitations for a valentine party is to fold in half small squares of rough white drawing paper and cut from these heart shapes, one side of which will be joined and the other free. On the inside of the booklet thus formed write the invitation and tint the outside prettily with pink water color.

Hearts cut from colored tissue paper in pale tints can be swung on gilt shop strings to festoon the rooms.

Make shades of tissue paper for the gas globes and tie back the curtains with ropes of tissue paper flowers. The result will be such as to awaken enthusiasm in the most blase little youth or maiden.

To immediately shiver any little social ice which may exist pin to each boy or girl as he or she enters the room one-half of a paper valentine or colored picture, instructing all to look for the person wearing the other half.

When these are discovered the two having matching pieces claim each other as partners for the next game.

When all are on the scene give each couple a basket with handle surmounted by a tissue paper bow and announce a pretty search game.

A bell is rung as a signal for beginning the hunt, which will reveal the fact that dozens of the little sugar coated almonds which children love have been hidden wherever a nook offers around the room. Partners work together to fill the basket.

#### The Cake Game.

The guessing contest here described will furnish an amusing half hour at a party. To each couple hand a paper containing the following questions, with spaces left for the answers:

What kind of a cake adds variety to life? Spice cake.

What kind of cake should a politician eat? Election cake.

What kind of cake are lovers fond of? Kisses.

What kind of cake does a puglist enjoy? Pound cake.

### Disappointing St. Valentine

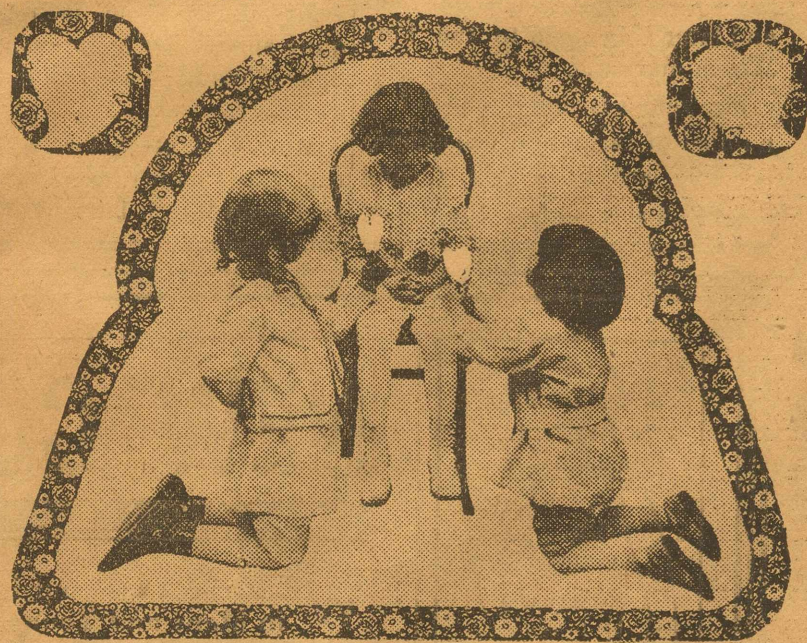


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#### FRANK.

Dear Phoebe, do you hear—  
Take this heart, 'cause I fear  
It's all I have to give you  
'Cept you want my new skates too.

#### CHARLIE.

Phoebe you're MY little girl;  
I can give you tops that whirl;  
I want you to be only mine—  
Here's my heart, dear Valentine!

#### Dog and Horse.

The dog and the horse often become great friends and are very fond of each other. A gentleman had a Newfoundland dog that always went to the stable to get his horse. While the groom saddled the horse the dog lay with his nose between his paws. When the horse was ready the dog took the reins in his mouth and led the horse to his master. He then followed him in his ride. On returning the reins were given to the dog, and he led his friend back to the stable. If the groom happened to be out of the stable the dog barked loudly till he came.

#### PHOEBE.

It's nice, I know, to see you so,  
Both asking for to be my beau.  
I'd like to skate, to spin tops, too,  
But neither of these things I do.  
Now, ma would say a heart was fine  
To give one as a Valentine,  
But Johnny Jones he sent me mine;  
Right there and then I gave him mine.  
—J. S.

#### The Rain Goblins.

The rain goblins go pit-a-pat.  
Spitting at this, spitting at that.  
They're out today dabbling in glee—  
See! They're washing windows for me

The rain goblins go drip, drip, drip,  
A-bouncing down with hop and skip.  
They're out today for good, I think,  
For they are giving my plants a drink.

The rain goblins, frolicsome elves,  
Are having sport all to themselves.  
But it's for others they're at work,  
Raindrops I never knew to shirk.

O rain goblins, we welcome you,  
For you come not to make us blue!  
As a blessing you're here again,  
We could not live without the rain.

### St. Valentine as We Know Him





## 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.

WATCH THIS AD IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE FOR SPECIAL CASH PRICES ONLY ON LISTERS AND DISC HARROWS.

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PRICES REASONABLE AND ALL WORK GUARANTEED!

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SELL HOGS ON THE SPUR  
MARKET THIS WEEK.

The first of this week W. J. Young, of the Afton country, brought several wagon loads of hogs to Spur and sold them at the prevailing market price. The hogs were bought by R. L. Collier who will put them on feed and later ship them to the Fort Worth market.

Mr. young is only one of a number of farmers of this country who are profitably raising hogs as a side line on the farm.

## COME TO THE LYRIC.

We have bought the Lyric Theatre and will put in an up-to-date confectionery and fruit stand. Will have fun and the very best entertainment for young and old each night. We will appreciate your patronage and give you your money's worth.—Walter Smith and R. L. Collier.

Mrs. J. D. Cade is reported quite sick at her home south of Spur. We hope soon to note her recovery.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor will accept piano pupils for a study period from March 1st to July 1st.

## ANNOUNCES MEETING.

On first Sunday in March, at the Methodist tabernacle, we will enter a meeting to continue for an indefinite time. We earnestly solicit the cooperation of all the christian people of the town and vicinity who are free to lend encouragement to us in our efforts to secure the bettered condition of the religious and social side of our town.

To edify the christian and bring about the repentance and conversion of those not christians will be the object sought. While legitimate and commendable, this is not an easy task, nor a one man's task. You can help us. To not be a helper may be to hinder.

How can we help? First, by being right with God and your fellowmen. Give attention to this matter now.

Second, by arranging your business so that you can attend the meeting, and by coming to the services on time, not late.

Third, by taking part in the services, if yourself a christian, by praying for the meeting in a general way, but in a more specific way, praying for those leading the services, and by praying for the unsaved and helping them to attend the meeting.

The hours of meeting will be 4:15 p. m. and 7:45 in the evening. A cordial invitation is hereby given to all. Come out and assist us.—G. J. Irvin, pastor.

## LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

I will be in Spur February 21, to buy hides and furs, and will pay top prices.—J. E. Wood.

## GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

We come again with happy hearts and minds, for this spring weather sure is refreshing.

The grass is growing in this country, and the birds are making music for the busy farmers who are tilling the rich and fertile soil. They are preparing for a bumper crop this year.

All who missed the speaking at Duck Creek Monday night sure missed a blessing, for Mr. N. N. Pope sure delivered a fine lecture.

Rev. W. B. Bennett made his regular trip to Midway Sunday, and made the report that he had the pleasure of uniting a couple in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. Scott of Steel Hill and Miss Hooper of Midway.

A large crowd attended church at Duck Creek Sunday, Rev. George Rucker delivering an able sermon.

J. A. Sullivan, J. T. Carlisle, Willie Hagins and C. M. Carlisle attended the Farmers Union at Girard Tuesday night.

P. E. Hagins had a hog-killing time Monday.—A School Chap.

A game of basket ball was played Saturday between the Spur High School team and the Crosbyton High School team, the score being in favor of Spur. We understand that a game is matched by the same teams for next Saturday at Crosbyton.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, of the Soldier Mound community, was shopping in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

## TAP TELLINGS.

We decided last Friday and Saturday that spring had not yet come.

Most farmers of our community have their land ready for planting. Watch the Red Mud farmers this year. All they like is a little bit of rain to make good crops.

Mrs. M. E. Sparks is suffering with a bad case of asthma. She has suffered of asthma many years.

Dr. T. E. Standifer was called out to see Mrs. Dozier this week.

Our farmers shipped another car of peanuts from Spur this week.

Ye scribe made a business trip to Crosbyton last Saturday.

We are expecting a grand time at the Literary Friday night.

Merle Rash, of Jayton, is visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Charlie Hinson has resigned his position at the Half Circle S Ranch and is now with his father on the farm.

Orwin Lambert left his best girl and other friends this week and accepted a position with R. S. Manning of Crosby county.

Little Leona Sparks was quite sick this week.—Kid-a-lude.

W. D. Eldredge, a prominent citizen and extensive farmer of the Plains country, was in Spur this week and hauled out a load of supplies for his farm home.

Chas. Windham, a leading citizen and ranchman of the Croton country, was in Spur one day this week on business.

## AVOID THE FAKIR

**I**n all lines of business there may be Fakirs, but more especially is such a character to be avoided in securing medical aid and in the purchase of drugs. The Red Front Drug Store is doing business in more places than one in Texas. We conduct business legitimately, fill your prescriptions accurately and with the purest drugs, and when any drug store or doctor tells you that your prescription can not be filled accurately at the Red Front you be assured that you are being "Faked." We can fill your prescription and sell only pure drugs and the very best sundries, toilet articles, etc.

## The Red Front Drug Store



## NEW CLOTHING!

**WE** Present for your inspection the "New Models" in Mens and Young Mens Suits. The Styles shown are the newest creations in both cut of garment and shade of cloth, Hand-Made too. Woolly Boy Suits for the boy are here in new, snappy designs. Bring us the boy. New styles in Mens, Ladies, Boys, Girls and Childrens Low Shoes, including Stetson Oxfords for Men. New styles in "Henderson" Corsets and many other inviting items worth notice.

Ask For "Woolly Boy" Banks

**LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY**  
"Where Cash Counts"  
SPUR, TEXAS

P. J. Hext, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur this week on business.

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

Earl Joplin returned Wednesday to Spur after an absence of several weeks spent in other sections of the country.

Ned Hogan and wife returned this week from an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

A boy was born Monday to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Henson at their home three miles northeast of Spur.

W. L. Grubbs, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Red Mud community, was here Monday on business.

Will the person having the book "Master Musician" in their possession, kindly bring it to this office and oblige the owner?

## GREAT REDUCTION

## NEW EXPRESS RATES!!

Free Insurance up to \$50.00  
A Receipt for Each Shipment

## ASK THE AGENT

T. J. Harrison and wife, of north of Dickens, came to Spur this week and we understand that Mr. Harrison will remain here some time assessing the tax-paying property of this part of the county.

E. R. Rorie handed us two dollars and six bits this week for two subscriptions to Texas Spur and one to Ft. Worth Record.