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**AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN SPUR**

A regular meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Experimental Association was held at the Dunn building Saturday afternoon, at which President L. G. Crabtree presided. The attendance was not large but very enthusiastic. The question of seed selection was discussed from a practical farmer's standpoint, and among the things to be considered in the selection of seed, as brought before the meeting, was seed free from disease, pure in quality, and seed acclimated to the soil and conditions. Vice-president Reagan reported from the Central West Texas Agricultural Association recently held in Abilene, at which meeting the question of keeping seed pure was discussed, and in his report said that seed planted for seeding purposes should be so planted that the winds will have the least chance of mixing the varieties. Seed plants should be separated as far from other seed plants of the same variety as practicable, and between plots of corn, or something as high as will intercept the pollen, should be planted. It was recommended that seed plants be planted on the south and west sides of the farms on account of the prevailing southwest winds about the time of flowering.

A meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, March 14th, at two o'clock, at the Dunn building, and all members are urged to be present, and come prepared to request the seeds wanted for experiment and seeding purposes. It is believed that seed will be received from College Station before the date of the meeting. Also an effort will be made to have a representative from the A. & M. College address the meeting.

**A GREAT MISFORTUNE.**

We are informed that J. E. Wright, of the Croton country, is now totally blind. About ten days ago, he called in at the Texas Spur office and told us he was going to Dallas to have his eye treated, since it was giving him considerable trouble. As a result of the treatment the eye was destroyed. He had lost one eye some time ago. This is a great misfortune, and it is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the calamity.

**A FINE HORSE.**

Last week R. L. Collier went to Fort Worth, bought a fine Percheron stallion and shipped him to Spur. The stallion was imported to this country from France two years ago. He is a black, clean limbed, heavy built, registered under the name of Krach and is one of the finest draft horses ever brought to Western Texas. He is three years old and weighs nearly two thousand pounds. A fuller description of a Percheron stallion will be found on another page of this paper.

Dr. Bachelor and wife made a trip this week to Slaton and other Plains towns.

**ENTERTAINED.**

Mesdames Sol and L. W. Davis entertained the Merry Wives Club and other lady friends of the city Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Sol Davis. Each lady was requested to come prepared to relate an interesting incident of some historical personage, and in this manner many pleasant moments were spent. Solving puzzle pictures was another pleasant feature of the entertainment. At intervals Mesdames Edmonds and Bachelor rendered several selections of music. A salad course was served as refreshments, and the entertaining hours past too quickly for the guests. Mesdames Davis are most pleasant and delightful hostesses, and on this occasion such a reputation was more thoroughly established.

**MISS BURNETT RETURNS.**

Miss Burnett returned Sunday from Sulphur Springs and will again superintend the millinery department of the Bryant-Link Company. Miss Burnett has been with Bryant-Link Company since the beginning of Spur and she is recognized as one among the best milliners of the whole country.

**TO SELL SCHOOL LAND.**

Kent county commissioners are considering favorably an offer of \$10 per acre for the two leagues of county school land belonging to that county and located in Dawson and Martin counties. It is likely that a deal for this land will be closed in the near future. It is now leased at 10c per acre for grazing purposes.

**HAS PAPER CHANGED.**

J. N. Jones, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, called in this week and had his paper sent to Spur, he having moved to the Poole farm several miles north of Spur. We welcome Mr. Jones and family to this section.

**RECEIVES SAD MESSAGE.**

J. O. Yopp received a message Tuesday stating that his father in New Mexico was very sick and not expected to survive. On account of the illness of Mrs. Yopp he was unable to go to his father.

**COME AND SEE THE NEW THINGS WE ARE SHOWING**

Well, we are always talking merchandise. That's our business, and we are working at the job. We believe we have an up-to-date stock of goods, and think we can convince any one of the fact unless they are D. D. & B. (deaf, dumb and blind). So come on and see the new things we are anxious to show you. We have told you about our line of Shoes. We are specializing this season, and we believe it is the thing to do. Our shoes for ladies are made by people who only make the one line, mens dress and work shoes and childrens shoes all made by separate manufacturers who have specialized for many years on these lines. So we think we have shoes to offer you of real merit, and people are certainly realizing it from the amount of shoes we are selling. Remember Queen Quality for ladies and Marshall Shoes for men.

We have the most elaborate stock of Gingham you have ever seen in a small town, and the quality is equal to the quantity. Everett's Classics at 10c are great, and Red Seals you all know have merits no other gingham possess.

Dress Goods—We don't care where you go you cannot find a superior line in all the shades and figures.

It don't pay to talk to men about merchandise but we have the best lot of Mens Dress Pants you have ever seen, and don't forget Style Plus Clothing. Why waste your money? \$17 buys a suit that is every thread wool, hard tailored and will fit. Style Plus Suits are the same price the world over. They sell in New York City at \$17 and in Spur \$17. Now if its cheaper clothes you want we have them—ask Bennett.

Miss Burnett will be ready for you in a few days. She has been busy opening up her Millinery Goods, and she will show you the latest shapes and trims. So we want all you men to be sure and tell your wives. Remember the prices will range from \$1.00

to \$50.00, so all may be suited.

How did you like the norther last Tuesday? Wasn't she a hummer? Well, we imagine them rocks that were whistling through the air must have killed all the insects germs, so we ought to have a big crop this year. Yes, it's going to rain in time to save the day, so let's just saw wood and say nothing for all's well that ends well.

One good mule and span of horses for sale. If you have the money we can use it, but if you haven't, and your note is good, we will sell them to you that way.

Yes, we have Hardware too, and the John Deere line of Implements which are the standard of quality. See Higginbotham, the Hardware man. He's not the purty man—that's Taylor. He sells Light Crust and some other good things, and with Uncle Bill Perry's assistance, who is especially adapted to waiting on good looking widows, and Mack Brown looks after the sweet sixteens. Now girls Mack delivers the goods. Your friends,—Bryant-Link Co.

**SHACKLEFORD VOTES WET.**

At an election held last week in Shackleford county for the purpose of determining whether or not whiskey should be sold in that county, the whiskey element won by twenty-three majority votes. It is reported that saloons will be in operation within the county at an early date, and that thousands of dollars have already been secured to build good roads into Albany from other outlying dry sections of the country.

**RETURN FROM HAMLIN.**

Mrs. G. E. Nicholson and children returned recently from an extended visit to her parents at Hamlin. At this time one of her children is reported sick of pneumonia.

**TRUCK FARMING.**

Dr. Grace and family moved this week to the Braddock residence near the Experimental Farm west of Spur. We are invited to come out this fall and eat chickens, water melons and cantaloupes.

**SPUR SCHOLL WILL CONTINUE FOR TWO MONTHS**

The Spur Public School closed its free term Friday of last week, the schools funds having been exhausted at that time. However, a subscription term of two or three months will be taught for the purpose of completing the year's work and issuing the promotion cards for the next term of school. All of the teachers, with the exception of Prof. Saffold, the Principal, will continue to teach in the subscription school. We understand that the subscription school is almost as complete with reference to attendance as was the free school.

**GILPIN HAPPENINGS.**

Rev. C. C. Walden preached an able sermon at Duck Creek Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Misses Ellie Hagins and Mary Bennett took dinner with Miss Ivy Taylor Sunday.

Mr. Buster Bural made a call at Mr. Turner's Sunday. There seems to be something attractive there.

Hugh Hagins made a pleasant call at C. Bennett's and Willie Hagins' bachelor dive Saturday.

P. E. Hagins, J. T. Carlisle, L. W. Bilberry and B. F. Bural made a trip to Girard Saturday.

Willie Hagins made a trip to Jayton Saturday, returning Sunday. He reports a nice time.

There are lots of new buggies in the Duck Creek settlement, and the girls all think that it is a new heaven.

Every one who missed the Literary Society at Duck Creek Friday night missed something. But, hold, there will be another one on Friday night, March 13th. Every body come. We extend an invitation to all, and expect a long, good program, good music and a debate if Steel Hill will meet the Duck Creek boys.

Rev. Bennett is gone to Jones county.

Cecil Bennett has been sick lately.

Little Johnny Hawkins is sick, and the doctor has been to see her twice. We hope she will soon recover.

L. W. Clark and family have returned from Motley county where they have been to the bedside of Mr. Clark's sister.

W. P. Sampson took dinner with Mr. Boothe Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walden have a house full of kittens for sale as soon as the people are in demand for them.

The farmers are busy preparing their land.—A School Chap.

**WILL READ TEXAS SPUR.**

O. W. Maddox, of near Spur, called in this week and had his name added to the Texas Spur list of readers. Every man in this country is especially urged to become a reader of the Texas Spur. We promise to give value received in the course of the year.

H. C. Allen was among the many business visitors from the Dry Lake community Saturday.

**COME TO US!**

WE INVITE YOUR ATTENTION to Our Showing of New Clothes for men and boys. Mens ALL WOOL SUITS made by the Best Makers, in a price range from \$10 to \$20. We are showing "Hand Made" Suits at \$15. Woolly Boy Suits, the dependable make, for the boys, at prices of \$5 and up, others down to \$3. Our line of Boys Clothes have the Snap and the Wearing Qualities. New Oxfords for Men in Stetson and White House. Ladies and Childrens in all the New Designs and Leathers. New Hosiery in Silk Lisle and Cotton. Cadet Hose at 25c per pair Have No Equal. Plenty New Goods Here Now, and more to follow.

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# To Extend Length of Human Life



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- 1.—Cleanup days will be encouraged.
- 2.—Professor Irving Fisher.
- 3.—William Howard Taft.
- 4.—Examining children for defective hearts.
- 5.—Testing eyes of school children.
- 6.—E. E. Rittenhouse.

**Unique Organization Headed by President Taft Has Been Founded to Aid Mankind in Prolonging His Days—Life Insurance Companies to Co-operate—Reforms in Sanitation and Health Methods Will Be Taught and Encouraged by the New Society.**

**W**ITH former President Taft as chairman of its board of directors and Colonel William C. Gorgas of the Panama canal commission as consultant in sanitation and hygiene, a "life extension institute" has just been incorporated in New York.

It is a unique corporation—the business basis of a philanthropy, its express purpose being to lengthen human life by applying modern science. It will perform this service both for life insurance companies and for the general public by examining periodically the physical condition of policy holders and other individuals and by disseminating life saving knowledge.

While essentially philanthropic, the Life Extension institute, unlike some other agencies to promote health and longevity, will be placed on a self-supporting basis from the very beginning if the ideas of its founders are carried out. On its board of directors are a number of men with large means at their command, and the new health promoting agency is heavily backed with capital. It is intimated in well informed quarters that \$1,000,000 will be at the disposal of the founders, though it is not believed that anything like that amount will be required to start the work.

#### Big Men Are Interested.

The directors of the new institute are William Howard Taft, who since his experience with tropical hygiene in the Philippines and Panama has been an enthusiast on the possibilities of modern scientific hygiene; Harold A. Ley, the originator of the plan; Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, E. E. Rittenhouse of New York, Robert W. De Forest, president of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and trustee of Russell Sage foundation; Frank A. Vanderbilt, president of the National City bank of New York; Charles H. Sabin, vice president of the Guaranty Trust company of New York; Dr. E. R. L. Gould, president City and Suburban Lands company; Francis R. Cooley, banker, of Hartford, Conn., and Henry H. Bowman, banker, of Springfield, Mass.

The president of the institute will be E. E. Rittenhouse, now conservation

commissioner of the Equitable Life Assurance society, who was the first insurance executive to give policy holders free health examinations to promote longevity. The treasurer will be Harold A. Ley and the secretary James D. Lennahan.

Dr. Eugene Lyman Fisk, a well known writer and worker in hygiene, who has had much experience in this kind of work, will be medical director. "Broadly speaking," said President Rittenhouse, "the aim of the Life Extension institute will be to bring about a closer relation between as large a portion of the public as we can reach and their medical advisers and to spread abroad knowledge to promote health and prevent disease which will be the fruit of research by the best medical minds in the world."

The institute has a "hygienic reference board" of almost a hundred leading experts on various subjects pertaining to health. The purpose of this board is to help to determine the truth on hygienic questions referred to it. The chairman of the board is Professor Irving Fisher of Yale, who was among the first to interest life insurance companies in the possibilities of lengthening human life.

The idea of forming the institute originated with Harold A. Ley, a business man of Springfield, Mass. The purposes and field of the institution were recently discussed at a dinner in New York city, attended by the presidents of the five largest life insurance companies. Among the speakers on this occasion were former President Taft and Colonel Gorgas.

#### How the Scheme Operates.

Following this meeting, one of the largest insurance companies represented made an agreement with the institute for periodical health examination of its policy holders. This is the first of the large companies to adopt this plan.

The method to be used to prolong life is very simple and the same as applied to ordinary machinery—inspection and repairs. Any person, whether as a policy holder in a company which employs the institute or as an outside individual, may have an expert examination made of his physical condition. If he is entitled to the examination as a policy holder he has it without cost to himself.

After the human machine has been inspected the individual will be advised to see his family physician, who will be furnished a full statement of the results of the examination—high blood pressure or whatever the disability or disabilities may be. Dr. Fisk on the basis of his experience in this work is convinced that the simple, early discovery of slight "impairments," which would induce the impaired man to consult his doctor before it is too late, has greatly reduced

the death rate among those who had the good fortune to take the examinations.

The institute will carry on this health conservation work of an insurance company, which has for several years extended the privilege of a yearly health examination to its policy holders without cost. Arrangements with other companies are under consideration.

#### Prevention the Watchword.

The institute will employ experts throughout the land to act as medical examiners and to co-operate in this new movement to prevent and to check disease. This suggests the method of the Chinese, who employ physicians to keep them well instead of to treat them after they have become seriously ill.

The institute plans to make arrangements not only with life insurance companies, but with schools, industrial establishments, clubs and individuals, as well as to co-operate with hygienic agencies and movements of all kinds, including those connected with the tuberculosis movement, the social hygiene movement, the eugenics movement, the public health departments, federal, state and municipal, and even popular gymnastics and sports. It will establish laboratories in the larger cities for analysis of blood, urine, etc., of the persons examined. Its central office will be at 25 West Forty-fifth street, New York city.

#### Of Benefit to Everybody.

A striking feature of the scheme is that all concerned are benefited—the insurance companies, the policy holders, the individuals examined and the public.

This newly invented institution is the result of a sentiment which has been growing several years among life insurance companies to reduce their losses from life waste, just as the fire insurance companies have for a long time striven to reduce their losses from fire waste.

The hygiene reference board ultimately will aim to settle scientifically, so far as possible, the many disputed questions of personal hygiene. As yet personal hygiene has been neglected, especially in America, and "how to live" is a debatable question even among experts. The board will secure the co-operation of savants throughout the world to solve such fundamental problems as how best to ventilate our houses and how best to clothe and feed our bodies.

Just as Colonel Gorgas reduced the death rate in Panama to a small fraction of what it had been previously, so he and his associates now hope to cut it down in certain groups of people in America. They believe that in the course of time the results of this work may favorably influence the general death rate for the entire country.

## Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

Sentiment is taking hold in the matter of providing a name for the Vanderbilt syndicate cup yacht, designed by Nat Herreshoff, and it is a matter of public discussion about the Herreshoff boat shops at Bristol, R. I., that the new racer will have a name of eight letters, conforming to a sentimental policy of long standing relative to cup yachts. A multitude of names has been suggested informally, but the naming of the yacht may not take place for weeks to come.

It is pointed out that the Reliance, Vigilant, Defender and Columbia, all successful cup yachts, had each only eight letters in their names, while the Constitution, a cup candidate in 1901, had several more letters in her name. She was not selected.

It is said that having eight letters in a yacht's name is a good omen.

For the purpose of passing on the playing schedule the American league will meet March 7 in New York. This is the annual spring meeting, which is usually held in February. It was found necessary to adopt the later date because of the fact that President Comiskey of the Chicago White Sox was abroad with his team. President Ban B. Johnson, president of the league, will preside.

Pennsylvania will lose eleven football players by graduation next June. They will include Captain Young, Minds, Marshall, Crane and Simpson, mainstay back field, according to an announcement.

"It makes me laugh," says Umpire Hank O'Day, "when they compare Barry, Fletcher or any other shortstop with Honus Wagner. The Dutchman will continue as the best shortstop in the world as long as he can crawl out between second and third."

During the last year the state of New York received \$45,000 as its 5 per cent share of the receipts of the fight clubs.

The fourflush stuff recently staged in Paris by the two Johnsons, Jack and Jim, came very near putting the boxing game on the fritz in the gay capital.

President J. A. Gilmore, of the new Federal Baseball league, is throwing new bombs into the ranks of the major

organization by the signing of star players.

Almost every sort of business is represented in the backing of the Federal league. The club owners can start in by selling you a lot, then build your house, furnish you with fuel and ice, food and drink, do your banking and defend you in court when you are



Photo by American Press Association. James A. Gilmore, President of the Federal Baseball League.

pinched for speeding. One of them even helps make the speed laws.

There are three real estate dealers and four lawyers in the list of owners and backers. These are the only callings that are represented more than once with the odd exception of the coal business, which is represented by President Gilmore and John A. George, one of the Indianapolis backers.

The other trades and professions are restaurant owners, oyster and fish dealer, brewer, merchant, hotel owner, contractor, broker, banker and one member of the Canadian parliament.

When the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox return from abroad on March 6 rooters from both cities will gather at the pier to meet them. The fans from Chicago are going on two special trains.

## The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

Golden Text.—Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.—Luke xii, 34.

The Lesson Explained. Verses 13-15.—Take heed.

The Jewish synagogue was a center of religious education and civic justice for the community. Its work was administered by a board of ten men. We know definitely about the duties of eight of them. Three were called the rulers and they constituted a court for the settlement of cases that had to do with theft, debt and other forms of social injustice. There were three deacons whose business was to attend to works of charity. An overseer was in charge of the religious services and another was the interpreter who translated the Hebrew scriptures into the vernacular when they were read in the congregation. One of his hearers sought to honor Jesus when he appealed to him, as though he was one of the rulers of the synagogue. He doubtless thought that the influence of the "master" (rabbi) could be used in his favor in settling a family dispute about the right division of "the inheritance." The law required that one-third of the property should be given to the younger and two-thirds to the firstborn (Deut. xxi, 17). This man wanted Jesus to intercede with his brother on his behalf and see that the law was obeyed, but he had misinterpreted the Master's mission. "A judge or a divider." Had he interfered he would have been encroaching upon the regularly constituted rights of the recognized authorities. Just as the specific functions of the board of ten in the synagogue had been clearly defined so that there was no confusion, Jesus would have this man understand that it was none of his business as a religious teacher either to decide in matters of civil justice or to see that it was executed. "Beware of covetousness." This is an abnormal craving for what belongs to another. Such godless greed and avarice were condemned by the Tenth Commandment (Exod. xx, 17), but Jesus gave a deeper reason. "Not in the abundance of the things." The real life of man, which is spiritual and immortal, does not depend on external possessions for sus-

tenance, nor is it to be identified with them in any way. \* \* \*

Verses 16-19.—Be wise.

Jesus went beyond the Tenth Commandment in his interpretation of covetousness. The story of this rich man who had miscalculated is a warning against the grasping spirit which makes one hold to his own with a sense of "selfish ownership." "The ground." This man made his money in a perfectly legitimate way out of his fields and vineyards. "Plentifully." He was clearly prosperous beyond what was usual. "What shall I do?" He was embarrassed by the extraordinarily plentiful harvest and considered carefully what course he had better take so as to obtain the best returns. "My fruits, \* \* \* my barns, \* \* \* my goods, \* \* \* my soul." The repetition of the pronoun betrays the man's sense of self importance and self sufficiency, on the grounds of increased wealth. The decision that he finally made, after much deliberation, produced on him the further effect of self satisfaction. He was greatly pleased with himself. The prospect of expansion and extension was very gratifying. "Pull down; \* \* \* build greater." This is the picture of a progressive farmer. No objection was taken to his plans to increase his wealth. \* \* \* But he showed that he was narrow minded. "Much goods \* \* \* for many years." He was certainly fortunate in having so thoroughly provided against the future. "Eat, drink and be merry." Here again we need not think that he was given to self indulgence. He might have been sober and exercised self control. But, in spite of it all, he showed a lack of wisdom in thinking only of material things and making no provision for the spiritual needs of life.

Verses 20, 21.—Have faith.

He did not reckon with the great central factor in life, which is God. He acted as though God was not present or as if he was not indispensable and as if life in its fullness could be enjoyed without reference to him. "Thou fool"—"Foolish one." (revision). The word here used means senseless, without reflection, stupid. \* \* \* Jesus used the appropriate word in describing the rich man, who had a wide horizon for commercial matters, but who was so unfortunately shortsighted that he tried to live without God.



# Fashion Ideas and Household Hints

## New Neckwear of Embroidered Net



Cream colored net was used for the neckwear set illustrated here. This consists of a frilled fichu, which covers the front of the waist and is a useful accessory to the toilet at this season, since it effectually conceals shabby places in bodices that are beginning to be a trifle worn. Bands of embroidered net are used in the embellishment of the fichu, and the edge is finished with a plaited frill of the net. The deep cuffs are of the net, adorned with dainty frills.

## SPRING SLEEVE STYLES.

No Particular Kind Will Be Entirely the Rage.

For several years the styles in sleeves have changed less than they have in skirts, in bodices, in girdles, in shoes and in the styles of hair-dressing. There seems to be no indication any particular sleeve is going to be entirely the rage this spring. The long sleeve is still more generally worn than the short one, though it is more than likely the short sleeve will continue to be worn by those women who decidedly prefer it and who will not accept the vogue of the long one. The short sleeve drops just below the elbow, while few of them are above it unless it is on the evening gowns, in which there is practically no sleeve at all.

As for the kimono sleeve, it is fuller and baggier than ever. Baggier sleeves are shown so large that the sleeve and the body of the waist appear to be one and the same thing. Again the close fitting, narrow sleeve, which is no more than the prolongation of the waist bodice and which opens at the waist to show a frill of lace and tulle, shows up as the exact opposite of the same time popular and exaggerated kimono.

## GAY SPRING SHOES.

By the appearance of the shop windows one would imagine that summer was near, so exceedingly light and delicate of make and tonings are many of the latest arrivals in millinery, frocks and footwear. It betokens that the smart world is preparing for the annual fitting to the south and is purchasing much warm weather clothing in consequence.

To go with the light colored frocks there are delightful little boots in all shades of kid, pale green, pale blue, fawn and white, some with stitchings of black, others all in one tone with buttons to match.

## Peanut Bars.

Boil together four cupfuls of New Orleans molasses, two cupfuls of brown sugar, two teaspoonfuls each of butter and vinegar. Rub the skins from the peanuts, spread them in greased pans about an inch thick and when the molasses, etc., has reached the "crack" degree pour it over the nuts. When partly hardened cut into

## LENTEN SEASON DISHES.

**Date Cream.**—Stone half a pound of dates; wash and dredge with powdered sugar; cut in strips and place in a glass dish; sprinkle with orange or pineapple juice and heap with whipped cream in which has been mixed some finely chopped English walnut meats.

**Scrambled Codfish.**—Beat three eggs into a cupful of milk; put a cupful of shredded codfish into a saucepan with a large piece of butter; season with pepper and salt, and when slightly browned turn in the egg and milk mixture. Scramble as eggs and serve hot.

**White Sauce For Baked Fish.**—Heat but do not brown, two tablespoonfuls of melted butter; stir in three tablespoonfuls of flour and when perfectly smooth turn in two cupfuls of scalded milk and stir until it thickens. Season with pepper and salt.

**Easter Stars.**—Beat the whites of four eggs to a froth, add one cupful of powdered sugar and a teaspoonful of extract of almond, then stir in very lightly, a little at a time, one cupful of flour sifted four times, a teaspoonful of baking powder, a third of a cupful of hot water and lastly three tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Bake in small star shaped pans and ice.

**Castana Salad.**—Cut Malaga grapes in halves and remove the seeds until there is a cupful of the fruit; one cupful of diced pineapple, two apples, one bunch of celery cut into crescent forms and one dozen castananas cut into thin slices. Mix these thoroughly together and pour over them two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. For the dressing whip one cupful of whipped cream with the same amount of mayonnaisse. Serve in orange baskets.

## APRICOT PANCAKES.

Take half a dozen apricot halves that have been preserved and then press them through a sieve or not, as preferred. Break an egg in with the fruit and beat till light. Add one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, the same of grated nutmeg, one tablespoonful of sugar, one cupful of the water in which the apricots were put up and one-half teaspoonful of soda. Add flour to make a stiff pour batter. Fry in one large cake. When nicely browned turn carefully, and when almost done drop bits of butter over the top and spread carefully; then cover with orange marmalade and roll over and over. Lift to a warm platter and sift powdered sugar and grated lemon rind or a bit of cinnamon over the top. Serve in slices.

# Awaiting the Apaches

By WILLIAM E. G. PATTERSON

INDIAN fighting is a thing of the past now, but we must remember that it was only about a generation ago that General Custer and his men were surrounded and massacred by redskins.

There is an old ordnance sergeant at one of the Atlantic coast forts who was a youngster in the ranks of the regular army in those days and passed a good many years on the plains, where Indian fighting was the order of the day. He tells yarns about his experiences, some of them bloodcurdling, some simply amazing. Here is one of the latter class:

The Apaches were the worst varmints one had to deal with, and we were more afraid of them than any other savages. They were more treacherous, more merciless and practiced more deceptive methods than any other tribe with which I had the honor to exchange shots. When we were hunting them we were never sure that they weren't hunting us. Any man going to a spring for water, dropping out of the ranks to cool off or in any wise going off by himself was liable to be taken in, and so noiselessly that the rest of the command wouldn't know anything about it until he was missed and some one would be sent back to find him dead and scalped.

One time when we were after a party of Apaches, not knowing where they would turn on us in the middle of the night, or, more likely, just before dawn, we made preparations that would let us know of their coming. Our commander had taken the precaution to bring along some barbed wire fencing, and after getting into camp, before turning in under our blankets, we fenced ourselves in. Of course we didn't expect to keep off the red devils with a wire fence, especially when we weren't helping the latter with lead. All we hoped for was a few moments' delay, long enough, you know, to grab our rifles and get on our feet.

We bivouacked one evening on a hillside so situated that we couldn't very well be taken on the flank, and instead of running the wire around us we stretched it before us, so that any force coming up the hill must pass over it. Though the moon was in the third quarter, the night, being cloudy, was quite dark. The Apaches were so sly that in order to get a warning of their coming we hung all the tin plates, tin cans—anything, in fact, that would rattle—on the wire.

I was listening then for all I was worth for the slightest sound.

I had to take it out in listening, for I couldn't see anything unless it was above the sky line. The moon passed a thin space in the clouds just as I heard a tinkle away down at the

other end of the fence. Peering in that direction I saw something white. I didn't wish to make a guy of myself by firing at nothing, and I didn't wish to take any chances with Apaches about. I heard another tinkle and saw the white thing move. It seemed to be on the outer side of the fence, but in another moment it was on the inside. I had brought my rifle to my shoulder at the first sound, and, seeing that whatever it was had got in behind the fence, I let drive.

I could hear a prolonged rattle of accouterments as the line of sleeping men arose, and their rifles sounded like a modern machine gun. The field officers went hurrying about, and the company officers formed their men. In a few moments they were all standing in line ready for another volley, but the second volley was never fired. The clouds broke away from before the moon so that we could see what was going on before us, and we found there was nothing going on. No sign of an Apache appeared.

The order was given to break ranks, and within ten minutes the men were down on the ground again, most of them snoring loudly enough to keep a sentry from hearing any more tinkling tin plates. I was relieved soon after and joined the chorus.

The next morning our commander called up the guard of the night before and asked us who had fired the warning shot and at what he had fired. I confessed that it was the man and had fired at something white down at the other end of the wire fence.

"Something white!" he exclaimed contemptuously. "Did you ever know a redskin to wear anything white? No Indian, no Apache certainly, would wear anything that could be seen on a dark night."

I was dismissed with no other reprimand than this, if it could be considered a reprimand, and went off to a campfire where my men were cooking breakfast.

"What were you men on guard firing at last night?" asked one of the men.

"Apaches," I said, putting on a bold front. "The moment I fired they skeddaddled down the hill under cover of the darkness."

"How could you see them in the dark?"

This stumped me, but further remark was unnecessary since the mystery was solved by Sergeant Conover.

"What he was firing at," he said, "was a boiled shirt of mine that I washed after we bivouacked last night and hung on the wire fence to dry. And just look at it," he added, producing the article; "it's riddled!"

"Serves you right," said I, "for hanging your shirt on a means of defense."

## Lenten Seclusion



—Los Angeles Times.

## WHO CALLED THE LOST CHILD.

The Person Who Is "It" Tries to Find the One Who Spoke Last.

"Who calls" is played by the whole room. One person is selected as the "lost child" and goes out to be blindfolded, while the others change places. The "lost child" then comes in and some one calls his name in a natural tone; the "child" must find the caller and guess who it is, but if he names the wrong person after three times trying he must play over again. This game is lots of fun, for it is really surprising how just blindfolding a person causes him to lose sense of position and sound. As he feels all over the caller in an effort to find some distinguishing feature, the caller, who acts in pantomime to mislead the lost child, of course not speaking, usually manages to get off some amusing stunts. If he is named correctly he becomes the lost child.

## That Bad Sleepy Man.

As soon as I have finished tea  
The Sleepy Man comes after me,  
And then he takes me by the hand  
And drags me into Slumberland.

He is a coward, though, I think,  
To make the children nod and blink  
And kidnap little boys at night  
Who are not strong enough to fight.

But when the sun comes out by day  
I chase the Sleepy Man away—  
I fight him with my fists. But then  
At night he steals me back again.

For soon as I have finished tea  
The Sleepy Man comes after me,  
And then he takes me by the hand  
And drags me back to Slumberland.

## When Greek Meets Greek.

This quotation should properly read, "When Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war."

It is taken from Alexander the Great and refers to the iron resistance offered by the cities of Greece to Philip and Alexander of Macedon.

How many neckties had Job? Three wretched comforters.

## Women of Abor, India, Smoke Pipes

Just as Men Do In Our Country



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Mace Hunter, a prominent citizen and prosperous stock farmer of four miles east of Spur, was transacting business in the city Saturday.

J. H. Boothe, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of two or three miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

Mrs. A. T. Odeneal returned this week from Afton where she has been spending some time with J. V. McCormick and family.

J. J. Rogers, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Mrs. H. A. Boothe is reported quite sick, and was carried Wednesday to the Standifer Hospital for an operation. We hope the operation will be successful and that Mrs. Boothe will soon be completely recovered.

W. H. Harrison, of the Experimental farm, is in the eastern part of the state on business and visiting friends.

C. E. Brannen bought the C. C. Haile residence in Spur this week, and he and family will make the place their home.

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J. C. Davis was in last week from his ranch north of Dickens and spent several days here with his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis and families. While here Mr. Davis handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription account and for which he has our thanks.

Wyly Morgan made a trip last week to Afton and Roaring Springs in the interest of his campaign for the Sheriff's office.

Furniture repaired. Will call for, deliver and guarantee all work.—W. S. Hunter. 18th

J. C. Stephens, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his many friends.

G. T. Rorie and family, of Dermott, returned Sunday to their home after spending some time with his brother, E. R. Rorie on the Line Camp northeast of Spur.

Strayed—Small Gray horse, branded C H I. Reward will be paid for delivery of horse to Brannen Bros.

Mrs. J. O. Yopp was carried to the Standifer Hospital Wednesday for an operation which was performed in the afternoon. We hope soon to note the complete recovery of Mrs. Yopp.

L. W. Davis and wife and Miss Ella Garner returned Sunday from Post City where they spent several days, Mr. Davis doing some abstract work of Garza county lands.

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, spent several hours in Spur Saturday greeting his many friends and looking after business matters.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and attending to business matters.

Sol Davis left this week for Dallas where he will spend several days buying spring and fall goods.

G. A. Howsley returned Sunday from Albany where he spent several days with his family.

## We Have Moved

OUR Stock of Goods to the first door south of the Spur Drug Co., known as the J. A. Lambdin building. We are now in position to serve our friends and customers in a more satisfactory manner. We are also adding to our stock a full line of Automobile supplies, such as Casings and all Automobile necessities, and will also install a gas filling station in front of our store. We earnestly solicit and appreciate your patronage.

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