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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The Standifer Hospital and Chartered Training School for Nurses, in its report to the State Department at Austin, March 1st, 1914, reports four hundred and one abdominal operations and one hundred seventy-six minor operations since the establishment of this institution in Spur. During its history the Standifer Hospital has never lost a case under an anaesthetic or on the operating table, and only six have died in the hospital after an operation had been performed.

The total number of five hundred and seventy-seven cases of surgery were performed on patients who came from Dickens, Kent, Stonewall, Jones, Haskell, Taylor, Howard, Midland, Mitchell, Garza, Lubbock, Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Swisher, Motley, King, Knox and Donley counties and several cases from New Mexico and Oklahoma.

From the above it will be noted that the Standifer Hospital has not only attracted a large volume of business from a larger territory than all other business interests of the town, but has had unprecedented success over institutions of this character in Western Texas. The Standifer Hospital has had unparalleled success in its business operations, and Dr. Standifer is not only well fitted and equipped to do surgery but is recognized as one of the best and most successful surgeons of the state, and the past record of this institution under his management warrants the prediction of even a more extensive business and wider recognition in the future.

At this time there are six patients in the hospital, having had successful operations for various causes and all of whom are recovering rapidly. Miss Mattie Waldron, an experienced, thorough and efficient nurse, is now head-nurse of the hospital.

MARKET COTTON.

P. J. Hext, one of the most prosperous citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the first of the week and marketed three bales of cotton for which he received the prevailing market price. While here he also purchased supplies of the Spur merchants.

A CORRECTION.

Last week in reporting the Justice Court proceedings the Texas Spur erred in stating that a suit of Dr. Grace vs. M. J. King was heard. The case was styled Dr. Grace vs. W. A. King. In justice to the parties concerned we are very glad to make this correction.

WORK TO BEGIN.

The contractors on the Spur Waterworks System are expected to arrive in Spur the latter part of this week. It is presumed that the work of installing the system will begin immediately and rushed to completion. At the present time there are numbers of men in Spur waiting for this work to begin so they will have employment.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

The Texas Spur is authorized this week to announce E. L. Harkey as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Harkey served the county as Tax Assessor one term, being succeeded in the office by T. J. Harrison, the present incumbent. E. L. Harkey is one of the oldest settlers of Dickens county and is well known by the voters and entire citizenship of the county. He is well qualified in every respect to fill the office to which he aspires, and if elected will serve the county in an able, accurate and trustworthy manner. The Texas Spur asks the voters of Dickens county to give the candidacy of E. L. Harkey a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot in the July Primary.

INTENSIVE FARMER.

C. D. Copeland, extensive farmer and progressive citizen of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday purchasing supplies and shaking hands with his numerous friends. He purchased lumber for the erection of a water tank in which he will store water for irrigation purposes. Mr. Copeland owns two sections of fine land and is intensive in his farming methods. He is quite successful as a Dickens county soil-tiller and is ever on the watch that no opportunities slip by. Dickens county needs many more of his caliber.

BUYING IN SPUR.

Tom Dodson, J. R. Davis and Will Wooly, all prominent men and leading citizens of the Roaring Springs country, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday after supplies which were purchased of the Spur merchants.

TRUCK FARMING ON MODERN SUBURBAN HOME.

Dr. Grace, in handling his extensive medical practice and superintending his truck-farming business, is one among the busiest men of the town at this time. He recently moved to the T. J. Braddock suburban home where he is now preparing several acres for cultivation and on which he is planting water melons, cantaloupes, onions, potatoes, lettuce and other garden truck. He will also have a small acreage in alfalfa and chicken feed, including feterita, cane, etc. The Doctor also has a nice bunch of chickens and two fine milk cows running on a pasture of several acres.

The home is a conveniently arranged six room residence, with smoke house, storm-cellar, barn and chicken house, and everything considered is a very desirable home. Dr. Grace is having both telephones connected and will be prepared to answer all medical calls as well as respond to the call "back to the farm."

FARMERS HOLD INTERESTING MEETING HERE.

Last Saturday, in Spur, the Dickens County Experimental Station Association held its most interesting meeting. There was a large membership present and the discussions of the various members were very valuable to anyone interested in agriculture.

Plans, to secure and produce pure guaranteed seed, were made and indications now point to a large supply of good seed for planting purposes in the

Spur country, the coming year. The advisability of using two year old cotton seed for planting was discussed.

Several new members were enrolled in the Association, which is growing with each meeting.

Mr. Reagan made a report of the work done, in part, by the Agricultural Association meeting at Abilene several weeks ago.

The purposes of the County Association were explained to visitors present. All discussions were very interesting and instructive, the members showing much enthusiasm in the work of the Association. Efforts will be made to secure a speaker of state-wide reputation to address a meeting in the near future.

The meeting adjourned to convene Saturday, March 28th, at 2 p. m. This meeting will be held in the Dunn building on the east side in Spur.

COOPERATION NEEDED.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in the city Tuesday and while here paid us a fraternal call. Editor Hyatt is the liveliest booster and business pusher in Dickens and if the business interests will cooperate with him and help furnish some of the steam, Dickens will materially and effectually advance and progress commercially.

WILL MOVE TO SPUR.

John Wooten, of the Plains country, was in the city this week and spent several days here on business. We understand that Mr. Wooten will move to Spur at an early date and make his home here at least several months. We will be glad to have Mr. Wooten as a resident citizen of the town.

A TRUE STORY.

Miss Burnett will have her Millinery opening Friday, March 27th. Every lady in town and country is invited and will be welcome and wanted on that date to look at the REAL, new creations only known to the Millinery art. Miss Burnett feels sure she will be able to show you an assortment of Hats that will be a surprise to you. So don't forget your pocket-books, for you may decide to do more than look. But if you only want to look, come just the same and we will try to make you feel glad that you came.

Now men, we are ready for you with a new stock of Spring Clothing, and we certainly want to sell you at least one suit this spring. The prices range from \$10.00 and up, and for \$17.00 we give you a Style Plus Suit that is guaranteed every thread wool, and to give satisfaction. What more could you get in a \$25.00 suit? We believe we can save you money on your Clothing. Anyway come in and ask Bennett, the Clothing man, to show you. A man is known by the company he keeps; a store by the merchandise it handles. We are just as careful in choosing our merchandise as you are in selecting your friends. If you haven't met, let us introduce you to Style Plus \$17.00. We are the only Style Plus store here—remember that—and remember it requires the massing of every energy in the biggest clothing organization in the world to produce the sensational values in Style Plus at \$17.00. Get the habit. Join the circle of well dressed men, it only costs \$17.00. Buy your clothes as carefully as your wife buys hers. Save \$3 to \$8 on your suit, and get the suit you really want at \$17, Style Plus.

We are headquarters for Childrens Oxfords. You must not fail to see them, for they are a specialty line made by people who have made a life study of childrens foot wear, not cheap, but good, made over foot form lasts—they fit the foot, look well and wear well. We are proud of this line because a good line of Childrens Oxfords is hard to find.

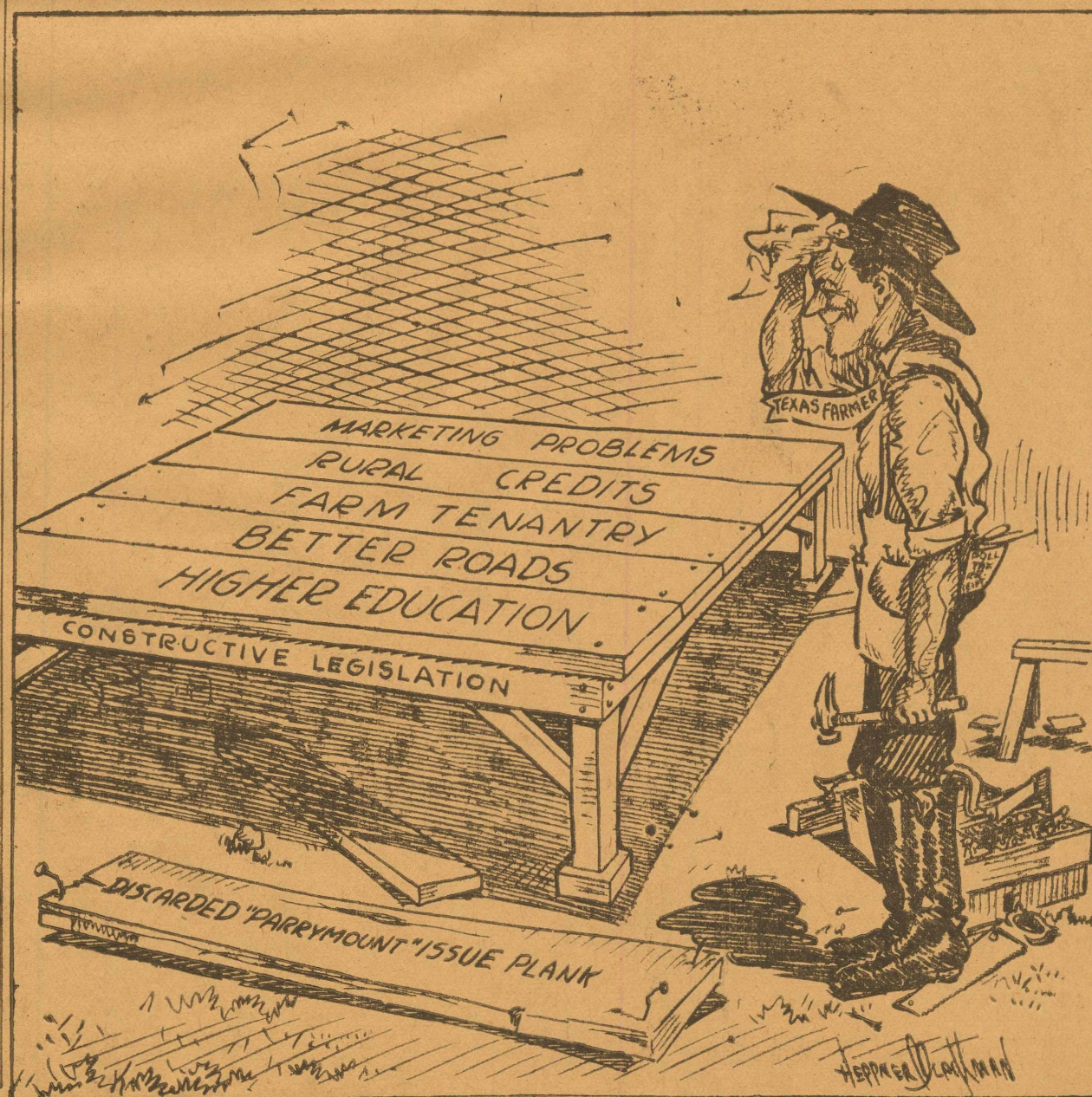
Business was very good with us last week but we could use more, so come on with the cash, we need you. Everybody will take goods if you give them away. So we have decided on next Saturday, the 21st, we would give each customer making cash purchases in dry goods of \$2 and upwards, a useful prize. We don't know how long we will continue this, it will depend on how the people appreciate the prizes. Save your duplicate cash tickets 'till you get \$2 worth and get a prize—ask about it. Say, we have a surprise for the boys. Watch for the Automobile in the window.

"You're beaten to earth—well what of that
Come up with a smiling face;
'Tis nothing against you to fall down flat
But to lie there—that's disgrace."

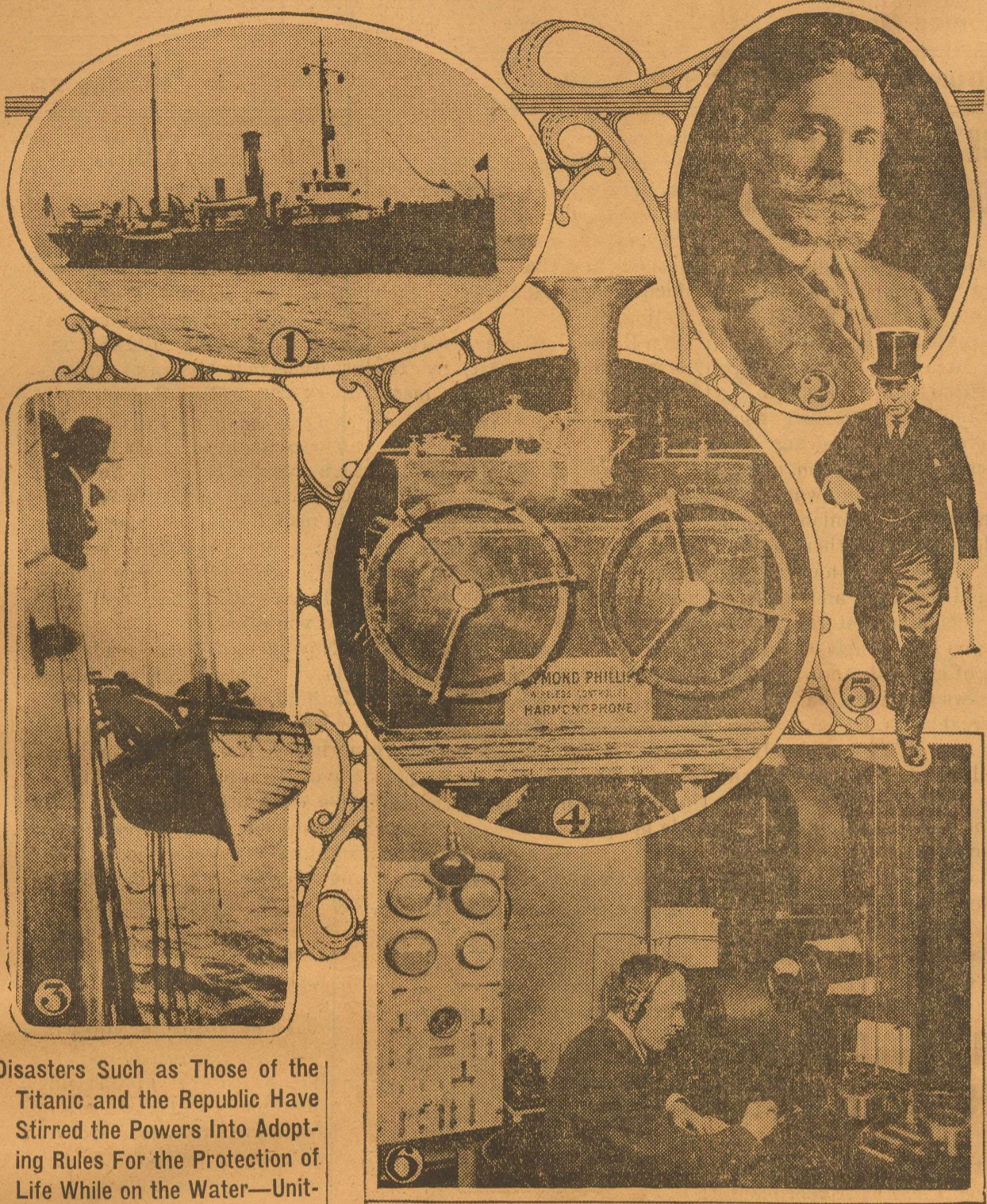
—Bryant-Link Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link motored to Jayton Monday, spending several hours in the city.

THE PLATFORM BUILDER



World's Slogan, "Make Sea Safe!"



Disasters Such as Those of the Titanic and the Republic Have Stirred the Powers Into Adopting Rules For the Protection of Life While on the Water—United States Will Control the Wireless and Ice Patrol.

SINCE the sinking of the Titanic, that appalling disaster which, on April 14, 1912, cost 1,593 lives, and the burning of the Republic, with its great loss of life, there has been increased agitation for greater security of vessels and passengers at sea. The recent sinking of the Monroe, the coastwise steamer, with a loss of forty-one, off the north of the Virginia capes in the Atlantic added to the demand for a quick adoption of every possible rule which would assure safety on the water. This question has been the subject of exhaustive consideration by the revising committee of the international congress on safety at sea. At the recent conclusion of this convention in London fourteen nations signed new ocean traffic rules.

The governments that signed the sea safety pact are Great Britain, the United States, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Holland, Belgium and Denmark. Other countries were given the privilege of coming into the convention up to Jan. 31. The treaty will be in force July 1, 1915, after ratification by the various states.

United States to Control Patrol.

Lord Mersey, president of the conference, describes the new sea treaty as follows:

"An international service is to be established by the nations chiefly interested for the purpose of an ice patrol and ice observation as well as the destruction of derelicts in the north Atlantic. It is to be under the control of the United States. This service is to take over and continue the work done by the two vessels employed by the United States in 1912-13 in locating ice, in determining its limits to the south, the east and the west and in keeping in touch with it as it moves southward, in order that vessels may be kept informed by wireless telegraphy of its position.

"The service also will continue the ice observation work started last year by Great Britain with the object of determining before the ice becomes a peril the fundamental conditions which govern its movement.

"The service also will continue the duty of dealing with dangerous derelicts east of a line drawn from Cape Sable to latitude 34 degrees north, longitude 70 degrees west. The waters to the west of this line will continue to be watched by the United States.

"The duty also is imposed on all shipmasters to report the presence of dangerous ice and derelicts, and a code has been prepared to facilitate this reporting.

"When ice is reported on or near the

track a ship must proceed during the night at moderate speed or alter its course so as to clear the danger zone.

"An international code for urgent and important signals has been adopted. "It was impossible to revise the international collision regulations, as many states which were parties to these regulations were not represented at the conference, but the convention binds the contracting states to bring about a revision of those regulations.

Among the most important subjects dealt with under the heading of construction Lord Mersey mentioned bulkheads for the prevention of the spread of fire, means of escape from water tight compartments, requirements as to the strength of bulkheads and decks, the reduction to the smallest number practicable of the openings in water tight bulkheads, the restriction of openings in the ship's outer skin, appliances for closing the same, requirements as to the fitting and extent of double bottoms, the periodical operation and inspection of water tight doors, etc.

The convention provides that all merchant vessels when engaged in international or colonial voyages, whether steam or sailing vessels and whether transporting passengers or not, must be equipped with wireless telegraphy if they have on board fifty persons or more, except where that number is increased owing to causes beyond the master's control.

We Supervise Wireless.

The American wireless systems have all been agreed to. The main feature of this system is that it gives the control of the apparatus and the supervision over the operations of the employees to the American government, notwithstanding the nationality of the ships, whenever they are coming into or departing from American waters.

A continuous watch for wireless purposes must be kept on all vessels fitted with wireless telegraphy as soon as the government or state to which the vessel belongs is satisfied that such a watch is useful for purposes of saving life at sea.

The master of a ship in distress is to have the right to call for assistance among vessels which have answered his appeal from those vessels which he thinks are best able to render him assistance. The other vessels may then proceed on their voyage.

The convention lays down that there must be accommodation in lifeboats or their equivalents for all persons on board a ship.

Every vessel must be equipped with a minimum number of davits or equivalent appliances which vary accord-

ing to the length of the ship. Each davit must have a lifeboat of the first class attached to it, and thereafter additional boats must be provided until the provision has been made to accommodate 75 per cent of the total persons on board. If further accommodation be required it may be provided in the shape of lifeboats or approved pontoon life rafts.

The convention decreed that as large a number as possible of the boats and rafts must be capable of being launched from either side of the ship, so that as few as possible need to be launched from the weather side. Special life jackets for children also must be provided.

There must be a minimum number of the crew who are competent to handle boats and rafts. For a boat or raft carrying not more than sixty persons the minimum number of the crew is fixed at three, with additional numbers for larger boats or rafts. These men must hold certificates of competency issued under government authority.

The transport of dangerous goods is forbidden.

For detecting fire an organized system of patrols is called for.

All ships are to have an adequate system of lighting so as to enable passengers to find their way to the exits. The decks also must be well lighted.

Exchange of Safety Laws.

Provision is made for the interchange between governments of laws and regulations relating to safety of life at sea and for the imposition by each government of penalties in case of neglect to comply with the provisions of the convention.

Among the proposals accepted by the conference was Rear Admiral Washington L. Capps' system of making ships, so far as practicable, unsinkable. The American naval officer's plan divides a ship into side and crosswise compartments, each of them being water tight. Thus, if, as the result of a collision, either end or either side of a ship is smashed in, the water cannot go beyond the particular compartment penetrated.

Admiral Capps was a member of the American delegation. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois was another member of the delegation and was called upon by Lord Mersey to speak in behalf of the United States, following the adoption of the sea safety treaty. He said that the measure agreed to opens an era of conciliation between the nations of the new world and the old and if followed bids farewell to the antagonisms of nations and the enmities of peoples.

Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

THE American golfers who compete in the British open championship next June will face a system of play unusual both in this country and England. According to a recent decision of the managing clubs, the entrants will play qualifying rounds on one or more courses, and the 100 returning the best scores will be eligible for the championship play on the Prestwick links June 18 and 19. This innovation will be of particular interest to Jerome D. Travers, Heinrich Schmidt, Francis Ouimet and Fred Herreshoff, the quartet of United States players playing in the British isles the coming summer.

Announcement has not been made of the courses to be used for the qualifying rounds, but it is believed that the St. Nicholas and Troon courses will be selected for the preliminary tests. The constantly increasing entry list, with its attendant congestion when the entire tournament is played over one course, made the change in the rules necessary and caused the adoption of the following conditions:

"The qualifying rounds will be held on courses other than the championship course.

"All competitors will play one round on each course, and the 100 returning the best scores will play in the championship proper four rounds of the green.

"Any ties for the last place will be played off on Saturday, the 13th of June, and will be decided by one round of eighteen holes on the championship course.

"Players who qualify will have the privilege of practicing on the championship course on the 13th, 15th, 16th and 17th of June.

"The championship will be played at Prestwick on June 18 and 19; the qualifying rounds, on courses to be named later, on June 11 and 12."

One of the features of the rowing season at Yale this year has been the discarding of practically every vestige of the English university stroke that has been taught and studied at Yale for three seasons.

Captain Denegre says that the shells in which Yale rows this season will be American built and American rigged. The shells which were brought from England the past two seasons will be remodeled and the rigging

changed to the American model and the boats used for reserve practice.

In spite of the fact that the New York boxing authorities and city courts have refused Bob Fitzsimmons the opportunity to "come back," the former ring idol declares that he will go to any length to re-enter the pugilistic game.

The commission held that as Fitz is fifty-one years old and therefore has passed the zenith of his physical prowess. Such being the case, it would be dangerous for him to enter the ring for the ten round bouts which form the star attraction at most clubs.

Old Bob, however, held an entirely different view, saying that there wasn't a man alive who could cause

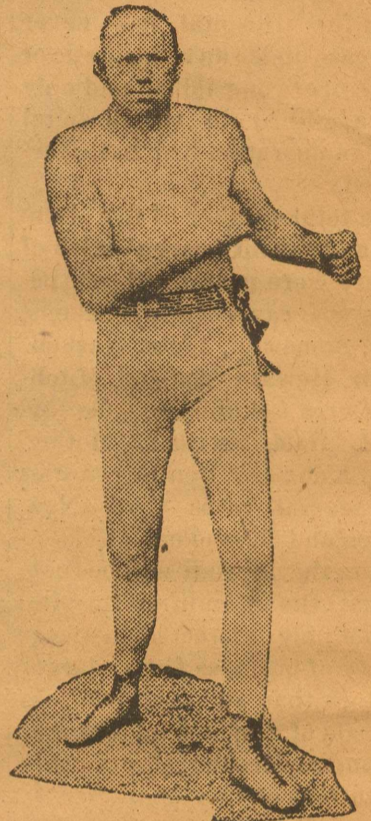


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Bob Fitzsimmons Looking For an Opportunity to "Come Back."

him discomfort in a ten round go and that he was ready to prove it at any time. His victory over Sweeney at Williamsport, Pa., seems to bear out the veteran's statement.

The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

The Lesson Explained. Luke xiii, 10-13.—The infirm woman.

The synagogues were the centers of religious worship and instruction. It was the custom when any well known preacher was in the audience to offer him the courtesy of the pulpit that he might speak a word of exhortation. Compare Acts xiii, 15. This was how Jesus, who was a regular worshiper in the synagogues, received invitations to preach. * * * "Spirit of infirmity"—rather, "a spirit that caused infirmity." It was the common belief of the time that sickness was due to demon possession. This woman was suffering from spinal trouble, perhaps produced by rheumatism. As frequently happens in such cases, she was bent most painfully. "Called her to him." The sight of her moved Jesus to sympathy, and he surprised her by offering to cure her. * * * "Made straight." This is the usual medical word which describes the restoration of the parts of the body to their normal, healthy position. The order of the cure was of interest to Luke, the physician. "Glorified God." Her first thought was one of thanks to the Almighty for physical freedom.

Luke xiii, 14-17.—The indignant ruler.

We need not think of this man as a bitter opponent of Jesus, for in that case he would not have invited him to speak in the synagogue. He was a sincere but ignorant man, and, as always happens in such cases, he thought more of upholding tradition, than of any triumph of healing. "With indignation." He was certainly stirred, and, narrow minded that he was, he was even scandalized that the sanctity of the Sabbath should not have been more strictly observed. "Said unto the people." As Dr. Bruce well puts it, "He spoke to the audience at Jesus." His plea was very plausible, but his argument was not applicable to the present case or to any others like it. * * * "Thou hypocrite"—better, "Ye hypocrites" (revision). Jesus was addressing not merely this man, but his whole class, and he showed how inconsistent they were. "To watering." The rabbinic interpretation of the law curiously permitted water to be drawn out of the well, but not to be carried; hence the animals had to be led there. If it is permissible for a man to "loose

his ox or his ass," that it may be given drink, how much greater should be the liberty granted to "a daughter of Abraham," a member of the chosen race, to "be loosed" from the bondage of "Satan," who was popularly supposed to be the sender of sickness. "His adversaries were ashamed." Those who supported the ruler in his decided objections were crestfallen, for they could not contradict the argument and appeal of Jesus. "The people rejoiced." They were less prejudiced and more open to conviction and were powerfully influenced by the practical ministry of Jesus.

Luke xiv, 1-6.—The inspired master.

Jesus had many friends among the Pharisees, who welcomed him into their homes with hospitality. "Eat bread on the Sabbath." It was the custom for banquets to be held on the Sabbath, although the food had been cooked on the previous day. But these "cold collations" were occasions of much festivity and merriment. "They watched him." His enemies trailed him and were on the lookout for opportunities to accuse him as a violator of the law and therefore to be discarded by all self respecting people. "Had the dropsy." This disease is not mentioned elsewhere in the New Testament. It is here accurately described by the physician Luke. Where meals were served in the open, as in the orient, it would have been quite easy for this man, although not a guest, to enter the courtyard, where he could be seen by Jesus. "Is it lawful?" He knew the thoughts of the scribes and Pharisees who were present, and so he inquired of them concerning the legality of a work of mercy being performed on the Sabbath. "They held their peace," not knowing what to say and hesitating to commit themselves. "Let him go." Jesus then touched the man, so that he was instantly healed and dismissed him. "Answered them." Afterward he defended his action by appealing to some of their own practices. "Which of you?" Not one of them would have hesitated to rescue "an ass or an ox" from "a pit," even though the accident had taken place on the Sabbath. If they were justified in so acting through self interest, more so was he to relieve suffering. "Could not answer." His conclusion was final, and they were silenced.

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Mr. Cartwright, a prominent citizen of the Soldier Mound community, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

Jim Smith, of eight or nine miles west, was among the many business visitors here the latter part of last week.

Earl Kellar, of Lamb county, spent several days of this week in Spur on business and visiting his brother, W. E. Kellar.

J. A. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

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J. E. Cherry, a prominent citizen of several miles south, was among the number of visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Cherry just recently returned from Burke, Texas, where he spent several months on business and visiting friends.

Miss Willie Allcorn, of the Tap country, is in the Standifer Hospital having had an operation for the removal of an abscess. At this time we are glad to note that she is doing nicely and recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

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.

S. B. Scott was in the city this week from his home several miles west of Spur. While here he handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur, for which he has our thanks.

Dennis Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Harkey is the efficient head-office deputy under Sheriff Conner.

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. 51f

H. T. Garner was here Saturday from his farm home several miles northeast and spent several hours shaking hands and greeting friends.

J. A. Neighbors, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill community, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

Mitchell Bond, who lives on Luther Jones' place, spent several hours here Saturday on business.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was one of the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

Ben Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

J. Anderson Davis was here Saturday from his home northeast of Spur.

Furniture repaired. Will call for, deliver and guarantee all work.—W. S. Hunter. 181f

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker were among the many visitors and shoppers in town Saturday.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Sparks reports his section of country in good shape but says the people would be glad to see a shower of rain to renew the top season.

Buff Orphingtons, chickens that won first prizes at Stamford, Merkel, Plainview and Abilene. Best pen in English class at Abilene; all this season. Mating list free.—Dr. P. C. Wray, Jayton, Texas. 20 8t-p

G. J. Stearns, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Friday on business. While here he handed us a dollar to add his name to the growing list of Texas Spur readers for which he has our thanks.

Will Walker, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Spur country, was here Saturday from his farm home several miles east greeting his many friends in the city.

Robt. Bruton, a prominent citizen and good farmer of the Lee County settlement on the Plains, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

S. R. Bowman, a prominent citizen of the Spur country, was in the city the latter part of last week from his home four miles north of Spur.

W. P. T. Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was here Saturday greeting his friends. He reports everything in good shape in his section at this time.

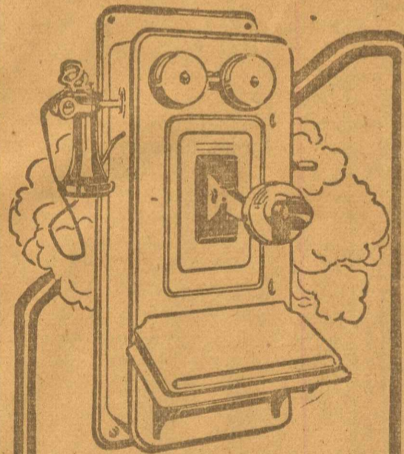
Uncle Jimmy Hudson was in the city Saturday from the H. P. Cole farm and ranch several miles north of Spur.

Mrs. H. P. Cole was in the city Saturday from her home several miles north of Spur.

For Sale—Thoroughbred R. I. Eggs \$1.00 per setting of 15.—W. D. Blair, Spur, Texas. p 2t

J. H. Boothe was in Spur Friday from his home one or two miles southeast of the city.

Seed Oats For Sale, 65c a bu. See A. W. Jordan, Steel Hill. 11f



THE MODERN WEATHER PROPHET

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L. C. Arrington, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in fine shape out his way with reference to crop prospects.

W. J. Young, a leading farmer and one among the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

C. L. Love left the latter part of last week for eastern points to buy spring and fall goods for the Love Dry Goods Company. He will probably be gone a week or ten days.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was in the city the latter part of last week from her home on the Alamo Stock Farm about twenty miles west of Spur.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish. The Judge reports everything in good shape in his section.

H. H. Hill, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

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

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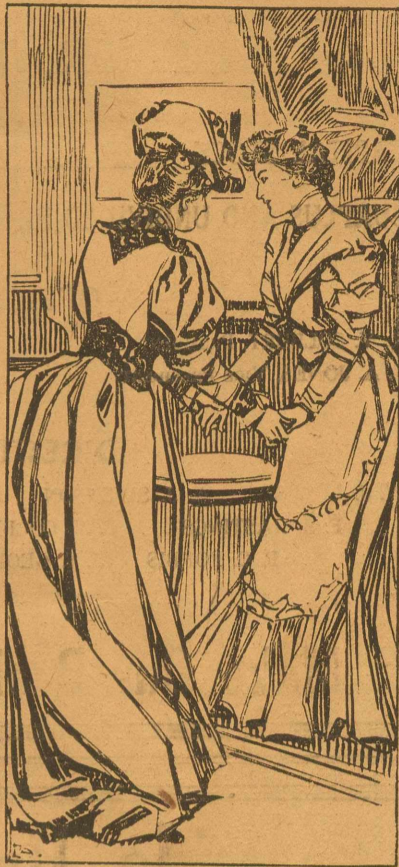
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The Fair Creole's Fortune

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



"Poor child! I hope you do not love him."

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. He 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. Guy visits his former wife and proposes a secret divorce. She hesitates, mistrusting him. Guy explains that according to law he is privileged to pay his debts with her money as well as to assume care of the child, which he threatens to do if she is obstinate. Violet reserves decision. Distracted, she consults with Elsie, who suggests the "professor" as an adviser. Percival receives news from Captain Kemyss' estate, which is nearing bankruptcy. He visits Virginie, who, with usual open heartedness, offers relief, but Guy objects. She wonders at his attitude. Violet and Percival meet. She tells him his story, unmasking Guy. Percival is astounded. Following his advice, she goes to Virginie and reveals Guy's duplicity.

The Breaking.

AFTER telling her story Violet took Virginie by both hands and said, while natural tears of pity rose to her eyes: "Poor child! I hope you do not love him, because this man, this villain, my husband, is none other than Guy Ferrier." "I knew it from the beginning," said Virginie quickly. "I saw it must be he. I knew his voice and his gestures. Let me think a little. I do not know what to say or what to think." "Certainly," said Violet, "this is not the way in which a lovesick maid would receive the news. She does not love him." "I must ask him," said Virginie presently, "if your story is true. But Mr. Percival says that what you say is true." Then they were silent again. Virginie went to the open window. Presently she returned to the table by which Violet was sitting. "I know why you asked me if I love him. Tell me—do you love him?" "No." "Did you ever love him?" "I do not know. I was young and foolish. No gentleman had ever spoken of love to me before. I thought I did. Heaven knows, I might have loved him had he chosen. Now I cannot even pity him." "Do you think I might have loved him, too—in time?" "I do not know." "To live with him for fifteen years; to be his wife for all that time, then—suddenly—to learn the dreadful truth! Oh, Guy—Guy—how can men be so wicked?" This was the part of the wrong which struck her imagination. "You look good," said Virginie pitifully. "Can you tell me what I should do—I mean, do first? For, of course, I must never see him again. I never could. But there are other people. Lord Ferrier loves me and will be made unhappy. Maude, his sister, loves me. Mrs. Hollowes will want to

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

Lord Ferrier, telling them that the engagement is broken. For their sake I am very, very sorry. For my own— "For your own, dear?" "For my own I can never be sufficiently grateful and happy." Mrs. Hollowes said no more. It was clearly no mere lovers' quarrel. Besides, Captain Ferrier was not in love with Virginie, as she had the sharpness to have perceived very clearly from the beginning. The man wanted her fortune, and she had learned something of his character. She was fairly puzzled. Their little dinner that evening, usually so full of cheerfulness, was silent and dull. Presently they went to some party, where Virginie danced more than was usual with her. Mrs. Hollowes, obedient to instructions, whispered the news, which was carried round, so that by the next morning there was not a person interested in the career of the Hon. Guy Ferrier, who did not know that his brilliant match was broken off. Virginie's letters to Lord Ferrier and to Maude were nearly alike. To the former she said:

Dear Lord Ferrier—Because you wished it and because you have been so kind to me—kinder than I could ever have looked for or hoped—I am very sorry that Guy has broken off our engagement. He will perhaps tell you why. Your grateful and affectionate cousin, VIRGINIE.

And to Maude she wrote:

My Dear Maude—Guy has broken the engagement. He will, if he pleases, tell you why, but do not ask me. For your sake and your father's sake I am very sorry that it was ever entered upon. I will write to my guardian by the next mail. Meantime please understand that it is impossible for us to renew the promise. I mean impossible in the literal sense of the word. It is not a matter of sentiment at all. Impossible! Thank you most sincerely for your kindness and your friendship. Yours affectionately, VIRGINIE.

They received these letters sitting together after dinner. Lord Ferrier had been talking of Virginie—of the pleasant times they would have when she would be with them for good; making plans for their residence altogether; Guy settling down to a country gentleman. He talked constantly of Virginie. He longed for her to be married, so as to be at his side every day. While they were thus discoursing these letters came. Lord Ferrier dropped the note in consternation.

"What does it mean, Maude? What does it mean?"

"It is some new folly of Guy's—some madness. I do not know what it means." She sprang to her feet in a kind of despair. "Oh, Guy, Guy; then all is useless!"

In those days Percival plucked up heart of grace and called often upon Virginie, and they took counsel together. It was well on in July; the season was nearly over. Mrs. Hollowes, who went in sadness, having lost the most important persons on her visiting list, was talking of the seaside. But Virginie had other thoughts in her head. She had not yet written to her mother and her guardian about the breaking of the engagement, which lasted but a short fortnight. She was thinking of another and a more excellent way of telling them.

It was concerning the more excellent way that Percival advised her. His arguments were forcible, and he spoke with plainness and to no unwilling ears.

"Why stay here?" he asked her. "Everything in London will remind you of—of things you would gladly forget. You have endured a most cruel outrage at the hands of your own people. London will never be a happy place for you again."

"No, never," she replied. "I can never think of London again except with pain. And I shall always remember Lord Ferrier's kindness."

"Go out yourself," he went on. "The mail starts in a fortnight. Carry yourself the news of your freedom."

She clasped her hands, and her eyes sparkled.

"Then there is Tom," the tempter added softly.

She blushed, but replied not.

"You do not know"—he pleaded the name of the absent Tom as warmly as if it were his own—"you cannot understand the perfect love with which he looks upon you. As for me and the rest of use, of course you already know that we love you just as much, but Tom, of course, comes first."

"Oh, Mr. Percival," said Virginie, with a rosy blush upon her cheek and a sweet smile in her eyes, "you must not say such things to me." Yet in Palmiste such things had been said to her without meeting any objections.

"Have you told Maude?"

"I have written both to her and to

A Glance at Current Topics

Goethals Takes Office April 1.
Panama, March 10.—The selection of Colonel George W. Goethals, engineer in chief of the Panama canal, to be the first governor of the canal zone is a peculiarly fitting one. The present form of government of the zone by executive order is to be changed to a civil one on April 1 next. This is in accordance with an act of congress. The appointment of

pensions to Confederate veterans who are no longer able to support themselves there is a possibility that it might pass.

The matter came up during the consideration of a private pension bill recently, and quite a number of southern men denounced the proposition and declared that under no circumstances would they vote for such a measure. Several claimed that the southern states were taking care of the Confederate veterans and that it was no part of the duty of the federal government to pension them.

The statement was made that 95 per cent of the Confederate veterans are in favor of the proposed legislation. If that is true it would seem that the sentiment in favor of such a measure would soon reach the members of congress from that section.

Panama Canal Memorial.

Washington, March 11.—The government commission of fine arts, which has studied the problem of beautifying the Panama canal, has submitted to congress a proposal for a commemorative monument. The commission believes that a memorial should be made in the form of an impressive inscription upon the east wall at the point of deepest cut, 492 feet, at the continental divide. The committee recommends that this monument should be approximately 100 feet in height and somewhat more in width, that it should be severely simple in design and that the material should be concrete applied as a massive facing to the irregularly fractured trap rock of the cliff. The committee also suggests marking the highest point of canal excavation in Gold hill immediately over the proposed inscription with some form of monument.



Colonel George W. Goethals as Governor Will Complete His Work.

Colonel Goethals is for four years at a salary of \$10,000 a year. When informed of his appointment Colonel Goethals expressed gratification at the honor conferred upon him and said that there would be no delay in the reorganization of the canal force. The powers of the governor for the operation of the canal and the administration of the zone are very great.

For Celebration of Mecklenburg Treaty.

Charlotte, N. C., March 10.—To perpetuate the celebration of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence an organization was recently formed here, known as the Mecklenburg Declaration society. It is now raising funds to carry out its project on a big scale. F. Brevard McDowell and Dr. John L. Caldwell are president and secretary respectively. Both are lineal descendants of signers of the Mecklenburg declaration.

Statue of Pitt For America.

London, March 9.—Derwent Wood has been commissioned to make a copy of the statue of William Pitt by McDowell in the house of lords for presentation to the United States by American women married to Englishmen in connection with the 100 years peace celebration. Lady Paget, the wife of Sir Arthur Paget, who took the lead of the movement at the suggestion of Earl Grey, has already collected the greater part of the \$15,000 required.

A Woman For Governor.

Salem, Ore., March 10.—Those who have watched politics in Oregon for the past year are predicting that Miss Fern Hobbs, the private secretary of Governor West and heroine of Copperfield, is not an unlikely candidate for the governorship of the state. There is nothing in the constitution of Oregon to prevent a woman from being elected governor if she can get the votes, since the state has granted the right of suffrage to women.

Miss Hobbs has been much in the public eye in a political way, and it is declared that Governor West, who has announced he will not run again, purposes to support his secretary to succeed himself.

It was Miss Hobbs who was sent by Governor West to Washington, D. C., to represent the executive in land matters relating to Oregon. It was Miss Hobbs whom the governor sent to Woodburn to investigate the saloon business, and recently it was Miss Hobbs whom Governor West sent to Copperfield, the little wide open mining town in eastern Oregon, to clamp down the lid.

Fern Hobbs isn't out of her twenties and weighs less than 100 pounds, but she never flattered when asked by her employer to go into the heart of a wild country, into a pocket of the earth cut off from civilization, where men were said to be waiting and armed for any one who dared to intrude in their internal disputes, and to tell them they must quit their lawlessness.

Pensions For Confederates.

Washington, March 10.—If southern congressmen should agree among themselves to support a bill granting

To Bridge Where Washington Crossed.

Trenton, N. J., March 10.—To fittingly perpetuate the memory of Washington and his troops crossing the Delaware river, to mark a spot where one of the most important chapters of the American Revolution was written, federal aid will be sought for a handsome memorial bridge across the river.

Within the last year and a half seventeen congressmen have visited Washington's crossing, seen the efforts of the state of New Jersey to set aside ground for the establishment of a park and have been impressed with the whole project. All have promised their support in inducing congress to appropriate money for a bridge, provided New Jersey and Pennsylvania do their part.

Government Railroad For Alaska.

Washington, March 10.—The bill providing for a government railway in Alaska authorizes the president to raise a sum not exceeding \$40,000,000 by the sale of bonds to purchase or construct 1,000 miles of railroad through the territory. There are already about 500 miles of railroad, owned mostly by large mining interests.

The bill places upon the president responsibility for the selection of the route from tidewater to the interior of Alaska and the construction, equipment and operation or leasing of such lines as he may construct or buy to constitute this route. The broadest



Section of Alaskan Railway and Secretary Franklin K. Lane.

powers are conferred upon the president.

The bill provides for a redemption fund, into which shall be paid 75 per cent of all moneys derived from the sale of public lands in Alaska or of the coal or mineral contents thereof. Machinery utilized in the construction of the Panama canal is made available for the construction work.

Secretary of the Interior Lane is a warm believer in the Alaskan railway project and declares that it is the greatest encouragement the west has received in many years

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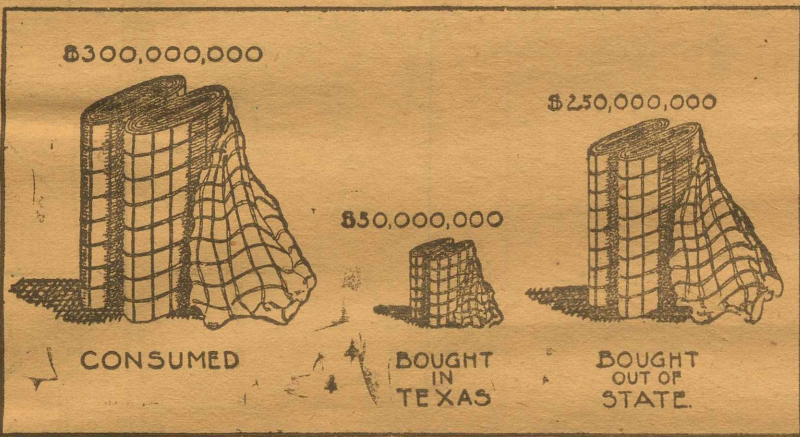
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J. C. Cooper, who has been confined to his bed for the past several weeks, is again able to be on the streets. He visited relatives and friends at Rotan the first of the week.

Mr. L. W. Davis was hostess to the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon. The diversions were numerous and entertaining. Delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Jo Grimsley, of Stamford, is in the city on an extended visit to her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith.

E. L. Harkey, prominent citizen of Dickens, and who incidentally is seeking Tax Assessor votes, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday transacting business and greeting his many friends.

A. G. Rush, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday trading with the merchants and greeting friends here.

F. L. Allcorn, of near Spur, was among the number of business visitors here the latter part of last week.

INEXPENSIVE FARM HOME.

Department of Agriculture Furnishes Free Plans.

The farm house is the most important building on the farm, and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The United States Department of Agriculture, through its Bureau of Farm Management, has been investigating conditions in the rural districts and in many instances found that the living apartments were inconsistent in cost with the value of the farm, and very often in striking contrast with out-buildings and farm machinery.

The Department of Agriculture is not only striving to make the business of farming more remunerative, but is also endeavoring to make farm life more attractive. A series of plans for the construction of farm homes has been prepared. In designing these homes, service, economy and attractiveness have been combined in a frame structure which can be built for \$800 in a community where average prices for material and labor prevail.

The specifications call for a simple four-cornered structure. There is but one chimney and one outside entrance. Another door may be provided by sacrifice of wall and floor space or by increasing the size and cost of the house.

The government experts in planning these homes realized that the comfort and convenience of the farm woman was paramount. They drew their plans accordingly. The kitchen is the most pleasantly located room in the structure. It opens on a screened porch where a large part of the work may be done in the summer.

The water problem has also been carefully considered. Cistern water may be drawn from a bucket pump on the back porch or from a pitcher pump in the sink. Hot water is provided by a reservoir connected with the kitchen stove. The sink with only a drain pipe to be provided, has been found too expensive to be omitted.

The living and dining room is combined and affords sufficient space for the longest table the harvest days will ever require. It has two routes to the kitchen which are convenient for serving a large number of workmen. The Bureau of Farm Management is trying to help the farmer and will gladly furnish free plans to farmers contemplating building homes.

W. W. Stegall, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

Mack Brown, Witt Springer, Ed Potts and Fred Fite made a flying trip the first of the week to Roaring Springs where they spent several hours.

C. C. Haile was in the city Tuesday from Draper and spent several hours here on business matters and greeting his many friends.

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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BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Spur, Texas, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 4th day of March 1914, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur State of Texas, on the 20th day of March 1914.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	79,215.01
Loans, Real Estate	2,424.00
Overdrafts	1,250.85
Bonds and Stocks	
Real Estate (banking house)	7,750.00
Other Real Estate	2,250.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,150.00
Due from Approved reserve Agents net	\$35,935.28
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	647.39—36,582.67
Cash Items	795.14
Currency	5,045.00
Specie	1,410.47—7,250.61
Interest on Depositors' Guaranty Fund	495.03
Assessment for Guar. Fund	
Other Resources as follows:	
Warrants Act.	508.06
Total	\$139,876.23

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	4,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	1,602.77
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	
Individual Deposits sub. to check	77,589.71
Time certificates of deposit	5,800.00
Cashier's Checks	883.75
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	
Total	\$139,876.23

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

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-President.
E. C. EDMONDS Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 18th day of March, A. D. 1914.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

R. S. HOLMAN, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
P. H. Miller,
J. D. Harkey,
T. E. Standifer,
Directors.

The latest census reports which relate to January 1st, 1914 show there are 2,618,000 hogs in Texas with a total value of \$22,515,000. This is an increase over the previous year of 125,000 head and \$1,574,000 in value. At every census during the five years prior to 1914 a steady decrease in the number of Texas hogs is shown. The values, however, have steadily increased. A decade ago the Texas hog was worth \$4.68 per head, but Uncle Sam's latest valuation is \$8.60 per head.

The growing demand for young Texas raised pork has become so strong that he is going to market a year earlier and at the weight of 219 pounds, while a quarter of a century ago the average marketing weight was 275 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon, left the first of the week for a trip to the Dickens and Afton countries where Mrs. Koon will visit relatives and friends and Mr. Koon will attend to business matters for the Riter Hardware Company.

Mr. King and sister, of the Cat Fish community, were in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants. While here they were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Lee Gilbert, of Jayton, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent some time here greeting his many friends. Mr. Gilbert formerly operated the Spur Auto Garage, having made sufficient funds on which to retire from the business.

THE CASH GROCERY STORE

WE are glad to state that our Grocery Stock is complete, and of the very best quality. We want to insist that you call and see us before buying your cash bill, as we are the only cash store in town, therefore we can afford to sell for a small margin, and turn our goods into cash, and we believe that you appreciate the fact that dollars saved is worth your while this year. We are also in a position to furnish you in nice Dishes and Racket Goods at the very lowest prices. Remember, we want your poultry and eggs, and will pay the highest price the market affords. We can use them any time you bring them.

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ITEMS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY. BY CORRESPONDENTS

SOLDIER MOUND.

I haven't seen anything of Soldier Mound in the paper, the liveliest place in Dickens county.

Cecil Bennett visited the Soldier Mound kids Sunday and stayed till about 5 o'clock the next morning, and went off without his breakfast.

Mr. S. R. Bowman went to town Tuesday on business.

John Wyatt is doing nicely from his runaway scrape.

I think Misses Eula Bowman, Gussie and Oma McFall want to rope some more pigs and build some more fires.

Misses Bertha Holloway and Eula Bowman visited Miss Mabel Wyatt Sunday morning.

Billy McFall visited the home of Bud Wyatt Saturday night, and came back to church with Uncle Ever Green.

Had a nice little musical entertainment at Mr. Bowman's last Saturday night, and served cake and coffee.

J. T. Holloway and family visited the home of Green Walker Wednesday, returning Thursday.

Well, I will ring off.—Little Tommy.

DRAPER GLEANINGS.

Editor Texas Spur—As there has been nothing from our "burg" for some time, I will try to chronicle a few items.

C. C. Haile is topping cloths this week. He is an up-to-date merchant and farms some, so to speak.

Miss Nettie Murchison has been very sick but is very much better at present.

J. E. Wright is back at home. His eye is greatly improved and we hope it will be permanently cured.

J. R. Rodgers made a flying trip to Fort Worth this week. He reports a nice time.

Mr. Hobson went to Abilene the first of the week on business.

Rev. Owens, of Afton, visited Mr. Murchison the first of the week.

Walter Jackson, of Croton, was in our city the first of the week.

Earl Wright is visiting north Draper quite often of late.

Mrs. W. T. Lovell and daughter, Miss Edith, spent Friday evening with Mrs. Hyatt.

J. A. Rodgers is having a new well dug. He wants to sell his old one to some one for post holes.

The singing at Mr. Rodgers' Saturday night was good and everybody enjoyed it.

Come again School Chap. You do well for a kid.

The Farmers Union meets at Wichita every second and fourth Saturday evening. All Union men are cordially invited to attend.

Wanted—Some girl that will let Marion Thannish come to see her.

Why don't some one write to the Texas Spur from every community in the county? It would make our paper better and make our Editor feel like a spring chicken with his first spurs on.—Rambling Bill.

Miss Nell Flynt, of Fort Stockton, is in the city the guest of Mayor Geo. S. Link and wife.

TAP TELLINGS.

Well, we are glad to be up and about again after a severe spell of la grippe. Considerable sickness in our community of late.

Fount Harrell was a pleasant caller at Mr. Atkinson's Sunday.

Mrs. Belle Martin and little daughter, Georgia, spent several days of last week with old time friends—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks and family.

The Literary was largely attended and a nice program was rendered.

Miss Georgia Stephens, of Afton, spent last week with her brother, Tonie, who is teaching the Peaceful Hill school near here, returning home Saturday.

The new comers of our community are standing the sandstorms fine. We tell them they are sings of rain. "It's the stayer that wins."

Miss Mildred Rash, of Jayton, spent last week here with relatives and friends, returning home Sunday.

Miss Minnie Henson is visiting her brother near Spur this week.

J. D. Rash, of Jayton, spent several days of last week with his sister, Mrs. J. H. Sparks.

T. S. Lambert and J. H. Alexander made a flying trip to the plains last week on business.

Wesley Boling and wife are visiting Mrs. Boling's grandmother, Mrs. Hood, this week.—Kid-a-lude.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

The Duck Creek Society met Friday night. A large crowd attended and the debate was good, Duck Creek being the winner. Duck Creek and Steel Hill will discuss the Mexican War next Friday night at Steel Hill.

Mr. Luther Hawkins has something the matter with him lately. He was seen with a young lady Sunday night.

A large crowd attended the singing at W. P. Sampson's Sunday night, and report a nice time.

Cecil Bennett and Willie Hagins made a trip to Spur Sunday. They report a nice time.

Mr. Buster Bural has been seen calling at J. H. Boothe's of late. Stay with it Buster!

A large crowd from Jayton attended the Literary at Duck Creek Friday night.

Rev. George Rucker preached an able sermon at Duck Creek Sunday.

The Duck Creek settlement is still in good health as far as we know.

We are all enjoying this beautiful spring weather here of late.—A School Chap.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, MARCH 22.

Leader—Harvey Lee.
Opening Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture Reading.

What do we mean by Christian Character?—Mrs. Brandon.

Vocal Trio—Misses Doris Attebury, Hyacinth Grace and Evelyn Burgoon.

What is the difference between Character and Reputation?—Y. L. Jones.

Character—General Discussion
Let every member be prepared to respond to roll call by verse of scripture.

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Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies;
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
If you can dream, and not make dreams your master
If you can think, and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or, watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools;
If you can make one heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the will which says to them, "Hold on;"
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings, nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too much;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.
—Rudyard Kipling.

S. W. Rather, one of the best fixed men and most successful farmers and stock-raisers of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

John S. Callahan, a former citizen of Spur but who is now one of the most prosperous farmers of the Wake country, was in Spur Tuesday buying supplies and looking after other business matters.

This week we received a letter enclosing a dollar from G. B. Russell, formerly of Spur, requesting that we mail him the Texas Spur to Hillsboro. Mr. Russell and family have many friends in Spur who will be glad to know that they are prospering in their new home.

N. B. Fuquay, one of the best farmers and most prominent citizens of the Red mud country, was in Spur the first of the week.

E. K. Richardson, a leading citizen of Crosbyton, was in Spur Tuesday and purchased supplies of Spur merchants.

M. C. West was here Saturday from his farm home several miles south and spent several hours here on business.

W. J. Duncan, one of the prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday on business.

Things Farmers Should Know

GROW NEW FRUITS

Cultivation of Other Varieties Must Come as Demand Increases.

BIG FIELD FOR GOOD WORK.

As Yet Only a Few Kinds of the Avocado and the Mango, of Which the Commercial Culture Is Comparatively Recent, Are Found Here.

As the business aspects of fruit growing receive more definite recognition varieties will be planted more and more to meet particular conditions and for special rather than for general purposes, states the agriculture department year book in discussing some promising new fruits. For instance, under present conditions one of the most important requirements of a winter apple in many sections is that it have good cold storage qualities. Summer apples were for a long period a minor commercial consideration, but for the past ten or fifteen years an important demand for them has developed in the eastern markets, which has greatly stimulated the planting of early apple varieties in many sections where formerly they were little valued.

As the market demand for newer

LOOKING AFTER THE RAM.

Male of the Herd Should Be Given Some Consideration.

How often it is that you go into a man's barn and find in a dark, stuffy, narrow pen, way back in one corner, the head of the flock, asks the Iowa Homestead. The male of the flock, of course, should be kept by himself, but he needs sunshine, fresh air and a place to exercise just as much as the ewes.

The quarters allotted to a ram should be such that he can keep dry, both overhead and under foot. At the same time, the more fresh air the better. Even an open shed will serve if it is entirely dry. A pen should certainly not be used that is less than fifteen feet square, and if it is larger so much the better. This will give the ram an opportunity to exercise and will keep him in good, vigorous condition.

During the summer months, when the ram is allowed to run on pasture, he does not need grain, but in the winter, if you expect to keep him in good, vigorous condition, he must be supplied with grain at least a month before the breeding season.

A mixture of two parts oats and one part bran has given unusually good results in some of the larger flocks of the west. This ration does not produce fat, but does keep up the vigor of the ram.

It is impossible to suggest the exact amount to be fed, for this can only be determined by watching the animal and studying his condition.

CHICKEN FEED.

To tell Johnnie to drive the hens to pasture might sound funny, but chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys graze and change green grass into greenbacks, as do the cows.

The cow pulls grass with her tongue, deposits it in the first of her four stomachs, where it soaks, as in the hen's crop. She draws it back and chews it as cud and later gives it forth in foamy, rich milk.

The hen pulls grass with her beak, deposits it in her crop, where it soaks. It then goes through the stomach (proventriculus), where it is covered with digestive juices; from there it goes into the gizzard, is ground, passes on and is assimilated to become juicy meat and sweet fresh eggs.

Hens pay better than cows and milk themselves. Grass is not just grass nor a foot wiper. It is food. Grass, grains, vegetables, contain protein, the blood and muscle maker; carbohydrates, the fat or heat producer; ash or mineral elements that compose bone and are necessary to the system.

The practical poultryman caters to the vegetarian appetite of his fowls. Economy demands that poultry yards pay a revenue in green forage, which performs the double duty of furnishing cheap feed and at the same time purifies the soil by taking up the poison of droppings.

Sweet Clover Tickle Stock's Palate.

Only a dozen years ago and on many farms sweet clover was fought tooth and nail whenever a few plants of this "weed" showed their heads. Now on many farms throughout the country sweet clover is proving just the thing to grow on dry, barren knolls, gullied hillsides, rocky, ledgy fields, and on tillable lands is valuable as a soil improver to inoculate and enrich the soil for alfalfa. As these experiments go on the truth becomes evident to the experimenters that cattle, horses, sheep, hogs and poultry only need to get an occasional taste of sweet clover in order to acquire a decided liking for it. It's like onion to the human palate. Once the tangy taste of sweet clover is established among stock there is a chorus of neighs, "moos," "baas," grunts and cackles for it.—Farm and Fireside.

Value of Water Storage

An interesting illustration of the value of water storage is noted in the large crops secured in the Nile valley the past year in spite of the fact that the overflow of the river was the lowest recorded in years. The great Assuan dam held in check the surplus water of the overflows of previous years and made it possible to furnish the amount of moisture required for crop production.

Ensilage Is a Money Saver



FEEDING ENSILAGE TO THE STOCK.

The great stock industry of the United States has been gradually showing a decline. This condition has been brought about largely by the rise in price of all kinds of stock foods. This in turn has driven many men out of the stock business and discouraged others from going into it. The silo will help to reduce the cost of producing stock and stock products. It has been proved that butter can be produced from 9 to 10 cents cheaper per pound and a saving made on the production of beef of from \$1.50 to \$2 per hundred pounds by the use of the silo. Silage or ensilage can be made from nearly all kinds of farm forage for horses, cattle, sheep, swine and chickens. It requires little storage space, is a labor saving device, doubles the value of the corn crop, triples the stock carrying capacity of the land, restores the fertility of the soil and returns its user annually 100 per cent on the investment.

fruits increases and their culture becomes of greater commercial importance, new and better varieties or varieties better adapted to commercial needs will probably be developed. In the case of such fruits as the avocado and the mango, the commercial culture of which is comparatively new, there are as yet but few varieties in cultivation in this country.

The Eastman apple, now being cultivated in the upper Mississippi valley, was planted and developed for the peculiar needs of this region, which is characterized by long, dry, cold winters. It has proved to be a remarkably early, regular and prolific bearer.

Test the Dairy Cow.

The only certain way to find out what sort of cows we have is to test them. Sometimes the results are very disappointing and we may wish we had not done it, but in the end it is greatly to our advantage.

ELEPHANT EATS 600 POUNDS DAILY.

Since the elephant's digestive functions are very rapid it requires a large amount of fodder daily—about 600 pounds in most cases. In its wild state the elephant feeds heartily, but wastefully. It is careful in selecting the few forest trees that it likes for their bark or foliage, but it will tear down branches and leave half of them untouched. It will strip off the bark from other trees and throw away a large portion. As it is a nocturnal animal, it selects its trees by the senses

of touch and smell. Its sense of smell is said to be so delicate that a wild elephant can wind an enemy at a distance of a thousand yards, and the nerves of its trunk are so sensitive that the smallest substance can be discovered and picked up by its tiny proboscis.—Harper's Weekly.

The population of Mancharia is variously estimated between 15,000,000 and 19,200,000, the latter being the customs figures.

THE POULTRYMAN.

Many grow crops on the runs, thus purifying the soil, turning it to the sun, aerating it.

There is a vast difference between a yard green with verdure and another where fowls track in filth on a bare surface.

There is a big difference also in the appearance, vigor and profit of the two flocks. It is of course difficult to keep runs in permanent pasture unless large, or hens have a double run, grazing one while the other grows.

Rye is sown for late fall and early spring feeding. Oats, peas, red clover and rape are a good combination. The oats and peas are sown thin for a quick growth of green, which later becomes a cover for the clover and rape, the latter two furnishing greens until fall.

Played No Favorites.

Mr. and Mrs. Flatty were having quite a brisk little quarrel.

"You have no regard for my feelings," asserted Mr. Flatty. "You treat me worse than you do your dog!"

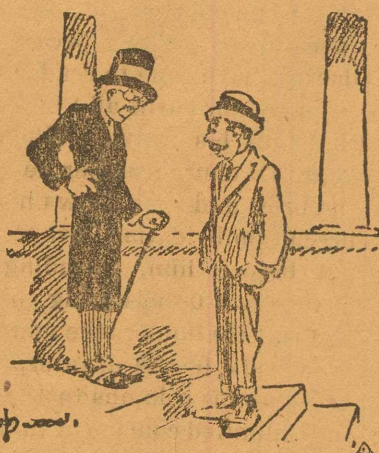
"How can you say such a thing?" demanded Mrs. Flatty. "I do nothing of the kind. I never make the slightest difference between you!"—Chronicle Plain Dealer.

Fooling the Weather Man.

"This thermometer doesn't register over or under 75 degrees."

"I know it. It was broke when I bought it. That's the thermometer that suits me, and I'm going to stick to my principles, come what may."—Washington Star.

A Matter of Stature.



Professor—When your father attended this college he stood far higher than the other scholars.
Young Man—But, you see, I'm not as tall as father was.—Boston Globe.

Not as Cruel.

"Did you ever, my good woman, castigate your children?"
"Never, marm. I only wallops 'em."—Baltimore American.

Betsy's Croupier Count

By ALLEN F. LEONARD

THE celebrated play "The Lady of Lyons" is based on the theme that the heroine's discarded lovers palm off upon her a countryman as a prince. Something similar happened recently in Paris to Betsy Baker of South Dakota. Betsy, who hadn't much idea of proprieties except such as she had learned in Dakota, went abroad all by herself and, rather liking Nice, spent a good deal of time there. She fell in with some very nice persons and some who were not very nice. They were all pretty much the same to Betsy—at least, they appeared to be—for she seemed to have no power of discrimination between classes.

Two young Parisians, Jacques Gautier and Edmond Villiers, comparing notes, discovered that they had both proposed to Miss Baker and had been turned down. Whether or not they had seen the "Lady of Lyons" played and taken their cue from it doesn't appear, but they concluded to foist a spurious nobleman on Betsy. They selected a croupier at a gambling house who had found his employment on account of a very distinguished appearance and a mellifluous voice, the latter being advantageous in calling upon players to make their bets and the winning numbers. They introduced him to Betsy as Count Charbonnier, a member of one of the oldest families in France.

It is quite possible that had Betsy been fancy free the croupier might have deceived her as to his real position and won her; but, unfortunately for the plan, she was already pledged to Jack Howland, a young New Yorker, who had taken a fancy to ranching and had spent much of his time on his property in the neighborhood of Betsy's home in Dakota. He had fallen desperately in love with her, and, while aware of the fact that she was not of the conventional type of girl to whom he had been accustomed in the east, he was only too happy when she consented to marry him. She therefore refused the croupier, and since he had nothing to gain by persistence and must have a living he went over to Monte Carlo, where he had been employed before being introduced to Betsy, and resumed his calling.

Howland joined his fiancée at Nice, and the two made a trip to Monte Carlo, where they saw the bogus count presiding at the gaming table. Betsy recognized him at once and told her lover of the trick that had been played on her by the Messrs. Gautier and Villiers.

"That's the best joke I ever experienced," she said, laughing merrily.

"Joke! You don't call such a villainous scheme a joke?"

"Of course I do. But I must get it back on them. Let me see. How shall I manage it?"

"For heaven's sake, I'd let them alone."

"Not till I have paid them in their own coin."

Leaning on her lover's arm, Betsy approached the croupier, giving his monotonous call: "Make your bets. Make your bets. Red or black?"

"How do, count?" she said.

The croupier looked up and, seeing her, turned red as a cock's comb.

"Come and see me, count."

The man looked as if he would break for the door, but made no reply.

"Come tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Don't fail me. You have nothing to fear and something to earn quite easily."

The next morning Antoine Boyer, which was his real name, presented himself to Betsy and was offered 2,000 francs to aid her in turning the tables on the men who had introduced him to her. Returning to Nice, she sent word to Gautier and Villiers that if they would come and see her she would introduce them to her fiancée. They, being ignorant of what had recently transpired, wondered if their game had succeeded. Repairing to Miss Baker's hotel, they found her with an American, whom she introduced to them and the croupier.

"You know the count, of course, and there is no use for me to make you acquainted. Count, stand up there and exhibit your fine voice to the gentlemen."

Boyer arose and, posing himself, began to make the calls pertaining to a roulette table. The two conspirators looked at each other in consternation. There was no mistaking the sonorous singsong manner in which the professional makes these calls. When he had gone over the same routine several times Betsy turned to Gautier and Villiers and said:

"I promised to present you to my fiancée. This is he—Mr. Howland, from America."

They bowed in a constrained manner to Mr. Howland and appeared at the same time to be looking for an exit.

"Gentlemen," said Howland impatiently, "we have had enough of this farce. I have yielded reluctantly to Miss Baker's desire to pay you for your dastardly trick in her own way. A good cowhiding would have been more appropriate. You needn't remain any longer, and I recommend that you both keep out of my way lest I give you a punishment more in keeping with your deserts."

The two men withdrew, cringing and were not seen again in Nice. As for Betsy Baker and Ned Howland, they concluded to be married and go on a wedding trip to Africa. Betsy said she had shot a grizzly bear in America and she wanted to kill a lion in the African jungle.

Jokes Still In the Running

Dividing the Spoils.

"What are you pondering about, Marie?"

"My husband and myself are dividing the furniture pending a divorce."

"Well?"

"If you were I, would you rather have an icebox and six dining room chairs than an old style piano with a chipped leg?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

His Credit Established.

"Wadley must be in a good deal better financial circumstances than formerly."

"Why so?"

"He's so much slower paying his bills than he used to be."—Indianapolis Star.

Where It Pains Most.



Mamma—Remember, Willie, this hurts mamma more than it does you.

Willie—Yes, maybe, but it doesn't leave blisters on you.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Unfashionable.

"That Vassar girl may have lots of money, but she never was at a really fashionable bathing resort before."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why, she's actually going in the water."—Pittsburgh Post.

Knew the Symptoms.

A noted physician the other day was called upon to examine the heart action of a college classmate's son.

"You've got tobacco heart, I guess," said the physician.

"But, doctor, I haven't!"—protested the young man.

"Go 'way now; I'm busy."

Later on the father met the physician and told him that his boy hadn't smoked for four years.

"Well, then," said the physician, "the boy must be in love."—New York Tribune.

A Difference.

"You admit that you have been in prison?" said the cross examining lawyer sternly.

"Yes, sir," answered the shrinking young creature.

"Now, will you please tell the court whether you were there as a criminal, a suffragette or an investigator for a reform association?"—Buffalo Express.

A Toast.

St. Patrick was a gentleman
Who through strategy and stealth
Drove all the snakes from Ireland.
Here's a bumper to his health.
But not too many bumpers,
Lest we lose ourselves and then
Forget the good St. Patrick
And see the snakes again!
—Four Track News.

Only One Try.

Flubdub—Do you believe second thoughts are best?
Henpeckke—I don't know. I've only been married once.—New York Times.

Astronomy and Anatomy.

Hypatia—Did the young collegian express interest in the solar system?
Muriel—He said he'd got no further than the solar plexus.—Judge.

In Misery.

"Poor Jibbs has an itching for fame and fortune."
"Yes, and has to scratch for a living."—Baltimore American.

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, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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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
T. Wylly Morgan
G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge:
O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)

Sheriff J. B. Conner was over Saturday from Dickens and spent some time here on official business, and incidentally meeting friends and voters.

Uncle Tom Harkey has our thanks for a silver dollar, he having the Texas Spur sent to his daughter, Mrs. Viola Simpson of Dallas.

Sol Davis returned the latter part of last week from the eastern markets where he had been several days buying spring and fall goods.

EDITORS ON THE FREE LIST.

No man in public life comes nearer paying his way through the world than a country editor, and yet we meet people every day who do not seem to realize it. I want to tell you of some experiences practically every newspaper quill shaver has, and see if you will not agree with me:

The Society for the prevention of Cruelty to Cockroaches, or Propagation of Painless Pickpocketing, or something of that kind, will give a blowout to raise funds for guarding a Mona Lisa, or to buy props to keep Ojinaga from falling. The editor of the local paper will boost the game, paying his printer two dollars per column to set the type for the boosts, print circulars free, or at half price, and go to the shin-dig and pay the price of being fleeced, just the same as anybody else. Then some kind, thoughtful friend will slap him on the back and say: "I wish I was a paper man; everything comes to you fellows free!"

Again, whenever there is a convention to be held anywhere, at which he thinks his town should be represented, he throws a clean collar and a change of socks into a \$1.25 handgrip, hikes out to the depot, buys a ticket and goes! When he gets there he tells the people that he is from the best town on earth; that every woman in it is a rose of beauty; every baby a prize-winner, and that every man is a devout Christian. But the first acquaintance he meets will say: "Here's the editor; you'll always find them—they get free passes."

Some folks seem to think that an editor is exempt from paying poll tax, working the road, "digging up" for the support of mis-

sionaries in the Fiji Islands, and all that, but they are just simply mistaken. Whenever you see one getting on a street car, you can put it down that somewhere about his person he has five-cents' worth of the national medium of exchange, and if you envy him for being, with wool and onions, on the free list, because some farmer unloads a crooked-necked watermelon at his door, take my word for it, that horny-handed son of toil expects \$17 worth of advertising and a year's subscription to the paper for his unsalable bulb.

Nothing comes free to an editor but advice. He has to pay the government to send his paper through the mail, even though it often contains a poem dedicated to the flag, and a picture of the President that highly flatters him. He whoops up the town 365 days out of the year, and in return for the service is dubbed a "windjammer." He paints beautiful roses on the cheeks of a bride ugly enough to wreck a freight train, and the groom buys one extra copy of that issue on a credit, but refuses to subscribe, because he doesn't have time to read.

The editor earns all the fodder that falls his way. When he goes to a church supper he pays the price and then shows his appreciation by eating everything put before him, including the lettuce-leaf upholstery on the plates. He humors the whims of everybody, boosts all enterprises, opens up his columns to the free and unlimited coinage of tomyrot about some local aspirant for the legislature and is the happiest when the opportunity is presented to say nice things about one of his towns-people. And in exchange for this service he is

usually honored by appointment to the chairmanship of the committee on Cleaning Grounds whenever the Fourth of July is celebrated with an old-fashioned barbecue.—Austin Callan in the West Texas Magazine.

Mr. Stephenson, who recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday.

Robt. Jones, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the business visitors in Spur the latter part of the past week.

Mrs. H. A. Boothe, who underwent an operation several weeks ago at the Standifer Hospital, is doing nicely and will soon be removed to her home.

J. D. Cake, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many visitors here Saturday.

Luther Jones was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

J. H. McCamant came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

John D. Hufstедler, a prominent citizen and leading farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, of several miles north of Spur, were among the visitors in the city Saturday.

Wayne VanLeer was among the business visitors in the city Saturday from the Soldier Mound community.

H. Z. Taylor, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

J. N. Rhodes returned recently from a trip to Post where he spent some time on business.

Jim Walker and wife were among the shoppers and visitors in Spur Saturday.

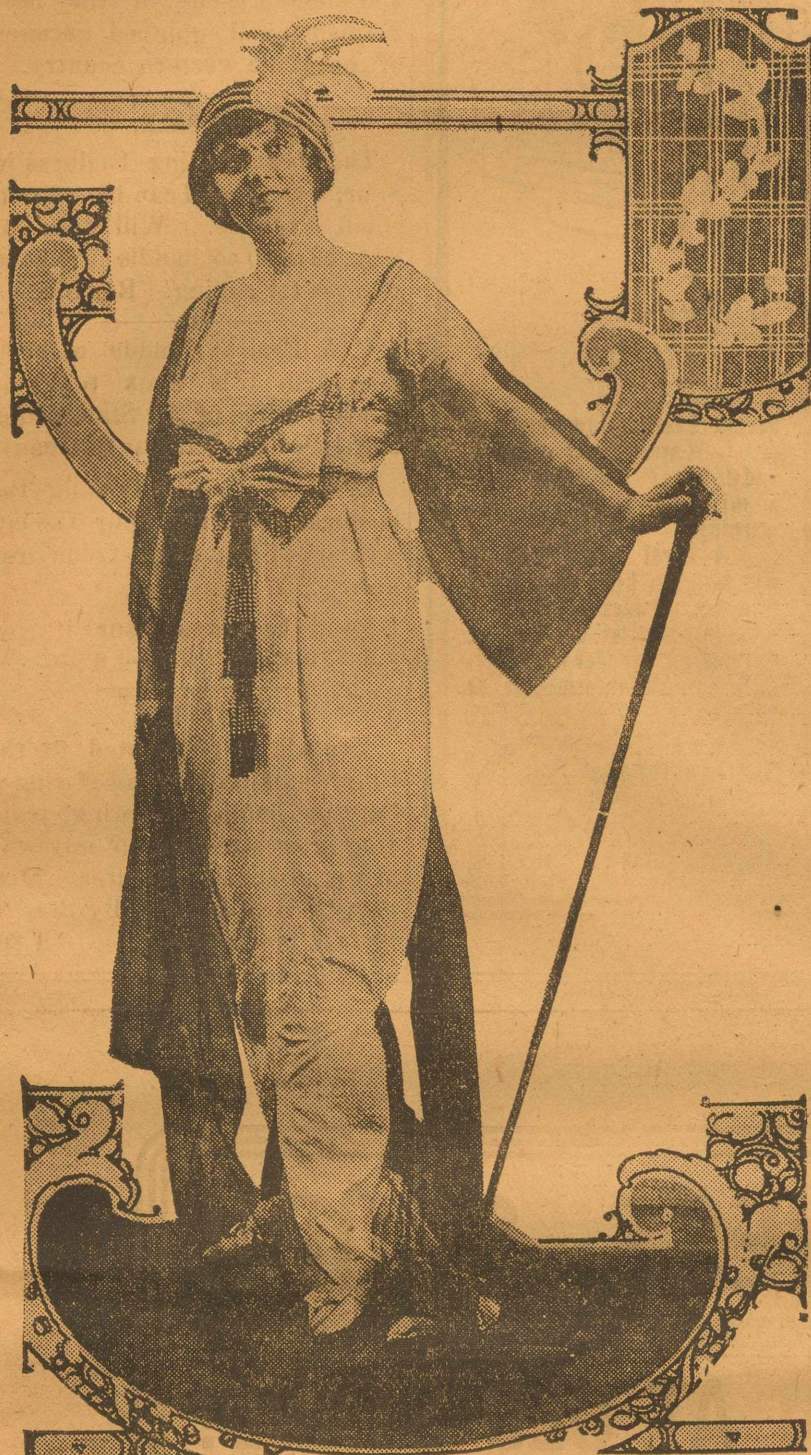
Good Old Days

THE "Good old days" you hear so much about, were no doubt good because people then didn't know any better. But how would you like to go back to the days of the stage coach, the tallow dip, the flintlock and the spinning wheel? It wouldn't do now. Neither would you care to use coon skins for money. A check book is much handier. In no way is the change greater from the good old days than in financial affairs. You will find every modern convenience in this line at our bank.

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

Woman's Work and Fashions

The Butterfly Effect Used In Paris



In this charming creation, which shrieks of the Rue de la Paix, the butterfly motif was used with good effect. The gown is built of white satin, with graceful draperies of black tulle and wide wing sleeves of the same material. The butterfly girdle of orange is decorated with flaming iridescent beads.

TINY CORSAGE BOUQUETS. BUSTLE DRAPERIES IN VOGUE.

Knots of Artificial Flowers Lend Distinction to Tailored Costumes.

Tiny corsage bouquets are still much in vogue in Paris and in London. They are worn on the furs and on the lapels of the tailored suits. Every woman knows what a delightfully feminine and chic touch a trim black tailored suit gains with the introduction of a knot of parma violets on the lapel and a knot of the same shade in the hat. On a dull brown suit or on mink furs nothing could bring out the tones so well as does the tiny bunch of vivid nasturtiums, while the taupe gains warmth and beauty from the knots of coral pink rosebuds that are so much worn in Paris now.

Most of the flowers are of velvet and silk and are beautifully made and scented. Some, in fact, have tiny hearts of cotton, containing sachet of the perfume of the flowers, a touch surely that only a French brain could have evolved.

These Are Features of Many of the Smartest New Gowns.

The Dry Goods Economist says that bustle draperies in various forms are a feature of the smartest gowns. These arrangements are not strictly a "bustle" outline, as the center back is usually flat to a point ten inches below the waist, where the drapery is looped up and extended. Other bustle forms show looped up folds at each side back, this arrangement producing an appearance of fullness across the back. In harmony with the new figure line are the tiered skirts of ripple flounces, also the short tunics draped up at the hips in peg top effect. Other broken skirt lines show the skirt yoke in round or in pointed design both back and front.

The strictly draped skirt, which calls for long lines from waist to hem, has been almost wholly displaced by the broken lines. Drapery is still used, but it must be in pegtop form.

In Possession For a Day



—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SMART SPRING COLORS.

Flower-like Tones Are Likely to Be Popular.

The Dry Goods Economist says that, according to the present demand for novelty in Paris, many beautiful new colors will appear in the merchandise for spring and summer. The use of strong tones of oriental character and the equally crude colorings of the new art schools has lessened, and in their stead come clear, fresh tones of flower-like quality. These new colors are known as sweet pea shades, and well does the name typify their character and beauty.

While the range of such colors is a wide one, pinks, from the deepest to the pale flesh tones, are much favored, also yellows and blues.

A notable exception, however, is the revival of blues in the wonderful tones used by the earlier painters of the French school. As a first favorite in novelty shades it is safe to name blue.

In neutral shades tans, from the lightest champagne to deep khaki, will prevail. There is also an indication of terra cotta, particularly in materials for wraps. The great outing color will be yellow, in various shades.

Quite remarkable to relate, designers of various lines of goods have gone to the Chinese for suggestions in the makeup of their new motifs. This influence is especially apparent in the patterns of fabrics, both woven and printed, and in all kinds of fancy goods, in buttons and buckles and in ornaments for millinery and costumes. It is rampant in jewelry and enters in no small degree into the forms of garments and their color details.

Educational Games.

Finding that the playroom was almost always in disorder, one mother tried to teach her little girls more careful ways by inventing a game. She divided the room into three parts by means of three small rugs, making a bedroom, dining room and living room. On these rugs she placed appropriate dolls' furniture, leaving it to the children to add their articles of decoration. She advised them to keep the "rooms" as simple as possible so as to make the care of them easier. She showed them how to clean and dust the rooms, how to make the beds up neatly and how to set the table. This play they enjoyed so much that now that they are a little older they are a real help to their mother. They make their own beds, dust and help set the table and do all neatly and well.

How to Brighten Dull Mirrors.

If mirrors are very dull and speckled the following method is excellent: Take a small portion of whiting and add sufficient cold tea to it to make a paste. Rub the glass with a soft cloth; then rub a little of the paste well on the mirror and polish dry with tissue paper.

Drawing the Losing Stone

By HORACE L. PERRY

"BOB, my dear boy, I congratulate you heartily on your engagement to Clara Deane." "Thank you, Dave. I appreciate your congratulations more than those of any other of my friends."

These two sentences were spoken by two cadets of the graduating class of 182—at the Military academy at West Point. Robert Harker did not know what the congratulations cost his friend David Warfield. Both cadets had been attentive to the same girl, but neither knew that the other had proposed to her. She did not tell the one she accepted that she had been obliged to decide between him and his friend.

And so it was that the woman was the only one who knew the fact.

Eighteen years passed, during which time the two officers had not served at the same military station, though once they met at Washington. Harker's family was not with him, and Warfield was still unmarried. Nineteen years after they had graduated the Mexican war broke out, and both were ordered south—Harker to the Rio Grande with General Taylor, Warfield to Vera Cruz with General Scott.

During Scott's advance to Mexico City, involving a series of battles in which the Americans were always victorious, Warfield was of great value to the commanding general in all matters pertaining to the science of engineering. When the army approached the City of Mexico, desiring to get a view of the enemy's defenses, he appropriated the uniform of a Mexican officer who had been made a prisoner and worked his way to the rear of the Mexican army. He took with him a young soldier barely eighteen years of age with a view of sending back any information he might acquire, in case he could not get back himself. The youngster put on the uniform of a dead Mexican corporal. It was arranged between the two that they should address each other as "captain" and "corporal" only.

One day Captain Warfield was standing on the edge of a wood, behind a tree against which he was resting a spyglass which he had leveled at the fortifications of the City of Mexico. The corporal stood behind, walking to and fro in the wood with a view to warning the captain against surprise. Suddenly a troop of Mexican horsemen came galloping toward them. The corporal gave a warning signal, but too late. From a distance the Mexicans saw a man examining their fortifications through a spyglass.

Riding up to the captain, the commander of the troop questioned him. Warfield spoke but little Spanish and could give no satisfactory account of himself. Both he and the corporal were taken into the capital and brought before the Mexican command-

er. After an examination a drum-head court martial was convened, and they were tried as spies. They were soon convicted and sentenced to be garroted, but owing to the fact that they were Americans, where garrotting was not practiced, the sentence was commuted to shooting.

The two were confined in the same prison. The night before their execution the corporal called for writing material that he might write a letter of farewell to his mother. He had finished and addressed it when Captain Warfield saw it and read the address.

"Great heavens!" he exclaimed, paling.

"What is it, captain?" asked the other.

"You are a son of Robert Harker of the—th cavalry?"

"I am."

"And your mother as a girl was Clara Deane?"

"She was."

The dialogue was interrupted by the entrance of a Mexican officer, who said to the two condemned men:

"Our commander has decided that but one need suffer in order to carry out the necessity of striking terror into an enemy for such illegitimate warfare. He has directed that you two men draw lots to determine which shall be shot. I have a white and a black pebble here which I place in my hat. The one drawing the white pebble will be exchanged as a prisoner of war; the other will be immediately executed."

"Being a commissioned officer," said the captain, "while my fellow prisoner is a private, I demand the right to draw the pebble to decide which of us is to suffer."

The officer held out the hat to him; he thrust in his hand and immediately drew it out clinched. Going to a window, with the other hand he drew forth a pebble and held it up to the light. It was black.

The Mexican officer in the excitement of the moment of life and death forgot the other pebble and placed his hat on his head without withdrawing it.

A platoon of soldiers was waiting without for the loser, and Captain Warfield was immediately led out and shot. A few minutes later the man who had placed the pebbles in the hat remembered the white stone. Taking off his hat, he did not find it. He searched for it and at last found it in the dead officer's pocket. Warfield had taken out both stones and showed only the black one.

In the Harker family Captain Warfield's name was ever after spoken with a great depth of reverence, but only Mrs. Harker knew all the reason for the sacrifice he had made.

Devoted to Our Boys and Girls

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN.

A Party in Which Each Child Had to Furnish Irish Stories.

Have you ever given or attended a St. Patrick's day party?

What is the matter with having something of the sort this year? You can get many suggestions from the following description of such a party that was given last year:

Every child who was invited was asked to gather from father, mother and friends all the Irish stories and anecdotes he could, as, you know, there are many such stories.

Then the hostess got together a few of the many charming Irish songs and also some of the many good old Irish poems, for you must not forget that Ireland has had a long history and is rich in legends and songs.

When the boys and girls arrived they found the dining table covered from end to end with green foliage. In the center was a toy harp (which is the favorite musical instrument of the Irish) trimmed with smilax. At every plate was a tiny bunch of shamrock procured from the florist, and each guest's name painted, with a shamrock or two, on a shamrock shaped card. Beside each plate was a little paper bonbon dish filled with chocolate pipes and shillalabs, which were bought at the candy shops.

Ice cream was served in the shape of tiny pigs. Wasn't that a cunning idea?

When everybody had eaten refreshments the Irish stories and anecdotes were called for, and jolly they proved to be.

"Kathleen Mavourneen" and several other songs were sung. Games were played, and then the boys and girls went home perfectly delighted with the St. Patrick's day party.

Why is wit like a Chinese lady's foot? Because brevity is the sole of it.

ENGLISH ARMY IS TRAINING DOGS TO DO RED CROSS WORK

Dogs, to be used in the Red Cross service of the English army, are being raised in that country and trained to bring aid to the wounded soldiers on



Photo by American Press Association. Ambulance Dog In His Tent on Sentry Duty.

the battlefield. The dogs will carry medicine and water to the fallen while the battle still rages around them. They will also be used as sentries—that is, they will guard the army while it is in camp and warn it by barking if an enemy should appear. These intelligent animals will be supplied with field tents, in which they can be protected from bad weather. A red cross will be placed on either side of each tent, while a similar badge will be carried by the dogs.

NAMING ARTISTS.

An Hour or More of Fun Can Be Derived From This Game.

A girl and a boy are chosen as captains, and they choose alternately from the company until all are divided into two parties under the respective captains. Then the girl seats one of her party so that he must face the members of the opposition, who then address remarks to him, each in the character of an artist. To every remark the answer is, "Twas I," except when an artist's name is mentioned. Then he must say "Indeed!" For instance, the head of the opposition might say, "I painted the picture of a donkey."

"Twas I." "He was eating thistles."

"Twas I."

"Rosa Bonheur furnished the copy."

"Indeed!" should be the answer to this. Then the next member of the opposition takes up the observations.

No matter how much the other guests may laugh while playing this game, the victim must keep quite serious. If he laughs or if he fails to make the proper response he is obliged to take his seat with the opposite side, and the captain who chose him loses one member of her company.

The idea is to see which leader will have the larger party at the end of the time fixed upon as the duration of the game. The sides take turns in teasing the victim sent from the opposite side. Each member of the opposite party is expected to make three remarks to him, the first always referring to a picture, if he fails in this he is promptly called to sit on the opposite side.

Rose Is the Oldest Flower.

The rose is the oldest flower of which there is any record. So great is the antiquity of the rose that all account of its origin has been lost. In Egypt the rose is depicted on a number of monuments believed to date from 3,000 to 3,500 B. C.

WE TOLD YOU!

IN last week's issue of this paper we presented the news of what "cash" would do in our Shoe Department. Many have taken the advice and bought. We have plenty good styles and sizes for all. In Mens, Ladies and Childrens Oxfords, and extend the second invitation.

May We Expect You?

PLENTY BARGAINS Here for "cash" whether in Mens, Boys or Childrens Suits or Odd Pants. Come in and take a peep through We are getting "New Goods" daily, hence we cant say at this time what line we may present first. We are giving the price you are looking for with our guarantee that the goods sold are worth the money or your money will be gladly returned.

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SPUR, TEXAS

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENSHIP.

We received a card last week from our old friend, Arch Barnard, requesting that the Texas Spur be sent to him hereafter at Girard. For some time Arch has been in South Texas doing railroad work. However, since his return to this section we note that he has been employed in constructing first-class roads in Kent county. Arch knows how to do the work, and Kent county is coming to the front in the matter of good roads. Western Texas counties are all advancing in material things because of an united, progressive citizenship. Come to West Texas.

POSSIBLE CANDIDATE.

W. P. Sampson, one of the most prominent citizens of the Gilpin country, was among the number in town Saturday. While Mr. Sampson said nothing to us with reference to the matter, we have heard his friends say that he would make a good sheriff and might possibly be persuaded to enter the campaign for that office. There is no better man in the country than W. P. Sampson, and should he be persuaded to get in the race he no doubt would be recognized among the leaders in the running.

NEW BUSINESS.

Mayor Geo. S. Link returned the latter part of last week from Knox City where he had been several days superintending the establishment of another mercantile business for the Bryant-Link Company. W. G. Broyles will be local manager of the Knox City house.

FINE FARMING SECTION.

P. W. Henson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Watson settlement southwest of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and greeted us with a big silver dollar, requesting that we extend his subscription up another notch and which we did with pleasure. Mr. Henson reports his section in good shape. The Watson community is said to be a fine farming section, and as further evidence of such a statement all the settlers are prosperous.

BUYS SADDLERY.

Mr. Petty, of Knox City, bought the Kellar stock of harness and saddles and is now selling the goods. The stock of goods was sold at auction, he being the highest bidder. At the same time a farm in Dickens county and a town residence in the eastern part of the state were sold. W. F. Godfrey, we understand, bought the residence.

PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

W. F. Shugart was in Saturday from his farm seven miles east to attend the Farmers meeting which was held on that day. Mr. Shugart says he is progressing in the farming business, and if any of these other farmers know anything more than he about the business he wants to find it out and keep in the procession.

J. A. Murchison was in the city Tuesday from his farm home in the Draper country. He reports everything in good shape.

WILL PLANT MORE FEED

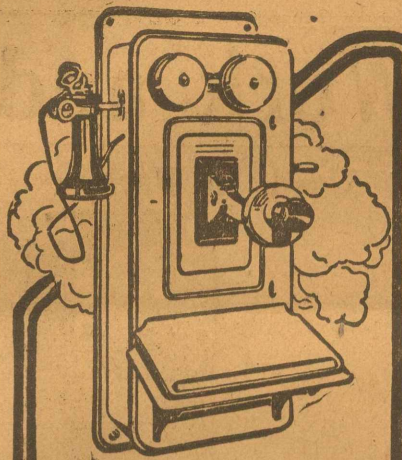
Members of the Dickens County Experimental Station Association will plant quite an acreage to feterita, sudan grass, and alfalfa in this section. Seed production will be the chief object this year. As good seed of these crops are very scarce and command highest market prices.

Sebe Lambert, one of the most prominent citizens of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Lambert is one of the best and most successful farmers of the country.

J. A. Blair, who recently moved from the Jayton country to near Dickens, was in the city Wednesday and requested that the Texas Spur be sent to him hereafter at Dickens.

F. F. Christian moved his jewelry and watch repairing business last week to the Standifer building where he will be located in the future.

Rev. W. B. Bennett was in the city this week from his home at Gilpin, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spua office.



THE MODERN WEATHER PROPHET

Recollect last spring when that late frost struck your orchards and produce? You'd have given a mint to have had fair warning.

A Rural Bell Telephone will summon help when frosts threaten, besides being profitable in countless other ways. Our nearest Manager will cheerfully furnish information or write to.

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NEW AUTO GARAGE

We understand that Jeff D. Harkey and W. A. Wilkinson are figuring on buying lots in Spur and building an auto garage forty-eight by one hundred feet, and making it one of the best furnished and equipped garages of the whole western country.

FOR SALE.

The best paying business in Spur, a snap, and can be run on small expense. Will take at least \$3,500 to handle it; good reasons for selling.—Box 555.

F. A. Prideaux made a business trip this week to points down the line of the Stamford & Northwestern Railway Company.

C. C. Haile was among the business visitors to Spur the latter part of last week from Draper.

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

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-267

HARNESS SHOP!!

OPENED AT OLD STAND!

Having Bought the Kellar Stock of Saddles, Harness, etc., at Reduced Prices and owing to hard times I am going to make the Best Prices You Have Ever Had!

CHEAP HARNESS

30-THIRTY DAYS ONLY-30

I AM not a Stranger to most of you, I having run the harness business at Knox City for a number of years. I ask you all to come in and get what you want Before the Stock is Picked Over.

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Everything will be cash, but at Prices That Will Surprise You. Such as

- 1 inch Hame Straps, 10c or 3 for 25c
- Best Collar Pads, each 25c
- Best Wide Seam Collar \$3.25
- Best Rubber Belting Wagon Harness . . . \$10.00

All Wagon Harness, Bridles and Lines will be sold in proportion. Prices on Saddles and Buggy Harness Cut to Pieces. Come Quick!!

PETTY, THE HARNESS MAN

SPUR, TEXAS