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**PEACOCK SUFFERS A DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.**

Sunday afternoon between four and five o'clock a cyclone struck the town of Peacock with the result that more than two-thirds of the residences and every business house in the town were totally destroyed and carried without the limits of the town by the winds. In the town were seven or eight business houses, gin, blacksmith shop, newspaper office, etc., all of which were not only wrecked but carried away with the storm.

The cyclone traveled slowly from the southwest to the northeast, and it is said that it was apparently twenty minutes in passing through the town. This is the greatest calamity to occur in this section of country, and while there were no lives lost the property loss was considerable and complete. The storm killed horses, cattle and hogs in its path, and two men, J. B. Smith and Walter Townsend, are reported injured. On account of the slow progress of the cyclone the inhabitants of the town had timely warning and repaired to storm houses, cellars, and some people went down into cisterns.

The citizens of Spur made up a purse of more than one hundred dollars and sent to the relief of the stricken town. Other towns of the country have also contributed liberally.

**AUTO HIGHWAY.**

Messrs. C. F. Cates and Jeff D. Reagan made a trip Saturday to Aspermont viewing out an auto highway from that place to Spur. It is said that if this part of the roadway can be placed in first-class condition Spur will be favored with an international auto highway. This will be an important item to Spur and while it may be of some expense at the present it will pay big dividends in the future.

**PROTRACTED MEETING**

The Church of Christ will begin a protracted meeting in Spur Friday night of this week under a tent on Burlington Avenue, to continue ten days or two weeks. Foy E. Wallace will do the preaching, and the song services will be conducted by Austin Taylor of Weatherford. Singing will begin at eight o'clock and preaching at eight fifteen. Everybody is invited to attend.

**EDITOR THOMPSON HERE.**

Jim Thompson, editor of the Peacock Index, was in Spur Sunday between trains. He reports that Peacock is building and the surrounding country developing in a substantial manner. Mr. Thompson was formerly with the Dickens Item of Dickens, and also was one of the Texas Spur force for a time.

**BUYS GRAIN BUSINESS.**

C. H. Senning has bought the Spur Grain & Coal Company business and will continue the business at the same stand. Mrs. Walker and children, we understand, will remove at an early date to their former home in the eastern part of the state.

**CYCLONE NEAR CONE.**

It is reported here that a cyclone struck the Cone country up on the Plains Sunday evening doing considerable damage. The farm home of Dick Hurd, near Cone, was totally destroyed, barns blown away, stock killed. The family were in a storm cellar which probably saved their lives. All the dirt and top of the cellar was blown away.

**RETURN FROM MEXICO.**

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman and daughter, Miss Winnie, and L. N. Riter and C. E. Brannen returned this last week from a trip to Mexico where they spent several days seeing the sights and prospecting with a view of taking up land. They report a most interesting trip and say that Mexico is one of the prettiest countries in America.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We desire to thank the good people of Spur and vicinity for the many good favors and kindnesses shown us during our residence here, and especially during the times of affliction. We shall ever remember you with love and gratitude.—Mrs. W. T. Walker, Mrs. J. R. Walker and Families.

**WINS LAW SUIT.**

J. E. Kellar returned Sunday from Waco where he had been to defend a suit in the courts at that place. The suit was for one thousand dollars, this sum being a forfeit in the sale of his ranch property some time ago. Mr. Kellar was defended by B. D. Glasgow and another lawyer of Waco.

**A BIG RAIN OVER THE ENTIRE SPUR COUNTRY.**

Saturday and Saturday night good, seasonable rains fell over the entire Spur country with the result that this section is now in ideal condition with respect to agricultural and stock-farming interests.

In Spur the rain amounted to about one-half inch, while in other sections of the community the rainfall varied from one-half inch to four inches. In the Dry Lake Lake community and in and around the foot of the Cap Rock it is reported that at least four inches of rain fell.

The indications now are that the year 1914 will be one of the biggest crop years within the history of farming in Western Texas.

**HAVE YOU MET THEM?**

"Our Force." We are proud of the whole bunch. Well, no, they are not all pretty but looks don't count for all anyway. There's Joe Smith, the fat fellow with the glasses, that stays around the office and keeps things straight, and passes on your ability to pay your bills. Now Smith don't tell it, and don't you let him know about this, but he was raised in Palo Pinto county, way out in them hills, and never saw a train 'till he was eighteen years old. And when he saw his first train he was at the station at Breckenridge, and the engineer said "We are going to turn around" and blew the whistle, and Smith made a rapid retreat to the hills. We want you to know Smith, and if it's credit you want, ask him about it. "He looks easy," and wants your business.

Next comes Geo. Bennett. Now, Bennett was raised in Haskell county in the times when coyotes, antelopes and jack rabbits were his associates, and the wild look hasn't all worn off yet. But he's gentle all right and is always ready to tell you about Style Plus Clothing, and sells more Clothing than any salesman we know of in this part of the country. Now, Geo. saw a train when he came to Spur. Bennett is the right kind. He's no hot house plant, but a real old time West Texas man that knows how to treat people. We want you to see Bennett, the Clothing man.

Now comes Sanders Taylor. We really don't know where he was raised; think he just grew up in Dickens county. Most of you know Sanders; he's O. K. It's not specially his good looks but his winning ways that we want you to know him for. Taylor deals out Light Crust and other high class groceries, and wants your grocery business.

Uncle Bill Perry—now, the widows all know him but some of the other folks may not.

Now, Uncle Bill was raised way down in Panola county on the Sabine river where it took two alligators and one negro to exist through a season. Uncle Bill knows how to paddle a canoe, and could paddle for two. He's the man that's always on the job, and like Taylor will let you have Groceries of the highest quality at the lowest price. You should know him. He's all wool and will treat you right.

Next comes Higginbotham.

Now Hick's wife thinks he's pretty, so you may see her to find out how he looks. Hick was raised at Dublin, Texas; but city life didn't make a dude of him. He's the fellow that looks like he'd been on half feed for six months, and he's the fellow that wants to sell you Star Windmills, John Deere Implements, Buggies, Wire, Piping, Oil Stoves, and everything in the Hardware line. Hick wants your business, and is an a-one fellow. See him for Hardware.

Mack Brown delivers the goods, especially to Mr. Richburg's. Mack is a native of this country. Mack has seen a train all right—come up and go back—but one of these kind that go through would surprise him. Mack has been raised on the farm and has the spirit that it takes to treat people right, and wants to deliver your goods; and will sell you some too, if you don't watch him.

Mrs. Evans keeps the cash. She's the tall, good looking lady that wears glasses and looks wise at you if you spend your cash somewhere else.

Miss Burnett is a product of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and is that pretty little girl that deals out the Ladies Hats. Now, she's an artist at her trade, and this has been her biggest season, so far, since she's been with us. You should know her, most of the men do.

Mrs. Link is from Arkansas. Now, we think she is wise for being from there, and not here. She sells the Dress Goods, Trimmings, etc., and is always wanting to show you the new things. —Bryant-Link Co.

**WILL BUILD CEMENT BRIDGE OVER RIVER.**

H. F. Murray and his crew of workmen have established a camp on the river bottom between Dickens and Floydada and will put in a concrete crossing over the river bed on the Dickens and Floydada road. Mr. Murray has just received a new cement mixer which will be used in this work. This cement mixer does the work of several men, and turns out the mixture of cement and sand accurately and rapidly. Mr. Murray is recognized as one of the best cement and concrete workmen of the whole country, and he is keeping up with the times in using late improved machinery and adopting progressive methods in his work.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SPUR SCHOOL.**

The Commencement exercises of the Spur School at the school auditorium Friday night were highly entertaining and appreciated by a large audience of school patrons and others. The program was as follows:

Duet, "Electrical Flash Galop" by Donnalita Standifer and Erma Baker.

The Home in the Government, by Faust Collier.

Wolfe at Quebec, by Evelyn Burgoon.

Truth and Victory, by Boney Fields.

Class March, by Donnalita Standifer.

The Alamo Line, by Ruby Reagan.

Masters of Men, by James Harvey Lee.

Vocal Solo, "Beauty's Eyes" by Erma Baker.

Having Eyes, See Not, by Florence Ethel Henson.

Are We Civilized, by Hester E. Gibson.

Piano Solo, "Valse Brillante" by Bessie Burgoon.

Presentation of Diplomas by Prof. Mace to Graduating Class composed of James Harvey Lee, Florence Ethel Henson, Ruby Reagan and Hester E. Gibson.

**A PROGRESSIVE FARMER**

J. R. Rogers, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was in the city Monday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and registered a kick at not receiving his paper regularly each week. Hereafter we will do our part in getting the paper to him, and when any of our readers fail to get the paper we will be glad for them to notify us.

**WILL MOVE TO TEMPLE.**

C. C. Henson recently sold his house and lot in Spur to N. Q. Brannen, the consideration being about five hundred dollars. Mr. Henson and family will move to Temple at an early date and make that place their home. We regret to lose this estimable family from our citizenship but wish them a pleasant and prosperous home wherever they may permanently locate.

**T. F. BAKER HERE.**

T. F. Baker, of Scurry county and candidate for the Legislature from this district, was in Spur the latter part of last week and made a short address to the people at the school auditorium Thursday night. At a later date Mr. Baker will probably make known his platform through the press of the district.

**RENEWS SUBSCRIPTION.**

John Weathers, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the West Pasture, spent several hours in the city Saturday greeting his many friends and attending to business matters. Mr. Weathers was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while here and moved his subscription up to nineteen hundred and fifteen for which he has our thanks.

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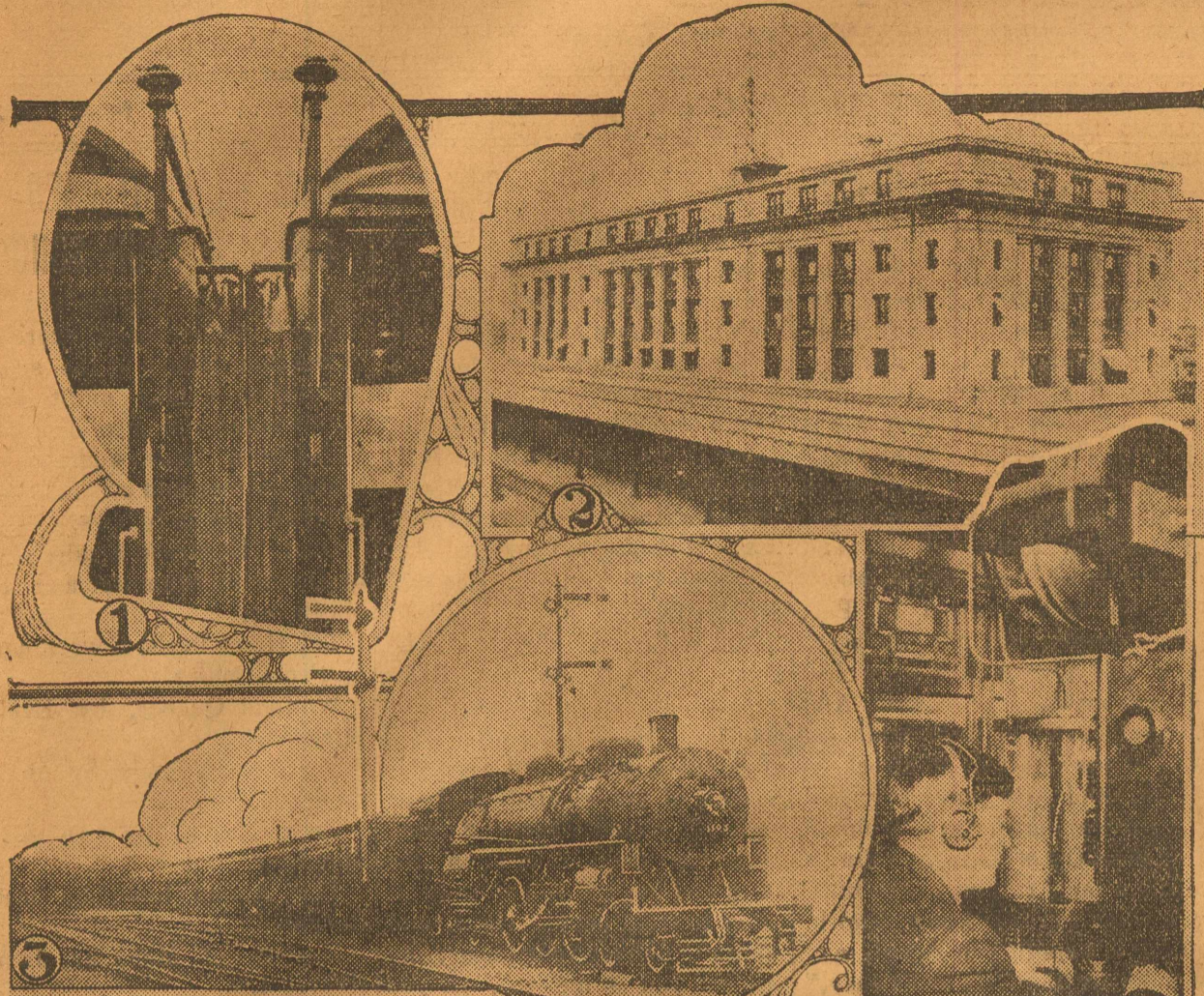
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# Wireless New Factor In Railroading



**Big Future Promised For Aerial Communication on Land as Well as on Water by the Successful Tests on Speeding Trains—The Electric Waves Penetrate the Mountains, It Is Thought.**

**W**IRELESS telegraphy for the moving train promises to make railroad travel safer in the future. The beginning of this service was started recently on the Buffalo limited of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad and up to the present has facilitated the handling of trains with a greater degree of success than that secured from any previously existing system of dispatching or communication in general.

There are plenty of examples of what the wireless has done for ocean going shipping in the way of spreading news, in giving helpful warnings and in calling succor from afar to injured ships. Its application to railroading will be for a somewhat different purpose.

The block signal system now commonly adopted in combination with track contacts has done wonders in reducing the risk of accidents. The towermen are stationed every few miles, and unless something goes wrong inside the block the train must clear each zone within a certain time. When it does not do so the watcher at the far end of the block knows that something is amiss. But what? The answer may be one of a score of things, and the towermen are necessarily in ignorance until some one from the halted train brings the news. Then, and only then, the railroad people at distant points can be reached by telegraph and the proper steps taken to meet the emergency.

The trainman carrying the message to the block tower may have to cover a distance of a couple of miles. This is not so bad in daylight and in good weather, but what of the situation when there is a driving snowstorm or ice covers the ground? To reach the tower to call for assistance then becomes a desperately long struggle and the cause of delay that may imperil many lives.

### Warning For Engineer.

Again, it happens every now and then that an engineer fails to see cautionary signals which should make him slacken speed or bring his train to a standstill. The result may be a collision with loss of life.

It will therefore be seen how desirable it is that each train should have its own means of creating about it a cautionary zone quite independently of the fixed track and block signals, this zone to be communicable to other trains directly. In this fashion producing a safety system within a safety system and one that would be immediately available at every point along the line.

This is not in theory a novelty, but practical accomplishment has had to contend with many obstacles. Something akin to this was evolved years ago in the form of a signal telegraph which made use of track contacts at frequent points or of magnetic impulses aroused at stated intervals, but the arch enemy was the weather and especially snow and ice. The apparatus worked well experimentally until these foes to efficiency intervened, and

then the whole technically beautiful installation failed to operate. Wireless telegraphy promises to do the needed work.

### Elimination of Tall Masts.

Wireless telegraphy, as every one knows, usually calls for tall masts or towers from which the aerials or antennae can be spread, and this element of height and length of dispatching and intercepting filaments influences directly the efficiency of the apparatus, both in creating Hertzian waves and in being sensitive to the ether vibrations having their source elsewhere. How, then, were these requirements to be met upon a swiftly moving train?

As a matter of fact, the clearance between the roofs of the coaches and the tops of the bridges and tunnels is a matter of only a few inches. Would aerials as low as this answer? Only experimenting would solve the question, and the electrical experts set about doing it in this way:

A single line of wire arranged like a rectangle is strung from four low stanchions placed at each corner of the car ends, actually below the crest of the roof. By doing this upon four cars, giving a total length of aerials of something like 550 feet, an arrangement has been reached which works admirably and incidentally subscribes to the physical limitations of height imposed by structures along the roadway.

But, while this placing of the wires sufficed when running over open country, there was still a doubt about what would happen when the train skirted along winding rivers, with mountains hemming in the view and seemingly offering an obstacle to the sending and the receiving of wireless impulses. It is along parts of the road of this character that the wireless telegraph would be of the greatest service, because the sinuous path of the track makes it impossible for the towerman to see trains for more than a short distance, and block signals worked by track contacts are similarly obscured by bends in the route. Would the wireless waves rise out of the depth of the valleys and get beyond to receiving stations, or would the vibrations started from distant points get over the mountains and down into the winding passes?

### Waves Pass Through Mountains.

In anticipation of probable difficulties in this department of the work the Lackawanna railroad erected at Scranton and at Binghamton tall wireless towers, and these were expected to offset the lowness of the aerials upon

the train. Whether these tall towers are actually necessary for the immediate work cut out for them is not of present concern; they may be a necessary part of the system when ultimately elaborated. But an interesting fact has developed. The messages leaving the moving train are unquestionably able to get past intervening mountains and to climb from the meandering valleys and find their way to the antennae of the towers at Scranton and Binghamton.

According to the experts, the Hertzian waves don't do this by climbing the hills, but by actually going through them. This is because the earth is a great magnet, and the wireless waves virtually wade along, partly through the ground and partly through the air.

The Marconi outfit has been especially developed for railroad service. Space and weight had to be drawn upon economically, and the whole system is just about one-quarter the size of an ordinary installation. This naturally has imposed refinements and made it necessary to take great care in offsetting the jarring vibrations of a speeding train. Again the electrical engineers have done well, because even upon the first run the apparatus functioned encouragingly.

### Much Still Unperfected.

Of course there are yet obstacles to be surmounted, because there are refinements of adjustment that radically affect perfect working. The principal one of these has been that of regulating the wave lengths and in getting the installation upon the moving train tuned to the distant stations.

The wave lengths generated by the train equipment are about 800 meters long, or in the neighborhood of half a mile, and these have permitted of the maintenance of wireless communication for a distance just short of thirty-five miles.

Upon a trial run the conductor of the Buffalo limited was taken ill, and when thirty odd miles from Scranton a wireless call was dispatched for a relief conductor. The substitute was on hand when the train pulled into that station.

Again, there were more passengers than seats, and in the same way an extra coach was ordered and made ready by the time the limited pulled into Binghamton. Upon a later run news items were received aboard the train and bulletins posted from time to time for the edification of the passengers. In time it will be possible, it is believed, for passengers to send and receive messages at any moment of the

day or night while the trains are speeding along at their highest rate.

In a heavy sleet storm last winter the wire service between Binghamton and Scranton was put out of commission, and no train orders could be sent by either telephone or ordinary telegraph. It was two hours before the regular service was restored, and during that time all of the usual train orders affecting the section were dispatched through the wireless stations in the two cities and on the train. Fifty-four orders and messages were handled in all, and there were no delays or mishaps in the operation of the trains anywhere along the line. The reports of every official agreed that the wireless had proved as reliable and efficient as any wire service had ever been.

On another occasion the conductor of the limited discovered two hoboes riding the blind baggage between Scranton and Binghamton. Without letting them know that they had been detected, he asked the wireless operator to advise the Binghamton police, and when the train arrived in that city two patrolmen pulled the surprised tramps from their hiding place. The fellows would not believe it when told how the policemen had come to know where they were.

### Stock Market Report on Trains.

The railroad company has begun to accept commercial telegrams on the limited that are transmitted to their destinations without delay or mistake. Passengers send business and social messages to many points and receive answers as regularly as if the station on the train were in the lobby of a city hotel.

When everything is perfected the broker hurrying to a Chicago appointment will be able to watch the New York market while traveling. The business house wanting to get into immediate communication with its representative on the train will be able to reach him with a marconigram.

### SOME INTERESTING ITEMS.

An open air pulpit in the tower is one of the features of a new Presbyterian church at Palmer's Green, England.

A Russian army captain has been expelled from his regiment at Smolensk "because of the scandal offered to the army in his humiliating subjection to his wife."

Five women whose aggregate wealth amounts to more than \$75,000,000 were seen recently in a New York department store at one time, and they were all buying remnants.

## Sporting Notes

By SQUARE DEAL.

George Stovall, the playing manager of the Kansas City team of the Federal league, has been quoted as saying that he will never again become an American leaguer. The training he got



Photo by American Press Association.

Stovall, Federal Star.

as manager of the St. Louis Browns will give Kansas City a real live baseball aggregation, which will before the season is far on the way compare favorably with any major league nine, according to observing dopesters.

Gunboat Smith, the able heavy-weight fighter in the Buckley stable, has scared most of the men in his class into the bushes. Smith, who got a decision over Sam Langford and recently walloped Arthur Pelky into oblivion, is a powerful hitter, but lacks some of the weight that gives Jack Johnson his ring strength.

He is anxious to meet Georges Carpentier, the French champion.

## In the Sunday School Class

SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

**Golden Text.**—There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth (Luke xv, 10).

**Verses 1, 2.**—A great compassing.

Jesus went to the homes of publicans like Levi just as readily as he visited in the homes of Pharisees like Simon. This practice of treating every one alike did not meet with the approval of the Jewish authorities. They regarded themselves as superior, and they carried a high head, looking down with contempt on the outcasts of society. They were astonished that Jesus should ignore all social distinctions and associate so freely with such degraded people. \* \* \* "Murmured." When, however, a teacher like Jesus demonstrated that these same people were capable of responding to the appeals of pure and holy religion "the Pharisees and scribes," who were the official custodians of ecclesiastical religion, found fault with him and antagonized his work. "This man." Notice that the reference to Jesus is contemptuous. Their attitude, however, only revealed their pettiness of spirit. \* \* \*

**Verses 3-7.**—The joy of recovery.

Jesus defended his practice against the criticisms of the Pharisees by speaking three touching parables which could not fail to move any but his hardened hearers. "What man of you?" His point of contact arrested their attention. "He first appealed to matters of daily experience, and from the lesser he argued to the greater." The story of the shepherd was of living interest for many of his hearers tended sheep. "If he lose one." The fact that he has ninety-nine which are not exposed to danger "in the wilderness," on the mountain slopes where they have pasture, does not induce him to be indifferent to the one that is missing. "Until he find it." He does not give up his search until he is successful. With what eager solicitude does the shepherd journey over hill and dale! \* \* \* "Layeth it on his shoulders." The lost one is weary and footsore, and the tender shepherd, regardless of his own discomfort, carries the wanderer home "rejoicing" in his good fortune. "Calleth together." He must needs celebrate his gladness by having his sympathetic neighbors, who also are shepherds, join in merriment. "In heaven"—the blest abode of God and his angels. "One sinner that repenteth" and turneth from the error of his ways,

renouncing his former manner of life and seeking henceforth to walk according to the holy will of God. "Just persons"—that is, in their own estimation, like the Pharisees, who flattered themselves that all was well with them when in reality many of them were "in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity" (Acts viii, 23).

**Verses 8-10.**—The happiness of finding.

Jesus turned from the men who were present and appealed to the women in the audience. Here again he drew his illustration from the common walks of life, so that the lesson could have been appreciated by every one. "Ten pieces of silver." The drachma was a Greek coin worth about 16 cents. It was the custom for women to wear ancient coins strung together for a necklace or as an ornament for the head. The parable has more force if we think of these silver pieces as jewels, so highly prized by the female sex in all countries. The loss of even one would break the set and lessen the value of the piece. Imagine, then, the woman's excitement and anxiety! "Light a candle." Oriental houses are dark even during the day, as they do not have any windows. "Sweep the house." With what diligence every corner of the hut would be investigated by this peasant woman! "All the household arrangements would be at a standstill and nothing done, not even the preparation of a meal, until the jewel was recovered." "When she hath found it." Her loss would instantly be advertised to all the neighbors, and when her search was finally rewarded the happy news would soon be circulated and congratulations be in order. \* \* \* "In the presence of the angels of God." The joy in heaven referred to in verse 7 is here explained. The angels are so glad because they share in the joy of God over the salvation of souls. We can understand the heartless attitude of the Pharisees toward the multitudes when we recall one of their sayings: "There is joy before God when those who provoke him perish from the world." How impressively different from this vindictiveness is the gracious view of Jesus concerning the inexhaustible love of God, who does not give up hope of any man! "One sinner that repenteth." These words are repeated to give emphasis to the necessity and possibility of the repentance of every person, however depraved may be his condition.

## ITEMS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY.

BY CORRESPONDENTS

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Another small rain fell in our section of the country Saturday night, doing a great good.

Rev. W. B. Bennett and family made a visit to Jayton Saturday, returning Sunday. They report a nice time.

A large crowd from Gilpin and Duck Creek schools attended the School Picnic at Steel Hill Friday. They report a nice time and a fine dinner.

Willie Hagins has been rather stiff the past few days, a horse fell on him Sunday morning hurting one arm and leg, but is better at this writing.

Messrs. C. Bennett, E. Hawkins and Willie Hagins made a trip to Spur Saturday evening.

Miss Lydia Franklin is all smiles now, looking for the last of school so she can return to her friends near Dickens.

On Friday, May 15th, there will be an Educational Rally at Duck Creek schoolhouse. There will be dinner on the ground and a good time is expected. We have secured several good speakers and we hope that every citizen of Duck Creek, and especially the patrons of the school, will be out. The above date marks the closing of our school and we feel that the patrons of the school can and should spend one day for the benefit of their children and the promoting of education in this district. Now we ask everyone of the readers of this paper and their friends to come and be with us. We extend an invitation to all to come, and ask our Editor to come and be with us. I stated last week that I would give the program for the last night in this issue, but as it is not entirely completed, I cannot publish it yet. We will have a large and good program on the night of the 15th of May. Listen! We will have a ball game in the afternoon between Duck Creek and Red Hill. Everybody come.

Say Girard, let us hear from you. We would like to see you at our entertainment and ball game.

L. W. Bilberry is stepping high. He's grandpa.

The doctors have been to see little Johnny Hawkins several times this week. She has been, and still is, in a critical condition but is at this writing clear of fever, and we hope that she has had a turn for the better.

J. T. Bilberry visited in the Jayton community Sunday.—A School Chap.

### TAP TELLINGS.

That fine rain we had Saturday makes us want to tell you about it.

T. L. Dozier and Frank Parsons made a trip to Spur this week.

Several of our neighbors spent Saturday night in Spur on account of the rain.

Fount Harrell and Clint Hinson tried to ford Red Mud Saturday night and came out on the same side they started in on.

Rev. J. W. Bilberry filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

The little infant of T. B. Rutherford is reported on the sick list this week.

Milt Trout made a business trip to Crosbyton this week.

The last meeting of the Literary was alright and a plum good one.—that Rascal Pat being one of the leading plays. We will not have any more Literary until the close of school which will be May the 15th.

Tom and Craig Parsons have been helping J. E. Sparks windmill this week.

The cold wave delayed planting a few days.—Kid-a-lude.

### DRAPER GLEANINGS.

M. C. Hobson's little boy is very sick.

We are glad to report Grandpa Shields, who has been very sick, much better.

We had another fine shower Saturday night.

Miss Lily Hobson spent Sunday with Miss Nettie Murchison.

Wonder who Earl loaned his buggy to Sunday evening?

Mrs. J. E. Wright and Mrs. Mattie Counts went to Afton Saturday evening, returning Sunday.

Prentiss Counts spent Sunday with Mr. Lovell.

There was lots of cotton planted in our community last week.

Billie Waldrup is watching his pie melons grow. He says they are doing fine.

C. C. Haile went to Spur the latter part of last week.

Our Literary will meet once a month until further notice.

Say, Mr. Editor, let's have a Correspondents meeting in July and let each writer bring a cake and fried chicken. After we have gotten acquainted with each other, we can eat our dinner and let our Editor watch us.—Rambling Bill.

## FOR BETTER VALUES!

**I**n Last week's paper we told you of several items of interest to the shopper who is on the alert for Better Values. The entire month of May will be Special Days With Us. You can readily convince yourself of the correctness of this statement by spending a few moments looking over the merchandise we have on sale. We expect to make this Month a Hummer. Plenty New Goods Every Day. However, the early buyer will have a greater range of styles in some lines.

## WE WANT TO SHOW THE MEN OUR NEW SUITS!!

Odd Pants, Hats, Shirts, Underwear, etc., for the Styles are New and Values Great. Bring us the boy for his suit or any other need. New Oxfords for Men Ladies and Children, with SPECIAL LOW PRICES! Come to Spur, if you live 40 miles. Stocks are large and we want your business. Ask for Premium tickets

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### SOLDIER MOUND.

Arvie and Walter Shipman, from Girard, spent Sunday night with Bill Holloway.

A big ball game was pulled off at Soldier Mound Sunday evening, Dry Lake vs. Soldier Mound. Too many geyed for Soldier Mound, and they swiped up on Dry Lake guys.

Oma McFall spent Sunday with Lucy Farmer.

Soldier Mound got a nice little rain, and it has done the farmers lots of good.

Bill Holloway spent several days of last week at Girard, visiting Gene Perry and family.

Buster Shelins was over in the Soldier Mound settlement Sunday, April 19th, and found him two girls—Misses Mable Wyatt and Stella Holloway. They enjoyed themselves very much riding around in the afternoon.

Mable Wyatt spent Saturday night with Bertha Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldon spent Sunday at Mr. Haile's.

Preston Dill and John Fulfir spent Sunday at J. T. Holloway's.

Jake Wyatt spent Sunday morning with Charlie Holloway.

Lonesome Kid, get busy, don't miss so much.

Farmers are stepping some since the rain. The smiles on their faces are at least twelve inches long. You won't hear them say they are going to leave now. The blues have left them.

Stella Holloway spent Sunday with Ila Bowman.

School Chap, what's the matter with Cecil Bennett? Has he changed his range?

Fred McFall feels like the First Nationan Bank and J. T. Holloway is hopping around like a Country Clown, since the rain Saturday evening.—Little Tommy.

### NOTICE.

See Hyatt & Garner for cheap feed. Also seed for planting.

### STEEL HILL ITEMS.

Most of the farmers are wearing broad smiles since the rain. All are busy planting.

School was out Friday and had a good program, dinner on the grounds, and a ball game Steel Hill vs. Red Hill in the afternoon. The scores were 19 and 8. Red Hill you had better play some one your calibre.

Judge and Mrs. Ferguson were in our midst Friday. The Judge spoke that afternoon.

Ye scribe made a flying trip to Jayton Sunday, returning Tuesday, and he saw the water-spout and cyclone that wiped Peacock off the map.

Merle and John Rash, of Jayton, were among the many at Steel Hill Friday.

D. T. Tarleton was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Dr. James P. Gibson, Hon. Jack Moore and John Rash were pleasant callers at J. B. Carlisle's Sunday.

Buster Cheely has a new buggy, but I notice that he rides around by himself or has some old boy with him.

There was not many people at

the party at Mr. Cheely's Saturday night on the account of the rain but we will have it again soon.

Come on Rambling Bill with your interesting letters.—Lonesome Kid.

### FOR SALE.

Thirty-two head of High Grade Jersey Heifers, mostly three year olds, above quarantine line, three-fourths springers.—T. W. Johnson, Haskell, Texas. 2tp

I have bought the business of the Spur Grain & Coal Co., and will hereafter have a complete stock of all kinds of feed and coal. I am in this business to stay and will appreciate your patronage. Call and see us at the same old Stand.—C. H. Senning.

E. Ham, of the Afton country, was among the number of business visitors in the city Monday, spending several hours here greeting his friends and trading with Spur merchants.

Rev. McMahan returned the first of the week from Dundee in Archer county where he has been conducting a protracted meeting.

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**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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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

For Representative, 105th District:  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah  
Isaac O. Newton (re-election)

For District and County Clerk:  
Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin  
E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
T. Wyly Morgan  
G. T. Snodgrass

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

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (re-election)  
J. B. Yantis

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:  
S. R. Bowman

C. C. Haile, a prominent citizen and business man of Draper, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his many friends in the city.

R. L. Jones, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

#### THE PAY SCHOOL QUESTION.

The founders of our nation had the wisdom and foresight to realize that it was true economy to provide for public free schools open to rich and poor alike; and encouraged their attendance. The same is true of the founders of the Texas Republic. They knew that it was cheaper, safer and more satisfactory in every way, to educate, than to prosecute, execute and otherwise punish.

In certain states much progress has been made along these lines such as compulsory education, free stationery and other supplies and even free text books, and mother's pension, partly supported by a bachelor tax etc. The wisdom, propriety and justice of these steps cannot successfully be disputed, and they will grow with intellectual development.

There was a time when most large taxpayers who had no children bitterly opposed a special school tax; but a large portion of them have become ardent advocates of it merely from a financial standpoint.

It is regretful to observe that our state of Texas is far behind in educational progress, and in some of its districts has actually retrogressed to the deplorable extent of shutting out poor children (who need education more urgently than others) from one to three months of each scholastic year, regardless of their grades, age or standing, only for the reason that they cannot pay the tuition levied by the trustees. By this outrageous system, many precious industrious little ones who have been standing high in their studies and deportment are abruptly, through no fault of their own, shut out, almost breaking their

hearts, while some less worthy classmates continue advancing; and at the next session enter higher grades; but the unfortunate little ones must begin at the same places that they began at the previous session and again go over the work so well done before. There is no condition under which trustees of public schools could be justified in adopting such a preposterous system, the like of which should not be tolerated in any christian or civilized nation. Far better, if there were no other way to avoid it, to shorten the scholastic year to 8, 7 or 6 months if necessary, that children of the district be given equal public school advantages. But in some instances it would be practical to put more pupils under each teacher and otherwise economize to prolong the session. Then, there are usually a few citizens in each district who could without missing it donate from \$50.00 to \$500.00 to the school fund and be much happier because of the gift.

Then, if financial conditions are so very stringent, and many property owners absolutely unable to pay their taxes, in some cases actually losing their property; some merchants going bankrupt; others barely making expenses; other citizens unable to get employment but a part of the time, while others work at reduced wages rather than to be out of work entirely, why should not a teacher share, to some extent, the hard times with other people, by teaching at lower salaries until conditions become better? Of course, those whose only object in teaching, is to get "The money that's in it," will become provoked by this suggestion, but those teachers who

have love for their pupils, and have at heart the welfare of humanity (The best teachers of all) will admit that this is reasonable and fair. Hence, there are ways by which the part payment could and should be avoided.—M. M. Thomson, in Western Enterprise.

Bill McArthur, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday spending several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

Sebe Lambert came in last week from his home in the Tap country and spent several hours here greeting his friends and looking after his farming interests.

J. J. Rodgers, a prominent citizen, farmer and ranchman of several miles west of Spur, was in the city last week on business.

W. F. Walker, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

L. W. Clark and family, of the Steel Hill country, were shopping in the city Saturday. Mr. Clark reports that the recent cold snaps killed his maize out which was up to a pretty stand at that time.

Jim Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in town Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and on other business.

Judge A. J. McClain was in Spur Friday of last week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and while here called at the Texas Spur office.

Hugh Squyres, of Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week buying farm implements of the merchants and looking after other business matters.

L. A. Hindman came in Saturday and spent several hours here on business from his home in the Dry Lake community.

Sheriff J. B. Conner and family, of Dickens, were in the city Saturday visiting friends.

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Wyatt Taylor passed through Spur Saturday on his return from Stephenville to Crosbyton. He will spend some time at Crosbyton before returning to Stephenville. While here he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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

Mr. Jones, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

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

Lee Carpenter, of several miles west, was among the number of business visitors in the city last week.

Mrs. Chas. A. Jones returned to Spur last week after an absence of several weeks.

Extra fine Jersey cows giving milk, for sale by C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 24-tf

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W. P. T. Smith came in Saturday from his farm home eight or nine miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his many friends. Mr. Smith is one of the most progressive farmers of the whole country.

Tax Assessor T. J. Harrison was in Spur Saturday from his home in the north part of the county attending to business matters and incidentally meeting the voters in the interest of his candidacy for re-election to the Tax Assessor's office.

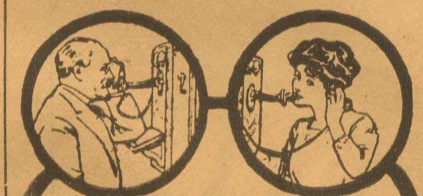
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Geo. T. Barnes, wife and little son, of near Dickens, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller.

Last week a number of the dogs of the city were killed by poisoning, and some of the finest bird dogs of the whole country were killed.

For Pure White Indian Runner Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen—See Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas.

J. Carlisle, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of the Gilpin country, was among the number of business visitors from that neighborhood Saturday.



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She looked at me;  
Love, boundless as the skies,  
Fathomless as the sea,  
Was shining there.  
I searched her lovely face,  
And there I saw  
Faith, hope, patience, grace,  
Virtue without a flaw,  
Pleading and prayer.  
She pressed her lips to mine  
And held there awhile.  
Pure, sweet, matchless, divine,  
Was her gentle smile;  
Like her no other.  
She won my trusting heart  
Forever and ever.  
And tho' forced from her to part,  
Forget her I'll never.  
She was my mother.  
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett

J. A. Murchison, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. He reports that some of the farmers out his way have cotton up [to] stand, and everything most promising for bumper crops of all kinds this year.

A. W. Jordan, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

Howard Campbell, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of three or four miles southwest, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

We are in receipt of a letter from J. H. McMichael, who recently moved to Texline, to send the Texas Spur to Clayton, New Mexico, where he will make his future home.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, who has been visiting her mother and other relatives at Grapevine the past several weeks, returned to her home in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. C. McNeill came in Saturday from his Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city looking after business matters.

Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham returned last week from an extended visit to her mother and other relatives at Dublin and Dallas.

Ben Hagins, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck Creek country, was transacting business in Spur Saturday.

S. B. Scott, of the West Pasture, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

S. R. Bowman came in Saturday from his farm home three miles north of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

J. A. Nichols, of the Plains country, was in Spur Saturday after supplies and attending to other business matters.

Petty & Kellar moved the Kellar stock of harness last week to Luling, Texas, where they will re-open for business.

Will Jackson left the city Friday after spending several weeks in Spur with his brother, Oscar Jackson and family.

Dr. Daly will be in Spur May 11th and 12th. See him about your Eye trouble.

W. S. Dunn left last week for Clayton, New Mexico, on a prospecting trip.

G. A. Howsley left last week for Albany where he will spend several days with homefolks.

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### CLAIREMONT REPORTER.

J. M. Hahn, a prominent citizen of the Girard country, has recently purchased a one hundred and sixty acre tract of land from the Spur Farm Lands management and will, we are informed, soon improve his purchase into a substantial farm home.

The land purchased by Mr. Hahn is a mile or two west of Girard in the sandy loam belt and reliably fertile in the production of the staple crops of this section.

During the past few months a number of farmers have bought and improved homesteads in that section and the Girard country is fast settling and becoming one of the leading agricultural districts of West Texas.

T. M. Elkins, a pioneer citizen of this section of West Texas, died Saturday, April 11th, at his late home in Garza county. Mr. Elkins was sixty nine years of age and had been a resident of this part of the state since 1878.

Baxter Scoggins and wife were in Clairemont the first of this week from their ranch home several miles northwest.

### 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. 1-26t

W. L. Grubbs was among the many business visitors from the Red Mud country Saturday.

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