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## FIRE DESTROYS EVERY BUILDING ON WEST SIDE OF SQUARE IN DICKENS

Sunday every house on the west side of the square in Dickens was destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the Masonic Hall, and since a lodge meeting was held Saturday night it is supposed that the fire started from lighted cigars carelessly thrown down. The fire destroyed the Masonic Hall, the A. S. Jackson hardware store, the F. C. Gipson drug and grocery business, the Botts blacksmith shop, postoffice and restaurant building and the old bank building. The total loss is estimated at about ten thousand dollars. F. C. Gipson had no insurance and his loss amounted to several thousand dollars. A. S. Jackson had insurance and his loss amounted to a thousand or fifteen hundred dollars more than was covered by insurance. The Masonic Hall was also insured, and we understand that all other losses were not covered by insurance.

This was one of the greatest calamities to befall this section, not merely in the destruction of property but because of the fact that the principal part of Dickens, one of the oldest towns of the country, was wiped out of existence with little hope of being rebuilt at an early date.

We understand that Mr. Botts has secured building material and will immediately rebuild his blacksmith shop, while plans with respect to other losses have not yet been made.

### YES, WE ARE BUSY

Notwithstanding the fact that cotton has not brought the price we all wanted it to bring, we have been very busy for the past month. We thank you one and all for your good business, and assure you we have done our best to please you, and from now till Christmas we are going to have many bargains to offer you.

"Mens Clothing"—We don't care where you go and look, you may shop in all the markets from here to New York, all we ask is an opportunity to show you the values we have and we are confident we can convince you there is no better clothing market than we are offering you. Mens Suits from \$5 to \$20, and Boys from \$1.50 to \$12.50.

Ladies Suits and Coats at war prices. Childrens Coats especially cheap. Bring your catalogue with you and if we don't sell you these Suits and Coats as cheap as you can order them we don't ask you to buy.

Yes, it is rainy this week but it could be worse—it could be hailing—so let's cheer up and thank God that all is as it is with us. Let's be optimistic. We heard a good illustration of an optimist the other day. Two Irishmen were working on a story building, one on the tenth story the other on the second story. The one on the tenth story fell and as he passed the one on the second story, he was heard to say "I'm all right up to

now." We think this a good definition of an optimist, and that's what the country needs. An aged bachelor had this inscription placed above his door in large letters "I've had a great many troubles the most of which never happened."

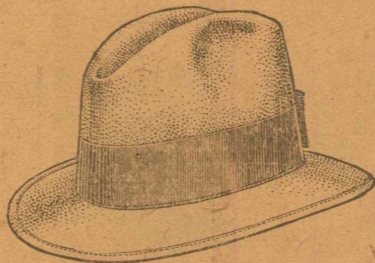
Yes, we want to sell goods, but we also want to cheer and help those we touch as we go through the world. We are all friends. We need you, you need us, so let us work together for the good of all. We dislike to be constantly boring you about merchandise. Now, we know our goods and prices are right; we know that our combined system of buying gives us quantity prices, and we want your business on the grounds that we are in position to handle it. We do not say it boastfully but we have had petitions signed by hundreds of good citizens asking us to put in stores at other towns. There's a reason, and many people of this country know what it is. We want a visit from every man, woman, boy and girl of the entire country. Come on with the crowds and warm by our fire and incidentally spend a few nickels with us for we need the money. "Marriage may either form ones character or reform it." We mention this 'cause Christmas and matrimony seem to be closely associated. — Bryant-Link Co.

### WILL READ TEXAS SPUR

J. H. Johnson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles north of Spur, called in Saturday and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Johnson is not only a good citizen but one of the most successful farmers of the country and we are glad to number him among the Texas Spur readers.

## OFFICERS ARREST YOUNG MAN IN SPUR MONDAY

Sheriff Conner and an officer from Matador arrested George Clark Monday in Spur. Young Clark had been confined in the Matador jail on a charge of stealing a buggy and team some time ago at Dickens. Last week he



THE Star Hat

### GOOD CLOTHES!

THERE is a lot of satisfaction in feeling that you're Well Dressed. Is there not? We are offering Real High Class Made-to-Measure Clothes at

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Look while the Line is Complete, and too, it is only four weeks till Christmas. We guarantee the utmost satisfaction in every detail.

### THE BEST

In Shoes, Hats, Shirts and Furnishings will be found at this Store.

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"The Man's Store"

## PETITIONS NOW BEING CIRCULATED FOR A COUNTY SITE ELECTION.

Petitions are now being circulated over the county asking the Commissioners Court to order an election for the purpose of determining whether or not the County Seat shall be moved from Dickens to Spur. Such an election has been discussed and considered almost since the very beginning of Spur, and since the proposition will now be placed before the voters of the county for definite consideration it is hoped that the proposal will meet with calm deliberation, cool judgment and a friendly decision in the end.

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### SPUR COUNTRY AHEAD

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, is in Spur this week looking after his business interests in Spur, he being a firm member of the Spur Hardware Company. Mr. Perry is highly elated at the conditions which prevail in the Spur country and says that the crops here are better and the general conditions more inviting and promising than in any other section of the country. While here Mr. Perry called in and handed us a dollar to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur up to the year 1915, for which he has our thanks.

### GET BUSY FOR NEXT YEAR'S FLOWERS

Now is the time to prepare the soil for next spring's flower garden. Get the soil up in good shape, catch the winter rains and snows and have the seed bed ready for the early spring planting. Poor preparation of the flower bed means poor and runty flowers. Well prepared beds means beautiful flowers and a joy to the grower. Now that the city is well supplied with water the flower garden is within the reach of everyone.

The small vacant lots along main street could be changed from their present neglected and unsightly condition to beautiful little gardens with very little work and attention through the spring and summer months. This would add wonderfully to the city and would be a monument erected to the thrift, happiness and character of the Spur people in the eyes of visitors. Wide-awake business men of other towns clamor for small garden spots close to their business, and the employees keep it up at odd times. How about the business men of Spur?

The Experiment Station will gladly furnish seed of the climbing dolichos, the jack bean, and several different varieties of the busy herbs that will make splendid gardens of this nature. The Station will also give assistance in planning the work and planting, or in any way possible. Let's come alive and do this.—R. E. Dickson.

G. W. Dodson, of the Afton country, was here this week marketing cotton and trading with the merchants.

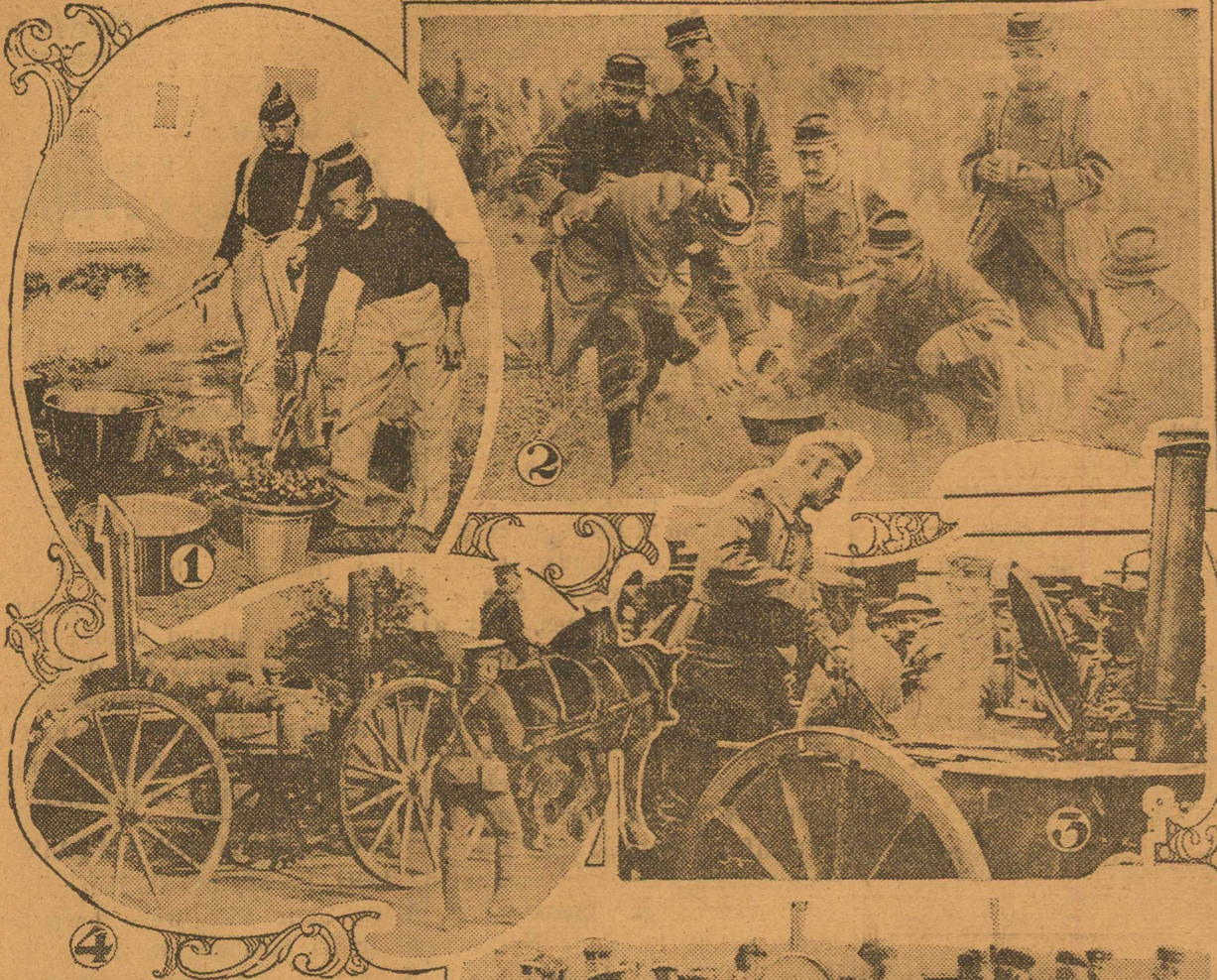
## HEADQUARTERS

## For Santa Claus

WE Are Headquarters for Santa Claus this year and are receiving one of the largest and best assortment of Christmas Toys that has ever been brought to West Texas. Come early and get the best selections. Don't wait until the last minute to buy your Christmas Toys. That may be too late to get what you want. Come on! We have the goods and can make it to your interest to buy from us.

## The Red Front Drug Store

# Feeding Mighty Army In the Field



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**"A Soldier Travels on His Stomach,"** Said Napoleon—Knowing This, Warring Nations Have Scientific System by Which Their Fighters Are Kept Fed. Base of Supplies Is Always Protected Regardless of Cost. Unique Kitchens In Use.

It is useless to collect together a vast multitude of fighting men unless they can be fed, for the human machine requires fuel just as certainly as any mechanical motor.

To provide for the wants of the troops every army has one or more administrative departments charged with the procurement, custody and distribution of certain varieties of supplies which are essential to keep the troops in health and strength and which provide them at all times with everything that is indispensable for the furtherance of the plan of campaign.

In forming a plan of supply for a particular campaign the following points must be carefully considered:

The resources of the theater of war and the facility of utilizing the same.

The time of year and climate.

The nature of the war, whether offensive or defensive.

The length of the line of communication.

The rapidity of the movements.

The propinquity of the enemy.

The temper of the inhabitants.

The national country must provide the supplies for its armies. This is particularly important now, as it has been held that provisions and food-stuffs of ordinarily innocent use, which are usually only conditionally contraband, may become absolutely contraband of war when actually and especially destined for the military or naval forces of a belligerent.

### May "Live on the Country."

The right of armies to take from the country all that they require for their maintenance is indisputable, though we usually understand the expression "living upon the country" has direct application to an enemy's country. Military necessity, as understood by all civilized nations, permits the enforcement in an enemy's country of all those measures which are indispensable to facilitate and assist in the conduct of the war and which are lawful according to the modern law and usages of war, says a writer in the *Scientific American*.

The preparation, therefore, must extend to an elaborate study of the resources of the home country and of a probable theater of operations. In some of the great powers this work is carried out through the co-operation of the various civil authorities.

The success or failure of the campaign depends upon the proper operation of the service of the line of communications, and this important position is always assigned to a general officer of recognized ability and discretion. He is assisted by a large and numerous staff to enable him to carry out the varied and multitudinous duties assigned to him and in addition has a competent force of all arms of the service to preserve order along the line of communications, guard the depots of supply and protect the line from attacks by the enemy. Such officer is subordinate to the commander of the troops in the field, but his du-

ties and responsibilities are second only to such officer.

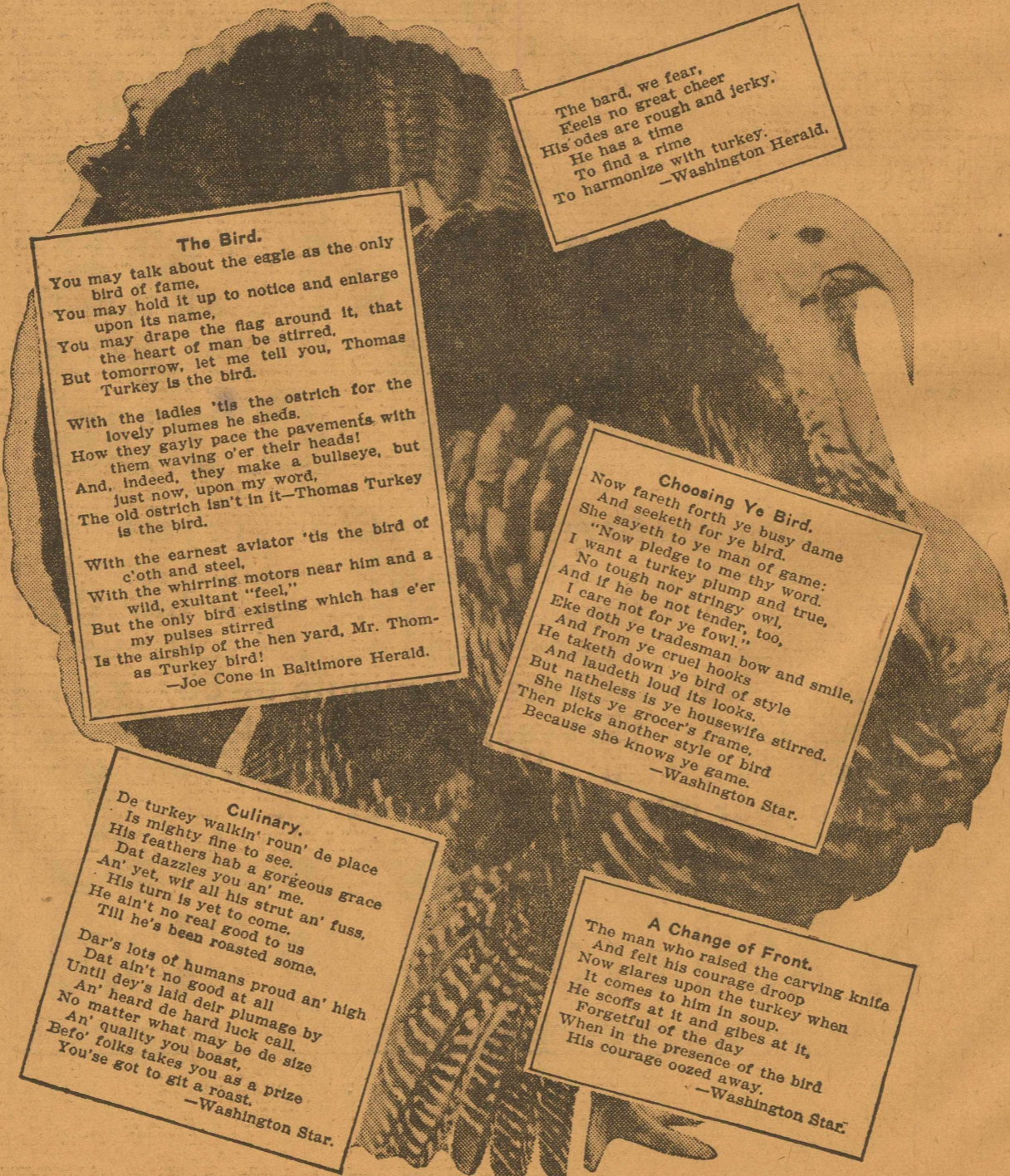
To enable him to do all this all the necessary field equipments are provided, for instance, a field baking company and equipment for each division supplied by the line of communications. The field bakery in our army consists of twelve knockdown bake ovens, with all the necessary equipment for producing bread and the tentage in which to install the dough troughs and shelter the men.

Each oven is capable of producing 2,500 rations of garrison bread a day

or 1,500 rations of field bread. This is bread produced in such a manner that it has not as great a "pile" as ordinary (or garrison) bread and, being baked in a much slower oven and no loaves allowed to touch (or kiss"), is completely enveloped with a good, thick crust, thus permitting the bread to be readily shipped in wagons, and its freedom from moisture renders it possible to be kept in good condition for a week or ten days, so that each field bakery can produce daily 30,000 rations of garrison bread or 18,000 rations of field bread, sufficient to supply a division.

1.—Belgian cooks on the job. 2.—French soldiers preparing a canned breakfast. 3-5.—German field kitchens. 4.—English kitchens on the move.

# When the Poet's Brain Thinks Turkey



**The Bird.**  
You may talk about the eagle as the only bird of fame,  
You may hold it up to notice and enlarge upon its name,  
You may drape the flag around it, that the heart of man be stirred,  
But tomorrow, let me tell you, Thomas Turkey is the bird.

With the ladies 'tis the ostrich for the lovely plumes he sheds,  
How they gayly pace the pavements with them waving o'er their heads!  
And, indeed, they make a bullseye, but just now, upon my word,  
The old ostrich isn't in it—Thomas Turkey is the bird.

With the earnest aviator 'tis the bird of cloth and steel,  
With the whirring motors near him and a wild, exultant "feel,"  
But the only bird existing which has e'er my pulses stirred  
Is the airship of the hen yard, Mr. Thomas Turkey bird!  
—Joe Cone in Baltimore Herald.

**Culinary.**  
De turkey walkin' roun' de place  
Is mighty fine to see,  
Dat feathers hab a gorgeous grace  
An' yet, wif all his strut an' fuss,  
He ain't no real good to us  
Till he's been roasted some.

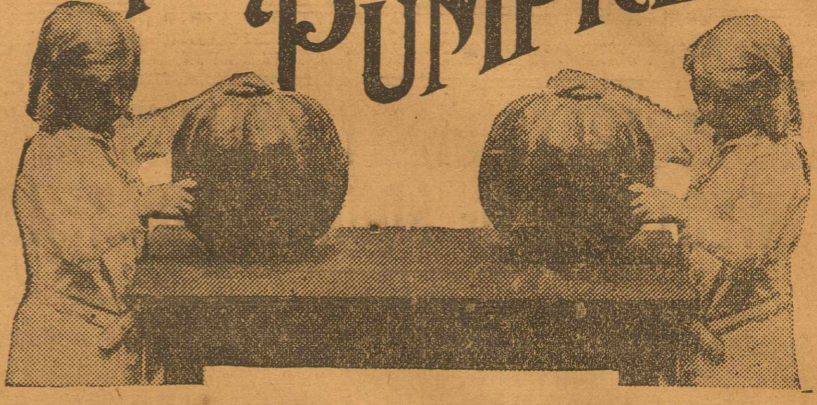
Dar's lots of humans proud an' high  
Dat ain't no good at all  
Until dey's laid deir plumage by  
An' heard de hard luck call  
No matter what may be de size  
An' quality you boast,  
Deyo' folks takes you as a prize  
You'se got to git a roast.  
—Washington Star.

The bard, we fear,  
Feels no great cheer  
His odes are rough and jerky,  
He has a time  
To find a rhyme  
To harmonize with turkey.  
—Washington Herald.

**Choosing Ye Bird.**  
Now fareth forth ye busy dame  
And seeketh for ye bird,  
She saveth to ye man of game,  
I want a turkey plump and true,  
No tough nor stringy and true,  
And if he be not stringy and true,  
I care not for ye tender, too,  
Eke doth ye tradesman bow and smile,  
And from ye cruel hooks  
He taketh down ye bird of style  
But nathless loud its looks,  
She lists ye grocer's frame,  
Then picks another style of bird  
Because she knows ye game.  
—Washington Star.

**A Change of Front.**  
The man who raised the carving knife  
And felt his courage droop  
Now glares upon the turkey when  
He comes to him in soup,  
He scoffs at it and gibes at it,  
Forgetful of the day  
When in the presence of the bird  
His courage oozed away.  
—Washington Star.

# THE PUMPKIN



THANKSGIVING POEM BY JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER.

ON the banks of the Xeul the dark Spanish maiden  
Comes up with the fruit of the tangled vine laden,  
And the creole of Cuba laughs out to behold  
Through orange leaves shining the broad spheres of gold.  
Yet with dearer delight from his home in the north  
On the fields of his harvest the Yankee looks forth,  
Where crooknecks are coiling and yellow fruit shines  
And the sun of September melts down on his vines.

Ah, on Thanksgiving day, when from east and from west,  
From north and from south, come the pilgrim and guest;  
When the gray haired New Englander sees round his board  
The old broken links of affection restored;  
When the care wearied man seeks his mother once more  
And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before,  
What moistens the lip and what brightens the eye,  
What calls back the past like the rich pumpkin pie?

Oh, fruit loved of boyhood, the old days recalling,  
When wood grapes were purpling and brown nuts were falling;  
When wild, ugly faces we carved in its skin,  
Glaring out through the dark, with a candle within;  
When we laughed round the corn heap, with hearts all in tune,  
Our chair a broad pumpkin, our lantern the moon,  
Telling tales of the fairy who traveled like steam  
In a pumpkin shell coach, with two rats for her team!

Then thanks for thy present. None sweeter nor better  
E'er smoked from an oven or circled a platter.  
Fairer hands never wrought at a pastry more fine;  
Brighter eyes never watched o'er its baking than thine.  
And the prayer which my mouth is too full to express  
Swells my heart that thy shadow may never grow less,  
That the days of thy lot may be lengthened below,  
And the fame of thy worth like a pumpkin vine grow,  
And thy life be as sweet, and its last sunset sky  
Golden tinted and fair as thy own pumpkin pie.

# In the Sunday School Class

## SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

Golden Text.—Pilate saith unto them, What, then, shall I do unto Jesus, who is called Christ? (Matt. xxvii, 22.)

The Lesson Explained. Verses 11-14.—In a dilemma.

The decision condemning Jesus to death was made by acclamation, and this was wholly contrary to the law. It now remained for these murderous men to have their verdict indorsed by Pilate, and they anticipated difficulties because they knew the obstinate character of the Roman governor. The

enemies of Jesus were so scrupulous about ritualistic purity during passover that they did not enter the palace of the pagan, and Pilate, in accordance with the Roman policy of conciliation, held court for the benefit of these religious fanatics in the open area in front of his palace. It was between 6 and 8 o'clock in the morning when they came to the governor for the execution of justice, "Art thou King of the Jews?" Jesus claimed to be the Messiah, the anointed of Jehovah, but nowhere did he ever hint that he was any rival of Caesar, as his accusers charged him.

Verses 15-21.—A bad choice.

If Pilate was persuaded the prisoner was innocent he should have dismissed the case and upheld the honor of Roman justice. But he was involved in political complications, and he could not afford to ignore at least the second charge about tribute payment without some investigation. When he, however, learned that Jesus was from Galilee he promptly sent him to Herod (Luke xxiii, 6-12). When Jesus was brought back Pilate sought to effect a compromise, but they were after blood and would be content with nothing but the life of their innocent victim. "A notable prisoner called Barabbas." Yes, they far rather preferred the release of a criminal who had been guilty of plunder, robbery and bloodshed than to let Jesus go free. "Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ." According to some versions, the translation should be "Jesus Barabbas or Jesus the Christ," for tradition has it that this robber, who was the son of a rabbi, bore the name of Jesus, which was a common name at the time. "For envy." Pilate realized that the chief priests were opposed to Jesus because of jealousy. So he appealed to the people with whom Jesus was a hero. This diplomatic turn may have succeeded, but just then Pilate's attention was directed to a message from "his wife," Claudia Porcula, and meanwhile "the chief priests and elders" got among the people and persuaded them to choose Barabbas. The wicked priests had again won.

Verses 22-26.—An act of cowardice.

Pilate was clearly confused, but he dared not act according to his convictions. "Let him be crucified." What a judge that he should let the people decide the case for him instead of asserting his authority and pronouncing an equitable verdict! "What evil hath he done?" By this time the multitude had become excited, and it was impossible to reason with them.

"Cried out the more." The priests had given them the cue, and they became fierce as they shouted themselves hoarse and threatened to raise "a tumult" unless their wishes were granted. Look at Tissot's striking picture entitled "Let Him Be Crucified." "He could prevail nothing." Pilate should not have played to the galleries. Had he acted like a discreet leader he would not have lost his opportunity through cow-

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**NEW HOPE**

Mrs. Jennie Jones, of four miles north of Spur, is visiting friends and relatives in our community.

People are very busy now gathering their crops. Our neighborhood will average one-half bale of cotton per acre.

J. T. Kelly, a former citizen of Dickens county, is with us again. Mr. Kelly was delayed on account of serving as a witness in a civil case.

Dock Edwards will gather two hundred bales of cotton on his farm. Mr. Edwards now has colored people picking and will give them a week's vacation Christmas.

Miss Ollie Sone began school Monday with a very good attendance considering the busy season of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Dodson, Jr. visited friends at Roaring Springs Friday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of the Duck Creek community, filled his regular appointment at Midway the third Sunday. His subject was "A prepared place for a prepared people." The text was "In my father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you." He earnestly persuaded all his attentive audience to prepare for this place which Christ had gone to set up for them.

The Midway Baptist Sunday School reelected officers. R. F. Simpson, Supt.; E. H. Blakeley, Asst. Supt.; and Miss Nina Walker Sec. and Treas.—Oat Meal.

**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 pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52 tf

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**NOVEMBER**

They call you old, they call you cold.  
They call you gaunt and gray;  
They scowl at you, they growl at you,  
And wish you'd haste away.  
They write about your "leaden skies  
And naked woods and wailing winds"  
Until alas, sometimes it seems  
November has no friends.  
But then we know it is not so—  
'Tis only just a ruse;  
A rhyme to pass away the time,  
When poets have the blues.  
For all the year thru we look to you,  
You bring us blessings rare,  
And you are the month we've set apart  
For thankfulness and prayer.  
And so November we'll remember  
That you are a friend to man—  
A friend in need, a friend indeed—  
A part of God's great plan.

**NO HUNTING ALLOWED**

The public is hereby notified that hereafter no hunting will be allowed in any of the Half Circle S pastures. All parties will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law for any hunting violations.—A. W. Hudson. 51 6m

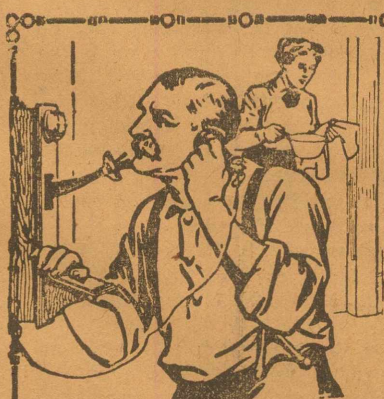
Mrs. R. S. Holman visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley, the first of the week at their home in Roaring Springs.

Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Don't fail to see "Patty" in "Mr. Bob," November 27th. 3-2t

**Murray Brothers...**

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**The Telephone Saved a Life**

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Every farm should have Bell Telephone connection.

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**BE AN ACTIVE FACTOR IN GROWTH OF COMMUNITY**

In nearly every community there are men and women who send or go to the larger cities for many of their purchases. They either feel that goods carried by their local merchants are not good enough for them or that they can do better in the city.

These misguided people are not malicious barriers to local welfare and development. Nevertheless they retard the progress of their community just as much as though they intended to.

It is hard to think of a single article in general use that can not be purchased from or through our local merchants to as good advantage as elsewhere.

Possibly some of you at times desire certain patterns, designs, styles or models of articles that are not carried in stock locally, but it is safe to say that if you will make your wants known to your merchants they will get the specific article you want at the same price you would have to pay elsewhere, and save you the trouble and expense of sending or going away.

If you want to be an active factor in the growth and improvement of this community you should spend every dollar possible right here where it will stay in circulation and assist in our general and individual prosperity. Whenever you are in doubt as to your ability to patronize local stores to as good advantage as elsewhere, investigate before you decide to buy from a distance.—Farm and Ranch.

See "Mr. Bob" November 27.

**THE MAN WITH A SMILE**

The gamest and best prize-fighter I ever saw smiled continually—no matter how hot the pace. As a result he was champion of his class.

The best wife I ever knew was a little woman who smiled when things looked the bluest. When the pasture failed, when the fruit blighted, when the baby chicks died, when the baby stumped his toe it was her smile that kept the sweetest home on earth a wonderful place to live.

Being doleful, bemoaning one's fate, quitting instead of fighting to win—all those things mean defeat. The writer of the following lines ought to have a Carnegie medal.

"Tis easy enough to be pleasant  
When life flows along like a song,  
But the man worth while is the man  
with a smile  
When everything goes dead wrong."

**THIS IS A GOOD RULE**

One farmer we know makes it a rule to look over the advertisements in the paper each week,

"I get a lot of information by reading them," says he. "Besides, once in a while something is advertised that I have been looking or wishing for and didn't know where to get it. Often, too, I see something I am not interested in just then but later I do want and by referring to my binder I can find it in a short time."

This is a good rule for every busy farmer to follow. It will prove to be a half hour well spent.

Emmett Kutch spent several days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown at their home on the 24 Ranch in Kent county.

We know how to serve the wants of the hungry—Eat at the German Kitchen and be filled.

**..J. P. SIMMONS..**

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# 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.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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#### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Dan Hogan came in Monday from the Luther Jones ranch home where he has been some time painting and finishing up the new residence recently completed. The Luther Jones ranch home is now one of the most attractive homes of the country.

W. D. Clay left the first of the week with his threshing machine for the Afton country where he will be engaged throughout the week in threshing the big maize crops of that section.

W. J. Elliott was in the city last week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home, spending some time here on business and greeting his friends.

Mr. Askew, of Aspermont, was in Spur this week for the purpose of buying cotton seed. He was paying fourteen dollars a ton.

F. W. West came in Monday from his farm home north of Spur and spent some time here on business.

J. D. Martin was in the city Monday from his home several miles north of Spur.

J. H. McCamant came in Monday from his farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

Rev. Mark Hardin, of Post City, was a recent visitor in Spur. Uncle Buck owns a farm near Spur and we expect to welcome him back to this section about the first of next year.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, returned through Spur the latter part of last week with a number of Mexican cotton pickers for himself and other farmers of his section.

Will Walker was in the city Saturday from his home east of Spur and spent some time here trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

T. A. Smith came in Saturday from his home south of Spur and spent some time here greeting friends.

G. J. Stearns, a prominent and leading citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Chalk Brown and family, of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, spent Sunday and Monday in Spur visiting friends.

Mr. Brown, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Soldier Mound community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

Sam Presslar, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Judge A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday. He reports his section in good shape.

Rev. McMahan returned Sunday from Abilene where he spent several days attending the Baptist Conference and looking after other business matters.

Miss Gussie and Wyley Stafford returned the latter part of last week from Abilene where they had been visiting their aunt and other relatives.

J. E. Sparks came in Monday from his home near Tap and spent several hours here on business.

Jeff D. Reagan left Spur Thursday of last week for Arizona where he is filing on land and making improvements preparatory to making his home in that country. He will probably spend several weeks there before returning to Spur.

H. O. Satterwhite, a prominent citizen and leading business man of Roaring Springs, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here on business and visiting N. A. Baker and family.

Mrs. C. H. Senning entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon of last week at her home on Hill Street. An enjoyable occasion is reported by those present.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur last week. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Wren Cross was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish.

I am again opening my blacksmith shop and have first-class workmen to serve patrons. All who are indebted to me please call and settle with F. W. Jennings at Brazelton-Pryor & Co. I will take produce on accounts and pay more than the market price. I thank all customers for past patronage and solicit a liberal share of the blacksmithing business of the Spur country throughout the fall season.—W. H. Teague. 4 4t

Mrs. Clay Smart joined her husband here this week after spending some time with relatives at Rotan. Mr. and Mrs. Smart will again reside at their home in the northwest part of the city and their many friends in Spur are glad to welcome them back home after an absence of nearly two years spent in California and Arizona.

The Music and Expression Classes of the Spur High School will give a public recital in the Auditorium Friday evening, November 27th at 7:45 o'clock. 3 2t

Mrs. C. L. Allday, of Holdenville, Oklahoma, is in Spur visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williams.

Miss Era Derrickson, of Collinsville, is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan.

Call on Mrs. D. W. Scott for sewing of all kinds. 25 years experience in Dress Making. Southwestern phone 112. 52-tf

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was among the number of business visitors in the city last week.

Dr. Watson has been spending some time in Jayton and Girard doing dental work for the people of those sections.

## A Business Proposition

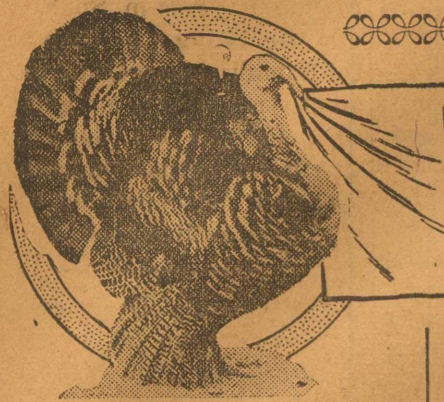
If you have a business proposition to which a conservatively managed bank can lend its support, come to the First State with it. While this bank does not contribute fixed capital to business enterprises, there are various ways in which it can aid in their wholesome and sound expansion. An interview with our officers will determine how far this bank can go in developing a good business proposition.

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# THANKSGIVING FOR EVERY ONE OF US

## THANKSGIVING RECIPES.

### Pumpkin Pie.

If you feel you must have the traditional pumpkin pie have it, but make individual ones in the little brown earthenware dishes, and decorate them with halved almonds and maraschino cherries.

### Macaroon Whip.

Buy a dozen macaroons, heat them in the oven until they are crisp and roll them fine with a rolling pin. This is added to a package of marshmallow whip, which has been thinned with a tablespoonful each of lemon juice and of sherry. This may be served in dessert glasses topped with a maraschino cherry.

### Chicken Pie.

Make a fricassee, either brown or white, and a nice pie crust or a biscuit crust. Line a big baking dish with the crust, a good way being to use a plain biscuit crust for the lining and pie crust for the lid. Lay in the cooked chicken, fill up with the gravy and cover with pastry, cutting a round hole in the center, and bake about three-quarters of an hour. The top can be decorated with leaves made from pastry and in this case will need to have buttered paper laid over it for the first twenty minutes, that they need not burn. Eat either hot or cold.

## THANKSGIVING MASQUERADE.

Each Member of Family Should Represent Some Item on the Menu.

If there is—as there should be where possible—a gathering of the clan nothing can be jollier than a Thanksgiving masquerade, and it will be all the funnier if each one of the entertaining family represents some item on the menu, having the guests guess what their fare is to be before served, writing the items down on slips of paper provided for the purpose. If the most talkative member of the family can keep absolute silence it will be all the more mystifying.

While at first thought it seems an impossibility to represent edibles, a second thought will convince one that there are great possibilities for inventive minds. The big brother may represent a turkey by using one of the bird heads to be had at the toy shops or, lacking the opportunity to secure one of these, the feather turban of his sister could be used and feathers from the fowl literally pasted all over an old suit of brown or dark gray clothes. Of course he should "gobble" occasionally to carry out the idea. It will be an easy matter to make a pumpkin costume from crape paper, and a red

## Favors Which May Be Made at Home



The little crape paper figures here illustrated are really candy boxes in disguise. Filled with bonbons, candied fruits or nuts, they make effective favors for Thanksgiving. In the shops many novelties in the shape of pumpkins, autumn fruits and the ever popular turkey are shown. For the housewife who desires to economize the favors illustrated may be duplicated at home at a very small fraction of the price at which they are sold in the shops.

dress with strings of cranberries will at once suggest the favorite relish. Celery and nuts can be evolved by ingenious minds and clever fingers, and artificial grapes or real raisins with plenty of green leaves are not difficult to concoct from crape paper.

The "sheaf of wheat" can be easily made for the man of the house if he possess or can borrow khaki trousers and then wrap the grain around him in such a shape that he takes the form of a bound sheaf, with the heads of grain flaring out about his own head. Lichens, either real or of the crape paper, sewed on the skirt of a brown dress, with green leaves and tiny specimens of the fruit (sparingly used) and a wreath of the beautiful blossoms, will make a charming "apple" of a brown haired girl. The very tall, spare man, if he is not oversensitive, can represent a bean pole, with artificial vines starting from his pockets and a watch chain and stickpin made of beans.

## FOR THANKSGIVING DINNERS.

At one Thanksgiving dinner the hostess will use a tablecloth and napkins of very old linen which was spun and woven in the family. The ancient spinning wheel will stand in the corner of the dining room, and family china, old and precious, will be used. The centerpiece is to be a miniature log cabin with two tiny figures issuing therefrom, presumably John Alden and Priscilla bound for church. The room is also to contain all the old pieces of furniture the family owns, gathered together for this one day. The quaint old tea service and silver spoons will also do duty. The members of the family and few guests will find at their plates large linen sachets filled with lavender, with sprays of lavender being intended for linen press shelves.

## The Tramp's Thanksgiving

By T. JONES HICKSON

EVELYN HOLT, aged thirty, was preparing for Thanksgiving. She had stuffed the turkey, made the cranberry sauce, baked the pumpkin pies and there was nothing to do till it was time to cook the dinner. The cold was increasing, the wind was blowing and the clouds were spitting snow. Miss Holt, seeing a few pieces of the week's washing still on the clothesline in the yard, fearing they would be torn by the wind, went out to bring them in. While doing so a tramp put his hand on the gate to open it. Pausing, he looked at Evelyn, then, opening the gate, entered the yard. Lifting his hat, he respectfully said:

"I'm sorry, miss, on this Thanksgiving day to throw anything unpleasant in the way of any one, but I'm a tramp, with a tramp's home, which is nowhere, and there's something I'm longing for. I'd like to enter some family for the day where I can see others happy about me. I've been working occasionally lately and earned some money; therefore I can contribute to the expenses of the dinner. If you'll just take me in, miss, for the few hours that remain before the day is ended you will confer an everlasting favor."

There was something in the manner, the voice, the expression, of the man that touched a chord in Evelyn's heart. She was thinking that she would like to give this pleasure to the poor wanderer, who spoke too sincerely to be imposing upon her. Presently she said:

"Come in and I'll give you something to eat, anyway. We're not much better off than you in this house, but we've got a good dinner. We always have that on Thanksgiving."

"You needn't pinch this year. I've got enough to pay for it all. And money doesn't do a tramp any good."

He entered the house with Evelyn, who offered him something to eat, but he declined, saying that he could buy what he needed. He longed to be one of a family Thanksgiving party, and if he couldn't be admitted to their circle he would go away. As the different members came in Evelyn communicated to them what he wished, and, since no one seriously objected and he asked to be permitted to leave with them an amount to pay for the whole dinner, he was suffered to remain.

Shortly before the dinner hour he went away, saying that he would re-

turn. He did return, and much improved in appearance. His stubble beard had been shaved, his hair cut, and he had evidently bought and put on a clean shirt. Besides, he had had a bath. When the family were seated, at dinner he asked permission to say grace and when suffered to do so gave thanks not only for the bountiful provision, but also that it had pleased God to bestow upon this deserving family every comfort. No one understood what he meant by "every comfort," since they were all very much cramped for their daily expenses.

Grace had hardly been said when a grocer's wagon drove up and left a bottle of wine. Evelyn went to the door, received it and returned with a blank expression on her face.

"It's one of the 'comforts,'" said the tramp.

"Oh, I see," said Evelyn. "You sent it."

"Yes. I told you I had enough to give us all a good time."

Finally, when the dinner was ended and they were all eating nuts and raisins, the tramp took a little book out of his pocket, wrote something, tore it out and handed it to Evelyn.

"Is that enough?" he said.

Evelyn saw before her a check for \$10,000.

"I don't know what it means," she said.

"It means, Evelyn, that I'm Jim Scarborough. I went away fifteen years ago and have been a wanderer and a speculator ever since. You called me a dreamer, and so I was. I finally struck some luck and came back to let my story tell itself. If I had come as myself you wouldn't have believed me. That's a check for \$10,000, payable to you for you to distribute among this family. I've got a lot more for you in case you're willing to redeem your promise, if I would settle down and make money enough to support a wife."

Every one at the table save Evelyn looked at the man, wondering if he was mad. She simply gazed on him, wondering if all this were true.

"This isn't the place for private affairs," he continued, "but I prefer to have it all out at once. I'm a rich man, but in one sense a tramp. I have no home unless this is to be my home in the future."

"This is your home, Jim," said Evelyn, putting out her hand, and in the presence of all present he took her in his arms.

## A Tune of Thanksgiving



—New York Evening Sun.

## UNCLE SAM'S THANKSGIVING.

Uncle Sam's Thanksgiving is a game for quick thinkers. Give everybody paper and pencil, explain the contest, then set the guests to work at it. Each one must write as long a list as possible of the things that Uncle Sam has to be thankful for in this year of 1914. It is a fine test in contemporary history.

"I never thought of the Panama canal opening," some one will say after the item is up.

"Let's see; have we any new battle-ships?" somebody else will frown, chewing a pencil.

"Isn't Uncle Sam thankful 'cause I've got a new French doll?" somebody will pipe.

If some of the company are real wits there will be clever answers—facts dressed in pleasantries. Judges should choose the best list. Let the prize be some form of an Uncle Sam—a silver or a bronze uncle or a framed poster of the benevolent gentleman. Let the booby prize be an Uncle Sam doll.

### Run, a Cranberry Race.

A cranberry race is good Thanksgiving day fun. Four circles are drawn, two on the eastern and two on the western side of the room, and in each of the eastern circles six cranberries are placed, the object of the race being to transport the cranberries one at a time to the opposite circles. First two little boys try it. Then two little girls are chosen as contestants, but this task is more difficult, for instead of carrying the cranberries in their hands they are required to transport them in spoons.

What low born, ill bred fellow has noble blood in him? A flea when he bites lords and ladies.

## Thanksgiving Masqueraders



Photo by American Press Association.

How originated the growing custom of celebrating Thanksgiving day by parades of curiously clad boys and girls, tooting horns and accosting passers-by? The theory most favored is that the custom is a survival of the English annual rejoicings over Guy Fawkes day. Fawkes was the best known member of a band of conspirators formed to blow up the houses of parliament. Fawkes was hanged, and parliament then decreed that the 5th of November should ever after be kept as a day of thanksgiving because it was on the 6th that the powder was to have been exploded.



## Christmas!!

**With The Holidays At Hand  
And the Desire of All Well  
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### SOME COTTON PICKERS

W. M. Cauthen and family, of Collin county, are in this section picking cotton for W. M. Childress on his place near Dickens. While here Saturday Mr. Cauthen called in at the Texas Spur office and stated that the cotton here this year was as fine as he ever saw in Eastern Texas or anywhere else. There are six members in his family and he reported one day's picking as follows: Mr. Cauthen, 401 pounds; Mrs. Cauthen, 278 pounds; Lynn, 17 years old, 544 pounds; Pearl, 15 years old, 326 pounds; Catheline, 9 years old, 302 pounds; Willie May, 7 years old, 206 pounds; making a total of 2,057 pounds of cotton picked in one day by the family. In the past 21 days the family picked a total of 31,165 pounds of cotton, making an average of more than 1500 pounds each day.

The cotton crops of the Spur country this year are not surpassed by any section, not even the more noted cotton growing sections in the hills and bottoms of the East.

### GUESTS HONORED

Mrs. Josie Jesse, Mrs. Mamie Holman and Mr. and Mrs. Parks, of Amarillo, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman in Spur. In honor of these guests a ball and reception was had Wednesday evening at the New Western Hotel. Quite a number of other guests were present and the affair was one of the most pleasant social events of the season.

There is a first-class Photographer in Spur. Post Cards, 90c per dozen, for one week only.

### OLD TIMER GONE

W. A. Wilkenson left the latter part of last week for Ritchie, New Mexico, near which place he has filed on land and will establish a ranch and farm home. Before leaving he handed us a dollar and said send me the Texas Spur, and which we are glad to do. Mr. Wilkenson is one among the oldest settlers of Dickens county and for many years was cashier of the Dickens Bank, later liquidating his banking business through the Spur National Bank in which institution he was an officer until recently. John O. has many true and lasting friends in Spur and Dickens county who regret to see him leave this county but wish him all kinds of success in his new home and business.

### MOVES TO SWENSON.

C. E. Brannen left this week for Swenson where he has a position as cashier of the Swenson Bank. He will move his family to Swenson at a later date and make that place their permanent home. We regret to see Mr. Brannen and family leave Spur, but congratulate him in securing the banking position and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in Swenson.

### IMPROVING ROADS

G. L. Barber, who has been doing road improvement work in the north part of the county, spent several days of this week at his home in Spur. We understand that he will move his machinery and do road improvement work on the Spur and Girard road and also build a bridge over the creek on this road near Gilpin.

Harvey Lee returned Sunday from near Stamford where he has been employed by Geo. M. Williams in surveying and cutting up the Flat Top Ranch.

Oscar Jackson returned Sunday from Abilene where he had been to attend a Baptist Conference.

YOU are invited to the recital November 27th at 7:45 o'clock, at Lyric Theatre.

### THE COTTON WAREHOUSE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The concrete piers, sheet iron and other material for the construction of the cotton warehouse in Spur arrived Friday and actual construction work will begin at once. The building of the warehouse has been delayed because of the fact that the material could not be had in Spur, thus necessitating a delay in securing the material from out of town.

In the beginning the warehouse will be of seventeen hundred and fifty bale capacity and will be enlarged to meet all storage demands. It will be operated under the bonded system and will meet every requirement of cotton loaning associations and state government.

### WILL BUILD RESIDENCE

Dewitt T. Haden, of Quanah, was here this week and let the contract for the building of a fine residence on his four section ranch recently purchased west of Spur. W. L. Osborne secured the contract to build the residence and the work will be commenced immediately.

### DIED

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of the Tap country, died Sunday morning and the remains interred in the Tap cemetery. The child was only a few days old, and the Texas Spur joins their many friends in extending sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Jones in this bereavement.

Rev. Jones, a state Missionary, has located in Spur and will be engaged in Baptist missionary work throughout the year in the association which is composed of Dickens, Kent, Stonewall, Jones and Haskell counties.

The Baptist Ladies will have their Bazaar December 11-12 at the Cowan building. See them for fancy articles for Christmas.

Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children are visiting her parents and other relatives this week in Merkel.

### POOL HALL ELECTION

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday circulating a petition asking the Commissioners Court to order an election in this precinct for the purpose of determining whether or not pool halls shall be operated. The petition was being numerously signed.

The Chant's Dramatic Company has been spending the week in Spur and each night's performance has been largely attended, considering the damp, rainy weather throughout the week. The company is made up of strong characters and their presentation of the different plays throughout the week has been well received by their audiences.

Now is the time to sow your Oats, and the season is good. We have good, clean, Red Rust Proof and White Winter Turf Seed Oats, also Wheat. If in need of cow feed, we have all kinds of cotton seed products. Let us figure with you on car lots.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

A very jolly party spent last Sunday at the Dickens Springs. Dinner was prepared on the grounds and all enjoyed the feast. Miss Grace and Mr. Dickson, of Spur, were the out of town visitors.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake community, called in one day last week and handed us two dollars on subscriptions, one for himself and the other for his son in New Mexico, and for which he has our thanks.

Misses Ethel Word of Meridian and Bessie Darden of Girard, are in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

W. D. Blair came in from his place east of Spur Tuesday and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting his friends.

Judge Carter, a prominent attorney of Aspermont, was in Spur this week on business.

The Ladies of the M. E. Church will give a Dinner and Rummage Sale Saturday, December 5th, at the old Kellar Saddle Shop.

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