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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

## A NEWSPAPER

For the Homes of Dickens County, and the best advertising medium of this section of West Texas

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### NEW CITY OFFICIALS ASSUME DUTIES OF OFFICE

Mayor F. W. Jennings and Commissioner T. A. Tidwell, elected to the respective city offices at the recent election, were duly qualified by signing the necessary bond and oath of office and assumed their duties as city officers last week, the City Commission now being composed of F. W. Jennings as Mayor, Clifford B. Jones and T. A. Tidwell as Commissioners.

Monday the new Commission met in regular session and among other items coming before the meeting the proposition of dividing the city into four wards was discussed. It is proposed that the town be thus divided into four wards or sections for the purpose of promoting fire protection as well as appropriating funds in progressive development. The ward lines will be Burlington Avenue running north and south, and Harris street running east and west. In establishing wards in case of fires the fire department can be signalled as to the exact location of the fire thus obviating unnecessary delays in arriving at the location. In matters of street and other public improvements the funds can be disbursed in the several wards in accord with the amount of taxes paid, thus making it possible and practical for each part of the city to secure its just share of improvement.

The Texas Spur has always contended that in county affairs the road funds and other public improvement funds should be apportioned and spent in the several precincts in accord with the taxes derived from each precinct, and we heartily commend the city officers of Spur in thus beginning a new administration of city affairs upon the solid foundation of progress and in conformity with our ideas of equal and just representation to constituents and the town.

### REPORT OF THE RAINFALL IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

During each month of the year 1915 the following amount of rain is reported by the weather bureau station in Spur:

January.....	11 inches
February.....	2.19 "
March.....	1.18 "
April, to the 20th.....	4.12 "
Total for 1915.....	7.60 "

The above report will indicate to the Eastern man that Western Texas is neither an arid nor semi-arid section, but has sufficient rainfall to grow crops of every character. In the past 22 inches of rainfall each year has been the average. However, past conditions no longer exist, and among other things the average rainfall of this country has increased.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, was in Spur this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports every thing in first-class shape in his section.

### SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENT.

Misses Robbie and Donnalda Standifer entertained Friday evening at their home on Hill Street, with a dance. The following were given programs: Misses Hvacinth Grace, Louise Cates, Ruth Hastings of Stamford, Erma Baker, Esther McKnight, Minnie Lee Springer, Mable Young, Doris Attebury, Mary Towns, Ella Pierce, Creola Richbourg, Coleman, Barrett, Flora Love, Ethel Fite, and Effie Johns; Messrs Neil Holman, Jno. Hardin, Harry Cates, R. B. Bartlett, C. E. Yates, Ted Brannen, E. F. Springer, A. W. Springer, Jim Mahon, J. M. Jones, Carl Patton, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, Creed Hale, Carl Hale.

Aside from the dancing the guests were entertained with songs by Misses Erma Baker and Trenholm Doyle. After enjoying every dance on the program, the guests were served with refreshments. The evening was a very pleasant one from beginning to end.

### WILL BUILD MODERN TOWN HOME IN SPUR

R. C. Forbis and family moved last week from Spur to their ranch home north of Afton after spending several months here for the benefit of the Spur Schools. We understand that Mr. Forbis will build a fine residence in Spur probably this year and hereafter maintain a town home as well as his ranch home. Mr. Forbis is one of the leading citizens of the country and we will be glad to welcome him as a resident citizen of the town.

### A BUSINESS FARMER.

F. W. West was in the city Monday from his farm home six or seven miles north of Spur. Mr. West is one of the most successful farmers of this whole country. He is one farmer who has paid for his farm, owes nobody and has money in the bank as the result of applying business principles and methods to his farming operations.

### YOUR BUSINESS WANTED.

Shirt Waists and Skirts are extremely good this season, and we have selected, we think, exceptionally good values in both. Don't fail to get one of those embroidered shirt waists, \$1.25. See the beautiful lot of Middle Blouse and House Dresses. These are new lines we are carrying this spring, and we are having a great business on them. One lot, about twenty pieces, Dress Goods on our counter this week 20 and 15 cent values, to close out, 10 cents for any selection.

Palm Beach Suits for Men and Boys. Norfolk and plain styles. The real Palm Beach, not cheap imitations. Get ready for summer. Dress your boy for Sunday in a Palm Beach Suit. Nothing looks so well nor costs so little. They look good, feel good and are good.

Have you planted that garden? We have wire netting, shovels and spades 75c to \$1.00, spading forks \$1.00, rakes 50c, hoes 40 to 65c, garden plows, etc. Bear in mind when you get your eats out of the garden you are not spending your cotton money before it is made or gathered. A few more No. 75 John Deere Planters on hand. Yes, also 60 tooth Harrows, and a full stock of Cultivators. You can't beat them—John Deere known the world over for quality, and the price is about the same as other lines. If it's cheap implements you want, we have them. See our catalogue.

Our shipment of Banner Buggies should arrive this week, and if you have any idea of buying a buggy, see us. For Top Buggies \$50.00 to \$100.00. Now, if it's cheap buggies you want, we are offering a Standard Top Buggy for \$31.70 f. o. b. the factory, you pay the freight. We know we have the values in Buggies, and can compete with any mail order house in the business. What we want is to get the people to know this. We can save

you \$20 to \$50 a job when you buy from these Buggy peddlers. Give us the business; keep your Buggy money at home.

Over 36 inch rainfall here last year, and looks like for this year that they have got the inches and feet mixed, but we should be very thankful for every shower for they will certainly add to the great harvest we are all looking forward to. Let's be optimistic. There's no place in God's Great Universe for pessimists. Knockers never build towns nor develop countries. They can see the faults in what the optimist does but are faultless themselves, because they don't do anything.

We are optimists this year. We believe in a brighter future for this country. We are expecting to do the biggest year's business we have ever done, and we know to accomplish this we must give you good merchandise and service.—Bryant Link Co.

### NEW POSTOFFICE NOW ESTABLISHED ON PLAINS

A new postoffice to be known as McAdoo has been established in the Lee County settlement on the plains. The postoffice is located some distance from the Prairie View School of that community. We understand that the postmaster will also handle a stock of general merchandise for the convenience of the people and the trade of that section.

Surely and steadily Dickens County is developing in both commercial and agricultural pursuits and as the years roll by this development progress will continue more rapidly and substantially. Come to Dickens county.

### FARM WORK PROGRESSING

N. B. Fuqua come in the latter part of last week from his home in the Red Mud country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Fuqua reported that farming operations were progressing nicely in his section, the only draw-back being the continued rains.

### COUNTY IN GOOD SHAPE.

B. B. Sims, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and called around at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his brother, J. W. Sims of Commerce, and also had the Dallas News sent to his address at Afton. Mr. Sims reports everything in good shape in his section of the country and that the rains continue to come. However, the rains are advancing cattle interests as well as insuring good wheat and grain crops over the country.

### RAILWAY OFFICIALS HERE.

D. B. Keeler and W. F. Sterley, of Fort Worth, and O. E. Maer, of Wichita Falls, were in Spur the latter part of last week looking over the Stamford & Northwestern line of railway and for the purpose of promoting their railroad interests in this section. They remained in Spur only a short time.

Mr. Hale, of Spur, is having a porch added and making other improvements on his residence.

### ORGANIZE COMPANY TO OPERATE MOTOR CAR LINE

In the absence of a railroad we consider a motor car line of the next importance to rural towns and communities, and in this connection we have wondered why the people of Dickens and Afton did not get together and organize a company for the purpose of operating a motor truck in hauling freight and an automobile for hauling passengers. Such a motor car line could give daily service in hauling freight and passengers, three hundred and sixty five days in the year, and by forming a company a line could be established from Spur to Afton at very small cost to the people, could be operated at little expense and thus give the people of Dickens and Afton daily access to a railroad point. By the organization of such a company not only would the towns and communities be given daily service in freight and passenger traffic but the whole country would benefit in that better roads would be built and maintained. The "jitney" car lines have been successful in competition with street car lines in cities, and by establishing a regular auto route from Spur to Afton by the way of Dickens we are convinced that it would be a paying proposition as well as a great convenience to the business men and the general public.

Although the Texas Spur is limited in funds we will take one hundred dollars of stock in such a company to start the organization. Other men of Spur will take stock and by cooperation with the business men of Dickens and Afton a company should be easily organized. Think about this proposition, and if we can't have railroads let us establish regular car lines.

### CEDAR FENCE POSTS.

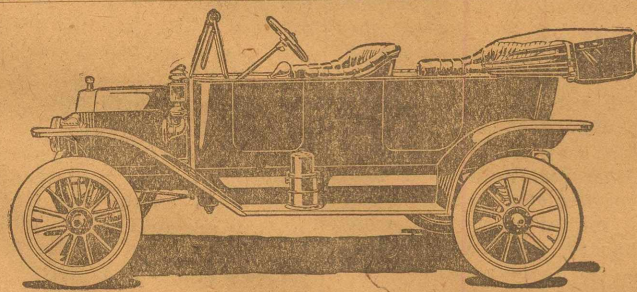
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### HAIL AND WIND STORM IN THE AFTON COUNTRY

Wednesday night a hail and wind storm visited the Afton country, doing considerable damage it is reported. It is said that the hail damaged orchards, knocking from the trees much of the early fruit. The wind destroyed a shed and barn on the Luther Rucker place at Afton, and probably did other damage in the community.

### NEW PICTURE SHOW

Messrs. Jesse A. Rogers, C. Willard Smith, and Roy Turnbow are now having a house built on Harris Street for the location of a new picture show to be known as the Airdome. Mr. Rogers returned this week from Dallas where he purchased the latest improved machinery which will be installed when the house is complete. The latest and most popular pictures will be shown, and since these gentlemen are not only experienced but expert moving picture men the Airdome will become a popular place of amusement.



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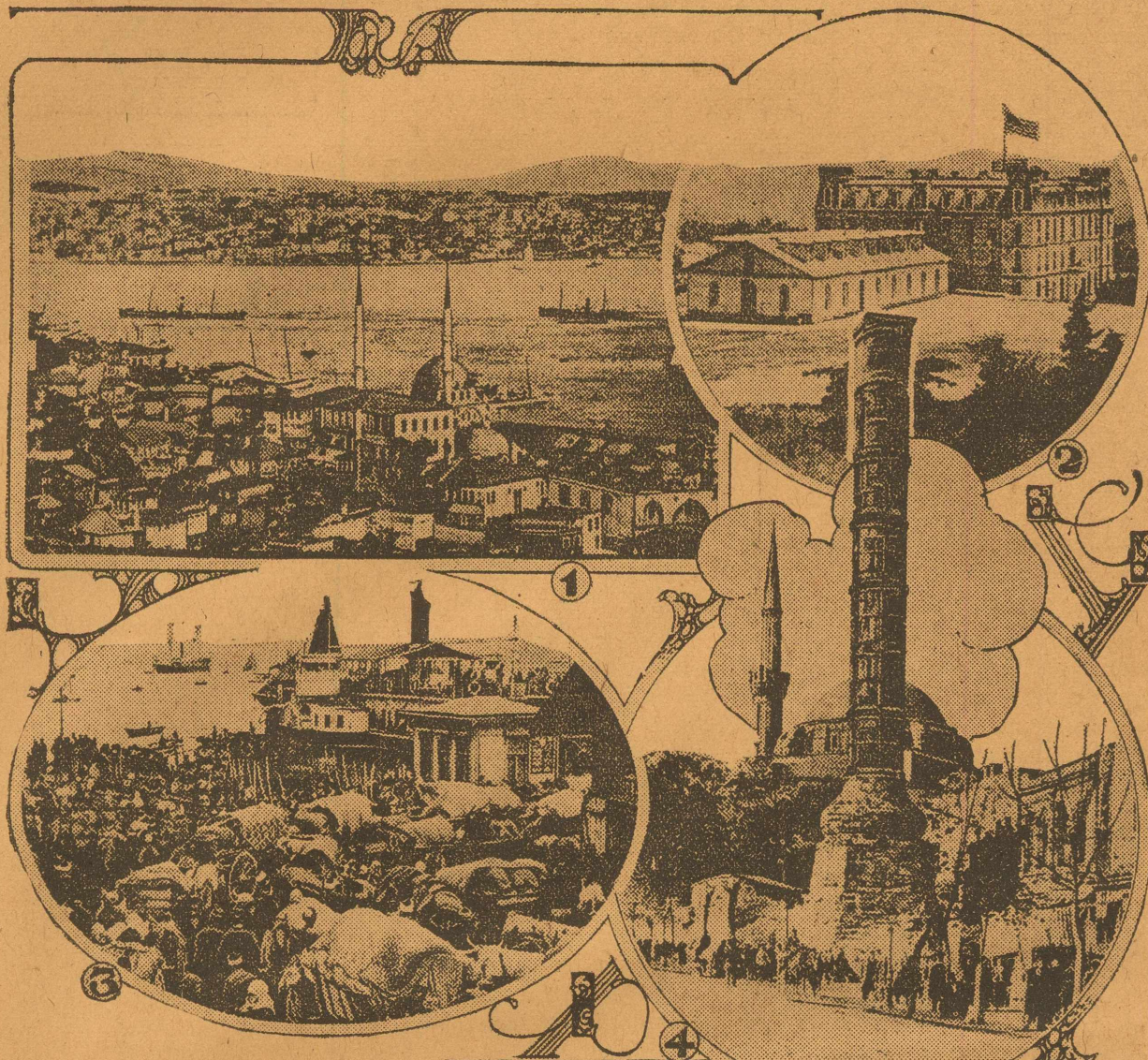
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W. F. GODFREY, Salesman,  
SPUR, TEXAS

# The Bone of Contention of All Europe



Constantinople Has Been the Focus of Attention of the Great Powers For Centuries—Russia Repeatedly Directed Her Forces Toward Its Capture In Quest of a "Window on the Sea."

**N**O city in the world constitutes so difficult a problem as Constantinople. Since near five centuries ago its ultimate disposition has engaged the attention of the mightiest rulers and the greatest statesmen of Europe.

Popes Sixtus V., Pius V. and Leo X., Kings Francis I. and Henry IV. of France, Peter the Great, Catherine the Great, Czars Alexander I., Nicholas I. and Alexander II. of Russia, Napoleon I. and Napoleon III., Emperors Maximilian I. and Joseph II. of Germany and well nigh every British ruler since the days of Queen Elizabeth have had the matter under discussion. Bismarck refers to it in his "Memoirs."

It finds a notable place in the reminiscences and biographies of most of those ministers of state who have been called upon to play a role in the history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, and many years ago it formed the theme of a curious work, a sort of compilation of the various schemes suggested for dealing with the question, entitled "Cent manieres d'accommoder les Turcs" (a hundred different ways of dishing up the Turks), for naturally every one of these projects involved the transfer of the seat of the Turkish government from the European shores of the Bosphorus to some city on the Asiatic side of the strait and as remote therefrom as possible.

It seems an irony of fate that Great Britain, which so often in the past three centuries, and more especially during the past ninety years, has intervened in behalf of the Turks and to protect them from the loss of Constantinople, should now be taking a leading part in wresting from them this wonderful city. In 1855 Great Britain even went to war to defend the Ottoman empire against Russian aggression, sacrificing blood and treasure in the most unostentatious fashion for its sake. And in 1877 when the victorious Russian army had reached San Stefano—that is to say, was within actual sight of Constantinople, almost under its very walls—its further advance was stayed, it was compelled to retire and was robbed of what it had regarded as destined to be the chief fruit of its victories—namely, the possession of the Turkish capital—by a British ultimatum and the presence of a big British fleet in the Dardanelles and in the sea of Marmora.

That Constantinople should now be captured by an allied fleet, composed for the most part of British warships and under the command of an English admiral, must be a bitter pill for the Russians to swallow, all the more so Sir Edward Grey, the English secretary of state for foreign affairs, made it quite clear in the speech in the house of commons the other day that, while an agreement had been reached by the allied powers assuring Russia of free access to the Mediterranean from the Black sea, there is no intention of turning over to her the possession of Constantinople. It would be idle to deny that this intimation must

come as a cruel disappointment to the Russians and cannot fail to subject their alliance with Great Britain and France to a very serious strain, all the more so their own foreign minister, M. Sazonoff, had a few days previously in a speech in the duma at Petrograd managed to convey the inference to the national legislature that the Muscovite dream of raising the double headed eagle flag on the walls of Constantinople and of the substitution of the cross—the Russian orthodox cross—in the place of the crescent on the dome of St. Sophia was on the eve of realization.

Constantinople is to the Russian church and to its adherents what Rome is to the Roman Catholics, and for the last 200 years in particular it has constituted the principal object of all Muscovite religious and political aspirations. Without attaching any credence whatsoever to the purely mythical testament of Peter the Great about Constantinople, a document which was never heard of until the beginning of the nineteenth century, nearly a hundred years after his death, and which is a forgery concocted by the Pole Sokolniki and the Frenchman Lesueur at the instance of the first Emperor Napoleon, there is no doubt that Czar Peter had set his heart upon the acquisition of Constantinople and had impressed this idea upon his people as a national ideal.

Catherine the Great was equally bent upon transferring the capital of her empire from Petrograd and from Moscow to Stamboul, and when Napoleon I. and Alexander I. planned together their sharing of the dominion of the world the Muscovite ruler insisted upon the possession of Constantinople on political and religious grounds, declaring it to be "the key to the door of Russia." Napoleon would not and could not consent to this, giving utterance to his celebrated and historic phrase: "No. The possession of Constantinople by Russia would mean the mastery of the world."

It was this question about Constantinople that caused the break of the friendship of the two emperors and an enmity which resulted in Napoleon's disastrous invasion of Russia with his grande armee, in the destruction of Moscow by fire, in the coalition of Russia with Great Britain, Prussia, Sweden and Austria against France, in the invasion of the latter country by the allies, in the disastrous defeat of Napoleon at Leipzig and at Waterloo, in the loss of his throne and in his exile, first to Elba and then to St. Helena.

While it is an exaggeration, at any rate in these modern times, to ascribe the mastery of the world to the pos-

session of Constantinople, it cannot be denied that the city occupies from a political, from a strategic and from an economic point of view, one of the most valuable and important sites in the world. It is a natural fortress of great strength, protected as it is in the rear by mountain and swamp, which make it difficult to attack by land, and by those wonderful straits, the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, which furnish a so matchless defense against any onslaught from the sea.

It lies at the very point where Europe and Asia meet, and which connects the Black sea with the Mediterranean and even with the Indian ocean by way of the Suez canal and the Red sea.

Were England and France to lend themselves to the establishment of Russia at Stamboul and to the substitution of the Muscovite cross in the place of the crescent on the great dome of the mosque of St. Sophia they would incur the bitter resentment of all their Moslem lieges, a resentment which could not fail to become a source not merely of weakness, but even of grave peril to their respective nations. Moreover, neither of these powers is particularly anxious to exchange the military terrorism which Germany has for the last forty years exercised on the concert of Europe for the domination of the latter by Russia.

It must be borne in mind that there are other nations which are equally eager to secure possession of Constantinople and consider that they have quite as great a right thereto as Russia. To begin with, there are the Greeks, who yearn for the realization of their national dream of the restoration of the ancient Grecian or Byzantine empire, with its capital, not at Athens, but at Constantinople. They regard themselves as the lawful heirs of the Greek dynasties that reigned at Constantinople before it fell into the hands of the Turks in the fifteenth century, and have a popular prophecy, according to which the city is to pass into their hands when they are ruled by a Constantine and a Sophia, which are the names of their present king and queen. The Greeks at Constantinople form the richest, largest and most important element of the population, who have contributed in no small measure to its prosperity and development and who therefore look upon the city as to a great extent their property.

Then there are the Bulgarians, who are also bent on getting Constantinople. In fact King Ferdinand, at the outset of the first of the Balkan wars, made no secret of his ambition to be crowned in the ancient Basilica of St. Sophia—restored to Christian worship—as the emperor of Greater Bulgaria.

## The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN

Golden Text.—Jehovah is my shepherd (Ps. xxiii, 1).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 1, 2.—Happy experience.

The elements of romance and adventure which are found in David's career have made him one of the attractive heroes of history. His behavior under adverse circumstances, especially when he suffered owing to the jealousy of King Saul, points to the secret of his successful life. He was about fifteen years of age when he was anointed by Samuel. Another fifteen years passed before he was given the rule over a part of the nation. This was about the most critical period of his life, for he was treated by Saul as an outlaw, and his life was always in jeopardy. All this was to stand him in good stead in later life, and we cannot think of his successful administration without reminding ourselves of the harsh preparation which he underwent. This is the man who has been acknowledged to be the author of the confession of trust and faith which we are now to study. Dr. Alexander Maclaren has well said: "The world could spare many a large book better than this sunny little psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mold into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith." The outstanding figure of speech was suggested by one of the commonest and most picturesque scenes in Palestine. It is a pastoral country, where the prevailing occupation is that of shepherd. The character of this individual is happily drawn in this charming poem, and the writer's conception of God was suggested to him by his own knowledge of shepherd life. "The Lord is my shepherd." At the very outset he strikes the personal note and gives a vivid description of his religious experience which was at once comforting and encouraging. "Green pastures" are the rare patches of luxuriance in the midst of vast stretches of barren desert land where the rain falls only for a few months of the year. "Lie down"—during the glare and heat of the midday sun for refreshment and rest. "The still waters." The sheep are afraid of running water, and the shepherd has to go past the streams, few as they are, in search of a drinking place at some well or fountain. The troughs are here filled, and the thirsty animals after the day's wandering drink until they are satisfied. What a beautiful picture this is of the way in which God cares for the needs of those who rely on him!

Verses 3, 4.—Cheerful assurance. Food is not the only need of the sheep. These animals are of such a fitful character that they require constant watching. There are dangerous places where the sheep go, like private fields and vineyards, and if they are

caught on these forbidden grounds they are forfeited to the owner of the property. "He restoreth my soul" suggests how the shepherd rescues the sheep from danger and even death and restores it to safety. "Paths of righteousness"—straight paths which avoid the precipice or keep the sheep from places which confuse them so that they cannot get back, but which take them securely to their destined end. "He leadeth me." For this purpose the shepherd must go before his sheep. "For his name's sake." Right guidance reflects on the character of the shepherd, but if the sheep deliberately wanders away it does so at its own peril. "The valley of the shadow of death." The reference is to the dark ravines where the wolf, hyena and panther are found. "Fear no evil." If perchance the sheep must be taken through such dangerous glens, there is no need for alarm, since the shepherd himself is present. He is further securely armed with the "rod," or club, which he can use on the wild beasts, and with the "staff," on which he leans when climbing or which he uses to keep the sheep within the flock. How strikingly the relations between God and the soul are conveyed in these lines and how blessedly they impart courage and comfort to those who exercise faith in God!

Verses 5, 6.—Sere confidence.

"Preparest a table" means providing a meal by seeing that the pasture is clean. "In the presence of my enemies." Snakes are found in holes in the pasture ground, and if not driven away they bite the noses of the sheep as they nibble the grass. Hyenas and wolves are also found in caves near by. Thus does the shepherd guard his flock as God cares for the man who is exposed to the fierce temptations of everyday life. "Anointest my head with oil." At the close of the day the shepherd stands at the entrance of his fold and inspects each sheep as it enters. Out of his horn of olive oil he anoints the bruises of the wounded and bathes the face and head of the tired sheep. "My cup runneth over." The reference is to the full cup of water which is also offered to the weary sheep. One whose lot can be compared to these tender provisions may well confess, "Surely goodness and mercy," the twin benefactors of the eternal God, "have followed me" in ministering attendance upon my many needs. "All the days of my life." The loving kindness of God is a continuous benediction, and whoever enjoys it may well resolve to dwell "in the house of the Lord forever;" not in the sanctuary merely, but in the practice of communion with God for all time is the portion of those thus shepherded.

## For the Farmer's Eye

IN THE BARNYARD.

Oat straw makes a good roughage for idle horses when it is well saved, but feed a little hay along with it.

To groom the horse well after hard work does not only clean the skin, but prevents various parasitic diseases of the skin.

A horse that is hidebound will be benefited if given a little oilmeal (linseed meal). This must be begun in doses of not more than a tablespoonful at a feed and gradually increased to nearly a pint with the other food three times per day.

In feeding aged steers quality and type are not so essential as in feeding calves provided the purchase price is proportionate.

The busy bacteria gets busy in the milk almost at the moment it is drawn from the cow.

As a rule, a large flow of milk is associated with a low per cent of fat, while a small flow shows a higher test.

No man is in a better position to build up his soil than a dairyman if he uses wisely the forces at his command.

The calf that is expected to develop into a strong and profitable cow should be given all the chance possible during its early period of growth.

It is a source of satisfaction to the progressive dairyman to be able to sum up at the end of the year just exactly what every cow has done.

When Hay Is Cured.

One of the methods of determining whether hay is fit to stack is to take a handful and twist it as hard as it can be twisted with the hands, and if no juices are forced out of the stems it is considered ready for the mow, as a rule. Where it is cured in the cock it should be spread out to the air and the sun from one to two hours before hauling to the barn.

THE DAIRYMAN.

Remember that the heifer is the dairy cow of the future. Feed her accordingly.

The dairy hog brings in the money faster than any other animal on the farm except the dairy cow.

Sunshine is necessary in the milk house in the winter time.

One of the most important things in running a dairy successfully is brains. Brains must be applied to every branch of work if the best profit is to follow.

No cow can produce her maximum unless she has the right kind of care and food, and if she does not produce her maximum she will not give the best profit.

Scours In Calves.

The disease is contagious and known as calf cholera or dysentery. Polyvalent dysentery serum injected into the calf at birth prevents the disease in many instances or the cow may be immunized by similar treatment so that her calf will not scour. Clean up, disinfect and whitewash the stable. Saturate the stump of the navel of the calf with tincture of iodine at birth and then dust with slaked lime twice daily until perfectly dried.

Vermin on Turkey.

Vermin are the greatest pests. They will breed in one night. If you go into the turkey house at night when the hen is mothering her young raise up the turkey's wings and sprinkle some sulphur lightly under them, writes a correspondent of Farm and Fireside. Then hen will perspire from the heat of all the young turkeys and that sulphur will spread all over the little birds and prevent lice. Sulphur is a good disinfectant, and this method is much the easier way to dust turkeys.

### A STUDENTS LOAN FUND FOR COUNTIES OF STATE

The following amendment passed both Houses of the recent Legislature and will be submitted to a vote of the people for adoption by the several counties of the state. This amendment is worthy the consideration of voters and taxpayers, and it is hoped that every reader of the Texas Spur will read it carefully and give it due consideration before the election day.

**BE IT RESOLVED,** By the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3b, which shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 3b. The commissioners' court of each county in this State shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such a fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Fund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education and for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher State institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the commissioners' court of each county as may be provided by law.

Section 2. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising said students' loan fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax. Provided, that if the tax is adopted, after it has been enforced for two years, an election may be held, on the order of the commissioners' court, to determine whether or not said tax shall be repealed; and provided, further, that it shall be the duty of the commissioners' court to order such election upon a petition so to do by twenty-five per cent of the qualified tax paying voters of the county.

#### 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

Lee Carpenter, of several miles west of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city the latter part of last week. He reports that he has finished gathering his crops of the past year and is now progressing nicely with work on this year's crops, stating that he already has a fine garden and truck doing nicely.

J. C. Stephens, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and before leaving handed us two dollars which extended his subscription to the paper up into the year 1915. He reports plenty of rain and everything moving along nicely in his section.

I have long staple Mebane cotton seed for sale at 75 cents per bushel. I don't think it will pay farmers to plant Half-and-Half cotton. Spinners claim it is inferior and that they can't pay same price as for long staple. Geo. M. Williams. 22-tf.

Mace Hunter brought in a load of onions Monday from his place east of Spur and sold them to the townspeople. Mace Hunter is one of the most successful farmers and stockmen of the whole country and is one of our most prosperous citizens.

W. A. Smith, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Tap country, called in at the Texas Spur office Saturday and handed us a big silver dollar to be credited to his subscription account, and for which he has our sincere thanks.

C. F. Cates left Spur the latter part of last week in response to a message stating that his father was quite sick at Decatur. We hope to be able to report that the illness of his father is not serious.

W. J. Elliot came in Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home and spent several hours here greeting friends and looking after business interests.

J. A. Neighbors, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Monday.

We are informed that Messrs. Rogers and Turnbow are now preparing to establish another picture show in Spur to be known as the Airdome.

J. Carlisle came in Monday from his farm home in the Gilpin country and spent several hours here with friends and trading with the merchants.

Robt. T. Dopson, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of business visitors here Monday.

M. C. West and daughters, of several miles south of Spur, were among the visitors in the city Monday.

### ENTHUSIASTIC BOOSTER FOR DICKENS COUNTY FAIR

Prof. Geo. T. Barnes, of the Croton country, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur. Prof. Barnes is an enthusiastic booster and promoter of the Dickens County Fair organization and will contribute materially in having a successful and interesting fair here this fall. Every citizen of the whole country is urged to take a part in this fair organization, and every farmer and stockman of Dickens and adjoining counties is urged to begin now in preparing exhibits of livestock and farm produce for the fair this fall.

#### 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

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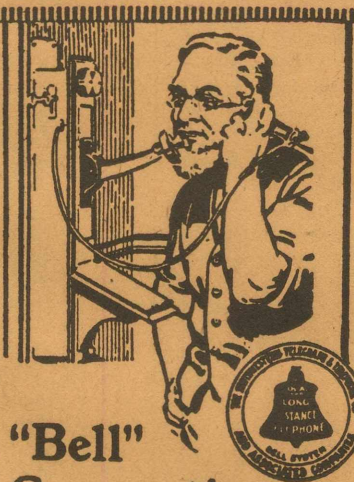
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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars of valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors voting at an election held for that purpose, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to wit:

SECTION 9. The State tax on property, exclusive of the tax necessary to pay the public debt, and of the taxes provided for the benefit of the public free schools, shall never exceed thirty-five cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; and no county, city or town shall levy more than twenty-five cents for city or county purposes, and not exceeding fifteen cents for roads and bridges, and not exceeding fifteen cents to pay jurors, on the one hundred dollar valuation, except for the payment of debts incurred prior to the adoption of the amendment, September 25, 1883; and for the erection of public buildings, streets, sewers, water works and other permanent improvements, not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation in any one year, and except as is in this Constitution otherwise provided; and the Legislature may also authorize an additional annual ad valorem tax to be levied and collected for the further building and maintenance of the public roads; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county or of any political subdivision or subdivisions of the county, or of any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within any county, who has been assessed a property tax and paid said tax for the next year prior to the time he offers to vote, voting at an election held for that purpose, shall vote such tax, not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation in such county, political subdivision or subdivisions, or described or defined district. And the Legislature may pass local laws for the maintenance of the public roads and highways, without the local notice required for special or local laws.

SEC. 2. The foregoing amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in the month of July, 1915. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose." Those voting against its adoption shall have written or printed on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment to Section 9, Article 8, of the Constitution, authorizing the levy and collection of a special road tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property in any county, subdivision or subdivisions, or defined district thereof, when same has been authorized by a majority of the qualified electors at an election held for that purpose."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing and proclamation and printing of tickets and necessary blanks to use in said election.

(A true copy.)

JNO. G. MCKAY,  
Secretary of State.

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 18.

A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to a vote of the people of Texas an amendment to Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for public improvements, and levying of a tax to pay the interest and sinking fund on same, and for maintenance.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as hereafter to read as follows, to-wit:

SECTION 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State, to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of, or to, any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in any such corporation, association or company, provided, however, that under legislative provision any county, any political subdivision of a county, or any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages, or municipal corporations, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon, who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to all other debts may issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory; except that the total bonded indebtedness of any city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this constitution; and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof as the Legislature may authorize, and in such manner as it may authorize the same, for the following purposes, to-wit:

(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof, or irrigation therefrom, or in aid of such purposes.

(b) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes, reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purposes of irrigation, drainage or navigation, or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof.

Provided, however, that under legislative enactment any defined district now or hereafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, which may be formed for the purpose of reclaiming and improving overflowed and swamp lands in this State, and maintaining the improvements thereof, may, upon a vote of two-thirds majority of the resident property tax payers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory, in addition to all other debts, issue bonds or otherwise lend its credit in any amount not to exceed fifty per cent of the assessed valuation of the real property in such district or territory.

Provided, further, that where a county, district or other political subdivision has issued bonds for improvements for the purposes named in this Section, the Legislature may authorize the levy and collection of taxes for the maintenance of such improvements, not to exceed fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation in any one year.

SEC. 2. The foregoing amendment of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection, at a special election hereby ordered for the Fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, the same being the \_\_\_\_\_ day of said month. All voters on this proposed amendment at said election who favor its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "For amendment of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other public improvements, and for taxes therefor." Those voting against its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "Against the amendment of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for levee, drainage, road and other improvements, and for taxes therefor."

Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the county judge of each county, for use in said election, a sufficient number of ballots for the use of the voters in each county, on which he shall have printed the form of ballot herein prescribed, for the convenient use of voters.

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue his necessary proclamation ordering this election, and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. The sum of five thousand dollars (5,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation, and printing and distributing the necessary tickets and blanks for use in said election.

JNO. G. MCKAY,  
Secretary of State.

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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a provision authorizing a qualified voter to vote for State officers, or on any proposition submitted to the voters of this State in a precinct other than the precinct of his residence under certain conditions, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

SEC. 2. Every male person subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector, and every male person of foreign birth, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have become a citizen of the United States in accordance with the Federal naturalization laws, and shall have resided in this State one year next preceding such election and the last six months in the county in which he offers to vote, shall also be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and providing further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he offers to vote at any election in this State, and holds a receipt showing his poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or, if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt he shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. If any qualified voter in this State shall have personally paid his poll tax in the county and precinct of his residence, or secured an exemption certificate showing that he is exempt from paying a poll tax, he shall be permitted to vote in the county in which he may be on election day on any proposition which may have been submitted to the voters of the entire State, and for any office to be filled by the voters of the entire State; also for members of either branch of the Legislature and Congress and judicial officials; provided, no voter shall vote for members of either branch of the Legislature, Congress, or judicial officials outside the legislature, congressional, or judicial district of such voter's residence, and nothing herein shall permit a voter to vote at any place other than his residence, if he be within the county of his residence on election day. Any person offering to vote in any county other than the county of his residence shall deliver to the election managers his poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, who shall retain same until the following day, and then mail same to the person depositing same to any address he may name; and in addition to depositing the poll tax receipt or exemption certificate, such person so offering to vote shall make an affidavit:

(1) That he is absent from home, and it will be impossible for him to return to the precinct of his residence in time to vote; (2) that he has not voted at any other election precinct on that day, and will not offer to vote at any other precinct in this State; (3) that he personally paid his poll tax within the time provided by law, or personally secured the certificate of his exemption from the payment of a poll tax.

SEC. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, the same being the twenty-fourth day of July, 1915, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have same published, as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Those favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "For amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions." Those opposing the amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words: "Against amendment to Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution, authorizing qualified voters to vote in precincts other than the precinct of their residence under certain conditions."

SEC. 4. No legislation shall be necessary to put into effect this article of the Constitution, but when adopted same shall be self-enacting.

SEC. 5. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

JOHN G. MCKAY,  
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 34.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Article 7, Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the University of Texas and fixing its permanent location in Travis County; providing for the permanent location of the medical branch of the University of Texas in Galveston County; providing for the establishment and maintenance of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas as an independent college, and providing for its permanent location in Brazos County; providing for the establishment and separate maintenance of the College of Industrial Arts and fixing its permanent location in Denton County; authorizing the establishment of junior agricultural college subsidiary to and under the government of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board; establishing the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, and declaring it a branch of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, and fixing its permanent location at Prairie View, in Waller County; making an equitable division of the State permanent endowment fund between the University of Texas, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; making an appropriation to defray the expenses of advertising the Governor's proclamation and submitting same to a vote of the people.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Article 7, of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 10. The University of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Travis County, and shall be a university of the first class. The Legislature shall provide for its organization and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement and shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary for the promotion of literature and the arts and sciences, pure and applied, in a university of the first class. The affairs of the University of Texas shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The location herein made of the University of Texas shall in no way affect the location of the medical branch thereof situated in Galveston County.

SEC. 11. All lands and other property granted by the Republic of State of Texas to the University of Texas, or the University of Texas and its branches, except the lands transferred by Section 13 of this Article to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, and to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College, shall together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, constitute the permanent university fund. All the income derived therefrom shall be the available fund, and shall be applied to the support and development of the University of Texas and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the sale of University lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund. The one-tenth of the alternate sections of lands granted to railroads, reserved by the State, which was set apart and appropriated to the establishment of the University of Texas by an act of the Legislature of February 11, 1858, entitled "An Act to establish the University of Texas" shall not be included in or constitute a part of the permanent university fund.

SEC. 12. The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas is hereby established and permanently located in Brazos County and separated from the University of Texas and constituted an independent college. The Legislature shall provide for the organization of said college and for its development, maintenance and permanent improvement, shall make by appropriation and otherwise such provision as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of said institution, which, without excluding classical and cultural studies, shall be to teach and develop those branches of learning which relate to agriculture and the natural sciences connected therewith, the various branches of engineering, the mechanical arts and military sciences and tactics. The affairs of the Agricultural and Mechanical College shall be administered by its own governing board as provided by law. The present members of the board shall continue in office until the expiration of their respective terms. The Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College for Colored Youths is hereby established and its government and control shall continue under the governing board of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Provided the Legislature may establish junior agricultural colleges subsidiary to the Agricultural and Mechanical College and under the control of the Agricultural and Mechanical College Board.

SEC. 13. Of the land heretofore set apart to the University and to the University and its branches by the State of Texas, and remaining unsold, there are hereby transferred to and made a part of the permanent fund of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, six hundred thousand acres of land of average value; there are hereby transferred as a permanent fund to the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College one hundred and fifty thousand acres of land of average value; and all of the remainder of the said land shall constitute a part of the permanent fund of the University of Texas. The Legislature shall provide for the division of the land as specified herein. The land herein set apart to the University, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas and the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College may be sold under such regulations, at such times and on such terms as may be prescribed by law. The Legislature shall provide for the prompt collection at maturity of all debts due on account of the sale of said lands, and in no event shall any relief be granted to a ny purchaser.

SEC. 14. All lands and other property heretofore granted herein granted to the Agricultural and Mechanical College, together with the proceeds of the sale of such lands, shall constitute its permanent fund. All the income derived therefrom shall be the available fund and shall be applied to the support and development of the Agricultural and Mechanical College and to meet its obligations. The proceeds from the sale of the Agricultural and Mechanical College lands shall be invested as authorized by law for the investment of the permanent school fund.

SEC. 15. The College of Industrial Arts for White Girls located at Denton, in Denton County, Texas, is hereby established and recognized as an independent college, and the Legislature shall provide for its organization, maintenance, development and permanent improvement and shall make, by appropriation and otherwise, such provision in addition to that heretofore made as may be necessary for the establishment and maintenance of a first class college for the education of white girls in the literary branches, the arts and sciences and the practical industries of the age. The college shall have its own governing board, which shall designate the officers of administration and instruction, and other employees, determine their salaries, establish departments, subdivision, libraries and laboratories and other agencies of education consistent with the objects of the college and perform such other duties as the Legislature may prescribe.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation and have same published as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to defray the expenses of publishing said proclamation and the expenses of submitting this resolution to a vote of the people.

SEC. 3. The foregoing amendment to Article 7, Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for its adoption or rejection at an election to be held on the fourth Saturday in July, A. D. 1915, the same being the twenty-fourth day of said month. All the voters voting

on this proposed amendment at said election who favor the adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots, "For amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of the State of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands." All voters voting on this proposed amendment at said election who oppose its adoption shall have printed or written on their ballots the following: "Against Amendment to Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for the separation of the University of Texas and the Agricultural and Mechanical College and an equitable division of the university lands." Previous to the election the Secretary of State shall cause to be printed and forwarded to the County Judge of each county for use in said election a sufficient number of ballots for the use of voters in said county, on which shall be printed the form of ballot herein prescribed for the convenience of the voters.

JOHN G. MCKAY,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3.

A proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, amending Article 5, Section 2 of the Constitution of said State, so as to provide that the Supreme Court of this State shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, describe their qualifications, tenure of office and compensation.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 2, of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

SECTION 2. The Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of three judges shall be necessary to the decision of a case. No person shall be eligible to the office of Chief Justice or Associate Justice of the Supreme Court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States, and of this State, and unless he shall have attained the age of thirty years, and shall have been a practicing lawyer or a Judge of a Court, or such lawyer and judge together, at least seven years. Said Chief Justice and Associate Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of the State at a general election, shall hold their offices six years, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall each receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars until otherwise provided by law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor shall fill the vacancy until the next general election for said officers; and at such general election the vacancy for the unexpired term shall be filled by election by the qualified voters of the State. The Judges of the Supreme Court who may be in office at the time this amendment takes effect shall continue in office until the expiration of their term of office under the present Constitution, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Immediately after the adoption of this amendment the Governor of this State shall call an election for the purpose of electing two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, one of whom shall, when elected, hold said office for four years and one of whom, when elected, shall hold said office for six years, and the question of which of them shall hold for four years and which of them hold for six years shall be determined by lot, as now provided by law.

SEC. 3. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation, ordering an election to determine whether or not said Constitutional amendments will be adopted, and have the same published, as required by the Constitution and the laws of this State. Said election shall be held on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, and the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as necessary, is hereby appropriated from any fund in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of printing said proclamation and of holding said election.

JNO. G. MCKAY,  
Secretary of State

(A true copy.)

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 9.

A joint resolution to amend Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Legislature to provide by law for the creation of a student's loan fund in each county in connection with the public schools thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, which shall read and be as follows, to-wit:

SEC. 3b. The Commissioners' Court of each county in this State shall have the power, and is hereby authorized, when a majority of the qualified voters of such county shall vote to create such fund, to create a fund to be known as a "Students' Loan Fund," for the purpose of enabling students of the public free schools of said county to borrow money to be used in their education for the purpose of graduating from the county public schools and after graduation to continue their education in any higher State institution of learning, such fund to be created and administered by the Commissioners' Court of each county as may be provided by law.

SEC. 2. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within such county for the purpose of raising students' loan fund, said tax not to exceed in any one year twenty cents (20c) on the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of the property subject to taxation in each county; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax. Provided, that if the tax is adopted, after it has been enforced for two years, an election may be held, on the order of the commissioners' court to determine whether or not said tax shall be repealed; and provided, further, that it shall be the duty of the Commissioners' Court to order such election upon a petition so to do by twenty-five per cent of the qualified tax paying voters of the County.

SEC. 3. The Legislature shall pass the necessary laws carrying into effect this provision of the Constitution.

SEC. 4. That the above and foregoing proposed amendment shall be duly published once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three (3) months before a special election to be held for the purpose of voting upon such proposed amendment, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1915, in one weekly newspaper of each county in the State of Texas, in which such newspaper may be published. And the Governor shall, and he is hereby directed, to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this proposed amendment to the qualified electors for members of the Legislature. At such election all persons favoring such amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "For the Amendment to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners' Court to create a Students' Loan Fund," and those opposed thereto shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution, adding thereto Section 3b, authorizing the Commissioners' Court to create a Students' Loan Fund."

SEC. 5. That \$5,000.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of advertising and holding the election provided for above.

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**Brothers...**

YOU WILL EVENTUALLY  
HAVE US DO  
**That Work**

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## Items Over Dickens County BY CORRESPONDENTS

### DICKENS ITEMS.

Boon Hyatt was in town Saturday. He is not afraid of mud.

Mrs. W. C. Ballard has been quite sick but is able to be up now.

Mr. Gaddy, from the Plains, was in town Friday of last week.

J. P. Koonsman, Lee Payne and Grundy Crego visited our city last week.

Mrs. P. H. Miller and Mrs. Barnes came over from Spur Friday afternoon.

O. O. Love, prominent merchant of Roaring Springs, was in Dickens Saturday.

Miss Shepherd, assistant teacher of the Croton High School, visited friends here last week.

J. F. Speer, F. C. Gipson and Frank Speer left Dickens the first of the week for Oklahoma.

Miss Emma Buchanan, from north of Dickens, is in town this week visiting Mrs. B. F. Hale.

Ed Lisenby, of Matador, has been down to his camp near Dickens the past week looking after his cattle.

Ed Lisenby went to Spur Saturday afternoon to meet his daughter, Miss Jessie, who has been attending Simmons College at Abilene.

Joe Arthur, of Afton, is in town this week visiting his father, P. N. Arthur. Mr. Arthur has been very sick for some time but at present is resting better.

Our school closes Friday, 23rd. We will have a good program Friday and Saturday night. Every body come.—Reporter.

### DRAPER.

How it rains! But let it slosh.

W. D. Thacker was in Spur Friday.

E. B. Shaw planted cotton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Rogers went to Dickens Sunday.

Billie Waldrup is very busy these days looking after his cattle.

J. E. Wright and family spent Sunday with C. C. Haile.

J. A. Murchison and wife spent Sunday with Tommy Hobson.

Owing to the rain, our Sunday School and singing was postponed Sunday.

Lee Murchison and W. T. Lovell went to Spur last Friday, returning Sunday.

Misses Nettie Murchison and Lottie Rogers spent Sunday with Miss Edith Lovell.

Ye scribe was in Spur the other day and noting a great improvement in the looks of the streets endeavored the cause. An obliging friend told me that R. L. Collier kept them beaten down gathering the maize heads that fell from the farmers wagons as they brought their maize to market. Verily, Spur is lucky in having such a citizen.—Rambling Bill.

See "The Mouse Trap"—April 30 8:15 o'clock. 25-2f.

### AFTON.

Mrs. Chas. P. Smith has been visiting her daughter at Dallas.

F. F. Henry was elected trustee in the Prairie Chapel neighborhood.

J. H. Reynolds was out at his Rip Saw Valley Farm Wednesday.

W. R. Dismuke and A. L. Smith had business in Roaring Springs last week.

Farmers are getting ready to plant, and will probably begin in a few days.

James Hodge has moved to Roaring Springs. James Askins took him up there last Saturday.

Misses Bessie Dodson, Mary Worswick and Bill Dodson are visiting friends and relatives in Motley county.

The Methodists began their Sunday School the first Sunday and elected W. M. Vaughn Supt. and Mrs. Vaughn Sec. Mr. Ragland is leader of the choir.—Oat Meal

### TAP.

J. D. Rash and family are here on their way to New Mexico where they will make their future home. Mrs. Rash and daughter, Miss Mildred, have the care of Mrs. J. H. Alexander's children. Mrs. Alexander recently underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital. She is reported doing nicely, and we hope that she will soon be able to return home.

Merle and John Rash an ye scribe spent Sunday with friends in the Steel Hill community, returning Monday. Steel Hill is the Rush boys old home, and ye scribe knowing there were some attractions there for the boys went along to bring them back, and came very near having to be sent for himself. Those girls can sure play that piano and sing—oh, my!

It rained last night and is raining today, so I will write a few lines to pass the time away. We don't hear anyone complaining of dry spring.

If anyone has any outlaw horses they want rode talk to Merle Rash. He rides different from anyone I ever saw.

Tom McArthur has his new residence completed which is a nice home and second to none in this country.

I. C. Cravey passed through our community this week en route to the Swenson ranch on Tongue river.

Elder Stephens filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large crowd attended.

The young people enjoyed a singing at J. H. Sparks' Sunday night.—Kid-a-lude.

Get rid of the grouch. LIV-VER-LAX makes the sun shine brighter. Spur Drug Co. will tell you about LIV-VER-LAX. 22-4t.

LIV-VER-LAX! Better than calomel. No bad effect. Ask Spur Drug Co. 22-4t.

LIV-VER-LAX' relieves all ills of the Liver and Stomach. Get it from Spur Drug Co. 22-4t.

### GILPIN.

L. W. Bilberry made a trip to Spur Monday.

Roy Thomas made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins made a trip to Girard Tuesday.

We girls are wondering what makes J. T. Bilberry look so sad. More rain, more grass and more weeds. My, but the farmers are busy.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Midway Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Hagins and Ben Simmons were out driving bronchoes Tuesday. They landed in Spur and returned all O. K.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins and children made a trip to Girard Tuesday, and while there took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carlisle.

It takes all of Cecil Bennett's time washing the mud off his new buggy. We are uneasy about him. We are afraid he is going to lose his crop.

Mrs. M. J. Bennett, who has been visiting her son, Rev. W. B. Bennett, for the past several months, has returned to her home in Ada, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Kelly McCalister, who has been a guest in the home of her mother, Mrs. J. H. Parnell, the past two weeks, has returned to her home near Jayton.

It is reported that the farmers here have reduced the acreage of cotton one-half, and that there will be more feed raised here than ever before. Also more hogs.

Messrs. D. D. Hagins, Cecil Bennett, Ben Simmons and Luther Hawkins went fishing Tuesday evening. They said they caught some fish but nobody saw any. Just joking we guess.

Rambling Bill, we are sorry indeed that the "Green-eyed Monster" has entered your home. Put out his eyes with a fence rail, and tap him over the head with it a time or two for you will never see any more peace with "Mariah" till he is slain. Teach her to be glad instead of mad when her "good man" is complimented. Now when I get married and some girl brags on my hubby I'll—good gracious! it's school time right now.—A School Girl.



Old Abe

Old Abe, the famous War Eagle of Wisconsin at one time, sold this bird for a bushel of corn. The eagle was christened "Old Abe" in honor of the man on whom was centered the heart and mind of all the people. Old Abe was in thirty six battles and, like the great Napoleon, Old Abe died out of battle, but had the honor of witnessing the saddest war in history. Today he is known and revered throughout the world as a sign of peace and plenty, the sign of industry. Business men know him because

### Case Machines BEAR HIS PICTURE

We will give you the full story of "Old Abe" by asking for it at the

THE CASE AGENCY  
Spur, Texas

LIV-VER-LAX is purely vegetable. Just what you need to tone up your system. Ask Spur Drug Co. 22-4t.

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We try to keep Cattle, Mules and Horses on hand all the time. When you want anything in livestock phone or write us, and when you are at Spur be sure to call at the Conner Wagon Yard and tell us what you want. We are putting in a side-line to our business and will buy your poultry, eggs and hides. We handle more hogs than any one in Spur.

## W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.

LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, AND...

All Kinds of Building Material

## THE ORIGINAL Cream Dealers OF SPUR

Bring us Your Cream, We Want It!!

Buy your GROCERIES from us—we need the business and appreciate it. Just unloaded a car of Stock Salt. See us before buying.

QUALITY ABOVE --- PRICE BELOW

Luce & Brannen Bros.  
Spur, Texas

## ICE

I have started my Ice Delivery, and am prepared to serve the public with the best of service. The business will be conducted on a strictly cash basis to all.

Your patronage appreciated.

WITT SPRINGER

Little Miss Dick Stafford is spending the week in Afton with relatives. H. T. Garner was among the number of visitors in the city Monday.

**WHY WE ORDER GOODS  
BY PARCEL POST**

We want to tell our merchants and  
Our anxious grocers too  
Why we order goods by parcel post  
In bundles not a few.  
It isn't our fault—not at all—  
We'd rather buy from you.  
But the big mail order houses send  
Us catalogues galore,  
Telling how they'll send us "free"  
Right to our very door  
The "greatest bargains ever seen,"  
They tell us o'er and o'er.  
Just how this "rare lace dress" will look,  
Also "this lovely waist."  
We gaze upon the tempting things,  
Then seize our pen in haste.  
And with an eager, anxious heart  
An order soon is traced.  
"If it doesn't suit, just send it back.  
We'll pay the cost both ways."  
We read, and on the pictured things  
With longing eyes we gaze,  
Now can't you see with half an eye  
That advertising pays.  
And now dear merchants, one and all,  
And grocerymen take cheer;  
Tell us about your "bargains" and  
Quote prices somewhere near  
Their prices, and we'll patronize  
Our home town, never fear.  
The editor of the Texas Spur  
Will gladly help you out:  
Just give to him a weekly ad  
And tell us all about  
Your "bargains," and the parcel post  
Will soon be put to route.  
—Contributed

Sure Corn Cure—Will remove  
corn for 50 cents, bunyon on foot  
for \$1.00. Satisfaction guaranteed.  
No cure, no pay.—L. G. Gar-  
rett. 23-5tp.

Buggy and harness for sale or  
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LIV-ER-LAX stimulates the  
Liver. A harmless vegetable com-  
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If you appreciate The Texas Spur  
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**Saturday Specials!**

**COME EXPECTING MORE THAN YOUR MONEY'S WORTH!!**

Two lines of Ladies Wash Skirts on sale at 95c and they are worth much more money. 10 doz. Mens Soft Collar Shirts, in two ranges of prices, sale price 50c and 95c.

**FOR ONE HOUR SATURDAY  
FROM 2 O'CLOCK TO 3 O'CLOCK!!**

We will sell to any Woman 10 yards of Lawn for 25c Only One Pattern to the Customer. Be on time as we only have a Limited quantity of this line.

**THE LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY  
"Where Cash Goes Further"  
SPUR, TEXAS**

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson was in the city Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

G. J. Stearns was in the city this week from his home in the Steel Hill community.

J. J. Rogers, a prosperous farmer and stockman of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday on business.

J. H. Farmer, a leading citizen of the Spur country, was among the number of business visitors in town Tuesday.

J. A. Davis, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Tuesday.

Fred O. McFall came in Monday from his farm home north of Spur and spent some time in town greeting friends.

**BROTHER WILL.**

They say he was a thoughtless boy  
And wayward as could be;  
Perhaps it might have been the truth  
But he was good to me,  
He took me nutting in the woods  
And fishing in the pool,  
And often when a little child  
I rode him home from school.  
He took me skating on the ice  
And coasting down the hill,  
For when I wished to see some fun  
I went to brother Will.  
They said he was a reckless lad  
And careless as could be,  
Perhaps it might have been the truth  
But he was good to me.  
He helped me out of lots of scrapes,  
He always took my part;  
My bold defender staunch and true,  
My champion hand and heart.  
And he loved to help me with my books  
The memory cheers me still,  
For when I stood in need of help,  
I went to brother Will.  
They say he was a fast young man  
And wild as he could be,  
Perhaps it might have been the truth  
But he was good to me.  
For when I wished to take a trip  
He saw that I got to go;  
He helped me entertain my friends,  
He helped me with my bean.  
I told him secrets that he kept—  
Secrets he's keeping still,  
For when in need of confidence  
I went to brother Will.  
They say he's not a Christian man—  
Not apt to ever be.  
Perhaps—perhaps it may be true,  
But he is good to me.  
He always greets me with a smile,  
He helps me all he can;  
And I believe with all my heart  
That he's a noble man.  
And though he's never joined the church  
Fond hopes I cherish still,  
That over on the other shore  
I'll walk with brother Will.  
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

**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

**WHY! - WHY! - WHY! - WHY!**

- Why* will a man order from mail order houses when he can get equally as good and frequently better goods at Sol Davis' Store for the same or less money?
- Why* will a man be so unthoughtful and ungrateful as to send his cash away and then have the nerve to ask his home merchant for credit?
- Why* will a man farm the same old way his grandfather used to when there are so many modern improvements? *Why* will a farmer plant all his farm in cotton and buy feed?
- Why* not plant more maize, feterita, kaffir corn and cane, raise more hogs, cattle and poultry? *Why* not let Texas feed herself?
- Why* not cut your cotton acreage down and plant better seed so that what you do raise will net you a profit?
- Why* will a farmer continue to plant common cotton and have to hire 1500 to 1700 lbs. of seed cotton picked in order to get a 500 pound bale of lint when he could plant the genuine Mebane Triumph Storm Proof Cotton and get a bale out of 1300 lbs. of seed cotton, and save about \$2 on the picking of each bale, besides increasing his crop from say 20 to 25 bales?

**IT PAYS TO PLANT THE BEST COTTON SEED!!**

That Genuine  
PURE MEBANE COTTON SEED  
That I have been telling you  
I would get for you direct  
from Lockhart, Texas,  
HAS ARRIVED

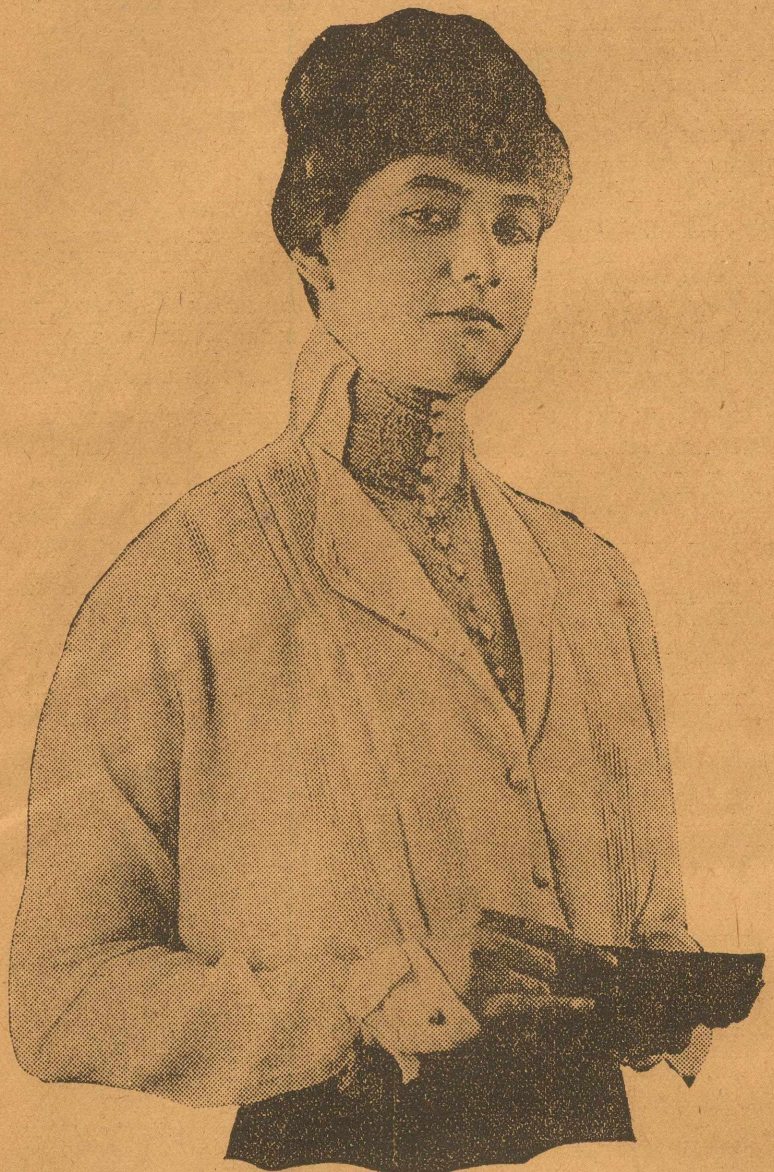
*Sol Davis*  
**THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.**

*Why*  
Wait till the day before you  
get ready to plant to come  
for your seed  
??  
**COME TODAY!**



# Fashions and the Household

## Handsome Georgette Crape Blouse



There are very handsome spring models for the separate blouses, as will be seen by the illustration. The material used is the very popular Georgette crape, in this case in a deep cream color. Clusters of very fine pin tucks regulate the fullness. A directoire collar and revers open over a vest and high collar of cream colored net tucked and braided. The buttons which effect the closing are covered with the material.

### SILK LEADS IN FAVOR.

Though Cotton is Talked About, Other Fabric is Prominent.

While the attention is centered upon cotton, one must not lose sight of silks. They occupy a very prominent place in the wardrobe of the up to date woman. All dresses intended for afternoon functions are made of silk. Delicate voiles or ottomans, soft taffetas, silk velvets and wool velours are all used in developing these dressy frocks. Distinctive effects may be obtained by combining these materials with gold embroidered chiffon, jet or pearls.

To go back to the less costly materials, such as silk and fine cottons, in which the majority of women are interested in these hard times, a dance frock of bordered organdie, taffeta silk, striped voile or cotton crape is now considered the correct thing.

### THE FASHIONABLE VEIL.

New Ones Have Bright Flower, Which Will Come Over One Cheek.

One of the new veils, of the voluminous sort, has a small embroidered flower in bright color placed so that it will come over one cheek. Another big veil is unusually voluminous and is a big, irregular circle, with a circumference of almost three yards. It is thrown over the hat so that the center of the veil and the center of the hat crown coincide and the wide edges hang unevenly down over the arms and back and chest. This sort of veil is edged with two narrow bias folds of silk of a contrasting shade—white on black, black on brown.

New crocheted scarfs are being done with irregular patterns which suggest the art nouveau designs that come from Vienna.

## SHORT COATS THE GO.

Long Garments of Winter Superseded in Favor.

As was expected, the pendulum of fashion has swung back to the short coats for spring. This was looked for after the vogue of the long coats of winter. However, the long coat is not entirely invisible, as some of the new linen suits have coats which are long, but only in points, the edge of the coats being uneven in length.

Some of the smart suits have the coat in Eton effect—that is, reaching only to the waist line. Other suits have coats which extend several inches below the waist, the lower section of these made to flare.

The Norfolk style, somewhat modified, and the short waisted style are very much in evidence in the spring models.

The military influence is noticed in many of the new coat suits.

While there are two distinct types of suits the strictly tailor made and semi-tailored, there is a preference for the simple tailored suits for early spring. Authorities have given two reasons for this tendency. One is the fact that military styles call for severe lines; the other is the fact that American women like the strictly tailored suit, and so long as they are made by American tailors they are sure to have the plain tailored lines.

## SILK STOCKINGS.

Lengthen the Life of Your Hose by Good Care.

With a little care and attention silk stockings may be made to wear two and even three months. If before wearing they are washed through lukewarm water they become more glossy and also strengthened, as silk takes very kindly to water.

After each wearing, also, the stockings should be washed in lukewarm water and white soap.

If the stockings are white, they should be put in a dark room to dry. Never dry white or colored stockings in the sun. The Japanese are said to put all white silks in a dark closet to dry. This will absolutely keep them from yellowing. The use of hot water, according to those who know, is prohibited in the washing of silks. Also avoid rubbing.

And now as to the wearing of silk stockings. They absolutely must not be worn tight. If the stocking is pulled to its full length and caught at the hem there will be few, if any, "runners" occurring within a reasonable time. Wear your stockings comfortably, not too loose or too tight. One extreme is as bad as the other.

A stocking with a lisle top, and foot will wear better than an all silk one.

Don't forget that children, like plants, suffer seriously from want of sunlight.

# SHE WANTED TO BE AN ACTRESS

By JEANETTE D. MAY

**H**ELEN WARFIELD when nineteen years of age, by the death of first her father and a few months later her mother, found herself responsible for the support of herself and several brothers and sisters very much younger than herself. What should she do to feed and clothe her little ones? She had shown some talent in private theatricals for histrionics and had been told that she would achieve success on the stage. An old friend of her mother offered to advance a certain sum by which she might receive some education as an actress, and Helen availed herself of it, taking lessons of an elocutionist.

Her instructor did not encourage her. He told her that her enunciation was peculiar to herself and that it was unattractive. As for her action, especially her facial expression, it was all that could be desired. But she could not hope to please with that alone, and her enunciation would so repel an audience that her valuable qualities would not be appreciated.

Helen's friends told her that this was rubbish. She had pleased private audiences and she would with the same gifts please the public. Helen believed them because she preferred to believe them. She did not know that intimate friends, even if competent critics, will seldom give an unbiased criticism. As for professional critics, while they may judge as to what is artistic, when it comes to judging what the public will fancy they are as much at sea as any one else.

Helen encouraged by her friends, persevered. After a hasty preparation she attempted, with the assistance of friends, to get an engagement. She was offered parts in which she would have but a few words to say, but she felt that they would give her no opportunity to show what she could do, and she pushed on for something better. Finally, at the earnest solicitation of a friend, she was given a trial. It was arranged that she should understudy for a part that would test her powers, and the person whom she was understudying agreed to give way to her as soon as she was ready to make the trial.

In due time she appeared in the role she had been preparing for. She made a dismal failure. She felt her part, acted her part, but she could not speak her part. As her preceptor had warned her, her enunciation spoiled the whole. "What shall I do?" she moaned. "I have spent the money furnished me to study and have failed."

"I have heard," said her instructor, "that these men who show moving photographs are beginning to give little plays. If you are in need of money

you might make something in that way."

Helen's heart sank within her. What—give up her dreams of having her name posted in enormous letters as a famous actress, to be photographed for a ten cent show! Horrible! Nevertheless, going home to a lot of hungry children, with nothing to buy food for them, sent her the next day to a studio where a picture play was just beginning to be made ready for presentation to the public. Although the manager had no experience at that early date in producing such plays, it occurred to him that the chief feature in them was the acting, especially the facial expression. Beauty was also an advantage, and Helen was comely.

"Let me see you look like a thief caught red handed," he said.

Helen obeyed. "Good! Now laugh. Good again! Look at me with haughty contempt. Excellent! You are condemned to death. You are an innocent girl listening to the first words of love. That will do. You have the power of expressing by your face what you feel. In your case words are not needed. What salary do you expect?"

"Whatever you choose to pay."

"I will start you at \$25 a week, but I am sure you will soon be worth more than that."

Helen was surprised. How easy was the getting of this situation compared with her efforts to secure a trial at which she had failed! The manager advanced a week's salary, anxious to bind the bargain and fearing some other manager would get her away from him.

He gave her a part in the play that he was about making photographs for, and it was at once evident that she would make a great success. And she did.

Helen Warfield within a few months was receiving \$100 a week and is now a prime movie favorite. She has seen the day when famous actors and actresses are proud to perform by photograph. She has a genius for interpreting humanity by expression, though she has no gift whatever for rendering it in speech. The plays selected for her are such as may be rendered in this way. She has acted the title role in some of the famous plays, but they are those in which the strength lies in the acting rather than the speech.

It is needless to add that Helen Warfield is making money, and feeding, clothing and educating her charges is a very simple matter. When she has acted her parts sufficiently to be photographed successfully in them her work is done, while her competitors on the stage are obliged to work on for every cent they receive.

# A Place For the Boys and Girls

## WHO CAN DRIVE NAILS BEST?

Have a Contest and Try Out the Skill of Your Friends.

For each contestant provide a hammer, a block of wood and a supply of eightpenny or tenpenny nails. When all contestants are ready give the signal for the nail driving to begin. The object is to drive in the nails in the shortest possible time and the first one to drive home ten nails is the winner. The head of the nail must be flush with the surface of the wood before it is considered in. This contest may be for either men or women, or for both. Any number may enter, but too many contestants scatter the attention. Usually most fun results with three contestants from each side. For those who are not expert soft wood may be provided, while hard, seasoned wood and long nails will tax the skill of the most experienced. This game, by the way, will almost certainly dispel the superstition that women cannot drive nails straight. Variation may be secured by having contests for boys, girls, married women, and so on.—Country Gentleman.

## Spanish Boys' Game.

Spanish lads have a game which they call "hobbybull," and it has something on the American kiddies' hobbyhorse, according to those who have seen it. The boys of Malaga and other Spanish cities find an immense amount of excitement and amusement in mock encounters with the hobbybull, which is merely a framework mounted on wooden wheels and has a pair of horns lashed to its forward end. Armed with a scarlet cloth, one of the boys infuriates the hobbybull, while another operates the "animal."

Why is a dog's tail like the heart of a tree? Because it is farthest from the bark.

## "BE PREPARED," IS THE SCOUT MOTTO

### How One Boy Became a Millionaire by Grasping an Opportunity When He Saw It.

The scout's motto is "Be prepared," and he should be prepared for what ever opportunity presents itself. A Chicago scout master tells of a boy who later became a millionaire, who began his career by taking advantage of an opportunity that came to him as he was passing an auction shop. He saw several boxes of a kind of soap which his mother was accustomed to buy from the family grocer. Hastening to the grocery store, he asked the price of the soap. "Twelve cents a pound," was the reply. On being pressed for a lower figure, the shopkeeper remarked in a bantering tone that he would buy all that the boy could bring to the store at 9 cents a pound. The boy hurried back to the auction and bought the soap at 6 cents a pound. It was in this way that he made his first money in trade and laid the foundation of his fortune.

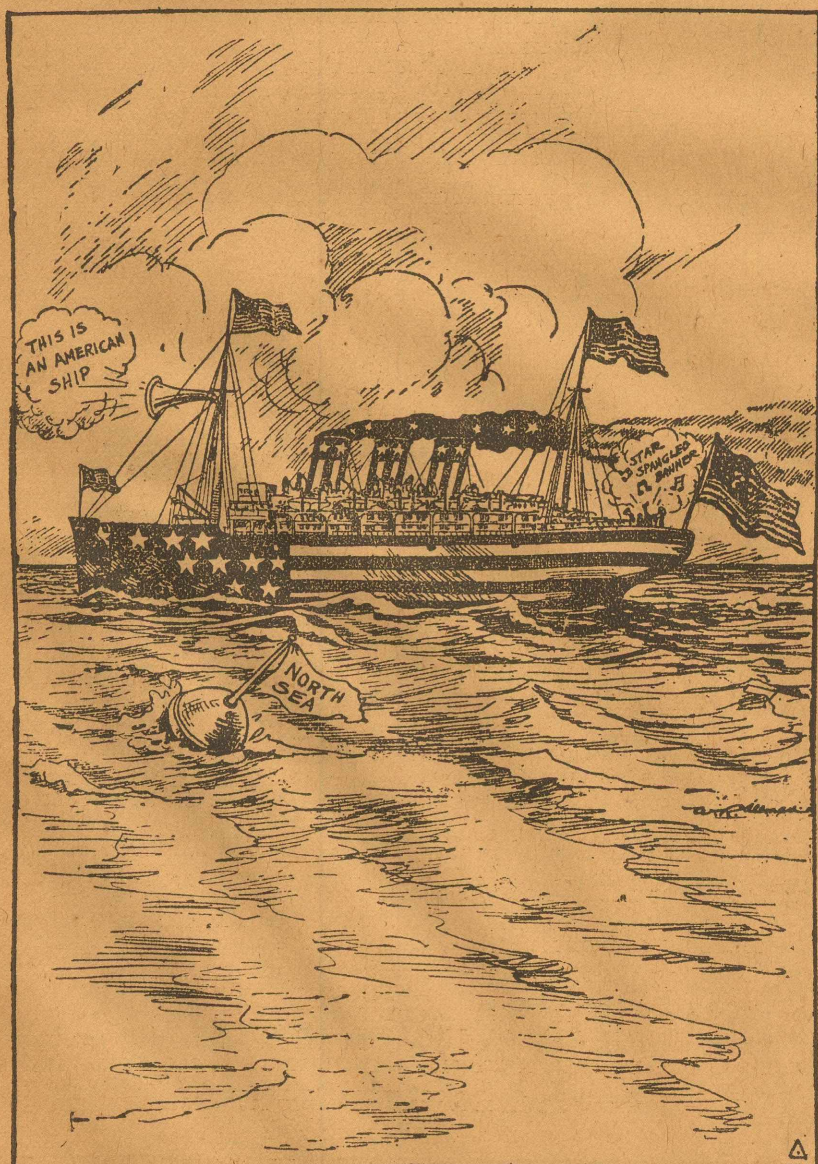
## Game of Elements.

All seated around the room, one of the company holds in his hand a soft ball, to which should be fastened a string, so that it may be easily drawn back again. Sometimes a ball of worsted is used, with a yard or two left unwound. The holder of the ball then throws it to one person and this to another, naming at the same time one of the elements (fire, air, earth, water), and each player as the ball touches him must before ten is counted mention a quality of that element. Should any one speak when fire is mentioned he is out of the game.



Photo by American Press Association. Little German Boy Scout in a Real Uniform Like His Father Wears.

## Paint Them Like This



—Wisconsin State Journal.

J. W. Young, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Young is not only a substantial citizen but is one of the most prosperous farmers of the country and we are glad to number him among our friends.

J. R. McArthur, of Tap, was in town one day this week and reported that he intended to begin planting his crops this week. On account of continued rains crop planting has been somewhat delayed. However, bumper crop prospects have been enhanced. Come to Dickens county and the great Spur country.

C. M. Buchanan, an old timer and one of the most substantial citizens of Dickens county, was in Spur this week and while here handed us a dollar for this paper, and for which we extend our sincere thanks and will do our best to give him more than his money's worth in the course of a year.

C. L. Hamilton, of Anson, was in Spur this week looking after his property interests here. He had his name added to our subscription list. Rapidly and substantially the list of Texas Spur readers is growing. Tell your neighbor to get on the "honor roll."

Otho L. Hale, a leading citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur Saturday of last week and spent some time here on business. Mrs. W. R. Stafford and daughter, Miss Gladys, returned with him and spent several days in Afton with Mr. and Mrs. Hale.

A. S. Jackson, one of the most prominent citizens of Dickens, had business in Spur this week.

Jim Thompson was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office this week. Jim Thompson is not only a fine printer but one among the best men we know following that trade. We are glad to know that he will again be a citizen of Dickens county, he having secured employment from County Clerk Crawford Cobb who, we understand, will also engage in the printing business in connection with his official position.

W. H. Bryant and wife, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were in Spur Thursday. Mrs. Bryant and little child left on the afternoon train for Mineral Wells where she will remain on an extended visit with relatives and friends of that city.

Judge E. J. Cowan, who has been spending some time in Mart, Austin and other cities of the eastern part of the state, returned this week to Spur and is again greeting his friends here.

Judge Blaine Speer and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Thursday. Mrs. Speer left on the afternoon train for Peacock where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Leonard Joplin came down this week from Roaring Springs and spent several days in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Joplin.

Billy Stovall came over from Dickens one day this week and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

Witt Springer made a business trip this week to Jayton and other points down the Stamford & Northwestern railway.

Mrs. J. E. Morris returned this week from a visit of several days to her mother and other relatives in Haskell.

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS.**

E. R. Rogers, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur this week and while here called around and had his name added to our growing subscription list. During the past two weeks we have added many new names to our subscription list, and every one of which we appreciate and which encourages and assists us in publishing a better paper for Dickens county. Again we say that we want to include on our list the name of every good man in Dickens county.

**DOG NOTICE.**

All parties within the corporate limits of the City of Spur who desire to protect their dogs are warned to pay the necessary dog tax and secure tags before the 1st day of May, 1915. All dogs not properly tagged after that date will be killed. —G. L. Barber, City Marshall.

J. Anderson Davis was in the city one day this week from his farm home northeast of Spur and hauled out lumber and material with which to build hog pens, he stated that he would try the hog business in connection with his farming business, with a view of increasing his income.

Jess Norris, a leading citizen, ranchman and merchant of Wake, was in Spur last week on business and spent some time here greeting friends. He reports his section of the country in the very finest shape with respect to both farming and cattle interests.

Frank Hastings, wife and two children, returned last week to their home in Stamford after spending some time in Spur. The two children underwent operations at the Standifer Hospital.

J. E. Counts has our sincere thanks this week for three big, silver dollars on subscription. It is just such subscribers who make it possible for a newspaper man to live and publish a paper.

Friday, April 30, at School Auditorium the Music and Expression classes will render an afternoon program. You are invited to be present at 2:30 o'clock. 25-2t.

Miss Creola Richburg, Messrs. Faust Collier and Robt. Bartlett appear in "Her Superior Intelligence" April 30, 8:15 p. m. H. S. Auditorium. Come!! 25-2t.

Music and Expression recital Friday afternoon at H. S. Auditorium complimentary to friends and patrons. April 30 2:30 o'clock. 25-2

H. C. Draper, a successful and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in town this week.

T. H. Gilmore was in town recently from the Spur ranch headquarters and spent some time here greeting his many friends.

Best comedy ever presented! "The Mouse Trap" and "Her Superior Intelligence." April 30th. 8:30 p. m. Admission 15 and 25c.

The little five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Car, of the Steel Hill country, is reported very sick this week of pneumonia.

J. C. Davis came in this week from his ranch home north of Afton and spent some time here on business.

Wanted to Buy a good, second-hand wagon. See Dr. Standifer at the Standifer Hospital. 25-1t.

W. T. Lovell came in last week from the Draper country and spent some time in Spur on business.

Mat Howell, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur this week on business.

April 30th for an evening of fun. 15 and 25c. 25-5t.

W. F. Walker came in Monday from his farm home two miles southeast of town and spent several hours here greeting friends.

Lost.—Baby's cloak, white, cream lace around collar. Finder return to Texas Spur office and get reward. 25 1t.

J. V. McCormick and family, of Afton, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur visiting Mrs. A. T. Odeneal and J. W. Reams and family.

C. A. Bobo has been going about town this week on crutches as the result of injuries sustained in falling from a step-ladder.

Neil Holman, who has been spending some time in Spur, left this week for Amarillo where he has a position.

J. W. Johnson, of a mile or two east of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Monday.

J. L. Curry, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was among the number of visitors in town Monday.

S. P. Odam, of several miles south of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Monday.

Jno. C. Stephens was in the city Monday from the Tap country and spent several hours here on business.

W. F. Cathey was among the number of visitors in the city Monday from the surrounding country.

Hamp Collett came in Saturday from his home north of Spur and spent some time here on business.

W. F. Shugart came in Monday from his home east of Spur and spent some time here on business.

Clif Lovelace spent several days of this week in Dallas visiting his brother of that city.

Jeff and Jim Smith were in the city Monday from their homes eight or nine miles west of Spur.

Ovid Conner, of the Lee county settlement on the plains, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Conner came to this country three years ago from Indiana and is now considered one of our most substantial citizens.

Wyatt Taylor was in town Tuesday from his Lake Home farm on the plains. He reports everything in good shape and prospects continue the very brightest for bumper crops in that section again this year.

J. H. Sparks, an old ex-Confederate Soldier and one of the most prominent citizens of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here paid the Texas Spur office a very pleasant call.

Mrs. Murray left Spur recently for an extended visit to relatives at Rotan, Hermleigh, R. and other points before returning to Spur.

Mrs. Witt Springer, of Aspermont, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with E. F. Springer and family and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers.

Mr. Pearson, of Waco, who will have charge of the Miller Lumber Company at Jayton, spent several days of this week in Spur.

Mebane Cottonseed for sale at 65 cents a bushel, from first year's planting in this country — J. L. Karr at Old Espeula. 24 2tp.

Bill McArthur was in town this week from his home in the Tap country.

Jeff D. Harkey and son, Earl Harkey, were in Spur one day this week on business.

W. F. Foreman, a prominent citizen and farmer of several miles north of Spur, was among the visitors to town this week.

T. S. Lambert was in town Thursday from the Tap country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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**CHAS. JAYE, DICKENS, TEX.**

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