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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

## A NEWSPAPER

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### PREPARING TO BUILD A \$20,000 GIN IN SPUR

J. H. Farmer was among the number in the city Saturday from the surrounding country. Mr. Farmer is one of the promoters of the new gin company now under process of formation and was here Saturday to attend a meeting as announced last week. However, on account of the rainy weather, the meeting was not held. It is proposed to organize the gin company with a capital of twenty thousand dollars, erect a gin in Spur and have it in operation for the fall ginning season. We understand that several thousand dollars of the capital stock has already been subscribed and but little delay is anticipated in securing the required amount of stock subscribed.

#### ATTEND CONFERENCE.

Rev. Ed E. White, Geo. S. Link and J. E. Brown left Friday of last week to attend the Methodist District Conference which convened in Aspermont. On account of the washout of the railroad bridge over the Salt Fork these gentlemen were forced to remain in Aspermont several days longer than they intended.

### TEN WAGONS LOADED OUT WITH LUMBER FROM SPUR

Thursday ten wagons were loaded in Spur with lumber with which to build a new residence for Ralph McLaughlin of the Lee county settlement on the plains, his former residence having been completely destroyed by the storm Saturday night. The residences of Fred Nichols and Ben Clark of the same neighborhood were also wrecked by the storm. Mr. McLaughlin will replace his former residence with a new and modern farm home, while the other two residences will probably be repaired, since they were not completely destroyed in the storm.

### SPUR ODDFELLOWS LODGE CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

About one hundred and fifty members and guests of the Oddfellows Lodge attended the anniversary celebration Saturday night at the lodge hall in Spur. On account of the weather the program was incomplete but highly entertaining and enjoyed by those present. Mayor Jennings was master of ceremonies and in the opening address made appropriate and appreciative remarks concerning the occasion and fraternalism in general. Miss Zada Stafford and Miss Bernice Tidwell entertained the audience with a reading and recitation which were enjoyed.

At the conclusion of this program an inviting supper was prepared by the ladies which was enjoyed to the full extent.

Sunday morning the Oddfellows met at the hall and marched to the Baptist tabernacle

where Rev. A. P. Stokes delivered the annual sermon on Fraternalism, the delivery being eloquent, convincing and highly educational. A special orchestra musical program was rendered on the occasion.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages of the weather conditions the Oddfellows celebration was one of the most pleasant, profitable and enjoyable social and fraternal events of the season.

#### WILL RAISE FINE STOCK.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Sparks recently bought a fine, highbred bull from R. M. Hamby and states that he intends to raise the best stock in the future. The tendency is towards raising and producing the best in every line, and in our opinion the man who fails to keep in the procession will take a back seat in the years to come. We congratulate Mr. Sparks in thus becoming one of the leaders in the progressive procession of stockfarming in this country.

#### TO COUNTY OFFICERS.

We have on hand a nice supply of official stationery, legal blanks, etc., required by county officers and we respectfully ask Dickens County officers to give us a deserved consideration in the matter of all county printing. We have gone to considerable expense preparing to do this work, and in view of the circumstances under which we made a deal for the Dickens Item and continued its publication in connection with the Texas Spur, we feel that this work is due us as long as we can do it as satisfactorily and as cheaply as any other shop.

#### MARKETING PRODUCE.

H. E. Grabener, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of several miles east of Spur, was in the city this week marketing country produce. Mr. Grabener is one of the farmers who have something to market twelve months in the year, and such farmers are recognized as successful the world over. Evidently the method and plan of farming has as much as the soil to do in promoting successful farming.

#### FAVORS THE TEXAS SPUR.

Recently we received a check from G. A. Pursley from his ranch home near Jayton enclosing a check for five dollars for five years subscription to the Texas Spur, and for which he has our sincere thanks. Berry Pursley is one of the biggest, most successful and most prosperous ranchmen of the country, and our wish is that he may live long and continue to prosper.

#### DAMAGE BY STORM.

We have just received information that the farm home of Melvin Bilberry, six miles north of Dickens, was blown down by the wind storm Saturday night. No doubt there has been other damage in the country of which we have not yet been informed. The storm passed over the north portion of Dickens county.

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Teacher—"What is it that binds us together and makes us better than we are by nature?" "Corsets sir" piped a wise little girl of eight.

Now, if this little girl had been a few years older she would have said Laresista Spira bone Corsets. It will pay you to see our stock of those matchless models. No trouble to find a style exactly suited to your individual needs. Please remember the name. Don't just ask for "Corsets," but insist upon having a genuine Laresista.

Yes, the railroad is out of commission this week, but our stock of Groceries is in good shape, and we will have plenty of goods to supply our trade 'till the trains come again. So come on and get your supplies and we will keep things going by planting and sowing and thanking and praying that all is so well. The constant drop of water wears away the hardest stone

The constant gnawing of Towser masticates the hardest bone

The constant coming lover carries off the blushing maid

And we constantly remind you we want to get your trade.

A fish peddler was whipping his slow but patient horse and hollering "Fresh mackerel! Fresh mackerel!"

A woman seeing his acts of cruelty called to him: "Have you no mercy?"

"No mam," he replied, "nothing but mackerel."

Buggies—You should see them. The newest and snappiest jobs, and the prices are in reach of anybody. \$50 and up for Top Buggies. We can't all buy automobiles—even Fords are hard to get—but we can afford a Banner Buggy, and they are good lookers yet.

Picnic days are coming, and you must have a new picnic Hat and a fancy Parasol. We can fit you up in these, and you will find the red lemonade on the grounds.

This is a great country. We like its rain and sunshine; its progressive citizenship and a thousand other things. But we heard of a fellow who hadn't been here long who was asked if this country agreed with his wife. He said no, but that was more than he would expect of any country."

We have about 75 bushels of Genuine Mebane Cottonseed, \$1 per bushel. Hurry and get a few before they are all sold.

Light Crust Flour, not cheaper, but better. If it's cheaper flour you want, we have it, but why not have the best—Light Crust. Every sack absolutely guaranteed.

How good one of our Palm Beach Suits would feel these hot days, and they cost so little. We have them for both men and boys.

Some merchants are always advertising a big sale. We have the same idea, except we want ours to continue this year from January 1st, 1915, to January 1st, 1916. And we might fake you on a ten days, but we know to succeed for twelve months and then continue, we must give you real values. So far our sale has been above our expectations, and we thank you for every dollar you have spent with us. "Come on with the crowds."—Bryant-Link Company.

#### KICKED BY HORSE.

W. F. Foreman, of the Dry Lake community, was one of the number of visitors in the city this week. He reports that his little five years old son was kicked by a horse, the hoof striking the little fellow on the nose, breaking the bone with the result that he is not only seriously injured but will carry the scar marks through life. We hope that the little fellow will soon recover and that the marks of the injuries will not be of a permanent nature.

### TWO CARS OF PEANUTS SHIPPED FROM SPUR

Two cars of peanuts grown in the Spur Country were shipped Saturday to Denison where they will be manufactured into the various peanut products. The peanuts were brought in by Ed Hulse, H. C. Parsons, J. J. Rogers, Jim Cross, Craig Parsons, J. E. Sparks, J. T. Parsons, J. I. Greer, and possibly other farmers of the Spur country. They were sold for two cents a pound, and we are informed that the sandy lands produced this year from thirty to forty bushels of peanuts to the acre.

The sandy lands of this section are especially adapted to growing peanuts as well as every character of fruit, and when nuts and fruits are more extensively grown the great Spur country will become noted for its fine fruit and peanut products.

#### READ TEXAS SPUR.

Recently Mrs Mary A. Harvey, formerly of Spur but who is now living in Amarillo, sent us a dollar for another year's subscription to the Texas Spur. We appreciate such evidences of good will and appreciation of the Texas Spur, and our desire is to add hundreds of names more to the list of readers of this paper.

### SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

An election will be held Saturday for the purpose of electing four members to the Board of Trustees of the Spur Independent School District. The four members whose term expires at this time are Perry Fite, R. L. Collier, B. D. Glasgow and J. F. Vernon. The holdover members of the board are Jas. F. Williams, T. A. Tidwell and E. C. Edmonds.

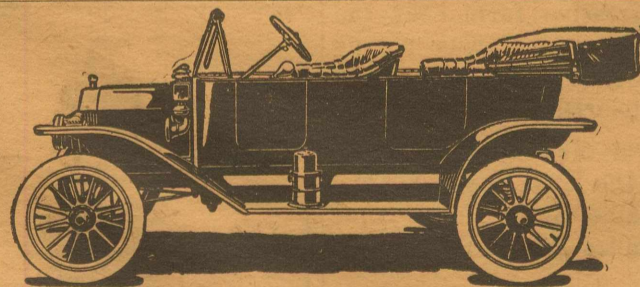
The following names will appear on the official ballot to be voted in this election: Fred O. McFall, J. B. Richbourg, B. D. Glasgow and R. L. Collier.

### SHIPPING STEERS THIS WEEK TO KANSAS GRASS

Wednesday White & Swearingin started a bunch of sixteen or eighteen hundred steers from the Spur Ranch to Kansas where they will be grazed through the spring months. On account of the washouts on the Stamford & Northwestern Railway the cattle were carried to Roaring Springs for shipment over the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway.

#### SUCCESSFUL FARMER.

S. R. Bowman, of three miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Bowman is one of the farmers of this section who now has his farm land all in readiness for planting, he having plowed his land in the winter. He pushes his farm work rather than have his farm work push him, therefore his success as a farmer.



Ford  
The Universal Car

This is the most Important Advertisement I Ever Caused to be Published.—Read Every Word—and then Marvel!

On a personal visit to Mr. Henry Ford I broached the subject of a possible August 1st Rebate.

"The Ford Company announced last year—as you well remember—that if their total sales reached 300,000 cars between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, each purchaser during that period would receive back a refund of \$40.00 to \$60.00."

"Mr. Ford," I suggested, "Is there anything I can say to our people with regard to the Ford Motor Car Company's 300,000 car rebate plan?"

"We shall sell the 300,000," was the quiet reply—"and in 11 months, a full month ahead of August 1st!"

"Then a refund is practically assured?"

"Yes—barring the totally unexpected. We are 50,000 to 75,000 cars behind orders today. Factory and branches are sending out 1800 daily."

I then said to Mr. Ford: "If I could make a definite refund statement we would increase our local sales 500 cars."

"You may say," was Mr. Ford's deliberate and significant reply to this—"You may say that we shall pay back to each purchaser of a Ford car between August 1, 1914, and August 1, 1915, barring the unforeseen, the sum \$50. You may say that I authorized you to make this statement!"

What can I add to the above? \$15,000,000 cash coming back to Ford owners! And to prospective Ford owners up to August 1, 1915, it actually means—Ford Touring Cars for \$490—less the \$50 rebate! Ford Runabouts for \$440—less the \$50 rebate! What is there left for me to say?

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman,  
SPUR, TEXAS

# WHY!

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*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!

### DELINQUENT TAX BILL SIGNED.

Governor Ferguson has signed the delinquent tax bill passed at the last session of the legislature. This is the bill which makes it mandatory upon tax collectors throughout the state to make out a list of delinquent tax payers and see that delinquent taxes are paid. The bill also provides that district or county attorneys shall institute suit for the collection of delinquent taxes. A heavy penalty is imposed upon the tax collector and also upon the county or district attorney as the case may be, for failure to comply with this law. So delinquents had better get busy and square up their state and county taxes. The comptroller will be sure to see that business picks up after June 19, 1915, at which date the law goes into effect. —Palo Pinto Star.

W. C. Barley and family, of the Dry Lake community, were in the city the first of the week to see Mrs. Barley's brother, Jim Walters, who is now recovering of an operation performed recently at the Standifer Hospital. They spent the night in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Wedekind.

W. W. Waldrup came in Thursday from his farm and ranch home in the Draper country and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

L. A. Hindman went down to Jayton Tuesday to bring back a number of people who have been water-bound in that town for several days.

Tom Greer, of the Tap country, was among the number of visitors in Spur Tuesday, spending several hours here greeting friends.

### TABERNACLE AT DUMONT.

Ernest and Harvey Lee returned Monday from Dumont where they have been the past several weeks building a large tabernacle for the Baptist Church at that place. The Dumont tabernacle is similar to the two tabernacles of Spur and will be a credit to that town and community. The people of the Dumont country are not only prosperous but progressive.

B. F. Bural, a leading citizen and progressive farmer of the Steel Hill country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Thursday. †

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill were in the city Tuesday from their Alamo Stock Farm home twenty miles west of Spur.

A. S. Jackson, one of the most prominent citizens of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Thursday.

T. H. Gilmore came in from the ranch one day last week and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Prof. L. P. Hale, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday on business and greeting friends.

J. N. Zumwalt was in Spur recently from his home twenty miles west of Spur.

A boy was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell of this city.

See "The Mouse Trap"—April 30 8:15 o'clock. 25-2t.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Bum McCombs, Saturday, a girl.

A girl was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. W. Edgar.

### STORM IN MIDWAY COUNTRY

Rev. W. B. Bennett passed through Spur Monday on his return home from the Midway community north of Dickens where he filled his regular appointment Saturday night and Sunday. He reports that the rain and windstorm Saturday night over that section was severe and did some damage. The wind turned over the mail hack, and possibly other damage was done over the country.



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

### DEPOT BURNS AT ALBANY.

The entire structure of the M. K. & T. Depot at Albany was burned Monday night at 9:30, together with contents and one box car and three bales of cotton. It is not known how the fire started but it is supposed the rats were responsible. Six or eight boxes of matches were unloaded Monday afternoon and placed in one corner of the warehouse and it is supposed the rats struck some of them, causing the fire.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that "The County Board of Education" will hold its regular quarterly meeting at Dickens on the first Monday in May. All members are requested to be present and the district trustees are invited to attend. Respectfully,  
Minor Wilson, President  
County Board of Education.

### WEALTH AND POVERTY.

Nearly every paper you pick up contains a news item something like the following:

"Mrs. Goldie Goodgrease, while on a shopping tour down town, was robbed of a diamond necklace, valued at \$20,000. The mystery is, how the thief obtained the necklace, as Mrs. G. carried it in a handbag which was not out of her possession a moment. Detectives are now at work on the case, and they think they have a clew."

While I invariably discount the value of the article said to have been stolen, I am always glad to read them. Any woman who can walk down a street crowded with suffering humanity, wearing or carrying a useless ornament worth \$20,000 in a handbag, ought to lose it. I would hate to pass a hungry man, woman or child, unnoticed, while wearing a scarf pin worth \$1,000. Life is too short to spend it aping a peacock.—K. Lamity's Harpoon.

## R. L. Collier & Son

### Dealers in All Kinds Livestock

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.

# Women's Ways and Fancies

## Shadow Lace Veil Draped Over Motoring Hat



Motorists find the long flowing veil with the band below quite convenient. Tiny weights may be inserted inside the band if it is of silk or velvet. Worn with a round, close fitting hat of velvet like the one shown here, the veil is graceful and attractive.

### MILITARY WRAPS.

Garments Designed Along This Line Make a Special Appeal to Youth.

Hussar sets in braid, in all black and in black and gold, olive shaped military buttons with loops outlined by a thread of gold, says the Dry Goods Economist, are among the effects which are intended for the decoration of the shoulders, pockets, backs or fronts of military suits.

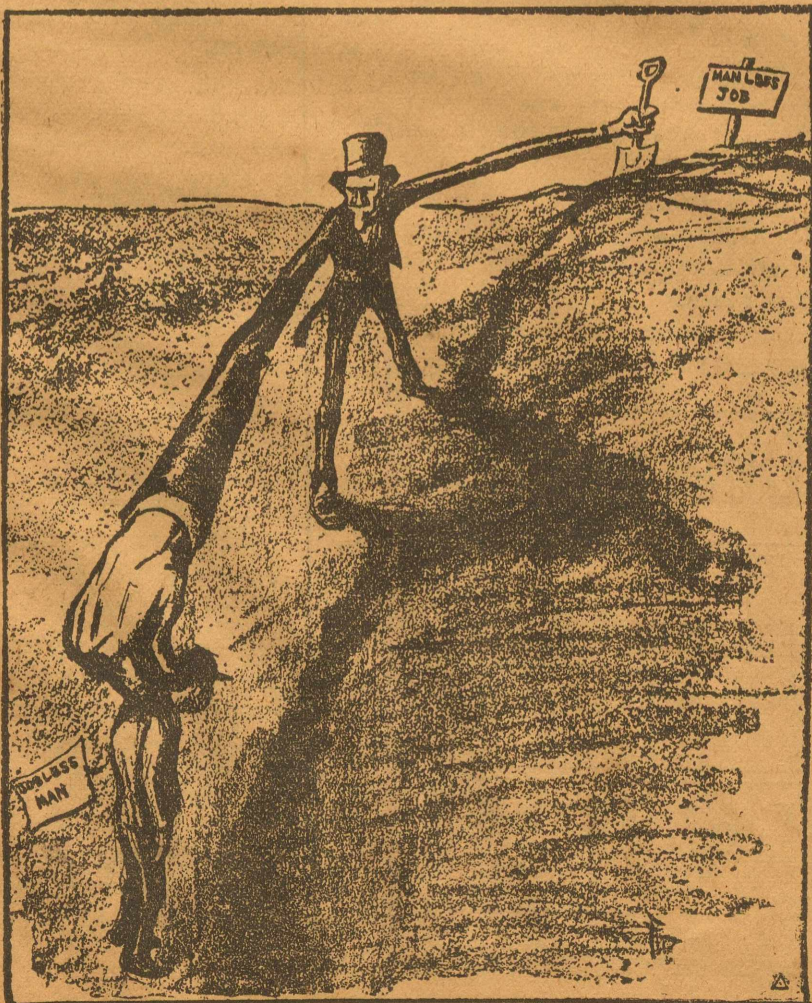
The gold idea is also evident in the braid field. Very soft Hercules braids made without filling show delicate outlinings of gold. Some very attractive novelties have scarlet pipings. Picot edge braids in narrow widths are a feature.

Some of the newest coats are a compromise between a coat and a cape. These models are trimmed in military style and are in armory blue or in armory gray. The real military cape is also included in the new lines. These models are touched up with gilt braid and buttons, or in practical models they are finished with black braid and buttons. They are expected to make a strong appeal to misses and to young women.

### Serving Orange Salad.

Orange salad is best served with roast chicken, celery sauce with quail and currant jelly with roast goose.

## Uncle Sam's New Job



—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

### FOR THE COOK.

If you would have your fried eggs look pink and beautiful fry them one at a time in a good deal of fat and give them your undivided attention. As they are cooking take a spoon and continually pour the hot fat over them until they are done. An egg that is a little stale is almost sure to break its yolk when it is put into the pan.

You can warm over meat much more quickly if you wrap it in greased paper. The steam will prevent the meat from becoming hard and dry.

A very quick way to cool a hot liquid is to pass it through a clean cloth saturated with cold water. And if the liquid is soup no trace of grease will remain.

To keep pancakes from being greasy and flabby do not have the batter too thick, and be sure that the fat is piping hot.

### THE YOKED SKIRT.

Featured For Spring In Novel and Fetching Variations.

Various types of yokes are used on the new skirt, some being deep enough to reach below the hip line, while others are short in pointed, scalloped or straight finish, says the Dry Goods Economist.

To give a novel effect, a few of the smart samples have a heading of the material, this giving a high waisted effect. Clusters of tucks of graduating widths, or the wide tucks arranged about six inches apart from the skirt edge to the knee are considered practical trimming ideas.

Dressy models for afternoon wear have puffings and platings at the skirt edge. These are mostly applied on skirts of silk and of soft finished fabrics. The models in mannish effect of covert or of serge have various types of pockets with fancy flaps of trimming or self material.

### Convenience In Scales.

The new spring scales for household and nursery use have an adjustable tube which makes it possible to weigh the contents of a box or basket hung on the hook without having to deduct the weight of the empty receptacle. The empty basket is hung on the hook first by itself and the inner tube scale adjusted to the "O" mark. Then whatever is to be weighed is placed in the basket and the weight is registered.

# A Woman Spy

By HORACE H. HARTLEY

THE great European war has brought out the woman spy. Here is a story connected with a woman spy of 1870.

Martin Lemoyne was much interested in his family tree. The Lemoynes came from France, and Martin traced his ancestry there. About the beginning of the present century he went to France and after considerable hunting found the branch of the family to which he belonged. They lived in the department of the Marne on a road over which the Germans in 1870 marched to Paris.

Lemoyne's relatives received him cordially and were quite curious about one of the family who had become an American. He was about thirty years old at the time and admired very much one of his cousins—many times removed—a young girl of twenty. Louise Lemoyne captivated him by her very pleasant laugh, which rang out on all occasions. Indeed, it seemed that the natural expression of her face was a smile. There was with this a bit of witchery in her that rendered her doubly attractive. The American fell in love with his French cousin and proposed to take her back to America with him.

"If you knew," she said, "you wouldn't want me."

These were the first words Martin heard her say without the smile.

"If I knew what?" he asked.

"I am not always what you see me. Sometimes I am another person. I will tell you whether I will go with you to America tomorrow—that is, if you ask me again. But you will not."

That night his room was changed. Why he was not informed. One thing he noticed that pleased him very much. On the wall was hung a portrait of Louise. The artist had caught that smile of hers with all its seductiveness. It seemed to him that she was smiling especially at him. To whatever part of the room he went those mischievous eyes followed him.

He went to bed and to sleep. Presently he was awakened by a flash of light. Some one had put a lamp in the hall, which shone through the transom. Martin was about to turn over and go to sleep when he glanced at that part of the wall where hung Louise's picture. The light shining through the transom faced it and rested on it.

A cold chill ran down Martin's back. What a horrible contrast between Louise with her smile and Louise as she now appeared! The one was the quintessence of innocent happiness, the other despair.

To get rid of the effect of the light on the portrait Martin moved first one way, then another. All he could do by this was sometimes to show more of Louise smiling and sometimes more of Louise in despair.

The lamp without was removed as suddenly as it had appeared, leaving the room in darkness. Lemoyne endeavored to shut out that ghastly look from his mental vision, but it would not go away. It seemed that the subject of the portrait was about to be dragged to some frightful doom, and he lay wondering what it was. He heard the clock strike every hour between 1 and 7. As soon as it was light he wished to throw off the covers and have a look at the picture, but dreaded to do so, fearing he would encounter that fearful gaze. At last he summoned resolution to do so.

There was the entrancing smile under the mischievous eyes.

When he met Louise that morning she looked at him with a half frightened, half mischievous inquiring expression. He realized for the first time that she had been responsible for what had occurred during the night. But how he had no idea. He turned away from her with a shudder.

"Monsieur was not pleased with my double," she said, in a half pleading tone.

Lemoyne turned.

"Explain that portrait," he said.

"Monsieur does not wish me to go with him to America?"

"For heaven's sake, help me to get rid of that awful face."

At this she looked penitent and told him that years ago, before she was born, the Germans, when they invaded France, had passed the house. At the time a woman spy was taken and condemned to death. The night before her execution an artist had caught the expression of despair on her face and had transferred it to canvas. The picture had remained in the house, and recently some one had suggested that in order to get away with the grewsome subject Louise's likeness be painted over it. Whether or not the paint was thin or in some way transparent, in a certain light the two pictures were blended. Louise, yielding to a whim, had arranged that her lover should sleep facing it and had herself held the light in the hall.

Lemoyne was much displeased at what she had done and declined to forgive her for a whole day. Then he repeated his offer, and she consented to go with him to America. But before they departed he burned the portrait.

# For the Paper's Younger Readers

## GAME OF FORTUNE TELLING.

Write Prophecies on Slips of Paper and Put Them in Walnuts.

Write on slips of paper the fortune, of which some samples will be given below, and place them in walnut shells, out of which the nut has been taken. Paste the two half shells together, and when your "party" is seated around the festive board hand them around.

Here are a few fortunes:

"You will hold a public position in the community in which you live."

"Your lot is to bear other people's burdens. Your helpmate will share your troubles with you."

"One year of your life will be spent in poverty. All the others will be prosperous."

"You will marry a person of good family, fine appearance and extraordinary ability."

"Few sorrows will come to you, but much happiness will be your lot through life."

"Your relatives will envy you your fine helpmate and lovely family."

"Your life will be a continuous climb. You will have ambition for your watchword."

### "SPOT YOUR STAVES."

A Game For Boy Scouts Somewhat Similar to a Paper Chase.

The game of "spot your staves" is played in the same way as an ordinary paper chase, except that the staves are provided with a number of small circular gummed labels, such as are used by shopkeepers for marking the prices on goods.

Every time the trail is dropped not more than two labels should be dropped with it. As soon as the trail is picked up by a hound he blows his whistle. The other hounds immediately proceed to the spot and search for the two labels. When found they should be stuck on to the finder's staff, and at the end of the chase the scout with the most labels wins.

This tends to keep up the interest of the smaller scouts, who otherwise would soon be inclined to lag behind.—Scout.

### Conundrums.

In what key should a man propose to his girl? Be mine ah. (B minor).  
When is a newspaper like a delicate child? When it appears weekly.

## Little Peter of Greece In National Dress



Photo by American Press Association.

LITTLE Greece is one of the small countries of Europe which is deeply interested in the dreadful war which is killing off thousands of men and making women and children hungry and homeless. It was only a short time ago that Greece was at war with Turkey and with Bulgaria, but now the people there are living in comparative peace, while all around them others are fighting. The king of Greece is named Constantine, and he has a very interesting little nephew, Peter, four and a half years old. Prince Peter is always happy when he can put on the gay dress the poorer people of that country wear on special occasions. Little Peter is seen here with his mother, both being in national costume. His mother is the daughter of Prince Roland Bonaparte of France, Peter's father is Prince George, a brother of the king of Greece.

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**I**N Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

### THE MAN WHO ADVERTISES WILL GET CREAM OF TRADE

Recently we placed a seventy five cent ad in the Texas Spur offering an oil stove for sale. The stove was readily sold. Last week a small ad was placed in the paper for a lost cloak. The cloak was brought in. We advertised for some lost mules and they were soon located. Every week we have unquestioned demonstrations that it pays to advertise. That advertisements pay is no longer a question but a recognized fact throughout the country. The only question of advertising is "how to advertise and how to attract the trade." The business man who advertises in the best and most attractive manner is the man who will get the cream of the trade within his territory—and this fact is being thoroughly demonstrated from week to week.

H. T. Garner, of near Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city the latter part of the week.

Witt Springer made a business trip last week to Jayton.

Fred O. McFall was in the city Tuesday with a load of threshed maize which is being loaded on a car here for shipment to the Eastern part of the state to supply the demand for feed in that section. Come to West Texas where feed can be grown in abundance.

Mrs. Trammell, of near Aspermont, was brought to the Standifer Hospital Friday of last week and underwent an operation Sunday. At this time we are glad to note that Mrs. Trammell is doing nicely and will soon be able to be removed to her home.

Bob Clark, of Madison county, arrived in Spur this week and after visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor a short time he left for the plains country where he will be employed during the year with J. J. Hickman on his farm in that section.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson was in town Monday from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

### SHIPPING CAR OF MAIZE TO EASTERN PART OF STATE

Throughout the week several wagons have been hauling threshed maize and loading on a car in Spur for shipment to the eastern part of the state. The maize is being shipped by J. H. Farmer and W. M. Childress, who raised more feed stuff this year than they can use.

In past years the people of the eastern part of this state would laugh at a man for coming west to farm and would propose to ship out supplies to tide such venturesome men over lean years. The tide is turning, and before many years the east will depend on the west for supplies in many lines of agriculture. This is no idle talk. With proper development Western Texas will become recognized as a leading agricultural empire and we are now rapidly developing to that end.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett and son, Cecil, of the Gilpin country, were in Spur Saturday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Bennett has gained a wide reputation as a writer of poetry, and with the proper opportunity her writings would gain favor throughout the country.

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.

Messrs. Will, Jim and Ed Eldredge, prominent young men of the plains country, were in Spur Saturday on business and greeting friends.

Hamp Collett came in Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

G. A. Howsley left last week for Albany where he will spend some time with his family at that place.

### STORM DOES DAMAGE IN THE PLAINS COUNTRY

A hail, wind and rain storm over the plains country and the north part of Dickens county Saturday night did considerable damage and injured a number of people.

The farm homes of Ralph McLaughlin and Fred Nichols in the Lee County settlement were blown down with other cribs and outhouses in that section. In the Nichols home Mrs. Nichols suffered a broken leg and collar bone, Mr. Nichols was knocked unconscious and a gentleman by the name of Taylor who was spending the night at the home had one of his legs broken by the house blowing in on them.

A heavy hail storm accompanied the wind and rain, injuring fruit and other crops of the country. Some damage is also reported in the Afton country.

Those injured in the Nichols home are reported doing nicely and the injuries are not expected to be fatal.

J. D. Hufstedler, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. J. Rogers, a successful stockfarmer of the Cat Fish country, was among the number of business visitors here the latter part of last week.

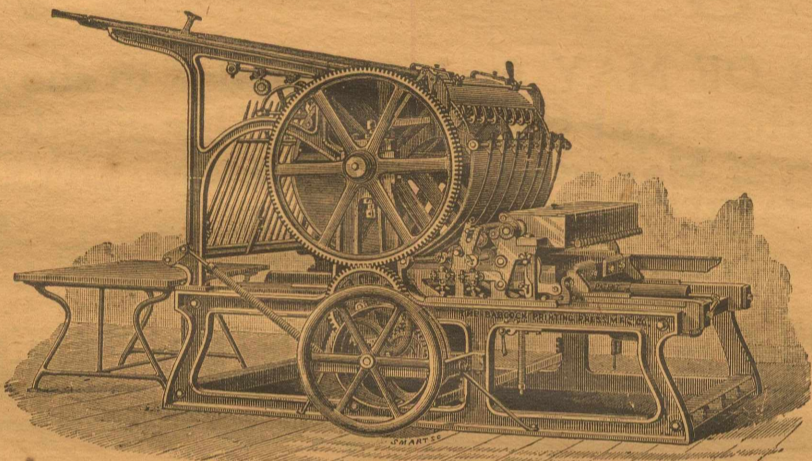
Poet Hagins came in last week from his home in the Gilpin country and spent some time in Spur on business and shaking hands with friends.

## Encouragement and Co-Operation

**Y**OU are entitled to encouragement and co-operation from your bank in the development of your business along any legitimate and practical line. It is the constant aim of The City National Bank to meet as many of the requirements of its depositors as it can consistently with sound banking principles, and to become a real factor in the development of their affairs.

### THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000  
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.  
C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.



THE TEXAS SPUR'S NEW PRINTING PRESS

*The above is a picture of the Texas Spur Printing Press which we have just installed this week and on which the paper will be printed until our circulation and business will justify installing a press similar to that of the Dallas News. We are proud of this press, and although it may not be as large as the Dallas News press we venture the assertion that it is a much finer and bigger press than that used by the Dallas News when that town was only five years old.*

*We give everybody a cordial invitation to call in at the Texas Spur office and see this press in operation. It is not only a wonderful piece of machinery but one of the best presses made for a small newspaper office.*

We Are Going to  
Make the Month  
of May

**A HUMMER**

Visit us Often Dur-  
ing This Great Sale

# LOVE'S GREAT GIVE Your Money Back

## SALE OF DRY GOODS

We will Make the  
Price and then  
give you your

**MONEY BACK**

Help Boost a Boost-  
ing Proposit ion!!

### Commencing Saturday, May the 1st And Closing on Monday, the 31st

**D**URING THE MONTH OF MAY we have decided to show the people of Spur and our general trade territory that Cash left over Our counter Means something to you. One day during the month of May we shall absolutely GIVE YOU FREE ALL THE GOODS YOU WANT TO BUY! Free Suits, Free Pants, Free Hats, Free Shoes, Free Dress, Free Dry Goods---Absolutely NOTHING RESERVED. Be one of The Lucky ones!

### TRADE WITH US DURING THIS MONTH!!

This Plan Applies Only to Spot Cash Sales During the Month of May

**R**EAD CAREFULLY OUR PLAN--Nothing could be more fair--it is unquestionable. We stand back of every word. We shall select three Business Days out of the month of May, each date will be placed in a sealed envelope, the three envelopes will be taken to the Cashier of the City National Bank who in the presence of three citizens will take two of the three envelopes without breaking the seals and destroy them by burning. The one left will be locked in a box and the key left with Oran McClure, editor of The Texas Spur. The box will then be placed in the Bank Vault for safety until June 1st, when in the presence of three or more citizens we will go there with Mr. McClure who will open the box, take the envelope out and find the date wrote on the enclosed slip. Every one trading with us that day can then bring back their duplicate purchase tickets and get the full amount of your cash returned to you, making your purchases on that day absolutely Free--No living soul will or can know what day this will be until the Sale is over We will commence giving, on Saturday, May 1st, a duplicate purchase ticket. Keep them. They will be wrapped in each package. They will be worth money to you. You must keep your tickets to compare with the one we hold as this is the only way we can refund your cash. Any kind of advertising costs money. We expect this to cost us, but whatever it costs, if \$100 or \$250. the money wout leave home, it will be left with our Friends and Customers.

### We Are Also Going to Offer Red Hot Prices!!

YOU WILL HIT THE LUCKY DAY WITH SOME PURCHASES IN THE MONTH!!

Best Calico 5c. Regular 12 1-2 cent Gingham for 10c. Childrens Dresses 50c up. Ladies Dresses \$1.00 up. Ladies \$1.50 to \$1.75 Waists cut to 98c. Good Work Pants 95c up. Mens \$2.50 Work Shoes for \$2.00. Mens Sun Hats 10c up. Ladies \$4.50 Dress Skirts \$2.95. Ladies Wash Skirts 98c.

### WE ARE GOING TO MAKE MAY A REAL HUMMER!

We Will Make The Price And After That Give Your Money Back  
VISIT US OFTEN DURING THIS BIG SALE!!

# LOVE DRY GOODS CO.

SPUR, TEXAS

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.

JNO. G. MCKAY,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

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:

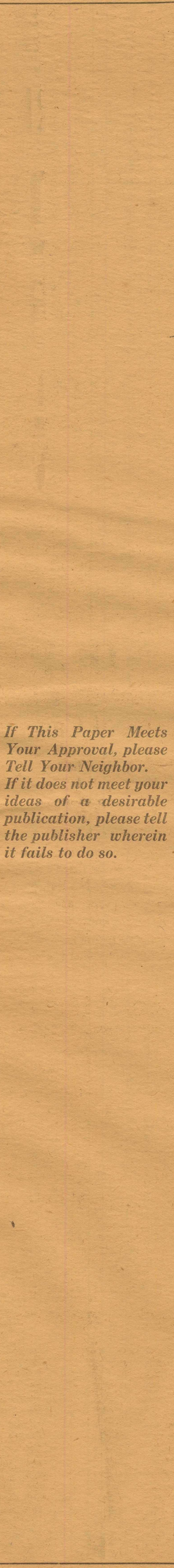
(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof, or irrigation therefrom, or in aid of such purposes.

(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.



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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.

(A true copy.)

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,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

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ONE DOLLAR FOR THE YEAR.

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 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 any purchaser.

SEC. 14. All lands and other property heretofore granted or 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.

JNO. G. MCKAY,  
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Norton A. Baker,  
Post Master.

S. W. Rather came in Friday of last week from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Rather reports everything in good shape in his section and says that the farmers of that country are all ready for the planting of crops which will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

C. D. Copeland was among the number in the city Monday. He said that on account of the continued rains he is behind with his farm work at this time, and since he intends to cultivate several hundred acres on his place again this year he will not now have the necessary time to prepare his land in the proper and desired manner for planting.

Judge A. J. McClain and wife came in recently from their Cat Fish farm and ranch home and spent the day here greeting friends.

J. I. Greer, of the Tap country, was among the number in the city this week.

**MOVE TO AFTON COUNTRY**

Jess Hyatt sent us in one dollar and seventy five cents last week for the Texas Spur and Dallas News in combination, for which he has our thanks. Mr. Hyatt and family recently moved from the Draper country to near Afton where they will make their home throughout the year. Mr. Hyatt is one of the best citizens of the country and we are glad to number him among the readers and friends of the Texas Spur.

W. F. Shugart was in town Saturday from his home several miles east and reports that it continues to rain out his way. However, we presume that the greatest inconvenience he suffers is coming to town over muddy roads, since a gentleman of his standing is not supposed to do but little work.

J. I. Greer was in the city Monday from his farm home in the Tap country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Greer says that the farmers in his section are now patiently waiting for dry weather in which to do their planting.

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.

Mr. Springer, who has been traveling extensively over the country the past several years, is in Spur this week visiting at the home of E. F. Springer and family.

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.

Editor Cooper of the Girard Reporter was in Spur Wednesday and paid the Texas Spur a fraternal call.

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Mat Howell came in Monday from his farm home on Cat Fish and spent several hours in town on business and greeting his friends here. Mat Howell is one of the "old timers" of this country and is recognized as one among the most prosperous and substantial citizens of the country.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert underwent an operation the latter part of last week for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital and we are glad to report that she is now doing nicely and recovering rapidly.

J. C. Davis came in last week from his ranch home north of Afton and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

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**GUNN-POWELL.**

Thursday morning, April 8th, at 8:00 a. m., Miss Pearl Gunn and Mr. I. R. Powell were united in marriage at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks, at Crosbyton.

The wedding was a very quiet one, only a few friends of the contracting parties being present.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal couple left over the C. & S. P. for a short trip, after which they will return to the Half Circle S ranch, about ten miles south of Crosbyton, of which Mr. Powell is the resident manager.

Mrs. Powell is the daughter of S. E. Gunn of the Ralls Drug Company of Ralls. She has lived in Dickens and Crosby county for several years, and has many friends and acquaintances. Mr. Powell is one of the leading men of the country, and has hosts of friends wherever he is known.—Ralls Banner.

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Mace Hunter came in Monday from his home east of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

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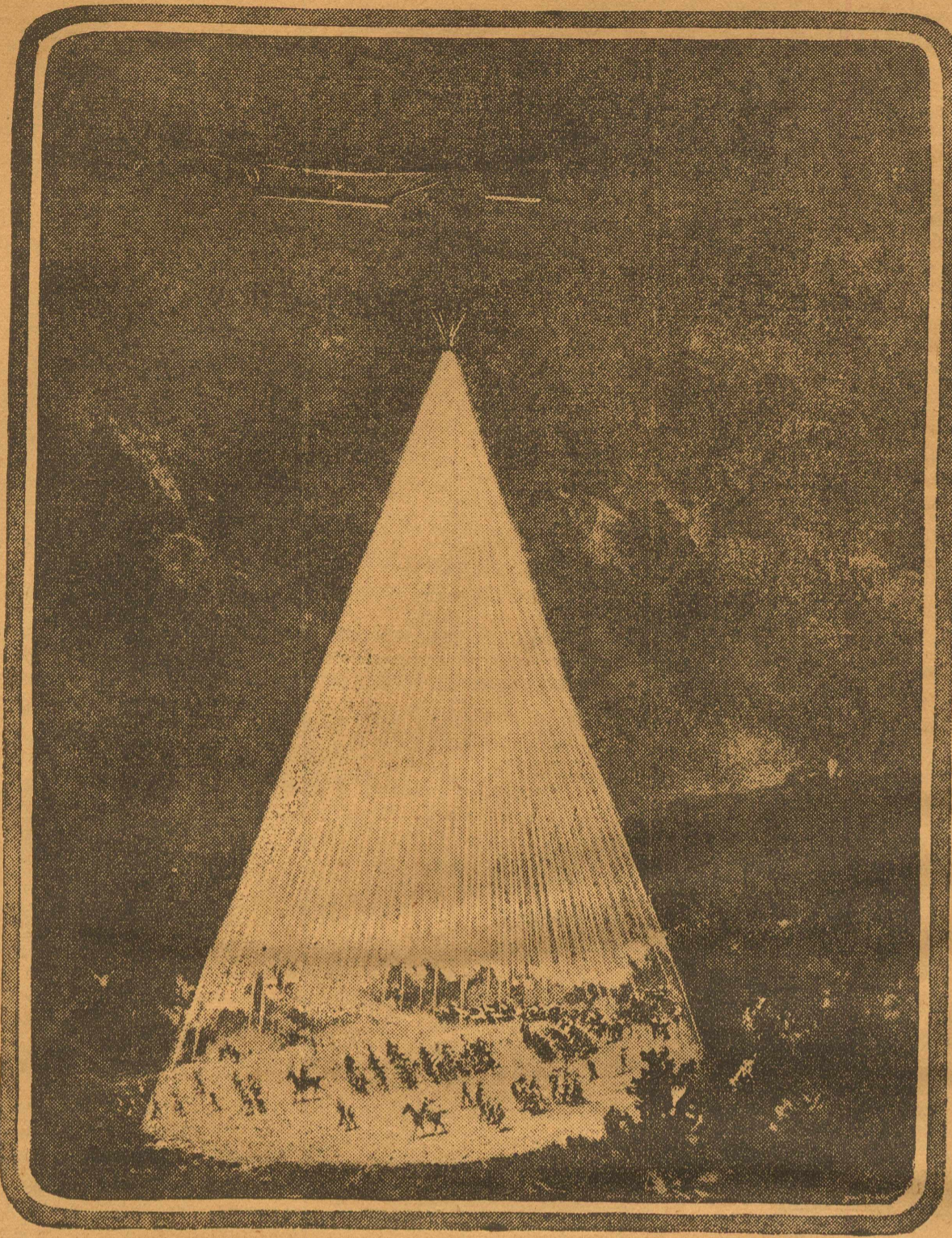
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# Fighting Goes on Though Sun Departs



SEARCHLIGHT FROM PARACHUTE SUSPENDED FROM DIRIGIBLE BALLOON DISCLOSES NIGHT MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

**N**O eight hour law limits the activities of the men in the warring armies and navies of Europe. The whistle of the shell overhead at 5 or 6 p. m. is not a signal for "knocking off" work. The digger in the trenches does not drop his spade or pick at his foreman's signal as does his civilian brother when the time for resting arrives. He gets his respite—alas, too often!—when the bullet that is marked with his name arrives from the enemy's trenches.

It would, of course, be exaggeration to say that nightfall finds the fighters as ready and eager and willing and able to fly at one another's throats as does the coming of dawn. No matter how determined the warriors are on land and ocean to deliver another blow at the foe before the sun, ashamed of human ferocity, retires, a lull must come with the darkness. But it is an added count in the already convincing indictment of the war that man has schemed so ingeniously and well to create artificial daylight wherein to continue fighting. Not the least of the distinctive features of the great European war—which may well live in the memories and minds of men and women forever as THE war—is the ingenuity displayed in enabling men to continue fighting when all their natural inclinations and dispositions cry out for the peace and rest of night.

#### On the Battlefield at Night.

The modern battlefield at night does not lack in picturesqueness, according to a German officer whose opportunities to be impressed have been many. In a letter to a friend he wrote: "Being on observation duty at night is not as lonely a job as you think. Time passes very quickly. There are nights, however, when every minute seems an hour. All that depends upon circumstances and your own frame of mind.

"War here is more intense than it is in the east. My observation post lies close to the lines of the French on a hill. From there I report the movements of the enemy and direct our artillery fire. Over me fly hundreds of shells and shrapnel from both sides.

"A shower of them came last night. Until about 10 o'clock all was quiet. From out of the night came the usual battlefield noises, if noises one could call them. Somewhere men spoke in an undertone, what language I don't know. Then came the sound of footfalls. A man coughed in a suppressed manner, and the steps of another were recorded by the faint voice of two metallic substances striking together. Then the steps and other sounds vanished, and I replaced my revolver.

"There was nothing to be seen until to my right the rifles in a French trench began to sputter. Little tongues of purplish fire seemed to leap across the ground, and through the air went the wall of thousands of bullets. What they shot at I could not discover—false alarm, of course. But they kept it up valiantly, and the excitement communicated itself to the trenches in front of me and to those beyond on my left.

"Headquarters wanted to know what was the matter. After confessing my ignorance I returned to my task of observing things in the dark. Soon the fire became general. The battlefield assumed an aspect which I would call beautifully terrible. There were moments when it resembled a large city in which the inhabitants passed the night by pulling up and down the shutters of their windows. Of a sudden whole rows of houses would be lighted up as the men in the trenches fired volleys. For a moment a part of this city would lie in utter darkness, and then would rise from it the columns of fire emitted by the howitzer batteries. The pillars of fire would rise almost perpendicularly, giving the impression that you were looking upon a vast number of steel ovens.

"For the greater part of an hour the thrashing continued. Then the outbreaks lessened in volume and frequency, and finally died out altogether."

#### The Use of the Searchlight.

Chief among the inventions that have turned night into day for the purposes of warfare is the searchlight. With the highly developed high power electric searchlights which are now mounted on aeroplanes the generals can sweep the territory in front of the machine for miles. Searchlights from dirigible balloons have been more highly perfected by the Germans than by any other people. They can sweep over a camp at night, directing the artillery fire.

Descending parachutes with searchlight bombs, too, have been used successfully in this war. These parachutes are dropped from aeroplanes over the enemy. At a certain height they explode, shedding their light over the entire land below.

In naval warfare the searchlight plays a very important part. The English failed to surprise the Germans at Helgoland, although they sank several German cruisers in their attack early in the present war. The attack on Helgoland was planned somewhat like Dewey's attack on the Manila fleet. The English arrived off the fortress just at daybreak, but the searchlights prevented their getting as near as they wished before the dawn came. When it did come the English ships were so

far out that they did not do as much damage as they had hoped.

#### Searchlight Against Aeroplane.

In "picking up" hostile aeroplanes and dirigibles the searchlight, sweeping the heavens with long fingers of light, has proved its value in modern warfare. At a critical period in the war a German aeroplane was seen over the Thames between Southend and Sheerness, but was out of range of the guns at Sheerness and Shoeburyness, and they did not fire on it.

The night was dark, but the aeroplane was clearly discernible by the aid of powerful searchlights at Sheerness, which have burned continuously from dusk to dawn. The aeroplane disappeared seaward.

#### Fighting in Nightgowns.

Night fighting on land is weird and ghostly in its unearthliness, but it has sometimes its humorous or semi-humorous aspect.

How nightcaps and nightgowns played a prominent part in the capture of a German trench by a daring detachment of French soldiers is related in a letter written by a soldier serving in the Argonne district to friends in America.

"Some dear old soul who is under the impression that soldiers at the front go to bed clad in night garments," he writes, "will probably never know that her gift enabled us to execute a brilliant coup and rid ourselves of troublesome neighbors. A few days ago our company received, among other things, a package containing twenty white cotton nightgowns and nightcaps, all carefully hand sewed. We did not know just what to do with them until the night before last one of our 'noncoms' thought of a brilliant scheme which he told the company commander. The officer thought the idea a good one.

"The nearest German trench, one which bothered us a great deal, was not more than thirty yards away from us. But to cross that snow covered space in the bright moonlight would be certain death. Twenty of the men pulled on nightgowns and caps and, holding their pieces beneath them, carefully and cautiously were raised over our trenches and began to roll slowly toward the enemy.

"It took almost half an hour to crawl to the brink of the German work. Then at a whistle signal the men hurled themselves into it, seized the rapid fire guns and drove the defenders out. Then the rest of us followed and took possession.

"So the nightgowns served a purpose, after all, although it would probably have surprised the donor."

## The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN

Golden Text.—He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city (Prov. xvi, 32).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 1-4.—A condition of despair.

The conference on the housetop and the anointing which followed made Saul a new man. "God gave him another heart" (1 Sam. x, 9), and he was ready to receive the experience of prophetic enthusiasm as soon as he came in contact with the "sons of the prophets." His spirit of composure and modesty was made known when Samuel summoned the elders to Mizpah to select from the tribes the man who was to be king. It was done by the casting of lots, which consisted of a process of separation and exclusion. When the favorable lot finally went to the tribe of Benjamin, to the family of Matri, to the household of Kish and to the man Saul, he was not to be found. He doubtless had a premonition of what was coming, and he therefore hid himself, but search was made, and he was found. When he was introduced to the assembled multitude by Samuel they received him with acclamation, saying "God save the king!"

"Nahash, the Ammonite." He was the chieftain of a warlike tribe who dwelt on the east of the Jordan. The Ammonites lived by plunder, and frequent attacks were made on the Israelites. A noteworthy defeat had been administered to them by Jephthah of Gilgal (Judg. xi, 33), and now that the favorable opportunity presented itself they laid siege to "Jabesh-gilead," so that its garrison was compelled to sue for terms of peace. "Make a covenant unto us." The leader of the enemy was determined to humiliate and cripple the Gileadites. "Thrust out all your right eyes." As the shield covered the left eye, this meant that they would be disabled for war, and, being incapable of defending themselves, they would be in perpetual subjection to the Ammonites. "Give us seven days' respite." This delay was sought in order that they might appeal to their brethren of the tribes of Israel. "Messengers" hurriedly traveled through the land with the signs of distress, and when they came to "Gibeath of Saul" they obtained a sympathetic hearing, and the people wept over the calamity of their kinsmen.

Verses 4-11.—A leader of valor.

"The spirit of God came" upon Saul, and it found expression in vehement indignation. "His anger was kindled greatly." An intolerable condition of affairs was revealed, and he was resolved to put a stop to it. The time for action had at last come, and desperate measures must be taken without delay. "Hewed them in pieces." The oxen which had served him in the field were now sacrificed to the cause of patriotism. "Sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel." The pieces of flesh were symbolical of an appeal for instant help and of a threat that failure to respond would prove fearfully fatal. "The fear of the Lord fell on the people." The names of Saul the king and of Samuel the prophet inspired reverence and quickened enthusiasm. "Bezek" was situated about fourteen miles southwest of Bethshan and a day's march from the fated town of Jabesh-gilead. There was an excellent rallying of the forces, and a united march was made without delay under the able captaincy of the indomitable Saul. "Tomorrow by that time the sun be hot." The anguished Gileadites received joyful news that relief would surely come before noon of the next day. "Ye shall do with us all." They, however, sent a strategic message to Nahash, intending to set him off his guard by giving him the impression that they would surrender. "In the morning watch." They surprised the enemy by the suddenness of the attack and by the strength of their forces, coming upon them at the same time from three directions. "They which remained were scattered."

Verses 12-15.—A time of rejoicing.

Saul had fully demonstrated his exceptional ability, and in the midst of the exultation there were some overzealous souls who desired that those who had been dissatisfied with the choice of Saul should be "put to death." This they were prevented from doing by Saul, who desired that all should give glory to "the Lord," who "wrought salvation in Israel" by this unusual deliverance. "Renew the kingdom." The kingship had been established at Mizpah, but it was only now at "Gilgal," where Joshua had placed twelve stones from the river in memory of the people's entrance into Canaan that Saul was made king.

## Food For the Farmer's Brain

### LIBERAL FEEDING OF BEEF STEER RESULTS IN BIG GAIN

From Time He Is Twelve Months Old He Will Grow Two Pounds a Day For a Year.

According to Professor H. R. Smith, liberal feeding of a steer from the time he is twelve months old until he is twenty-four months old will result in a gain of practically two pounds per day, says the Iowa Homestead. If he is carried for another year this gain will be reduced to a pound and three-quarters per day, and the following year it will take liberal feeding to make a pound and a half daily. This means that the largest gains are made early in life, and it follows that these gains will be made cheaper because the cost of maintenance is lower. In emphasizing the matter of cheapness of cost of feeding young animals Professor Smith refers to six different trials where accurate records were kept, showing that during the first twelve months of a beef animal's life a hundred pounds of increase in weight cost \$3.45, the second twelve months the same animals cost \$7.42 per hundred pounds, while the third twelve months it ran up to \$11.50 per hundred pounds.

In the light of these figures it can be well understood why the early maturing animal is increasing in popularity, particularly with those feeders who raise their own cattle. It must be remembered that all steers are not of a type to finish up at an early age, because increase in weight is in the form of growth rather than the form of flesh. It is all a question of type, some types being ready for the block almost any time after they have acquired their calf fat, while others reach prime conditions only at maturity or thereabouts. When corn belt cattlemen settle down to a policy of raising the cattle that are fed out in the feed lot then and then only will the real merit of the early maturing type be appreciated.

### Two Litters a Year For Sows.

Sows can be made to produce two litters a year. When this is desired they should be bred at the first period of heat after the pigs are weaned. Sows bred twice a year will not produce so many pigs in each litter as when bred only once a year, but more pigs should be raised in a year from each sow.

### KEEPING RECORDS ON FARM.

Every farmer should keep a record of his operating costs and the financial results of everything done on the farm. A farmer who does this is not going to lose anything, but is surely on the road to success. At first it will seem impossible to keep a record of labor, financial accounts and crop yields, but it will be surprising how the habit will become established. A very interesting and profitable record to work on at present is a harvest record of the different grain crops. Such a record will show the farmer how much his crops yielded and the cost to thrash the grain. When the value of such records is realized the farm will then be run on a more strictly business basis.—Orange Judd Farmer.

### WHEN MILK TASTES BAD.

#### How Undesirable Flavors Can Be Overcome.

Where a cow has been a long time in milk and is near the end of her lactation period this may cause undesirable flavors, especially when she is fed entirely on dry foods. The feeding of clean, wholesome foods, with roots to supply succulence, will often overcome the trouble, but if a cow be close to the end of her lactation period it is well to let her go dry. A cow's milk is not normal in either flavor or composition just before or after freshening.—Northwestern Agriculturist.

### "Plowsole" Artificial Hardpan.

This is an artificial hardpan very commonly formed in the practice of plowing to the same depth year after year. A packed layer is thus formed by the action of the plow, which acts exactly like natural hardpan in preventing the passage of water downward and the moisture upward. This condition, or "plowsole," is more often found in clayey soils and greatly increases the difficulty of working them. Of course it is perfectly easy to prevent this trouble by plowing at various depths from time to time. In this case lime will generally be found useful in materially aiding the disintegration of the "plowsole."—Purdue Agriculturist.

## Items Over Dickens County

BY CORRESPONDENTS

### DICKENS ITEMS.

The storm of Saturday night was indeed bad but still they went ahead with the program for the closing of the school. They had prepared several excellent numbers but owing to the rain and absence of some who had prominent parts some of the program had to be omitted. Otherwise it was a success.

Word came into Dickens Sunday morning of a cyclone which swept the plains Saturday night. It struck Ben Clarks' house and turned it over but did not seriously hurt any of the family. Fred Nichols' house was damaged considerably, Mrs. Nichols' collar-bone was broken in two places, Fred Nichols was struck on the head by something and was unconscious for several hours, a Mr. Taylor, of Floydada, who was stopping for the night at the Nichols home, has a broken leg as a result of the storm. Ralph McLaughlin's house was completely destroyed, but none of family were injured as they had gone to the storm cellar earlier in the evening. Lightning burned the telephone wires and made it impossible to get a physician from Dickens until Sunday morning when Ben Clark rode over to Mr. Goen's residence and telephoned in for help.

Miss Creola Richbourg's music recital Friday night was quite a success. A large crowd attended and everyone apparently enjoyed it very much. Miss Richbourg had only taught here two months, but she has many friends here who wish her every success in her future undertaking.

Mrs. Tom Harkey and daughter, Thelma, came over from Spur and attended the Recital Friday night.

Lonnie Harkey, of Roaring Springs was in town Friday night.

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale and J. B. Conner made a flying trip to Spur Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. H. Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, passed through Dickens last week en route to Spur where she intended to take the train for Mineral Wells. I understand she plans to spend several weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. Wilson, of Spur, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jaye, and friends here from Friday until Monday.

Mrs. Blaine Speer is visiting relatives in Aspermont this week.

Dr. Burnham, formerly of Dickens but now of View, Texas, is in town on business and visiting his daughter, Mrs. Bernice Harkey.

M. Gay and A. C. Hyatt made a trip to McAadoo, a new town on the plains, last week to organize a W. O. W. lodge. They met with such good success the following members of this camp went back Tuesday of this week to complete the organization and initiate the new members: Dr. Hale, Martin Gay, Theo Slay, A. C. Hyatt, Roy Harkey, Horace Arledge and T. Walker.

Miss Anne Reynolds has been visiting friends at the Pitchfork Ranch.

Quite a number of Spur people were over for the Recital Friday night.—Reporter.

L. S. Porter, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur this week trading with the merchants.

Dr. Morris was called to Jayton Tuesday to see a sick patient near that place.

### GILPIN.

L. W. Bilberry and sons went fishing Wednesday. They report a fine time and a good mess of fish, some of them five inches long.

Messrs. W. B. Bennett, P. E. Hagins and L. W. Bilberry made a business trip to Dickens Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett and son, Cecil, made a trip to Spur Friday, and Mrs. Bennett says that some of the things she bought from the Spur merchants were superior both in price and quality to some of the mail order houses widely advertised "bargains."

Mrs. J. H. Parnell and son made a trip to Dickens Saturday, and while there visited at the home of Luther Ragsdale and family.

It is reported that while Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas were returning home from Jayton Saturday that they got caught in a "shower" and got wet, but they did not mind it in the least.

Miss Mary Bennett spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Bertie Parnell.

Messrs. Cecil Bennett and Willie Hagins while returning Saturday night from—we have not learned where—were overtaken by the storm, and it is reported that they presented a very sad appearance the next morning.

Misses Mattie and Lily Hagins had planned a shopping trip to Spur Saturday, but were kept at home by the rain. Cheer up girls, it will soon be Maytime.

Rev. Jackson, of Clairemont, says that he was disappointed all around this time. He missed the Methodist quarterly conference at Jayton to fill his appointment at Duck Creek, and was rained out. He never got to preach till Sunday night.

The train did not go up Sunday. The Salt Fork bridge is gone.

Well, it's 15 minutes till nine. I'll have to run every step of the way or be tardy.—A School Girl.

### TAP.

The farmers of our community are very busy planting their crops. We believe we have season enough at present. The recent rains did considerable damage to truck patches.

J. D. Rash and family left this week for Alto, New Mexico, where they will make their future home. The Rash's are very dear relatives of ours, and we regret very much to give them up. We wish them all that hearts can wish, and hope the country is just as they expect it to be.

Joe Lambert and Wallace Hinson visited at the Pitchfork Ranch Saturday and Sunday, the guests of Orwin Lambert.

The young people enjoyed a party at T. S. Lambert's.

Jap and Lem Parsons purchased them some saddle horses this week from Judge McClain.

A social was given at the Sparks home Monday night in honor of the Rash's.—Kid-a-lude.

T. E. Rucker, of the Afton country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some here. He reports that Mrs. Rucker, who has been sick for some time, is not improved and is in a very critical condition.

T. A. Smith came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

## Miss K. McDonald

### The Well-Known Boston Beauty

**Specialist Will Give You a Free Massage in Your Own Home By Appointment**

Careful attention to your skin will insure attractiveness and personal charm that every woman craves.

**To Neglect Your Skin Is to Forfeit Its Beauty**

We have engaged Miss K. McDonald, a professional beauty specialist of note, for the week of May 10th, to call on a number of ladies in Spur each day, to give you a free massage and individual help and advice on the care of your skin.

**This is an Exceptional Opportunity for One Week Only**

Step into our store, write, or phone us. We'll do the rest. Understand Miss McDonald's advice and massage is free.

**Miss McDonald Will Also Be Glad to Talk to Any Women's Club in Spur Free of Charge**

# SPUR DRUG CO.

*The Rexall Store*  
SPUR, TEXAS

The Dixie Airdome is almost completed and the owners state that they will probably open Saturday night. However, the opening will be announced later by hand bills. The Dixie is one of the most complete and best equipped airdomes in West Texas. The elevated seats the most comfortable possible, the plans are original, and were designed especially for the Dixie, by the owners. Those who attend will have a rare treat in the "movie" line.

Oscar Hart, of the Texas Boys Riding Concert, which has been showing in El Paso during the past three months, was in Spur this week to secure more horses to be used in the show. Messrs. Hart & Davis will take their show to the San Francisco Exposition where they are billed to entertain the people from every part of the world.

J. P. Crump was in Spur this week from his home in Garza county and spent some time in the city buying supplies of the merchants and looking after other business matters. He hauled out some fine pigs with the intention of raising fine hogs as well as cotton and feed another year.

C. F. Cates returned Wednesday from Decatur where he has been spending several days with his father who is critically ill. His father is eighty years of age and for this reason the illness is considered critical.

P. H. Miller made a business trip last week to Jayton and Peacock where he spent several days.

W. H. McCarty, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and greeting friends.

T. A. Randleman was in the city one day this week from his farm home a few miles southeast of Spur.

Postmaster Ellsworth Ham, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday on business and greeting friends.

Buggy and harness for sale or trade. See R. L. Collier.

## Results Sure !!

Careful, energetic work always brings results. The beautiful prizes offered by the progressive merchants below should spur you on to work some each day.

### Somebody Wins

**WILL IT BE YOU!!**

**Spur Hardware Co.**                      **Lyric Theatre**  
**Red Front Drug Store**            **German Kitchen**  
**Hogan & Patton**                      **Midway Hotel**  
**Texas Spur**                              **TEXAS**

### COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION.

"Keep Your Money at Home" is the hardest text I have to preach on.

What I regard as "the mail order mania" is so strong with the inhabitants of the rural districts that they turn a deaf ear to all such preachments. They can not see that by keeping their money at home they help themselves by helping the community in which they live and are interested.

There seems to be an uncontrollable desire to order articles of need by mail, often-times articles that can be purchased at home for only a few cents more.

Most people enjoy getting letters and packages by mail. The dreariness of country life is relieved by the reception of a bunch of letters or a package or two.

There are those who buy from mail order houses because they

enjoy the charm thereof. Gratifying the mania, not that they believe they are getting the goods cheaper. There is also the deluded person who thinks he is saving money by patronizing the catalog concerns a thousand miles away. We have some sympathy for the former, but none for the latter.

Selfishness is at the bottom of all acts detrimental to community welfare, and that is an inborn characteristic that can not be changed in less than a thousand years. And, as we wish to realize results before that time, we must accept the situation as it stands and direct our efforts toward convincing these selfish people that they are in error. — Gav L. Tufts.

We do all kinds of Job Printing



### Needle-Molded Clothes

The Sport of Selecting the Material, the Satisfaction of saying just how they shall be made, and then the Gratification of having your expectations fulfilled when you receive the finished garments, and of knowing that you are Well Clothed, is worth the few days you are asked to wait for the making. Our prices, \$15 and upward.

#### Stetson Hats

A large range of shapes in both black and white, \$3.50 to \$7.00. Nobby Shapes, both Felts and Straws, \$2.50 and \$3.00.

WALK-OVER OXFORDS, \$3.50 to \$5.00  
ARROW SHIRTS, 1.00 to 1.50  
ARROW SILKS, 3.50  
Cool Underwear, long & short, .65 to \$1.00 Suit

### HOGAN & PATTON

"The Mans Store"

New Shipment "JUSTIN BOOTS", \$12.50, \$13.00 and \$14.00

### TRAIN SERVICE SUSPENDED ON ACCOUNT OF WASHOUTS

On account of the heavy rains Saturday night two bridges over the Salt Fork and the Double Mountain Fork of the Brazos River were washed away Sunday morning and as a result Spur and other towns on this end of the Stamford & Northwestern Railway have had no train and mail service throughout the week, and it is thought that the bridges can not be rebuilt before Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.

It is also reported that a bridge on the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway into Roaring Springs was washed away, thus depriving us of outside mail service from any source.

The Spur passenger and mail train had passed over the Double Mountain bridge on the way to Spur, and while between the two rivers both bridges went down, thus leaving the train and crew to spend the time between Peacock and Aspermont.

The bridge over Duck Creek near Spur is also reported damaged but was not carried down the stream.

The rainfall in Spur Saturday night amounted to two inches.

Monday night a number of young ladies of the city enjoyed a supper over the hill. After supper it is said that the young ladies enjoyed a number of games, among which the fascinating game of leap frog was indulged. The occasion is reported to have been very pleasant and an enjoyable diversion.

The doctor was called out Wednesday to see Grandma Childress who is suffering of a broken arm, the bone being fractured in two places. We did not learn how the accident occurred.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was among the number of visitors to Spur Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section at this time.

J. P. Gibson came in Tuesday from his home in the Steel Hill community and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

Messrs. B. D. Glasgow, E. L. Clay and C. A. Bobo made a business trip Tuesday to Wake and other points on the plains.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry was among the number of visitors in Spur Tuesday.

Miss Elnora Dunn returned last week from Abilene where she spent two weeks with friends.

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

### EX-CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS MEET SATURDAY IN SPUR

Members of the John A. Green Camp, U. C. V., met Saturday afternoon in Spur, the roll call showing the following present: George W. Glasgow, Captain; W. A. Taylor, R. L. Collier, J. Carlisle, L. T. Cochran, E. Luce, L. G. Garrett, H. C. Cravey and D. E. Thomas.

Captain Glasgow was elected a delegate to attend the Richmond convention and was instructed to cast the vote of this camp for Dallas as the next meeting place of the national convention. Captain Glasgow, during the war, was promoted for gallant service in battle and is entitled to a badge of honor, which was discussed at this meeting and referred to the Adjutant General who no doubt will grant him the honors to which he is entitled.

At this meeting Oran McClure was elected honorary member of the Camp. We consider this not merely a privilege but an honor. There are no men living for whom we have a higher regard than the old ex-Confederate Soldiers and they are entitled to and have earned more honors than will be accorded them in this life.

The next meeting of the Camp will be held in Spur the fourth Saturday in May, and a good attendance is expected.

H. C. Cravey, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends. Mr. Cravey is one of the old ex-Confederate soldiers and was here Saturday to attend the regular monthly meeting of the John A. Green Camp of Dickens county.

Tom Cherry, one among the most prosperous farmers of the country, was in Tuesday with a load of maize which was sold on the Spur market. Mr. Cherry is one of a great number of farmers of this section who have maize and other feed stuff for sale this year.

Robt. T. Dopson of the Dry Lake community and W. D. Wilson of Spur were among those who attended the District Conference Saturday and Sunday at Aspermont. The next District Conference of the Methodist Church will be held in Spur.

Sam Dunn left last week for their New Mexico ranch home, making the trip through the country in a wagon. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn will also leave for New Mexico at an early date to spend some time on the ranch.

Miss Ida Sampson came in the first of the week from her ranch home southwest of Spur and is spending several days in the city with Miss Creola Richbourg.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson left Spur Friday for Dickens where she spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jaye, returning home Monday.

W. T. Lovell, J. E. Wright and Prentis Counts were among those from the Draper country to attend the anniversary celebration of the Oddfellows in Spur Saturday night.

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

S. L. Cherry, a prominent citizen of the Spur country, was among the number of business visitors here Tuesday.

G. J. Stearns was among the number in Spur Tuesday, spending an hour or two on business and shaking hands with his friends.

J. H. Edwards, of near Dumont, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reported that Mrs. Edwards and little daughter returned recently from Oklahoma where Mrs. Edwards spent a month at a sanitarium for the treatment of a cancer and it is thought that a complete cure was effected.

Mrs. L. R. Barrett entertained quite a number of young people Tuesday evening with a supper over the hill. After supper various games were played and the guests report a very pleasant evening.

L. N. Riter, D. H. Sullivan and J. A. Koon made a trip Tuesday through the country to Roaring Springs where Messrs. Riter and Sullivan will try to get a train out to Wichita Falls.

T. L. Brantley, a prominent citizen of the plains country, was in Spur the first of the week and reported much damage done in his section by the storm Saturday night.

L. J. Elsby, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Lee county settlement on the plains, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants and on other business.

A. A. Allen, of the plains country, was among the number of visitors in Spur this week, spending some time here on business and greeting friends.

J. H. Sparks, of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

G. L. Gladdis, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur one day this week on business. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

J. C. Garrett, a leading citizen of the Tap country, was among the number of visitors in the city this week.

Gene Blakeley was in Spur this week from the Afton country and spent some time here trading and on other business.

### IDEAL PROSPECTS FOR BUMPER CROPS THIS YEAR

H. C. Allen spent several hours here Monday from his home in the Dry Lake community. He says he fears that the petitions of the town people is of but little avail in the matter of bringing about a few weeks dry weather. Mr. Allen with other farmers of the country would like for the rains to hold up at least long enough to plant crops. There is no question but that Western Texas now has one of the best seasons for crops within the history of farming in this section, and we predict now that the crops of 1915 will break all former records of bumper crop production in this country.

#### MARRIED.

Sunday morning at ten o'clock R. R. Tallent and Miss Mittie May Gentry were married, Rev. W. M. Scott performing the marriage ceremony while the young couple were seated in the buggy in front of his residence near Spur.

The Texas Spur joins the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Tallent in extending congratulations, and may they enjoy all of the pleasures and few of the cares of married life.

#### 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

Dock Edwards, a leading citizen of the Croton country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson and two little children are on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Fort Worth and Grandbury.

### The War in Europe is Making the Prices High on Necessaries of Life

MY PRICES ARE ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE THE WAR

I Sell as Cheap, and Many Things Cheaper Than You can Buy Elsewhere.

CHAS. JAYE, DICKENS, TEX.

### THE SPUR HOTEL

F. R. HARRINGTON, Prop.

We serve the Best Meals, Have the cleanest and Best Beds, and solicit the patronage of the public with the understanding that in every instance we give value received for your money.



"The Glory of a woman is her hair." If you want luxuriant glossy hair, pearly teeth, soft hands, dainty nails and a smooth, clear skin, come, get our hair tonics and beautifiers. There are no harmful ingredients in our toilet preparations. It is easier to keep your hair than to restore it when it falls; it is easier to keep your beauty and complexion than to overcome sallowness and wrinkles. Be Beautiful.

### Red Front Drug Store

We give you what you ASK for.