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WESTERN TEXAS RECOGNIZED AS RAINY COUNTRY

The fact that Western Texas can not be classed as a semi-arid country is evidenced by the fact that during the year 1914 we had 35.61 inches of rainfall as registered by the weather bureau station in Spur. During January, February, March and April of this year we have had 11.13 inches of rain distributed as follows: January 11, February 2.18, March 1.18, April 7.65 inches, making the total of eleven and thirteen-hundredths inches during the four months.

Rain for the month of April was as follows:

April 1st.....	43
" 7th.....	74
" 8th.....	10
" 9th.....	58
" 10th.....	05
" 15th.....	08
" 16th.....	04
" 17th.....	05
" 18th.....	80
" 19th.....	113
" 20th.....	12
" 23rd.....	08
" 25th.....	200
" 30th.....	45
Total for month.....	7.65

SUFFERS RELAPSE.

Mrs. Walters and son, Henry Walters, of Strawn, and Mrs. Bull of Carbon, arrived in Spur last week to be with Jim Walters who has been quite sick at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wedekind. Mr. Walters recently underwent an operation and after having recovered sufficiently to be removed from the hospital he suffered a relapse and it was thought for a time that he could not again recover. However, we are glad to note that at this time he is reported doing nicely.

READ AND PRESERVE THE SIX AMENDMENTS.

There are six Constitutional Amendments now being published in the Texas Spur. All of these amendments will be submitted to the voters in an election to be held in July of this year. We request that every reader of the Texas Spur and every voter in Dickens county read these amendments carefully and preserve them for future reference in order that an intelligent vote can be polled on these amendments in the July election.

These amendments are meeting the approval and the disapproval of voters throughout the state. By reading and studying them you will be in a position to decide for yourself whether they are worthy or unworthy of your support.

ENTERTAINED.

Sunday afternoon Miss Anna M. Love entertained with a six o'clock dinner at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love. Those present were Misses Flora Love, Virginia Barrett, Luke Attebury, Fayette Springer, Chas. Yates. The guests thus honored report a most pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

OLD TEXAN DIES.

C. F. Cates received a message the latter part of last week informing him of the death of his father at Decatur. Mr. Cates had just returned home from Decatur where he had been several days with his father who at that time was considered improving. His father was eighty years of age and was one of the first settlers of Wise county, having erected the second log house built in the country in 1855. During his illness there were a number of the old timers of that section who spent much of the time at his bed side, at one time there being six or seven present, the youngest being seventy years of age and the oldest one ninety years old. Mr. Cates was among the first settlers of Texas and contributed much in the progressive advancement of the country, and no doubt has earned and will enjoy a rich reward in that Great Beyond.

THE TEXAS SPUR HAS VALUED CORRESPONDENTS

The Texas Spur now has valued correspondents from Dickens, Afton, Draper, Midway, Gilpin and Tap, thus giving readers of this paper the news from practically every section of the county and making the Texas Spur a real representative paper of this section of the country. We appreciate these correspondents and would be glad to have the news items sent in from McAdoo in the Lee County settlement, the Red Hill community and every other community in Dickens county. The Texas Spur is being published for the benefit not only of Spur but every town, community and the people of this whole country. We want to see every town and every community prosper, build and progress, and we are willing, ready and anxious to contribute to that end. We want the people of every town and community to feel and realize that the Texas Spur is being published in their interest and for their benefit as well as for that of Spur.

BROKEN ARM.

W. M. Childress was in Spur Saturday from his farm home several miles north and reports that Mrs. Childress who had an arm broken in two places last week is now doing as nicely as could be expected. Mrs. Childress was holding a horse hitched to a buggy when the horse reared up, throwing her to the ground with the result that her arm was broken in two places. Dr. Standifer was immediately called to set the broken limb, and which was done in the most satisfactory manner—Mr. Childress stating that it was one of the neatest operations of the kind he ever saw performed.

KENT COUNTY COURT.

The County Court of Kent county convened Monday in Clairemont and will be in session throughout the week. We understand that quite a number of cases are on the Docket to be disposed of at this term.

NEXT QUARTERLY CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN SPUR

The fifth session of the Hamlin District Conference met in regular session at Aspermont, April 24 to 26. At the eleven o'clock service Saturday, Rev. Roach, Commissioner of Southwestern University, preached for the Conference.

The first regular business Session of the Conference convened Saturday at 1:30 p. m. with Presiding Elder B. W. Dodson in the chair. After the election of Ed E. White as Secretary the reports of the pastors of the various charges were heard. These reports show the district in good condition, spiritually and financially. The remainder of the business of the Conference was completed Monday. At this time characters of local preachers were passed and their licenses renewed.

The Conference was glad to have some strong preachers present. Beside sermons from Bros. Johnson and Roach, Bro. West of Paducah, preached a very able sermon Saturday. It was a great pleasure of all that Dr. Miller, Presiding Elder of the Stamford District and the acting President of Stamford College, preached for the Conference Sunday at 11.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock a Sunday School Institute conducted by Rev. B. W. Dodson was an inspiration to all who were present. Again on Sunday night the Conference enjoyed one of its best services, that was conducted by the women. Mrs. N. G. Rollins presided at this service and gave some good thoughts to the body in her suggestions. Mrs. J. B.

Smith of Sagerton, 4th Vice-President of the ladies work in the Northwest Texas Conference, delivered a very forceful message as to Social Service needs. Mrs. Hyder of Denver, President of the Women's Work in Colorado, occupied the remainder of the hour in citing forth the work of the city.

Addresses by N. G. Rollins, Lay Leader of the District, Rev. John A. Roach, Commissioner of Southwestern University, were enjoyed by all.

J. B. Smith of Sagerton; N. G. Rollins of Aspermont; Geo. S. Link of Spur; and Roy Dopson of Hamlin, were elected delegates to the Annual Conference to meet at Clarendon in November.

The next Quarterly Conference will meet at Spur.

The Conference was a success from every standpoint and all were grateful to the host Rev. M. M. Beavers and to the people of Aspermont for their royal reception and entertainments.—Stonewall Citizen.

11,848 BALES COTTON SHIPPED FROM SPUR

Up to the first day of this month 11,848 bales of cotton had been shipped from Spur to Eastern markets. There had been ginned the first day of May 17,402 bales of cotton in the Spur country. The Farmers Gin Company is still ginning cotton in Spur at this time, but it is presumed that but very few bales now remains unginning in the country.

J. E. Wright, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends here.

WILL ESTABLISH SHEEP AND HOG RANCH HERE

Messrs. White and Vaughn, prominent citizens of the Plainview country, were in Spur the first of this week with a view of purchasing ranch property for the purpose of establishing a sheep and hog ranch. They desire to purchase about six sections of land for this purpose and after looking over the country they were well pleased and have probably found a desirable location for such a ranch. We will be glad to have these gentlemen locate with us, since they will add materially to the stock-farming interests of this section. These gentlemen have made a close study of the hog and sheep business, and with the natural advantages offered in the Spur country for stockfarming there is no question but that such a business will make big returns on the investment.

BRIGHTENING UP.

J. W. Anderton is having his residence in the northwest part of the city painted, and otherwise improving and beautifying the place. His friends are very solicitous as to the cause of this laudable move on the part of Mr. Anderton. It is surmised by a few of his intimate friends that he may possibly be brightening up the place with a view of sharing his home with another.

COURT AT ASPERMONT.

After spending a few days at home Judge Thomas and Attorney Stinson returned to Aspermont Monday morning where court was reopened.

Nine indictments were returned by the grand jury in Stonewall county last week, five of which charged felony offenses.—Star.

FOUR MEMBERS ELECTED TO SPUR SCHOOL BOARD

At the election held Saturday in Spur for the purpose of electing four new members to the Spur Independent School Board Fred O. McFall, J. B. Richbourg, R. L. Collier and B. D. Glasgow were almost unanimously elected. The result of the election was as follows:

Fred O. McFall 47 votes; J. B. Richbourg 49; R. L. Collier 51; B. D. Glasgow 49 votes. There were a few scattering votes. N. A. Baker received four votes, M. E. Manning 2, T. A. Tidwell 1, J. H. Grace 1, J. D. Powell 1, and E. C. Edmonds 1, making a total of 55 votes polled in the election.

The Spur Independent School Board membership it now composed of E. C. Edmonds, president; Jas. F. Williams, T. A. Tidwell, Fred O. McFall, J. B. Richbourg, R. L. Collier, and B. D. Glasgow.

R. S. Holly and wife, of the Afton country, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur the latter part of last week, spending some time here greeting friends. Mr. Holly reports everything in the very finest shape in his section of the country.



"The BANNER" is good from body to tire. Its beautiful lines appeal to the buyer. Strong in construction and lasting in wear—its gaining in sales by the thousands each year!

Better Take No Chances

Make sure before you buy that you get in quality all that you pay for. The buggy that will not stand up and give service and satisfaction and long life to the user is not cheap at any price. It's costly in the long run. So, for your own good, before you buy—Compare—Compare—Compare. That's the test of value—honest comparison.

We have here in stock a well-selected assortment of the newest and latest style

"BANNER BUGGIES"

Come in and look at them. Let us show you the class and character of material used—the methods of construction—how "BANNER BUGGIES" are ironed and braced—how they are upholstered, painted and finished. Then get our prices and go and see if there is any other place you can duplicate our "BANNER BUGGY" values.

If you will investigate—and that's what we want you to do—we will get the business, for we can save you in your purchase a clean, clear 40%, and at the same time give you style and quality that's way ahead of what the others can furnish.

Come in and see for yourself. That's all we ask.

Bryant-Link Company

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION CONVENED IN AUSTIN

In response to a proclamation issued by Governor Ferguson a Special Session of the Legislature convened Thursday, April 29th, at Austin. This session of the Legislature was called for the specific purpose of passing an appropriation bill for the support and maintenance of various state institutions, and it is presumed that ten days will be required in the consideration of this bill. Other matters will probably be submitted, most important of which will be the bill providing for the readmission of "exiled" insurance companies to Texas upon their compliance with certain stipulations made by the Governor and the payment of fines heretofore assessed.

The appropriation bills will provide for a total of about \$15,000,000, or about \$2,000,000 more than was appropriated by the last Legislature, according to the Governor. He said the increase is due to old debts inherited from the last administration, aggregating about \$1,250,000, and to

special appropriations made necessary by laws enacted during the regular session this year.

"And if we pay the penitentiary debt about \$700,000 more will have to be appropriated," the Governor added.

Regarding the proposed amendment to the permanent warehouse law, Governor Ferguson would make no comment.

The warehouse law requires ginners to take three samples from each bale of cotton ginned, preserve a sample and make bond for its safety and correctness. The ginners of the state are opposed to such a law for the reason that such a law will cost a dollar or two more per bale to the farmer and at the same time result in no special benefit to farmers or cotton buyers, since samples could be switched without the knowledge of ginners or buyers, thus making the law an unnecessary and expensive burden.

Anyone wanting a good, gentle Shetland pony, see S. R. Bowman, Spur, Texas. 27tf

NO COUNTRY IN BETTER CONDITION THAN WEST TEXAS

Jess Norris, merchant, farmer and ranchman of Wake, was in Spur several days this week on business. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his part of the country. Plenty rain, grass fine, cattle fattening and ideal prospects for bumper crops of all kinds. No country is in better condition at this time than this section of Western Texas and we expect this year to demonstrate to the world at large the possibilities in agriculture and stockfarming.

White Moore hauled out lumber and other material to his ranch west of Spur this week with which to build barns, lots and make other improvements on the place.

A. S. Jackson and W. W. Waldrup were in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business.

Bud Wooten, a leading citizen and one of the most extensive farmers of the plains country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. He reports an abundance of rain in his section and the finest prospects ever known for bumper crops this year.

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.

Miss Hensley left this week for Canyon where she will spend the summer with relatives and friends. Miss Hensley has been one of the teachers of the Spur school throughout the 1914-15 term.

D. H. Sullivan returned the first of the week from a business trip to Wichita Falls, Fort Worth and Dallas and other towns in that part of the state.

WHERE HIS PAPER GOES AND IS LIKELY TO GO

You can never tell where the country newspaper goes to, says an exchange. Some of them are like the editor who wrote to a catalogue house for some advertising. They replied that they would be glad to use his space, but would like to know what territory his paper covered, whereupon he told them: "This paper goes from New York to San Francisco, from Canada to the Gulf, and it keeps me working until two o'clock in the morning to keep it from going to hell."

L. N. Riter returned Tuesday from a business trip to Dallas, Forney and other towns in the eastern part of the state. He reports that part of the state flooded on account of recent heavy rains. The rains have resulted in much damage to the eastern part of the state since farmers have already planted crops and will now have to replant.

Miss Bovkin, who has been one of the teachers in the Spur School throughout the term just closed, left the first of the week for her home at Polytechnic to spend the summer.

A. W. Jordan and wife, of the Steel Hill country, were among the many visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

Dr. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur this week on professional business and greeting friends.

W. F. Godfrey made a trip Monday to Roaring Springs, returning Tuesday.

BETTR THAN CASH FOR PAYING DEBTS

YOUR check on the City National Bank will do more than pay your debt. It will prove that you paid it. The simple endorsement of your creditor on the paid check is all you need. Open a checking account here and get the proof in every transaction.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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

Our Give Your Money Back Sale

For May Started Saturday, May 1st

WITH A BIG DAYS BUSINESS regardless of bad weather. Every day has shown increase in trade. We want May to be a Big Month, and to this aim we intend to give our trade anything **FREE** bought on a certain day this month. We are beyond a doubt underselling all competition. It's new trade we want. Cash, hard earned dollars, when you trade with us. You don't have to pay 10 per cent Extra for some good fellows bad account, or extra bookkeepers and office expenses. Furthermore, the Cash Man buys his merchandise for less money than any concern depending on fall payments. If any man questions this, ask the fellow that has been trodding the road of credit till fall crops come in. We don't sell one man a Suit for \$15.00 and someone else for \$10. A child can buy here the same as Grandpa. We make every word good. Trade with us through May and see if we don't make good on prices. See our Wash Goods at 10c, Bleach Muslin 7 1-2c, best Calicoes 5c, fine Lawns 5c, Ladies White Waists 50c, Dress Skirts 98c, House Dresses 98c, Mens Union Suits 50c, Work Shirts 40c. Everything on a Cash proposition. You can save 25 to 50 per cent. Save your duplicate tickets during May.

ONE DAYS SALE TICKETS WILL BE REDEEMED IN CASH

Love Dry Goods Company

"The Cash Store" Spur, Texas

ORIGINAL AND ATTRACTIVE ADVERTISING PAYS.

Last week a full page advertisement appeared in the Texas Spur announcing "Love's Great Give Your Money Back Sale of Dry Goods." This is one of the most novel, original and attractive plans of reaching out after the trade that has ever been presented to the people of this trade territory. This advertising proposition presents a plan whereby every man, woman and child who trades at this store on a certain day in the month of May will be given not only the goods purchased but every dollar spent on that day, whether it be one dollar or one hundred dollars. Such a plan of doing business this month may cost the Love Dry Goods Company many dollars, but they expect to make more money by reason of this plan of reaching out after the trade in securing more customers and making larger volumes of sales each day during the month.

Our experience and observation in the advertising business during the past twenty years has demonstrated conclusively to us that advertising is just as essential as capital stock in conducting a successful business, and the only question to be solved is "how to advertise." The business man who reaches out after the trade in the most attractive manner, sells good goods and treats his customers fairly and squarely will surely and unquestionably make a success of his business. During the past five years C. L. Love has been a constant and persistent advertiser through the columns of the Texas Spur, not having missed a single issue in presenting an original trade proposition changed each week, and in doing so we venture the assertion

that he has made greater progress in the conduct of his business, capital stock considered, than any other man in Western Texas. He has the right idea of conducting a successful business. He sells standard, trade-marked, advertised goods, treats customers fairly and squarely, and with the proper backing in capital stock he would soon become the biggest merchant in all of Western Texas.

BOY SERIOUSLY HURT.

Thursday morning while playing with powder Luther Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison, was severely injured in the eyes by an explosion. It was thought at first that the sight of both eyes would be entirely lost, but it is now thought that after a few days the sight will be regained.

MAIL AND TRAIN SERVICE RESUMED AFTER 2 WEEKS

Train and mail service was resumed Thursday over the Stamford & Northwestern Railway after a delay of nearly two weeks. The two bridges over Salt Fork and Double Mountain Forks of the Brazos River were washed away Sunday morning, April 25th, the last train service in Spur being on Saturday, April 24th.

During the week two or three trips over land has been made to Peacock for the mail, thus giving the people of Spur and surrounding country a limited mail service throughout the week.

The indications now are that we will have fair weather for a time and which is very much desired by the farmers of this section who have been delayed in planting crops.

HEAVY RAINS AND GROUND SOAKING WET

C. D. Pullin and Will Eldredge, of the plains country, were in Spur Thursday and Friday. They report heavy rains in the Lee County settlement and the ground soaking wet. They expect to make bumper crops this year, and the greatest disadvantage will be the absence of a gin in that community. Six or seven hundred bales of cotton will probably be grown this year in that immediate territory, and unless a gin is put in, farmers will be forced to make a haul of twenty five to thirty miles to a gin.

DOING PERMANENT STREET WORK IN CITY OF SPUR

The City Commissioners of Spur are to be commended for the substantial street work now in progress and outlined for the future. At the present time the Commission is having Parker Avenue regraded and reditched from Second to Third Streets, a culvert at 3rd and Parker and a culvert at 3rd and Miller and 3rd is being ditched from Parker to Miller.

When this work is completed Trumbull Street will be regraded and ditched from Harris Street south to the railroad. On Hill Street culverts will be put in at First and Willard Streets and at Second and Carroll Streets and the washed and worn places on Hill Street will be regraded, thus establishing and maintaining first class streets on these popular highways.

It is contemplated graveling Burlington Avenue from Hill Street to the depot, making a permanent, hard surface over the two main traveled streets of the town.

This is the most commendable work that could be done by the city government, and the City Commission is to be congratulated in thus doing permanent street improvement work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of Spur, were visitors in the city the first of the week, spending the day here with friends.

Mace Hunter came in Thursday from his home several miles east of Spur and spent some time here on business.

THE WISE MAN USES PRINTERS INK LIBERALLY

Richard J. Reynolds is a millionaire tobacco manufacturer. He began active life as a day laborer in a tobacco factory. Advertising made him. He spent \$4,000 the first year that publicity appealed to him. The next year he increased it to \$20,000, and his business doubled. Now he spends a fortune every year in advertising his goods and makes two fortunes. Publicity is the thing. The wise man uses printer's ink.

We do first-class Job Printing.

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

SPUR,

TEXAS

"THE ACCOMPLICE" A Glance at Current Topics

By FREDERICK TREVOR HILL

A Unique Murder Trial as Described by the Foreman of the Jury, In Which Is Revealed the Most Astounding and Inconceivable Act of Rascality.

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PROLOGUE.

Mr. Lambert becomes foreman of the jury in the trial of Alice Emory for the murder of her aged employer. In a series of adventures he meets the fair Barbara Frayne, friend of the accused, and helps to rescue the murdered man's housekeeper, Madeline Mapes, and Bethna Field, a maid, from Hunt, assistant to Barstow, the counsel for the defense. Lambert's interest in the case is noted by Dick Gilbert, the prosecutor, who calls him as a witness. This brings forth vigorous protest from Barstow, his utterances provoking the court. Barstow's tactics in trying to make out Madeline Mapes the murderess causes Alice Emory to demand a hearing, and she begins to tell her story, revealing her engagement to Barstow. As she unfolds her story the threads of evidence tighten about Barstow, who had told her that Hunt was the murderer, and he wished to shield him. Hunt on the stand astounds the court by revelations as to Barstow's duplicity.

The Verdict.

"DID YOU, Mr. Hunt, call at Mr. Shaw's house in Pollicet on the evening of Nov. 2?"
"I did."
"At Mr. Shaw's invitation?"
"I suppose so. We had an appointment with him."
"Whom do you mean by we?"
"Mr. Barstow and I."
"And you kept the appointment?"
"We both kept it."
"Did Mr. Barstow accompany you?"
"No, I arrived first. Barstow came later."
"Who answered the door when you arrived?"
"Miss Emory."
"Do you know who let Mr. Barstow into the house?"
"Yes, I did. I saw him coming in at the gate from the hall window and went downstairs and opened the door for him myself."
"Very well. Describe what occurred after Mr. Barstow arrived."
In the breathless silence which followed Gilbert's demand Miss Emory rose and drew her chair close beside her counsel.
"We went into Mr. Shaw's study and found him writing at his desk," began the witness. "He was excited, and when the papers were produced and he discovered that they were made out in Barstow's name he refused to sign them, saying they would put him completely in Barstow's power. This led to angry talk, but the upshot of it all was that Shaw would not yield and Barstow finally asked him how he proposed to do the business. Then Shaw drew a paper from his desk showing a transfer of all the property to Alice Emory, and the moment Barstow read this he threw it on the table, saying he would not permit the use of Miss Emory's name."
The witness paused, groping at the counsel's table with outstretched hand, and one of the attendants, interpreting the gesture, hastened forward with a glass of water. Hunt moistened his lips and sank back in his chair with a gasp.
"Did you hear Shaw's reply to Barstow's declaration?" prompted Gilbert, after a pause.
The witness nodded slowly.
"He demanded Barstow's authority for saying that Miss Emory should do or leave undone," he responded, "and Barstow declined to give it. That was the beginning of the trouble, but they soon got to talking so fast I couldn't distinguish what they said until Shaw shouted out that he'd talk about his wife in any way he pleased and thrust another paper under Barstow's nose."
"Did you see what that paper was?" interposed the judge.
"It was a copy of the will made out in favor of his wife Alice," Hunt responded, "and the moment Barstow saw it he flung it on the floor. 'You impudent rascal!' he hissed. 'You're not married to Alice Emory and you know it!' Shaw laughed in his face. 'I'm as good as married to her, and what's good enough for her and me ought to do for you,' he leered, and before I realized what was happening Barstow had him on the floor and it was all over."
The speaker's voice sank to a whis-

per, and in the awful silence which followed I glanced at Alice Emory. From the moment Gilbert had called the witness to the stand her expression had indicated horror, and as Hunt uttered the last words she suddenly threw her arm around Barstow's shoulder, sobbing convulsively.

"Did you not know what had happened, Mr. Hunt?" Gilbert demanded after a pause.

"Not until Barstow got up," the witness answered, "and then I saw he had a miniature foil in his hand which Shaw used as a paper cutter. I had seen it lying on the table just a moment before."

The witness paused again, took a sip of water and waited for a prompting question.

"Did the sight of that weapon tell you what had occurred?" queried Gilbert.

Hunt shook his head.

"I never dreamed of it until Barstow gripped my arm and whispered that the man was dead," he answered, "and even then I couldn't believe it, for I dropped down beside the body and tried to restore it to life. Barstow helped me for a time, but he must have known it was useless, for as I worked he locked the door and outlined his plan to make it a case of suicide. I did whatever he ordered. He hypnotized me once, and since then I've never been able to oppose him. He owned me until—until I got this jolt on my head yesterday. Maybe that cured me."

The injured man smiled faintly and motioned the attendant to lift him higher in his chair.

"You know how we escaped," he continued. "It was Barstow who knelt in the candle drippings and gave the clew to the blue threads, but neither of us knew we had left any trace until we heard what the police had discovered; then I got panic stricken."

"How did you escape from the veranda roof?" the judge inquired. "Did you pass through the window?"

The witness glanced at the bench and smiled.

"No, sir," he answered. "The foreman gave the clew to that. We swung down from the veranda roof on a shutter of one of the kitchen windows just as Mr. Lambert suggested."

A ripple of applause started in the audience, but the judge's gavel quickly suppressed it.

"Did I understand you to say you became panic stricken after the discovery of the blue threads from Mr. Barstow's trousers?" the prosecutor continued quietly.

"Yes, sir," Hunt responded. "I wanted Barstow to get out of the country, and when he wouldn't hear of that I threatened to leave him. He soon cured me of any such notion, however, and when I was sufficiently cowed he told me his plan. He was engaged to Miss Emory, he said, and she had promised to say nothing about having seen me in the house, and she stuck to her promise, all right," he added warmly.

"Do you mean to say you plotted to shield yourself and Barstow by casting suspicion on Miss Emory?" demanded the judge disgustedly.

"No, indeed, sir," protested the witness. "I never dreamed she would be suspected until it was too late, and then Barstow argued that she was hopelessly implicated anyway, and the safest way for us all was to stick it out and get her acquitted."

"Did you know that he had told her that you were the murderer and that in shielding you she was protecting his dearest friend?" interposed the prosecutor.

"I did not," Hunt asserted. "I never knew it until Miss Frayne brought me your message saying she was swearing my life away," he added.

"You entered into Barstow's plans without any particular fear of the consequences, did you not?" suggested Gilbert.

"Well, at first it seemed as though there was little or no risk," the witness answered, "but I got panicky when Barstow told me he had retained the paper transferring Shaw's securities to Miss Emory and had it filed. After the trial was safely over he was going to marry her, he declared, and then he'd make a rich man of me. I was afraid that paper would ruin her, and when it was discovered I thought the game was up. But Barstow assured me that no harm could come to her, that he loved her and would confess rather than injure a hair of her head. It didn't take much to persuade me, anyway. I was an accomplice and Barstow never let me forget it. His only fear was that Miss Mapes and the housemaid would make some damaging admissions, and when he finally got them out of the way he thought all the danger was over. Then Miss Mapes turned up, bringing the Field girl with her. She was in a towering rage because the case had proceeded to trial, for Barstow had promised to clear Miss Emory without a trial if she would leave the state. We knew she had destroyed Miss Emory's skirt with the idea of helping

her, and Barstow was so scared that she'd make some other fool break that he wouldn't put her on the stand even to prove the exchange of rooms.

"Tell the jury how you received the injuries from which you are now suffering," continued Gilbert calmly.

"One of our men, who was keeping track of Miss Mapes and the Field girl in Melton yesterday, discovered that they wanted a carriage to get back to Pollicet," the witness responded, "and this struck Barstow as a good opportunity to get them out of the state. He made me hire a hack, remove the handles from the doors and disguise myself as a hackman. Then I was to meet the two women at a shop in town, get them into the carriage and carry them over the state line and keep them away until the trial was over. Everything worked well until some fellow tried to stop the horses, thinking they were running away, and when I was trying to dissuade him with the butt of my whip I was thrown from the box seat and fell on my head. That's all!"

The witness' voice died away in a husky whisper, and he sank back wearily in his chair. Gilbert stooped and spoke to his assistant and then gravely addressed the court.

"That is all, your honor," he announced.

The judge leaned over his desk, gazing earnestly at Barstow, and every eye in the room centered on the lawyer, who sat quietly watching the limp figure in the witness chair.

"Does the defense wish to cross examine?" he inquired gravely.

Barstow rose and faced the court with perfect self-possession.

"The defense does not wish to cross examine," he retorted. "But the uncontradicted testimony of this witness demands the instant discharge of the defendant, and I renew my request that the jury be forthwith instructed to acquit."

The man's tone and manner were as rough and aggressive as they had been at the opening of the trial. To all outward appearances the testimony had no interest for him save that it was favorable to his client.

"I think it my duty to join in the defendant's request, and I therefore move that the jury be instructed to acquit the defendant at the bar."

A burst of applause followed Gilbert's solemn announcement, and the judge's gavel was powerless to suppress the tumult until Barstow rose and held up his hand.

"I withdraw my suggestion and request the court to deny the prosecutor's," he exclaimed as soon as he could be heard. "This defendant is entitled to the only reparation the state can make her under the circumstances, which is an uncontradicted verdict of not guilty at the hands of her peers. I therefore demand not as a matter of favor, but as a matter of right, that her case be submitted to the jury with no directions from the court, save to do full justice."

I do not like to think I was the only person in the room who understood the dignity of this appeal, but I know I felt like cheering it.

"The jury will retire to consider its verdict," announced the judge.

My associates rose, but before they could leave the box I held them in whispered consultation for a moment, and we quietly resumed our seats.

"Gentlemen of the jury," the judge began, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," I answered, rising as I spoke.

"How say you, gentlemen of the jury?" he continued. "Do you find the prisoner guilty or not guilty of the offense as charged?"

"Not guilty," I responded, but before I had completed the words they were drowned in a thunderous burst of cheering, and immediately all was wild confusion. Men leaped on the benches and howled like maniacs, women wept, and enthusiasts fought to clasp the defendant's hand, while the judge pounded his desk and attendants rushed about endeavoring to suppress the demonstration. We were still standing in our places watching this scene of frenzied joy when we heard ourselves addressed in even, earnest tones.

"Mr. Foreman and gentlemen of the jury, I thank you on behalf of my client and on my own behalf for the justice of this verdict at your hands." Barstow stood close to the jury rail as he uttered the words, and as we stared at him in open mouthed amazement a sheriff's officer approached and whispered something in his ear.

"Certainly," we heard him answer. "Wait till I've had a chance to congratulate my client and I'll be at your service."

He moved away as he spoke, and as my eyes followed him across the room I saw Barbara Frayne greet Gilbert with outstretched hands, and they were still standing together gazing into each other's eyes as the crowd surged around them and hid them from my view.

Naval War Games Around New York.

New York, April 19.—Plans have been completed by the navy department for the mobilization of the entire Atlantic fleet, the destroyer and submarine flotillas and the naval aviation corps off Newport on May 18. Newport will be the base of operations, which will involve the working out of a naval problem on which the war college at Newport has been busy for weeks and which will cover the coast from Nantucket to Montauk Point, the approach to Long Island sound.

The morning of May 8 the fleet will head for New York from the capes of Virginia. It is due in the North river



Photo by American Press Association. Admiral Frank F. Fletcher to Command Mighty Fleet.

the following morning, there to remain at anchor while the officers and men enjoy shore leave until May 17, the day before the big naval game is to begin. The assemblage of the great fleet will give New York its first opportunity to see the mighty organization since Admiral Fletcher became commander in chief, and it will be the first time a four starred pennant, the flag of an admiral, ever has been seen on a Dreadnought in these waters.

The war game will last from May 18 to May 30, and on June 1 the various ships will proceed to their home yards for docking and necessary repairs before starting on the long voyage to San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle via the Panama canal. The fleet will assemble in Hampton Roads on June 21 and is scheduled to sail for the canal on June 25.

Pan-American Unity in May.

Washington, April 19.—Treasury officials are going ahead with plans for the forthcoming conference of Pan-American financiers in Washington, when ways and means will be considered for strengthening the financial and commercial relations between the nations of the Western Hemisphere. It will be held on May 10 under authorization of congress, the date having been chosen by President Wilson. An appropriation of \$50,000 was provided for the purpose.

An elaborate program is being prepared for what promises to be one of the most, if not the most, important gatherings ever held in the United States for the promotion of its fiscal and trade relations with other countries.

To Paint War Scenes.

Paris, April 11.—While Germany stimulates public sentiment with cinematograph films of the war, France, says the Petit Journal, purposes to allow a few well known painters to enter the military zone to make a more permanent record of the noteworthy scenes.

Although the 1915 salon will probably be canceled, instructions have already been given to certain generals to give facilities to artists to work under their supervision.

The Petit Journal names Tinayre, Scott, Jacquier and General Niox among the artists already at the front.

Treasures Hidden in Constantinople.

Chicago, April 19.—Frederic Harrison, veteran writer and philosopher, has made a lifelong study of Byzantium. Mr. Harrison believes that Constantinople treasures of the past which exist in the city, hidden since the time of the conquest by the Turks, will amaze the world when they are brought to light. Already, Mr. Harrison remarks, some of the objects discovered in the city by the Golden Horn surpass anything else in Europe.

After the Islamic conqueror had en-

tered Constantinople, following a combined land and sea attack, incredible barbarities were committed. The brave Greek emperor, Constantine XI. (Palaeologos), died in the thick of the fighting, and the Turks poured in over his corpse to plunder and devastate his capital.

It is in what may lie under St. Sophia that the interest of archaeologists will center. These vaults have always been jealously guarded by the Turks, and few indeed have been the outsiders allowed a peep at them.

Striped Uniforms For War.

London, April 18.—The experience of this war may lead to the trial of soldiers' uniforms striped like the zebra or banded by the colors of the rainbow, in the opinion of some military observers, who have serious doubts as to the effectiveness of khaki, blue gray or any of the other colors now in use. In India and South Africa, where khaki got its reputation as a uniform cloth, it fitted well into the backgrounds of the landscapes, but in the different atmospheres and landscapes of Europe both the khaki and the blue gray show up conspicuously in mass.

Nature, the color experts now say, did not stripe the zebra by way of ornament, but as a protective measure. It is the unbroken mass of color, no matter in what shade, that catches the eye in the distance. Colonel Maude, a well known expert, recounts an instance in India when his party, approaching a parade ground from a distance, were unable to see but one of three battalions until comparatively close up. The troops all wore scarlet jackets. But two battalions were made invisible by white pipe clay belts and cross straps, which broke the mass of color, while the conspicuous body had dark straps which blended in with the red. Tigers, leopards, birds, lizards, snakes and most living creatures use the mottled coloring.

Wireless Without Tower.

Boston, April 20.—Experiments conducted by the wireless society of Tufts college have shown, it was announced, that messages may be transmitted and received without using high aerial antennae. Tests have shown that the apparatus can be ready for use within a third of the time required for setting up the aerial equipment. Two ordinary wires ninety feet in length when stretched on the ground in a direct line with the transmitting station were found to be sufficient to receive messages from fifty to seventy-five miles distant.

Murdock Goes to Press Again.

Washington, April 20.—Victor Murdock of Kansas, who has just retired from congress, has begun the job of editing his Wichita newspaper.

Mr. Murdock, after twelve years in congress, is bulging with ideas how to run a newspaper. He intends to introduce what he describes as a "sane and adjectiveless society page."

He is going to be a bear on Washington news and will print one page in big type, the "easy to read" kind, pleasing alike to the old, the near-sighted and the tired business man who wants to skim over his paper in a hurry. A page that a man can read at arm's length is his big idea.

He will also run a Saturday review of the stories and articles in the weekly and monthly periodical press.



Photo by American Press Association. Ex-Congressman Victor Murdock is Now Just Plain Editor Murdock.

Mr. Murdock has another idea. A transcontinental train passes through Wichita once a day.

"My idea," said he with enthusiasm, "is to print the names of the Pullman passengers on said train. How many times has the average fellow looked through a Pullman window and wondered if he knew anybody inside. I believe I could make a distinctive feature of this with a heading something like this:

"They passed through Wichita today from the west coast." [17 A]

[To be continued.]

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

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

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

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

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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,
Secretary of State.

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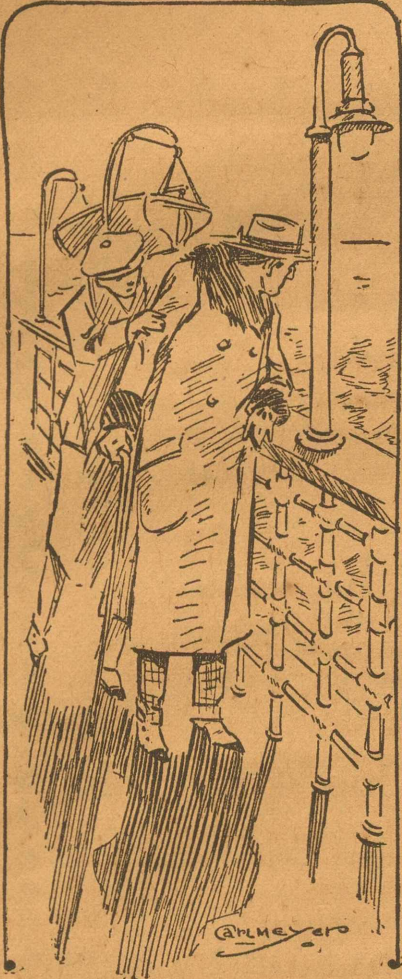
Why Not Now?

The Golden Greyhound

By DWIGHT TILTON

A chase after a fair face leads Overton Brill, a wealthy man about town, into assisting in the defeat of the most astounding act of piracy ever attempted on the high seas.

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PROLOGUE.

The action of the story has its real beginning on an ocean liner bound for Europe and just leaving New York. It has been boarded in haste on a winter day by Overton Brill, an impetuous wealthy young bachelor, who, attracted by a pretty girl accompanied by an elderly gentleman, has followed them aboard. Brill was on his way uptown with Aristides Stebbins, his valet, known as Jay, when he saw the girl, just after purchasing a valuable bracelet as a gift for a Miss Carstairs. The passenger list reveals the names of the pursued as Mr. Andrew Jennison and daughter. Brill finds himself without money and negotiates with a dark individual named Benedict for the sale of the bracelet, receiving \$500 for it, with which he secures a de luxe cabin. At dinner the conversation turns to the weather, and a Professor Pennythorpe's storm prediction is placed before Captain Humphries for judgment. Brill makes the acquaintance of Mr. Jennison, and the two proceed to the captain's cabin to inspect a phenomenal, wonderfully trained canary. At luncheon a jovial person, Christopher C. Marsh, introduces himself to Brill. Starting from a sound sleep Brill hears through the window Benedict, the professor and Jennison discussing the large shipment of gold aboard. Soon after this he is rewarded by a smile from Marlon Jennison for a small courtesy. Marsh is informed that he has been selected to take charge of the Christmas concert, and he chooses Brill, Marlon Jennison, the professor and Mrs. Blucher-Ward as his aids. Brill, known as Mr. Overton, and Miss Jennison have a pleasant chat together. Icebergs and fog are reported, Jennison, worrying about the gold, becomes sick. Professor Pennythorpe observes that the ship is off its course. Marsh notices that the captain hasn't been at the dinner table for several days. Professor Pennythorpe misses his sextant and compass. Brill has a talk with Marlon about the concert and is later told by Benedict that the latter objects to his friendship with Marlon, whom Benedict calls his fiancée. Brill meets Marsh on deck. Hearing a noise in a supposedly unoccupied stateroom, they investigate with the captain, but find nothing. The altered course of the vessel frightens the passengers, who protest. Brill and Marsh look to Jay to assist in a secret search of the mysterious stateroom. A wireless reports that Russia has declared war against Great Britain. Marsh suspects Benedict of having manufactured the message. Professor Pennythorpe armed with a marine glass watches a strange craft approach astern. At the Christmas feast Brill becomes jealous of Benedict's attentions to Miss Jennison. Marsh, still suspicious, continues his investigations of the mysterious noises. Knocking on the door of room 33, he is confronted by the smiling Benedict. Another war notice is posted up. Jennison confides to Brill that \$50,000,000 in gold is being shipped to Russia secretly. Jennison wires his partner for instructions and is told to transfer the gold to a Russian ship. Marsh and Brill suspect that the dispatches were tampered with. The two visit the captain, but quickly leave on Brill seeing a note addressed to the captain from Benedict, which arouses suspicion that the captain is in league with the conspirators.

Brill Reveals Himself.

YES; Brill had noticed it all too plainly, and his heart sank as he thought how enormously that alcoholic indulgence might count in the present crisis. Marsh saw the dejection in his face. "Come, come; buck up!" he said kindly. "Not whipped in the first round, are you? I've just begun to

fight, now I'm dead sure we've got something to fight for. Here, take this." Saying which, he pulled a businesslike revolver from his hip pocket and handed it to his friend, with a suggestive smile. "I've the mate to it. May need 'em. Never can tell. Let's go on deck and see what's developing."

As he spoke he noted that Brill looked into the inner room and turned with a shade of annoyance on his face when he saw that Stebbins was not visible.

"You won't find your friend," said the stout plotter quietly. "I sent him back to the engine room."

When the strategists reached the port side of the promenade deck, in pursuance of Marsh's advice that they go out for a brain clearing drink of ozone, they found a number of male passengers indulging in afternoon constitutional. The motion of the ship was nearly normal again, and the weather was fine and clear.

"Of course," growled Marsh, jerking a fat thumb ahead. "Pennythorpe's emerged from his shell. Shall we fy?"

The man of science was shouting and gesticulating to the usual coterie he had managed to gather. Especially he was pointing to the Olympiad's companion of the recent course, which now steamed along abreast of the huge liner and not more than a quarter of a mile distant.

Brill scanned the craft with an interest that had grown enormously with the events of twenty-four hours. So that was the vessel that was to carry off his fair Marlon as well as the millions in gold that had tormented the girl's father into a physical and mental wreck! Somewhere in that slim, black, low lying, clipper bowed steamship was a cabin prepared for a lovely occupant and, doubtless, another near it for a swarthy Mexican. The thought made the young man quiver with rage. Could he have launched a torpedo that would blow the vessel and all on board her into the air he would have done it without compunction.

Meantime Marsh was making his own particular observations of their sea neighbor, humming gently and with special emphasis whenever a new and important point struck his comprehension.

"Look here, Overton," he said at last. "See those black squares where the steel seems to jut out. I wouldn't be surprised if they could be let down and show"—

"Guns," cried Brill eagerly. "Then she is"—

"A warship, after all? Perhaps so. Our swarthy friend or whoever's bossing it went into this for big stakes, and he'd stack the cards the best possible. May be a converted yacht from some bankrupt South American republic."

As they approached Professor Pennythorpe and the others they noticed that a row of signal flags broke out from the stranger. When they were hauled in a launch was swung from the davits and began its descent. At the same time they felt the speed of the Olympiad slacken in unison with that of the other craft until both the leviathan and its satellite barely maintained headway. Two seamen and an officer tumbled into the steam yacht's launch, and it headed for the Olympiad.

The sides were manned, and a rope ladder was thrown over in short order, and a little later the watching crowd on the liner was rewarded by the sight of a big white Russian cap as it reached their level. Then followed a short, thickset figure in a long overcoat.

Captain Humphries received the visitor with stiff courtesy, and together they went away to the official quarters, but not before Marsh, who had squeezed his portly frame as far forward as possible, had said something

apparently intended for the ears of the newcomer.

Brill asked him about this as they went inside.

"No more a Russian than I'm a Dutchman," said the commercial agent in a low voice. "Tried him with the only Russian I know, only five words, but if he'd understood 'em—well, I wouldn't care to meet him. Let's find Stebbins. I need his bracing presence and information that he may have."

In Brill's cabin Marsh showed that he had not let the visitor from the black yacht out of his thought.

"If it wasn't for his beard," he mused aloud, "I'd swear he was Benedict's old gambling house partner. I was tempted to try a pull at those whiskers."

The absurdity of the fat man's attack on the supposed representative of a great foreign power at his formal reception was so delightful that Brill laughed.

"Why didn't you?" he asked. "The beard may be more genuine than his Russian nationality," replied his friend gravely. "May have grown; had time enough since I saw him."

Brill moved about restlessly, peering into the next room as if he might materialize the form of his absent servant.

"Looking for Stebbins?" said Marsh, pulling out his watch. "He should be here directly. I'll gamble on him. If the girl now does her part as well."

Of course the girl would do her part as well, probably very much better, and the lover of the lady was about to proclaim that fact indignantly when the arrival of Aristides turned his thoughts in another direction.

"Well?" queried Marsh shortly.

Stebbins nodded with apparent great self-satisfaction.

"It's all right," he said, "and the moon don't rise till after 3 in the morning."

"Good! They'll have no light. Do you know what this young man has done?" he added to Brill. "Laid himself liable to pretty serious punishment."

Aristides' patron saw that Marsh was for once wholly serious. His face showed his surprise.

"Tell him what you did," commanded his fellow conspirator.

"Only what you told me to," returned Aristides. "I cut and removed the wires of the searchlights and dropped the reflectors overboard."

It was Marsh's turn to laugh at Brill now, and he enjoyed the astonishment of his friend to the utmost. Then he vouchsafed to explain.

"If they move gold tonight it'll be in the dark. Sure no one saw you, Stebbins? How about the other?"

"Mr. Tyson has promised to go with me to the second officer's cabin at 5 o'clock. They're both off duty then."

Marsh rubbed his plump hands together and whistled two bars of a clog. "Good!" he cried. "You may get into trouble, but we'll see you through—if we get through ourselves."

Aristides' air as he sauntered from the cabin indicated that neither his own immediate fate nor that of the others gave him the slightest concern. Of much more vital moment was the fact that he met Marie, the maid, just outside in the corridor, bearing a note from Miss Jennison to "Mr. Overton." This he delivered and immediately vanished. Marsh frowned.

"Miss Marie, eh? Hope he doesn't forget his appointment with Tyson," he muttered. Then to Brill, "Anything of importance to the campaign, or is it just"—

"Oh, no," returned his companion, with a little flush. "Miss Jennison says her father tells her they will go aboard the Czarovitch tomorrow forenoon."

"Anything about removing the shiners?"

Brill shook his head.

"Anything more?"

"She asks to see you or me for a few moments."

"Me, eh?" exclaimed Marsh, laughing significantly. "Well, on the whole I think you had better go. See here, Overton!"

There was something in the tone of the other that struck Brill as a note of despondency, and he glanced quickly at his companion's eyes, dreading to read failure there.

"I'll confess I'm pretty near the end of my rope," continued Marsh. "If Stebbins pulls off his trick and Benedict's got no unexpected cards up his sleeve they can't do any gold juggling till daylight. After that"—

He shrugged his broad shoulders as one who would say "quien sabe?" But that was not enough for Brill.

"Well, after that—what?"

"I'm afraid we'll have to wave a fond farewell to gold, the Jennisons and Benedict."

"She shall not leave this boat!" shouted the young man, clinching his fists.

"Oh, she'll not, eh? Who'll prevent it? Force won't do, they're too many for us. There's only one way," he added, after a moment's pause.

"And that is?"

"If we can only dig out the man in stateroom 35," returned Marsh, meditatively, "he may help us."

Brill chewed the cud of bitterness over the inconsequential reply. Was Marsh, with all his shrewdness, a mere seer of visions, after all? How much

longer was this monomania on the subject of strange noises to play its absurd part in their enterprises? He remained silent, but the other saw the disgust in his face.

"Overton," he said earnestly, "if that man gets out and proves those wireless messages fakes Jennison may be able to prevent the transfer of the gold. At all events he'd scarcely trust his daughter to the pirate."

Here was a little ray of light that promised hope. Yet what was his ally expecting? Whom did he believe to be held a prisoner?

"Thurston must be pretty groggy by this time," said Marsh, as if reading his thought.

"Thurston! Then you think it's the wireless operator?"

"Hope so. At any rate, if we have luck we'll know before many hours."

The slight wave of elation ebbed rapidly and left the rocks of discouragement jagged and bare. What faith could possibly be placed in such vagaries? Brill gazed at the traveling man stupidly until suddenly recalled to the duty of the moment by the words:

"Better go to Miss Jennison, hadn't you?"

He started shamefacedly. It was odd to be prompted to go to her. Marsh had a final word with him as he rose.

"I'd post her as to how the captain stands, but warn her not to tell her father. Women can keep a secret—when they want to—but nervous old men of finance who've put all their eggs in one basket can leak like sieves. Perhaps she can suggest some scheme for further delay, but I hope we can do the trick tonight."

On his way to the library Brill found that the passengers had learned that the gold was to be transferred. Pennythorpe voiced the disgust of many of them.

"They'll keep the steamer merely under steerageway for hours," he said angrily. "I protest against this utter defiance of the rights of passengers. I"—

But Brill hurried on, almost as much to escape this dread bore as to meet the girl he loved. In the corridor, just outside the library, he came face to face with Benedict.

The Mexican quickened his steps and reached the library entrance first. He stood still, squared his shoulders, folded his arms and fixed his scintillating lenses on his rival's face.

"I think it best you do not enter the library just now," he said, with icy incisiveness.

"When a lady expresses a desire to see me, I doubt the right of any one even to suggest that I do not comply with her wishes," was the reply.

"I have told you"—began Benedict.

"Stand out of my way," said Brill, with a calmness that the other still misunderstood, an interpretation that caused him to keep his ground three seconds too long.

Mr. Overton Brill had been one of the crack "guards" of the country on the Yale eleven of his time, and possibly had never quite outgrown the habit of physical training or the desire to hurl aside a human mass opposed to him. Certain it is that with one swift lunge and the flexing of a few well taught muscles he lifted the Mexican from his feet, threw him crashing into a corner and passed on without giving his victim a single backward look.

When Benedict had removed some of the dust from his black coat he strode to the library door. There mental anguish was added to physical hurt, for he saw at one bitter glance the fair Miss Jennison and the man who had just overthrown him seated together on a tete-a-tete sofa, their heads not very far apart.

The Mexican took an impulsive step forward. Then he stopped and shook his head, and as he walked away the specter of a smile fluttered over his thin lips.

Brill's anger and the physical exertion that had resulted in the tumbling of Benedict on the floor had upset his mental equilibrium and sent the blood boiling into his cheeks. He knew that he was in no condition to meet Marlon Jennison or give her any advice whatever she might want. But by a mighty effort he tried to think calmly as he went slowly toward the library.

He even ventured the experiment of arguing with the fiery Overton Brill, who had so foolishly lost his temper and his self control. He pointed out to that gentleman that even had Benedict been an honorable man he might have entertained similar feelings toward him. In the light of the facts as the Mexican knew them what was he, the penniless pawner of a jewel, the man of aliases, the almost self evident scamp?

There was still heightened color in his face and an unwonted sparkle in his eyes when he stood before Miss Jennison near the diamond windowed bookcase. She noted something unusual in his appearance, and with alarm made highly inflammable by what she had already heard she rose and faced him anxiously.

"How strange you look!" she cried. "Is there more bad news?"

"Oh, no," he answered reassuringly. "But let us sit down. You have something to say to me, I assume."

"It may not be of consequence," she began, "but you warned me to keep you accurately informed."

He nodded with keen expectation. Here was an avenue of knowledge absolutely clear, for even Benedict, with all his foxlike shrewdness, would scarcely indulge in such elaborate strategy as to talk fiction in the girl's presence. He listened tensely for what this beautiful informer was to say, for every scrap of her information must be kept intact for Marsh.

"It has been decided to begin the transfer of the gold tonight," she continued. "There are nearly a thousand kegs, father says, and it will take time. The cargo in the hold cannot be removed till daylight, because the searchlights must be used to guide the boats."

"Yes, I understand," nodded Brill as the girl paused. "Is that all?"

Marion inclined her head and in the fascination of the moment he dimly remembered that he had something to tell her. Marsh and the conference and the war plans seemed far away and purposeless in the presence of this glorious woman, so evidently fashioned to be loved. But a chance glance from a porthole and the sight of a film of smoke not from the Olympiad's funnel recalled him to the duty of the hour.

"There is another link in our chain of circumstance," he said, with an effort. "We have every reason to believe that Captain Humphries is concerned in this conspiracy."

At the instant he would have recalled his words, for the girl shivered ever so slightly and her lips moved fitfully. "It seems almost inconceivable," she murmured, "the captain of a great steamship who has been trusted for years."

"Unfortunately the temptation of wealth has ruined many trusted men," said Brill, tritely enough, as he knew. How much better if he could have taken this apprehensive creature in his arms and banished her fears in the way as old as man.

Instead he watched her fingers nervously entwine themselves in one another's rosy beauty in her lap. Suddenly she spoke and with an energy at which he recoiled.

"It may be foolish to speak of it now, but I had a feeling of repulsion when talking with him Sunday. I was thanking him for his kindness to the parents of that poor little baby. I spoke of it at the time to Mr. Benedict."

Brill knew now that the Mexican had claimed full credit for his share in the kindness to the English immigrants and than he had taken Marlon to the captain. In the first flush of unreasoning anger he was tempted to pour out the whole story of Benedict's plotting to carry off the golden millions of her father and his associates. The thought of Marsh, calm, cool, sagacious, as indolent as a fat spider in the middle of his web, yet as fiercely swift when the time for action came, kept him silent.

If the girl knew she could not, strong though she might be, conceal her altered feeling for Benedict, and that clever scoundrel would be sure to see that his plans were suspected, if not known. All this Marsh had pointed out, and Brill had approved. Besides, he felt that in the battle against Benedict for the winning of a heart he must fight openly and without the weapon of the detraction of a rival.

He was silent so long that the girl looked at him curiously, but kept her thoughts within her own pretty head. At last Brill suddenly started into mental and physical activity.

"You will not tell your father about the captain or the rest," he said earnestly. "It would multiply his anxiety and would be no aid. The gold will not be moved tonight, and before it can be we shall act."

Act! In the very word was a splendid rush of conviction that victory was to come to the little company of three working in a darkness into which every hour brought new illumination. Brill began to cry out to his own heart that some great purpose had inspired that following of a lovely face, that impulse that had seemed to crown a life of escapades by an act of supreme folly. Now all was clear. He was an instrument of destiny, a good destiny that meant to give him what he wished in return for his services.

The trembling voice of the girl put an end to his rhapsody.

"You are very, very kind and dear, good friends, Mr. Marsh and yourself, of—of—my father."

Her dark eyes surely moistened, thought Brill, but the tenderness was for her father—yes, it must be for her father.

"I feel sure, Mr. Overton," she faltered.

There came with that name so sweetly framed on the quivering lips a great determination on the part of the man to strip off his semimasquerade, to set matters right forever.

"That is not my name, Miss Jennison," he began stoutly nor faltering at the surprise that filled her dark eyes and made her hands grip one another. "At least not as you suppose. Overton is my middle name. I am James Overton Brill. To my friends I am Overton, and I was so addressed by my traveling companion when I was booked at the purser's office, and I was entered so on the passenger list. For purely personal reasons I allowed the error to pass."

[To be continued.]

CLOSING EXERCISES OF SPUR HIGH SCHOOL

The recitals given Friday afternoon and evening by the pupils from the classes of Misses Archer and Trenholm Doyle marked the closing exercises of the Spur High School. The afternoon program consisted of readings, recitations, duets and musical renditions by the several pupils of the school, and each number on the program was well rendered, evidencing careful training on the part of teachers of music and expression.

In the evening the pupils of Miss Archer, teacher of expression, rendered an interesting and laughable program, the first number on the program being a play entitled "The Mouse Trap", the characters being Mrs. Prettipet and Mr. Briefbag represented by Miss Zada Stafford and Henry Clay.

"The Master's Violin" was rendered by Robert Bartlett in the most acceptable manner.

"The Soul of the Violin" rendered by Faust Collier surrounded by the scene of a dingy attic room of a tenement, faintly lighted by a candle stuck in the neck of an old bottle, a rickety chair, a table and a pile of straw for a bed, was heartily encored by the audience.

"Her Superior Intelligence", a play by Hunting, was very entertaining and interesting. The characters were Col. Nutts represented by Robert Bartlett; Dick, his nephew, Faust Collier; Mrs. Marcy, his housekeeper, by Miss Creola Richbourg. The play was full of interest and the character representations were as well presented as could be done by professional players.

Large audiences attended both the afternoon and evening performances, which marked the closing exercises of the 1914-15 term of the Spur School. The term just closed was one of the most successful and satisfactory terms in every respect since the establishment of the Spur Independent School five years ago. The teachers, from the first grade to the superintendency, have performed their duties in the most acceptable and satisfactory manner, and it is very probable that the same teachers will be retained for the next term.

Mesdames R. L. Collier and R. M. Hamby left Spur Friday for Marlin where they will spend some time with friends.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson returned Friday from a visit of several days to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Sheriff Conner was in Spur Thursday and Friday on official business.

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**BEST CROP PROSPECTS
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S. B. Scott came in Thursday morning and handed us four big silver dollars which extended his subscription to the Texas Spur up into the year 1916 and for which he has our sincere thanks. Mr. Scott said that on account of the continued rains the planting of his crops is somewhat delayed. However, the ground is in fine shape, and although planting may be a little late bumper crops are expected to be harvested this fall. It is generally recognized that no better crop prospects ever prevailed than is the general condition of Western Texas at this time.

PLANTING DELAYED.

Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was among the number of visitors in Spur Monday. He reports that he and other farmers of the Gilpin country have already planted a portion of their crops of maize and cotton, but that on account of the continued rains planting generally over the country will be delayed. However, the ground is in the very finest shape and bumper crops are expected to be harvested this fall.

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11.22 acres of land one mile from Main Street, 9 room modern house, barn, lots, chicken yard, all fenced and cross fenced, well, windmill, tank, 9 acres in wheat, garden. If sold in 20 days will take \$2,750.—C. F. Cates. 27-2t

Miss Tot Waldron, who has been employed in the Spur post-office the past several months, left Thursday for her home at Miles Station.

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RAIN AND HAIL OVER COUNTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A heavy rain and some hail fell in Spur and the surrounding country Wednesday night. The rain in Spur registered only .71 inches in Spur and the hail did no damage. However, we are informed by S. R. Bowman that the hail did considerable damage on his place three miles north of Spur, knocking blooms and fruit from his orchard trees and beating down his crops of maize, alfalfa and some cotton which was just coming up.

The rains of the past month have placed an ideal season in the ground and unless some calamity befalls this section of Western Texas will grow the biggest crops this year within the history of farming in the Spur country. We have been living on the frontier of agricultural development in Central and Western Texas during the past thirty six years, and there has never been a time when general prospects were brighter and more promising of bumper crops of all kinds than now prevails in every section of this country.

ENTERTAINED.

Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock Mesdames Oscar Jackson and P. H. Miller entertained a number of lady friends at the home of Mrs. Jackson on Burlington Avenue. One amusing and entertaining feature of the occasion was "a penny for your thoughts" contest wherein questions and answers concerning the penny were introduced. Maple ice cream and Angle Food cake was served to the guests.

The following guests were present: Mesdames R. E. Brannen, N. A. Baker, Bartlett, Geo. T. Barnes, C. A. Bobo, S. T. Clemmons, R. E. Dickson, E. C. Edmonds, P. C. Ellis, J. H. Grace, F. W. Jennings, Effie Johnson, W. Neilon, M. L. Pierce, Clay Smart, Geo. M. Williams, Leslie Williams, R. G. Rogers, J. B. Richbourg, W. L. Powell, L. N. Riter, C. A. Love, C. L. Love, J. M. McMahan, Oran McClure, M. E. Manning, Jas. Mahon and J. E. Morris.

A. J. Nolen is now driving a freight wagon from Spur to Crosbyton for grocery supplies for the Bryant-Link Company. This freight service was instituted on account of the washouts suspending railroad service and in order to keep the trade supplied in fresh goods.

Ned Hogan returned the first of the week from Sherman where he had been some time on business. On account of no train service over the Stamford & Northwestern Mr. Hogan returned by way of Post and by auto from that point.

We received a letter this week from D. C. Sparks, formerly of Dickens county but now of Young, Arizona, enclosing a dollar and six bits for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year. Mr. Sparks is a fine citizen and we wish him prosperity in his new home.

BAPTIST MEETING PROTRACTED THROUGH WEEK

Rev. Dick, of Abilene, arrived in Spur the first of the week and began a meeting at the Baptist tabernacle which will continue throughout the week. The meetings are interesting and well attended. Rev. Dick is a forceful speaker and his sermons are highly educational and instructive.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell left Spur Thursday to spend ten days or two weeks with their parents at Munday and Brazoria county on the Coast. During the past two weeks Mr. Campbell has had his rod and line packed in anticipation of great sport angling for the finny tribe. He has promised to wire us should he hook one which he is unable to land.

Mayor F. W. Jennings purchased this week of Ed Lucas of Dallas the Will Stephens residence on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Hill Street. This is one of the best located and nicest residence property in the city.

W. A. Shultz will begin a series of meetings in Spur on the 16th day of May and continue indefinitely. Austin Taylor, a noted singer of Weatherford, will conduct a special song service at each meeting. Everybody is invited to attend.

W. T. Lovell, a leading citizen of the Draper country, was here this week and hauled out a load of pigs to his place and from which he expects to grow the champion hogs of Dickens county.

Otho L. Hale, a leading citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and greeting friends.

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DAMAGING WIND STORM AT POST THURSDAY NIGHT

On Thursday night, April 29, Post City was visited by the worst storm in her history. About nightfall a threatening cloud came up from the west and about eight o'clock a severe wind struck Post City and within twenty minutes the awnings in front of a number of stores were blown down, a number of small buildings wrecked and other minor damage done. The worst harm done however was the destruction of the big tent of the Fox shows.

This whole structure seemed to have been lifted or torn from its moorings and thrown across the railroad tracks, some fifty or seventy five feet. Attached to the ropes were numerous heavy poles and several electric light cables, and it appears surprising that the list of fatalities and injuries was not greater than it was. Owing to the darkness and the fact that many of those slightly injured hurried away at once, a complete list of the casualties cannot be had, but the following are those most seriously hurt:

THE DEAD

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Duren.

THE INJURED

Alvin Farver, an employee of the show, dangerously injured and still unconscious.

Mrs. G. M. Bachelor, seriously injured, but improving.

Mr. Bostwick, an employee of the show, badly injured.

G. C. McGregor, foreman in the Postex Cotton Mills, painfully, but not dangerously injured.

J. O. Smith, seriously injured. Mrs. J. O. Smith also seriously injured.

Mrs. F. A. Drewry, slightly hurt.

Mrs. J. H. Forman, badly hurt but not in danger.

S. B. Bardwell cut on the head but not seriously.

Perry Graham, leg bruised, but not seriously.

Several others received serious or painful injuries, but were given medical attention at once and left for home without giving names.—Post City Post.

Wyatt Taylor and Ovid Conner, of the plains country, were in Spur Saturday on their return home after spending the week fishing in the Wilson tank east of Spur. They report so much water in the lake that fishing will not be very inviting at this time.

Lee Carpenter, of several miles west of Spur, was among the number of visitors here Saturday. He reports everything in fine shape and says he already has a fine garden up and growing nicely at this time.

Miss Ida Sampson, who has been spending the week in Spur with Miss Creola Richbourg and young lady friends, returned the first of the week to her home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

Frank Smith was in town Tuesday from his home southwest of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

S. P. Odom, of four or five miles south of Spur, spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business.

R. L. Jones, of the Steel Hill community, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

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Mrs. C. H. Senning and children returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to relatives at Greenville. She was among those delayed by the washouts on the railroads.

Red Sampson came in Saturday from the Jno. Sampson ranch home in Kent county and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer came in the latter part of last week from their farm home north of Spur and spent some time in Spur greeting friends.

Jno. Jones, a leading citizen of the Tap country, was among the number in Spur Saturday shaking hands with friends and trading with the merchants.

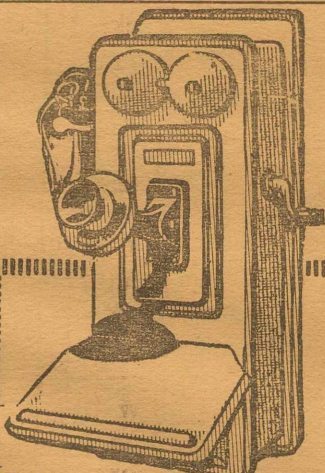
J. E. Brown, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake community, was among the visitors to Spur Saturday.

M. C. West and daughters, of several miles south of Spur, were among the number of visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. Gainer has been spending some time this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman.

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

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of visitors in town Saturday.

T. G. Harkey left the first of the week to attend County Court which convened Monday at Claremont in Kent county.

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here trading and on other business.

Mat Howell and wife of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Saturday visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

F. W. West came in Saturday from his farm home six or seven miles north and spent some time in Spur on business.

G. S. Jones, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

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ALFALFA BEING GROWN IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

S. R. Bowman came in Monday and spent several hours in town on business and greeting his friends. Mr. Bowman said that he had just completed sowing twenty five acres more of alfalfa on his farm, making a total of thirty acres of alfalfa now on his place. He had five acres last year from which he secured two cuttings, and which has covered the ground this year to the extent of smothering out all weeds and other vegetation and from which he expects to harvest three clean crops this year. It is now an established fact that alfalfa will grow abundantly in this section.

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

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Items Over Dickens County

BY CORRESPONDENTS

AFTON.

Everything is progressing nicely in the Afton country. Planting is the order of the day. There is a fine season in the ground and with some pretty sunshine weather now we will expect fine crops. Prospects were never better.

We had another fine rain Saturday night. Hail was reported in some places.

This is one of the best fruit countries to be found anywhere and all the orchards are loaded with fruit.

Hale Hardware Company, F. A. Loyd and Company and J. W. Thompson have all treated their store buildings to a new coat of paint this week.

Work is progressing nicely on the new school building. It will be one of the nicest and most modern buildings to be found in the whole country when completed. R. K. Hall of Roaring Springs has the contract and Mr. Keiren of Lubbock is the architect.

The Baptist Membership has improved the appearance of their Tabernacle with a coat of paint.

Frank Speer has moved to Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hale motored to Spur Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Joe Arthur and family were called, Wednesday, to the bedside of his father, P. N. Arthur, at Dickens. Mr. Arthur has been very sick for some time and he is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Hinkle returned from Oklahoma Sunday.

Sidney Smith, of Roaring Springs visited here Sunday.

The Mothers Club meets every Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock instead of Wednesday as formerly. All the mothers are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hale visited at the home of M. S. Favor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Stovall are visiting their son, I. N. Stovall.

There has been quite an upheaval in Afton this week as several families have changed places.

N. G. Smith and wife left for New Mexico this week to make their future home.

M. L. Hale visited in Dickens Monday.

Afton received the first mail in ten days Monday evening. A result of the recent washing away of bridges on both railroads.

Little Misses Willie and Mabel Stafford are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Roy Roddy made a business trip to New Hope Sunday.

The little child of Lucius Haile is reported sick.

H. E. Grabener came in Saturday from his farm home and spent some time here selling produce and trading with the merchants. Mr. Grabener is one farmer who always has something to sell, and that is what it takes to make the business of farming a success.

DICKENS ITEMS.

Jim Swearingen and family passed through Dickens Sunday en route to Spur where Mrs. Swearingen will visit her father, Grandpa Carlisle, for several days. Jim returned to Roaring Springs where he said his work was waiting for him.

Quite a crowd of young people chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hyatt attended a party at Grundy Crego's on Croton last Saturday night. They report a mighty good time.

Goldie Kennedy spent Sunday on Croton with Ermyne Payne.

Misses Ollie Sone and Nina Walker and Mrs. T. Walker were in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ragsdale, of Afton, were in town Saturday.

Jake Ballard and J. L. Law are at home again.

D. T. Tarlton and L. P. Hale made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Misses Lora Gipson and Lois Blair, who have been visiting Mrs. R. S. Harkey at Croton Camp, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson were over from Spur Sunday afternoon.

Oliver Gray made a business trip to Afton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ham were in town one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Duncan went to Afton Sunday to spend the day with Mrs. Duncan's mother, Mrs. T. E. Rucker. Mrs. Rucker has been sick for some time.

Misses Willie Ballard and Edna Shields, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell were visitors at Spur Wednesday.

Mr. Ed Lisenby, of Matador, was in Dickens Thursday.

Miss Jessie Mae Trayler who has been teaching here the past term left for her home Friday.

Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Spur, visited friends here last week.

J. D. Harkey and son, Earl, have returned from Matador.

Walker Williams was in town Tuesday.

B. F. Brock and family have returned from a visit to friends and relatives at Paducah.

T. G. Coker, of Afton, was in town last week.

Mrs. A. S. Jackson is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. Childress, who got her arm broken one day last week.

C. C. Haile, of Draper, was in town one day last week.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers, of the Croton settlement, a fine eight pound boy.

W. J. Young, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of near Afton, was in Spur last week shaking hands with friends and looking after business affairs.

Ed Hulse and wife were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur the latter part of last week from their home several miles west.

MIDWAY HAPPENINGS.

Miss Lucile Cargile is visiting at Paducah this week.

Miss Altha Blakeley, A. C. Doile and Homer Cargile visited at the Coker home Sunday.

The storm did considerable damage in the Lee county community Saturday night.

M. L. Blakley and family visited at the E. H. Blakley home Sunday evening.

Bro. Bennett preached at Midway Sunday and Sunday night.

Olin Arthur, Tommie Stephens, Miss Georgia Stephens and Miss Mabel Wilson, of Dickens, attended church here Sunday night.

A large crowd of young people visited at the Ragsdale home Sunday evening.

Wat Holly's buggy was blown away by the storm Saturday night. I wonder what he will do now.

Buster Arthur spent the night at R. S. Holley's Saturday night.

Will Overstreet and Harvey Holly took supper with Tony Holly Sunday night.

E. H. Blakley is visiting friends in the Croton country this week.

Ollie Blakley has a new buggy. Wonder what he will do with it.

Nina Walker has been looking very sad the past few days. I wonder what is the matter.

Mr. Homer Cargile goes to Cottonwood every Sunday. Wonder what he goes for.

W. W. Stegall's baby is on the sick list this week.

Delma Law spent Monday night with Zola Blakley.

Ocie and Grover Overstreet spent Sunday at the R. L. Overstreet home.

DRAPER.

Cotton planting is the order of the day and everybody is planting it now.

Ed Lisenby was in our part of the country last Saturday looking after his stock. He says cattle are doing fine now.

A severe wind storm passed through our "burg" last week tearing down shade trees and moving houses. C. C. Haile's house and Jim Hobson's house were blown off the blocks, and Charlie Perrin's buggy and buggy house were completely destroyed.

Mrs. Billie Perrin is on the sick list this week.

R. W. Dismuke and family, of Rip Saw Valley, spent part of last week with W. T. Lovell.

Ask Miss Johnny if she went to the storm cellar the other night.

M. C. Hobsou went to Spur last Saturday returning Sunday.

Chas. Horton visited Spur Saturday.

Professors Holly and Warren, of Fort Worth, were in our community Sunday and organized a singing school to commence on the night of June 7th. Everybody come and learn to sing.

E. B. Shaw said the storm blew the barbs off the wire on his fence or blew the bark off the post, I've forgotten which.

School Girl, Mariah beat me to that fence rail and that is the reason I didn't write last week. I am better now but I must quit and rock the baby.

Mrs. J. W. Carlisle underwent an operation the latter part of last week at the Standifer Hospital and the many friends of the family will be glad to note that she is now doing nicely and will soon be returned to her home.

Ed Lucas, of Dallas, representing the Cadet Hosiery Company, was in Spur Tuesday.

FINE PROSPECTS.

J. Carlisle came in Saturday from his farm home in the Gilpin country. Mr. Carlisle has been living here twenty odd years and says that we have had more rain this year and that crop prospects are now more promising than at any time within the history of farming in this section. Unless we have a big hail storm or some other unforeseen calamity this country will harvest the biggest crops this year ever known.

OLD TIMER HERE.

Sam Smith, one of the old time citizens of Dickens county but who is now making his home at Plainview, was in Spur last week on business and greeting friends here. Mr. Smith still owns some gin property at Tap and we have been expecting he and family to return to this section and again make their home with us. They have many friends here who will be glad to welcome them back to the Spur country.

BUMPER CROPS.

W. M. Randall, an old time citizen of this country, was among the number of visitors to Spur Saturday. Mr. Randall said that this was one of the wettest winters and springs within the history of this country. He has been living here more than twenty years and said that we now have as fine prospects for bumper crops as was ever known. Come to Dickens county.

Carl Douglass, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports plenty of rain and fine prospects for bumper crops this year.

J. Anderson Davis was among the number in Spur Saturday from the surrounding country. Mr. Davis said that this country now needed no more boosting with respect to the rain since we now have a plenty for one time.

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WICHITA VALLEY HAS STREAK OF HARD LUCK

The Wichita Valley road has had considerable trouble this week getting a train through to Peacock. No trains between Stamford and Peacock since last Sunday morning caused by the washing out of the railroad bridge at Brandenburg. The work of rebuilding the bridge was completed Wednesday morning and a passenger train was dispatched over the line which arrived in Aspermont at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. As there is no turn table this side of Spur and to have a headlight on the return trip that night the train was backed from Stamford to this place. On leaving the yards here the engine and tender left the track about two hundred yards west of the depot. At the time the train went into the ditch they were only making six miles per hour. Had the train been making twenty five miles the wreck would have been a very bad one. The tender was the first to leave the track and ran for a distance of fifty feet on the cross-ties before they gave way. The railing and ties were torn up for a distance of about seventy five feet. As soon as possible after the wreck a report was sent in and the wrecker was ordered out of Stamford at 4:30 and arrived in Aspermont about 7:00 and completed its work in a short time.—Citizen.

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L. A. Hindman is making regular daily trips this week to Jayton and Peacock operating a "jitney" car line for the accommodation of passengers.

J. E. Counts is reported quite sick this week at his home north of Spur. It is hoped that he will soon be able to get out again.

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