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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

## A NEWSPAPER

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

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Oliver Gray, manager of the Afton Telephone Company, came over from Dickens Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his numerous Spur friends.

Billy Stovall, a leading citizen of Dickens and one of the most prosperous stockmen of this whole country, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. F. W. West, of several miles north of town, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

S. R. Bowman, an influential citizen and prosperous farmer of three miles north of town, was in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Jaye, of Dickens, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Wilson, this week.

Sheriff Conner came over from Dickens Saturday and spent several hours in Spur on official business.

George Greenwade was among the many Spur visitors Saturday.

C. D. Copeland, a prominent farmer and leading citizen of the Spur country, came in Saturday from his home east of town and spent several hours here greeting friends and transacting business. Mr. Copeland reports his son, who was recently injured by falling off a wagon, fully recovered. The wagon, which ran across the boy's arm and neck, was heavily loaded with threshed maize.

W. M. Randall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. He reports that section in the very best condition in regard to crop prospects, and expects this country to harvest more farm products this fall than ever before.

Mrs. J. J. Hickman came in Saturday from her home in the Lee County settlement and spent several hours in the city visiting friends and shopping with the merchants.

J. P. Gibson, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill country, spent several hours in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

Tol Merriman, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer-stockman of five miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

R. M. Hamby and wife returned the latter part of last week from an extended pleasure and business trip to Truscott.

Sam White came in Saturday from the ranch headquarters and spent several hours here on business.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was here Saturday.



### WE INVITE YOU

To inspect our nice line of dresses and aprons. Ask to see the 85 cent special aprons, they are exceptional values and the price puts them in reach of every one.

We invite you to see our clean up hat counter. We have a big lot of hats that we have put on this counter for \$1.00. Now these hats originally sold from \$1.25 to \$3.50. They are numbers we want to discontinue handling, if you can use these hats they are real bargains.

Our Uncle Bill Perry is fishing this week, said he couldn't put off going any longer, the fever was too high. We don't know whether we ought to tell who he went with or not but suppose it will leak out some way. Now don't you tell any body, it was Dr. Morris and Tidwell.

We have plenty of barbed wire and hog fence on hand now. We want your business in these items. Remember we are handling Row Binders this season and we think we have the best one made. Anyway, we want you to look our machine over and we feel sure we will sell you yours.

Boy. Pa was Job a doctor?  
Father. Not that I know of.  
Boy. Then why do people have so much to say about Job's patients.

Bryant-Link Company.



### MRS. HOUSEWIFE

We are prepared to help you. When we say help you, we mean to lighten your labor. How? Florence Wickless Blue Flame Oil Stoves, White Sewing Machines, De Laval Separators, these are new lines we have added this season. Men if you love your wives buy them one or all these labor savers. You may tell them you love them. And you may think you do, but you come to town and buy a \$60.00 plow and a caddie of Star Navy and tell your wife she will have to keep on burning up over that old worn out wood stove. Now lets "fess up" and do something to lighten the household drudgeries.

We want your business, we want you for our friends.  
Bayant-Link Company.

Miss Lucy Webb returned last week from an extended visit with relatives and friends in East Texas.

A. S. Jackson, a leading citizen of Dickens, came over Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his many friends. Mr. Jackson is an old timer in Dickens county and is very optimistic in regard to the present crop prospects and expects this fall's harvest to be the largest in the history of this country.

Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Pierce returned the latter part of last week from a two week's visit to relatives and friends at Ponta, Texas. Dr. Pierce says that if there is anyone dissatisfied with this country a trip through the Central portion of the state will make them love the great Spur country.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb, of Dickens, came over Thursday and spent several hours in Spur on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hinson, of Tap, were in Spur Thursday marketing produce and trading with the merchants.

John Thompson, a leading citizen and business man of Afton, had business in Spur Wednesday.

Wayne Van Leer, of two miles north of Spur, was here Saturday.

### THE FARMERS GIN.

J. E. Johnson returned Friday and immediately placed an order for a four 80-saw, Air blast gin outfit, to be shipped August 1st. This will more than double the present capacity which is a four 70-saw gin. Mr. Johnson is arranging to add additional power, and will purchase a boiler and engine or an oil engine. He expects to leave the latter part of the week to place the order. He says the entire plant will be remodeled, overhauled and placed in first-class condition. The gin plant will have a large condenser added which will be a decided improvement and when the present plans are completed the gin will be able to handle the cotton promptly, which will remove the necessity of remaining over night as was frequently the case last season. Mr. Johnson has spent a considerable portion of his time looking over the crops and while he says the prospects are good he does not think they are as good as last year's crop.

E. R. Rorie came in Wednesday from the Spur Ranch and spent several hours in town greeting his friends. While here he handed us two silver dollars to continue sending the Texas Spur to himself and his brother at Dermott.

## AUTO STORAGE

We will store your car for \$3 a month, have it ready for you day or night and guarantee that it will not be molested by boys and loafers. Bring your car to us.

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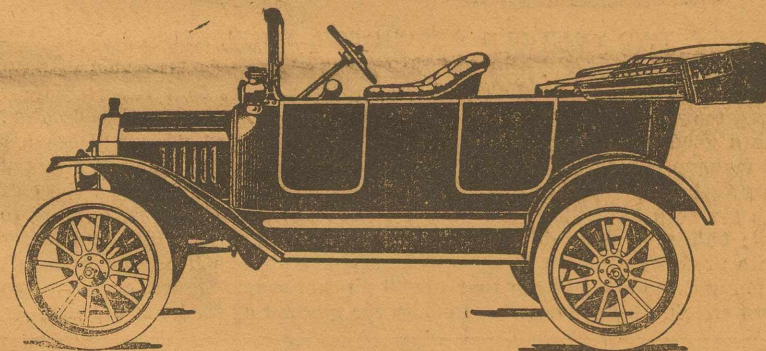


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Once you taste our delicious, cooling drinks and ices you will always come again and again to OUR cooling fount.

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Barring the unforeseen, every retail buyer of a new Ford car between August 1914 and August 1915, will receive from \$40 to \$60 as a share of the Ford Motor Company's profits.

Touring Car \$490; Runabout \$440; Town Car \$690; Coupelet \$750; Sedan \$975; f. o. b. Detroit with all equipment.

On display and sale by

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman.  
Spur, Texas

## OUR POLITICS

The Main Plank in Our Platform is to give you Plank, and all kinds of Building Material, of the Best Quality for the Least Possible cost.

We are making this the Paramount Issue in Our Campaign, and it should be of Great Importance to you. We are prepared to Make Good our every promise. Try a sack of Carbolized Lime for cleaning and disinfecting premises.

P. H. Miller





## To Digest After Farm Work Is Done

### CUT BONE FOR HEN

For a Layer This Food Is Simply Unsurpassed.

### GREAT AID IN EGG PRODUCTION

If You Should Feed Fifty Fowls Two Gallons of Mixed Grain, Corn, Wheat and Oats Daily You Wouldn't Get Them Into as Thrifty Condition as When Grain and Bone Are Given.

I find it easy to feed fowls more than is required, writes a Texas correspondent of the Orange Judd Farmer. Hens which have even a limited amount of food daily varied in quality or kind do much better than those fed continuously on one kind of food, so I

#### DAIRY GOSSIP.

It takes intelligence to buy feed as well as to use feed in the dairy. The man who is not careful in purchasing seldom gets along as well as the man who is. Every cow in the dairy herd should have some characteristic which will give her an excuse for her place in the barn.

If you haven't already settled the silo question by ordering your silo for this season do so at once. It isn't half so important what kind of a silo you build as it is that you build one.

Overfeeding ensilage without feeding other foods has a tendency to interfere with the usefulness of a bull.

The cows need an occasional variety, an occasional change in their ration if you wish to get the best results.

### SHEEP ON THE FARM.

Valuable as Weed Destroyers and Producers of Mutton and Wool. [Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

The department urges the desirability of maintaining a small flock of sheep upon the farm. With proper care and attention a flock of twenty-five or thirty ewes can be kept at very little expense, and they will prove of inestimable value in freeing the farm from weeds and adding something to the farm income. In addition to providing a considerable supply of wholesome food for the farm table there will be a surplus for sale and an additional item of revenue in the form of wool.

For farm purposes the black faced ewes are more popular than the others, although good results can frequently be obtained from the white faced ones. In buying ewes be sure that they stand well on their feet, have good straight backs and good mouths. Ewes that have broken teeth or teeth that are badly worn down should not be bought. As a rule, a sheep has one pair of permanent incisor teeth when it is a year old, two pairs when it is two years old and three pairs, or a full mouth, when it is three years old. A full mouthed ewe, if the teeth are in good condition, can be used for breeding with good results, although she may be as much as five years old. Never buy a ewe that has a broken mouth—that is, with teeth that have been broken off or lost.

None but a pure bred ram should be used. It is not necessary to have a show animal, but a strong, vigorous buck is essential. Shropshire, Oxford, Southdown and Hampshire rams sire excellent mutton lambs, and these breeds are recommended for the farm states. A suitable ram can be bought for \$8 to \$20.

### SHADE FOR CHICKENS.

Plan to Plant a Few Fruit Trees in the Poultry Yards.

We are told by those who are in a position to know that hundreds of chickens are lost each year owing to the lack of shade, writes a correspondent in the National Stockman. Trees may be purchased for such reasonable prices that it is an easy matter for one to acquire the necessary shade in the poultry yard and at the same time add greatly to the producing value of the farm by purchasing a number of fruit trees and setting them out in the poultry yard. It will not be long before one will have not only all the shade required but fruit besides. Peach trees are especially desirable for this purpose. They are quick growers, and in three years they should be in bearing. Pear and apple trees are also good shade trees.

In planting the young trees be sure that you dig the holes sufficiently large to allow the roots to spread out and rest in their natural position and deep enough to stand the same depth as the tree stood in the nursery. Fill in the surface soil around the roots. Prune the apple and pear trees at the time of planting, cutting out all the weak, broken or bruised limbs.

Peach trees should be cut back to the main trunk, then cut off the main trunk to within two feet of the ground. Never put manure into the holes, and be sure that the trees are set the proper distance apart.

#### Tankage a Safe Feed.

There is no danger of tankage carrying the virus of foot and mouth disease in the tankage itself. In the preparation of tankage the meat scraps from which it is made are heated under high steam pressure for a long period. This heating destroys absolutely all forms of germs or bacteria. The only possible chance that tankage could be a source of introduction of foot and mouth disease would be in the contamination of the sacks during shipment. Tankage with a guaranteed analysis from a reliable packing company should be used.—National Stockman.

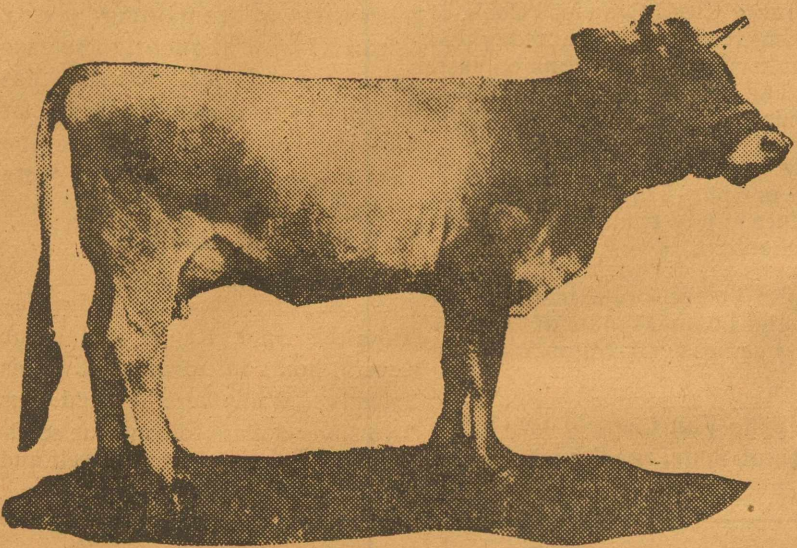
#### Dairy Economy.

Economy in production is the big thing in dairying. The man who will exercise every opportunity to produce butter fat as cheaply as possible will have no cause to worry about the prevailing selling prices for his butter fat. This is a big world, and from one end of it to the other butter fat is eaten. Dairying has not increased in proportion to the population. There is no more likely to be an overproduction of butter than of wheat or beef.

#### Age For Heifers to Freshen.

It is not an uncommon practice for breeders to carry their heifers over to thirty months of age before having them freshen. Much depends upon the heifers, whether they are well developed and whether it is desirable to have them freshen in the fall. No bad effect comes from heifers freshening at that age.

### Selecting the Best Calves



TWO-YEAR-OLD BROWN SWISS HEIFER.

A dairyman says of selecting calves: "I first see it is a strong, well built calf. The embryo udder is then examined to make sure that there are four good sized teats well set apart. I next consider the dam. Is she a good eater? Has she a good digestion? Has she a strong, well placed udder? Does her general makeup say she is the true dairy type? And, finally, does her record show her to be a persistent, profitable working dairy animal? If so, the calf is worth giving a trial. The calf is fed on food to make it grow, but not to fatten it; bulky, so as to develop the digestive machinery. Have the heifer come into profit at eighteen to twenty months old. Teach it early the way it should go, and the chances are that it will go that way. Do not condemn too early, but weigh, test and watch carefully the amount of food consumed."

make it a point to diversify the feed to make the best of a small amount.

I cannot praise green cut bone too highly. For layers this food is simply unsurpassed. No egg eating, no feather pulling and no dried up, mangy looking fowls are found where it is fed as often as three times a week. Nor is there a scurrying for food even if a feed should be omitted. Green cut bone has a lasting and staying quality which satisfies the appetite and promotes egg production. I now think that no one can maintain an egg farm without a green bone equipment. At least I know that no one can do it profitably.

If I should feed fifty hens two gallons of mixed grain, corn, wheat and oats daily I would not get as many eggs and the fowls would not be in as thrifty condition as when fed one gallon of grain and a half gallon of bone. Conditions would be still more profitable if I should supplant the still absent half gallon of grain with vegetables, such as potatoes, turnips and cabbages. This complement would be only two gallons of food in one day for fifty hens, but it would be so varied as to cover the three grades of diet secured in the natural state, grain or seeds, grass and insects.

### CLEAN POTATO SEED.

Of Prime Importance in Saving This Valuable Root Crop.

An organized movement is now on in Wisconsin to secure the co-operation of growers in the planting of only clean potato seed. The soils of Wisconsin have not been found to be in any way affected with such dangers as black wart and powdery scab, and the leaders in this campaign are determined, if possible, to keep such diseases out of the state.

But in common with every other large potato producing center of the country Wisconsin growers have certain minor difficulties with which to contend. Certain of these, however, can be eliminated by careful field selection or roguing and by bin sorting.

As the planting season approaches it is therefore highly desirable that every grower determine whether his stock meets the present standard, which can be met in part at least by proper selection.

#### Keep on Trying.

Don't be discouraged if the first sitting or two of eggs do not hatch well. Try again, and maybe you will have better success next time.

### FIGHTING INSOMNIA.

In fighting sleeplessness I have found nothing so helpful as a simple procedure based on the conditions which recent psychological experiment has proved to be fundamental to sleep. These are:

Mental and muscular relaxation, limitation of voluntary movement and monotony of sensation.

To obtain these the next time you find yourself wakeful select on the wall of your room some ornament or spot which, by reason of a ray of light from the moon or street lamp, seems to stand out clearly from its surroundings. Having selected this spot, assume a comfortable position in bed, taking care that you lie in such a way that you can see the spot on the wall without straining any part of your body.

Next, remaining perfectly motionless and thinking of nothing but the spot on the wall, gaze at it through half closed lids in such a way that it seems remote and indistinct.

Be sure not to try to get a full view of it. That would mean tension, not relaxation, and would defeat your purpose. Your gaze at the spot, while

steady, must be without any straining of the attention.

Soon, if you have continued to lie perfectly quiet and to think of nothing but the spot on the wall, you will find your eyelids grow heavy and close completely. Open them half way, as before, and resume the process of gazing. They will again grow heavy and close, when you must, if you can, open them once more. Before long you will find it impossible to open them, for you will be sound asleep.

Even if your room be in total darkness you can still make use of this sleep bringing method by calling up before your mind's eye some imaginary object and gazing at it between half closed lids exactly as though it were really before you. Remember, however, that you must lie perfectly still, moving neither your hands nor your legs.

Try this device the next time you are troubled by wakefulness. From personal experience I am satisfied that, if you follow it faithfully in its details, you will find that it works like a charm.—H. Addington Bruce in Kansas City Times.

## A Glance at Current Topics

#### New Admiral Takes Command.

Washington, July 6.—Admiral Albert G. Winterhalter, recently appointed to command the Asiatic fleet of the United States navy, succeeds Admiral Walter C. Cowles, who is to retire from active service under the age limit on July 11. Until recently a captain serving as aid for material, Mr. Winterhalter has just been promoted to the rank of rear admiral and will become a full admiral on assuming command of the fleet at Hongkong. This is under the new law, which gave the navy three admirals, one each for the Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic fleets.

The position of commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet is considered a very

Two large factories, it is said, are now preparing the necessary chemicals and the other necessary parts.

#### Gallipoli Powerfully Fortified.

Washington, July 5.—"Gallipoli city, toward which the allied forces are fighting, guards the neck of the Gallipoli peninsula, where the peninsula joins the mainland, near the elbow formed by the Dardanelles strait and the Sea of Marmora," begins a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society. The description of this key position to the best protected of all the world's water avenues, a position to which the interest of all the nations is now turned with much questioning, continues:

"Gallipoli is the last bar that locks the Dardanelles, and secures Marmora sea as a Turkish lake. It is a powerfully fortified city, its defensive works having been begun in modern style in 1878, when the Russians threatened to take possession of Constantinople. The work of strengthening this port has been carried on at irregular intervals since. When the Bulgarians were attacking the lines at Chatalja, the Turks, who felt that they might expect an endeavor to turn their flanks by way of Gallipoli and Marmora sea, worked feverishly upon the port's re-doubts. While Gallipoli is not comparable in strength to the greatest fortresses of Europe, it, nevertheless, with its modern batteries and extensive out-works, forms a proper conclusion to the mightily fortified water lane leading down to the Aegean sea."

#### Invention Makes War Transparent.

Rome, July 6.—Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraph, now serving Italy as head of the wireless service, has made it known that the time is almost here when, if he chooses to give to science the secret of a new apparatus he has invented, it will be possible for persons on one side of a solid partition to observe what is transpiring in the adjoining room.

The possibilities for evil involved in the amazing invention have made its discoverer reluctant to make it known to the world until he is fully acquainted with all its uncanny qualities, and he admitted that it might be some time before he would feel justified in giving a demonstration to his fellow scientists.

The apparatus in its present state resembles in outward appearance a sort of camera. When placed against a wall or floor it renders transparent the material against which it rests, permitting its user to observe objects or persons on the other side. "I have not quite perfected it," he said. "Persons can be seen in the next room if they are close enough to the wall, but at any distance they become blurred. The transparency effected is not complete yet, but so far as I have progressed with it the idea is rather attractive."

#### Watch Our Foreign Affairs.

Washington, July 5.—In the event of a controversy between this and any foreign power Senator Stone and Congressman Flood will be two of the most important members of congress. They are chairmen of the committees on foreign relations, in the senate and house of representatives, respectively.

All international matters of any great importance are handled through these



Admiral Albert Gustavus Winterhalter.

Important one on account of American interests in the Philippines and the orient. The largest vessels in this fleet are the Saratoga, which was formerly the cruiser New York; the Cincinnati, Galveston and Wilmington. There are also a division of destroyers, one of submarines and one of gunboats.

A native of Michigan and in his fifty-ninth year, Admiral Winterhalter entered the Naval academy in 1873, reaching the grade of captain in 1909. His service has comprised duty on every type of craft in the navy, from the sailing frigate to the modern battleship. At one time he served in the naval observatory, where he specialized in astronomical work. Later he was directed to inspect the observatories and scientific institutions of Europe to gain information to be used in building the new naval observatory, which was in contemplation at that time. The result of these investigations was embodied in a volume which is today a valued work of reference in all observatories in the world.

#### Rifle Ranges Invite Students.

New York, July 5.—For the first time since the national shooting competitions were established the rifle ranges this year are to be open to teams from universities maintaining military instruction and from military schools and academies. The 1915 competitions are to be held on the Florida range, the second largest in the United States in point of target facilities. The range is eight miles from Jacksonville and is in easy communication with that city by railroad and by steamboat service on the St. John river.

The matches of the National Rifle Association of America will be held from Oct. 8 to 14. The national competitions will follow. Oct. 15 and 16 have been designated for preliminary team practice. The matches will begin on the morning of Oct. 18 with the national individual match. This will be followed by the team match and the national pistol match.

The national board for promotion of rifle practice announced that the executive officer for the matches was Colonel Richard M. Blatchford, U. S. A., commandant of the Army School of Musketry at Fort Sill, Okla. The teams to represent the cavalry and infantry of the United States army have not been organized, nor have captains been appointed.

A team representing the Naval academy will be sent to the national matches this year, and efforts are being made to overcome the prejudice of the officials of the Military academy at West Point against being represented by a rifle team. The academy has been represented at only one annual competition.

#### British, Too, to Use Gases.

London, July 3.—The British government is preparing to meet the use of asphyxiating gases by Germans by employment of the same method.

It is understood that two years ago an English inventor devised a scheme for the use of such gases in warfare. He submitted the plan to the British war office, but received no encouragement.

When the first news of the use of gas by the Germans appeared this man went to the war office again, and the plans were readily accepted. He was asked how much money he wanted for the method, but declined to accept a penny, turning over the chemical formula and the mechanical device without remuneration.



Photos by American Press Association. Senator Stone (Top) Congressman Flood (Below).

committees when congress is in session and of course congress will be called to meet if developments make this necessary.

Both Senator Stone and Congressman Flood have been in Washington a great part of the time since President Wilson addressed his drastic note to Germany and are in close touch with all developments.





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**Ice Tea is a Luxury**

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You'll like the flavor. You'll like it because it makes a smooth drink. You'll like the foretaste and aftertaste. You'll like it because it's packed for people who like good things to eat and drink.

**Most All Grocers**

sell White Swan Tea—four sizes in air-tight tins—10c, 25c, 40c and 75c. Should your grocer be one of the very few who don't carry it, send us 75c for a pound—sent postpaid.

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## PRINTING THE NEWS

We often hear some thoughtless fellow say: "If I was running a paper, I would print the News. I don't care who it might hit. If they don't want to get into the paper, let them keep out of trouble."

We remember one particular instance in which a similar remark was made.

We had, through the pleadings of an old mother and a tearful sister, "killed" a good story concerning the escapade of a rather worthless young fellow. But to his mother and sister he was not worthless, and they prevailed upon us not to print the item which would disgrace them forever.

And we did not print it.

So we were accused of cowardice by this certain critic and were told that we did not know how to run a paper.

In vain we tried to explain that many things besides our own personal likes and dislikes entered into our weekly labor.

It was no use, he said, we should print the news.

Six months later the same man came sneaking up to our home in the dead of night to plead and beg with us not to print a much worse story in which he himself was mixed up.

We had the story but had no intention of printing it, for it was one of those things that it is best for all concerned and for the public, to suppress.

But our critic had heard that

we knew the details and, with the unfairness that characterized his first utterance, at once jumped to the conclusion that we would chortle with joy over a chance to flaunt such a choice bit of gossip in the faces of our readers.

Remembering his attitude on the other occasion we let him squirm a bit.

We reminded him of his former statement and intimated that he had at that time opened our eyes. "We would publish the news. If anyone did not want to get into the paper, let them keep out of trouble."

He remembered.

He admitted that he had so expressed himself.

But he was wrong, he said.

And this case was different.

Moreover, he was a prominent man—and married—and he had a family—and all of the same stuff that every editor hears when someone gets into trouble.

Well, the story was not printed. It never would have been. But we feel sure that our critic believes that the only thing that kept it out was his "prominence" and "influence."

No, dear friend, about the only element that was ignored in coming to our decision was you, yourself.—National News Bureau.

An ad in The Texas Spur will sell it for you.

ICE!

Witt Springer

## A FIRE MARSHAL ORDINANCE.

An ordinance creating the office of Fire Marshal, prescribing the duties thereof, providing for its maintenance, and prescribing penalties for violations.

Be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Spur, Texas.

SECTION 1. The office of Fire Marshal is hereby created. Such office shall be independent of other city departments, the Fire Marshal reporting directly to the Mayor and City Commission. Such office shall be filled by appointment by the Mayor, by and with the consent of the City Commission immediately after this ordinance shall take effect. The said Fire Marshal shall be properly qualified for the duties of his office, and shall be removed only for cause. He shall receive an annual salary of \$240.00 (two hundred forty dollars) payable in monthly installments, as full compensation for his services.

SEC. 2. The Fire Marshal shall investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring within this city by which property has been destroyed or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to whether such fire was the result of carelessness or design. Such investigation shall be begun within twenty-four hours, not including Sunday, of the occurrence of such fire. The Fire Marshal shall keep in his office a record of all fires, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances, including the origin of the fires and the amount of the loss, which may be determined by the investigation required by this ordinance.

SEC. 3. The Fire Marshal, when in his opinion further investigation is necessary, shall take or cause to be taken the testimony, on oath, of all persons supposed to be cognizant of any facts or to have means of knowledge in relation to the matter under investigation, and shall cause the same to be reduced to writing; and if he shall be of the opinion that there is evidence sufficient to charge any person with the crime of arson, or with the attempt to commit the crime of arson, or of conspiracy to defraud, or criminal conduct in connection with such fire, he shall cause such person to be lawfully arrested and charged with such offense or offenses, and shall furnish to the proper prosecuting attorney all such evidence, together with the names of witnesses and all of the information obtained by him, including a copy of all pertinent and material testimony taken in the case.

SEC. 4. The Fire Marshal shall have the power to summon witnesses before him to testify in relation to any matter which is by the provisions of this ordinance a subject of inquiry and investigation, and may require the production of any book, paper or document deemed pertinent thereto. The said Fire Marshal is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths and affirmations to any persons appearing as witnesses before him.

SEC. 5. Any witness who refuses to be sworn, or who refuses to appear or testify, or who disobeys any lawful order of said Fire Marshal, or who fails or refuses to produce any book, paper or document touching any matter under examination, or who is guilty of any contemptuous conduct during any of the proceedings of the Fire Marshal in the matter of said investigation or inquiry, after being summoned to give testimony in relation to any matter under investigation as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and it shall be the duty of the Fire Marshal to cause all such offenders to be prosecuted. Any person being convicted of any such misdemeanor shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). Provided, however, that any person so convicted shall have the right of appeal.

SEC. 6. All investigations held by or under the direction of the Fire Marshal may, in his discretion, be private, and persons other than those required to be present may be excluded from the place where such investigation is held, and witnesses may be kept separate and apart from each other and not allowed to communicate with each other until they have been examined.

SEC. 7. The Fire Marshal shall have the authority at all times of day or night, when necessary, in the performance of the duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this ordinance, to enter upon and examine any building or premises where any fire has occurred, and other buildings or premises adjoining or near the same, which authority shall be exercised only with reason and good discretion.

SEC. 8. The Fire Marshal, upon complaint of any person having an interest in any building or property adjacent, and without any complaint, shall have a right at all reasonable hours, for the purpose of examination, to enter into and upon all buildings and premises within the city, and it shall be his duty, quarterly or more often, to enter upon and make, or cause to be entered upon and made, a thorough examination of all mercantile, manufacturing and public buildings, together with the premises belonging thereto. Whenever he shall find any building or other

structure which, for want of repair, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or for any cause, is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property, or so occupied that fire would endanger persons or property therein, and whenever he shall find an improper or dangerous arrangement of stoves, ranges, furnaces or other heating appliances of any kind whatsoever, including chimneys, flues and pipes with which the same may be connected, or a dangerous arrangement of lighting devices or systems, or a dangerous or unlawful storage of explosives, compounds, petroleum, gasoline, kerosene, dangerous chemicals, vegetable products, ashes, combustible, inflammable and refuse materials or other conditions which may be dangerous in character or liable to cause or promote fire or create conditions dangerous to the firemen or occupants, he shall order the same to be removed or remedied, and such order shall be forthwith complied with by the owner or occupant of said building or premises. Provided, however, that if the said owner or occupant deems himself aggrieved by such order, he may, within five (5) days, appeal to the Mayor, who shall investigate the cause of the complaint and unless by his authority the order is revoked, such order shall remain in force and be forthwith complied with by said owner or occupant.

SEC. 9. Any owner or occupant of a building or other structure or premises, who shall keep or maintain the same when, for want of repair, or by reason of age or dilapidated condition, or for any cause, it is especially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger buildings or property of others, or is especially liable to fire and which is so occupied that fire would endanger other persons or their property therein, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SEC. 10. Any owner or occupant of any building or other structure or premises, who shall keep or maintain the same with an improper arrangement of a stove, range, furnace, or other heating appliance of any kind whatever, including chimneys, flues, and pipes with which the same may be connected, so as to be dangerous in the matter of fire, or health, or safety of persons or property of others; or shall keep or maintain any building, other structure or premises with an improper arrangement of a lighting device or system, or with a storage of explosives, petroleum, gasoline, kerosene, chemicals, vegetable products, ashes, combustibles, inflammable materials, refuse, or with any other condition which shall be dangerous in character to the persons, health or property of others; or which shall be dangerous in the matter of promoting, augmenting or causing fires; or which shall create conditions dangerous to firemen, or occupants of such building, structure or premises other than the maintainer thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SEC. 11. No prosecution shall be brought under Sections 9 and 10 of this ordinance until the order provided for in Section 8 be given, and the party notified shall fail or refuse to comply with the same.

SEC. 12. The penalties provided for herein shall be recovered by the city in the same manner as provided by law for the enforcement of fines, forfeitures, and punishments for offenses against the city.

SEC. 13. Every day's maintenance of any of the conditions prohibited in any of the foregoing sections shall be a distinct and separate offense.

SEC. 14. All misdemeanors herein provided for shall be prosecuted, and all fines and forfeitures herein provided for shall be recovered and enforced, in the same manner as provided by law for the enforcement of fines, forfeitures, penalties and punishments for offenses generally against the city.

SEC. 15. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SEC. 16. Whereas, public safety demands the immediate passage of this ordinance, creating the office of Fire Marshal and empowering the said officer to discharge the duties herein set out, therefore an emergency exists demanding a suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read three several days, said rule is hereby suspended, and this ordinance is placed on its first reading and final passage, and shall be effective and in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved this 28th day of June 1915.

F. W. Jennings,

Mayor.

Attest:

Oscar Jackson,

City Secretary.

35-3t.

## FOR SALE.

A 5 room bungalow, good well, cistern, sheds, lots and 6 acres fenced and in cultivation, 7 acres in all, also small orchard, 1 mile west of Spur. Consideration \$1,250.00, part down, balance in good notes.—J. E. Day, Grants, N. M. 27-6mo

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Dickens }

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Emmett Jackson, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Fiftieth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Fiftieth Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's Court of Precinct Number 1 of Dickens County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, on the fourth Monday of June A. D. 1915, the same being the 28th day of June A. D. 1915, then and there to appear and answer a suit filed in said court on the 19th day of February, A. D. 1915, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 704, wherein the Hale Hardware Company, a firm composed of O. L. Hale and Fred I. Hale, are plaintiffs and Emmett Jackson is defendant, the nature of plaintiffs' demand being as follows; to wit: Suit upon a promissory note, dated May 30th 1914, for the sum of \$129.00, due November 1st 1914, executed by the said Emmett Jackson, delivered and payable to the Hale Hardware Company at Afton, Texas, and bearing ten percent interest per annum from date until paid, and providing that if said note is not paid when due to pay all costs necessary for collection, including ten per cent for Attorney's fees.

Herein fail not but, have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in the town of Dickens, this 17th day of May A. D. 1915.

A. C. Hyatt,  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Dickens County, Texas. 34-4t.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Dickens }

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Texas, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John Allen, W. D. Allen and W. D. Gary, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then, in any newspaper published in the Fiftieth Judicial District, but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said Fiftieth Judicial District, to appear at a regular term of the Justice Court of Precinct Number 1 of Dickens County, Texas, to be holden on the fourth Monday of June, A. D. 1915, the same being the 28th day of June, A. D. 1915, at the Court House of said County, in the town of Dickens, and then and there to appear and answer the suit of J. D. Harkley, Plaintiff, against John Allen, W. D. Allen and W. D. Gary, being numbered 107 on the docket of said court, and filed on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1915, the nature of plaintiff's demand being in substance as follows:

Being for the sum of \$18.00, being the value of rent cotton, converted to the use and benefit of and by the said defendants and belonging to the said plaintiff, without the consent of the said plaintiff.

Hearin fail not, but have before said court on the first day of next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, in the town of Dickens, this the 24th day of May, 1915  
A. C. Hyatt  
Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1 Dickens County, Texas. 34-4t.

## CARD OF THANKS

For the liberal assistance rendered us in the loss of our home and household effects, we desire to extend our sincere thanks. We assure you all that the many favors shown us are appreciated more than words will express, and should an opportunity ever arise whereby we can repay you it will be a pleasure to us. Your friends,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wedekind.

## NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52-tf



**List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March 31st, 1915**  
**For the Taxes for 1914 Only, in Dickens County**

Reported Under the Provisions of Section 10, Chapter 103, Laws of 1897

Name of Owner	LAND					TOWN OR CITY LOTS			STATE TAXES					COUNTY TAXES					TOTAL TAXES	
	Abst. No.	Certificate No.	Survey Number	Original Grantee	No. Acres Delinquent	City or Town	Lot	Block	Revenue	School	Pension	Poll	Penalty	Ad Valorem	Special	Poll	No. Dist.	School		Penalty
Burges, T. M.	10	325	N 1/2 1	A B & M	211 1/3				1.68	2.70	.67	1.50	.66	3.37	3.90	25	8	6.74	1.42	22.89
Beard, W. L.		Sub	84	Lee Co. School Land	161															
do		"	85	do	161															
Blair, Sam J.						Dickens														
Blackshear, P.						Spur	4	117	2.85	4.55	1.14		.85	5.69	6.60	15	11.38	2.37	35.43	
Davis, Tom						do	1,2,3	53	1.85	2.95	.74	1.50	.70	3.69	4.28	25	1	7.38	1.56	24.90
Douglass, P. A.						do	5	47	.75	1.20	.30		.23	1.50	1.74			.32	6.04	
Estes, H.	727	10-2008	226	B. Reynolds	20 1/3	do			.75	1.19	.30	1.50	.37	1.49	1.73	25		.35	7.93	
Glasgow, B. D.						do	3	18	.65	1.05	.26	1.50	.35	1.31	1.51	25		.31	7.19	
do						Dickens	1,2,3,4	114	.19	.30	.07	1.50	.21	.37	.44	25		.11	3.44	
do						do														
Glasgow & Hogan						Spur	1	113	1.09	1.74	.43		.33	2.18	2.52	1	4.35	.90	13.54	
Johns, R. R.	156	10-2045	S 1/2 299	H & G N	330				1.88	3.00	.75		.56	3.75	4.35			.81	15.10	
Langford, J. E.	173	10-2062	NW 1/4 333	do	167.9				5.05	8.08	2.02	1.52	10.10	11.72		7	20.20	4.20	62.89	
Nickels, J. A.		Sub	19	Lee Co. School Land	160				1.10	1.77	.44	1.50	.48	2.20	2.56	25	1	4.41	.94	15.65
do		"	20	do	160															
do		"	40	do	160															
do		"	46	do	162															
do		"	33	do	160															
do		"	45	do	162															
do	299	1124	1	A B & M	630				16.30	26.08	6.52	1.50	5.04	32.60	37.82	25	15	48.25	13.59	204.90
Swearingen, Mrs. M. E.						Dickens	1,2	63	.48	.78	.19		.15	.96	1.12		1	16.95	.40	6.01
Bauldin, T. T.						Spur	5	22												
do						do	10,11	51	.75	1.20	.30		.23	1.50	1.74			.32	6.04	
Baum, O. D.									.10	.16	.04		.03	.20	.23			.04	.80	
Honeycutt, J. G.		Sub	71	Lee Co. School Land	161															
do			74	do	165															
do			83	do	160															
do			87	do	160															
Mimms, M. B.	1130	0-27	N 1/2 of S 1/2 6	Goff White	160				4.82	7.71	1.93		1.45	9.69	11.25	15	19.38	4.03	60.26	
Turnage, Kate						Spur	7	23	.73	1.16	.29		.22	1.45	1.69	11	2.91	.60	9.05	
Wild, J. E.						do			.50	.80	.20		.15	1.00	1.16			.22	4.03	
Unknown	3	19	225	Wm. Ahrenbeck	320		4,5	21	.50	.80	.20		.15	1.00	1.16			.22	4.03	
do									1.60	2.56	.64		.48	3.20	3.71	11	6.40	1.33	19.92	
do	70	10-1959	127	H & G N	5				.04	.06	.01		.01	.07	.09	3	.15	.03	.46	
do	75	10-1964	NE 1/4 137	do	11				.08	.14	.03		.03	.07	.19	14	.33	.07	1.04	
do	129	10-2018	245	Tract No 21, H & G N	20				.50	.80	.20		.15	1.00	1.16			.22	4.03	
do	129	10-2018	245	" 23, do	16.22				.40	.65	.16		.12	.81	.94			.18	3.26	
do	129	10-2018	245	" 27, do	13				.33	.52	.13		.10	.65	.75			.14	2.62	
do	129	10-2018	245	" 29, do	20				.50	.80	.20		.15	1.00	1.16			.22	4.03	
do	152	10-2041	291	L E Jones	20				.05	.08	.02		.02	.10	.12	18	.20	.04	.63	
do	175	10-2064	NW 1/4 337	H & G N	168				.42	.67	.17		.13	.84	.97	1	1.68	.35	5.23	
do	333	9-1860	Tract of NE 1/4 73	do	86				.22	.34	.09		.07	.43	.50	4	.34	.13	2.12	
do	638	10-2093	W 1/2 of NW 1/4 263	John Fritz	83				.62	1.00	.25		.19	1.25	1.44	7	2.49	.51	7.75	
do	656	10-2071	SW 1/4 352	Frank Junkerman	166				.83	1.33	.33		.25	1.66	1.93	1	3.32	.69	10.34	
do	727	10-2008	226	Tr. No 121, B Reynolds	20				.50	.80	.20		.15	1.00	1.16			.22	4.03	
do	854		W 1/2 20	W C Garrett	80				.60	.96	.24		.18	1.20	1.39	4	.96	.36	5.89	
do	1087	525	16	Bee Hardin	160				.40	.64	.16		.12	.80	.93	1	1.60	.33	4.98	
do	1154	803	2	G E Lisenby	6				.05	.07	.02		.01	.09	.11	15	.18	.04	.57	
do	1265	1270	N 3/4 of N 1/2 2	K H Kennedy	240				1.84	3.03	.76		.56	3.75	4.35	2	7.50	1.56	23.35	
do	1321	7148		A G Rush	81				.33	.52	.13		.10	.65	.76	1	1.31	.27	4.07	
do	1335	1270	E 1/4 of N 1/2 2	C L Martin	80				.60	.96	.24		.18	1.20	1.39	2	2.40	.50	7.47	
do	1361	blk.	2	Hale, Hale & Loyd	74				.37	.59	.15		.11	.74	.86	8	1.48	.31	4.61	
do		F.H.L.																		
do	1368	103	SE part 272	W A Vaughn	80				.85	1.36	.34		.26	1.70	1.97	5	1.02	.47	7.97	
do	305	Sub	51	Lee Co. School Land	160				1.20	1.92	.48		.36	2.40	2.78	15	4.80	1.00	14.94	
do	306	"	57	do	160				1.20	1.92	.48		.36	2.40	2.78	15	4.80	1.00	14.94	
do	306	"	66	do	160				1.20	1.92	.48		.36	2.40	2.78	15	4.80	1.00	14.94	
do						Spur	1	1	.11	.18	.04		.03	.22	.26			.05	.89	
do						do	5	1	.11	.18	.04		.03	.22	.26			.05	.89	
do						do	21	6	.31	.50	.13		.09	.63	.72			.14	2.52	
do						do	22	6	.31	.50	.13		.09	.63	.72			.14	2.52	
do						do	23	6	.31	.50	.13		.09	.63	.72			.14	2.52	
do						do	24	6	.31	.50	.13		.09	.63	.72			.14	2.52	
do						do	10	7	.13	.20	.05		.04	.25	.29			.05	1.01	
do						do	13	9	.03	.05	.01		.01	.06	.08			.01	.25	





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**SPUR, TEXAS**

### WILL ASK FOR ELECTION.

Wichita Falls, Texas, July 3.—At the next regular meeting of the county commissioners which will be held on July 12, a number of petitions will be presented calling for a prohibition election. Leaders of the movement will seek to set the date of the election for Saturday, July 31.

Rumors of a proposed prohibition agitation have been current for some time, and petitions have been in circulation for several weeks. The proposed election will embrace the entire county, which consists of six precincts. All other precincts except those in Wichita Falls are already dry, and it is expected that a hard contest will be waged on both sides.

### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26t

B. W. Blair came in Saturday from his farm home two miles east of Spur and spent several hours here trading with the various merchants and greeting his many friends.

Lee Carpenter came in from his farm home west of Spur and spent several hours in the city greeting his many friends and looking after business matters.

T. E. Rucker, a prominent farmer of the north side, was in the city Saturday on business.

John Read, of Tolar, Texas, has our thanks for two dollars on subscription.

### REBECCA INSTALLATION.

At the regular meeting of the Spur Rebecca Lodge, last Friday night, the new officers were installed with appropriate ceremonies. They are: Mrs. C. H. Perry, Past Noble Grand; Mrs. Nellie Carlisle, Noble Grand; Mrs. Florence Shelby, Vice Grand; Mrs. R. M. Hamby, Treasurer; R. M. Hamby, Secretary; Mrs. J. I. Mecom, Chaplain.

There was a large attendance at this meeting, and a pleasant time is reported.

The friends of the Texas A. & M. College are making a strong fight for the the permanent separation of the College from the University, as provided for in the constitutional amendment to be voted on July 24th. The bill provides for complete separation of the two, as well as for the sale of the lands held in common between them and for the division of the proceeds. It would seem to us that this would be a happy solution and settlement of the jealousies and bickerings that have existed in the past between these two institutions, and should pave the way for more effective work of both, and that therefore the adoption of this amendment would be wise.—The Progressive Farmer.

Fresh bread is baked every day at the German Kitchen, there is none better. Try one loaf and you will always prefer the bread made in your home town. 32-tf.

John Randall and family, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur Saturday visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

Subscribe for your home paper; \$1.00 per year.

## HAIL AND WIND STORM IN FLOYD COUNTY

Last Sunday night a severe wind from the northeast, blowing from a passing rainstorm, did much damage in the east and northeast part of the county. The most severe loser was J. J. Foster, whose new dwelling erected on his farm was blown to pieces. His son, Kent Foster and wife, were living in the house. They left the house and sought shelter in a dugout just in time to be out of danger. Another house on Mr. Foster's place was blown off its blocks. A number of barns were torn up considerably by the wind, and the windmills all over the east portion of the county were torn off the towers and ruined. Some mill towers were torn down.

The storm passed near Roaring Springs after going below the caprock and did some damage in that town and surrounding country.

Considerable rain fell with the wind and hail and did damage to some crops.—Floyd County Hesperian.

### WHAT BILL DID.

Bill Turner was a farmer, he labored all his life. He didn't have no schoolin' and neither had his wife. But Bill was built for business and made the wheels go round, and left a healthy fortune when they put him under ground. He was always taking chances, paid a hundred for a bull. His neighbors called him crazy, but he left a stable full of cows that broke the record, making butter by the ton, and Bill had his picture printed in the Squeedunk Weekly Sun. He had newfangled notions of making farming pay. He even bought a fool machine to help him load his hay. The neighbors fairly snorted when they saw the bloomin' thing; said Bill would never make it work. It wasn't worth a ding! Bill didn't say a single word, and he didn't care a darn 'bout what they said, for slick as grease, his hay went in the barn an hour before a thunder storm came sailing out that way and caught his neighbors in a pinch and spoiled their new mown hay. Bill's neighbors put their milk in cans and set them in a tank. Bill skimmed his milk with a machine and turned it with a crank. Smith chops his firewood with an axe. Bill uses gasoline and saws one hundred cords a day with another blame machine. Today Bill's wife rides in a car and dresses up in silk. Smith's wife rides in a wagon and keeps on skimming milk.—Taylor County, Ky., Enquirer.

### GOODNIGHT'S BUFFALOES.

On his ranch near Goodnight, in Armstrong county, Charles Goodnight has 148 buffaloes and 35 cattaloes, the latter being a cross breed between the wild buffalo and the domestic Poll-Angus. It was upon the suggestion of Mrs. Goodnight that Colonel Goodnight began to save a stock of the original buffalo. This was in 1878. The race of bison had begun to lessen by the murderous slaughter which the government permitted and it occurred to Mrs. Goodnight that a herd of it ought to be saved for the benefit of science. Accordingly Colonel Goodnight, thinking well of the idea, captured one male three heifer calves, and from this stock sprang an important sta-



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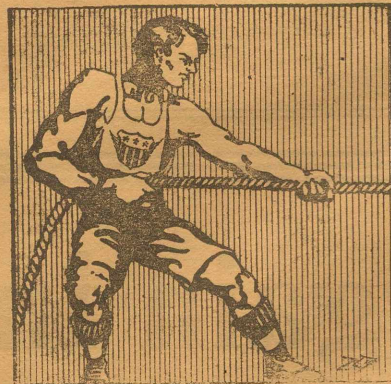
tion for breeding wild buffalo, and the cross between the wild and the domestic. From this stock he has sold \$20,000 00 worth of wild buffalo to national municipal and private parks of the country.

Colonel Goodnight, now quite an old man, is very much gratified by the results of his experiment. Recently he said: "I have been able to produce in the breed the extra rib of the buffalo, making fourteen ribs on each side. They make a larger and hardier animal require less feed, are longer lived, and will cut a greater per cent of net meat than any breed of cattle. No one knows how long a buffalo will live. I have had a buffalo cow more than 28 years to produce a calf. The cattalo is a decided success. They will carry their young and make beef at any season of the year. They

do well in the extreme south or far north, and I believe it will be only a matter of time until they will be used on all the western ranges."

The buffalo, and the cattalo as well, never drift with a storm and, knowing the road home, goes there in the face of the worst blizzard. The buffalo has better manners than the domestic animal. For example, the buffalo does not foul the water of the pool or stream when it drinks. Stepping up to the edge of the water only, and never stepping in. Buffalo and domestic cattle will not mix in the same herd, or be at all neighborly, unless grown up together from calfhood.—Goodnight Herald.

Al Sullivan was in the city Saturday from his farm home east of town and spent several hours here on business.



## It's a Long Hard Pull

in the "Game of Life" and you should prepare for the years when your strength is almost spent and the line grows slack in your hand.

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do						do	18	39	.09	.15	.04		.03	.19	.22				.04	.76
do						do	1	42	.13	.20	.05		.04	.25	.29				.05	1.01
do						do	2	42	.06	.10	.03		.02	.13	.14				.03	.51
do						do	13	42	.13	.20	.05		.04	.25	.29				.05	1.01
do						do	13	43	.13	.20	.05		.04	.25	.29				.05	1.01
do						do	14	43	.13	.20	.05		.04	.25	.29				.05	1.01
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do						do	1	55	.38	.60	.15		.11	.75	.87	1	1.50	.31	4.67	
do						do	15	84	.25	.40	.10		.08	.50	.58	1	1.00	.21	3.12	
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do	982			J F Dowdy	80½				1.04	1.66	.41		.31	2.07	2.41	11	4.15	.87	12.92	

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }  
COUNTY OF DICKENS }

I, J. B. Conner, Tax Collector of said County do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the Tax Rolls of said County for the year 1914, are delinquent for the taxes of the year 1914 only, and that I am entitled to credit for the taxes as shown thereon.

J. B. CONNER, Tax Collector.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of May 1915.

CRAWEORD COBB, County Clerk Dickens County.

By M. Gay, Deputy.

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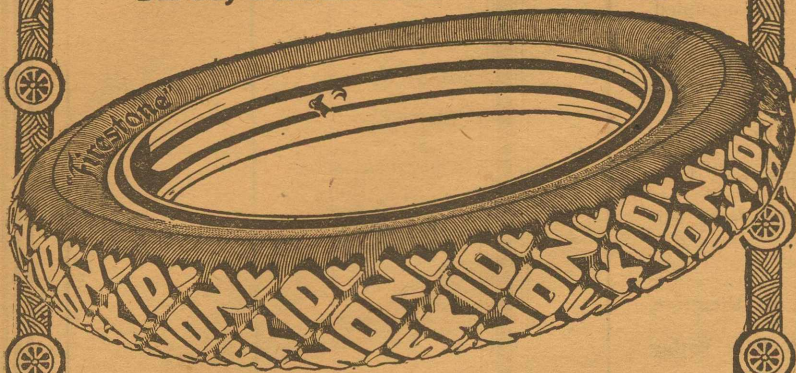


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Otho L. Hale, of the Hale Hardware and Grocery Company of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Miss Goldie Kennedy, of Dickens, is visiting friends in Spur this week.

We have a five room house and lots in Rotan, well located and well improved, fine underground cistern and other improvements. Will sell at a bargain or trade for property in or near Spur. Call in and see us at the Texas Spur office. We also have listed with us a twenty acre farm adjoining Spur and eighty acres of land near Spur.

Mat Bingham came in Wednesday from his fencing crew camp, on the Matadors northwest of Spur. In one of the recent electrical storms Mr. Bingham had one of his best work mules killed by lightning. The mule was worth one hundred and fifty dollars and no insurance was carried on his life.

S. W. Rather was in Wednesday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home. He reports good rains over that section, crops doing as well as could be desired and the country generally in the very finest condition.

F. R. Harrington returned the first of this week from Post where he spent a few days attending the Fourth of July celebrations at that place.

Dr. B. F. Hale, of Dickens, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

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We are doing a limited and exclusive real estate business—exclusive in that we will list only real bargains. If you want to sell your property at a sacrifice or at a real bargain price come in and list it with us at the Texas Spur office and we will get rid of it for you.

Uncle Wash Robertson, a popular citizen and blacksmith of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here greeting his many friends. Uncle Wash reports that everything is lively in Afton and that he is getting more work than he can do.

A deal was consummated this week in which O. B. Martin purchased the interest of L. H. Gilbert in the Gilbert Garage Company. Mr. Martin is moving the garage to the building across the street from the Spur Hardware Company on Burlington Avenue.

H. P. Cole was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch home near Dickens. He reports everything o. k. on the farm and his cattle doing fine. Similar reports come from every section of the great Spur country.

J. W. Hunter and family, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with their little child who was sick and under the treatment of physicians.

J. E. Johnson and family returned the latter part of last week to their home in Spur after an absence of several weeks spent in Eastern and Southern Texas.

Mrs. Rollins and children, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. H. Sullivan and family, returned this week to their home at Ennis.

Tom McArthur spent one or two days of last week in Post City to be with the crowds celebrating the Fourth of July.

The little three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon has been quite sick the past week.

Mat Howell returned last week from Oklahoma where he had gone to attend the funeral of his mother who died in that country the first of last week. The many friends of Mat Howell join the Texas Spur in extending sincere sympathy to him in this bereavement.

Sam T. Clemmons returned last week from a visit of several days to relatives and friends in Stamford, Ballinger and other points.

Miss Tot Waldron, formerly of Spur and assistant in the postoffice, is in the city this week visiting friends.



## The Mustard Seed Is a Tiny Nut

The meat or kernel of this tiny nut is what has the real, rich mustard flavor—the shell is almost as flavorless as the hull of a walnut.

Then when the whole mustard seeds are ground up into mustard you get bulk to be sure, but the strength is weakened by a part of it being shell or the tasteless part of the seed. It is pure mustard, but it is not the best flavored mustard, nor the most economical to use.

White Swan Mustard is made by discarding the shells and grinding up into mustard only the kernels of the mustard seed—these little kernels look like rolled oats when ready for grinding. Mustard made so is all strength and flavor. You can very readily satisfy yourself as to whether or not a mustard is ground from kernels only or from whole seed. The former, poured dry into a glass tube shows a powder of a solid, pure canary yellow. The other kind will look speckly—the mass is full of little dark particles; these are the shells, the almost tasteless part of the mustard seed.

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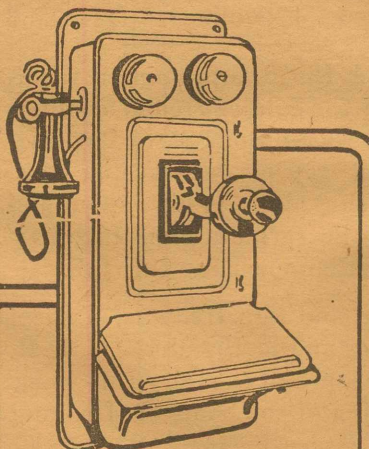
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# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

#### SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

J. H. Evans and wife, of Dumont, came to Spur last Sunday to be with their daughter, Miss Ida Evans, who underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital Monday. The operation, which was very delicate, has proven successful in every way and the many friends of the family will be glad to note that she is resting well and a rapid and complete recovery is expected. Miss Evans had tried several doctors, including the noted surgeon at Geary, Oklahoma, with out any success.

J. H. Putman and family returned this week to Spur from Marfa where they have been spending some time on business and visiting friends. Mr. Putman and family are now permanently located in the Spur country.

J. B. Cole, wife and son, and J. G. Cole, of Hico, returned the first of the week to their homes after spending last week at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace.

Sam Harkey was in the city Saturday from the Croton Camp hay fields.

#### FOR SALE.

Mv 2068 1-2 acre ranch, 12 miles southwest of Spur, on Cat Fish River, at a bargain, on good terms. Will lease temporarily, also separate section near ranch for sale.—C. C. Higgins, Snyder, Texas. 36-1f.

E. B. Shaw, one of the most successful farmers of this section and a leading citizen of the Draper country, spent several hours in Spur Monday on business and greeting his friends. While here Mr. Shaw called in at the Texas Spur office and deposited a big silver dollar with the distinct understanding that we send him the Texas Spur another year. Thanks Mr. Shaw and may many others follow in your footprints.

J. D. Harkey and son, Roy, came over from Dickens Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting their many friends.

J. D. Martin, of five miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

#### NOTICE.

Dr. W. G. Jarvis O. D., of Stamford, will be at the Red Front Drug Store in Spur Friday, July 23rd and Saturday morning, July 24th, and once each month in the future prepared to fit and repair glasses and do optical work of all kinds. Dr. Jarvis is a Graduate Optometrist and is thoroughly competent to handle any case entrusted to him. Stopping head aches and fitting the "hard to fit" a specialty. If you have head aches or are bothered by your eyes see him. Prices reasonable. Work guaranteed Examination free. 35 3

J. J. Cloud, a prominent farmer of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Cloud reports everything progressing nicely in his section and that the farmers expect to harvest a bumper crop this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Hellums, of Hico, father and mother of Mrs. J. H. Grace, are in the city this week visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Grace.

I. G. Van Leer came in Saturday from his farm home north of town and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his many friends.

Chas. A. Jones returned last week from Freeport and spent some time in Spur looking after the Swenson interests here.

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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.

Jim Griggs, formerly of Jayton, has accepted a position with the Dixy Telephone Company at Spur. Mr. Griggs is an expert Telephone man and we are glad to welcome he and wife as resident citizens of Spur. The Texas Spur wishes them a pleasant and prosperous life in our city.

S. W. Rather came in Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish country and spent several hours in the city shaking hands with his friends and transacting business.



# Appealing Prices to Cash Buyers

We reaffirm that no merchant can serve two masters. No man can do a credit business and sell the cash trade in competition with the man that seeks the good American dollar, that is always trying to find merchandise that will strongly appeal to the man that has ready cash and wants his money's worth. If a man wants money the bank stands ready to meet his requirements. Money is cheap at 10 per cent when compared with trading on time. The cash man must pay for the bad accounts. Be Wise; take no chances; trade with the cash man. This price list speaks for itself: Middy now go at 75c. Ladies' fine wash dresses worth \$1.50, only 95c. Cadet tan hosiery, ladies' and children's, worth 25c for 15c a pair. All our wash fancy dress goods worth up to 20c a yard goes at 10c. All like summer calicoes at 4c, and 8c staple gingham 5c. Yes, full width bleach table linen for 25c a yard. Still we come back strong with 50 pieces fancy pure silk hair and sache ribbons, worth 35c to 40c per yard, for only 25c. Men's work shirts at 40c is good value. 20 dozen left of men's Balbriggan shirts or drawers at 25c each. Straw hats getting very cheap, from 10c up, plenty of them here. Elastic seam drawers 35c; world beaters.

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No. 9611  
Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas,  
at the close of business June 23rd, 1915.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (notes held in bank)	\$189,529.94
Total loans	\$189,529.94
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$	unsecured, \$201.37
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00
Total U. S. bonds	25,000.00
4. f Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	460.00
Total bonds, securities, etc	460.00
5. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$7,200.00
a Less amount unpaid	3,600.00
6. Banking house, \$30,000.00; furniture and fixtures, \$	30,000.00
7. Other real estate owned	500.00
8. Due from Federal Reserve Bank	3,482.33
9. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	8,238.94
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	37,990.47
10. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 8 or 9)	34,763.14
11. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	111.15
13. b Fractional currency, nickels and cents	34.16
14. Notes of other national banks	2,995.00
Lawful money reserve in bank:	
16. Total coin and certificates	6,506.15
17. Legal-tender notes	3,130.00
18. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$347,792.55

LIABILITIES.	
1. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
2. Surplus fund	20,000.00
3. Undivided profits	\$17,321.15
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	4,598.11
4. Circulating notes	25,000.00
7. Due to banks and bankers (not included in 5 or 6)	67.74
9. Demand deposits:	
a Individual deposits subject to check	189,673.14
d Cashier's checks outstanding	328.63
Total	\$347,792.55

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, M. E. Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. E. Manning, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of June, 1915.

OSCAR JACKSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
C. A. Jones  
Geo. S. Link  
Clifford B. Jones,  
Directors.

J. C. Stephens was in the city Thursday from his farm home in the Afton country. He reports that his section has had plenty of rain and everything in the very finest shape with respect to crops and general conditions.

Ted Brannen left Wednesday for Pecos where he will spend ten or twelve days. During his absence R. G. Brannen will fill his position with Brannen Bros. Company.

Sheriff Conner was over from Dickens Thursday.

Mrs. Davis, of Aspermont, was brought to the Standifer Hospital Monday by Dr. Jordan and was operated on for appendicitis. She is reported as not doing well and but little hope is entertained for her recovery.

A. Stiffler returned Wednesday from the surrounding country where he spent several days in the interest of his piano business.

Mrs. Perry Fite is reported quite sick at her home in the northwest part of the city.

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## NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company, to be held Wednesday, September 1st, 1915, for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to issue bonds, etc.

To the Stockholders of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company:

You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 16th day of June, 1915, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of said Company a resolution was unanimously adopted calling a meeting of the Stockholders of said Company to be held on Wednesday, September 1, 1915, at offices of the Company at Crosbyton, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the directors thereof to execute a mortgage upon the property of the Company to issue bonds thereunder to an amount and for a period to be fixed by the Stockholders at said meeting; and to authorize the directors to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue such bonds; and to take such further and other steps as may be necessary under the laws of Texas for the final approval by said Commission of said bonds; and to obtain the authority of said Commission to register said bonds when issued in the office of the Secretary of the State of Texas.

Dated this June 16th, 1915, at Crosbyton, Texas.  
(SEAL)  
W. R. LOTSPEICH,  
Secretary.

No. 10703  
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business June 23rd, 1915.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (notes held in bank)	\$97,431.31
Bills of Exchange	72.29
Total loans	\$97,503.60
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$	unsecured, \$ 412.52
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$10,000
Total U. S. bonds	10,000.00
4. f Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stock) owned unpledged	418.00
Total bonds, securities, etc	418.00
5. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
a Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
b All other stocks, including premium on same	1,500.00
6. Banking house, \$7,750; furniture and fixtures, \$2,150.00	9,900.00
8. Due from Federal Reserve Bank	1,700.00
9. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	11,037.08
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	4,732.44
10. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 8 or 9)	1,106.85
13. a Outside checks and other cash items	117.26
b Fractional currency, nickles, and cents	1.90
14. Notes of other national banks	1,385.00
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank:	
16. Total coin and certificates	2,552.00
17. Legal-tender notes	2,161.00
18. Redemption fund with ns U. S. Treasurer (not more than 5 per cent on circulation)	500.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	500.00
Total	\$145,027.65

LIABILITIES	
1. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
2. Surplus fund	10,000.00
3. Undivided profits	\$8,140.18
Reserved for:	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	1,911.52
6. Circulating notes	6,228.66
9. Demand deposits:	10,000.00
a Individual deposits subject to check	68,076.09
d Cashier's checks outstanding	643.60
10. Time deposits:	
a Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	79.30
15. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	10,000.00
Total	\$145,027.65

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of July, 1915.

W. D. WILSON, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
J. D. Harkey  
T. E. Standifer,  
S. R. Davis,  
Directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning, of Brady, are in the city this week visiting their son, M. E. Manning and family.

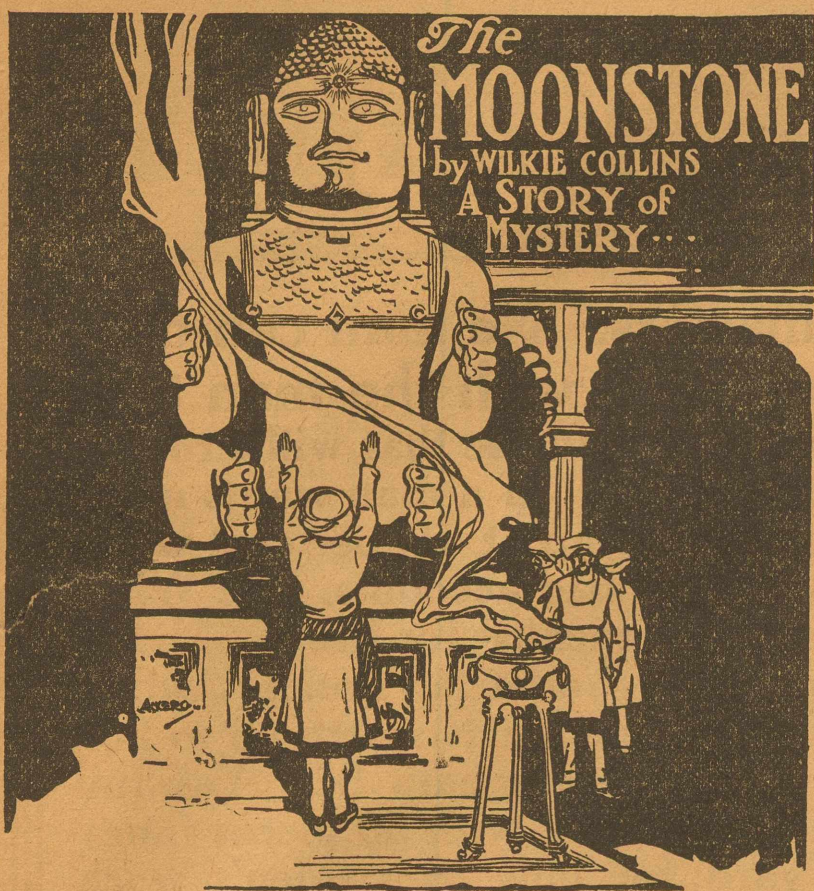
The children of A. C. Hindman went to Roaring Springs Thursday to spend the day picnicing.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dunn Wednesday night a big boy.

Mrs. Tuttle is in Spur this week organizing a Home Economic Club having for its purpose the teaching of more sane and scientific methods in the management of the home.

J. P. Simmons, wife and sister, Miss Simmons, will leave Spur Friday for Tulia where they will spend several days with his brother and family.





#### PROLOGUE.

The moonstone had first reposed in the forehead of an Indian idol. As centuries went by, ill luck following it, it passed into Mohammedan hands, but always through the ages three Brahman priests kept secret watch over it. John Hernecastle, an English officer, during the storming of Seringapatam, stole the stone, killing its guardians. Gabriel Betteredge, house steward for Julia, Lady Verinder, explains how the stone came into the house in which he serves. Master Franklin Blake, a nephew of Lady Verinder, had been sent abroad to be educated. On the day he was expected home Penelope, Betteredge's daughter, observes three Indian jugglers acting suspiciously. Franklin arrives earlier than expected, having eluded a dark stranger following him in London. Franklin has the diamond, which has been willed to his cousin Rachel as a birthday gift by Colonel Hernecastle. He puts the stone in a bank. The jugglers make a secret visit to the house. Rachel receives the moonstone on her birthday. Among the guests is Mr. Murthwaite, an Indian traveler. The next morning the diamond is missing. Superintendent of Police Seegrave is called in to investigate, and the three Indians are imprisoned. Suspicion also falls on Rosanna Spearman, a servant, and others. Sergeant Cuff, a London detective, is retained and begins his work. He is checked, however, when Rosanna, who Lady Verinder admits has had a prison record, refuses to have her room searched. It develops that Rosanna has visited a neighbor, Mrs. Golland, and borrowed a tin case. This Sergeant Cuff suspects she has buried in the swamp secured by two dog chains, also borrowed.

#### The Sergeant Goes to Frizinghall.

SERGEANT CUFF looked at me. I made a step forward to speak to my mistress and, feeling my heart fail me, if I must own it, took a step back again and said nothing. "May I ask your ladyship when Miss Verinder first thought of going to her aunt's?" inquired the sergeant. "About an hour since," answered my mistress. Sergeant Cuff looked at me once more. They say old people's hearts are not very easily moved. My heart couldn't have thumped much harder than it did now if I had been five and twenty again. "I have no claim, my lady," says the sergeant, "to control Miss Verinder's actions. All I can ask you to do is to put off her departure if possible till later in the day. I must go to Frizinghall myself tomorrow morning, and I shall be back by 2 o'clock, if not before. If Miss Verinder can be kept here till that time I should wish to say two words to her—unexpectedly—before she goes."

My lady directed me to give the coachman her orders that the carriage was not to come for Miss Rachel until 2 o'clock. "Have you more to say?" she asked of the sergeant when this had been done.

"Only one thing, your ladyship. If Miss Verinder is surprised at this change in the arrangements please not to mention me as being the cause of putting off her journey."

My mistress lifted her head suddenly from her book as if she was going to say something, checked herself by a great effort and, looking back again at the open page, dismissed us with a sign of her hand.

"That's a wonderful woman," said Sergeant Cuff when we were out in the hall again. "But for her self control the mystery that puzzles you, Mr. Betteredge, would have been at an end tonight."

At those words the truth rushed at last into my stupid old head. For the moment I suppose I must have gone clean out of my senses. I seized the sergeant by the collar of his coat and pinned him against the wall.

"D— you," I cried out, "there's something wrong about Miss Rachel, and you have been hiding it from me all this time!"

Sergeant Cuff looked up at me flat against the wall without stirring a hand or moving a muscle of his melancholy face.

"Ah," he said, "you've guessed it at last!"

My hand dropped from his collar, and my head sank on my breast. "Please to remember as some excuse for my breaking out as I did that I had served the family for fifty years. Miss Rachel had climbed upon my knees and pulled my whiskers many and many a time when she was a child. Miss Rachel, with all her faults, had been, to my mind, the dearest and prettiest and best young mistress that ever an old servant waited on and loved. I begged Sergeant Cuff's pardon, but I am afraid I did it with watery eyes and not in a very becoming way."

"Don't distress yourself, Mr. Betteredge," says the sergeant, with more kindness than I had any right to expect from him. "In my line of life, if we were quick at taking offense we shouldn't be worth salt to our porridge. If it's any comfort to you collar me again. You don't in the least know how to do it, but I'll overlook your awkwardness in consideration of your feelings."

He curled up at the corners of his lips, and, in his own dreary way seemed to think he had delivered himself of a very good joke.

I led him into my own little sitting room and closed the door.

"Tell me the truth, sergeant," I said. "What do you suspect? It's no kindness to hide it from me now."

"I don't suspect," said Sergeant Cuff. "I know."

My unlucky temper began to get the better of me again.

"Do you mean to tell me in plain English," I said, "that Miss Rachel has stolen her own diamond?"

"Yes," says the sergeant, "that is what I mean to tell you in so many words. Miss Verinder has been in secret possession of the moonstone from first to last, and she has taken Rosanna Spearman into her confidence because she has calculated on our suspecting Rosanna Spearman of the theft. There is the whole case in a nutshell. Collar me again, Mr. Betteredge. If it's any vent to your feelings collar me again."

"Give me your reasons!" That was all I could say to him.

"You shall hear my reasons tomorrow," said the sergeant. "If Miss Verinder refuses to put off her visit to her aunt, which you will find Miss Verinder will do, I shall be obliged to lay the whole case before your mistress tomorrow. And as I don't know what may come of it, I shall request you to be present and to hear what passes on both sides. Let the matter rest for tonight. There is your table spread for supper. That's one of the many human infirmities which I always treat tenderly. If you will ring the bell I'll say grace. 'For what we are going to receive.'"

"I wish you a good appetite to it, sergeant," I said. "My appetite is gone. I'll wait and see you served, and then I'll ask you to excuse me if I go away and try to get the better of this by myself."

My meditations were interrupted by Samuel. He brought me a written message from my mistress.

The message from my lady informed me that the magistrate at Frizinghall had written to remind her about the three Indians. Early in the coming week the rogues must needs be released and left free to follow their own devices. If we had any more questions to ask them there was no time to lose. Having forgotten to mention this when she had last seen Sergeant Cuff my mistress now desired me to supply the omission.

I found Sergeant Cuff and the gardener, with a bottle of Scotch whisky,

between them, head over ears in an argument on the growing of roses. In the temporary lull I laid my lady's written message on the table under the eyes of Sergeant Cuff.

In half a minute after he had read the message he had looked back into his memory for Superintendent Seegrave's report, had picked out that part of it in which the Indians were concerned and was ready with his answer. A certain great traveler who understood the Indians and their language had figured in Mr. Seegrave's report, hadn't he? Very well. Did I know the gentleman's name and address? Very well again. Would I write them on the back of my lady's message? Much obliged to me. Sergeant Cuff would look that gentleman up when he went to Frizinghall in the morning.

In the passage I met Penelope hanging about and asked what she was waiting for.

She was waiting for her young lady's bell when her young lady chose to call her back to go on with the packing for the next day's journey. Further inquiry revealed to me that Miss Rachel had given it as a reason for wanting to go to her aunt at Frizinghall that the house was unendurable to her and that she could bear the odious presence of a policeman under the same roof with herself no longer. Miss Rachel's bell rang while we were talking. Penelope ran up the back stairs to go on with the packing.

Just as I approached the swing door leading into the hall from the servants' offices it was violently opened from the other side and Rosanna Spearman ran by me, with a miserable look of pain in her face and one of her hands pressed hard over her heart, as if the pang was in that quarter. "What's the matter, my girl?" I asked, stopping her. "Are you ill?" "For God's sake, don't speak to me!" she answered and twisted herself out of my hands and ran on toward the servants' staircase. I called to the cook, who was within hearing, to look after the poor girl. Two other persons proved to be within hearing as well as the cook. Sergeant Cuff darted softly out of my room and asked what was the matter. I answered, "Nothing." Mr. Franklin, on the other side, pulled open the swing door and, beckoning me into the hall, inquired if I had seen anything of Rosanna Spearman.

"She has just passed me, sir, with a very disturbed face and in a very odd manner."

"I am afraid I am innocently the cause of that disturbance, Betteredge."

"You, sir?"

"I can't explain it," says Mr. Franklin, "but if the girl is concerned in the loss of the diamond I do really believe she was on the point of confessing everything—to me, of all the people in the world—not two minutes since."

I begged him to describe what had happened between Rosanna and himself.

"Were you passing through the hall, sir?" I asked. "Did you meet her accidentally when she spoke to you?"

Mr. Franklin pointed to the billiard table.

"I was knocking the balls about," he said, "and trying to get this miserable business of the diamond out of my mind. I happened to look up, and there stood Rosanna Spearman at the side of me, like a ghost. Seeing a very anxious expression in her face, I asked her if she wished to speak to me. She answered, 'Yes, if I dare.' Knowing what suspicion attached to her, I could only put one construction to such language as that. I had no wish to invite the girl's confidence. At the same time, in the difficulties that now beset us, I could hardly feel justified in refusing to listen to her, if she was really bent on speaking to me. I said to her: 'I don't quite understand you. Is there anything you want me to do?' The cue was still in my hand, and I went on knocking the balls about, to take off the awkwardness of the thing. As it turned out, I only made matters worse still. She suddenly turned away. 'He looks at the billiard balls,' I heard her say. 'Anything rather than look at me.' Before I could stop her she had left the hall. Would you mind telling Rosanna that I meant no unkindness? I have been a little hard on her, perhaps, in my own thoughts. I have almost hoped that the loss of the diamond might be traced to her. Not from any ill will to the poor girl, but—"

He stopped there and, going back to the billiard table, began to knock the balls about once more.

After what had passed between the sergeant and me, I knew what it was that he had left unspoken as well as he knew it himself.

Nothing but the tracing of the moonstone to our second housemaid could now raise Miss Rachel above the infamous suspicion that rested on her in the mind of Sergeant Cuff.

Inquiry at the servants' offices informed me that Rosanna had retired to her own room.

The gardener had gone home, and Sergeant Cuff was nowhere to be found in the lower regions of the house. I went upstairs to see.

After reaching the second landing I thought I heard a sound of quiet and regular breathing on my left hand side. My left hand side led to the corridor which communicated with Miss Ra-

chel's room. I looked in, and there, coiled up on three chairs placed right across the passage—there, with a red handkerchief tied round his grizzled head and his respectable black coat rolled up for a pillow, lay and slept Sergeant Cuff!

He woke instantly and quietly, like a dog, the moment I approached him.

"What are you doing here?" I asked. "Why are you not in your proper bed?"

"I am not in my proper bed," answered the sergeant, "because I am one of the many people in this miserable world who can't earn their money honestly and easily at the same time. There was a coincidence this evening between the period of Rosanna Spearman's return from the Sands and the period when Miss Verinder took her resolution to leave the house. Whatever Rosanna may have hidden, it's clear to my mind that your young lady couldn't go away until she knew that it was hidden. The two must have communicated privately once already tonight. If they try to communicate again when the house is quiet I want to be in the way and stop it. Don't blame me for upsetting your sleeping arrangements, Mr. Betteredge. Blame the diamond."

Nothing happened in the night, and no attempt at communication between Miss Rachel and Rosanna rewarded the vigilance of Sergeant Cuff.

I had expected the sergeant to set off for Frizinghall the first thing in the morning. He waited about, however, as if he had something else to do first. I left him to his own devices, and going into the grounds shortly after met Mr. Franklin on his favorite walk by the shrubbery side.

Before we had exchanged two words the sergeant unexpectedly joined us.

"One of the female servants—I won't mention names—spoke to you privately, sir, last night."

Once more Mr. Franklin cut him short—once more Mr. Franklin answered, "I have nothing to say."

Standing by in silence, I thought of the movement in the swing door on the previous evening and of the coattails which I had seen disappearing down the passage. Sergeant Cuff had, no doubt, just heard enough to make him suspect that Rosanna had relieved her mind by confessing something to Mr. Franklin Blake.

This notion had barely struck me when who should appear at the end of the shrubbery walk but Rosanna Spearman in her own proper person! She was followed by Penelope, who was evidently trying to make her retrace her steps to the house. Seeing that Mr. Franklin was not alone, Rosanna came to a standstill, evidently in great perplexity what to do next. Penelope waited behind her. Mr. Franklin saw the girls as soon as I saw them. The sergeant, with his devilish cunning, took on not to have noticed them at all. All this happened in an instant. Before either Mr. Franklin or I could say a word Sergeant Cuff struck in smoothly, with an appearance of continuing previous conversation.

"You needn't be afraid of harming the girl, sir," he said to Mr. Franklin, speaking in a loud voice, so that Rosanna might hear him. "On the contrary, I recommend you to honor me with your confidence if you feel any interest in Rosanna Spearman."

Mr. Franklin instantly took on not to have noticed the girls either. He answered, speaking loudly on his side: "I take no interest whatever in Rosanna Spearman."

I looked toward the end of the walk. All I saw at the distance was that Rosanna suddenly turned round the moment Mr. Franklin had spoken. Instead of resisting Penelope, as she had done the moment before, she now let my daughter take her by the arm and lead her back to the house.

The breakfast bell rang as the two girls disappeared, and even Sergeant Cuff was now obliged to give it up as a bad job. He said to me quietly, "I shall go to Frizinghall, Mr. Betteredge, and I shall be back before 2." He went his way, and for some few hours we were well rid of him.

The state of things indoors and out while Sergeant Cuff was on his way to Frizinghall was briefly this:

Miss Rachel waited for the time when the carriage was to take her to her aunt's, still obstinately shut up in her own room. My lady and Mr. Franklin breakfasted together. After breakfast Mr. Franklin took one of his sudden resolutions and went out precipitately to quiet his mind by a long walk.

I attended my lady after breakfast and assisted her in the settlement of our household accounts.

After leaving my mistress I found Penelope waiting for me in my room.

"I wish, father, you would come and speak to Rosanna," she said. "I am very uneasy about her. I'm afraid, father, Mr. Franklin has hurt Rosanna cruelly without intending it."

"What took Rosanna into the shrubbery walk?" I asked.

"Her own madness," says Penelope. "I can call it nothing else. She was bent on speaking to Mr. Franklin this morning, come what might of it. I did my best to stop her. You saw that. If I could only have got her away before she heard those dreadful words—" "There, there!" I said. "Don't lose your head. I can't call to mind that anything happened to alarm Rosanna."

"Nothing to alarm her, father. But Mr. Franklin said he took no interest whatever in her, and, oh, he said it in such a cruel voice!"

"He said it to stop the sergeant's mouth," I answered.

"I told her that," says Penelope. "But, you see, father, though Mr. Franklin isn't to blame he's been mortifying and disappointing her for weeks and weeks past, and now this comes on the top of it all! She has no right, of course, to expect him to take any interest in her. She frightened me, father, when Mr. Franklin said those words. They seemed to turn her into stone. A sudden quiet came over her, and she has gone about her work ever since like a woman in a dream."

I had promised Mr. Franklin to speak to Rosanna, and this seemed the fittest time for keeping my word.

We found the girl sweeping the corridor outside the bedrooms, pale and composed and neat as ever in her modest print dress. I noticed a curious dimness and dullness in her eyes—not as if she had been crying, but as if she had been looking at something too long. Possibly it was a misty something raised by her own thoughts. There was certainly no object about her to look at which she had not seen already hundreds on hundreds of times.

"Cheer up, Rosanna!" I said. "You mustn't fret over your own fancies. I have got something to say to you from Mr. Franklin."

I thereupon put the matter in the right view before her in the friendliest and most comforting words I could find.

"Mr. Franklin is very kind and considerate. Please to thank him." That was all the answer she made me.

My daughter had already noticed that Rosanna went about her work like a woman in a dream. I now added to this observation that she also listened and spoke like a woman in a dream. I doubted if her mind was in a fit condition to take in what I had said.

"Are you quite sure, Rosanna, that you understand me?" I asked.

"Quite sure."

"She echoed me not like a living woman, but like a creature moved by machinery. She went on sweeping all the time. I took away the broom as gently and as kindly as I could."

"Come, come, my girl!" I said. "This is not like yourself. You have got something on your mind. I'm your friend, and I'll stand your friend, even if you have done wrong. Make a clean breast of it, Rosanna—make a clean breast of it!"

The time had been when my speaking to her in that way would have brought the tears into her eyes. I could see no change in them now.

"Yes," she said, "I'll make a clean breast of it."

"To my lady?" I asked.

"No."

"To Mr. Franklin?"

"Yes; to Mr. Franklin."

I hardly knew what to say to that. She was in no condition to understand the caution against speaking to him in private which Mr. Franklin had directed me to give her. Feeling my way little by little, I only told her Mr. Franklin had gone out for a walk.

"It doesn't matter," she answered. "I shan't trouble Mr. Franklin today."

"Why not speak to my lady?" I said.

"The way to relieve your mind is to speak to the merciful and Christian mistress who has always been kind to you."

She looked at me for a moment with a grave and steady attention as if she was fixing what I said in her mind. Then she took the broom out of my hands and moved off with it slowly a little way down the corridor.

"No," she said, going on with her sweeping and speaking to herself; "I know a better way of relieving my mind than that."

"What is it?"

"Please to let me go on with my work."

Penelope followed her and offered to help her.

She answered; "No. I want to do my work. Thank you, Penelope." She looked around at me. "Thank you, Mr. Betteredge."

There was no moving her. There was nothing more to be said. I signed to Penelope to come away with me. We left her, as we had found her, sweeping the corridor like a woman in a dream.

"This is a matter for the doctor to look into," I said. "It's beyond me."

My daughter reminded me of Mr. Candy's illness owing to the chill he had caught on the night of the dinner party. His assistant—a certain Ezra Jennings—was at our disposal, to be sure. But nobody knew much about him in our parts. He had been engaged by Mr. Candy under rather peculiar circumstances, and, right or wrong, we none of us liked him or trusted him. There were other doctors at Frizinghall. But they were strangers to our house, and Penelope doubted in Rosanna's present state whether strangers might not do her more harm than good.

Going down to the front door, I met the sergeant on the steps.

My sense of dignity sank from under me, and out came the words, "What news from Frizinghall?"

[To be continued.]