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

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ALIVE TO THE INTERESTS OF GOOD ROADS

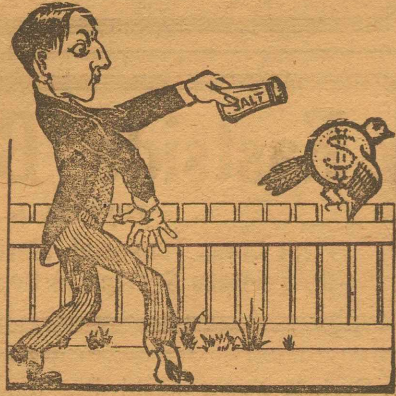
R. L. Overstreet was here one day last week from the Afton country. He hauled out a load of posts with which to build about one mile and a half of fence with the view of opening up a roadway around a portion of his farm. The opening up and building of new roads is in line with the progress and development of this country. The people of Dickens and surrounding counties are more alive to the interests of good roads than in any other section of Western Texas. With the continued progress along this line it is possible that many taxpayers of today will live to enjoy hardsurfaced, macadamized roadways throughout this section. The graveling of the streets of Spur demonstrates that it is not only better but cheaper to build permanent, hard-surface roadways. Before the streets in Spur were gravelled they had to be worked and graded after each rain, thus practically incurring the expense of building a new street after each rain. Since placing the gravel on the streets they require little attention and expense in maintaining. It pays to build permanent roads and streets even though they cost more in the beginning.

COUNTY ENJOYING AN ERA OF PROSPERITY

C. D. Pullin, of near McAdoo in the Lee County settlement on the plains, was in Spur the latter part of last week and hauled out lumber and other material with which to make improvements on his farm home in that section. Every section of this whole country is enjoying an era of building and development progress and especially is this true in the Lee County settlement. A number of new farm homes have been built this year, a new postoffice and store established in the name of McAdoo and many acres of new land is being cultivated. Prospects now indicate a bale of cotton and a ton and half to two tons of feed, one wheat crop harvested forty two and a half bushels to the acre and big oat crops were harvested this year. The people of that settlement now need a good gin and blacksmith shop in connection with the general mercantile store and one of the finest schools of the whole country.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

T. H. Tallant, of several miles south of Spur, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office the first of the week. He and wife recently returned from Dallas where Mrs. Tallant underwent an operation and we are glad to note that she is now reported rapidly regaining her former good health since the operation. During the past several years Mrs. Tallant has been confined almost continuously to her room and bed, and friends of the family in this and other sections of the country will be glad to know that the operation was a success in every particular.



WE CAN HELP YOU SALT DOWN YOUR DOLLARS

If you come to us to buy your merchandise. We buy in large quantities for several stores, and therefore save much on the first cost, which means a saving for you.

Now Mr. Man did you know it was time to place that order for your New John Deere Row Binder, or better, come in and get yours now. The time is here and we have already begun to place them in the Spur trade territory. Plenty of binder twine. Come in or phone us, we can supply you. Wagon time is close at hand so don't fail to see our line. We have the goods, Peter Schuttler and John Deere Iron Clad wagons are the best on the road. Say Boys and Men! We are going to offer the biggest values in Buggies from now on that you have ever run up against in a long time. We have one Auto Seat Buggy for \$65.00, all buggies from \$10 to \$15 less for the next week or two. We need the room.

Our Mr. and Mrs. Link are in the Eastern Market and report many surprises in Dry Goods and other merchandise for our patrons. They send their best regards to every one.

You Mr. Man that needs a good work pant, we have it. A brand new line just received, you miss a bargain if you don't come in and see these new pants, overalls, work shirts waiting for you.

Say Ladies the new Red Seal Gingham are here, also the new Everett Classics are for your approval. Don't start that new dress without first visiting this department.

Have you seen or heard of the latest in head wear? Its the new TAMS. A neat Tam O Shanta, for street wear, motoring, Outings, and general wear. Call and let us show them to you. They are the latest, you'll want one.

Now don't forget we are headquarters for groceries. Have a new shipment of Sun Shine Cakes, receive fresh groceries all the time. Say there's some satisfaction in trading with the grocer that keeps as fresh a stock of highgrade groceries as we do. We have to for we can't keep them long enough to be come old. Remember the best. That's Light Crust.

Now Mr. Autoist, or Fordist either, we are putting in one of the best and completest line of Automobile Accessories that you will find in the West. We have some in stock now but have a large shipment expected to arrive soon. Plenty of Goodrich casings and tubes, at all times,

and at the Fair List Price. Did you know we sell at a lower list than any of the standard makes of tires. Best in the Long Run. Call and let us show you.

Say Boost the Dickens County Fair, its going to be the greatest thing ever pulled off in these parts. Save your products and bring them in, you may win a prize on that melon, peach, or some other thing growing on your farm. Come in and we will tell you about it. Plenty of ice water. Come and bring the kids. Don't forget to leave that bill. Make our place home while in town. We love to have you with us. Don't forget to watch for the many new goods that are soon to arrive. Some are already here.

Now for my text. You never see an old-maid at a basket supper with a plain basket.

Bryant-Link Company.

ON EXTENDED VISIT

Mrs. Geo. S. Link left Spur this week to visit friends in Stamford and from which place she will go to Arkansas to spend several weeks with relatives in that country before returning to Spur.

Do You Need A Pair of Shoes?

ONE PAIR TO BE GIVEN AWAY!!

A Pair of \$6 Queen Quality or Marshall Shoes will be Given Away Saturday Night to some one holding the Lucky Number Drawn at Dixie Airdome during the entire week.

PROGRAMME:

MONDAY NIGHT
In The Sunlight—American 2 parts
When Love Took Wings—Keystone

TUESDAY NIGHT
Shorty Among the Cannibals—2 pts
Brass Buttons—Majestic.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Sympathy Sal—Reliance. 2 parts
Settled at Sea—Keystone.

THURSDAY NIGHT
The Spirit of the Bell—K.B. 2 pts.
Ambrose's Lofty Perch—Keystone.

FRIDAY NIGHT
The Fakir—Domino. 2 parts
The Artist's Wife—Majestic.

SATURDAY NIGHT
The Fencing Master—Majestic 2 pts
Gussie's Wayward Path—Keystone

THE BEST ENTERTAINMENT

Dixie Airdome,
SPUR, TEXAS

MATADOR CELEBRATION WAS A BIG SUCCESS

C. W. Lowery, C. L. Love, Dr. Morris, Jim Mahon, Mack Brown, G. Brown, A. E. Reeves, L. A. Hindman, Jas. F. Williams, C. B. Jones, Cliff Lovelace, E. J. Cowan, E. J. Cairns, Paul Douglass, Misses Gussie and Gladys Stafford, Kate and Nell Mahon were among those of Spur who attended the big celebration last week at Matador. The Matador celebration was a success in every particular and it is estimated that five thousand people were there to enjoy the various attractions in amusement companies, midway attractions, ball games, speeches, etc. Matador is not only a growing and substantial town but knows how to entertain and make visitors feel at home. We here and now invite the people of Matador, especially to attend our fair September 23rd, 24th and 25th and we promise to entertain and interest them on this occasion.

GENERAL PROSPERITY.

Judge Miller and wife, of Rotan, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on their return home from a trip to Matador where they spent several days on business and visiting friends. Mr. Miller reports that the crop conditions throughout Fisher county are most promising at this time and the people are optimistic of general prosperity.

WORK BEGINS IN INCREASING SPUR WATER SUPPLY

This week the City Commissioners commenced the work of increasing the water supply in connection with the Spur Waterworks System. At the present time the supply is fifty gallons per minute and it is hoped that under the plans now under way the water capacity will be increased to more than one hundred gallons per minute. A number of sand-points will be placed in the bed of Duck Creek and connected with the pumping station, thus hoping to secure a supply of water equal to that supplied by the big well at the present time. The Spur Waterworks System, as well as other institutions of Spur, is growing and developing.

GREATEST COTTON PRODUCING COUNTRY KNOWN

J. V. McCormick came down Tuesday from Afton and hauled out a load of lumber and other material with which to make extensive improvements on his gin property at Afton. McCormick and Reams are making extensive improvements this year on the gin plant at Afton and expect to be in a position this fall to gin more cotton and better cotton. The indications now are that there will be more cotton in the country than all the gins combined can care for. The Spur country is indeed one of the greatest cotton producing countries in America.

SPUR COUNTRY GROWS A BALE TO THE ACRE

W. F. Shugart, of several miles east of town, was in the latter part of last week greeting friends and wearing his usual optimistic smile. Mr. Shugart has cause to smile since this year he has bumper crop prospects and last year he made about one bale of cotton to the acre on near two hundred acres of land. Some people may think that one-fourth to one-half bale of cotton is as much as can be grown in this country, and there are some farmers who do not make more, but there are numbers of farmers who do make more than a bale to the acre. F. W. West last year made twenty five bales on twenty two acres of land; S. R. Bowman made one hundred and one bales on ninety five acres; C. D. Copeland averaged about one bale to the acre on over two hundred acres, and numbers of other farmers of the country made something over one bale to the acre, and yet farmers nearby made less than a bale to the acre. There is a whole lot in the way farmers prepare their ground and cultivate the crops. Some merchants make money while others go into bankruptcy. Some farmers make a bale of cotton to the acre while others make only one-fourth of a bale. It is the methods of conducting the businesses of farming and merchandising which cause success or failure, and those who make such failures should blame their methods rather than the country.

IMPROVEMENT WORK ON FAIR GROUND IN PROGRESS

Work on the improvement of the fair grounds of the Dickens County Fair Association is now under way and is progressing at a rapid rate. A red picket fence six feet high is being built around the thirty acres of ground and large concrete posts will be built at the two entrances. Plans are being drawn for the construction of an exhibition hall, grand stand, stock pens, sheds, etc., and the construction work of such buildings will be commenced at an early date. The various committees are encouraging exhibits of farm produce and livestock from every section of the surrounding country, securing a great variety of amusements and entertainments and the fair now promises to be a success in every particular.

CONTINUES TO GROW.

N. B. Fuqua, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Fuqua reports that his section of the country is now in good shape again since the recent rain, and crops are growing nicely. He has our thanks for another subscription to the Texas Spur, having the paper sent to W. F. Lewis at Mathis, Texas. The Texas Spur as well as the town of Spur continues to grow and extend its usefulness.

**Dr. McGuire
Graduate Optician**

Coming to Spur

and will be located at the RED FRONT DRUG STORE. Remember Dr. McGuire has made a specialty of optics for 15 years, and comes with a long list of testimonials from good, influential people, who have used his glasses with best results. This being the Doctor's first visit to our city, he will, for

Six Days Only

commencing Monday, August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, not only test your eyes FREE, but will put into your old frames one pair of his Perfect Spherical Lens absolutely

FREE

All Special Ground Lens, Such as Compounds, Toric's, Kryptok's, etc at Special Prices

Those desiring frames will be supplied at greatly reduced prices, but remember you are not required to pay anything, or pay the Doctor a single cent, as this special sale and reduction has been inaugurated in this city as a means of getting acquainted with the eye-glass wearing public; and you who are in need of a good pair of glasses had better take advantage of this offer.

Special attention given to eyes of school children. About 75 per cent of all headaches can be relieved with a pair of properly fitted glasses. Our stock comprises all of the very latest styles and shapes, both in eye glasses and spectacles. We make a specialty of Kryptok and Toric Lenses. Positively no drugs used or given. Remember the time and place of sale.

Monday, August 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

**Red Front Drug Store
Spur, Texas**

**PROTRACTED MEETING
IS NOW IN PROGRESS**

A protracted meeting was commenced Sunday at the Baptist tabernacle, being conducted by Rev. I. E. Gates of Plainview and president of the Baptist College at that point.

The meetings are being largely attended and the services are enjoyed. Rev. Gates is a forceful and impressive speaker and his sermons are instructive and appreciated by his audiences. The meeting will continue through Sunday and everybody is invited to attend. Arrangements are now being made to secure a singer to conduct the song services.

PIONEER NEWSPAPER MAN

Sam Oliver, an old time newspaper man and who has been farming and ranching in Dawson county the past nine years, was in Spur this week with a view of buying property and locating here. Mr. Oliver established a newspaper in Oak Cliff adjoining Dallas when that city was created. Later he came to this western country and established the Lockney Beacon in Floyd county. During the past twenty five years he has been a member of the Texas Press Association and was one of the charter members of the national association organized in New Orleans in the early eighties. Mr. Oliver will be a substantial citizen and a real benefit to any country and we will be glad to see him locate with us.

ROOMS WANTED

Two or three unfurnished rooms wanted for light housekeeping. Phone The Spur office.

J. I. Greer, an old time citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the country, was among the number in Spur Saturday. He reports a good rain and fine crops in his section.

Willis Smith, of the Tap country, was among the recent business visitors to Spur.

**SPUR-ROARING SPRINGS
MAIL LINE CHANGED**

In response to a petition circulated by Contractor Smart and signed by a number of citizens the postal department this week changed the schedule of the mail line from Spur to Roaring Springs. Hereafter this mail will leave Spur each morning, make connection with the Quanah, Acme & Pacific in Roaring Springs at twelve o'clock and return in the afternoon to Spur by the way of Afton and Dickens.

Whether or not such a change will be more convenient and best serve the patrons on this line remains to be determined after the schedule is thoroughly established.

BIG CROPS.

Chas. Windham came in Monday from his farm and ranch home on Croton. He reports a fine rain in that section the latter part of last week and as a result the crop prospects for a bumper harvest this fall were never better at any time and in any country. The indications are that the whole Spur country this year will produce such big crops that the cotton pickers can not be secured to pick the whole crop.

NOTICE.

Owing to a misunderstanding Dr. Jarvis missed his date here last week but will be at the Red Front Drug Store Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, August 10th-11th, without fail. All those desiring glasses or optical work of any kind please call at that time. Regular trips in the future as advertised.

Ferry Fite and family were released last week from quarantine which has been enforced the past several weeks on account of small pox. Perry says that the small pox amounts to very little but that the quarantine is very irritating.

GILPIN

The social given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins Wednesday night of last week was enjoyed by a large crowd of appreciative young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson and family, guests of Rev. W. B. Bennett and family, have returned to their home near Trent. Mr. Grayson says that prospects for bumper crops were never better.

Mrs. Parnel returned last week from a visit to Snyder, where she visited her parents. Her father accompanied her home for a few days visit. Her daughter, Mrs. McAlister of near Jayton, also spent the latter part of last week with her.

Messrs. P. E. Hagins and Ben Simmons attended the picnic at Matador. They report a pleasant time.

Mr. Lee Cathey and sister, Miss Annie, together with the two Messrs. Harvey, were the guests of the Misses Hagins Sunday.

Messrs. W. P. Sampson, W. H. Taylor, B. F. Bural and J. T. Carlisle left Sunday for Houston, where they will attend to business for the Farmers Union. Mrs. J.



THE FARMER'S FIRST AID IN SICKNESS.

WHEN there is sickness or an accident on the farm, haste in calling the doctor is vital. Life may rest on minutes—Don't wait until sickness occurs, and THEN wish you had a telephone. Order it NOW from our nearest manager, or write.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO.

DALLAS, TEXAS



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YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work

Why Not Now?

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

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. 1-26

O. P. THOMAS & COMPANY,

Distributors of the

Maxwell Automobile

In Stamford and the Counties of Haskell, Kent, Stonewall, Garza, Dickens and King.

Some open territory for live local agents. Address Aspermont or Stamford.

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First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

CHEER UP!

THAT TIRED GROUCHY FEELING MEANS A LAZY LIVER

LIV-VER-LAX will clear you out, and make you feel fine and dandy again. It is just as effective as calomel, but has none of its well known disagreeable after effects.

LIV-VER-LAX eliminates poisons, cleanses the system, and relieves constipation in a thorough but pleasant manner. A little taken regularly means consistent health and no doctor bills.

GUARANTEE. Every bottle bearing the likeness of L. K. Grigsby, is guaranteed to give satisfaction or your money will be returned. For sale here in 50c and \$1 size bottles at Spur Drug Co.

MARRIED

Monday, July 26, at the home of the bride's parents in Belton, Hon. B. D. Glasgow and Miss Luria Hogan were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, only a few friends and relatives being present to witness the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow left Belton immediately for Spur and are now at home to friends at their home on Hill Street.

Judge Glasgow served this district as District Attorney a number of years and today stands at the head of his profession as attorney-at-law. He is a man of ability and during the many years of his residence in Dickens county has been a leader in political and public affairs.

Miss Hogan was of one of the best and most highly respected families of the country, a young lady possessing the highest womanly accomplishments of modesty, refinement and intelligence.

The Texas Spur extends congratulations and very best wishes to Judge Glasgow and wife and may their married life be full of happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. C. A. Bobo returned last week from an extended visit to relatives at Ranger and Weatherford.

Miss Mildred and Virgil Post, of Waco, are in Spur visiting at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hisey.

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.

O. B. MARTIN

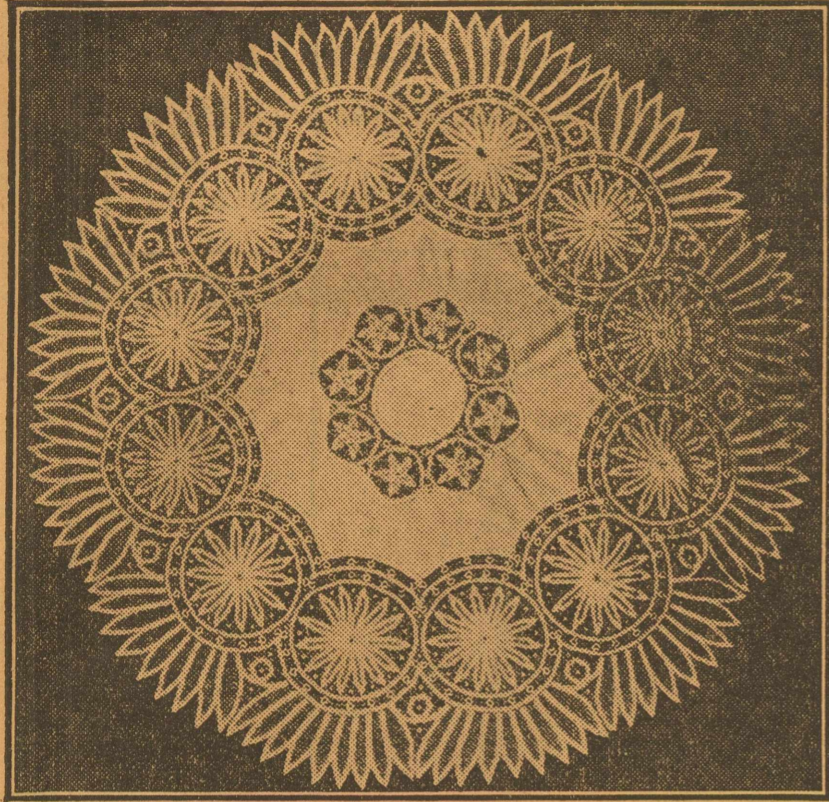
Fruit and Ornamental Trees

I am now representing the Austin Nursery, and am prepared to furnish you with Berries, Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees of every variety. Hold your orders for me.

Wyatt Taylor
SPUR, TEXAS
Agent for Dickens, Kent and Stonewall Counties

Frills and Fancies In Woman's Sphere

Renaissance Lace Again In Popular Favor



After having been eclipsed for a long time by other patterns of lace the renaissance lace appears to have come into its own again. Wheels are used with splendid effect in the illustration and are extremely simple to make since they are developed in braid with very few and easy stitches.

A RIBBON FANCY.

How Girl Solved Difficulty of Keeping Collar Snug at Neck.

"How can I keep my collar from slipping away from the neck in the back?" asks a young girl who has purchased a new crepe de chine waist and has the same difficulty that many find with the new style collar.

With the waist loose and V shaped at the neck, there is little to hold the back of the neck in place or to prevent slipping, especially where the shoulders are sloping.

The dainty fold of satin or ribbon that is worn around the neck nowadays gives no hint that it is for a practical purpose or for anything but the pretty little accessory or necklace that it looks to be, but it is a very useful affair, for it is about the only solution to the question of how to keep the collar from slipping down in the back.

If the collar separates several inches in the front it can be on the outside of the collar, or if it gives a better effect it can be inside, next to the neck, with the collar fastened to it in the center of the back and on the sides if necessary.

It is finished with a tiny bow under the chin. The little touch of color given in this way is often an addition to the whole appearance of a waist.

Leghorns For Summer.

Leghorn straw hats are a pleasant revival. Nothing could be lovelier for the warm weather hat with thin frocks than a leghorn at its best. And this summer's hats in leghorn are at their best. They are soft, with undulating crowns, and they are trimmed with velvet, flowers and chiffon in a charming way. One milliner manipulates flat leghorn plaques into smart little tricorns that sit with especial jauntness above some of the new frocks.

FADS AND FANCIES.

In line with the craze for things black and white are the new hand bags of silk, which have striped linings to match, or in direct contrast are gayly lined with flowered satins or silks. The handles are of the black and white silk or of black moire, as when the bag is all black, ornamented with gilt clasps.

The newest clasp has a knob of cut glass, ivory, jet, enamel, pearl, jade, amber, moonstones or other imitation stones. Some are set alone to reflect their own glory, while others have gold or silver filigree or cloisonne decorations. Vachette is the stylish name for what we have known as patent leather and is much fancied just at the minute for practical use.

Dull bags of pin seal are ever modish, enlivened with gold or silver clasps and fancy knobs and filled up with the inevitable coin purse and vanity accessories. Square or melon shapes are de rigueur. One's monogram in gold, silver or colored enamel in the form of a clasp to fasten the envelope shaped bag is another idea favored.

For a Simple Wedding.

If the bride wears a street costume she should also wear a hat and coat to complete it. Some fashionable and smart brides dress this way for their weddings, especially if either the bride or bridegroom has been married before or if neither is in the first youth. As to colors, light gray or tan is preferable to darker colors for a wedding suit. No attendant is customary at such a wedding, which is supposed to be a quiet, simple affair.

HOW TO DRESS.

The Advice of a Famous Actress Not to Be Followed Too Closely.

"Dress your character, not your figure," is the advice of a famous actress—and rather surprising this advice seems at first hearing. But think it over well and the excellence of the idea will appeal to you. Every woman has a certain individuality of her own—a temperament, if you will—that makes her a little, or perhaps a good deal, different from all other women. It is this individuality—this temperament—that woman should dress up to, according to the actress, in order to make the personality more marked and convincing.

But an instinctive carrying out of this advice with no heed to the promptings of reason may result in disaster. For example, there is always the woman who weighs 200 pounds or thereabouts, but whose personality is distinctly kittenish. Is she to dress her character—or her figure? There is also the little woman who ought to belong to the cuddly, appealing class, who yearns to be impressive and stately. If she insists upon wearing the garments of the grenadier woman she may spoil her chances of being fascinatingly charming.

The actress in her part always is dressed in conformity with the character she is portraying, but her costumes—and here is an important point—are made to suit her figure lines while expressing a special sort of personality. Therefore if the delightful flounces of the 1830 period suit your type exactly, but are a bit trying to your too solid figure, adopt the flounces, but see to it that they are so cut and so arranged that the lines of the silhouette are right. This is true also of pert millinery styles, of classic draperies or oriental modes. They all may be worn, when they suit the personality.

Lettuce, Endive and Romaine.

Lettuce, endive and romaine are all good salad greens. The two latter may also be cooked in several attractive forms, and the lettuce may form the basis of a cream of lettuce soup or may be boiled and chopped like spinach and enriched with a highly seasoned sauce.

Every housekeeper should realize the tonic properties of these spring salads, and some variety of salad should appear at least once daily in every well planned menu in spring. This salad should be simple and composed mainly of the greens themselves, although a combination of two or three vegetables is permissible. Avoid all rich mayonnaise or boiled dressings.

Forced to a Choice

By A. PALMER ANDREWS

THE telephone is a great institution, especially in the country, where they have a wire that conveys everybody's messages and everybody can hear everybody else's message. The way they distinguish between calls for different persons is by signal. For instance, Amos Tucker's call will be two short rings, the Widow Fowler's a long and a short call, and so on, like the Morse telegraphic alphabet.

But those owning telephones are apt to listen not only to their own but to their neighbors' calls. If the Andersons are called there is a number of clicks all along the line.

Now, it happened that Enoch Dawson, living in a region supplied by the Farmers' Telephone company, took up the receiver and called one of his two best girls, Edna Perkins, whose signal was a short, a long and a short ring. It happened that all at the Perkins farm were out milking or attending to some other farm duty, but Sallie Short, the other of Enoch's best girls, heard the ring and went to the telephone.

"Is that you, Edna?" Miss Short recognized Enoch's voice. "Yes," she replied. "What is it, Enoch?"

"Oh, nothing much. I just called you up to have a little chin-chin. We lost a calf this mornin'—the brindle one."

"You don't mean it! What was the matter?"

"Don't know. Tuk sick and died. Say, Ed, how would you like to go out with me Sunday afternoon in my buggy? I just had it painted."

"I dunno. But I reckon Sallie Short wouldn't like to have you take me out. If she should see me she might git mad."

"That doesn't make any difference to me. Let her git mad ef she likes. Reckon I kin stand it."

"Where would I come in? Sal Short when she gets riled is terrible. She'd go round tellin' everybody that I butted in between you and her and tuk you away from her. No, sir-ee, I don't do anything underhanded. If you want me to go ridin' with you regular it's a go, but I don't intend to keep company with a feller as can't decide between two gals. Goodby."

There was a click, and Enoch was left talking to nothing; at least nobody answered him.

It so happened that Edna Perkins came in while this dialogue was in progress and, thinking to call up Enoch, took up the receiver. Hearing his voice she said nothing, but listened, hearing the principal part of the foregoing dialogue and recognizing, which Enoch did not, her rival's voice. When the conversation ceased Edna hung up

the receiver, but later called Enoch. "Well, who is it?" he asked.

"I'm Sallie. What you goin' to do Sunday afternoon, Enoch? Can't you come round about 4 o'clock and stay to supper?"

"I don't think I can. I've got an engagement."

"Oh!"

"I'll be occupied all afternoon."

"Somepin goin' on between you and Edna Perkins, I reckon."

"Well, yes. I dunno. I asked her to go out for a ride with me, but I dunno if she's goin' to accept or not."

"H'm! Well, you may as well understand now as any time that if you want to keep company with Edna and me both at the same time you can't do it. You've got to stick to one or the other of us. You can accept my invitation for Sunday or let it alone, whichever you choose, but if you take Edna Perkins to drive on that day you needn't trouble yourself to come to see me any more."

There was a click, and once more Enoch was left to talk to nobody. But he heard a succession of giggles all along the line and a succession of clicks as a number of women, both young and elderly, hung up their receivers. The ears of the eavesdroppers were much sharper than Enoch's, and they knew that each of the rivals had said that if he didn't give her up the other would have nothing more to do with him.

The next Sunday afternoon the road between the Perkinses and the Shorts was lined with persons who had learned either from eavesdropping or from one another that Enoch Dawson would be forced to decide between two girls to whom he had been paying marked attention. Enoch's farm was connected by this road with the main road. At the junction were many persons watching to see which way he would turn on reaching the main road, whether he would turn to Edna's or Sarah's home. At 3 o'clock he was seen coming in his spick and span buggy. He noticed those waiting, but it did not occur to him that they were interested in his movements.

"Get up," he said at last, turning his horse's head toward the Perkins farm.

He was astonished at a shout from the loiterers: "Perkins has won!" "Bully for Edna!" "Short isn't long enough!" and other such remarks.

Something was evidently wrong, and he colored, but drove on to the Perkins farm, where he found another party in waiting. They threw up their hats and cheered when they saw him coming.

Thanks to the telephone, his choice had been made.

In and Out of the Children's Playroom

FLYING KITES FOR PRIZES.

This is an Interesting and Exciting Sport.

This game is interesting and exciting for those who take an interest in kite flying. It is necessary to have one or more persons to act as judges. Anybody may enter a kite. The decision is based upon the length of time required to get the kite into the air, the elevation attained, the steadiness with which the kite maintains its position or makes the ascent, and any other points agreed upon. This contest is sometimes varied by having only two contestants at one time; each is allowed to arm his string with any weapons he chooses. The object is to maneuver the kite so as to cut the opponent's string in two and thus to bring down his kite. This permits of a very high degree of skill in constructing the kite, choosing the weapon and maneuvering to get the opponent in a good position for attack.—Country Gentleman.

A Plea For the Birds.

Don't kill the little birds that sing on bush and tree
All through the summer days their sweetest melody.
Don't shoot the little birds; the earth is God's estate,
And he provideth food for small as well as great.

Don't kill the little birds, whose plumage wings the air,
Whose trill at early morn makes music everywhere.
What though the cherries fall, half eaten from the stem,
And berries disappear in garden, field and glen.

Still, like the widow's cruet, there's always plenty left.
How sad a world were this of little birds bereft.
Think of the good they do in all the orchards round,
No harmful insects thrive where robins most abound.

Don't kill the little birds that sing on bush and tree
All through the summer days their sweetest melody.
In this great world of ours, if we can trust his word
There's food enough for all. Don't kill a single bird.

Why is it vulgar to sing and play by yourself? Because it is solo (so low).

John Jacob Astor, Titanic Baby



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Jack Astor this youngster is called, but his full name is the same as that of his late father, who was drowned when the Titanic, the biggest ship in the world, sank after hitting an iceberg. He is three-year-old John Jacob Astor and is worth several million dollars in his own right. His mother was Miss Madeline Force before she was married.

"Hey, 'Tain't Time For de Huggin Stunt! Wait Till We Gets to de End of de Fillum"



—New York World.

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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.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Mr. Winkler and wife, of El Paso, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon. We understand that Mr. Winkler and family have decided to make Spur their permanent home provided they can secure a residence in the city. At the present time there is not a vacant house in Spur.

J. H. Boothe, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week marketing truck to the townspeople. Mr. Boothe is a successful and prosperous farmer and is one who nearly always has something to sell. A great many of the unsuccessful farmers always have to buy something.

Judge A. R. Floyd, formerly of Rotan but now of Sweetwater, was in Spur last week in the interest of his insurance business. Judge Floyd is an old time resident of Kent county, having served that county as judge many years ago.

Mrs. A. T. Odeneal and Mr. and Mrs. Boothe moved last week from Spur to Afton where they will make their home in the future. We wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in that country.

W. A. Holloway, of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Holloway was very much interested in the Dickens County Fair and will not only be in attendance but will probably have a concession on the grounds and assist in entertaining the large crowds expected throughout the three days.

W. D. Blair, a leading citizen and one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of the whole country, was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home two or three miles east of town. He reports his crops in fine shape at this time.

Bert Duncan, of Dickens, was among the number of visitors in Spur the latter part of last week. He reports that the rain was good throughout the north part of the county.

Miss Taylor is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smart.

The twelve or fourteen years old son of Mrs. McBroom of several miles west of Spur was thrown from a horse Saturday, sustaining severe injuries. Dr. Grace was called out, dressed the wounds and reports the boy doing nicely.

Tol Merriman, of several miles south of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city the first of this week, spending some time here on business and greeting friends.

Mrs. Wolcott, who has been spending some time in Spur with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goff, returned last week to her home in Midland.

Red Sampson was in the city Monday from his home twelve miles southwest and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with friends.

Pasturage—I will take about 75 head of stock, cattle preferred, at 35c per head. Good grass and plenty of water. See Fred W. Nickels 17 miles west of Spur on Floydada road. 39tf.

E. E. Kutch, formerly of Spur but now of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur several days of this week on business and greeting friends.

J. H. Sparks came in the latter part of last week from the Tap country and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Dick Sampson came in Saturday from his ranch home twelve miles southwest and spent some time here greeting his friends.

Mr. Swearingen, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the business visitors in the city the first of this week.

W. T. Lovell was here the latter part of last week from the Draper country and spent several hours in Spur on business.

Lee Carpenter, a successful farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city last week on business.

I. G. VanLeer, of several miles north of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

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

FOR SALE.

My 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-tf.

A few more rent houses in Spur at the present time would be a paying investment. Not a week passes but we have inquiries for a house to rent.

When you buy bread insist on getting Spur Baked Bread. We bake every day. The German Kitchen. We are for Spur and Spur Institutions. 39tf.

Mrs. Morris, who has been spending some time in Spur with her son, Dr. Morris and wife, returned the latter part of last week to their home in Haskell.

Uncle Tom Gilmore came in recently from the old Spur Ranch headquarters and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his many friends.

Miss Creola Richbourg returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to Mrs. Graham, nee Miss Elnora Dunn, of Plainview.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor and niece, Miss Jessie Steele, and Miss Virgil Barrett spent Sunday afternoon in Dickens.

Bill McArthur was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything looking good since the rain.

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Items Over Dickens County BY CORRESPONDENTS

DICKENS ITEMS

The rain last Friday afternoon and Saturday morning was a blessing to this part of the country. We have good prospects for a full crop of everything. Its nice to live a good country.

Ed Lisenby and family have moved to Dickens from Matador. Mr. Lisenby bought the J. D. Powell property and intends spending the winter here to send the children to school.

R. D. Shields returned Sunday from Dallas, where he has been for several days with his daughter, Miss Edna. Miss Shields is in Dallas for an operation.

Earl Harkey and wife came in Monday afternoon from Jayton, where they have been for some time, employed on a ranch of Jack Renfro's.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simpson of Dallas spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Connor and friends.

Mrs. Bob Brown of Afton is in Dickens this week visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Harkey.

J. V. McCormick of Afton passed through Dickens Tuesday en route to Spur.

Sam Potts of Spur is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. O. O. Gray.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins of Paducah are visiting Ben F. Brock and family.

Miss Lona Voyles is spending a few days on the plains with Miss Todd.

Mrs. Grundy Crego was in town shopping Friday of last week.

Mrs. B. G. Worswick was in town Tuesday.

W. J. Clark was in town Tuesday.

AFTON

We were blessed with a good rain the 22nd. Crops look better.

Mr. L. B. Hale and family visited at Mr. Paul Braddock's Sunday.

Mrs. Jim Robertson visited Mrs. Johnson's Sunday after Sunday school.

Mr. Kitchens has declined the idea of going to New Mexico and is working at the gin.

Two of Bro. Stokes' children have the scarlet fever and they are quarantined at present.

Miss Bessie Loyd returned home from Abilene, where she had been at school since Christmas.

The kin folks of Uncle John Nolan had a reunion at his home Sunday. There was quite a crowd and all had a good time.

A Mr. Wiley and family from Springtown, a brother-in-law of Mr. Dabbs, has been visiting among the kin folks the last ten days.

Mrs. O. L. Hale and family and Mrs. M. B. Hale visited at Mr. Stafford's in Spur Wednesday and found Miss Gussie doing very well but her broken arm was giving her some pain.

TAP TELLINGS

Work began on the shinary part of the Spur and Post City road this week.

H. C. Pearson and ye scribe made a business trip to Spur this week.

Orvan Lambert is with us this week from the Pitch Fork Ranch, visiting relatives and friends.

A Mr. Young and family of Afton are visiting relatives here this week and attending the Methodist meeting.

Elder Jackson of Clairemont has begun a Methodist meeting here which will continue throughout this week.

Grandpa Hinson was up from Steel Hill and spent a few days this week with his son, P. Hinson and family.

The little eight-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hinson died Wednesday, July 28, and was laid to rest in the Spur cemetery. We greatly sympathize with the bereaved.

Mrs. Eunice Spangler of Dallas attended the funeral of her little brother, Mat Hinson, last Thursday. She will remain a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hinson.

The Baptists just closed a series of meetings at this place, resulting in six additions to the church by letter and two by baptism. The church is greatly revived. Rev. A. P. Stokes did the preaching.

P. Hinson and family are spending a few days with relatives in Steel Hill community and attending Baptist meeting that is now in progress at that place.—Kidalude.

T. L. Cowser, of the Girard country, was in Spur Monday marketing grapes, water mellons and cantaloupes grown this year on his place. The Spur country produces the very best in a variety of crops, and as the years go by diversified farming is more and more in evidence in every section.

The Welch brothers who have been employed at the Turner blacksmith shop are now making preparations to move with their families from Spur to Clay county. We would be glad to have them remain with us, but wish them a prosperous home in their new location.

Burl Harrington and wife, who are now temporarily superintending the Alamo Stock Farm for Mr. and Mrs. McNeill during their absence, were in Spur one day this week after supplies and on other business.

Misses Hastings, of Abilene, are in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon.

Black Pepper and White Pepper Come from Same Plant

Many people think that there's a white pepper plant and a black pepper plant. There's not. The difference between the two peppers is entirely a matter of manufacture—or rather what part of the peppercorn is ground.

In making black pepper, the whole peppercorn or pod is ground up. In making white pepper the black, outside shell is removed and only the white part of the pod is ground up into pepper.

Some people prefer white pepper—some prefer black pepper. White pepper is used especially in making dishes where black pepper would mar the color, as in delicate, light sauces, etc. But there's one kind of pepper nobody wants; the kind of black pepper that's made by unscrupulous manufacturers by grinding a small proportion of whole peppercorns with a large proportion of the black shells which have been removed in the process of making white pepper. Yet such pepper is all pepper and therefore passes as pure pepper.

Your guarantee of quality in the pepper you buy is to insist on White Swan Peppers.

White Swan Black Pepper is made only by grinding the whole pepper pods. White Swan White Pepper is the ground heart of the pod and nothing else. Your grocer sells these peppers that are "Better than the law requires"—insist.



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Sol Davis and family left Spur last week for an extended trip through the country to Colorado where they will spend several weeks enjoying the pleasures and sights of "Cool Colorado."

J. C. McNeill and family, of the Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur, are spending several weeks in Galveston and other points visiting relatives and friends.

A mule buyer was here last week to buy mules for the warring countries of Europe. Very few mules were purchased in this section.

O. C. Henry, a prosperous farmer of near Spur, was among the number in the city the latter part of last week.

D. E. Thomas, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Monday and spent some here on business.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday greeting friends and on professional business.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Monday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home.

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P. H. Miller, Spur, Tex.

Wyatt A. Taylor came in Tuesday from the plains country near McAdoo and hauled out supplies for himself and other citizens of that section. Mr. Taylor just recently returned with his bride from Louisiana, coming by the way of Abilene and through the country from Abilene to Spur, spending about two weeks along the way fishing and camping out.

Rush, Ralph and Charlie McLaughlin, three of the biggest and best farmers of the Lee county settlement on the plains, were in Spur Tuesday on business trading with the merchants. They report everything in good shape on the plains and the finest prospects for bumper crops of all kinds.

Jesse Fletcher, formerly of Spur but now of Albany, is in the city this week greeting his many friends. Jesse says he is living in a fine country, but evidently he has a "hankering" to return to Spur.

Frank Hastings and daughter, of Stamford, were in Spur last week on business and visiting friends, Miss Hastings remaining in Spur, the guest of Misses Robbie and Donalita Standifer.

E. D. Chambers, a leading citizen and extensive farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur the first of this week and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with friends.

A. A. Allen, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the plains country, was among the visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

J. J. Rogers and family were in Spur Tuesday from their farm and ranch home on Cat Fish.

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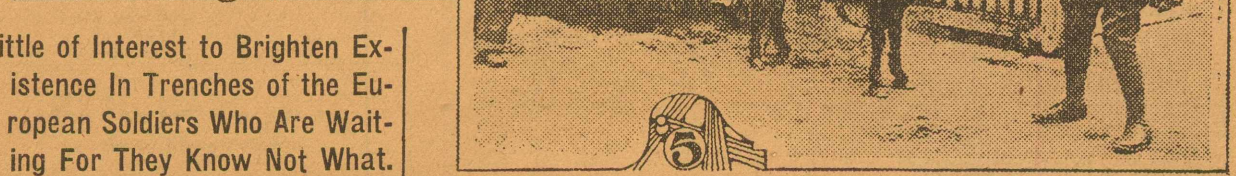
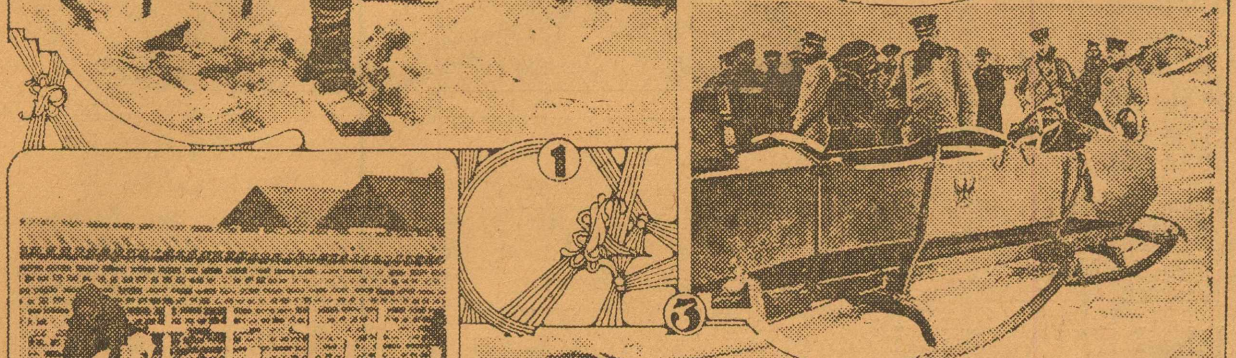
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Little of Interest to Brighten Existence in Trenches of the European Soldiers Who Are Waiting For They Know Not What Incidents Which Sometimes Vary the Monotony.

Now that the gentle touch of spring is in the air the buds are bursting on the shrubs and trees of the battlefields, crops are sprouting and the wild flowers are beginning to bloom amid the graves of the fallen warriors. Nature's seasons pay no heed to war.

Contrasts such as these are one of the most striking features today on the stricken fields of Europe. Yet contrasts in the war, strange as they seem, are perhaps the most natural outcome of the strained conditions under which the vast hordes of men are living.

German soldiers, for instance, are begging friends to send them flower seeds to plant on the graves of comrades and to decorate the trenches and camps.

Held in the trenches—frightfully bored. Between times they are drenched and stabbed by rheumatism and sometimes starved and often shot at. But mostly they are bored. They have nothing to do—nothing at all. They just sit and talk. By and by the man in the middle has heard all the man on the left and the man on the right can tell him. Then they just sit.

Enjoy Mouth Organs.

A thoughtful German woman sent a present which probably saved many a mind. Her gift was 300 mouth organs.

The new German bath train has also received a warm welcome from the men in the trenches. It consists of three water cars with a capacity of 15,000 gallons, two bath cars with thirty shower baths, two dressing cars, four storage cars for clean uniforms and underwear, and one storage car for discarded clothing that is to be disinfected. It can provide shower baths and clean outfits of underwear for 1,200 men in ten hours.

A soldier wrote from the front that Private A. C. White, with no friends, was "the loneliest man in the British army," and had been so upset he was in the hospital. "What he needs is not pills, but sympathy," the letter read. Since then Private White has received 800 letters, cards, papers and packages of delicacies.

Died as He Won Game.

Sergeant A. Vanode of Brussels during a lull in the hostilities proposed a game of chess to a fellow enthusiast, a French comrade named Dussaix. This was played upon a pocket chessboard and proceeded without incident to black's seventeenth move, when the sentinel sounded an alarm. Vanode at once made his way to his post at the extremity of the trench, Dussaix calling after him, "J'aurai vain—" ("I

shall win"). But the sentence was never finished, for with a terrible crash a shell exploded in the trench, killing him instantly. The chessboard was kept by Vanode, who was wounded. It shows that by his eighteenth move Dussaix would have won.

"Come out, you Canadians; come out and fight!" was the challenge which the Germans issued the first night the Canadian division entered the trenches in Flanders. In his official record "Eyewitness" reports that the Canadians were annoyed at this, because they considered "the Germans were presuming upon a slight acquaintance." He adds, "Now, the trenches in normal times have their own code of manners and of amenity, and this challenge was and is regarded as impertinent."

A German soldier's letter, published in the Berliner Zeitung am Mittag, says:

"Inasmuch as there is nothing that can be bought in the villages just behind the German front, coin has lost all its value. On the other hand and in the same proportion, the value of the cigar has increased. It now forms the basis of the entire trade here.

"It makes no difference whether you have a fine cigar or one of the cheap variety, such as those of which you can buy three for 5 pfennig at the village shop, their buying power and value are the same.

Use Cigars as Money.

"So there has developed on the basis of the 'single cigar standard,' as one might say, a very lively system of barter in commodities which for the most part come as loving gifts from home. A slice of salami sausage as big as your hand costs four cigars. A flask of cognac, irrespective of brand, costs thirty cigars.

"Whoever wants to have his boots shined and cleaned of the muddy real estate that cakes them can have them polished splendidly for two cigars. Thus we have reverted to that primitive medium of exchange that is found only among nature's people, where mussels and like articles take the place of money."

Under the uniform of the soldier various trades and professions are hidden, all of which prove useful in one way or another in camp or trench. The woodcutter of last year still goes on with his woodcutting. Several infantrymen spend their nights fishing for eels. A fair night's catch is fifty, which sell for about 4 cents each.

Mechanics employ their spare time manufacturing tinder boxes and other articles out of old cartridge cases. One

can obtain penknives, pencil cases, scissors, cigarette holders and a variety of similar articles.

Agricultural workers spend their spare time helping the farmers with whom they are billeted. Soldier barbers do a roaring trade and find customers among the civilians as well as the military. Tailors and bootmakers also find many occasions to use their skill.

Make War Souvenirs.

Leather workers gather up old pieces of leather from discarded harness or equipment and make it up into pocket-books or cases for various articles. Soldiers with a fair education find plenty of work teaching French to the English soldiers or vice versa. Some of the English soldiers number among their pupils several civilians, all of whom are eager to master the intricacies of English, and a fair proportion of these civilian pupils are of the fair sex.

The military authorities thus far have had no occasion to notice these little side employments, which are not exactly allowed by military rules. They prefer to close their eyes, however, as long as the work helps to keep the soldier busy and happy.

In the German trenches grand opera is sung over a telephone, not only in the evenings but even in the midst of battle. "Die Walkure" and "Tristan und Isolde" are the most popular, together with old German folk songs.

But when the men sing they usually choose "Morgenrot," the song of the soldier who is to die at sunrise; "Es Geht bei Gedaempfter Trommel Klang," the song of the soldier condemned to be shot; "O Strassburg, O Strassburg!" the song of the relentless captain, who would not release the boy to his parents because "there must be soldiers at Strassburg." They also sing of home and parents, the parting for the war, the lads who will never return.

The Indian cavalry, back at the front with the warm weather, spend much of their spare time in feats of horsemanship. Hundreds of dusky horsemen sweep into lines of imaginary Germans, slashing right and left with their sabers. Their control of their horses is superb, and the spirit and agility they display astonish the French onlookers.

In addition to lance work, such as tent pegging, the Indians give exhibitions of fancy riding, the equal of which is seen only among the cowboys of the far west or the Cossacks of Russia.

Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

Bush Consistent Batter.

Donie Bush, the little Detroit short-stop, seems about the most methodical and consistent Tiger of them all—not even barring Ty Cobb. This is indicated by a comparison of Bush's official average for 1913 and 1914.

In 1913 Bush went to bat 593 times, scored 98 runs, made 149 hits and delivered 19 two baggers. His batting average was .251.

In 1914 Bush went to bat 596 times, scored 97 runs, rapped 150 hits and cracked out 18 doubles. His batting average was .252.

That seems like drawing a pretty close finish.

Faber's Difficult Delivery.

Red Faber has the most difficult delivery to fathom and the hardest curve to catch of all the Chicago White Sox hurlers.

This is the consensus of opinion of Sox catchers who have been called on to stop a varied assortment of pitched balls. For spitball, curve ball, smoke ball and knuckle ball pitching the Sox slab staff is second to none in the game.

Of all pitchers counted upon as assets of the club this season Faber, say the catchers, is the most difficult from the viewpoint of the backstop.

Callahan's Not Fairly Treated.

The deal which Jimmy Callahan was handed by Comiskey does not seem fair. Callahan managed the Chicago White Sox for several seasons when the material was lacking to give him a chance to bring the team well up in the race. There were no Eddie Collinses on the roster. In fact, all during the Callahan regime the material on hand, barring a fair pitching staff, was somewhat mediocre.

It is generally recognized that the acquisition of Eddie Collins will make the White Sox pennant contenders. There have been many instances where the addition of a single player has made a world of difference in the artistic achievements of a ball team. Collins may prove this, but Rowland, the new manager, will get the credit, and he is having a better team handed him than has held forth on the White Sox grounds for several years.

Look to Boehling to Break His Record.

Joe Boehling undoubtedly is the most improved pitcher the Washington club has had in years. He is finished now in every respect, fields his position well, has a good motion to first and uses good judgment in pitching to various batters. Griffith looks for him to beat his record of two years ago, when he won twelve straight. That was in 1913, really the first year that Joe was getting a major league education.

Berry Is Best College Athlete.

A sturdy youngster representing the University of Pennsylvania named Howard Berry proved himself the best collegiate athlete in America and may be the best in the world when he won the pentathlon, the all around con-

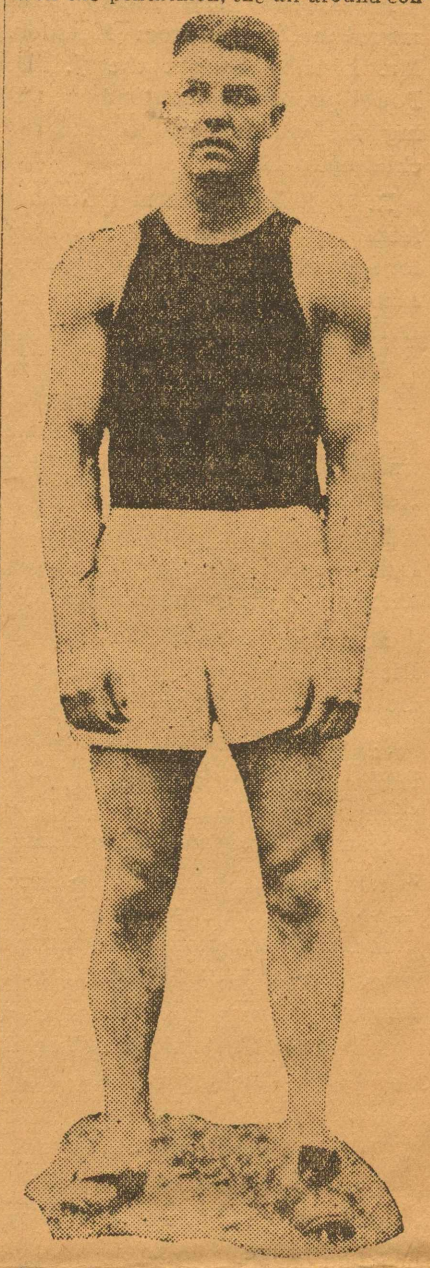


Photo by American Press Association. Howard Berry, U. of P. All Around Athletic Champion.

test, at the Penn relay championships at Franklin field, Philadelphia, recently.

This chap is only nineteen years old. He weighs 155 pounds and is rather small, being only five feet eight and one-half inches in height, but despite his youth and small build he outsped, outjumped and outthrew a quintet of opponents, every one of whom was a giant in comparison.

The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN.

Golden Text.—Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me (Ps. cxli, 9).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 1, 2.—Thoughtful prayer.

The man who uttered this prayer to God had the assurance that the most effective way of fighting evil was to hold up the shield of faith, with which he could quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. The spirit of urgency shows that he was in great need of help. "Make haste unto me"—as though no time was to be lost. God is always ready to help us, but very often we postpone seeking him until near the twelfth hour, and then it is all hurry and excitement. "As incense before thee." Just as the incense was kindled before its smoke ascended so there must be the flame of devotion in the heart that its aspirations may be acceptable before God. "Lifting up of my hands." The outstretched hands symbolized the attitude of the heart, which was one of yearning desire toward God.

Verses 3-6.—Timely decisions.

He knew what were his greatest needs, and so he sought for definite help. "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth." He was anxious not to offend by rash speech. He doubtless knew that the tongue is a fire and that by keeping it in control he could prevent many a conflagration. "Incline not my heart." "Let the bent of my thoughts be away from evil and toward that which is good." He would then not be occupied in wicked practices and not be found in the company of "men that work iniquity." He is so determined as to his course of action that he will not "eat of their dainties" and share their life in sinful luxury. The psalmist had probably resented the kindly warnings of "the righteous" and may even have been tempted to call them names, but he has since learned wisdom, and now he is willing that they shall "smite" him, and he will take it as a "kindness." He will

also regard reproof as though it were "an excellent oil" having a soothing effect on him. "Which shall not break my head," or, better, "Let not my head refuse it." "For yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities." The thought of this clause can be brought out more clearly if it is translated "Let my prayer be against their evil deeds." He is thus decided in his attitude toward the wicked and their temptations. "When their judges are overthrown." The leaders of evil will meet with their just deserts, and they will be "thrown down by the sides of the rock" and so executed. At such time he stands ready to speak counsel to their deluded followers, even words that "are sweet," so that they may be delivered from further calamities.

Verses 7-10.—True words.

The godly have never escaped persecution from the wicked, and often their distress has been great. The psalmist refers to this desolating experience in the words, "Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth." The pages of history furnish endless illustrations of martyrdom for the truth's sake. Mention need only be made of the faithful native Christians in India, China and Korea, who within recent years have sacrificed their lives rather than deny the Christ who had saved them from sin. "As one cutteth and cleaveth wood" (compare Heb. xi, 37). "In thee is my trust." In these dark moments of trial and scourging they were sustained by faith in God, just as the psalmist who refers to them confesses that he also was strengthened. "Leave not my soul destitute." Let me not be exposed so that my life will perish at the hands of iniquity. "Keep me from the snares." He realizes that the wicked will not let him alone, but that they will try to get him by subtlety and take him unawares. This is exactly the way of the tempter. Think of the number of boys who, by plausible appeals, are being led astray to swell the ranks of the drunkards!

TWO CARS OF HOGS SHIPPED OUT OF SPUR

The first of this week R. L. Collier shipped out of Spur two car loads of hog for the Fort Worth market. The hogs were purchased of the McLaughlin brothers of the Lee County settlement on the plains and which were delivered here Monday. It required sixteen or seventeen wagons and teams to bring the hogs to Spur.

The McLaughlin brothers have been raising hogs for the market the past several years and in this manner considerably increased the income on their farm. There is no better country in which to raise and fatten hogs than the Spur country.

SHOVING BUSINESS.

W. F. Godfrey returned Wednesday from Dallas where he has been the past two week in an effort to persuade the Ford Motor Company to increase their output of Ford Cars at least sufficiently to supply the Spur agency with enough cars to partially satisfy the demand in this section. Mr. Godfrey is the Ford agent in Spur and he sells them even faster than they arrive from the factory. Godfrey is a live wire any way, and is one who always shoves his business and never waits for his business to shove him.

W. W. Waldrup, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

Judge O. S. Ferguson was in the city Wednesday from Dickens and spent the afternoon here on business. Judge Ferguson has secured a position in the Crosbyton school and he and wife will move to that place next week preparatory to assuming their duties in the school room at the beginning of the term, September 6th.



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Appeals to every woman and it is her's by right.

If you are contemplating building, re-building or repairing let us tell you the advantages of trading with US.

Your Lumber Account is solicited on the basis of Service and Lumber Satisfaction.

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Mrs. Fred Carmical, of Leonard, Texas, is in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin.

Sam White came in Monday from his ranch headquarters several miles southeast and spent some time in Spur on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairns, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, were recent visitors in Spur, spending some time in the city.

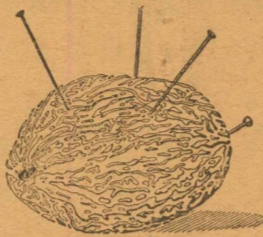
Sheriff J. B. Conner was in Spur Monday from the County Capital and spent several hours here on official business and greeting his friends.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here shaking hands with his many friends.

Walter Connell returned last week to his ranch home near Post after spending several days in Spur with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Conductor Keith is now taking his summer vacation and during the time another is making the run on the Stamford & Northwestern from Stamford to Spur.

A. J. Farmer was in the city Wednesday from his home several miles northeast of Spur. Mr. Farmer is one of the most successful and substantial citizens of the country.



Sticking Pins in Nutmegs

That is the expert's way of telling the good ones. The natural oil in the nutmeg is what gives it its favoring qualities—the more oil there is the greater the nutmeg's value for flavoring.

Stick a pin in a nutmeg that is full of this oil and it will ooze out of the pin hole when the pin is withdrawn—little or no oil will follow the pin if the nutmeg is a poor one. So you see wherein two tins of perfectly pure nutmeg may differ widely in favoring value—the one kind being ground from oily nutmegs and the other from nutmegs that could not pass the pin sticking test.

You must be certain that besides being pure the ground nutmeg you buy is *oily* nutmeg. Looks tell it in a way—the oily kind is a smooth, rich brown—the other kind looks more grainy and is speckled with black woody particles. Your best assurance is to buy a brand that is packed by a company of integrity and reputation—and so packed that none of the flavor is lost through evaporation. Every bit of White Swan Ground Nutmeg is made from nutmegs that have, in the highest degree, passed the pin-sticking test—that are full of the oil that flavors. That's why White Swan Nutmeg costs a little more but, because it takes so little to give a rich flavor, is so economical to use.

Your grocer sells and recommends White Swan Nutmeg—and other White Swan Goods—ask him.



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PROSPECTOR HERE.

M. A. Jordan, formerly of the Steel Hill country, but now of Childress, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday shaking hands with his many friends. He came over with a party of several people who are prospecting with a view of locating in a rich agricultural section. Mr. Jordan said that if there is a better country than the Spur country he had not seen it, therefore he brought them here. They are looking over the Spur Farm Lands and it is very probable that they will buy two or three sections of land while here.

Bill Simpson and wife, of Dallas, are in the city this week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Harkey, and other relatives.

J. C. Stephens, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday on business. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Woman's Home Mission Society will have a Bazar beginning the first week in December. A general variety of suitable Christmas gifts will be on display. 2tp

Ted Brannen returned the latter part of last week from a trip to the Pecos country where he spent a week or two visiting relatives and fishing in the streams of that country.

T. S. Lambert, of near Tap, was here Monday trading with the merchant's and looking after other matters.

Crawford Cobb came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting friends.

H. F. Goodwin fell last week and injured his side while working on the J. B. Morrison residence on his ranch twelve miles southeast of Spur.

W. M. Randall, a leading citizen and one of the most extensive farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and greeting friends.

Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon of last week at her home in the city, quite a number of the club membership being present and enjoying the occasion. Progressive forty two was the entertaining feature, and at the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments were served.

Miss Gussie Stafford is now suffering of a broken arm as the result of an accident in cranking a Ford car one day last week. The arm was immediately dressed and splintered and we are glad to report at this time that the broken bones are rapidly healing and Miss Stafford will soon be well again.

For Sale—A large \$65 cooking range, used very little and in good condition. Will sell for less than one-third the first cost. Call at the Texas Spur office. tf

Al Sullivan came in Wednesday from his farm home near Spur and spent the day here on business and shaking hands with friends. Al reports that he has fine crops growing on his place.

W. A. Smith was in the city the first of the week from his farm home in the Red Mud country. He reports that his section had a better rain last week than fell in Spur, and as a result crops are looking good.

M. L. Hale, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Hale reports everything in fine shape in Afton and the Afton country.

J. A. Murchison was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Draper country. Good showers of rain fell in that section of the country and as a result bumper crop prospects continue ideal.

J. E. Sparks was in the city Wednesday from his home in the Tap country. He expects to make bumper crops this fall and says that the only thing to worry farmers of his section is the prices to be secured this fall for cotton and feed stuff.

Mrs. N. A. Baker entertained the merry Wives Club Friday afternoon, July 23rd, at her home in the city. Several games of Progressive Forty Two were enjoyed and at the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments were served.

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Your friends want to see you win; they are willing to help you. You must show them that you are making an effort to be a Winner.

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The Dixy Telephone Company offers you the best, most efficient service in either the local or long distance branch of the business. If you do not have a Dixy telephone in your home or place of business, see the manager, who will be pleased to furnish you with any information you may desire.

Dixy Telephone Co. Jim Gibbs, Manager
SPUR, TEXAS

TRADING NEWS!!

The Love Dry Goods Co.

ANNOUNCES the arrival this week of New Fall Styles in Gingham, Ladies and Mens Fall Shoes, Fall Shapes in Mens Dress Hats. We shall start the ball rolling soon for a "Great Fall Season's Business." Special offerings in Oxfords, Sandals, Wash Goods, Wash Dresses or any summer materials.

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT DRY LAKE

An enthusiastic good roads meeting was held Wednesday night at the Dry Lake school house, there being about twenty citizens present and participating in the meeting. W. A. Johnson was elected chairman and Oran McClure secretary of the meeting. The chairman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to encourage a change in the proposed route of the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway to be built through Dickens county and within Road District Number One, diverting the roadway through the Dry Lake community instead of following the railroad right-of-way as is now proposed.

Mr. Johnson made a proposition that the roadway be built to run two miles west of Spur, thence north to the northeast corner of the Geo. M. Williams farm, thence west to intersect the proposed highway route within the road district. Such a change would require the building and maintaining of about five miles of road without the confines of the established road district and without expense to said district. It was claimed that in this proposed change more people would be benefited and that the roadway would answer the purpose of two roadways for a distance of four miles; that the proposed change of this route is already almost a perfect highway, being high, gravelly and that only one-fourth of a mile

would have to be raised and grveled, two small bridges and three or four culverts built to make a first-class, hardsurfaced roadway throughout.

It was further proposed that a sixty-foot right-of-way would be given and the road built without cost to the road district if the County Commissioners would accept the route as a link in the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway.

Robt. T. Dopson and W. F. Foreman were appointed as a committee to secure the right-of-way and solicit funds with which to build the road, and before the meeting adjourned the right-of-way was secured and \$327.50 subscribed for road work by those present.

During the progress of the meeting Clifford B. Jones, president of the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway Association, made an impressive and most encouraging talk concerning good roads progress and the necessity of co-operation by town people and country people in promoting not only good roads but all public improvement, assuring those present that he and the company which he represented would at all times be ready and willing to encourage and assist every worthy and progressive movement on the part of the people of this whole country. He was in favor of diverting the course of the highway to accommodate and benefit the greatest number of people of the country.

Robt. T. Dopson also made a short talk favoring the proposed

change and expressing a knowledge of the benefits of good roads.

The chairman requested the committeemen to meet the County Commissioners Friday of this week and present to them the proposition of the meeting, since on that day the Commissioners will take a survey of the lines within the road district for the purpose of selecting a route for the new road to be built.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MEETS IN DICKENS

The Commissioners' Court of Dickens county convened in Dickens Saturday in special session, all members being present except T. A. Ham of Commissioners Precinct Number 4.

In canvassing the returns of the election held on the 24th day of July the result showed all but two of the amendments were defeated in the county. The amendment providing for a special road tax carried by a majority of one vote, and the amendment providing for the separation of the A. & M. College and the State University carried by a majority of fifteen votes.

A transfer of \$90 from the 2nd class fund to that of the 6th class fund was made.

An order to repair the old road grader was passed.

The cost of the election in Dickens county was \$141.00.

Monday, August 2, the Board of Education met with the following members present: Fred O. McFall, Robt. T. Dopson, M. L. Hale. The business of this meeting was to reestablish school district, etc.

COTTON FACTORY A BIG THING TO WEST TEXAS

Irvin Joplin and wife, of Post, are in Spur this week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Joplin and C. P. Pool, and other relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Joplin are permanent employees of the big cotton factory at Post. This factory employs hundreds of men and women and the pay-roll amounts to several thousand each week. This cotton mill is not only a big thing to Post but to all of Western Texas. Within a few years cotton mills and factories will be seen in every leading town throughout Western Texas.

GILLEY SELLS HOLDINGS IN DICKENS AND CROSBY CO.

G. W. Gilley sold his Crosby and Dickens county lands last week, one tract each to three different men. Two of these parties are now living at Midlothian, Ellis County. They are Messrs. Floyd Jackson and Will Raines. They and their families will move to this section this fall.

Mr. Jackson made an exchange with Mr. Gilley whereby he gets 210 acres of land and Mr. Raines by a similar trade becomes owner of a 320 acre tract. Both tracts lie near the W. W. Major holdings, and will be well improved, contracts for the erection of improvements, including good residences having already been let here.

Mr. Gilley also sold 528 acres of his land for \$6,861 to R. A. Crausbay, of Crosby county. The tract joins Mr. Crausbay's farm.

All the land sold lies close together, being right at the corner of the three counties,—Dickens, Floyd and Crosby.

Mr. Gilley retains his land near Floydada. He will return with his family to Abilene this week to resume work as a realty salesman.—Hesperian.

WORK BEGINS ON OIL MILL AND GIN PLANT

Construction work on the new oil mill and gin plant was commenced this week in Spur and this work will be pushed to completion in time for operation in the beginning of the fall season. The oil mill will be of twenty ton capacity of the cold press type, and the gin will have five eighty-saw stands.

This with other building improvement now in progress is substantial evidence that Spur is growing, building and developing rapidly and permanently.

AN ORDINANCE.

Be it remembered that the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, hereby order that Burlington Avenue, a street and highway within the incorporated limits of said City of Spur, be improved by grading and gravelling the same, and said Commissioners have ordered that the sum of \$882.00 be expended in said improvement, one-fourth (1-4) of which sum is to be paid by the City of Spur and three-fourths (3-4) of said sum, the said Commissioners have determined should be assessed in accordance with the provision of Chapter Eleven (11) Title Twenty-Two (22) of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, against the abutting property on lots on said Burlington Avenue as follows:

The following lots to be assessed each Two & 50-100 (\$2.50) Dollars.

Lots 13 to 26, both inclusive, Block No. 5.	
.. 1 to 12,	6.
.. 1 to 14,	11.
.. 13 to 26,	12.
.. 7 to 20,	37.
.. 1 to 18,	38.
.. 1 to 18,	43.
.. 7 to 27,	44.
.. 6 to 14,	53.
.. 3 to 7,	54.

The following lots each to be assessed Five & 50-100 (\$5.50) Dollars.

Lots 7 to 20, both inclusive, Block No. 21.	
.. 1 to 14,	22.
.. 1 to 14,	27.
.. 10 to 23,	28.

It is further ordered by said Commissioners that a meeting of said Commissioners be held in the City of Spur at the office of the City Recorder on the 23rd day of August A. D. 1915 for the purpose of hearing any contest or contests of the owner or owners of said property to be so assessed as provided by Article 1013 of said Title and Chapter aforesaid, and that a true copy of this ordinance be published in the Texas Spur for three successive issues of said paper as a notice to the owners of said property of said proposed assessment and of the time and place of said meeting for the hearing of contests.

F. W. Jennings,
Mayor.
Oscar Jackson, City Clerk. 40-3t.

TO RAISE BETTER CATTLE.

W. W. Waldrup was in the city Thursday and handed us a check for two dollars to extend his subscription to the Texas Spur up ahead of time. He came in to receive a shipment of thoroughbred bulls which he will place on his ranch and hereafter be one among the number of ranchmen of this section to raise the finest cattle.

If it is a Question of a Home



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