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"THE GREATEST COTTON COUNTRY IN AMERICA"

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week and spent some time in the city on business and greeting friends. Mr. Allen stated that he now has the finest crops he ever made in this country, and this is saying much since last year he said that on his place he made from three-fourth to one and one-half bales of cotton to the acre, his whole crop averaging about three-fourths of a bale to the acre, considering the fact that a considerable portion of the staple was left in the field on account of not having a sufficient number of cotton pickers. It is expected that this country will again make more cotton this year than can be picked by the number of pickers to be had. The Spur Farm Lands management advertise this to be the "Greatest Cotton Country in America" and this is being demonstrated as a realized fact each year. Mr. Allen, in connection with being a successful cotton farmer, is also a successful producer of feed. He was trying to sell the surplus feed from last year in Spur this week, since his new feed crop will soon be ready to gather.

A GIN NEEDED IN THE MCADOO COUNTRY

W. M. Bailey, of the McAdoo country on the plains, was in Spur last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Bailey reported the crops of his section in fine shape and growing nicely with prospects of bumper yields this fall. He with other farmers of that section say that one of the greatest needs of that community at this time is a gin. It is estimated that from five to seven hundred bales will be picked in that country this fall, and considering the fact that this cotton has to be hauled from twenty to thirty miles to a gin it will be a great inconvenience and expense to the farmers of that territory.

SPUR AND JAYTON PLAY MATCH GAME OF BALL

The Spur ball team went over to Jayton Wednesday to play a match game with Jayton. The Spur team was made up of C. W. Lowery, Carl Patton, Bill Putman, Jesse Rogers, Aubrey Johnson, Rupert Brannen, Lawis Lee, Neil Holman, Homer Dobbins, Jim Walker and H. A. C. Brummett. Those accompanying the team were Mrs. L. Keisling, Misses Barrett, Robbie and Donnalita Standier, Helen White, Kate and Nell Mahon and Erma Baker, and Misses Mary and Corine McNaught.

The Spur ball team is now playing practice games in preparation for the base ball events of the Dickens County Fair. They expect to develop a strong and formidable team for this occasion.

THE MAN WHO STAYS WINS IN THE END

J. W. Douglass, of New Mexico, is here this week visiting his son, Paul Douglass. He reports that the crops of New Mexico are as fine as could be expected of any country and that considerable of the corn of that country is being damaged in that the grain is growing so large and rapidly that the shucks fail to cover the grain, thus exposing it to weather damage. He stated that while many people had left that country in past years on account of "hard times", yet those who remained are now well fixed, prosperous and even rich in some instances. The man who stays with any country is the man who comes out on top in the end. Mr. Douglass is also the father of Neal A. Douglass, editor of the Roaring Springs Echo. From here he will go to Snyder to visit other relatives in that section.

THE SPUR COUNTRY A FINE FRUIT SECTION

M. L. Blakeley was in Spur the latter part of last week with a load of fruit which he marketed to Spur townspeople. Mr. Blakeley also left some grapes and peaches to be exhibited at the Dickens County Fair this fall. Mr. Blakeley came to this country years ago from California and his experience in growing fruit here convinces him that the sandy lands of the Spur country is just as fine fruit growing country as California. In his orchard Mr. Blakeley has peaches, apples and grapes which produced in abundance this year.

AFTER FIVE YEARS

B. J. Hagins was among the number in the city Saturday from his farm home in the Gilpin country and while here had the Texas Spur and Fort Worth Record sent to his address on the Spur Rural Route Number 1. Mr. Hagins is one of the most substantial citizens of the country and for five years we have been trying to secure him as a regular subscriber to this paper.

NEW RESIDENCE NOW GOING UP IN SPUR

Carpenters are now building a residence for R. C. Forbis on his lots on Hill Street in the north part of Spur. When this residence is complete it will be one of the handsomest structures and most modern homes of the city. Mr. Forbis and family will make this place their town home, and their many friends in Spur will gladly welcome them as resident citizens of the town.

PLENTY RAIN.

L. G. Crabtree, former County Commissioner and one of the most prominent citizens of Dickens county, was in Spur last week from his home in the Croton country. He reports plenty of rain and the very finest crop prospects throughout his section of the country.



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is the date on which a Great Discovery was made. You can make some Great Discoveries yourself in our store this week. We are receiving new goods on every train, and you can expect to find the nicest line of Dress Goods, Skirts, Tams and many beautiful things that you women like. Come in and see us. Don't forget Queen Quality shoes. Wear one pair and you will never wear anything else, they feel so good and are made to fit.

Papa what do you call a man who runs an auto?

It depends on how near he comes to hitting me.

We have the Peter Schuttlers now and can fit you up in nearly any style you like. Maize time will soon be here and you will need a new wagon so call and look our line over before you buy. Remember we are offering buggies at reduced figures now and you will miss a bargain if you don't take a look at our line.

Teacher—Do you mean to tell me that you didn't know there was a Dead Sea?

Pupil—Believe me I didn't even know one of them was sick.

We will be able to handle your maize as soon as you can mature it and put in a marketable condition. Call us up if you have some to sell, so we can arrange for cars.

Come in with the crowds and buy your groceries, dry goods and hardware. We are looking for you.

Bryant-Link Company.

POST CITY TO VOTE ON COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Post City, Texas, Aug. 9.—An election has been called here to be held September 13, to decide whether or not the town of Post will be incorporated under the Commission form of government. Notice is also given that a mayor and two commissioners will be elected at the same time. Very little doubt is felt at this time but that the incorporation will carry by a large majority.

CROSBY COUNTY COURT.

The County Commissioners met last Monday and took up several matters. They passed upon petitions for new roads and other matters of more or less importance to the county. Those present were Judge Pink L. Parrish, W. E. McLaughlin, Jno. K. Fullingim, R. M. Wheeler and L. W. Tomlinson. Mr. Tomlinson informed a representative of the Review that a great deal of road work was being done in his district and that he expected in a short time to have his part of the work finished and in fine shape.—Review.

CROSBY COUNTY TO HAVE FAIR IN SEPTEMBER

The Crosbyton Commercial Club held an enthusiastic meeting on Saturday afternoon in the court house. Many leading farmers were in attendance and it was decided to hold a County Fair in Crosbyton on September 16th, 17th and 18th.—Review.

A GOOD CITIZEN

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright, of the Draper country, were in Spur the latter part of last week and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They complimented the Texas Spur with a bucket full each of peaches and plums which we appreciated. We knew Mr. Wright before coming to the Spur country and can say that he is not only a successful farmer but one of the best citizens of any country.

MRS. MINNIE LATHAM CONVICTED OF MANSLAUGHTER

Anson, Texas, Aug. 7.—The jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. Mrs. Minnie Latham, charged with manslaughter in connection with the shooting of John Stewart at Snyder, Texas, January 20, 1914, returned a verdict this afternoon at 5:15 o'clock of guilty and assessed the punishment at five years in the penitentiary, recommending that the sentence be suspended.

Will Latham, husband of Mrs. Minnie Latham, was indicted as an accomplice of Mrs. Latham, and on a change of venue from Haskell Judge Thomas sent the case to Colorado City where it will be called for trial on Jan. 3, 1916.

SHOW DAY IN SPUR

Ira Gabel and Oscar Hart were in Spur last week with their broncos and gave two riding exhibitions Saturday, that being "show day" in Spur, Bailey Brothers' Show also being here. Both shows were liberally patronized and afforded entertainment and amusement for the people.

BUYS FARM HOME AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Wm. A. Smith purchased last week of the Spur Farm Lands management a quarter section of land eight miles north of Spur. Mr. Smith will build a farm home and otherwise improve the place for cultivation another year. The Spur Farm Lands are now being sold rapidly and those desiring choice farm homes are being favored in that they have a large territory from which to select. It will not be many years until this whole territory will be in the hands of individual farmers and the homeseeker will be forced to pay a bonus for an improved homestead. If you ever intend to locate here now is the time to do it while land is being sold at moderate prices and on comparatively easy terms.

CROSBYTON RAILROAD SOLD TO SANTA FE

The Crosbyton & South Plains railroad, extending from Lubbock to Crosbyton, a distance of about forty miles, has been sold to the Santa Fe and the formal change in management will be made early in September. Mr. J. W. McCoach, passenger and freight agent at this place, will go to Crosbyton after the formal transfer has been made and will have an important position on the Crosbyton line. As yet no announcement has been made as to the future plans, but in the past it has been persistently rumored that the C. & S. P. Ry. would be extended to Spur to connect with the Stamford & N. W. line, and this now appears more probable than ever before.—Post City Post.

DEMONSTRATES AUTO.

O. P. Thomas, of Stamford, was here this week representing the Maxwell Auto Company and demonstrating his car to prospective auto purchasers. The car is of moderate price and has all the equipments of a higher priced car. Mr. Thomas is also in the cotton business and will have a buyer here this fall to represent his company.

GOOD INCOME EACH YEAR FROM ORCHARD

T. A. Smith, W. H. Smith and Riley Smith, of the Red Mud country, were among the business visitors to Spur one day last week. Uncle Tom said that he started to town with a load of apples to sell to the townspeople but that he sold out his load of fruit before arriving in town. He has one of the oldest and finest apple orchards of the country and from which he secures a good income each year. During the past twenty years, to a limited extent, it has been demonstrated that this part of the country is an exceptionally fine fruit country, and as the years go by and more orchards are in evidence the great Spur country will become noted for its fine, varied and abundant fruit production.

SHOW SPUR PRODUCTS "BACK EAST" NOW.

An exhibit of heads of maize, kaffir corn and feterita was prepared by the Spur Farm Lands management this week and shipped to Hubbard City to be shown there on their trades day. This exhibit was prepared upon a request from that section, stating that they desired to show some of the large heads of this feed grown here in comparison with the smaller heads grown in that section. In past years people thought Western Texas could produce only cactus, coyotes and sand storms, but this idea is now giving way to the fact that no country possesses more agricultural opportunities and within a very few years will be generally recognized as the agricultural empire of America.

**THE BAPTISTS CLOSE
SUCCESSFUL MEETING**

The Baptist meeting which has been in progress the past two weeks closed Sunday and Rev. Gates, who conducted the services, departed for his home at Plainview.

During the progress of the meeting nineteen additions were made to the church, ten members received by letter and nine by baptism. The baptism of the nine members occurred Wednesday night in the baptistry at the tabernacle, the ceremony being performed by Rev. McMahan.

PICNIC AT GIRARD.

The picnic and barbecue to be had at Girard Friday and Saturday is expected to be largely attended. Four or five beef cattle have been secured in preparation for the barbecue on the second day. The first day will be a basket picnic. The usual picnic attractions and amusements will be on the grounds and everything possible will be done to make the occasion one of enjoyment to all who attend.



**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.

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Brothers...**

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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. 27-6m6

Witt Springer has secured the cold drink rights on the fair grounds for this year and will sub-let such rights to anyone who desires to have a stand on the ground during the fair.

**THE KEITH MILLIONS
IN CONTROVERSY.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis returned last week from San Francisco and other points in California where they have been several weeks seeing the sights at the big Exposition and visiting Luke Davis and family. Luke has been in California several months as the personal representative of heirs to Jno. M. Keith, the rich financier who recently died leaving millions of dollars in money and other stocks, lands, etc. Mrs. J. C. Davis is a daughter of Keith's sister and there are more than forty other heirs to the Keith Millions. Mr. Davis informs us that the distribution of the estate among the legal heirs is now being contested by a woman who claims to be the daughter of Keith and therefore entitled to the whole fortune. The woman's story of being Keith's daughter by an unknown wife, her rescue from a ship wreck on an Arctic exploring trip by Esquimos and her fifteen or twenty years necessary residence in the Arctic regions with the Esquimos sounds like fiction rather than fact. J. C. Davis and family are among the most highly respected citizenship of Western Texas, and having lived in this country more than twenty years the people of this section know that their relationship to Keith is based on real facts and not pretensions. Luke Davis served Dickens county several terms as County and District Clerk and since the creation of Spur has been a resident citizen of the town. The people here know that whatever statements he makes with respect to the Keith heirs are founded wholly upon the truth and the real facts without any pretensions whatever. The Texas Spur with the many friends of the Davis family hope that the real Keith heirs will not be faked in this inheritance.

Neil Holman returned last week to Spur and is now employed in the City Garage.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was among the number of visitor in the city the latter part of last week.

R. D. Shields, one of the leading merchants of Dickens, was in Spur last week and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends. He reports business good and that he can sell more goods than he can buy.

G. W. Dodson and Tom Dodson, Jr., of the Afton country, were in Spur last week on business and trading with the merchants. They report everything in fine shape in their section with respect to crops and crop prospects, most of the farmers having laid-by their crops.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of north of Dickens, was in Spur this week on business and greeting friends. Mr. Bilberry recently sold his farm and expects to leave this country this fall for Arkansas where he and family will make their home in the future.

Uncle Tom Gilmore, who for many years made his home at the old Spur Ranch headquarters, has been quite sick the past several days. He was brought in Tuesday to the Standifer Hospital for an operation. We hope to soon note his complete recovery.

Miss Flaucy Ballard, of Haskell, and Miss Mildred Post, of Waco, who have been visiting in the D. G. Hisey home, left Sunday for Haskell where Miss Mildred will visit Miss Flaucy for a few days before returning to Waco.

THE COUNTY FAIR

By Peter Radford
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The farmer gets more out of the fair than anyone else. The fair to a city man is an entertainment; to a farmer it is education. Let us take a stroll through the fair grounds and linger a moment at a few of the points of greatest interest. We will first visit the mechanical department and hold communion with the world's greatest thinkers.

You are now attending a congress of the mental giants in mechanical science of all ages. They are addressing you in tongues of iron and steel and in language mute and powerful tell an eloquent story of the world's progress. The inventive geniuses are the most valuable farm hands we have and they perform an enduring service to mankind. We can all help others for a brief period while we live, but it takes a master mind to tower into the realm of science and light a torch of progress that will illuminate the pathway of civilization for future generations. The men who gave us the sickle, the binder, the cotton gin and hundreds of other valuable inventions work in every field on earth and will continue their labors as long as time. Their bright intellects have conquered death and they will live and serve mankind on and on forever, without money and without price. They have shown us how grand and noble it is to work for others; they have also taught us lessons in economy and efficiency, how to make one hour do the work of two or more; have lengthened our lives, multiplied our opportunities and taken toil off the back of humanity.

They are the most practical men the world ever produced. Their inventions have stood the acid test of utility and efficiency. Like all useful men, they do not seek publicity, yet millions of machines sing their praises from every harvest field on earth and as many plows turn the soil in mute applause of their marvelous achievements.

**FARMER RADFORD ON
WOMAN SUFFRAGE.**

The home is the greatest contribution of women to the world, and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her, and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest, and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country, and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. American chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsullied from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere, and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

RURAL SOCIAL CENTERS.

We need social centers where our young people can be entertained, amused and instructed under the direction of cultured, clean and competent leadership, where aesthetic surroundings stir the love for the beautiful, where art charges the atmosphere with inspiration and power and innocent amusements instruct and brighten their lives.

O. P. THOMAS & COMPANY,
Distributors of the
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In Stamford and the Counties of Haskell, Kent, Stonewall, Garza, Dickens and King.
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First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

**FARMERS GIN COMPANY
MAKING IMPROVEMENTS**

At the present time the former building of the Farmers Gin Company is being remodeled and added to, new gin stands being installed and other improvement work in progress. This gin will be in a position to gin eighty bales of cotton every twelve hours this fall. A new boiler of one hundred and fifty horse capacity is being installed for the purpose of operating the gin and mills in connection with the light plant.

Later, we are informed, Mr. Johnson intends to install a small threshing machine in connection with his grist-mill and feed crusher which are now in operation. He will also put in a flour mill provided the farmers of this territory will agree to sow a sufficient amount of wheat.

The fact of the business is that Spur will furnish the mills and the factories of every character provided the people of the surrounding territory will furnish the raw material to keep such mills and factories in operation.

A MAN AND A MAID.

It was beautiful, bright summer weather,
By the side of a brook, in the shade;
They smilingly sat down together,
A handsome young man and a maid.
He knew not the fair maiden's name,
He was fishing for trout in the brook.
When tripping toward him she came,
With a gay fishing rod and a hook.
"I guess I'm trespassing," he said,
As he hastily rose to his feet.
She carelessly tossed her brown head,
And answered in tones soft and sweet.
"Not at all—you are welcome—sit down;
There is room enough here for us both:
I suppose you have come out from town."
"I am John Berjes, Junior," he quoth.
"Mr. Berjes—O yes—" she replied,
Her eyes shining like a sunbeam;
And then they sat down side by side,
And threw out their hooks in the stream.
They fished—but the fish would not bite;
"All this is vain labor" said he.
Perhaps they'll do better tonight."
"I guess they're not hungry," said she.
Then they staked out their hooks and sat down
Together again in the shade,
The gay Mr. Berjes from town
And a beautiful, slim country maid.
Closer he drew to her side:
"I love you, fair maiden," said he.
"I'll love you always—be my bride."
"I fear you are flirting," said she.
"I'll love you forever," he cooed,
"I've waited for you all my life!
I love you! I love you!" he wooed
"I love you sweet girl—be my wife."
It is time now, I thought, to withdraw,
And stealthily onward I strayed;
And that is the last time I saw
The handsome young man and the maid.
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

V. C. Smart
Spur-Roaring Springs
Auto Service via Dickens and Afton
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GOOD GRAIN CROPS.
Claud Nations, of Rule, came up Tuesday and joined his wife and child who are visiting at the home of her father, T. M. Cain, and her brother, Volney Cain, and families. Claud reports crops good this year over the Rule country, especially with respect to wheat and oats, the latter crop averaging about fifty bushels while the wheat made from twenty to forty bushels to the acre. His father, J. C. Nations, who formerly lived in Spur, has leased his at Rule for three years and will move with his family to the plains country where he will devote his farming efforts to growing small grain exclusively.

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.

We received a post card from Geo. S. Link, who is now in Chicago buying goods for the Bryant-Link firms, stating that he was having a good trip but that he had found no towns which he liked better than Spur.

MARTIN GARAGE
on the west side of Main street, two blocks north of the depot is where you can get your cars cured of that lazy walk.
Martin Garage Co.

**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

Hat That Hints We May Get Some Spring Styles From Holland



The effective wide brimmed hat pictured here is designed of blue metalized cloth, the band being outlined with a line of silver braid. Blue and silver flowers are twined about the brim. In style the hat recalls some of the quaint models worn by Dutch peasant women, and possibly that is where the designer found her inspiration, for the Dutch note is to be prominent in spring fashions.

LAVISH USE OF LACE.

There is a wide use of metal laces. Metal laces are used extensively on bodices and sleeves.

Two-tone net tops are among the most fashionable laces.

Net top lace with hand run design is likely to be much used.

Costumes of white net or lace are trimmed with ornaments of jet.

A very dashing novelty is a gold lace with the flower pattern in so light a silver as to look white.

Substitute For Lard.

Pork trimmings will serve as a substitute for lard in frying. These can be obtained from your butcher. The economy lies not so much in the price paid, for, of course, there is more oil in lard than in the same quantity of meat, but the food fried in it does not absorb so much fat, and in that way waste is eliminated. Then, too, the flavor is greatly improved. The "trimmings" give the food the flavor of ham without the disagreeable, fatty taste which so often accompanies food cooked in lard. Potatoes fried in it can be eaten with pleasure, and breads and other fried foods usually avoided can be enjoyed when prepared with bacon or pork trimmings.

NEW TRAVELING COATS.

The Vogue of the One Piece Gown Makes the Long Models Popular.

Easily whisked on as a man's overcoat are the newest models in traveling wraps. Nowadays a suit is rarely seen on a long distance train—speeding Floridward, perchance, or to Southern California. The one piece frock of light weight serge or of satin proves most comfortable in winter worn, under what is literally a "great coat," which is warm without being over weighty and voluminous without being shapeless.

The clan and shepherd plaids in worsted weaves, which every woman secretly adores, but which many women believe too conspicuous for general street wear, make up into very fetching looking winter traveling wraps.

Omelet, Southern Style.

Separate the whites and yolks of three eggs, beat the whites stiff and dry, beat the yolks until light, then beat into them eight teaspoonfuls of thick white sauce and a speck of cayenne and salt. Fold this into the beaten whites. Fold in six tablespoonfuls of ground baked ham and turn into a hot buttered baking dish. Bake until firm. Take care not to overbake or it will be dry. Sprinkle ground ham around the edge of the dish and serve immediately.

FASHIONS FOR CHILDREN.

Seldom Have They Been So Picturesque and Well Adapted to Youth.

For a long time styles have not been so well adapted to youngsters as they are at present. The full skirt, with or without the long tunic, is admirably suited to slim, youthful angles. The long coat, belted at the hips, is also becoming to girlhood. The Russian blouse styles, which can be well evolved at present for the young girl, are very good. And the big, flat hat is infinitely more becoming to the childish face than the severe, albeit smart, small hat of the last few years.

Some of the new serge frocks for school wear are especially interesting for small girls under twelve. They are made with waist and skirt in one, the fabric cut in long lines and made without a belt. The waist is cut away under the arms and forms straps over the shoulders, and in front and back is cut in a U shaped line. Under this serge frock, which is frequently bound with wide black silk braid, is worn a smart little linen shirt, with long sleeves ending in cuffs turned back and linked with white pearl buttons, and a turn-down collar likewise linked.

The fashionable coat that buttons straight across the throat, with a rolling collar which, in the case of a young girl's coat, can be made of velvet, is decidedly suitable for a youngster. It is warm, comfortable and becoming.

Household Helps.

Oranges and lemons keep well if hung in a wire net in a cool, airy place.

If when chopping suet you add a little ground rice to it, it will not stick to the chopper, but can be minced quite easily.

Chicken Pie.

Line sides of a baking dish with a biscuit dough. Cook chicken until tender, season with salt and pepper and a little sage if desired. Put meat into dish lined with the dough, pour in a part of the gravy and cover dish with biscuit dough. Cut a hole the size of a dollar in the cover, and cover this with a piece of dough. While baking remove this piece often to examine interior. If pie is dry put in more chicken gravy.

When Serving Baked Potatoes.

A baked potato, sweet or white, should be broken open as soon as it is done or it becomes a bit soggy. Both have more flavor when warmed over than boiled potatoes, but the steam should always be let out of them while they are hot.

SOLVING A PROBLEM

By MERIAM R. CUSTICE

THE problem was this: Billy Hoxey wished to marry Sallie Humiston without her father's consent, and the old gentleman had instituted so many precautions that it was well nigh impossible to get through them.

In the first place, he bribed a domestic to watch Miss Sallie. He had a guard at all the railroad stations. Every livery stable in the place was paid not to furnish a conveyance to Miss Sallie Humiston and William Hoxey. There was more bribery in small ways too numerous to mention.

As Mr. Humiston did not consider it practicable to lock up his daughter, so did he refrain from forbidding her to meet Mr. Hoxey. He was aware that "love laughs at locksmiths."

Mr. Humiston gave liberally to the churches; he informed every clergyman that his daughter was not of age and warned each and all that if any of them married her he would do so at his peril. The dominies knew that Mr. Humiston was a man not to be trifled with, and should they offend him he could never again be approached for a subscription.

One day a young man with a peachy complexion and a full black beard, carrying a satchel, entered the main railroad station of the place and called for a ticket to Ridgewood, a station without the town limits. Before the train left a tall lady, veiled, entered the same station and also bought a ticket for Ridgewood. The ticket agent noticed that there was something about the young man's appearance that caused him to wonder who and what he was. He knew every one in the town and had never seen such a person there before. As the man walked away from the window the agent noticed that he had a peculiar gait. The young man picked up a newspaper at a stand and, entering the train, took a seat beside the veiled lady, then, opening his paper, began to read.

Now, it happened that the conductor of the train was one of Mr. Humiston's paid spies. When the train stopped at a station still within the city limits he sent a telephone message to Mr. Humiston, whom he caught in his office, that there was a strange looking couple aboard the train and suggested that Mr. Humiston take an automobile and go to Ridgewood at once.

Mr. Humiston telephoned to his house to know if his daughter was there and, learning that she was not, jumped into an auto and reached Ridgewood just as the train bearing the young man

with the black beard and the veiled lady was pulling out of the station.

Mr. Humiston noticed the veiled lady, but since she was a head taller than his daughter she did not interest him. But when he saw her enter an auto cab and a short gentleman with a black beard get in with her he wondered if this couple could have anything to do with the warning he had received. He concluded to shadow them. Jumping into his auto, he kept half a block behind them.

The auto ahead of him stopped at a church.

"I have it," said the shadower. "I have been warned on account of this couple, but they are not the ones against whom I have been warned. That woman is not my daughter, and that little fellow is not Hoxey. But I'll bet they are going to attend a wedding, and the conductor must have heard them say something to indicate that the principals are Sallie and Billy."

Mr. Humiston waited till the couple had entered the church, then went in behind them and took a seat in the last pew from the altar. The tall woman and the short man were waiting near the chancel. Presently a side door opened, and a clergyman in vestments entered, took his position on the chancel, and the couple stood before him.

Mr. Humiston heaved a sigh of relief. After all, this was the couple that was to be married, and they did not answer to the description of Sallie and Billy at all. He did not wait for the conclusion of the ceremony, but sped home in his car.

Sallie had not returned. While he was asking questions about her the doorbell rang, and he was handed a telegram. Opening it, he read:

Ridgewood.
Married. Do forgive us, papa.
SALLIE.

Mr. Humiston crushed the message in his hand and growled. But before many minutes had elapsed anxiety got the better of him to know how the couple had succeeded in fooling him. He gave the telegraph messenger a dispatch containing his forgiveness and told him to send it to the Ridgewood telegraph office. It brought the newly married couple home in time for dinner. The little man with the black beard threw his arms around Mr. Humiston's neck and gave him a dozen kisses. The tall woman looked as if she had been stealing.

"I see," said Mr. Humiston.

In and Out of the Children's Playroom

HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?

In This Game a Word Is Fixed Up For Some One to Guess.

In the game of "How Do You Like It?" one of the company leaves the room and the others fix up some word to be guessed by him when he returns. He then goes around asking each of the company "How do you like it?" It is better to select a word having a variety of meanings, as it is more difficult to guess. Suppose the word "stick" to be selected. One might answer that he liked it when he was out walking; another, when he was sealing a letter; another, when he met a savage dog, etc. If the questioner is unable to guess the word the first time he goes around again, asking, "When do you like it?" and, if not successful this time he asks, "Where do you like it?" Failing in three trials he must retire and let another word be selected. Succeeding, he must point out the person who gave the clue, who must pay a forfeit and go out to be puzzled in turn.

A Geographic Game.

A game which is entertaining as well as instructive is played as follows: There may be any number of players, and it will be enjoyed by people of all ages. Let the beginner give some geographical word—the name of a country, city, river or mountain. The next player continues with a name whose first letter is the last letter of the word given by the preceding player.

Thus suppose the first word given is Albany, the second must begin with Y—Yucatan, for instance. Number three must give a place whose initial letter is N and so on. When a player fails to have a name ready he is dropped from the game, and the one who can play the longest is, of course, the winner.

Conundrums.

If all the big waters were dried up what would Neptune say? I really haven't an ocean (a notion).

What sort of men are always above board? Chessmen.

How do bees dispose of their honey? They cell it.

Why is the letter A like 12 o'clock? Because it comes in the middle of day.

A Little Victim of the War



Photo by American Press Association.

Little Denise Cartier, aged twelve, is glad she is alive, and she is here seen telling French cuirassiers her story. Denise was a victim of a bomb dropped by a German aeroplane on the city of Paris. The bomb shattered one of her legs. For weeks she fought for life and finally won. She was fitted with an artificial limb, and the picture shows her on the day she first walked out. Children on this side of the ocean when they hear about the great war which has destroyed the homes of so many children and has even in some cases wounded them, as it has little Denise, should be thankful that the war has spared them.

Going Up!



—Portland Oregonian.

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

G. W. Allen, of the plains country, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and on other business.

Mat Howell, of the Cat Fish country, was among the many business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

A. J. Richey, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday trading with the merchants and on other business.

J. N. Zumwalt and family, of fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur, were among the many visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Towns Taylor, who is now employed on the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Saturday on business and to see the two shows here that day.

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.

J. D. Martin came in Saturday from his farm home four miles north of Spur and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

A. J. McClain and wife were among the many visitors in the city Saturday from their home on Cat Fish.

J. B. Cade, a successful farmer and a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in the city the latter part of last week.

H. C. Draper, a substantial citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the country, was in town one day last week from his farm home a few miles west of Spur.

Horace Usry and family moved Monday to Spur from Roaring Springs and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Usry will be an employee of the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. J. J. Martin and daughter returned last week from Oklahoma where they had been some time under the treatment of a noted "magnetic healer" of that country. Miss Martin is reported to have improved very much in health while Mrs. Martin was not benefitted by the treatment.

A. C. Hyatt was over Monday from Dickens and hauled out supplies for the Dickens merchants. He reports a fine rain Saturday night in the Dickens country.

J. L. Karr, of old Espeula, was in Spur the latter part of last week, accompanied by his two brothers who, with their families, are visiting at his home, and having a general family reunion.

Y. C. Carpenter, formerly of this section of the country, but now of the Matador country, was in Spur this week trading with the merchants and greeting friends. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

R. T. Hunter, District Commercial Manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company with headquarters at Sweetwater, spent several days of last week in Spur looking after the company interests here.

A party composed of Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer, Flora Love, Catherine Cates, Pauline Collier of Petersburg, Deliah

Johnson, Creola Richbourg, Nettie and Lois Roberts of Memphis and Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure went over to Crow Springs one evening last week and spent several hours in the most pleasant manner. Supper was spread amid the beautiful scenes of mountains and springs and surrounded by "Nature's Golden Charms" the dinner hour passed all too quickly.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Miller, of Austin, spent last week in the Spur country visiting Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass at their home one mile east of Spur. Mr. Miller is an employee in the Comptroller's office in the State Department at Austin.

G. L. Gaddis, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Red Mud country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur last week. Mr. Gaddis reports that his crops are in good shape and promise good yields this fall.

For Sale—Span four years old mules, broke. Price \$235. L. L. Williamson, Afton, Texas. 42tf.

YOUR BODY

Protests Against Colomel

You have noticed the disagreeable effects of colomel, that sickening nausea that is characteristic. There is no reason for tearing up your system in such a drastic manner.

LIV-VER-LAX, that wonderful vegetable compound, is just as useful as colomel for toning up your liver and ridding your system of stagnating poisons, and it does not make you feel badly like colomel. It is pleasant to take with no unpleasant after effects. Keep it in your home for health's sake.

If LIV-VER-LAX is not entirely satisfactory, your money will be returned without question. The original bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby. For sale at 50c and \$1.00 by Spur Drug Co.

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.

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-tf.

Mack Hopper, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business. He reports fine crops in his section.

Found—Two keys bradded on rawhide straps. Call at Texas Spur office.

A Check Book on The Farm

A check book is a most useful farm "implement." It is a source of profit and protection, and has been the indirect means of making many a farmer prosperous.

It means that the farmer has his money in the bank, where it is cultivating a friend for him; it means that instead of carrying currency he draws his check when he pays out money, and the bank gives the exact amount to the person entitled to it.

The farmer's check book is his introduction to many success helps that are found only at a good bank. The City National Bank extends an invitation to the farmers to use this service.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier C. HOGAN, Asst. Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres. J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

NEW POSTMASTER TAKES CHARGE OF SPUR OFFICE

Tuesday Mrs. Evans, the newly elected and appointed postmaster, assumed the duties of the Spur postoffice and will hereafter serve the public in this new capacity. Since the beginning of Spur N. A. Baker has been postmaster, and throughout the time he has ever been courteous, accomodating and efficient in this public service. Hereafter he will devote his whole time and attention to the Spur Hardware business. Mrs. Evans is well qualified for the position of postmaster, and without a doubt the business and duties of the office will be performed in an efficient manner and the patrons favored with courtesies and accomodations as in the past.

BARN DANCE.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickens entertained with a "barn dance" at their home on the Experimental Farm. The dancing was in the upper story of the barn, violin and guitar music being furnished by Mr. and Mrs. A. Stiffler. Throughout the dancing program lemonade was served and at the conclusion of the program water melons were served. Those present and enjoying the occasion were Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer, Nell Mahon, Zada Stafford, Hyacinth and Nina Grace, Peggie Elliot, Cathryn Cates, Pauline Collier, Minnie Lee Springer, Flora Love, Helen White and Messrs. Carl Patton, Boney Fields, Lilburn Standifer, Jim Mahon, Earyl Senning, Charley Yates, Roy Montgomery, Bill Putman, Sherrod Williams, Roy Johns, Robert Bartlett, Witt and Fayette Springer and Mr. and Mrs. A. Stiffler.

ENTERTAINED.

Tuesday evening Mrs. C. L. Love entertained for Misses Flora and Anna Maria Love, the occasion being a forty-two party. There were seven tables prepared for the occasion and at the conclusion of the games refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Misses Helen White, Hazel Wilson, Ora Kennebrew of Eastland, Robbie Standifer, Zada Stafford, Creola Richbourg, Deliah Johnson, Eula Bowman, Verna Marchman, Nina Grace, Doris Atebury, Flora and Anna Maria Love, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure and Messrs. Sherrod Williams, Mack Brown, Lilburn Standifer, Earyl Senning, W. C. Gruben, Charley Yates, Bill Putman, W. F. Godfrey, Roy Johns, Boney Fields, Jesse Rogers and Aubrey Johnson.

NOTICE.

I hereby call a special meeting of the County Board of Education to meet at the court house in Dickens on Saturday, August 28, to classify the Public Schools of the county for the following year and to attend to such other business as may properly come before the Board. All district trustees and other friends of education are invited to meet with us.—Minor Wilson, Chm.

E. E. Kutch was in the city this week from the 24 Ranch in Kent county.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. McCarty, of Floydada, were in Spur and the Spur country this week visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. McCarty is the daughter of Minor Wilson of near Dickens.

COUNTY COURT NOW IN SESSION AT DICKENS

County Court convened Monday with Judge Blaine Speer presiding and County Attorney B. G. Worswick prosecuting. The following cases have been disposed of up to the present time.

J. E. Counts, charged with cutting wood on Spur Farm Lands, dismissed.

C. C. Haile, charged with using abusive language, found guilty and fined five dollars and costs.

H. C. Chalk, charged with the theft of an automobile, found not guilty.

The Matador Land & Cattle Company vs. Berry Pursley, wherein the ownership of two yearlings is in controversy, was continued for the term.

The Court recessed until the latter part of the week when other cases will be taken up and disposed of.

BUSINESS PROPERTY TO SELL.

Mr. Benton, a prominent citizen of the Rotan country, was in Spur last week looking after his property interests here. He owns some valuable city property which he desires to sell or exchange for something which he can remove to his section of the country. If there is any one who desires to invest in Spur business property inquire at the Texas Spur office or see R. L. Collier.

MOVE TO SPUR

F. N. Oliver, who recently purchased the T. A. Edmonson twenty-acre home near Spur, had his name added to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur. While in the city Saturday he and wife and children were very pleasant callers at the office. Mr. Oliver is an old newspaper man and as a citizen he will be recognized as a real asset to the town and country.

MARRIED

Miss Addie Mae Wells, of this city and Mr. W. R. Stroud, of near Marshall, Texas, were married August 8th. The Texas Spur joins Mrs. Stroud's many friends in extending hearty congratulations and best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

MONEY TO LOAN

At 10 per cent on farms in Dickens and adjoining counties. No delay. I do my own inspecting. Write me. R. D. Bell, Benjamin, Texas. 41-4t.

Bob Clark, of the plains country, was in Spur Wednesday.

G. W. Allen, a prominent citizen of the plains country, was among the many visitors to Spur this week.

W. W. Waldrup, a leading citizen and ranchman of the Draper country, was among the visitors in Spur last week.

J. M. Foster was in Spur Tuesday from his farm home near Dickens and spent some time here on business.

B. S. Link and wife, of Fort Worth, and T. L. Link, of O'Brien, are in Spur this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tidwell.

Misses Mary and Corine McNaught, of Fort Worth, are the guests of Misses Kate and Nell Mahon at the New Western Hotel.

BUYS FOUR SECTIONS OF THE SPUR FARM LANDS

This week the Spur Farm Lands management sold to Elmer Russell the Little Dockum pasture consisting of four sections of fine farm and ranch lands. Mr. Russell will immediately build a five or six room ranch home and otherwise improve the place for his immediate and permanent home.

Mr. Russell is a substantial citizen and we are glad to welcome him as a resident citizen of the great Spur country.

C. C. Haile was in the city Wednesday from the Draper country and spent some time here on business.

Y. L. Jones, of Dallas, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday looking after his property interests and greeting his many friends here.

Jim Gilmore, of Post, is in Spur this week to be with his father, Tom Gilmore, who underwent an operation Thursday at the Standifer Hospital.

E. B. McLaughlin and Charley McLaughlin, of the plains country near McAdoo, were in Spur this week trading and on other business.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot and daughter, Miss Peggie, were in the city Wednesday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

E. C. Edmonds and family will leave the latter part of this week for a trip through the country to Eastland where they will spend several days with friends.

Mrs. Collier and daughter, Miss Pauline, returned this week to their home at Petersburg after a visit of several days to her sister, Mrs. C. F. Cates and family.

F. A. Wilhoit was in the city recently from the Bar-N-Bar Ranch line camp on the plains near McAdoo. Mr. Wilhoit reports everything looking good in that section at this time.

Geo. Bennett and wife, formerly of Spur but now of Knox City, and his father and mother of Rule, passed through Spur this week on their return from a trip to New Mexico.

Oscar Williams, Tax Assessor of Motley county, was here this week from Matador to be with his sister, Mrs. Byrd, who underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

Pink Keister and family moved this week to Spur from Haskell where they have been making their home the past year. Mr. Keister bought a residence here and he and family are now domiciled in their new home.

Mrs. Free Byrd, of the Charley Byrd Ranch, was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week where she underwent an operation. She is reported doing nicely at this time we are glad to note.

T. J. Harrison, a prominent and leading citizen of the Amity community north of Dickens, was a recent business visitor to Spur. He reports that section in fine shape. Similar reports come from every section and this year is expected to be the most prosperous in the history of farming in Western Texas. Big crops will be produced and much of the prosperity depends on the prices to be secured.

WIND BLOWSDOWN OIL MILL AND GIN BUILDING

Thursday night of last week the frame work in the construction of the oil mill and gin buildings was blown down, doing considerable damage and delaying the work of constructing the buildings. However, the work is again under way and the building will soon be ready to install the machinery and equipments.

DICKENS ITEMS

Mrs. J. B. Conner is visiting her sister, Mrs. Crego, this week.

Mrs. M. C. Kennedy and sister, Miss Codner, left Saturday to spend a few days at Tap with Mrs. Kennedy's son, Jack Kennedy.

Miss Olive and Ciecil Meadors left Saturday for Spur where they took the train for Haskell.

O. S. Ferguson left last week for Crosbyton where they will reside in the future.

A. C. Hyatt made a trip to Spur Monday.

W. D. Thhcker and daughter, Miss Eva, were in town Monday.

Raldo Newman was here Monday.

Billie Waldrup, J. B. Conner, C. C. Cobb, Raldo Newman, Dock Burleson, and Ed Lisenby were in the crowd that went to Spur Saturday.

R. M. Hamby and wife were in Dickens Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Horace Arledge is visiting Mrs. Buchanan this week.

County Court was in session Monday.

T. G. Harkey, of Spur, was in town Monday.

Gip Mayfield, of Jayton, was here Monday.

A. M. Bruer was in town Monday.

H. L. Robertson went to Spur Monday.

Goldie Kennedy left Saturday for Aspermont where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

M. Hale, of Afton, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Irene Wilson, of Vernon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. C. Hyatt.

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.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON NEW RANCH PROPERTY

W. R. Stafford has been spending the past two weeks on his ranch recently purchased of the Spur Farm Lands management. He is building barns, fences and making other necessary improvements on the place. He has six sections in this ranch and later he will build a fine residence and make that his permanent home. This ranch is located two miles north of the old Spur Ranch headquarters. Twenty odd years ago when Mr. Stafford first came to this country he said that he pitched his camp near one of the springs on this ranch property and intended then to take up that land for ranch purposes.

P. P. Berthelot, of Stamford, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business.

Lee Sanders, of Albany, returned Monday to his home after spending some time here visiting at the home of S. R. Bowman, three miles north of Spur.

Mrs. Wolcott and daughters, of Midland, returned this week to Spur to be with her sister, Mrs. Frank Goff, who is in a critical condition. Mrs. Goff recently underwent an operation, having sufficiently recovered to be removed from the hospital to her home but at this time is not doing well. We join the many friends of the family in hoping that Mrs. Goff will soon regain good health.

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-tf.

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 pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52-tf

DRESS MAKING

Bring me your sewing. I guarantee each article to fit you perfectly.—Mrs. Horace Usry at Mrs. P. D. Ford's.

This is the Day of Sunshine

Sunshine brings happiness to human hearts. Contestants should scatter deeds of kindness among their friends. Work today for votes, when the campaign has closed, working then for votes will be USELESS. Work today while there is SUNSHINE. Buy your merchandise from the merchants that are giving

Free Votes

Their prices are right and they will appreciate your trade.

TRADE WITH US

Spur Hardware Company Lyric Theatre
Red Front Drug Store German Kitchen
Hogan & Patton Midway Hotel Texas Spur
SPUR TEXAS

Sale Begins

SATURDAY
AUGUST 21.

Come Early
And Get The Choicest Bargains

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY REMOVAL SALE

Commencing Saturday, August 21st, and Continuing 'Till New Store is Complete!!

Sale Begins

SATURDAY
AUGUST 21.

Choicest
Bargains Are For Early Comers

OUR NEW BUILDING Will be located at the first door south of Riter Hardware Co., and in which place we will open with practically a new stock of goods. During this time it shall be our aim to conduct THE GREATEST REDUCTION SALE Ever Attempted in Spur. Every one knows what moving means, therefore we shall, Regardless of Profit, Convert this Stock into Cash. This will not be a "long drawn-out agony" but a Very Few days of "Sell The Goods Our Battle Cry." Get in Line! Help Swell the Surging Crowds!! Your presence is desired. It Encourages us to Greater Things. Come Early There will be no duplicating values after your wide-awake neighbor picks the Bargains!

A Sweeping Avalanche of Rare Bargains!

FOR PEOPLE OF DICKENS AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES

New Fall Waists

10 dozen Lady's Waists, bought to sell at \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00, Removal Sale price

\$1.23

Wash Dress Goods

A great line Silk Embroidery Gingham, DeLux cloth, Satin Poplins, etc., about forty pieces, former prices 25c to 50c

Choice only 19c

Men's Balbriggan Shirts or Drawers

19c

Men's Suits, great assortment at

\$9.95

Any Boy's Suit in stock
Choice \$5.00

25c Cadet tan Hose at 15c

Best Calico made only 4 1-2c

Tea Jackets

75c value Ladies, Tea Jackets, beautiful colors, nicely trimmed in Lace, extra 75c values

35c

Gloves

Men's Canvas Gloves, Mule Tip Thumb and Fingers, just think of it

3 pairs for 25c

Hankerchiefs

Men's white, hem-stitched border Handkerchiefs, fifty dozen on sale

2 for 5c

About 500 Remnants of all kinds placed on one table at prices of about one-half their value. Get your children's school dress here.

Clark's O. N. T. Thread
6 Spools for 25c

200 pieces fine Laces in Linen and Val; also Embroideries, values up to 20c, choice

5c a yard

Toweling

10 pieces white Toweling, fancy bordered, full width

4c a yard

All our Muslin Wear on one counter, Gowns, Skirts, Combination Corset Covers and Drawers, Slips, all values, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75,

Choice 95c

See our shop-made Work Shoes, tan or black at

\$2.95

Ribbon Treat

25 pieces 6-inch Satin Ribbon, black, light blue, pink, white and red

Only 10c a yard

Summer Hats

All our Men's, Boys' and fancy Straw, Silk or Cloth Hats, 50c and 75c values

Choice 75c

Domestic

10,000 yards good heavy L L, 36-inch Brown Domestic, while it lasts

5c a yard

Choice of our stock of \$5.00 Pants

\$3.95

Men's Heavy Work Shirts
Special 40c

Men's Heavy Work Pants
Special 95c

5000 yards new Gingham
10c

Big cut on Trunks, Suit Cases and Traveling Bags.

Many substantial prices and eye-openers will greet you. This is one opportunity you must grasp today. Time will be short; the prices will move these goods. It's not only the few articles quoted. Each and every piece of goods goes at prices accordingly. Come early, bring your friends and visit through our stock. Get acquainted with the kind of merchandise we handle and you certainly will be our customer.

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AN OLD TIMER MAKES SOME REMARKS

Editor Texas Spur:
 I will write a few lines for publication if you think such is worthy of going to press.

Why should we misrepresent our county in which we live? I have made sixteen crops in Dickens county. The average of cotton has been about one-fourth bale per acre; corn ten or fifteen bushels. But very few messes of vegetables and they give away, scorched by the hot sun. There has been four or five very fair crops of peaches. I think my orchard is something near an average of the county. Maize and kaffir does well. Last year was the best all 'round crop I ever saw, but no peaches.

The farmers got less for their cotton last year than any crop ever made in the county. They claim the European war was the cause of low cotton. The war that beat us old mossbacks was hundreds of miles this side of Europe. What beat us were those two by four cotton grafters. They are in a radius of Texas. Those post with wire on them are not put up for the beauty there is in them. The two by fours are talking on them at night, setting snares and traps to get our cotton while we old thumble skull farmers are sleeping. They are fishing for succors, and by the way they catch a man on every bait.

The merchants are all well on to each others plans. They are all well organized more about the

western part of Texas. I believe that I have some knowledge of this western part of Texas and what it is adapted to. I have been on the extreme frontier of Texas sixty-four years and if there is one in Dickens county that can beat this, let us shake hands, for we are kin folks. I have lived here when there wasn't a railroad in the state. I have lived here when we would have to go from fifty to sixty miles to get a little corn and wheat ground. I have lived here when the buffalo was very near as numerous as the ball-faced cow now is. I have lived here when the hostile Indian would make raids in our settlement, kill, scalp men, women and children, steal horses occasionally and carry off children, but we never did desert our country. We would have to fort up once in a while, and we could come very near telling about how many there were in the bunch by their trail.

I have had some rough and risky times, but I would today prefer times like they were then rather than have them as they are now. There was no big I and little u. The people loved each other. They respected each other. They associated with each other. They would help one get a dollar from an other and you only paid back a dollar. All rode the same kind of an auto—the gasoline had horns. Some of them were four or five feet from one point to the other. If you had on patched clothes you were not snarled at or mad fun of, but I am here to tell you that such is not now. No, ten thousand times no. The poor

people have to step to one side and let the dude have the road. If he was to show the poor any courtesy he would be disgraced. Shame! Shame!

This is a good stock country if don't over stock it. I will now tell you what this country is adapted to—rattlesnakes, coyote wolves, prairie dogs, drouths, hot wind and sand storms. My place is for sale, but I will never misrepresent the country to sell. Some man may criticise me for my writeup; if so the way is open—I have another tablet. I have never swallowed a grammar or dictionary. Four months is all the school I ever went to, but a child would learn more in four months than they will now in twelve. The teachers taught eight to ten hours a day; now they put in four to five hours.

Now if this ruffles any one's feelings, just come to me and make apologies—I'll forgive you. The half hasn't been told.

R. S. Holly.

THE STORY OF A WAYWARD BOY

With saddened heart and repentance my mind retrospects to my youthful days. No reminiscense was ever more indelibly stamped on the mind than this. I can see where I made mistakes. I can see flaws in my life and I am conscience-stricken for disobeying my father and mother, who now sleep silently in their graves.

I more firmly believe in the old adage, "The evil returns upon the doer." I recall these few lines, hoping it may help some boy or girl from doing likewise.

My parents were wealthy with a yearly income of about \$10,000.00.

I was reared with the best advantages and opportunities, but, knowing father's wealth, I was careless about my life ahead. I was taught to be honest and faithful. My two sisters, modest and beautiful, shunned me because I was homely and didn't care to participate and mingle in social life. My only brother, now a prominent lawyer, was very studious and showed an inclination for knowledge seeking. He was petted and encouraged more by the whole family than the other. The fact that he was genteel, wore fine clothes, and delighted in out door sports made his sisters cling to him.

Finally when I grew older and my brother had won all the honors, (I could have some of them had I tried) I decided to leave home and go out on my own accord. Hardly had he finished the grammar school when that jealousy and selfishness in me began to prompt me to seek farther ranges. The thing that perplexed me was the money problem. How was I to get it without my father knowing it? Night after night, when all were asleep, I would plot and plan my escape. After many restless nights spent in tossing upon my pillow, I decided to forge my father's name to a check and secure \$100. This I did successfully, after falsifying, and one dark night when all were still and silent save the early lark, whose song makes music in the air, I left my nicely furnished home in preference for a "harum-scarum" never pleasant life.

I left a note on my mother's door which read thus: "Mother, I can not bear it any longer. I am leaving. If you and my sisters had encouraged me as you did Carl, you today could be proud of me. You may never see me again. Good-Bye."

Never will I overcome that mean and cruel feeling which I felt as I left my mother's door possibly never to go there again.

I left on the earliest train going bound for Chicago. I often wonder how my mother looked when she discovered the note. I can see sad pained expression on her face. A vision which haunts me still, my sister overcome with agony. After I reached Chicago I knew my money wouldn't last very long so I set out to look for a job. After I had earned a few dollars I determined to set out again. This time I walked. I spent many weary nights outside with my small parcel as a pillow and the sky a canopy

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over my head. I tried to keep my mind away from home as much as possible, but in spite of all I could do, the old home would stare me in the face.

I began to lose selfrespect, became degraded and did not feel proud of pleasure. I had fallen so deep into wickedness and sin that I seldom thought of pleasure. By this time I had become adept to begging and stealing and had several partners, we were very successful in such tricks. I call to mind one instance when I robbed a wholesale house of groceries and carried them to my pals, who were waiting for me in a secluded place nearby. We lost one of our partners who entered a grocery store and we never saw him again. Finally we reached San Francisco and there we decided to change our way of living, as we reached there on the first day of January. We scattered, going to different parts of the country. I

decided the best thing I could do was to join the navy. This I did and four years afterward I was a changed man. I was now 30 years of age. It had been fourteen years since I left home. During my career I circumnavigated the globe and saw many wonderful sights. I landed in New York in May and I there determined to go home Oh! how anxious I was to see them but was doubtful about the way they would receive me. I left New York on the fastest train to my old home. As I neared the old home I wondered what to say. I slipped up on the porch and rang the bell, my gray-haired mother came to the door. She did not recognize me. I told her who I was and asked forgiveness; she broke down in tears, Her hair had turned from a dark brown to a snow white from grief. This is a warning to all boys to stay at home until you know what you are doing.—A Kid from Afton.

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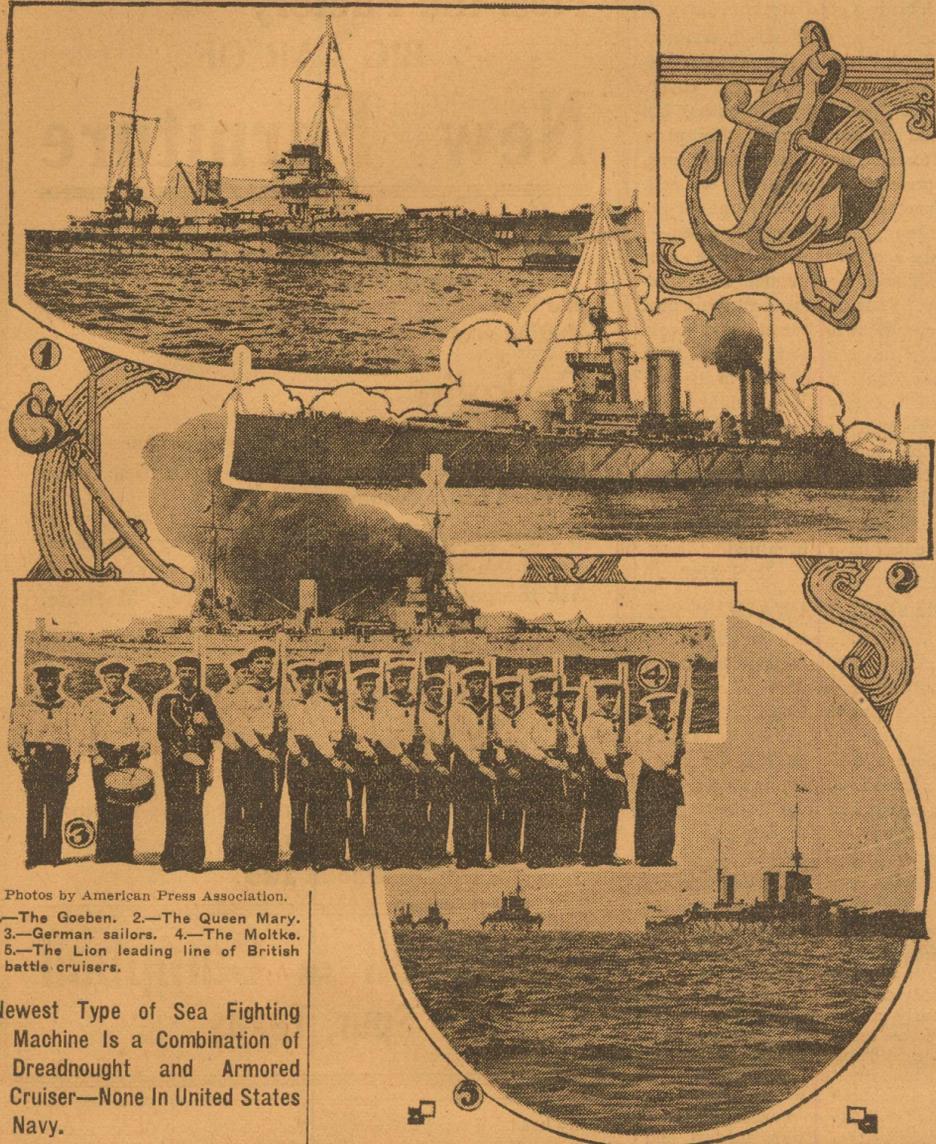
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Battle Cruisers Have Proved Value



Photos by American Press Association.
 1.—The Goeben. 2.—The Queen Mary.
 3.—German sailors. 4.—The Moltke.
 5.—The Lion leading line of British battle cruisers.

Newest Type of Sea Fighting Machine Is a Combination of Dreadnought and Armored Cruiser—None in United States Navy.

WHEN the naval boards of strategy, gray bearded and gray haired pupils in the school of war, sit down to con the lessons of the Great War they will give most respectful attention to the achievements of the battle cruisers. These monster vessels, unknown and untried quantities on the sea of conflict before August, 1914, have proved their value. They have "made good." Unless the hydroaeroplane, the aeroplane and the submarine consign all armored vessels and their plans to the limbo of the naval museums, which seems unlikely, every naval expert must hereafter include in his calculations ships like the Moltke and Goeben, German, and the Tiger and Lion, British. They are distinctly the ships of the future.

Uncle Sam, notoriously slow in adopting new naval ideas, although he gets the best when he makes up his mind, has no battle cruisers. Largely owing to this lack the American navy, formerly ranked third or even second among the world's sea fighting forces, has fallen now, in the estimation of experts, to fourth place. But the near future will see the stars and stripes flying over at least two battle cruisers of the latest, biggest and most advanced type. Congress awoke recently to the fact that without tremendously large and very fast fighting ships the navy runs serious risk of being fatally weakened.

Americans Admired the Moltke.

The lawmakers waited for the battle cruisers to prove their value on the battle swept waters of the North sea before incorporating vessels of their type in the American navy. Other navies have had battle cruisers on their lists for several years. In 1912 the Moltke, a German battle cruiser, visited New York. She aroused immense interest, and the hope was expressed on many sides that America would soon possess vessels of her type.

The exploits of the British battle cruisers in the battle in the North sea, when the German battle cruiser Bluecher was sunk in a fight with the British by the cruisers Tiger, Lion and other vessels (other German battle cruisers escaping), were used in the debate on the naval bill in Washington as an argument for authorization in the budget of at least two vessels of this particular type.

Representative Hobson of Alabama, a member of the naval committee, said that at a meeting of the naval committee when the navy bill was being considered he offered an amendment providing for two battle cruisers. This amendment was defeated. Mr. Hobson said that the British fleet sank the Bluecher because of greater speed and higher power of the guns.

"It is apparent," said Mr. Hobson, "that power and speed will win the

sea battles of the future. We should take heed of the lesson taught by the North sea fight."

According to the latest compilations, Great Britain had ten battle cruisers built, building or planned at the beginning of the war. The names of the vessels are Tiger, Queen Mary, Princess Royal, Lion, New Zealand, Indegatigable, Invincible, Inflexible and Indomitable, and they range in size from 28,000 tons for the Tiger and sister ships to 17,250 tons for the Invincible, Inflexible and Indomitable. Germany had eleven built, building or planned—the Ersatz Viktoria Louise, Ersatz Hertha, Luetzow, Derfflinger, Seydlitz, Goeben, Moltke, Von der Tann, Bluecher, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, but the two first named were hardly beyond the planning stage. The Bluecher, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were sent to the bottom by the British shells, and the Goeben, fleeing from superior force early in the war, was sold to Turkey and a little later was reported damaged seriously in a fight with the Russian Black sea fleet.

British Stronger in Battle Cruisers.

Since the British up to the time of the great battle in the North sea in which the Bluecher was lost had retained all their battle cruisers, they had a distinct advantage in this type of vessel. Besides, Japan and Russia, both allies of Great Britain, had four battle cruisers each, while Austria, Germany's ally, like France, Italy and the United States, had no battle cruisers. To further emphasize the German inferiority in this type of ship it must be said that some authorities did not class the Bluecher, Gneisenau and Scharnhorst among the battle cruisers, but relegated them back to the lists of armored cruisers of older type.

Soon after the North sea battle it was said that the British naval constructors had stolen a march on their German rivals in the matter of the construction of battle cruisers. The story ran thus:

Count Reventlow, writing on the naval battle for the Berlin press, and asserting that the Bluecher was not a battle cruiser, disclosed an alleged blunder made by the German naval authorities when she was laid down.

"The Bluecher," he says, "was laid down when the first English so called Dreadnought cruisers of the Invincible type were in course of construction. The English admiralty intentionally published false news about the measurements and guns of these ships, especially the statement that the Invincible type would have a displacement of only 15,000 tons. Thereupon the plans of construction of the Bluecher were settled on the basis of a displacement of 18,000 tons.

"When it afterward turned out that the Invincible class had a displacement of over 20,000 tons and heavy batteries of eight 12-inch guns no change was possible, and one could only take the Bluecher as she was. So she remained the only representative of her type, and it is only with her successor, the Von der Tann, that the series begins of those admirable German battle cruisers which are rightly famous throughout the whole world."

The biggest of the German battle cruisers that may be said to be "in being," the Luetzow and Derfflinger, have a displacement of 28,000 tons. They are built to have a speed of thirty knots, and they follow the Dreadnought "all big gun" plan of armament in the main, mounting eight 12-inch guns and twelve 5.9 guns. The Seydlitz is almost 4,000 tons smaller, is built to attain a speed of twenty-nine knots and mounts ten 11-inch guns, with a large number of smaller pieces. The Goeben, Moltke and Von der Tann also have 11 inch guns. The biggest of the British battle cruisers far outclass the Germans in weight of metal carried and equals them in speed. The biggest British guns are the monster 15.5's, considered by a great many experts the best pieces of naval ordnance afloat, although the American ships New York and Texas carry 14 inch guns, and the Nevada, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, now building, will have ordnance of the same caliber. But they are battleships, and in theory at least are more powerful than the battle cruisers. The biggest of all warships afloat at the present time, the Moreno and the Rivadavia, of the Argentine navy, displacing up to 30,200 tons, carry 12-inch guns.

Triumph For Battle Cruisers.

The London Times' naval expert called the North sea battle, the first in which Dreadnoughts were engaged, a "triumph for the battle cruisers." He wrote that "nothing was more strikingly illustrated than the value of the battle cruiser, the child of Lord Fisher, with its uniform armament of heavy guns and the highest speed obtainable on a given displacement," and added:

"The fine speed and great gun power of the battle cruisers would, it was claimed, insure that the unwilling enemy should be brought to action or in an action with one willing to fight enable the former to choose and maintain the most advantageous position and range.

"On three occasions now these tactical advantages have been proved up to the hilt by the test of battle. Twice it has fallen to Admiral Beatty to afford a practical demonstration of them, while on the other occasion Admiral Sturdee was able to do likewise in the action off the Falklands."

The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN

Golden Text.—Let us put on the armor of light (Rom. xiii, 12).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 1-5.—A place of danger.

In many respects Jonathan was like the Black Prince, son of Edward III. of England, who distinguished himself so courageously in the war between England and France. The Philistines had pitched their tents very advantageously, occupying "the passage of Michmash," which is a deep ravine between steep sides. From this position they could watch the Israelites, who were encamped in Geba across the valley and also prevent any surprise attack. The situation was in favor of the Philistines, who were also better armed than the Israelites. "Jonathan" devised a scheme which he was certain would work well. He took into his confidence "the young man that bare his armor," who was agreeable to the venture. "Uttermost part of Gibeath." Saul had stationed himself at the northern extremity of his encampment, and he had with him "about 600 men," with hardly any equipment worthy the name. "Abiah, the son of Ahitub." The great-grandson of Eli the priest was Saul's high priest, "wearing an ephod," the distinctive priestly dress. Compare Ex. xxviii, 6-12. No one was aware of Jonathan's adventure, which was fraught with much danger. He went through deep ravines and then into the valley which was between rocky hills. One was called "Bozez," which means "shining," suggested by the chalky strata at its summit. It was "situate northward." The other hill, "southward over against Gibeath," was called "Seneh," which means "the acacia," from the large number of acacia trees which grow on its sides.

Verses 6-10.—A venture of faith.

This was not a rash undertaking, although it was venturesome. The seat of Jonathan's confidence is strikingly expressed in memorable words, "There is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." Did he recall the remarkable achievement of Gideon and remember that Jehovah was not hindered by mere numbers in saving the day for his people? "I am with

thee according to thine heart." There was unity between the two men in this strategic move. Jonathan took a further precaution, which shows that he was ready to be guided by circumstances. "Tarry until we come to you." If they say this it means that the Philistines will use force and attack them. "Come up unto us." These words would imply that the Philistines, under the impression that the Israelites are willing to come to terms, would invite them to the camp without suspecting any adverse move. And once they get a footing on the rock it would be easy to attack the unprepared Philistines and destroy them.

Verses 11-13.—A sudden destruction.

As soon as they "discovered themselves" the enemy spoke contemptuously of them, as though they were coming out of their hiding places in the caverns, which still abound in this region. "We will show you a thing"—teach you a lesson, so that you will know who are your masters and learn to keep your place of subordination. It was very evident that the Philistines were overconfident, for three companies of their army had gone elsewhere on raiding expeditions and only a fourth was keeping watch of the Israelites from Michmash. Compare I Sam xiii, 16-18. "The Lord hath delivered them." Jonathan was clearly following the Divine guidance, according to his understanding, and he felt that he could not go astray. "Climbed up." It was a perilous undertaking under any conditions, for it was a steep ascent, but these two were dauntless. "And they fell before Jonathan." He was a practiced swordsman and showed his skill very powerfully on this occasion. His "armor bearer" followed his example and "slew" right and left with vehemence. The Philistines were overpowered by the courage displayed and at once concluded that the army of the Israelites was following close behind Jonathan. They were thrown into a panic. "There was a trembling" among them, and, as often happens on such occasions, friends were mistaken for foes, and the slaughter was considerable. Then the day was won for Israel.

Food For the Farmer's Brain

A FEW SHEEP ON FARM WILL SERVE YOU WELL.

Besides Supplying You With Mutton and Wool They Are Good Weed Scavengers.

It is certain from long observation of sheep by many practical men that a limited number of this useful animal may be carried on almost any farm in the land at a very trifling cost to the owner, writes a Virginia farmer in the Farm and Home.

Many plants and much other herbage that other stock will not eat are readily appropriated by sheep. They are great bramble and plant scavengers, and, while they prefer and will travel a long way to find green, succulent and tender browsing, almost anything that is green and succulent will be eaten by them.

For this reason it is an excellent plan to have a few sheep to browse over the cattle pastures of the farm and weed out the coarse plants that hinder the good grasses that cattle prefer from attaining their best growth.

Though one may prefer to feed his flock with some liberality, enough to maintain the sheep in good plight and health at all seasons, yet no domestic animal can live and thrive and be content upon so little feed as will the sheep. For the man of small means no species of stock offers such inducement as does the domestic sheep, natives or cross breeds.

Besides the annual clip of wool, there are the byproducts of the manure and an occasional mutton to sell to the butcher besides the yearly increase from lambs and the pelts of those slaughtered upon the farm.

If sheep are duly housed or penned at night year in and year out the amount of manure that may be saved from one or two dozen animals will amount to quite an item in the course of a year.

Spray Bodies of Scurvy Hogs.

Spray the body of the scurvy hog with a dip solution made by using two parts of dip to a hundred parts of water. This solution can be used at a moderately warm temperature. Repeat this in about one week.

Rhubarb, asparagus, sea kale and French endive are easily forced under the greenhouse bench. They may also be grown successfully in house cellars provided with furnaces.

THE DAIRYMAN.

After the cream has been produced and kept in the best of condition it is still possible through carelessness or ignorance to spoil the butter. It is almost impossible to make a satisfactory churning in a cold room. Wash the churn and all dairy utensils as soon as the butter has been cared for. Regularity in feeding and milking will go a long way toward making dairy work successful. The heifer that is cared for and handled gently throughout her entire life will need a little breaking in when it comes time to milk her.

GIVE COWS WARM WATER.

Otherwise You Will Find a Poorer Class of Milk Produced.

Do not forget that the cows and calves need water in the winter as well as feed, says the Kansas Farmer. Do not overlook the fact that if the water is much below the temperature of that fresh from the well it will require the use of some of the feed consumed to bring that water to proper temperature after the animals drink. It is as foolish to expect that a cow can do well at milk production drinking cold water through a hole in the ice twice a day as it is to think that she can produce milk when eating only cornstalks. Milk is about 85 per cent water, and liberal milk producers will not drink sufficient cold water to supply their needs. We have seen the effect of cold water on a milking herd and know that this is so.

Feeding Value of Corn.

When corn is put into the silo it does not increase in feeding value. During the process of fermentation a portion of the nutrients are lost. It is estimated that from 8 to 10 per cent of the feeding value of the corn is destroyed by the process of fermentation in the silo. Corn never has a higher feeding value than when it is cut and put into the silo. It may be said, however, that there is no method of preserving the corn plant that will save any more of its nutrients than ensiling, and no matter what system is followed of preserving it some of the substance of the corn is lost.—Hoard's Dairyman.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS }
COUNTY OF DICKENS }
By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 3rd day of July A. D. 1915, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of R. B. Spencer versus J. W. Denton No. 491, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the first Tuesday in September A. D. 1915, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:
Lot Number Seven (7) in Block Number Forty-eight (48) in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas levied on as the property of J. W. Denton to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$263.28 in favor of R. B. Spencer and costs of suit.
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 23rd day of July A. D. 1915.

J. B. Conner, Sheriff.
By D. J. Harkey, Deputy.
41-3t.

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 graveling 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.

W. F. Walker was among the number in the city Saturday, coming in from his home south-east of Spur.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb was over Saturday morning from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on business, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

H. C. Allen was in town Monday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and reported a big rain in that section. He said that the people of Spur had surely failed to "pay the preacher" or negligent in other duties since his section of the country had been attending to such duties and had been favored with several rains.

FORTY-TWO PARTY

Friday evening of last week Mrs. Oran McClure entertained for her guests, Misses Nettie and Lois Roberts of Memphis, progressive forty-two being the entertaining feature. Seven tables were prepared, the score cards being in the shape of a ladies shoe, the number of scores being represented by the addition of shoe-buttons. At the conclusion of the games ice cream and cake was served. Those present were Misses Cussie Stafford, Pauline Collier of Petersburg, Cathryn Cates, Robbie and Donnalita Standifer, Deliah Johnson, Creola Rich-bourg, Flora Love, Helen White, Anna Maria Love, Nettie and Lois Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and Messrs. Roy Johns, Boney Fields, Earyl Senning, Bill Putman, W. C. Gruben, Mack Brown, Robert Bartlett, Lilburn Standifer, Charley Yates, Will Andrews, John Hardin.

GILPIN

All the Farmers Union men returned from Houston last week and report a fine trip.

On last Monday night, August 9, a fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carlisle. The mother and boy are both doing fine.

Willie Hagins and Cecil Bennett made a trip to Spur Friday.

The protracted meeting closed at Duck Creek Sunday night with very good success.

Misses Bessie Darden, Ethel Word and Nora Blakeley visited at Gilpin Monday.

Miss Mary Worswick was taken home from Gilpin last week on account of being real sick. We hope she will soon recover.

Mrs. Ruth Marshall and children are visiting at the home of her parents and taking in the meeting.

Rev. W. B. Bennett left for Midway Friday to conduct a meeting at that place.

Rev. Luther Bilberry and Willie Bilberry, both returned to their homes after ten days hard labor here.

A Methodist meeting will start at Duck Creek Saturday night, to be conducted by Rev. Jackson. All are invited to attend.

Roy Thomas and family are fixing to go to Midway to attend the meeting at that place.

P. E. Hagins made a business trip to Spur Monday.

Several of the Gilpin people went to Girard last Thursday to help prepare the picnic grounds.

Will Taylor of Floydada passed through Gilpin Monday on his way to Swenson.—A School Chap.

Misses Nettie and Lois Roberts, who have been spending some time with Mrs. Oran McClure, left Sunday for Vernon where they will visit friends before returning to their home at Memphis.

S. J. Bailey, a prominent citizen of Matador, was in Spur Wednesday to meet parties coming in on the train. While here Mr. Bailey was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our subscription list.

MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM

We Are Long on Production, Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford,
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

The World Will Never Starve. At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half of the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forests, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations, and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

Back to the Soil.

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds our increase in population.

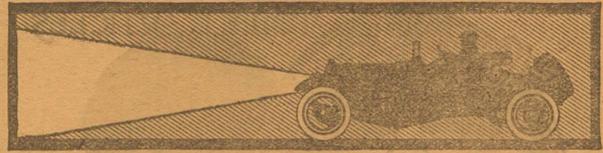
The World as a Farm.

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent. during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent. if a remunerative market can be found for the products.



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III---Julius Kruttschnitt

On Financing Railroads



The farmers of this nation need to become better acquainted with the railroad men and their problems. It is only those who know that can give us information and the farmers of America should listen attentively to what the men who manage railroad property

—the Legislators and the Commissioners.

"Managing a railroad is quite different from managing a government where the money is raised by taxation. When the expenditures, for good reasons or otherwise, increase, taxes can be equally increased. The railroads, while servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes because while they have some control over their expenditures they have almost no control over their incomes, their rates being fixed by public authorities.

have to say. Mr. Kruttschnitt, executive head of the Southern Pacific, has written an article dealing with the financing of railroads. He said in part:

"The financing of a railroad is a function which the people, through their servants, the Railroad Commissioners and the Legislators, have never attempted, but it is a most important problem, especially to sections of a State where new railroads are needed. The placing of securities has been left entirely with the promoter and owner of railroads.

"The immediate determination of what earnings the railroad shall be permitted to receive and what burdens it shall have put on it is in the hands of other servants of the public

"There is not a railway manager in the country today who is not fearful that under the press of increasing demands the transportation systems of the country will, in a few years, break down, unless the railroads are allowed to earn larger funds wherewith to build it up. There are vast sections of the country, especially in the West, where more railroads are needed and they cannot be built unless the railroads raise new capital.

"People invest money in order to make money, and they are skeptical as to whether they can make money by investing in concerns that are dealt with stringently and unfairly. Railroad securities must be made more attractive to invite investments, and in order that they may be made more attractive, the roads must be allowed earnings that will enable them to meet the increased capital charges."

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DRAPER SCHOOL PUSH-ING IMPROVEMENTS

A number of wagons from the Draper country were in Spur Wednesday and loaded out with building material with which to make improvements on the Draper School property. An addition will be built to the present school building and a two room residence will be built on the school property to furnish a home for the teacher.

Heretofore one teacher has been employed in the school, while this year two teachers will be necessary, which is evidence that the Draper country is not only settling and developing but is progressing along educational lines as well as in agriculture.

E. B. Shaw, a prominent farmer and leading citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday with others of his community to haul out building material with which to make improvements on the Draper school property.



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THE BIG FEED CROP SHOULD BE CARED FOR

The Southwest has feed for sale. Great acreage of oats, corn, kaffir, milo and feterita, and smaller acreage of peas and peanuts, are yielding huge crops. From east, west, north and south will soon come the cry, "Our barns are full, running-over, and bursting."

Will the Southwest have to buy feed before another crop is harvested? It may be so. It all depends upon how we care for the crops this great year is giving us.

We have been accustomed to buying feed. We haven't been growing enough to do us. Consequently we haven't enough barn, granary, shed room to care for a year's supply. And now that we have more than a year's supply, what are we going to do with it?

Fill our barns, sheds and granaries, of course. Then what? Build more storage room, some of us; carefully rick and cover some of it, others of us. Will there be enough so improvident as to let millions of dollars in feed rot in the fields?

Surely we of the Southwest, who have come up through blood to a full feed crop, know its cost, its value, too well to let a ton of it be needlessly lost.

If we would save the whole feed crop, now is the time. Don't wait until it is ready for the harvest to begin to prepare to care for it. Temporary shelter can be provided at a small expense, more permanent housing may be had for a little more.

Whether we store or sell, let's save the whole of the 1915 feed crop.—Farm and Ranch.

W. L. Thanisch, of the Draper country, was among those who were here this week to haul out lumber with which to build a residence for the Draper School and also to build an addition to the school building at that place.

W. F. Shugart and sons, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Wednesday on business.

SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 6

The Spur Public School opens Sept. 6, 1915 with the following faculty:

Walter L. Powell, Superintendent; Miss Ethel Elrod, Principal; Miss Pearle Hensley, First Assistant; Miss Lucille Horton, Second Assistant; Miss Effie Collins, Third Assistant; Miss Kate Boykin, Second Primary; Mrs. Effie Johnson, Primary; Miss Ora Archer, Expression and Oratory; Mrs. Sam Clemmons, Music; Miss Ora Kennebrew, Art.

The majority of these teachers were connected with the Spur Public School last year and the successful term of school just taught demonstrated their ability in their chosen profession. The new members of the faculty come to the school highly recommended and the School Board is to be congratulated on securing their services.

The pupils last year made excellent progress in all departments. Their industry and enthusiasm, as well as their literary attainments, attest the training and ability of those to whom they were intrusted. Not only should pupils improve their minds, but their moral culture should keep pace with their mental development, and all our pupils should go to their homes with improved minds, new aspirations and renewed hearts. We most earnestly desire moral culture for those committed to our care, believing that education to be a failure, which trains and develops the mental faculties, and leaves the soul dormant. It is our endeavor to establish permanently a public school second to none in points of merit, and as a result an efficient system of graduation has been accomplished. We take this opportunity of thanking our patrons, friends and the general public for the generous support in the past and earnestly solicit a continuance of the same.

We invite the attention of those having children to educate, to the Spur Public School not only because of the grade of scholarship we propose, but for the superior moral training that forms an essential element in life, and an abiding usefulness and happiness to its possessor.—Walter L. Powell, Superintendent.

C. M. Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland were visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

THE MAIN STREETS OF SPUR BEING PAVED

The work of paving the main streets of Spur, including Burlington Avenue and Hill Street, has been in progress the past two weeks and is now nearing completion. This work is being done with the finest cement gravel spread about one foot deep over the streets. The contract was let to G. L. Barber at a price of \$882.00 for thus paving Burlington Avenue throughout from Hill Street to the depot. One-fourth of this contract price, or \$220.50, will be paid out of the City Treasury, and three-fourths of the contract price, or \$661.50, will be paid by owners of lots on either side of Burlington Avenue which are assessed from \$2.50 to \$5.50 each according to valuation and location.

This work is being done in the most approved manner and will furnish Spur with a hard-surfaced street which will stand the wear and tare of traffic for years to come. The City Commissioners of Spur are due public commendation in thus promoting and executing permanent street improvement work.

RENT HOUSES NEEDED.

J. I. Mecom left Spur Tuesday for San Angelo where he has a position with the Orient Railway Company as section foreman. Mr. Mecom stated that he would have remained in Spur had it been possible to secure a house in town. We know of others who have gone to other points because Spur is not in a position to furnish rent houses. The commercial interests of the town should look after this defect or lack of interest in town building.

W. D. Blair, and his father who is here from Mississippi, were among the visitors in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Blair's father will remain with him several weeks before returning to his home.

ELECTION FAILS TO DISINCORPORATE CITY

The election in Lubbock last Saturday to dis incorporate the town lost by a vote of some 147 to 40. The idea was to re-incorporate the town by taking in more territory. The incorporation consists of some two square miles of land, and if the dis-incorporation had carried a move would have been made to re-incorporate with four square miles of territory. The idea was to take in the additions so they could help pay the city taxes, but it seemed to be taking too much of a chance for the business men to endorse it. If the dis-incorporation had carried and then the nonprogressives had defeated the re-incorporation move Lubbock would have been left in a sorry condition for a progressive South plains town. There are a lot of ifs about this article but not near as many as there were about the proposition.—Slatonite.

J. I. Greer, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and complimented the Texas Spur with a bunch or two of fine grapes grown on his place. He refused to state whether or not he intended to manufacture grapejuice, but we inferred that should we happen to stop at his place he might produce some thing invigorating and refreshing.

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- 2 pkgs. Grape Nuts.....25c
- 2 large Corn Flakes.....25c
- 3 cans No. 2 Tomatoes.....25c
- 3 cans No. 2 Corn.....25c
- 3 pkgs. Macaroni.....25c
- 3 pkgs. Spaghetti.....25c
- 2 cans No. 2 Blackberries.....15c
- 3 large Carnation Milk.....25c
- 6 small Carnation Milk.....25c
- 3-lb. can H & K Coffee.....1.10
- Irish Potatoes, peck.....35c
- Bucket Coffee, \$1.00 size.....85c
- 3-Crown Raisins, pound.....8 1-3c
- California Prunes, pound.....8 1-3c
- Dried Peaches or Apples, lb. 8 1-3c
- Star Tobacco, pound.....40c
- Tinsley Thick Plug, pound.....50c
- 3 cans Velvet or Prince Albert Tobacco.....25c
- Quart Fruit Jars, dozen.....75c
- 1-2 Gallon Fruit Jars, dozen.....90c

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