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AND DICKENS ITEM

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Volume Eight

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, MARCH 31, 1917

Number, 22

FIVE NEW RESIDENCES NOW BUILDING IN SPUR

At the present time there are five new, handsome and modern homes under construction in Spur. Dr. Morris is having a modern home built on the east side of Burlington Avenue between the New Western Hotel and the Presbyterian church; W. T. Andrews is having a modern home constructed in the east part of the city, and Firm Self is building a handsome home in the same part of town; W. H. Putman is having a fine residence built in the northwest part of the city, and E. Lee is also building a fine home in the eastern part of the city.

There are two or three other homes which will be built here within the next few months, all of which is evidence that the residence part of the city will keep up with the business section in the matter of building progress.

Spur is destined to become a real city within a very few years. And with the continued growth of the city will come mills, factories, wholesale houses, and the A. & M. College.

SPUR PRODUCE COMPANY SELLS BUSINESS IN SPUR

J. C. Miller, of the Spur Produce Company, sold his business last week to the White Produce Company. During the time Mr. Miller has been in the produce business in Spur he has spent thousands of dollars with the farmers for all character of produce, and we regret to see him retire from business here. The White Produce Company is a strong concern and has branch houses at several points in Western Texas. Mr. C. S. Ray, formerly of Stamford, will have charge of the business in Spur, and we are assured that the high standard of business established by Mr. Miller will be maintained.

ROARING SPRINGS PAPER SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

The Roaring Springs Echo has suspended publication for lack of sufficient patronage and Editor Neal A. Douglass is moving to Littlefield in Lamb county where he will establish a newspaper, having been assured of five hundred cash subscribers by the people of that town. Neal Douglass is a fine newspaper man and the town of Roaring Springs, we believe has made a big mistake in not giving the paper the support required to maintain it.

NOW SUFFERING GREATLY OF THE MEASLES

Dick Cravey, of the Red Mud country, came in Thursday of this week after medicine to administer to his brother, Newt Cravey, who is suffering greatly of the measles at their home in Red Mud settlement. We extend our sympathies to Newt in this his hour of need and suffering, and it might be some consolation to him to know that he is only one among many throughout the country suffering in like manner. Newt should have stayed in closer to home in his older days or run about more during his youth. Another thing which causes us to sympathize with Newt is that he has to depend upon an older brother to look after him, when he should have long ago prepared for the eventualities of life.

F. C. GIPSON SELLS HIS BUSINESS IN DICKENS

F. C. Gipson this week sold his drug, grocery and hardware business in Dickens to Mr. Cleveland, of Weatherford. Judge Gipson has not made known his intentions. He has many customers and friends who will regret to see him retire from business and the business interests of the city. Mr. Cleveland will move his family to Dickens this week and take charge of the business. We extend Mr. Cleveland and family a welcome to Dickens county, and may their home here be both pleasant and profitable.

CITIZENS MAKE ENDORSEMENTS FOR CITY OFFICES

We, the undersigned citizens of Spur, endorse the following gentlemen for City Officers, subject to the ensuing election, to be held Tuesday, April 3rd, 1917.

- For Mayor:
Mr. C. B. Jones
- For Commissioners:
Mr. L. N. Riter
Mr. C. A. Love
- Signed:
P. C. Ellis
Jas. R. Stafford
F. W. Jennings
A. B. Williams
G. W. Rash
C. H. Senning
E. E. Senning
W. R. Stafford
W. L. Hyatt
H. Dodge
F. R. Harrington
F. N. Oliver
C. H. Perry
R. E. Gardner
W. P. Sampson

WAR HAS CEASED TO BE A RUMOR

and has become practically a reality. Preparations are being made to protect our nation against what we consider to be an enemy, who would find joy in the ruin of our fair land and its confiscation by them to be used to carry out their desire to rule the world. We hope for a speedy end to this awful conflict and we feel that our country entering in to help defend not only our own rights but the rights of the other nations of the world who like ourselves, have striven to remain neutral, while International laws have been trampled under foot and rules of civilized warfare have been ignored until patience has ceased to be a virtue and the time for speaking out not only in words but in action has come. But, our mission to you is not to call you to arms but to call your attention to our immense stocks of merchandise, that we feel we have bought in the best markets of the world in large quantities before many of the advances. We want to call your attention to our shoe department and tell you that our prices are but very little higher than they have been. We have been compelled to make some advances running from 25 cents to \$1.00 on some shoes, but we feel that if you know what the shoe market is, you will lay in a supply of shoes at our present prices, sufficient to run you for the next twelve months. We have Marshall Shoes for men, Queen Quality for ladies, Billikens for the kids and when it comes to our work and outing shoes, our stock is the best and biggest we have ever had. We want to shoe you.

Now Men, we have one line that has never changed in price or quality and that is Style Plus \$17 Suits—the same low price as before the war and the same high quality and the same guarantee of satisfaction to the wearer. We think it wonderful that the makers of Style Plus clothes have maintained their prices through these years of high prices and made it possible for you to own your Spring suit at only \$17. The same price the world over. We have just got in a shipment of these wonderful suits—come quick and get your pick.

We want to call the Ladies attention to our line of Silk dresses. Don't send away for your nice dress until you have seen our line. We can't describe them so you could appreciate their style and beauty. Our assortment is immense, we know we can please you. Ask to see the newest creations from the centers of fashion which you will find in our line of silk dresses. Remember these dry days how you need a windmill. We have just gotten in a full car of the old reliable Eclipse mills and we want to add to the comforts of your home by selling you a Star or Eclipse Mill. Also call your attention to our tin shop. We can fit you up with the very best stock tanks that can be made of tin. Now let us all pull together for a great 1917 and produce all we possibly can to help feed the world while the war continues. We feel that our farmer friends should plant more seed and a greater variety this year than ever before. We must produce more in order to meet the demands of the times. We want to help you in any way we can.

UNCLE SAM'S PIG CLUB WORK AT GEM THEATRE

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a moving picture film of 1500 feet will be shown at the Gem Theatre, portraying "Uncle Sam's Pig Club Work."

These films were secured through C. C. French, connected with the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, who was here last week and made addresses at the various school houses throughout the county.

This picture has been commented upon very highly at other places and will be educational as well as entertaining.

Children will be admitted to the show free of charge, and adults will be charged an admission of only five cents.

All who attend this show will be benefitted, especially farmers and livestock men.

CAR OVERTURNS AND INJURES OCCUPANTS

Monday night Ben Holly, Harvey Holly and a son of Jack Sargent turned over a Ford car while driving over Duck Creek on the old Dickens and Clairemont road. Ben Holly's arm was broken, young Sargent had several ribs broken and Harvey Holly escaped with minor injuries. The party was crossing sand on the brink of the creek when the car became unmanageable, running off the embankment and falling over into the creek.

BEN HAGINS IMPROVING LAND IN DAWSON CO.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Saturday. He had just returned from Dawson county where he recently bought fifteen hundred acres of land. He left his boys out in that country to improve the place and plant a crop this year. However, before leaving Mr. Hagins superintended the building of fences, digging a well and other improvements. He says that the Dawson county lands are as fine as can be found anywhere, and that with the exception of excessive rainfall it is as good farming country as any lands in Texas.

Let us be your friends. Tell us your troubles as well as joys.

Your friends,
BRYANT-LINK CO.

ROAD BOND ELECTION IN KENT CO. APRIL 28

The Commissioners Court of Kent County has ordered an election to be held at every voting place in the county, April 28th, for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be issued for the purpose of building and maintaining roads in the county.

We understand that the court will apportion the funds, should the bonds be voted, in each precinct in accord with the taxable values of each precinct.

The court also created two road districts known as the Girard and the Jayton road districts. We presume this order was granted so that these parts of the county could supplement the county bond issue and build more roads and better roads in such defined districts.

Kent county has always been most progressive in the matter of road building, and whether or not the proposed bond issue carries, we congratulate the citizenship who are behind such progressive movements.

DIED SUNDAY IN THE DRY LAKE COUNTRY

Mrs. J. E. Davis, mother of R. P. Davis of the Dry Lake section of country, died Sunday at the home of her son and the remains were interred in the Spur Cemetery Monday. Mrs. Davis was sixty five years of age, and had been suffering for some time of gall stones. She came here from Oklahoma during the Christmas season and had been making her home since that time with her son, R. P. Davis and family. She leaves nine children, seven of whom were at the bedside at the mother's death.

The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

NOTICE TO SINGERS AND LOVERS OF MUSIC

Remember the time of the convention is drawing near to meet with the Wichita Singing Class the second Sunday in April and Saturday before, which is the 7th and 8th of April.

Everyone has a special invitation to attend. Come one, come all, lets make it one of the best conventions we have ever had in Dickens county.—E. L. Williams, Pres.

FREE DEMONSTRATION

Waples Platter Grocery Co. will demonstrate White Swan and Wapco products and serve White Swan Coffee and cakes at our store

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
April 5th, 6th and 7th.

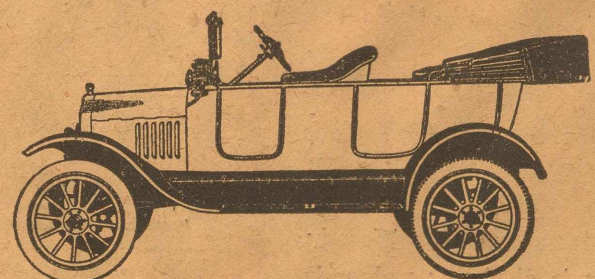
You are respectfully invited and urged to be present as we expect to make this very interesting for you.

Sol Davis
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST.

\$1,000,000 TO LOAN ON FARMS AND RANCHES

at 8 per cent for 5, 7 or 10 years to pay at end of first year and stop the interest or at end of 10 years.
WE DON'T REQUIRE CASH INTEREST PAYMENT IN ADVANCE. MONEY READY NOW.

OSCAR JACKSON



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit
Touring Car, \$60; Roadster, \$345
W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Spur Texas

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 COUNTY, TEXAS.

PRICE OF GRAIN WILL REACH HIGHER PRICES

Dallas, March 24th.—Farmers are taking advantage of the opportunity to increase the acreages of crops in order to increase the world's supply of foodstuffs. It is now too late to increase the acreage of the wheat, says the Texas Industrial Congress, but it is an opportune time to consider this question in respect to corn and the grain sorghums.

In round numbers there are 700 million bushels less of wheat, corn and oats and barley in the hands of the farmers of this country in March, 1917, than in March, 1916. Last year on March 1st, the average price of corn per bushel was 68 cents; now it is one dollar. The average price of wheat per bushel was then \$1.02; today it is \$1.64. The South has now on hand in the hands of the farmers 154,097,000 bushels less of corn than on March 1, last year.

In Texas, according to the March report of the United States department of Agriculture, the estimated stock of the wheat on farms is 924,000 bushels as compared with 2,813,000 bushels one year ago. There are 1,500,000 bushels less of corn and 5,250,000 bushels less of oats in the hands of the farmers. This condition means a heavy demand for corn and small grains with no reserve supply to meet it.

These figures are significant; the lesson is obvious; unless it is heeded the price of all grains will this year reach higher levels than during the civil war.

DO YOU GO TO CHURCH?

Do you go to church regularly, or are you like the rest of us—careful about the children's getting off to Sunday School, and careless about attending church yourself, except on Easter Sunday.

What the matter with us men and women today? Our own parents were church goers but we stay at home to read the Sunday papers, to prepare the Sunday dinner or to play golf. We say that our life is so much more strenuous than that of a generation ago that we need Sunday for a complete rest day. But is that true? When you think it over, who worked harder or longer hours or more unremittingly than our parents? As a matter of fact didn't they work harder and have fewer easy pleasures than we? And they went to church regularly.

The churches are behind the times, we say. The sermons are stupid; the clergymen are men who would be failures in any competitive walk in life.

The modern church, we say, should be a social center, and the minister a good business man. Then, we say, we would go to church.

But would we? A distinguished book, a year or so ago, tried to prove that the coming religion of the world would center on social service. We all read that book avidly. We thought it might contain the answer to the Question, but it did not. It left us cold.

For there is but one question, and on it all power of the Church with us rests. Is there an eternal life? And there is but one answer by which the Church can hold us—yes! All the Social Service in the world will not satisfy this essential and universal hunger of the soul. All the strenuousness in modern life could not keep us from packing the church where that answer was found.

Modern science has tried to make skeptics of us. It rests with the churches to show us how modern science is only an-

other manifestation of the unspeakable wonders of God. It rests with the churches to keep our souls open to the flow of the Cosmic Soul that controls the universe.

A Social Center will never make a church. A business man will never make a preacher. And the churches will never die. We need them as we need nothing else in this world; just the old fashioned church with the singing and the minister, but with a sermon that will make our modern eyes see God.—Delineator.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

A little squirrel broom machine, also some material and a small amount of broom corn. Will sell cheap or will trade for anything useful.—W. H. Teague. 18-1f.

Two Furnished rooms for rent.—Mrs. Shelby. 19-1f.

MAKE YOUR HOME GROUNDS ATTRACTIVE

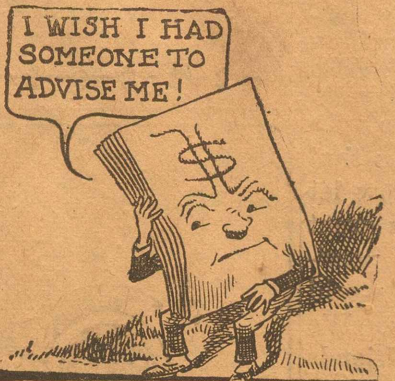
Why not have an attractive

yard and grounds? Flowers grow for the planting and a reasonable amount of care. Perennial shrubs and shade trees add to the attractiveness of the ground and make the place a whole lot more like a real true home.

How can the boy or girl expect to take pride in the home unless it is attractive? We older people may think that we have little time to give to anything but the growing of crops and of a garden to cut down the cost of living. But we are mistaken. We do have the time. Rather we cannot afford not to spend it.

We want our children not only satisfied with the home but proud of it. The more attractive the grounds are, and they can be made and kept attractive without the expenditure of any money worth while, the greater interest there is on the part of our boys and girls. The boys may not say much about it, but, they feel it just the same. Of course, the girls are interested in flowers, and they should be encouraged in this.

The farm home is something more than just a place to stay, a shelter from the weather and a place to hang up your hat. It is home, with the sacred meaning of that term. Remember your boyhood home, and what it meant to you, and what things you can think of that interested you in those days, and re-interesting to you now, and remember, also, that your boy or girl is just like you were, in thoughts and feelings so many years ago. Make the home attractive with flowers, and well kept shrubbery.—Southland Farmer.



IF YOUR MONEY

needs advice bring it to this bank. Our officers are always glad to freely advise our depositors concerning investments and business plans. Investigate our banking services and avail yourself of them.

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

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

THE TEXAS SPUR

No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11
Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas at the close of business on March 5th, 1917

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$291,059.96
Total loans.....	\$291,059.96
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$.....; unsecured, \$1,479.19.....	1,479.19
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) 25,000.00.....	25,000.00
Total U. S. bonds.....	25,000.00
4. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	3,750.00
5. Banking house, (if unencumbered).....	25,000.00
6. Furniture and fixtures.....	5,000.00
7. Other real estate owned.....	500.00
8. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	7,515.96
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	18,503.91
9. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20).....	26,019.87
10. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank.....	8,672.83
11. a Outside checks and other cash items.....	137.61
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents.....	50.83
c Notes of other national banks.....	33.45
12. Federal Reserve notes.....	84.28
13. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	1,190.00
14. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	500.00
Total.....	17,679.63
Total.....	1,250.00
Total.....	\$407,323.42
LIABILITIES.	
15. Capital stock paid in.....	\$100,000.00
16. Surplus fund.....	25,000.00
17. Undivided profits.....	10,540.13
Less current expenses, int. and taxes paid.....	2,919.22
18. Circulating notes outstanding.....	24,700.00
Demand deposits.....	224,956.41
19. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	46.10
20. Total deposits, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.....	225,002.51
21. Bills Payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts.....	25,000.00
Total.....	\$407,323.42

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I. M. E. Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
M. E. Manning, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of March, 1917.
S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
W. G. Sherrod,
Geo. S. Link,
R. C. Forbis
Directors.

DECIDES TO REMAIN IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

W. F. Walker came in Tuesday of this week and hauled out a load of wire to fence his land, he having just bought a quarter section of land three or four miles southeast of Spur. Mr. Walker recently sold his farm home near Spur with the intention of moving out toward New Mexico. However, after considering the matter from all points of view he decided to repurchase here and again establish a permanent residence in the great Spur country.

W. M. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch home a few miles west of Spur.

J. L. Perry, of a mile or two west of Spur, was among the business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

Miss Flora Love returned last week from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Whiting of Oklahoma.

J. E. Burton, of Steel Hill, was among the many in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

Luther Kimbro and family, of near Spur, were in the city recently shopping with merchants and visiting their friends of the city.

A boy baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hagens at their home near Gilpin. This is the first son and heir born to this family. May he develop into a man as big and broad as the land of his birth.

L. C. Arrington, of two or three miles west of Dickens, was among the number in Spur trading the first of this week. Mr. Arrington is now driving a new Dorr or Dorch car, and as a result is a more frequent visitor to the city. He is one of the most prosperous citizens of the country, and is also one of the biggest farmers.

J. M. Aston, of four miles north of Spur, had business in the city Monday.

J. E. McArthur came in Saturday from the Tap country and spent a short time here on business.

J. J. Cloud, of near Soldier Mound, was here Saturday on business and greeting friends of the town and surrounding country.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, came in Saturday and spent some time in the city trading with the various merchants and looking after other business affairs.

Justice of the Peace George Snodgrass came over the first of the week from Dickens and spent a short time here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, came in Saturday and spent several hours here shaking hands with his friends and also trading with the Spur merchants.

M. C. West, of five miles south of Spur, came in Saturday and spent several hours in town trading with the merchants and looking after business matters. Mr. West is one of the good farmers of the great Spur country.

J. L. Karr, of seven miles north of Spur near old Espeula, was a recent business visitor in the city. Mr. Karr is one of the best and most successful farmers of the whole country. He is one of the farmers who farms with his head as well as his hands.

J. H. Boothe, of a mile or two southeast of Spur, was in the city the first of the week and paid the Texas Spur office a very pleasant call. We are always glad to have our friends call in to see us, because we can not be on the streets at all times to greet them.

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING OCCUPATION LICENSE OF TRANSPORTATION CO

Be it ordained by the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, Texas, that an annual Occupation License shall be required of all persons, firms or corporations, engaged in the Livery Business, Transfer and Dray Business, and all people who shall carry passengers for a fee or for a profit, within the incorporated limits of the City of Spur, Texas.

That before any person, firm or corporation shall engage in such business, that he shall be and is hereby required to obtain an annual permit from the City Secretary of Spur, Texas, who is empowered to issue said permit upon the payment of the fees or tax herein set out.

For every Livery Stable within the incorporated limits of the City of Spur, engaged in transporting passengers by automobile, hacks, buggies and carriages, shall pay to the City of Spur, Texas, the sum of Thirty-five Dollars annually.

For every automobile, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars annually, or the sum of Thirty-five Dollars annually for two or more automobiles.

For every two horse dray, hack or carriage, the sum of Fifteen Dollars annually, or the sum of Twenty-five Dollars annually for two or more such vehicles.

For every one horse dray or hack, the sum of Ten Dollars annually.

Every person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating the terms of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than the amount of the license as set out in this ordinance, nor more than double the amount of such license fee; and each day any person so violates this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance to be in effect from its passage, approval and publication. Passed August 23rd, 1915. Approved August 28th, 1915.

F. W. JENNINGS, Mayor
OSCAR JACKSON, Secretary.

Jim Trimble, of near Spur, had business in the city recently.

A. S. Jackson came over Wednesday of this week from Dickens and spent the day here on business and shaking hands with friends.

Will Stephens, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday meeting his friends and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

W. F. Foreman and family, of the Dry Lake country, were in Spur Saturday shopping with merchants and visiting friends of the city.

J. A. Kerley, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Spur office. He is a progressive farmer and citizen, and is one of the men who favors the organization of a Federal Farm Loan Association in the county, and which will be done at an early date.

Ed Jackson and son, of the Draper country, were in Spur recently and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Jackson made us feel good before leaving by handing us two dollars and twenty five cents for another year's subscription to this paper and the Dallas News in connection. Mr. Jackson reports everything in good shape in his section of the country at this time, notwithstanding the fact that it has not rained for some time.

No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business March 5th, 1917.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$165,647.15
c Acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted.....	9,251.93
Total.....	174,899.08
2. Overdrafts, unsecured.....	2,555.79
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	\$10,000.00
Total U. S. bonds.....	10,000.00
4. c Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged.....	\$2,355.11
5. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	2,355.11
6. Banking house (if unencumbered).....	1,500.00
7. Furniture and fixtures.....	7,750.00
8. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	5,013.20
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	15,213.25
9. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20).....	20,226.46
10. a Outside checks and other cash items.....	691.64
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents.....	4,770.82
11. Notes of other National Banks.....	52.70
12. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank.....	4,823.93
13. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	660.00
Total.....	15,103.94
Total.....	500.00
Total.....	\$243,205.59
LIABILITIES	
14. Capital stock paid in.....	\$40,000.00
15. Surplus fund.....	10,000.00
16. Undivided profits.....	\$12,217.42
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	1,741.52
17. Circulating notes outstanding.....	10,475.90
18. Individual deposits subject to check.....	10,000.00
19. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	172,668.51
20. Total demand deposits, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40.....	25.36
21. Liabilities other than those above stated.....	172,693.66
Total.....	35.74
Total.....	\$243,205.59

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I. E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of March 1917.
JENNIE SHIELDS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
P. H. Miller,
Sol Davis,
C. Hogan
Directors.

R. R. Johns and Mr. Biggs left Spur the first of the week for Stamford and other points where they spent several days on business.

Walter Jordan was in the city Monday from his farm in the Steel Hill community. He has been in this country only a year or two, but is a booster for the country as the result of his success in farming operations.

Perry Fite has now about recovered from the effects of blood poisoning in the face. He had just a small "boil" on his cheek, and which later developed blood poison. He had it cut out several weeks ago, and it is just now healing up.

Tom McArthur came in the first of this week from his farm and ranch home in the Tap section of country and spent an hour or two here conversing with friends and looking after business matters.

Cecil Bennett came in Saturday from Gilpin and spent some time in Spur on business. While here he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting everything progressing nicely and satisfactorily in the Gilpin section of the country.

W. G. Mayfield, a leading business man of Girard, was in Spur Tuesday on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He had just returned from Dallas and Fort Worth where he had been to attend court, a mercantile sales company having brought suit against him for an amount of money they claim to be due them. However, the suit was decided in favor of Mr. Mayfield. Everybody in this country who knows Mr. Mayfield knows him to be fair and square, and a suit for just claims would never have been necessary.

RAIN THE MIDDLE OF APRIL EARLY ENOUGH

J. A. Neighbors, of near Spur to the southeast, dropped into the Spur office Wednesday of this week and spent a minute or two. He stated that he preferred to not have any rain until the middle of April, since it was not needed at this time and a rain at this time would only encourage the growth of vegetation on the prepared land before planting time. A rain in the middle of April, he says, will be in plenty time for planting and would meet every requirement of crop prospects for the season.

J. W. Bilberry, of the Gilpin country, was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Robt. T. Dopson, a leading citizen and progressive farmer of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in Spur the first of this week.

A. C. Hindman, of two or three miles north of Spur, was among the large number of business visitors in Spur Saturday of last week.

W. E. Duke, one of the most progressive farmers of the Spur country, was here Saturday from his farm home in the Watson community southwest of Spur.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours here meeting friends and looking after legal affairs.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday selling produce and buying the necessities from the merchants of Spur. Mrs. Smith always has chickens, eggs, butter and garden truck to sell in season. In fact she makes about as much in this way as is made by a single hand on the farm.

See
W. M. Hunt Produce Co.
Before Selling Your
Poultry, Eggs and Hides.
They'll Pay More In FARMER'S CAFE Building

Citizens Garage & Machine Shop
P. A. RAMSEY & SON Props.
We have bought the Citizens Garage and are now installing a new OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING Machine and other equipment's necessary for a first-class garage and machine shop.
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FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1917

Joe Ericson, of the West pasture, had business in Spur Thursday of this week.

Don't forget the date of the recital. Come and note the advancement of each pupil.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday shaking hands with his friends of the town and surrounding country.

Everything in Ladies Muslin wear at special price for Easter values of value.—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur.

J. H. Meadors, a leading merchants of Dickens, was one among the business visitors in Spur this week.

Silk Hosiery, fancy ribbons, handkerchiefs, Easter novelties—visit our Easter Sale.—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur.

\$250,000.00 to loan on farm and ranch lands. 8 per cent.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

J. C. Stephens, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was here recently trading and greeting friends.

Many Verner, of the Westside Barber Shop, recently bought the J. P. Keister residence in the northwest part of Spur, and where he and family will hereafter make their home.

Great values in Ladies pumps oxfords, sandals, kid, patent, gun metal—many styles, shoes worth \$3.50 and \$4.00—Easter Sale price \$2.95.—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur

Mat Howell, of the Red Mud country, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business and greeting his many friends of the town and surrounding country.

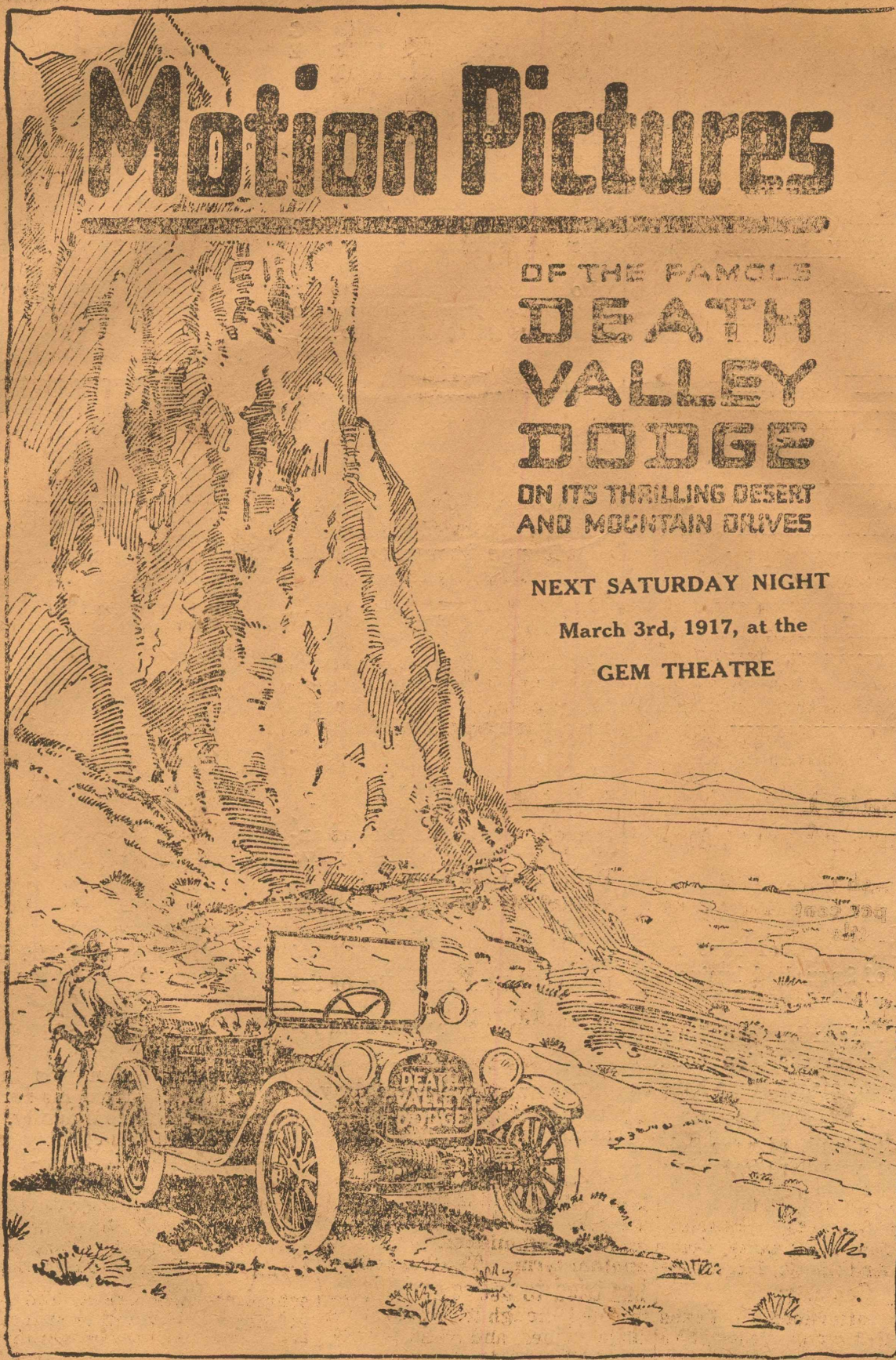
If you need some money on your Farm or Ranch, see us. We can furnish any amount at 8 per cent interest. We make our own inspections.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

F. A. Wilhoit and wife recently returned to Crosbyton where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Wilhoit has been on the Spur ranch during the past year, employed by Messrs. White & Swearin gen.

A recital given by Music and Expression departments of the Spur High School will be given at Auditorium Friday, April 6, 8:30 p. m. An admission of 15 & 25 cts. will be charged, for benefit of Library. Come and help your school.

Mrs. Usry, who has been spending the last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neal A. Douglass of Roaring Springs, left Sunday for her new home at Midlothian. Mrs. Usry has many friends in Spur who regret to see her leave.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart returned Tuesday from Marlin where she had been several days to be with Mr. Shugart who was taking treatment for rheumatism. Mr. Shugart returned home last Sunday while Mrs. Shugart remained in Marlin to take the baths. We are glad to note that Mr. Shugart was greatly benefitted by the baths. Mrs. Shugart reported that Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby were also in Marlin and were pleased with the baths and were improving under the treatment.



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DEATH VALLEY DODGE
ON ITS THRILLING DESERT AND MOUNTAIN DRIVES

NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT
March 3rd, 1917, at the
GEM THEATRE

C. W. Lowery has been on the sick list this week.

Jaké Scott, of the Afton section of country, was in Spur Thursday on business.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was among the business visitors in Spur Thursday of this week.

Uncle Dick Holly and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur Thursday trading with merchants.

We are showing the greatest line of Ladies Silk Waists ever displayed in Spur.—Love Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. Walter Carlisle returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Middies for Ladies and Misses—all the new things—prices 65 cents to \$1.50. See them—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur.

B. G. Ford recently moved from Spur to Draper where he and family are now making their home.

See McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas, if you want to borrow money on your farm or ranch. 8 per cent interest.

Elegant line Ladies Sport Skirts—new things right up-to-date, \$1.35 up—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur.

The recital at school auditorium Friday evening consists of three short plays, a number of readings and excellent music—the best recital of the year.

The epidemic of measles in this country continues. In every family there has been one or more cases. However, they are all recovering.

Doc Ellis and wife came to Spur Thursday from their ranch home in Crosby County and spent several hours here shopping and visiting friends.

Jack Rodgers, of Kent county, was in Spur Thursday of this week shaking hands with old time friends and acquaintances, and also buying supplies of the live-wire merchants of Spur.

Grundy Crego, of the Croton country, had business in Spur Thursday.

W. J. Duncan, of Roaring Springs, had business in Spur Thursday of this week and spent several hours here greeting friends.

Shoes during our Easter Sale below wholesale prices today. See our Mary Jane Sandals—worth \$3.50, Easter price \$2.65.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

R. R. Wooten and family, of near McAdoo, were in the city Thursday of this week shopping with the merchants and also visiting friends.

We have two parties who desire to purchase choice lots in Spur. If you have any of this kind to sell, come around and list them with us. We can sell them.

Pink Keister and family left Spur last week for Ralls where they will make their home in the future. We regret to see them leave Spur but wish them a pleasant home in Ralls.

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We sell films and loan kodak FREE

Work delivered the following day after received.

W. H. BLACK
Spur, Texas

100 pieces fancy dress gingham worth 15 cents yard—Easter Sale Price 12 1/2 c.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week trading with the merchants and greeting his numerous friends of the town and country.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest. No loan too large for us to handle. We make our own inspections and give quick service.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday of this week and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends of the city and surrounding country.

See our Kid Pumps for ladies, all sizes, great values, special \$2.00.—Love Dry Goods Company, Spur.

T. S. Lambert called in one day the latter part of last week and had the Texas Spur sent to W. T. Burson, of Admiral, Texas, and for which he has our due thanks.

W. T. Wheeler, of Baird, Texas, is in Spur at the Hyatt Livery Barn with six registered Jacks for sale, and will be here for the next twenty days. Any one wanting a jack will please come at once. 22-2t

OUR CITY

Editor Texas Spur: In answer to various inquiries, I beg to hand you the following:


Art. 889, Page 216, Revised Statutes of Texas: "The City Council shall, at least ten days before the expiration of each Municipal year, cause to be printed in a city newspaper, a correct and full statement of the receipts and expenditures from the date of last annual report together with the sources from which the funds were derived, and showing for what purposes disbursed, the condition of the Treasury, together with such information as may be necessary to a full understanding of the financial condition of the city."

The law further directs, "It shall be the duty of the Mayor of each city incorporated at the first regular meeting in Jan. of each year, to appoint three resident citizens of such city as a board of examiners of the finances of said city, to proceed to examine the books and accounts of the various officers of said city, to make a true report of the financial condition thereof under oath, and in no instance shall the return of said report be deferred longer than the first regular meeting of the Board in March of each year."

Thus the law "suggests" and "commands" that the people who maintain all city governments shall know the full and true condition of the same annually.

Respectfully,
F. N. Oliver.

W. T. Burson, of Admiral, was here last week and spent several days with T. S. Lambert and family at their home in the Tap country. Mr. Burson was here for the purpose of looking over the country with a view of buying land and becoming permanently located in the great Spur country. He left here Saturday, but will return at a later date and probably buy a place at that time. We will be very glad to have Mr. Burson locate with us, and feel confident that he will not only be pleased but prosper here.

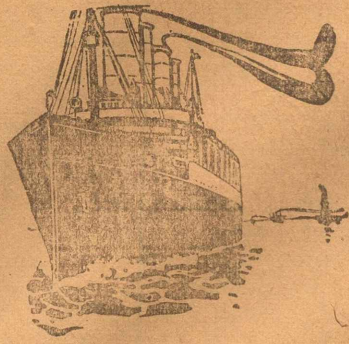


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IT NEVER PAYS

to juggle in the grocery business. We have always adhered to a policy that's above board. Everything strictly as represented in quality and in condition. Nothing palmed off on you here, just to get rid of it. Every price quoted in our place is based upon a legitimate profit margin.

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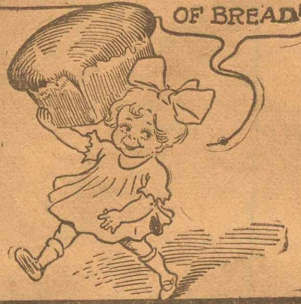
Your Ship Will Come In

as your bank account grows. Most of the good things of life are the results of a BANK ACCOUNT.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

C. A. JONES, PRESIDENT
W. G. SHEPHERD, VICE PRESIDENT
M. E. MANNING, CASHIER
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASH.
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., ASSISTANT CASHIER

I DON'T MIND GOING TO THE STORE FOR THIS KIND OF BREAD



GERMAN KITCHEN AND BAKERY

THE KIDDIES

don't mind going to the store to purchase a loaf of our bread because they know the kind of food that pleases their between-meal-slice of bread-and-butter appetites. Our bread and pastries have won the appreciation of the grown-ups also. Give us a call, please.

THE PEOPLE READ THE NEWS OF ADVERTISERS

There are some people in this community who think when they advertise in these columns that they are doing out generosity to the editor. They say they want to support the home enterprise and keep the home paper going, meaning that they never expect any good out of an advertisement, but hope it will help to keep us from starving.

Now we are not doing business on the begging plan. We solicit advertising from the local merchant because it will do them good—we ask it in the name of progressive business. We know that if a man spends his money here and gets no returns he will stop trying the columns of the local press.

Every now and then we have a man to tell us that we deserve support. We appreciate his way of looking at it but if the only reason our subscribers took the paper was to help us along we would be starving in three months. They subscribe to the paper because we give them something to read, tell the news about their people and write a little on the topics of the day.

They probably find it interesting. Now a merchant can get them to read the news about his store if he makes it snappy and entertaining. He can get them to buy from him because they know him through our columns as an honest and fair man. If he can do this he is willing to pay for the services we render—that is why advertising pays.

Now if you don't believe this you ask any merchant who has ever given advertising a fair trial. As one of them said to us, "I never see where any certain advertisement pays us a certain number of dollars, but I know my business falls off if I cut out the ads." Another merchant told us that one time he stopped advertising and an old lady came into his store one day and said: "I thought you had gone out of business because I don't see any of your news of the store in the paper any more." As he told us, he remarked that he had been advertising regularly since that time.—Post City Post.

Rooms For Rent—See me at once.—Mrs. J. B. Morrison. 1t

Poet Hagins, of Gilpin, was here Saturday greeting his numerous friends.

Roy Butts, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was here Saturday on business.

Tom Owen and wife were in the city Saturday from their ranch home twelve miles south west of Spur.

Mrs. W. M. Moore and children were in the city recently shopping with the merchants and visiting friends of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall were in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill country, trading with merchants and visiting friends of Spur.

S. R. Bowman came in Saturday from his farm home north of Spur two or three miles. He is recognized as one of the best farmers in this country today. He believes in preparing his land in the beginning and also in cultivating the crops until they are ready to "lay-by."

MARVELOUS CAPACITY IN DETECTING ERRORS

The capacity of some people for detecting errors in the news paper is marvelous. Also it is singular how many unexpected meanings these people can find. If the reporter writes that the man wore a coat of such and such a character, some one may call up and ask if the coat was all the man had on. To satisfy these literalists you must enumerate item by item the articles of attire, or they will accuse you of making the victim half naked.

The reader who digests the paper in the quiet of his home feels that he has shown great brilliancy if he detects an error in grammar or capitalization. It is one thing to find the mistakes at your leisure in another man's work, quite another to turn out high degrees of accuracy and precision in the haste of newspaper composition.

The banker makes blunders



TRADESMEN

can reach their country customers easily by stepping to their Bell Tele-phones.

Patrons living out near the town limits are also brought as close, through Bell Telephone Service, as if they had come to the store in person.

The Bell Telephone serves both buyer and seller equally well.



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Specialist
Eye, Ear, Nose & Throat

Refraction and Fitting
Glasses
Sunday by
Appointment

Phone Hours, 8 to 12,
No. 88. and 1 to 5
Over Spur National Bank

S. J. Bailey and wife, of Matador, were in Spur Monday visiting friends of the city.

Will Cobb, of Dickens, was in Spur recently and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Will Hinson, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting numerous friends.

C. S. Ray came to Spur the first of this week from Stamford where he has been associated with the White Produce Company. We knew Mr. Ray a number of years ago in Eastland county, and we are glad to again meet him. Mr. Ray will be with the White Produce Company of Spur in the future, this concern having recently purchased the Spur Produce Company of J. C. Miller.

IT IS TIME TO PREPARE

FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP

WE HAVE TWO CARS OF

P. & O. Implements

And can supply your needs in this line. Canton Listers and Success Sulkeys are the best. If you haven't used one ask your neighbor about it.

Spur Hdw. Co.

Spur, Texas

WHEN YOU WANT SOMETHING TO EAT

and want the Best the Market affords, and want it prepared in the most inviting manner, go to

THE FRENCH RUBY CAFE

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, Prop.

in his figures, the lawyer draws up incorrect papers and the business man submits erroneous bills. Such blunders are only known to a few whom they concern. The newspaper man is like the actor on the stage, whose slightest slip is manifest to all and seems ridiculous.

It would be perfectly possible to produce a newspaper having the same high degree of accuracy as the best edited magazines. But this would either cost about twice as much for a more costly force, or else the scope and field of the newspaper would have to be reduced and less matter printed. The public would not pay the bills in the first case, and it would not be satisfied with curtailment of service. So the newspaper struggles along as best they can in the eternal efforts to accomplish that impossibility, a snapshot of daily life that shall be permanent and absolutely truthful history. The newspaper man is not offended when he is jollied on such mistakes as creep in. He merely wishes the critic could have his job one week.—Claude News.

J. L. Curry, of a few miles east of Spur, was among many business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

Jim Smith, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country in regard to crop conditions and bumper crop prospects.

Red Sampson, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was among the large number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

T. W. Morgan, of twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of this week and spent an hour or two here on business.

Mrs. Chas. Jaye is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, after spending several days in Dickens visiting friends and looking after her property interests at that place.

Will Edgar called in Saturday and had his name enrolled on the growing list of readers of the Texas Spur. We appreciate every name added to the list, and we want every name in the country on the list. Get your neighbor to come in and join the list of Texas Spur readers.

W. M. Randall, a leading citizen and extensive farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies and greeting his friends from every section of the country. Mr. Randall is an old timer in this part of the country, having settled here in the early days. He is today one among the best fixed farmers of the whole territory.

Mrs. Z. V. Smith and children returned Wednesday from Clayton, New Mexico, where they have been since last September, going to that country for the health of the children, both of whom made wonderful improvement. They went out to her father's place in the Gilpin section of country where they will remain for some time, after which they will return to their home in Spur. We are glad to welcome them back home and glad to know that the children have regained good health.

See

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Stock Tanks, Cisterns, Etc., A Specialty. We do only high-class work and appreciate your business.

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A U C T I O N ! !

AT PUBLIC SALE
TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 1917
 Ten O'clock, A. M., at
BASSETT'S DAIRY, CROSBYTON, TEXAS.

A clean up of Ranch, Farm and Dairy properties
 Owned by Julian M. Bassett
 Closing out his interests in Crosby County.

These articles go to the highest bidder without reservation and include 20 saddle and work horses, 20 mares, 1 McCormick seven-foot grain binder, 5 McCormick row binders, 2 Milwaukee row binders, 1 Deering row binder, 1 McCormick five foot mower, 1 McCormick six foot mower, 1 Deering six 1 Emmerson ten foot hay rake, 1 P&O Gang plow, 1 Canton two-disc plow, 1 Texas two-disc plow, 1 ten-inch walking plow, 1 four section harrow, 1 three section harrow, 1 disc harrow, 2 Campbell packers, 1 Emmerson two row lister, 1 Kentucky ten hoe grain drill, 1 John Deere manure spreader, 1 P&O blade planter, 2 feed cutters, 1 Molene wagon, 5 iron-wheel wagons, 1 milk wagon, 2 buggies, Harness and nearly every kind of farming implements.
 Many Practically New

The Largest Auction Sale Ever Held in Crosby Co.
 Noon luncheon of barbecued pig.

TERMS OF SALE: Net cash under \$10. Over \$10, secured note due December 1st, next, with 10 per cent interest; or 5 per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

JULIAN M. BASSETT, Owner.

W. A. NASH, Auctioneer.

G. M. McKEE, Cashier

FEDERAL FARM LOAN ASS'N TO BE ORGANIZED

Farmers of the Spur country are requested to meet in Spur Tuesday, April 3rd, at one of the clock, for the purpose of organizing a Federal Farm Loan Association in Dickens County. The meeting will be held in the directors room of the Spur National Bank and R. T. Dopsen will be Chairman of the meeting.

Every farmer in the country desiring to participate in the federal loans to be granted on farm lands must become a member of the County Association to be organized at this time.

The Federal Farm Loan Association proposes to loan cash at the rate of five per cent interest for as long as forty years time.

Ten or more farmers are required to be members of the County Association. No man can get a loan for more than \$10,000.00 nor for less than \$100.00. The borrower must be, or about to become, the owner of the land offered for security. The borrower can use the money for the following purposes and none other: To purchase land for agricultural purposes, equipments, fertilizers, and livestock necessary for operation of the farm, provide buildings and improve the mortgaged farm and liquidate indebtedness of the owner.

The Federal Farm Loan Association will be of great benefit in promoting the further development of the agricultural resources of the country, and we are confident that a number of the farmers of the Spur country will take advantage of this opportunity to secure cash at a low rate of interest to develop and improve farm interests.

Mace Hunter returned Thursday from near Lubbock where he had been to look after property interests. he having recently bought a section of land in that country.

Will Allman, C. W. Holland and Mr. Cypert, of the plains country near McAdoo, were in Spur Thursday to get a new well drill which had been shipped to them from the wholesalers.

COUNTY EXAMINATIONS

Following is the program for the County Teachers Examinations to be held in Dickens, April 6th and 7th, 1917:

Friday forenoon: Physiology, Physical Geography, Composition, Arithmetic, Literature and Solid Geometry.

Friday afternoon: Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry, Psychology, Bookkeeping.

Saturday forenoon: Spelling Writing, Methods and Management, Civics, Reading, Chemistry, History of Education.

Saturday afternoon: United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra, Physics, Plane Trigonometry.

WALTER L. POWELL,
 Ex-Officio Co. Supt.

E. B. McLaughlin, of near McAdoo on the plains, came in Thursday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Conatser of Arkansas who are coming out to make their home with Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

Austin Frazier, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Thursday buying household goods and other supplies. He recently bought a place near Gilpin.

W. E. Fletcher, of one mile east of Spur, came in Thursday on business.

Walter Russell, of Dickens, was among the number of visitors in Spur Thursday.

Judge F. C. Gipson, of the capital city, was in Spur Thursday.

Lee Dennis, of Moran, is in the city visiting at the home of Jim Ayres.

B. L. Meadows, of three miles west of Spur, was here Thursday buying corn.

Harry Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Thursday.

A. Fry, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Thursday transacting business.

Poet Hagins, of Gilpin, was here Saturday greeting his numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall were in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill country, trading with merchants and visiting friends of Spur.

CITY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SPUR TUESDAY

Tuesday, April 3rd, an election will be held in Spur for the purpose of selecting a mayor and two commissioners to serve another term. The Texas Spur has tried to get some body interested enough to announce for these offices, and as an inducement offered to run their announcements free of charge. However, no one wants a city office bad enough to make the fact known.

In another column we are printing an endorsement by a number of citizens of Clifford B. Jones for mayor, and L. N. Riter and C. A. Love for commissioners. No better men could be selected for the places, and we are confident that each will serve in their respective places. During the past two weeks we have heard a number of others mentioned as suitable "timber" for the offices, among whom were E. C. Edmonds, W. G. Sherrod, Geo. S. Link, Mayor Jennings, R. M. Hamby and D. A. Young, for mayor; Sol Davis, J. W. Meadows, W. F. Godfrey, W. D. Wilson, Jas. F. Williams, C. W. Lowery and possibly others, for commissioners. However, no one cares to hold the offices.

BLUE BONNET CLUB.

Miss Eleanor Luck entertained the Blue Bonnet Club at her home Friday, March 16th, 1917. Several contests were held during the evening and a pleasant hour was spent, after which delicious refreshments consisting of egg kisses and blanc-mange were served to the following members: Misses Lucile Barber, Bona Mae Ford, Allie Powell, Mabel Stafford, Eleanor Luck and Audrey Barber.

Roy Butts, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was here Saturday on business.

Tom Owen and wife were in the city Saturday from their ranch home twelve miles south west of Spur.

Mrs. Chas. Jaye is at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, after spending several days in Dickens visiting friends and looking after her property interests at that place.

GILPIN.

Well, as the cows are milked and the hogs are slopped, the dishes are washed, and father and mother are gone visiting, we will try our luck at writing up the news again. Mother was very angry when she read our last writeup. She said, "so you was so proud of getting P on your report card you had to put it in the Texas Spur! Don't you know that paper goes to every sate in he union, and maybe o Europe? I consider you have disgraced yourself." We hope not, for honest, we are doing the best we can. We are doing better now. We would have fared all right last exam. if the teacher had not have put an X opposite the words "capable of doing much better." That ruined us. Fath er and mother were both angry and hreathened to take us out of school, and to cap it off, "Mariah" also accused us of hinking about the boys. It is not so, and they'll have to answer for i some day. Now for the news:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hagins are the proud parents of a fine boy, born the 23rd of this month. Willie says he weighed nine pounds, and is already beginning to notice. last week visiting her mother and sister near Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, and daughters, Mrs. Mae Seago and Mrs. Lillian Wheeler and children, of near Trent, were the guests of W. B. and C. R. Bennett Friday and Saturday of last week. They brought Grandma Bennett, who has been their guest for the past several months, for an indefinite visit among relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Reuben Lee and sister, Miss Mattie Hagins, went shopping in Spur Saturday.

Messrs. W. B. Bennett, P. E. Hagins, L. W. Bilberry, Sol Thomas and D. D. Hagins went to Clairemont Monday in behalf of our school. They are trying to locate a rural high school at Duck Creek, and we are hoping they will be successful. Then we country children can stay at home and complete our education.

Cecil Bennett, who has been almost prostrated of fever and lurk, is better. His appetite is about normal, and it is reported that he worked all day Monday.

D. D. Hagins, who has recently suffered a severe attack of fever and Grundy, is also improving, and we hope that he will soon be able to go to farming.

Reverend W. B. Bennett is about to finish his cistern. He only lacks putting up the gutters. He says he is going to paint his house pretty soon.

Mr. Chas. Bennett tells us that Mr. Oll Taylor, of the Antelope district, has a new way of raising onions. Mr. Taylor says he puts them in a sack and allows them to grow until they fill it, then removes them to a larger sack, soon they fill that and so on. Thus he has green onions without having to either plant or hoe them.

Ben Simmons is in our midst again.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett is suffering of la grippe.

W. A. Hawkins and little daughter, Johnnie, visited his daughter, Mrs. D. D. Hagins, last week.

E. R. Hagins made a trip to Jayton Monday.

Grandpa Carlisle is visiting at Lubbock this week.

Our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Burette Gray, on the evening of the 16th, entertained their pupils with a candy breaking. There was plenty of candy and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mr. French, of Fort Worth, accompanied by Judge Powell and Messrs Dickson and Crawford, visited our school Friday evening. They were talking about the "Pig Club" but we were absent, so we cannot tell you much about it.

What has become of the Antelope Rustler? Uncle Pea-

vine, what makes you so short? Rambling Bill, Mariah must be like mother, always blaming everything on the boys. Surely they have forgotten that hey were once a

SCHOOL GIRL.

DICKENS

Marriage licenses issued the past week were L. T. Quisenberry and Miss Mary Quigley; George Plowman and Miss Montie Hand.

Justice Court convened Monday, March 26th, and was dismissed without trying a case. Four pleas of guilty were entered in which the defendants were charged with drunkenness in a public place. Other cases on the docket were carried over to the next term of court.

"The Daughter of the Desert," a local talent play presented by a company from Afton for the benefit of the Afton School, was given at the School building at Dickens last Friday night and was well attended and enjoyed by all present. The play was a Western Comedy Drama and was well presented. We were glad to have the Afton people with us, and assure them a hearty welcome at any and all times, so do not let this be your last visit.

Rev. John L. Stovall, missionary for the Christian Church has just closed a three days' meeting at the First Christian Church at this place. Rev. Stovall is a very able minister of the gospel and we regret that he could not remain longer in our midst.

Mr. F. C. Gipson, our druggist, has sold his business to M. E. Cleveland and W. A. Kercheville of Spur. Mr. O. C. Arthur, who for several years has been connected with the business, will remain with the new firm.

Mr. C. C. French, State Pig Club Agent, spent two days visiting the schools of the county, accompanied by Judge Walter L. Powell and G. L. Crawford, County Farm Demonstrator. Seven pig clubs were organized among the boys and girls of the County. Girls canning clubs will probably be taken up later.

County Clerk Martin Gay has just returned from Dallas where he attended the state I. O. O. F. convention. He reports a good time but didn't have much to say about the convention.

Lonnie Harkey left Monday for Waco where he will represent the local W. O. W. camp.

Houston Schweitzer, of Croton Camp, was in town Monday on business.

O. O. Gray has sold his interest in the local telephone exchange to R. M. Hamby and E. H. Hendricks. J. G. Oxford has accepted the position of manager.

The Young Mens Business League is growing stronger each day and the outlook at present is very promising. We challenge any town in Texas to show us cleaner streets or public square than we have in Dickens since our General Clean up Day of March 14th. April the 3rd has been set for another such day and we hope to keep the town looking this way. The Club has provided wagons to haul away all trash and rubbish that collects on the streets. The people are requested to place all trash in cans or barrels that can be easily and readily emptied into the wagons. If you will do this the wagon will make regular trips over town and haul away the rubbish for you.—Booster.

Miss Mary Rash left Thursday for Fort Worth and Dallas for an extended visit to relatives and friends.

T. W. Morgan, of twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of this week and spent an hour or two here on business.

Mrs. W. M. Moore and children were in the city recently shopping with the merchants and visiting friends of the city.

SPUR WINS PRIZES AT FAT STOCK SHOW

The sheep display at the Fat Stock Show recently in Fort Worth was larger than ever this year. It is also pleasing to note that some big men in the sheep world were on hand. Mr. R. S. Matheson, head sheep buyer for Swift and Co., on the Chicago market, the man who "fixes" the prices on market sheep, was a welcome visitor at the show and a guest of the local Swift & Company officials. Mr. Matheson commented most favorably upon the sheep show, although he intimated that some quality was lacking in a portion of the exhibits. Mr. Matheson said: "If the farmers of Texas will give close attention to the development of the sheep industry by feeding them and supplying the market all the year round, as they have developed the hog and cattle industry, they will find it profitable as well as pleasant. The production of sheep is not limited to the ranges altogether. They can produce as good finished mutton as any other state in the Union, just as she farmers now are producing hogs. Besides the cost of feed-Hay plays an important part in the feed of the sheep and from what I can gather from Mr. J. M. Jones who is in charge of Sheep Breeding Work at the State experimental Station at Spur, Texas, the farmers in the sandy belts of Texas where peanuts have become a staple crop, will find it profitable besides adding fertility to the soil." "The sheep of Texas need more care and more feeding. The sheepmen are on the right track and the coming years should find Texas with a much larger supply of killing sheep than in the past."

In the pens of five yearling wethers, the Texas Experiment Station, Spur, Texas, was awarded first place on a Lincoln-Rambouillet cross which had been fitted by H. E. Evans, shepherd to the Experimental Station. In the individual yearling class Oklahoma A. & M. was awarded champion wether on the grand champion wether of the recent International Live stock show at Chicago. This individual was a perfect Shropshire type and was fitted for the International by Jesse Andrews he later disposing of the wether to the Oklahoma College. The crossbred Lincoln-Rambouillet yearling wethers exhibited by the Texas Experiment Station, Spur, Texas, has a good firm finish on them and from a market standpoint could not be touched by anything at the show.

In the pens of five lamb contest, there was keen competition between the Texas A. & M. College, Texas Experiment Station, Spur, Texas, and the Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. In this contest the Texas College was awarded first place on a splendid pen of Southdown lambs, with the Texas Experiment Station second with a pen of well finished Lincoln-Rambouillet lambs, and Oklahoma third, on a Dorset cross.

The Texas Experiment Station was the proud possessor of champion lamb of Lincoln-Rambouillet breeding, winning over a Southdown exhibited by the A. & M. College of Texas.

The champion lamb of the show exhibited by the Texas Experiment Station, Spur, Texas, weighed 130 pounds and was sold to Swift & Company at 20 cents per pound. Swift & Company purchased the grand champion Oklahoma wether at 18 cents per pound; Armour & Company purchased the grand champion pen of five Southdown lambs exhibited by Texas A. & M. College at 18 cents; second pen of five lambs owned by Texas Experiment Station, Spur, sold for 17 cents. The champion yearlings exhibited by Texas Experiment Station Spur, sold for 16c. In the carload lots, Schneeman's load sold for 14.75; Galloway &

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Boog-Scott's load sold for 14.5 and the Texas Experiment Station carload lot brought 14.25.

The Spur Experiment Station won third prize of \$25 on car load of fifty sheep, over six months and under one year old. First prize of \$75 on pen of five muttons, one year and under two. Second prize of \$15 on a pen of five lambs under one year old. Second prize of \$7 on wether one year old. Third prize of five dollars on wether lamb.

Ed Fuqua, of Red Mud, had business in Spur Thursday.

J. C. Miller made a business trip this week to Ralls, Floydada and other plains towns.

W. S. Taylor and family were among those of Spur who attended preaching Sunday at Dickens.

J. M. Foster was here Thursday from the Croton country. He reports everything in good shape in that country.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors in Spur Thursday of this week.

Dick Sampson was here the latter part of this week from his ranch home southeast of Spur.

Frank Smith came in Thursday from the Red Mud country and spent an hour or two here on business.

Grandpa Douglass returned Thursday from the plains section of country where he has been spending the week with Carl and C. Douglass.

TOM McARTHUR SELLS BUNCH OF 2-YEAR OLDS

Thursday of this week J. F. Liston of Floydada, bought 112 head of steers, two year olds and up, from Tom McArthur and shipped them to the Fort Worth market. Tom McArthur was paid \$35.00 and \$44.00 a round for the steers, the bunch netting him the total sum of \$4,880.00. The steers were driven into Spur from the McArthur ranch by a number of "cowboys" all of whom, with the exception of one, remained over in Spur to see the sights and help Tom spend his money.

H. L. Davis, of Red Mud, was in Spur Thursday.

M. Gay, County Clerk, returned last week from Ft. Worth

E. L. Smith, of five miles north of Spur, was in the city Thursday.

W. R. Stephens, of five miles east, came to Spur Thursday to trade some with the merchants.

L. B. Fuqua, of the Lower Red Mud country, had business in Spur Thursday.

D. G. Simmons, of eight miles southeast of Spur, came in the latter part of this week on business.

L. B. Harris, of McDonald, Oklahoma, is in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Yopp.

Carl Douglass, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Sunday and spent the day in the town with Paul Douglass and family.

DIED.

The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mings, of the Dry Lake country, died Thursday night after having survived only a few hours after its birth. The remains were interred in the old Espeula cemetery seven or eight miles north of Spur. We extend sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Mings in this misfortune.

W. L. Huddleston is carrying his arm in a sling as the result of a sprain.

J. C. Schooler, of Dublin, is in Spur a few days, being on his way to New Mexico.

G. A. Draper, of near Spur, was among the number here Thursday.

John Weathers came in the later part of this week from the Red Mud Camp.

Carry your sick shoes to the little Red Brick Hospital for Shoes.

T. A. Smith was here Saturday from the Red Mud country. He says that he has quit working so hard these days.

Mrs. Lena Chesney, of near Girard, was in Spur Thursday of this week buying groceries of the Spur grocery men.

H. T. Garner came in Thursday from his Prairie View Stock Farm two miles northeast of Spur.

J. H. Barton, of Afton, had business in Spur Thursday of this week. He recently moved to that part of Dickens county from Erath county and is pleased with his move.

DECLAMATION CONTEST A SUCCESS AT SPUR SCHOOL

Quite a number of patrons and friends witnessed the declamation contest at the school auditorium last Friday afternoon. It was a success in every way. The contestants from the smallest to the largest spoke with perfect ease, portraying their real talent as orators, with the exception of three, this was their first attempt in a contest of any kind.

The judges were Mr. Clifford Jones, Rev. Bates and Mesdames Edmonds, Manning and Miller.

The following is the order of the program rendered:

- Song—Texas—High School girls.
- Junior Boys.
- Turning the grindstone—R. P. Fite.
- Importance of little things—Vernon Clay.
- Piano Solo—Helen Grace.
- Junior Girls.
- The West—Bernice Tidwell.
- Which Loved Best—Adriene Attebury.
- Suppose—Mildred Williams.
- Horations at the Bridge—Aline Cates.
- For those who fail—Adelaide Senning.
- Piano Solo—Helen Grace.
- Senior Boys.
- Adams and Jefferson—Cecil West.
- Scientific Farming—Noel Lane.
- Piano Duet—Mesdames Clemmons and Bates.
- Senior Girls.
- The Masterpiece of God—Minnie Lee Springer.
- Spartacus to the Gladiators—Marie Jones.
- The greatest Battle ever won—Aline Clay.
- Love and Loyalty of the Negro—Alta Fite.

The judges after a long period of careful consideration, gave the decision to the following from each division:

Vernon Clay, Bernice Tidwell, Noel Lane, Marie Jones. These being eligible to represent the Spur school in the county contest, but as the other schools of the county have failed to enter, there will be no further contest. We trust more interest will be taken in this line another year, and that some of the Spur boys and girls will be permitted to declaim on through the District and State Meet.

Willis Smith was in Spur one day this week.

J. E. Sparks, of near Tap, had business in town Thursday of this week.

L. B. Grizzell, of near Soldier Mound, was in Spur Thursday.

W. A. Grizzell, of the Watson community, was in Spur the latter part of this week.

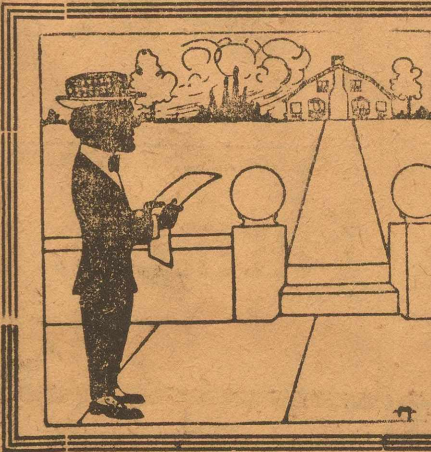
R. M. Storey, of Duncan Flat eight miles northwest of Afton, was in Spur Thursday after well casing to fix his well.

Bert Duncan was here from Dickens Thursday of this week and hauled out a load of supplies.

H. E. Evans, of the Spur Experiment Station authorized us to place his name on the list of regular readers of the Texas Spur, and for which he has our sincere thanks. May he live long and always prosper.

G. W. and Tom Dodson, of the Afton country, were in the city Thursday buying supplies. G. W. Dodson is now holding a number of bales of cotton for a higher market. We are hoping and expecting him to get twenty cents a pound.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, came in Thursday to see his brother, K. I. Davis, of Santa Anna, Walter Davis of Oklahoma, and his sister, Mrs. Dunlap of Loraine, board the train for their respective homes. They had been here to attend the funeral of their mother who was buried here Monday.



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But fifty graduates of Harvard, after lengthy discussion, agreed on a number of attributes for the perfect girl: Here are some of them:

She is attractive, graceful and healthy, but not necessarily pretty.

She can dress tastefully and entertain anyone and make him feel at ease.

She can make bread as well as fudge, and cake as well as "rarebit."

Her dancing is not necessarily the latest step, her tennis not necessarily up to the standard, but she is appreciative of the dance and the sports.

She is broad minded, sympathetic, tactful, unselfish, optimistic, thrifty, of good disposition and moderate in all things.

She can stand reverses without worry.

She is gentle with children and kind to other people, especially to her parents.

She has a broad education, but not necessarily a college one.

She is modest, true and home loving.

She has a social standing, is of religious nature and is not too proud to pray.

How many Beaumont girls measure up to that standard? How many girls of your acquaintance are perfect girls? How many girls do you know who are not too proud to pray?

The fifty Harvard graduates may not know what it takes to make a perfect girl, but any girl who will live up to the attributes they ascribe to her will be worth while, and fortunate will be the man who persuades such a girl to become his wife.

—Beaumont Enterprise.

JUSTICE AND NOT CHARITY NEEDED

If every person who feels the call to contribute a certain portion of his surplus each year to social welfare would consider the respective claims of Charity and Justice and place his contributions where they would do the most good, the abolition of poverty and the call for charity would be a matter for the immediate future.

The following presentation of the case by Dr. Frank Crane is well worth study and provides the inspiration for wise action: "If I want to redeem the world I can come nearer my object and do less harm, by being just toward everybody else, than by doing good to people. The only untainted charity is justice. Often our ostensible charities serve but to

obscure and palliate great evils. Conventional charity drops pennies in the beggar's cup, carries bread to the starving, distributes clothing to the naked. Real charity, which is justice, sets to removing the conditions that nakedness. Conventional charity plays Lady Bountiful; justice tries to establish such laws as shall give employment to all, so that they need no bounty. Charity makes the Old Man of the sea feed sugar plums to the poor devil he is riding and choking; justice would make him get off his victim's back. Conventional charity piously accepts things as they are and helps the unfortunate; justice goes to the legislature and changes things. Charity swats the fly; justice takes away the

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dung heaps that breed flies. Charity gives quinine in the malaria districts; justice drains the swamps. Charity sends surgeons and trained nurses to cure that internationalism that will prevent war. Charity works among slum wrecks; justice dreams and plans that there be no slums. Charity scrapes the soil's surface; justice subsoils. Charity is affected by symptoms; justice by the institutions and customs to be a part of "Divine Providence," and tearfully works away at taking care of the wreckage; justice regards injustice everywhere, custom buttressed and respectable or not, as the work of the devil, and vigorously attacks it. Charity is timid and always is passing the collection box; justice is unafraid and asks no alms, no patrons, no benevolent support. The best part of the human race does not want help, nor favor, nor charity; it wants a fair chance and a square deal. Charity is man's kindness. Justice is God's."

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One good way to improve health conditions is to afford everybody a healthy job, with sufficient salary to live on and to make life as free from worry as is humanly possible.—Post City Post.

O. C. Henry, of near the city, was among the traders here Saturday.

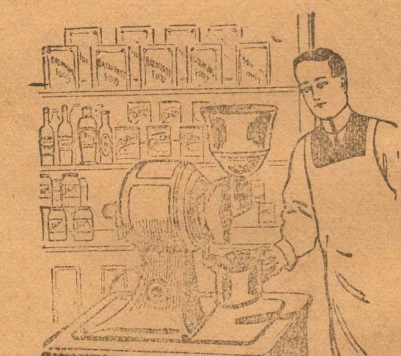
W. H. Birdwell, of seven or eight miles south of Spur, came in one day this week and spent a short time here buying supplies and greeting his numerous friends of the city and surrounding country.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

G. W. Finch, of near Steel Hill, came in Saturday and was in the city an hour or two trading with the merchants.

Bill McArthur, of near Tap, was in Spur Saturday hauling out cake and other feed stuff with which to tide over his cattle until the grass comes.

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