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### KENT COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE WAS DEFEATED

In the election held Saturday in Kent county for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars should be issued for the purpose of constructing and maintaining goods roads, the proposition was defeated.

It is said that the proposition was voted down because of the manner in which the funds were to be distributed rather than that the people of the county opposed issuing bonds to build good roads. Those with whom we talked stated that about sixty thousand dollars of the proposed issue of one hundred thousand dollars would be used in constructing bridges leading to Jayton and Girard, therefore those living in other precincts opposed the bond issue.

### NEAL SMITH WAS SHOT SUNDAY IN FLOMOT

Lee Stegall, of Flomot, shot and seriously wounded Neal Smith, proprietor of the Flomot Garage, last Sunday afternoon. The shooting occurred near Smith's farm just over the line in Floyd county. Dr. Traweck, of Matador, was called and picked several number four shot out of Mr. Smith's back and arm. It is said that parties involved had had previous trouble, but this could not be ascertained positively. Dr. Traweck states that Mr. Smith is in a serious condition but has a fairly good chance.—Motley County News.

### RELEASED ON BOND FOR CHARGE OF FORGERY

Sam Wofford, recently arrested in Spur by Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood, charged with raising a check at Girard in Kent county, was released in that county last week under a \$750.00 bond to await the action of the grand jury.

Wofford denies having raised the check as charged.

### BAKER FAMILY REUNION AT LOCKNEY LAST WEEK

The Baker family held a reunion here at the J. A. Baker home Monday and Tuesday of this week and a most enjoyable time was spent by all participating. Those in attendance were:

Mrs. E. E. Holmes, and Mrs. Shannon of Hamilton, mother and sister of Mr. Baker; France and Dr. Charley Baker of Hamilton; Dr. Willie and John Baker and little daughter of Dallas; Norton Baker, wife and daughter of Spur.

With Mr. and Mrs. Baker's children and grand children there were 35 present at the Baker home for the reunion.

The visitors left for their respective homes Wednesday.—Lockney Beacon.

### SHOOTING SCRAPE NEAR AFTON OCCURS TUESDAY

Tuesday of this week a shooting scrape occurred five or six miles northwest of Afton between Messrs. Durham and Garrison, who had recently purchased adjoining farms, in that section. The report says that differences came up between the two men with reference to the dividing line fence, work being in progress on the fence at the time of the shooting. It is stated that Mr. Durham was driving along the fence line in his wagon and as he approached the place where Mr. Garrison was at work the latter opened fire with a 30-30 striking Durham in the body and arm and also killing one of the mules hitched to the wagon.

An examining trial was had Thursday in Dickens and Mr. Garrison made bond to await grand jury action.

Mr. Durham is said to be severely wounded but will recover if no complications set up in the wounds.

It is claimed that both men were armed and expecting trouble. However, since Durham was shot in the arm he could not handle his gun, dropping it in the bed of the wagon, it is alleged.

### GERMAN SUBMARINES CONTINUE A MENACE

European countries now admit that the German submarine warfare has been destroying ships faster than they can be built and that unless the United States can build ships for immediate use in the war zone the situation will become most serious for the allies.

Since the United States has declared a state of war exists, a number of American ships carrying cargoes have been destroyed.

### MAIZE AND KAFFIR FLOUR MILL WANTED IN SPUR

Editor Texas Spur: It is well known that a maize and kaffir blend makes good and wholesome flour. In order to get by the high cost of flour and establish a permanent and profitable enterprise in Spur, we beg to ask what patriot will step to the front and put in a mill ready for the next crop.

Coleman county has organized to put in a cheap flour mill for maize and kaffir and we feel sure no county excels Dickens and adjoining counties in the production of maize and kaffir.—F. N. Oliver.

### AIRSHIPS WARNED IN FLYING OVER DICKENS

Sheriff Collier has issued a warning that all unidentified airships flying over Dickens county will be fired upon and destroyed, in view of the warning conditions and the danger attached to permitting belligerent airship to operate promiscuously in this territory.

### NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Spur May 24-25. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Morris.

### SHERIFF COLLIER GETS A TELEGRAM FOR WAR

This week Sheriff Collier received a telegram from Governor Ferguson advising him to get in communication with the County Judge, County Clerk and Precinct Election Officers with a view of enrolling the names of all Dickens county people subject to military service. Congress has passed the "conscription" bill, the ages of men to be selected for military service being from twenty one years to twenty nine years of age. The administration is now planning to drill the armies for service in Europe, and within the year to ship them to Europe to engage in the greatest slaughter of men the world has ever known.

### NEW CITY OFFICERS INSTALLED FRIDAY

Mayor Jones and Commissioners Link and Godfrey were installed last Friday. Appointments have been made as follows: City Secretary and Recorder, E. J. Cowan; City Attorney, B. D. Glasgow; City Engineer, Chas. Whitener; City Health Officer, Dr. J. E. Morris; Superintendent Water works, J. I. Mecom; Public Scavenger, J. H. McMichael.

Spur is fortunate indeed in having two such men as Judge Cowan and Mr. Luck to allow their names to be submitted by their friends as applicants for the Secretaryship. Both men are well qualified. Mr. Oscar Jackson, who has been the Secretary for six years, was not an applicant for the appointment.

A statement of the City's financial condition is being prepared by Mr. Jackson, to be published at an early date.

Judge Cowan's duties date from June 1st. He is also appointed City Tax Assessor and Collector. Renditions should be made to him promptly after that date.

Stated Council Meetings will be held at 8 o'clock p. m. on the last Monday night of each month at the office of the City Secretary in the Cowan building. The Board wishes announcement made to the fact that suggestions for the betterment of the City's welfare will be gladly received.

### J. C. MILLER BOUGHT BACK PRODUCE HOUSE

Last week a deal was consummated whereby J. C. Miller purchased the White Produce Company in Spur and will hereafter again manage a produce business in Spur. Recently Mr. Miller sold his business, then known as the Spur Produce Company, to the White Company. We are glad to welcome Mr. Miller back to Spur.

### FRENCH AND ENGLISH WAR HEADS VISIT U. S.

A commission composed of the heads of military action in Europe are now in America to advise with President Wilson concerning the preparations of the United States to enter the war on European soil. They are anxious that American armies be sent over there as soon as possible and state that the war will be long and bloody, requiring every resource in men and money.

### SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES REMAIN NEUTRAL

Both Brazil and Argentina have issued proclamations that strict neutrality will be observed with respect to countries, including the United States, now warring against Germany. During the session of the National Congress in Argentina several fights occurred and the session was stormy throughout.

Notwithstanding the declarations of neutrality, we believe that every country in the world will be pulled into this war sooner or later.

### CAPITAL FOR TEXAS LOAN BANK ARRIVES

Houston, April 29.—Judge S. A. Lindsey, treasurer of the Federal farm loan board of Houston, received the initial capital stock of \$750,000.00 of that institution Saturday, and so far as the funds of the bank are concerned it is now ready for business. The capital stock has been placed on deposit in the several banks of Houston.

### REVIVAL MEETING IN SPUR LARGELY ATTENDED

The revival meeting at the First Christian Church has been drawing large crowds all this week and the interest grows as Rev. Lernay, in his forceful way, explains the Bible and why you should become a christian. Rev. Lernay will continue his sermons until May 13, closing on that date. Few men are better qualified than Rev. Lernay to fulfill the tasks assigned our ministers. He is a strong and forceful Bible man and all who have listened to him feel like it is a well-spent hour attending his services. Everybody is invited to attend and bring your friends with you.

### WILL PUT IN ANOTHER GIN THIS FALL IN SPUR

J. H. Biggs and R. R. Johns left Spur Tuesday for Fort Worth and Dallas where they will attend the ginners' convention and also to buy ginning machinery and equipments for another gin to be established in Spur and put in operation in time for the fall ginning. They plan to put in one of the finest gins in all of western Texas.

### MILK COWS BRING IN MONEY ON FARM

Mrs. J. C. Ward, of five and one-half miles south of town, has made and sold to the merchants of Spur since January 1, three hundred and fifty pounds of butter. The price received was 30 to 35 cents per pound. During the month of January she made and sold 138 pounds at 35 cents per pound from three Jersey cows. She has also sold forty dollars worth of chickens and eggs. Mrs. Ward has a cream separator and the milk after it is separated has more than paid for half of the feed the cows ate in the way of feed for pigs and calves. Mr. Ward bought his cows from Mr. Abercrombie north of town and paid \$65.00 a piece for them. It pays to feed your cows good.

### BIG RANCH DEAL MADE BY RANCHMEN IN KENT

The largest cattle deal pulled off in this section for some time was consummated last week when W. B. Rogers purchased from his father, N. N. Rogers, all of his fine herd of cattle and ranch supplies, taking a lease on the ranch land consisting of 7,000 acres for a period of two years. This is said to be the best herd of cattle in Garza county. Mr. Rogers intends to take a vacation for a while, but we predict that he will soon get tired of playing and pine for the association of a white face that he can call his own.—Post City Post.

### CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE SPUR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday night of this week the closing exercises of the Spur High School were had at the school auditorium, the program being as follows:

Invocation by Rev. Kercheville.

Salutatory by Miss Minnie Lee Springer.

Vocal solo by Miss Erma Baker.

Oration, "The Development of American Political Parties", by Scott Johnson.

Vocal solo, by Miss Baxter.

Oration, "Why America Entered the War," by Huddle Cloud.

Violin solo by E. C. Edmonds.

Valedictory by Walter Craddock.

Educational address to the graduates by Dr. Sandefer.

Vocal solo, Mrs. Dickson.

Delivery of Diplomas to the graduates by Superintendent T. A. Tunnell, the members of the class being Walter Craddock, Scott Johnson, Huddle Cloud and Miss Minnie Lee Springer.

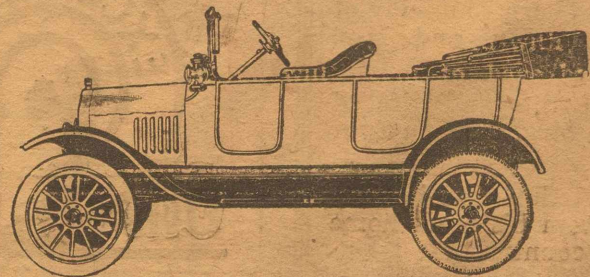
The exercises were most interesting and entertaining, and the members of the graduating class are congratulated in the successful attainments in the school room.

### \$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.

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Touring Car, 360; Roadster, \$345 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

**I**N 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.

L. W. Bilberry, of near Gilpin, came in Wednesday to attend the farmers meeting.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

J. E. Burton was in Spur Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country.

Doc Edwards was here Saturday from his farm home in the Croton country.

Hamp Collett, of three miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

M. C. Hobson was in Spur Saturday from his farm home four miles north of the city.

Dr. Pearce, of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday, spending several hours here on business.

B. B. Peacock, of Peacock, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. D. Thacker, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

J. A. Murchison and little son, of the Draper country, were in Spur Saturday.

Two Stag hounds, 1 year old, for sale cheap. Call at Texas Spur office. ltp.

Earl Wright, of north of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

The Misses Adams, of Red Hill, were in Spur Wednesday shopping.

Ed Lisenby, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

A girl was born Thursday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jopling.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in Spur Saturday.

Tom McArthur was in Spur Saturday from his farm home in the Tap country.

D. D. Hagins, of the Duck Creek country was among the large number of farmers in the city on Thursday to attend a meeting of the Federal Farm Loan Association.

A good double Spaulding buggy to sell at a bargain. Call at Texas Spur office.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, were here Saturday.

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

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

Jim Perkins, of the Tap section of country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

A. Fry, prominent ranchman of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday.

J. H. Boothe was in the city Tuesday from his farm home near Spur.

Dick Sampson and wife, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, were in the city Tuesday.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

W. W. Garner was in Spur Tuesday from the Spring Creek Farm and Ranch.

A. S. Jackson and J. B. Conner, of Dickens, will leave this week for Arizona to look over that country and secure land on which to establish a ranch.

### WHO WAS TO BLAME?

A dry goods merchant was starting down town when his wife reminded him of his most important duty during the day: "Now, my dear, be sure and send to the city for the new Stanhope, so we can have it by Sunday."

Just a few blocks away, the merchant who handles vehicles and implements, was sitting at breakfast with his family. The conversation drifted around to the near approach of school. "And that reminds me, John," said the lady who sat at the head of the table, "I must go to the city not later than next week. I must get school clothes and see about a suit for myself, and while there perhaps, I had better see about a new rug and some lace curtains."

An hour later a leading grocer stepped into the bank to buy a draft which he was going to send to a catalog house for a swell bedroom suite. "How's business?" asked the banker. "Oh, not so good," replied the grocer. Things are dull just now.

Before the banker had finished writing the draft a dapper young man with a grin stepped

up and asked how everything was. The banker seemed to be glad to see him. He was representative of a large printing establishment in another state. He and the banker chatted pleasantly for a few minutes, after which the young man inquired casually of his friend behind the window if he wanted anything. "Well, yes," replied the banker. "I believe I do. Print us 5,000 drafts, 5,000 checks and 2,000 letter heads."

That night the local business men held a meeting at the town hall to discuss the growth of the mail order evil. All the gentlemen mentioned in the narrative delivered short addresses. They agreed that the farmers were guilty of treason to the home merchants when they persisted in buying their goods from the mail order houses, and the meeting closed by adopting strong resolutions against trading away from home.—Exchange.

A. A. Allen was in Spur last week from his home in that fine Croton country.

3 rooms, furnished or unfurnished, to rent.—Mrs. A. T. Odeneal.

### FACTS

Scotch whisky comes from Pennsylvania.

Turkish cigarettes come from Virginia.

French china comes from Ohio.

Persian rugs come from Massachusetts.

Russian caviare come from Michigan.

English herrings come from Oregon.

Norwegian sardines come from Maine.

Havana tobacco comes from Kentucky.

Irish linen comes from New York.

Johnson Hunter was in Spur Tuesday from his home five miles east of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor left Wednesday of this week for an extended visit to their children in Erath county.

Mrs. A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday and spent a few hours in the city shopping and visiting her friends.

W. F. Cathey, prominent and successful farmer of a few miles north of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

George Renfro came in Saturday from his ranch home a few miles east of Spur and spent a short time in the city on business.

J. A. Kerley, of several miles east of town, came in Wednesday and spent several hours here attending the farmers meeting and on other business.

Dan Davis, of Roaring Springs, was brought to Spur where he underwent a successful operation Tuesday for appendicitis at the Standifer hospital, and at this time he is reported doing nicely, we are glad to note.

Mrs. B. B. Peacock, of Peacock, was brought to Spur last week and was operated upon at the Standifer Hospital Friday. She is now reported doing nicely, we are glad to note.



### TO AIM AT THE MARK

is not always to hit it, but we are continually scoring bullseyes in the way of low prices, high quality goods and quick service. We have a good many customers but we are always looking for more, and if you have never bought your groceries of us, we extend to you an invitation to begin to day. We'll appreciate it.

## BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY



# Bevo

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## A BEVERAGE



### Watch !!!

We make a prediction—watch for its fulfillment. For some years, various and sundry concerns have been making beverages which are grouped under the general description of "near-beer."

Now comes Bevo—a cereal beverage, not a "near-beer," nor do we seek its sale on any basis of being an evasion of the law or of being a substitute for anything. It is offered purely for what it is—a delightful, wholesome and nutritious drink.

Bevo met with instant and complete success. A whirlwind success. Surely there must be something special about

Bevo that has won this success. That something is not the shape of the bottle or the beauty of the label but the goodness of the contents of the bottle.

We anticipate some beverages will be offered in a way to make the appearance of the package look as much like the Bevo bottle as possible. The intention is obvious.

But you don't taste the shape of a bottle—it's the flavor of the contents of the bottle that you must depend upon for enjoyment.

Then beware of impersonators—don't be satisfied to try to identify Bevo by the shape of the bottle alone—

### Look !!

There are these certain identification marks that are your protection against imitations. Not just imitations of the product, remember—but those more insinuating imitations which try to deceive you by putting an old failure into a bottle similar to a new success. So look for these unmistakable marks of the genuine Bevo—demand that the bottle be opened in front of you, then—



Look for the Seal →

See that it is unbroken covering the Crown Top  
Look at the Crown Top, and see that it bears the Fox  
Be sure the Bottle bears this Label

Have you tasted Bevo? Then you know that nothing can satisfactorily take its place. If you haven't tasted it you should learn what it is and all that it offers you.

Bevo is an all-year-round drink. You cannot enjoy Dutch lunches, Welsh rarebits, oysters, clams, lobsters, sausage, cheese, and many other such delicious edibles without partaking of a little Bevo. Give it a trial and see if this prediction is not true.

### Listen!

Bevo is a pure drink; is strictly non-intoxicating. This means more than that it contains pure and harmless ingredients—it means that though you might often well be afraid of possible germs in milk or water, Bevo, being a pasteurized product in sterilized bottles, is absolutely free from bacteria.

Bevo is a nutritive beverage—the fine cereals from which it is made give it this quality.

Bevo is a delightful and refreshing soft drink—unlike any you have ever tasted—indeed a Triumph in Soft Drinks.

You should hear the comments of people who have tasted and who know Bevo. They all—

men, women and children—have a good word to say about Bevo's good qualities. We feel that we can say this with assurance, not only because of the wonderful sale we have had on Bevo but because of letters on letters received, congratulating us on the product.

You can't get these good qualities in anything but Bevo—demand the genuine.

You will find Bevo at inns, cafeterias, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, soda fountains, dipping cars, steamships, canteens, soldiers' homes, navy, and other places where refreshing beverages are sold. Your grocer will supply you by the case.

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Work delivered the following day after received.

**W. H. BLACK**  
Spur, Texas

Bert Duncan and family were in Spur Sunday.

J. W. Baker left Tuesday for Dallas to attend the ginners' convention.

Bill McArthur and family, of the Tap country, were among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

Esquire George Snodgrass, of Dickens, was a visitor to Spur Tuesday, spending a few hours in the city covering with his many friends.

Mat Howell, of Red Mud, was a visitor to Spur Saturday.

Lost—A roll of linoleum, between Spur and my ranch.—Notify Tom Owens. 1tp.

Witt Springer left Spur Tuesday for enlistment in the training camp for regular army service.

Miss Kittie Powell, who is teaching school at McAdoo, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell, Saturday and Sunday.

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday.

L. C. Arrington, of a few miles west of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. M. Austin, of the Afton country, was among the large number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

We are glad to note that the children of W. S. Hunter, who have been quite sick of measles and pneumonia, are now convalescent.

#### Dr. G. P. Stoker

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**LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LOUNSBURY**

Justice Walter Lloyd Smith, presiding over the third department of the appellate division of the supreme court, read, at a recent meeting of the New York University law school alumni association, the following and remarkable document, the last will and testament of Charles Lounsbury, who died in the Cook county asylum at Dhnning, Ill.:

"I, Charles Lounsbury, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do hereby make and publish this, my last will and testament, in order as justly as may be to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

"That part of my interest which is known in law and recognized in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of no account, I make no disposal of in this my will.

"My right to live, being but a life estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath—

"Item: I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement, and all quaint pet names and endearments, and I charge said parents to use them justly and generously, as the needs of their children may require.

"Item: I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every, the flowers of the fields, and the blossoms of the woods, with the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns. And I devise to children the banks of the brooks, and the golden sands beneath the waters there of, and the white clouds that float high over the giant trees. And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways and the nights and the moon and the train of the Milky Way to wonder at, but subject nevertheless to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

"Item: I devise to boys jointly all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played; and all pleasant water where one may swim; all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all the streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate; to have and to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all meadows with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereon, the woods and their appurtenances, the squirrels and birds and echoes and strange noises, and all distant places which may be visited, together with all the adventures to be found there. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night, with all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to enjoy without let or hindrance and without any incumbrance of care.

"Item: To lovers, I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need; as the stars of the sky; the red roses of the wall; the bloom of the hawthorn; the sweet strains of music, and aught else by which they may desire to figure

to each other the lastingness and beauty of their love.

"Item: To young men jointly, I devise and bequeath all boisterous, inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness and undaunted confidence in their own strength, though they are rude, I give them the power to make lasting friendships, and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all the merry songs and brave chorus, to sing with lusty voices.

"Item: To those who are no longer children, or youths, or lovers, I leave memory and bequeath to them the volumes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live over the old days again, freely and fully, without tithes or diminution.

"Item: To our loved ones with snowy crowns I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love of their children and their gratitude until they fall asleep."

**CHAUTAUQUA INDORSED BY GREAT AMERICANS**

Chautauqua "the Most American Thing In America."

Dr. George W. Truett says, "I believe thoroughly in the proposed co-operative Chautauqua movement, both for its educational and inspirational features."

Elbert Hubbard said, "Had my foresight in 1880 been equal to my hindsight in 1909 I would have dedicated my life to the Chautauqua idea."

Thomas Edison graduated in the literary work of the Home Chautauqua and kept on reading until his diploma was well high covered with seals.

William Howard Taft last year gave a large part of his vacation to the Chautauqua platform, to his own personal delight and to the betterment of his audiences.

William Jennings Bryan in one Texas town drew enough receipts at the rate to pay the whole expense of the Chautauqua.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "The Chautauqua is the most American thing in America."

President Wilson, Vice President Woodrow Wilson, Senator La Follette, and many others who are listed as "Great Americans" have endorsed the Chautauqua movement their endorsement.

**DISTRICT COURT WILL MEET AT MATADOR**

District Court will convene Monday in Matador with Judge Mlam presiding and Attorney Bell prosecuting.

There are a number of cases on the docket to be tried, one of the number being that of C. I. Cannon which has been in the court here for the past five or six years.

John Law, of north of Afton, was in Spur Thursday.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday.

Pure Mebane Cotton seed can be secured at the lowest prices at the Spot Cash Grocery.

**SEASON TICKETS FOR CHAUTAUQUA**

Can Be Purchased Only From the Local Committee.

A number of our enterprising citizens have made the coming of the Chautauqua to our city possible by guaranteeing that our people would purchase a certain number of season tickets. These tickets have all been placed in the hands of the local committee, and none will be sold by the bureau at any price.

If you buy season tickets for your family you will do two things. You will save money for yourself over the price of the single admissions, and you will have the right to have your name listed among the real boosters for the town. The local committee will make a general canvass for tickets in a few days. Be ready to purchase when they call.

**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH RESPECTED**

Co-operative Chautauqua Bureau Conducts No Assemblies on Sunday.

The Chautauqua movement grew out of a religious idea—really as a sort of Sunday School Normal Institute. It was natural, therefore, that it should run on Sunday the same as on a week day. In the evolution of the movement the moral idea has been retained, but the strictly religious idea has given way to education and entertainment.

With this evolution there has arisen in many localities the question as to the wisdom of Sunday programs, which do sometimes wound the sensibilities of some. A few bureaus, and among them the co-operative, have decided against Sunday programs, believing that they want not only to "shun the very appearance of evil," but that the talent will do very much better work if they have the opportunity to rest on Sunday, according to nature's laws.

**POWHATTAN HOLDS CHAUTAUQUA RECORD**

Every Family but Three Has Chautauqua Season Tickets.

Powhattan, Kan., holds the Chautauqua record for 1916. Every family in town but three bought season tickets. This shows something of the hold that this form of amusement and instruction has upon the people. What other form of social activity can claim as near a unanimity as that? The circus in its palmest days never thought of getting more than one attendance to the main show, with a lesser fee for a concert and side show. But here the Chautauqua sells its season tickets at \$1.50 to \$3, and at this Kansas town all but three families have season tickets.

Elk Lick, Pa., is a town of 1,000 people, and yet the committee sold 1,300 season tickets for their Chautauqua at \$2 each. This shows the splendid efficiency of the local ticket committee. Practically every farmer for miles around had one or more season tickets for his family.

**\$10,000 STOCK OF HARDWARE**

Bought at the OLD PRICES and we are offering you this stock for the present at very Attractive Prices.

We want to see all of you in our Big New Store

**Spur Hdw. Co.**  
Spur, Texas

**PROTEST RESUBMISSION OF THE A. & M. BILLS**

A meeting was held in Lubbock April 23rd and attended by representatives from a number of plains towns, protesting against the resubmission of a bill heretofore passed by the legislature creating a West Texas A. & M. College.

All of West Texas wants the A. & M. College, and will be greatly disappointed if the bill to create this college is killed.

**ERNEST GADY KILLED BY LIGHTNING MONDAY**

Ernest Gaddy, formerly of near McAdoo, on the plains, was killed Monday at his farm home in Jones county.

Mr. Gaddy was the son of J. W. Gaddy, of near McAdoo, and leaves a wife and child. He and family moved the first of the year to Jones county where he was making a crop this year.

**COUNTY COURT TO MEET IN CLAIREMONT MONDAY**

County Court of Kent county will convene Monday, May 7th, in Clairemont, and a number of cases are on the docket to be tried at this term.

**GERMAN SUBMARINES ARE GREAT DESTROYERS**

It is estimated by state authorities that the German submarines have destroyed four hundred thousand tons of shipping within one week's time.

It is fully realized by the allied countries that such destruction, if not averted, would terminate in subjection of the opposing forces.

There is no question now in the minds of the countries at war with Germany that it will require even years and millions of lives and billions of money to handle the warring situation of the allied countries.

L. H. Edwards was in Spur Thursday.

**FOOD SPECULATOR AND DEALER TO BE REGULATED**

Chicago, April 7.—The new commercial economy board of the United States government intends to compel dealers in the necessities of life to trade fairly with the producer and consumer.

Speculation in food and the standard commodities will not be permitted; the commission intends to instruct the business men how best and most economically to distribute their supplies. Price regulation as well as the conservation of necessities will be reduced to a scientific basis. The producer will be instructed in the most approved methods of management with a view of lessening the initial cost of raising or manufacturing supplies for consumption or other uses.

The details of these commercial innovations have all been worked out by Archibald W. Shaw, chairman of the commission, and will be put in effect as soon as possible.

It was learned here today that Mr. Shaw contemplates perfecting the following program:

1. To find in detail what it costs to do business in the United States in all lines of trade.
2. When the facts of production are established including all details to set a fair price at which commodities may be sold.
3. To offer aid to all business firms to reduce their operating expenses.
4. To improve on the best methods in use among American business men.

**FARMERS LOAN ASS'N. HOLD MEETING IN SPUR**

The members of Federal Farm Loan Association of Dickens County held a meeting in Spur Wednesday for the purpose of completing the organization and to file applications for loans.

The associations proposes to loan money to farmers on low interest and long term payments, with farm land as security.

Chas. Whitener recently purchased the G. E. Nicholson residence in Spur. He is now remodeling and making additions to the place, converting it into one of the most attractive homes in Spur.

Dan S. Elliot, general superintendent of the Gospel Rescue Workers of Fort Worth, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday, holding services on the streets. He reports that Spur contributed during the year \$25.65 to this work. Spur people are liberal along all lines.

Jake Scott, of Afton, was in the city Thursday.

**BANK BUSINESS WORLD**

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

turns on the bank account. If you have a good commercial bank to fall back upon and refer to, your chances of success are very much enhanced. Why not open an account with us, and get your check-book at once? We are ready to accommodate you today. What's the use of putting it off until tomorrow?

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

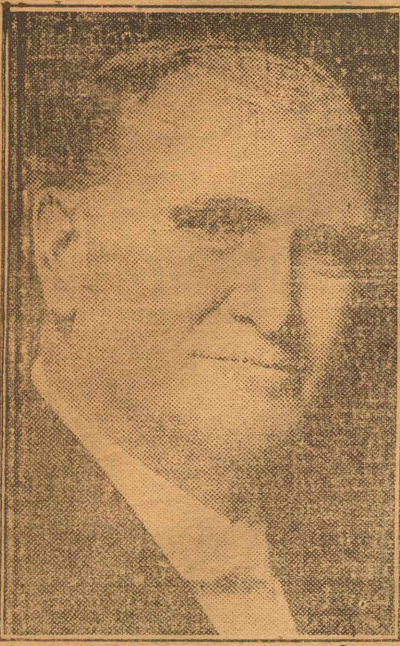
**THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS**

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



# SPUR CHATAUQUA MAY 12th, 14th AND 15th.

DR. H. W. SEARS.



Dr. H. W. Sears, sometimes spoken of as "The Taffy Man," "The Laughing Philosopher," is one of the most popular and best loved men on the public platform. It has been reported that his lectures are a "remedy for dyspepsia, despondency, worry—in fact, for almost every human fault, and that the medicine is as palatable as ever mortal swallowed." To hear him is to discover that life is worth living, that joy can be found in every day life no matter where we may be and that there is a place for everybody. Dr. Sears will lecture on the third day of the Chautauqua.

## SPREADING OUT THE CIVIL SERVICE

Postmaster General Burleson has announced that the president has decided to put all first, second and third class postmasters under the civil service by an executive order, to become effective on the 1st of April. President Taft, before he left his office, placed the fourth class postmasters within the rule, and if the president sticks to his determination, all postmasters hereafter will be appointed by competitive examination instead of by political preferment.

The change will be almost revolutionary in its effect upon local political machines throughout the country. And, as explained by the postmaster general, the effect will be felt speedily, for the president's plan is not to include present incumbents, but to have examinations for each office as the terms of incumbents expire. Congressmen said they doubted if a tenth of the postmasters could pass the civil service examinations, and that the effect of the order would be an immediate downfall of political fences throughout the country.

Congressmen, in discussing the matter, are plainly disturbed at the effect of the coming order. Heretofore, they have regarded postmasterships as rewards for their supporters, who have been regarded as the local political leaders of the party in power, or at least as the local workers for the congressmen that procured their appointments. In congressional minds, that is where the shoe pinches.

The postmaster general is prepared for clamorous expressions of disapproval. He points out to alarmed congressmen that in the end the change will work to their advantage, because they would thereafter be saved the embarrassment and labor of having to choose postmasters from among their active constituents. Many congressmen have said that the distribution of patronage was their hardest task. Some have settled rivalries by the flip of a coin. As outlined, the plan is for the efficiency of the service and to remove it from political influences.

### SACKS WANTED!

Burlap sacks wanted—leave the holes at home—good prices paid.—Farmers Wagon Yard, 26-4t.

## EDUCATE MORE FARMERS

It is becoming to be recognized as a most obvious fact that if we as a people are again to put our country on an equitable living basis we must educate more farmers. Not educate more farmer boys for professions, but educate more boys for farmers.

From the incipency of the public school up to within the last decade the entire trend of education has been away from the farm and toward the professions. Even the manual training schools have tended to swell the ranks of the mechanical trades at the expense of the farms.

No nation can achieve permanent prosperity without a great and prosperous farming class. When the farm decays the nation deteriorates. Our farms are the very life and heart of our country.

Some, though, may ask how we are to educate more farmers.

Very simple. Make every free school in the land primarily an agricultural school, and a literary school as a secondary matter. Belles letters is not the crowning necessity of existence. Bread and meat are.

But, you may ask, if all the boys are educated to a farmer's life, what of the professions?

There will always be some who, by natural fitness, will gravitate to the professions, enough to keep their ranks recruited. As a matter of fact, these same professions could spare half of their present members and not suffer in the least.

Educate farmers. The farms are suffering for them, and the professions and trades are now overburdened with them.—Ex.

## FINE JACK AND HORSE

Black Mammoth Jack, 3 years old, 14 hands 2 1/2 inches high, and Percheron Horse, 5 years old in June, weight 1,300. Will stand them at \$10.00 to insure.—W. R. Finch on Gipsion place. 24-3mo-2

South front rooms to rent—Mrs. F. N. Oliver. 26-2t.

John King made a business trip to Memphis this week.

Offices in the Wendell Building \$6.00 per month. Apply to Stamford & Northwestern Town Site Company. 25-4t.

Lyceum Tuesday evening, May 8th. Wagner-Wright Co. Admission 50 cents. Season ticket 75 cents at Gem Theatre after picture show.

R. E. Brannen, cashier of the Swenson Bank, was in the city of Spur this week visiting his brothers. Mr. Brannen will make a trip to Alabama to accompany his mother back to Texas. Mrs. Brannen has been visiting relatives in that state that past several months.

## MR. GALE IN SIOUX COSTUME.



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gale, who will appear on the afternoon and night of the second day of the Chautauqua, are gifted musicians and splendid entertainers. The Gales are an authority on the music of the American Indian. Their collection of Indian musical instruments is one of the largest and finest in the world. The striking costumes and a perfect museum of Indian relics will prove of intense interest. Their exclusive programs are highly educational and sure to instruct and entertain the audiences from the oldest person to the youngest boy and girl.

## CROP PLANTING NOW ON IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

The planting of feed stuff and some cotton is now in progress throughout the great Spur country, and thousands of acres of land have already been planted. However, many farmers are of the opinion that now is not the proper time for planting and are waiting for warmer weather and another rain before planting.

All farmers, however, are observing the patriotic spirit in planting more food and feed crops to supply home consumption and the world at large, not one being uneasy concerning an overproduction in his line.

B. G. Ford, of Draper, was in Spur Thursday.

For Sale—S. C. Black Minorca eggs. \$1.50 for 15.—Mrs. Ed Hufstедler. 26-4tp.

Pure Mebane Cotton seed can be secured at the lowest prices at the Spot Cash Grocery.

Mrs. E. Haase, of near Spur, was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Thursday, leaving two dollars and a quarter with us for her renewal subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News one year. Mrs. Haase has been sick of fever the past year and we are glad to note that she is now recovered.

## BEGIN WAR ON FLIES NOW

Here are some plain facts about this deadly pest which ought to convince everyone of the necessity of destroying the disease spreaders before hot weather comes.

1. **Where is the house fly born?** In filth, chiefly horse manure and out houses.

2. **How long is the life cycle of his birth?** About ten days from the time the egg is laid until the manure fly is born.

3. **What are the steps in the transformation from the egg to the fly?** The egg, the maggot, the pupa, the fly.

4. **Where does the fly live?** Where there is filth.

5. **Is there anything too filthy for the fly to eat?** No.

6. **Does the fly like clean food, too?** Yes, and it appears to be his delight to wipe his feet on clean food.

7. **Where is his favorite place of feeding?** The manure heap, the garbage can, the privy vault, and the spittoon.

8. **Where does the fly go after leaving the manure heap, the garbage can, the privy and the spittoon?** Into the kitchen, dining room and bedroom.

9. **What does he do in the kitchen, dining room and bedroom?** He wipes his feet on the food, bathes in the milk, and annoys the sleeper.

10. **Does the fly visit those sick with typhoid fever, consumption, smallpox and cholera infantum?** It certainly does, and may call on you next.

11. **Is the fly dangerous?** Yes, he spreads disease.

12. **How does he spread disease?** By carrying infection on his legs and wings, and by "fly specks" after he has been feeding on infectious material.

13. **What diseases may the fly thus carry?** He may convey typhoid fever, tuberculosis, cholera, dysentery and "summer complaint."

14. **Did the fly ever kill any one?** He killed more American soldiers in the Spanish-American war than the bullets of the Spaniards, and was the direct cause of much of the typhoid fever in the United States last year.

15. **Where are the greatest number of cases of typhoid fever and summer complaint?** Where there are the most flies.

16. **Where are the most flies?** Where there is most filth.

17. **Is the presence of flies, therefore, an indication of filth nearby?** It most certainly is, and that is disgraceful.

18. **How may we successfully fight the fly?** By destroying or removing his breeding place, the manure pile, removing all garbage and making the privy vault fly-proof, and by keeping our yard and alley as

possible; by screening windows by the use of wire screens and sticky flypaper.

KENNARD BARRADELL.



Mr. Barradell, tenor and director of the Hinshaw Conservatory Party, has had wide experience in operatic work as a singer, stage manager and musical coach. He has sung with the Aborn Opera Company, the Hinshaw Opera Company and the College Theater Opera Company in Chicago. In addition to the operatic work Mr. Barradell specializes in a style of song rather different and amusing in the contents.

## FARMERS MEETING HELD AT DRAPER MONDAY

A meeting of farmers was held Monday night at Draper for the purpose of discussing the proposition of raising more food and feed this year, and this plan was adopted. A number of Spur citizens attended the meeting.

The proposition of raising more food and feed is not only a county wide but a nation wide campaign, and the people are responding in a noble manner. Every man realizes that the farmers are the dependence of the warring nations at this time.

Red Top Cane Seed, the very bet, at Spot Cash Grocery.

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday.

Pure Mebane Cotton seed can be secured at the lowest prices at the Spot Cash Grocery.

Miss Pirkle, of Afton, was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week for an operation. We hope to soon note her complete recovery.

E. H. Blakley, of near Afton, called at the Texas Spur office Thursday and had the Texas Spur sent to E. S. Blakley at Encinoso, New Mexico, also had the Dallas News sent in our combination offer for the two.

## NINE OPERATIONS AT THE STANDIFER HOSPITAL.

Nine operations were performed this week by Dr. Standifer at the Standifer Hospital, as recorded elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur. Each one of the patients are doing nicely, every operation being a success in every particular. Dr. Standifer is recognized throughout the country as one of the best and most successful surgeons of the country, and has established the reputation of Spur as a leader in surgery.

No town offers better facilities in surgery than Spur.

Big, fine large tent for sale at attractive price. Call on J. I. Mecom at City Water Station. 2

Mrs. J. I. Greer returned the latter part of last week from Ballinger where she had been to visit her mother who returned home with her and will spend some time on the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch west of Spur.

# WAR PRICES? NO!

I have some MISFITS or uncalled for Suits which I am going to sell for \$12.50. Just think about a Tailor-Made Suit for Less than the goods cost. Now is the time to save money.

Let me take your order for that new suit. Dress up and forget about War Prices. You will live until You die anyway.

Make My Shop Your Headquarters When In Town. You Are Welcome.

## FELLMY, The Tailor That Satisfies

WE KLEAN, PRESS, REPAIR AND REMAKE ANYTHING IN LADIES OR GENTS KLOTHES  
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**PLEASED PATRONS**  
 point out this particular pleasing eating house of all-round excellence. Not only are we known as a steak and a chop house; we're an all-round restaurant that makes a specialty of every dish on our bill of fare. Just look at our bill of fare and see the endless variety.

**IF YOU ARE EXTRA HARD TO PLEASE**

AND WANT THE BEST OF FOODS AND WANT THEM PREPARED IN THE MOST DELICIOUS MANNER AND SERVED TO SUIT THE MOST FASTIDIOUS COME TO

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**  
 The State of Texas

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

Oath having been made as required by law, You are hereby commanded to summon W. F. Lake, and Anna M. Lake, Max Elser and The City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) by summoning its Directors or Trustees, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a news paper published in the nearest District to said 50th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens County, Texas, on the 4th Monday in May, A.D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1917 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 543, wherein R.C. Forbis is plaintiff, and W.F. Lake, and wife, Anna M. Lake, and the City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) are Defendants, and said petition alleging That here tofore, to wit; on or about Oct. 24th, 1899, Plaintiff purchased from F. Perkiewicz, Independent Executor of the Estate of Balbino Perkiewicz, the 640 acre tract of land hereinafter described, that said tract was purchased by Balbino Perkiewicz, at a sale under the terms of a Deed of Trust on the 7th day of September, 1893, for the purchase price of \$1000.00 cash out of her separate means that said Deed of Trust under which said foreclosure was had was given by the defendant W. F. Lake and his wife, Anna M. Lake, on June 21st, 1886, to J. Ferdinan Perkiewicz, to secure the payment 12 months after said date to Balbino Perkiewicz of the sum of \$1,500.00 with interest and that said foreclosure was had under the terms of said Deed of Trust, on account of the default made by the said W. F. Lake and Anna M. Lake in the payment of said sum above stated.

That said tract of land was patented to the Defendant W. F. Lake as assignee of R. T. Co., on March 21st, 1879, by virtue of Patent No. 562, Vol. 31.

That on the 7th day of August 1891, the Defendant, Max Elser, caused to be levied on said land a writ of attach-

ment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas in a suit pending against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$3000.00 the return on said attachment being recorded in the attachment lien records of Dickens County, Texas, in book No. 1, on Page one, and that thereafter on the 22nd day of August, 1891, The Defendant City National Bank of Fort Worth, had levied upon said land a writ of attachment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, in a suit pending against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$7000.00 and the return of said attachment being recorded in the records of attachment liens of Dickens County, Texas, in Book No. 1, on page Two.

That said Deed made by the substitute under said Deed of Trust, aforesaid, to said Balbino Perkiewicz, conveying said tract of land hereinafter described, through an error either in drawing said deed or in the recording of the same recited the names of the Grantors in said deed of trust as W. F. Babe and Anna Babe, referring to the same by date and the book and page where the same appears of record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, that said names were in fact and should have appeared in said deed as W. F. Lake, and Anna M. Lake.

That upon the dates of the two levys of attachment on said tract of land said Deed of Trust heretofore referred to was a valid, subsisting and unsatisfied first lien against said tract of land and that said Deed of Trust is of Record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, in Vol. No. 1, on pages 113 and 114, having been filed for record on July 8th, 1891, and that since the recording of said attachment lien no effort has been made by the owners or holders thereof to foreclose or enforce the same, but the same constitutes with the errors referred to in said instrument a cloud upon Plaintiff's record title to said tract of land, which tract of land is sit-

uated in Dickens County, Texas, and known as Abstract No. 321, Cert. No. 52, Survey No. 3, Original Grantee Rusk Transportation Co. and patented to W. F. Lake Assignee of said R. T. Co. by Patent No. 562, Vol. 31, dated March 21st, 1879.

And the Plaintiff for further plea in his behalf says that he should have and recover said tract of land hereinbefore described from said Defendants for the reason that he claiming the same under deed duly registered, has had peaceful, continuous and adverse possession of all of said tract of land hereinbefore described using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes thereon for a period of more than five years, after any cause of action could have accrued to any of the defendants herein and before the commencement of this suit. And this he is ready to verify. Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court.

Also that he have judgment against the Defendants herein for the title and possession of said tract of land and that said attachment liens in so far as they constitute a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said tract of land be cancelled and held for naught and that said errors in said deed be corrected to remove any cloud from the record title of Plaintiff and for other, and further relief both General and Special in law and in equity for which Plaintiff will ever pray.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.

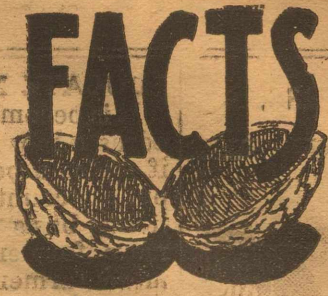
Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dickens this the 5th day of April, A. D. 1917.

M. Gay, Clerk, District Court, Dickens County. 24-4t.

**THE FIRST FLY**

Why, there's a fly! Seems kind o' good, doesn't it, to hear it buzzing around contentedly in that sunny window? It means that the spring has come. You are glad to see it, just as you welcome the crocuses and bluebirds. But wait a minute. Where did that fly come from? Not up from Florida with Gentle Sister South Wind, as did welcome Robin and winsome Bluebird. No, it hatched out of a muck heap, and it came right into the house without wiping its feet. And its mate will go back to the muck heap to lay more eggs, and by the time the hot days come the two will have some million descendants. And all of them will come into the house without wiping their feet, and they will leave filth and disease germs in your food. Spoils the romance, doesn't it? The fly is your enemy. Slay it!

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city recently. He has been quite sick at his home on Cat Fish and we are glad to note that he is able to be up and out again.



**Facts In A Nut-Shell**

THESE are days of Co-operation, Organization and Team-Work.  
 MAN can no longer Succeed all alone, unhelped and unhelping—nor does he wish to.  
 REAL SUCCESS now means Increased Usefulness.  
 A BANK ACCOUNT will Make You MORE USEFUL.

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

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

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**JOPLING BROTHERS**

**For All Kinds of Sheet Metal Work**

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

**A GOOD ADVERTISER.**

Some time since Mr. A. G. Ellet, president of the Ellet-Kendall Shoe Company, inserted an advertisement in one of the Kansas City papers to the effect that if the customer could not find what he wanted in Mr. Ellet's stock he should visit the stocks of Mr. Ellet's competitors, of which this wholesale merchant went on to say, he had several good ones.

This advertisement attracted considerable attention all over the country. The Boston Transcript had occasion to comment on it as representing a spirit good in advertising as well as in merchandising.

Chambers of commerce noted it as containing a thing for which Chambers of Commerce strive—co-operation in community building. The Kansas City Chamber of Commerce had it framed and hung on the walls of the assembly room.

Mr. Ellet's purpose in inserting the advertisement was simply to announce the change in his own business so that the people in this territory would know which one of the Ellet brothers remained in the old company. It fairly may be assumed that he would hardly devote a page advertisement solely to direct the attention of the trade to his competitors. For the purpose it was intended it was a cracking good advertisement. But it was good advertising for other reasons.

It directed attention by its very breadth to Mr. Ellet himself. Without particularly dwelling upon him, it put his personality to the fore; it kind of made the reader feel that the man who plugs for the market he is in and has a good word

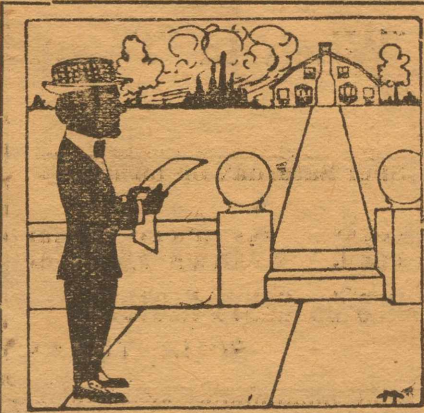
for those who are disputing trade with him won't lie about his goods and will stand back of what he says—whether it's about shoes or something else! It established an acquaintance between Mr. Ellet and his trade as well as an acquaintance between the shoe company and the trade—and that is always good advertising.

But it struck a higher note in advertising than this. Its liberal spirit advertised the town. It made people say, "If that's the kind of merchants Kansas City has it's a good place to go, it's a good place to buy any kind of goods." What a contrast a thing of this kind is to the spirit which is so often met in all communities of centering one's activities and concentrating one's thoughts on "my business." How often are we met by the expression "my business takes all my time," and what a narrow view of one's business this is. There are many men whose business absolutely depends upon community activity—depends upon the liberal community thought—depends upon what other men think and do towards general business—towards competitor's business and how often these men say, "I'm not interested in anything except my own business," and receive the benefit they get from community life as a matter of course, something that is due them because they do business strictly for themselves and attend strictly to their own business. Mr. Ellet's slogan is, "If you don't find what you want on the seventh floor of this building try our competitors, as we assure you we have two good ones, but buy it on the Kansas City market where you save time and transportation charges."

The man who wrote the advertisement in question was not complimenting the competitors of his firm just to be a good fellow. He was pulling for his town and thereby pulling for his firm.

W. J. Elliot was in Spur Tuesday on business.

J. H. McMichael enrolled for the Texas Spur Tuesday and for which he has our thanks. It is our desire to have every man in Dickens county read the Texas Spur. Will you help us?



**YOUR NEW HOME**

will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH-GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

Let us furnish you with the very best coal for your heaters and base burners. We also have blacksmith coal.

**P. H. MILLER, - - Spur, Texas**  
 Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal





**OUR BUILDING MATERIALS**

stand the TEST of experienced builders. Those who prefer uniform quality in building materials come to us. Lath, cement, shingles, roofing papers, etc., always here for quick delivery.

**BRAZELTON LUMBER COMP'Y**

**Money! Money!! Money!!!**

to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see **EDMONDS & HOGAN, Spur, Texas**

See D. H. Sullivan when you want oats and shelled corn. He has Mebane Cotton seed and red top cane seed, free from weevils for sale by J. H. Farmer. 26-2t

C. D. Copeland and wife, of a few miles east of Spur, were here Saturday.

Ben Clark, of the Midway country north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

Jim Walker and wife, of the Espuela country, were among the visitors in the city Saturday.

Will Watson and family, of nine miles east of Spur, are reported to be suffering of the measles.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill country, came in Tuesday and spent a short time in Spur on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall were among the large number of visitors to Spur Saturday, coming in from their home in the Steel Hill section.

W. M. Moore and wife were among the large number of visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday, coming in from their ranch home six miles west of the city.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday from his farm home several miles east of the city and spent a short time in Spur on business and trading with the merchants.

Carl Patton and Sherrod Williams left Wednesday for the purpose of enlisting for training at Leon Springs Camp preparatory to receiving officers' commissions later in the regular army service.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud country, was a visitor to Spur Saturday.

J. I. Greer was in the city Saturday from his Lone Oak Farm and Ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ellis were in Spur Saturday from the Crosby county farm and ranch home.

Jesse Rogers, returned last week from Abilene where he has been attending Simmons College.

I. Neighbors came in Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent the day in Spur.

C. I. Cannon was in Spur Saturday from his ranch home in Crosby county and spent a few hours in the city on business.

Mrs. Kate Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was in the city Saturday shopping and visiting her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulse, of twelve miles west of the city, were among the large number of shoppers and traders in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of eight miles west of Spur, were among the large number of shoppers in the city Saturday.

D. E. Thomas handed us one dollar and fifty cents Tuesday to be applied on his subscription and for which he has our sincere thanks.

R. T. Hunter, district commercial manager of the Southwestern Telephone Company with headquarters at Sweetwater, was in Spur recently and spent several days here looking after telephone interests in Spur.

Tom Greer was in Spur Saturday from his home ten miles west of Spur.

Porter McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was among the many visitors in Spur Wednesday.

**B. G. WORSWICK**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Practice in District and Higher courts is solicited.  
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J. A. Kerley, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was a visitor to Spur Saturday.

C. M. Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was a visitor to Spur Saturday.

W. M. Childress, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. W. Young, a good farmer of that famous Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weathers of the Red Mud Camp, were in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Mrs. J. C. Davis visited last week in Spur at the homes of Mesdames Sol Davis and R. C. Forbis.

J. J. Albin, of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday purchasing provisions and greeting his friends.

W. M. Childress came in the latter part of this week from his home northeast of Spur. He is just recovering of an attack of the measles and reports that he had an "awful" time. The number of older people having the measles throughout the country is surprising, and the most of them suffer much more than the younger people.

Mr. Henderson, of the Steel Hill country, was on the streets of Spur Tuesday.

John Smith was in Spur Saturday from his farm home in Red Mud country.

A. C. Hindman came in Saturday from his farm home two or three miles north of Spur.

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday.

W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, was here last week looking after his various property interests.

R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of the Gilpin country, was among the many here Wednesday to attend the Federal Farm Loan Association meeting.

Poet Hagins was here Wednesday from Gilpin to attend a meeting of the Federal Farm Loan Association held in Spur that day.

M. S. Faver, of several miles east of Afton, came in Wednesday of this week to attend the meeting of the Dickens County Federal Farm Loan Association in Spur on that date. A large number of farmers were here that day to attend the meeting.

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Mrs. E. R. Cross, of Girard, underwent an operation Wednesday of this week at the eraion was successful in every way and Mrs. Cross' early recovery is hoped for by her numerous friends.

Mrs. J. J. Love, who was visiting friends and relatives at Roaring Springs, was brought to the Standifer Hospital for an operation this week. The operation was successful in every respect and we are glad to note that Mrs. Love is now rapidly recovering.

**A GOOD INDIAN**

With all his faults, the American Indian in his best estate has the mighty virtues of loyalty and courage. A touching example of the nobility of character that many of them are capable of is given in the late John Muir's "Travels in Alaska."

Mr. Muir describes the coming of missionaries to the Stickeen Indians of Ft. Wrangell and their success in christianizing them. The tribesmen, he says, were encouraged to accept the Christian faith by their head chief, but he told them he could not himself become a christian, for this reason:

"I wish you to learn this new religion and teach it to your children, so that you may all go when you die to that good heaven country of the white man and be happy. But I am too old to learn a new religion; and, besides, many of my people who have died were bad and foolish people, and, if this word the missionaries have taught us is true, as I think it is, many of my people must be in that bad country the missionaries call 'hell'; and I must go there also; for a Stickeen chief never deserts his people in time of trouble. To that bad country, therefore, I will go, and try to cheer my people and help them as best I can to endure their misery."—Youth's Companion.

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Mrs. W. M. Winkler and family, of Croton, were in Spur Saturday visiting her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon, who returned home with them and spent the week.

J. W. Gaddy and family, of near McAdoo on the plains, returned Wednesday from Jones county where they had been to attend the funeral of their son, Ernest Gaddy, who was killed Monday morning by lightning.

J. B. Conner was in Spur on Wednesday afternoon making preparations to leave Thursday for Arizona. A. S. Jackson will accompany him and they will probably spend two or three weeks looking over that country with a view of securing ranch lands.

**BURGLARS OPERATED IN GIRARD LAST WEEK**

It is reported that two burglaries were committed last week in Girard. Tuesday an unknown party entered the Bon Ton Hotel now operated by Mrs. A. Stiffler formerly of Spur, securing only a few loaves of bread. Wednesday night an entrance was effected into the printing office of that place, the burglars securing a pipe dedicated to the use of Editor Cooper.

**DRY LAKE ITEMS**

Mr. Kidd and family visited at Jayton Sunday.

Rev. E. E. White lectured at Dry Lake Sunday in the interest of Stamford College. A collection was taken and \$74.00 was received after which dinner was served and we sang in the afternoon.

We noticed some of the Red Mud people in our midst Sunday.

Master J. M. Hickman, of Aspermont, is visiting his grand mother, Mrs. Denson.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith entertained the young folks Tuesday night with a fruit supper in honor of Clifford Barley and Burren Smith's birthdays.

T. V. Davis, who recently moved from the Dry Lake community to five or six miles west, has sold out and will move to Arkansas. We are sorry to lose Mr. Davis and family from our midst.

Mr. and Mrs. Dopson gave the young folks an entertainment Saturday night.

There will be singing at Bob Davis' Sunday night.

**WESTERN KID.**

Justice Oliver has moved his office to the Wendell building over Hogan & Patton's store.

That \$4.95 boys suit with 2 pair of pants, very latest model. Worth \$6.50—see them.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Miss Ruby Mimms, of Draper, was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week for an operation and at this time we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely.

Boys knee pants—age 2 to 18 years. We have a great line. Prices 50c., 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.25.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

W. W. Franklin, of several miles east of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office Thursday morning. He has already planted about thirty five acres of his crops.

We lead them all on Mens work clothes, shirts, pants and all Mens wear.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

I. O. Jopling has sold his mules and dray wagon, purchased a Ford truck and will and baggage business faster and in a more businesslike manner. Every business man and business concern in Spur always keeps in the progressive procession.

Mrs. Bert Duncan, of near Dickens, is now in the Standifer Hospital recovering of an operation performed this week. The operation was successful and the many friends of Mrs. Duncan will be glad to learn of her rapid recovery.

Everything in straw hats, Panamas, caps, crash and silk hats at the right price.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

**SONG COMPOSED AND SUNG BY VETERAN SUNDAY**

The following was composed and sung by Commander W. C. Kinsolving at the Confederate meeting at Abilene Sunday:

**Parody on 'Just Twenty Years Ago.'**

We wandered from the village, boys,  
Along in sixty one,  
Some donned the blue and some the gray  
And deadly work was done.  
We locked our shields on battle fields,  
And few were left to go  
To greet their sweethearts,  
Whom they left  
Just fifty years ago.

The breach is healed when brave men yield  
To greet a gallant foe,  
Together we stand for fatherland

Accepting weal or woe;  
United now, in serried ranks  
To face a foreign foe.  
Who dares insult our common flag  
Of fifty years ago?

Many were left on battlefields  
Many since have died  
Both blue and gray have passed away  
And sleeping side by side,  
But the spirit still that nerved their will  
Is pregnant and aglow,  
And burns as bright for God and right  
As fifty years ago.

We'll fling our banners to the breeze  
And plant them on the sea  
Tyrants prepare to take a hike  
All nations must be free.  
Crowns and crown-heads must come off  
And let the nations grow  
Take it from boys who raised the noise  
Of fifty years ago.

Our ranks are growing thinner, boys,  
Our eyes have lost their fire;  
But we have sons of stalwart growth  
And worthy of their sires.  
Better the foe had ne'er been born  
Than live to learn and know  
They'd heired the stuff that made the men  
Of fifty years ago.

The world is wide but can't divide  
With Kaisers or with crowns  
So "Me unt Got" must strike a trot  
For happy hunting grounds.  
The flag of freedom looms in sight  
And soon the world must know  
That monarch seed are sure to blight  
On soil where freemen grow.

We stand for peace with all mankind  
But if Woodrow makes the call  
We'll answer "Here" and join the sons  
To finish up the ball.  
And when the battle's fought and won  
The German ranks will show  
They wish that we had all been killed  
About fifty years ago.

**DALLAM COUNTY WET BY SIX VOTES**

Dalhart, Texas, April 29.—In the prohibition election held in this county Saturday the wets won by six votes.

**MARRIED AT GIRARD.**

J. R. Cox, of the O-O Ranch in Kent county, and Miss Dora Peek, of near Girard, were married at Girard Tuesday of the past week and are now receiving the congratulations of many friends throughout the country.

**RECITAL**

The final music and expression recital will be given at the school auditorium Friday evening, May 11, at 8:30 p. m. The public is invited free of charge.

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**MERRY WIVES**

Mrs. R. C. Forbis entertained the Merry Wives Friday afternoon. A number of interesting games of forty two were enjoyed by the unusually large number of guests. Refreshments consisting of delicious cream and cake were served.

A business meeting was held at which it was decided to change the time of meeting from three o'clock to four.

Those present were Mesdames Baker, Bates, Clemmons, Grace, Godfrey, Richbourg, McClure, Love, Manning, C. L. Love, Moore, Putman, Wilson, Neilon, Barrett, Morris, Tunnell, Pierce, Edmonds, Higginbotham, Hogan, Pierce, C. Hogan, Andrews, Cates, Davis, Jennings, Smart and Campbell.

**AT-METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday at eleven o'clock a. m. the subject of the sermon will be "Germany's Successes and Failures." The public is cordially invited to be present.

Our romper suits for boys—age 2 to 10 years, just the thing for that boy. Prices 35 to 50c.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

**NOTICE TO SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS**

All students interested in summer work will meet me at the school building next Saturday at 10 o'clock.—T. A. Tunnell.

Deputy Sheriff S. L. Davis, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday of this week on business.

Miss Ada Cates, niece of C. F. Cates, of Decatur, has been selected as the teacher of music in the Spur Schools during the next term.

See our Middy Suits, Middy waists, skirts, ladies and childrens dresses. It is a great line we are displaying, priced right.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur.

G. E. Nicholson and family moved this week to Post where Mr. Nicholson has a position with Bryant-Link Company who are establishing a new store in that city.

Mrs. Fred McDermott, of Roswell, New Mexico, was brought to Spur and underwent an operation this week at the Standifer Hospital. Mrs. McDermott is a daughter of Bob Martin of near Crosbyton. She is doing nicely at th is time and recovering rapidly.

**LETTER FROM SOLDIER BOY NOW IN TRAINING**

The following letter was written by Aubrey Johnson to his mother, Mrs. E. B. Johnson, from Port Royal, S.C., where he is now being trained for service in the Marines:

Dear Mother:  
Received your letter yesterday and it is needless to say how glad I was to get it. I hope that this finds you all well and happy.

So far I like the marines fine and am working hard. They have given me a small rank already—have charge of eight men. From the way it looks now I may stay here and train recruits as soon as I get the training myself. The Sergeant asked me if I wanted to.

We go on guard tomorrow and of course in times like these it is no small matter to be on guard. I will have charge of one relief and if I perform correctly it will help me out. I have met a boy from A. & M. up here and we are both going to try for a commission as soon as possible.

Excuse this for being so short as I am very busy and will write another when we come off guard Wednesday night.

If you have an old American history there please send it to me.

With all my love,  
Aubrey.

N. Q. Brannen left this week for Corpus Christi to attend a convention.

Silk hosiery for men, women or children. The right things at cash prices.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Mrs. Ed Singleton, of near Throckmorton, is in the Standifer Hospital, having undergone a successful operation one day this week.

Our Mens dress shoes—gun metal or vici—button or lace—any style toe desired—its equal or better than any \$5.00 shoe sold here—Our special cash price, \$3.95.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Miss Minor Walker was operated upon this week by Dr. Standifer at the Standifer Hospital and is now doing nicely. Miss Walker is one of the teachers in the Afton school and the daughter of Dr. Walker who a number of years ago lived in Dickens. The many be glad to hear of hear ealy recovery.

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