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BROTHER OF C. F. CATES DIED RECENTLY IN DUNCAN, OKLA.

Duncan people were shocked by the announcement early Monday morning of the death of Sheriff Bill Cates. While his condition was known to be critical, it nevertheless came as a great shock to hundreds of friends of this worthy citizen. Mr. Cates had been in ill health for several months, but it was only during past six or eight weeks that alarming symptoms developed. The disease had fastened upon him in malignant form however, and nothing could check its ravages.

Mr. Cates was one of the oldest citizens of the town and country, having moved to old Indian Territory in the 80s. For many years he was engaged in the stock business, but with the coming of statehood was elected sheriff and served five years as peace officer of the county. Following his second term he retired to the farm, but two years ago again entered the race for sheriff and was elected for the third term.

W. M. Cates was born at Decatur, Texas, in 1866 and was in his 54th year at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife and six children, three girls and three boys all of whom reside in Duncan. Other relatives are his mother, five brothers and a sister. The brothers attending the funeral were J. C., Ed and Bob of Decatur and Perry Cates of Duncan. Another brother resides in Western Texas. A sister, Mrs. J. C. Davis, also of Decatur, was here.

Bill Cates was big-hearted, broad-minded, lovable man, one whom every body esteemed and his death occasioned universal sorrow. The family has indeed lost a loving husband and a tender father and the community a worthy citizen who numbered his friends by his acquaintances.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and interment was in the Duncan cemetery. The floral offerings were very beautiful. The funeral arrangements were in charge of the Masonic fraternity of which order deceased had long been a worthy member, and the services were indeed beautiful and impressive.

The family has the deepest sympathy of Duncan people in the great loss they have sustained, but in their bereavement it should be a consolation for them to know that he was so universally esteemed, no man being more popular. Expressions of sorrow are heard on every hand.—Duncan (Okla.) Banner.

Sheriff Bill Cates was a brother of our fellow townsman, C. F. Cates, and to whom we extend sympathy in this bereavement.

HENRY EDWARDS SOLD ONE THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND

We are informed that J. H. Edwards, of Dickens, last week sold one thousand acres of his land holdings near Dickens to Dr. Earnest of Ranger, for a consideration of fifty dollars an acre.

It seems that every acre of land for sale in this country is being readily sold, and at prices which a few years ago were undreamed of and would have been considered out of all reason. We will see the day soon when no land can be had in this country for less than one hundred dollars an acre. The man who wants a farm home had better get it today, even though he does think the price is now too high. It will be higher still in the years to come.

NOTICE TO WOODMEN.

District Manager F. C. Hernalich, of Dallas, will be in Spur on the night of May 5th, to explain matters with reference to controversies. All Woodmen are urged to be present.—J. J. Albin.

FERGUSON ENTERS CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT OF THE U. S.

Temple, April 22—James E. Ferguson, former Governor of Texas, yesterday announced his candidacy for President of the United States on the platform of the American party, which was organized at Fort Worth last August.

In his announcement Ferguson declared in favor of light wines and beer pledged himself, if elected, to grant full pardon to Eugene V. Debs, who is under conviction for alleged conspiracy to obstruct the draft, and promised recognition of principles of trades unionism.

Opposition to national woman suffrage, national prohibition and compulsory military training was expressed by the former governor who declared:

"We need an army far more to take the cornfield than an army to take the battlefields. Just now the world needs an army to raise pigs far more than an army to kill Huns."

Denouncing court injunctions in labor strikes as the "first step to human slavery," Ferguson said he would demand the right of unions to call strikes and quit work any time they see fit. He characterized trusts as "that class that never labor, reap or sow and never produce anything but a scheme to fix prices."

Further aid to tenant farmers in acquiring homes was advocated by the former governor. He would reduce the income tax by one-fourth and pay the war debt by a levy of \$6 a barrel on beer and 50 cents a gallon on wine. Unalterable opposition to the League of Nations was expressed.

Concerning Debs, Ferguson said that during wartime reason often gave way to passion and intemperate expression was sometimes provoked. He would forget and forgive and restore Debs to full citizenship.

CHILDREN ARE LEFT STRANDED WHEN PURSE DISAPPEARS

Three little tots, two girls and one boy, sat sadly at the home of the Fort Worth Welfare Association. They sat quietly in the room, not playing with the numerous toys scattered about, thinking of their mother and father and wondering where they are going next.

The three were picked up at the T. & P. depot Thursday. They said that their mother died in Ranger two weeks ago. The father, a teamster, put three of his five children on the train to go to their aunt in Oklahoma and gave them money enough for the trip. Then taking the two oldest children, he drove off hunting work.

The small pocketbook of the three children was stolen on the train between Ranger and Fort Worth. The three were turned over to the association, the little boy weeping or his "mamma" and "dadae," the two older girls sitting silent. The association has the name of their aunt, Mrs. Johnnie Bell of Eric, Okla., but has been unable to locate her. An uncle, Will Hobbs, also lives in Oklahoma.

BUSINESS MEN PETITIONING FOR UP-TOWN EXPRESS OFFICE

A petition is being circulated this week among the business interests of Spur, asking for an express office to be established up in the center of the business section instead of at the depot where it is now located. The petition is being signed by all to whom it is presented.

An express office up-town will be of great convenience to the business interests, the city is entitled to this convenience and we are confident that the petition will be favorably considered by the heads of the express company.

GOOD RAINS SATURDAY AND SUNDAY OVER THE COUNTRY

Saturday and Sunday the backbone of an possible drouth this year was broken when about one inch of rain fell over the country. The rain was pretty general and was enough to meet all present needs with the exception of a small strip of territory to the south and southwest of Spur where we are informed a few farmers failed to get enough moisture on which to begin planting their crops. However, in all other sections of the whole Spur country we are informed the rainfall was plentiful, in the north part of the county there being too much.

This rain puts the country in general in fine shape and insures us that bumper crops will again be produced this year. The small grain crops of wheat and oats, of which there is a considerable acreage in the country, are now made and looking the very finest.

The continued dry spell, together with the daily winds and sandstorms, had somewhat dampened the ardor of a number of farmers and merchants, especially those who had been here only a few years, but they are all now smiling and very optimistic.

PRECINCT CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN SPUR SAT AT 4 P. M.

C. Hogan, precinct chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee has authorized us to announce that a precinct convention will be held in Spur at the directors room of the Spur National Bank at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention to be held in Dickens, Tuesday, May 4th.

Neither the precinct conventions nor the county convention will have a thing to do with reference to the race for governor in Texas. These conventions are for the purpose of having through the state convention a representation in the national convention which selects a nominee for president of the United States and to formulate a democratic platform for the coming campaign.

We all should be interested in national affairs, and only through the precinct and county conventions at this time will we have an opportunity to express our views and wishes with reference to the next national administration.

RAILROAD OFFICIALS VISIT SPUR ONE DAY THIS WEEK

F. E. Clarity, vice president of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway, and succeeding the late D. B. Keeler for this place, and W. F. Sterley, general freight and passenger agent of the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway, and Mr. Covinton, the general superintendent, of Ft. Worth, and O. E. Maer, superintendent of the Wichita Valley and Stamford & Northwestern Railway, of Wichita Falls, were in Spur Tuesday of this week on a tour of inspection. These gentlemen were pleased with the general conditions of the country as well as the railway activities in this section.

When railroad men come out this way, we are disposed to ask if it portends railway extension or building, since the people in general have formed the conclusion that some time soon we are to have railway building in this part of western Texas. However, we were informed that this visit of the railway officials was merely an inspection tour without reference to extension or construction at this time.

A. J. HUCKABEE HAS MILK COW SHOT AND KILLED

A. J. Huckabee, of the plains country near McAadoo, was in Spur Wednesday and informed us that during the night recently some party or parties slipped up to his lot and with a shot gun shot and killed one of his milk cows. Mr. Huckabee stated that he heard the racket at the cow lot, and went to the door of his home and listened, but hearing no more went to bed. The next morning he found the cow dead in the lot. The cow had staggered around over the lot, leaving a bloody trail where she had gone after the shot had been fired. Two arrests have been made, charging them with the shooting of the cow.

DELINQUENT TAX DRIVE NETS BIG SUM FOR TREASURY

Washington, April 22.—Collections of \$19,051,238 in delinquent taxes and penalties from 295,977 delinquent taxpayers were made by the Bureau of Internal Revenue during a six months delinquent tax drive ending January 31, 1920, it was announced by the bureau yesterday.

The delinquents were for the tax year of 1918 and prior years. With the close of the current filing period the bureau began another delinquent tax drive which it is purposed to make the most effective and intensive in the bureau's history.

A. T. (ARTHUR) DUNCAN ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF OF KENT

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce A. T. (Arthur) Duncan, of Jayton, as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kent County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election in July.

A. T. Duncan has been a resident of Kent county about ten years, and is recognized as one among the best citizens of the county. For some time he was deputy sheriff at Jayton, and as a peace officer was fearless and considerate. Should he be favored with the nomination for high sheriff in the coming primary elections, Mr. Duncan will give the people of Kent county fearless, efficient and trustworthy service in every instance, and we ask that every voter in the Democratic Primary election in Kent county give Mr. Duncan's candidacy for Sheriff and Tax Collector a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot.

ILLICIT DISTILLING IS SUSPECTED IN ROTAN COUNTRY

Some of our people are getting of the opinion that there is a distilling plant in the country near Rotan. It is said that there has been suggestion of intoxication in and around Rotan in the past two weeks, and it has set many people to wondering "where they got it."

Personally we have not seen any nor had a drop. It has been so long since we saw an intoxicated person that we are not sure that we could recognize the symptoms.

However, if anyone is making whiskey in this section they had better be very careful to quit it while the quitting is good. There have been many raids by officers on such places in other parts of the country and it always means trouble for the fellow who is caught.—Rotan Advance.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION AT DICKENS TUESDAY, MAY 4th

A Democratic County Convention is hereby called to meet at the Court House in Dickens, Texas, on Tuesday, May 4th, 1920, at 10:30 a. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention at Dallas, Texas, on May 25th, 1920. All members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens County are requested to be in attendance for a meeting at the same time and place.—Jas. F. Williams, Chairman; Oran McClure, Sec.

Mrs. M. H. Lee and children are this week visiting relatives and friends in Munday.

Miss Vera Hall is visiting her Brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Edd Hall, this week in Stamford.

DISTRICT COURT OF KENT COUNTY HAS ADJOURNED

The special called term of the District Court held last week at Clairemont in Kent county, has adjourned.

In the trial of Mrs. Cook, charged with the murder of her husband, Oscar Cook, the result was a hung jury. The case, we understand will be transferred to another county in the district for another trial later.

The cases of Gee and Stoneman, charged with the murder of an old man by the name of Evans, was also transferred to another county in the district for trial at a later term.

BARN, GRANERY AND FEED BURNED ON McCLAIN PLACE

Mnoday of last week A. E. McClain on the Judge A. J. McClain farm and ranch on Cat Fish in Kent county, suffered a loss of one thousand or fifteen hundred dollars by fire which destroyed two hundred bushels of wheat, together with cane, feterita, oats and other feed stuff, as well as the barn and granery. The origin of the fire is unknown and no insurance was carried.

This is about the fourth fire loss of feed stuff in the country during the month. The fires probably are the result of carelessness of fire during the high winds which would carry fire a considerable distance.

PRIMARY CONVENTION LAWS EXPLAINED BY M. H. WOLFE

State laws concerning the basis of representation in primary conventions are explained by M. H. Wolfe, of Dallas, chairman of the State Democratic executive committee, in the following statement:

"In order to clearly interpret the action of the State Executive Committee covering the matter at the precinct meeting I will ask that all election officers take special notice that the basis of representation in electing delegates at the precinct conventions to be held May 1st, will be one delegate for each twenty-five votes or major fraction thereof, cast for the democratic candidate for governor at the last general election held in November 1918, while the basis of representation for the county convention and the State convention will be the same respectively, as those provided by law governing the County and State conventions held following general primary elections.

"The difference being that the precinct conventions held May 1st will be based on the votes cast in the general election held in November, while the county and state conventions will be based on the votes cast in the primary elections held in July."

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BANDITS ARE GIVEN SOUND THRASHING BY NORWEGIAN

Chicago, April 22—Lars Rysbog, smiling, fair-haired descendant of the Norse Kings, was within a block of his residence about daylight yesterday morning when two low-browed persons addressed him with automatic pistols. "Throw up your hands," they demanded.

"Har, har," laughed Lars. "Ay bane workin' hard all night. Ay skol have no time for foolish yokes."

Whereupon he laid violent hands upon the larger of the bandits and tossed him ungently to the pavement.

The other highwayman fired point blank at Lars, two bullets cutting through the sleeve of his coat and another creasing his shoulder. By this time Lars was getting peeved, so he picked up the bandit who had tried to kill him and cuffed his ears soundly. Nature was very generous when she dealt out a pair of hands to Lars and as he smacked the bandit on the side of the head it sounded like slamming a ham against an empty rainwater barrel.

Then Lars, his good nature restored by this time, picked up the automatics the bandits had dropped and proceeded on his way. When the police arrived, summoned by residents who had witnessed the affray, they found the pair of highwaymen had escaped in an automobile which they had concealed in an alley while they pulled off a few robbery stunts.

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WOMAN GETS DEATH SENTENCE FOR KILLING STEPPAUGHTER

Quebec, April 22—Mrs. Marie Annie Houde Gagnon was found guilty yesterday for torturing and murdering her 16-year-old stepdaughter, Aurore Gagnon, and was sentenced to be hanged October 1st. The girl, after being beaten, burned with a red-hot poker and made to walk barefoot in the snow, was forced to drink poison, the evidence disclosed. The post-mortem examination of the body revealed fifty-four wounds.

The defense pleaded insanity.

Wild Ducks Not Scared by Those Men Who Fly

Washington.—Airplanes do not bother wild ducks, the army air service announces, and sportsmen who believe they do are unduly alarmed.

Lieut. Col. H. M. Hickman, when in command of Dorr and Chisholm fields, flew twice a day for several months over a swamp that was the feeding place of wild ducks. To flush the fowl he had to pilot his plane within 50 or 100 feet of the surface. But when he would take off the ducks would immediately return to the swamp.

Call of Nicotine

Two south side street cars were approaching each other not long ago at least not so many months ago this camouflage being necessary in order that a vigilant spotter may not be able to find out the culprit, for it was worth the delay to laugh at what happened.

Suddenly one motorman signaled the other. The north-bound car came to a grinding stop and the car south-bound on the other track did likewise. And then follow this: "Gimme a chew off the old plug." (Business of reaching for the said plug and passing it over. Business of taking a chew and passing it back). "Thanks. S'long!" And the cars were on their way.—Indianapolis News.

Banks Make Record.

There has been only one national bank failure in twenty-two months with none at all during the last calendar year—a new record in American finance, 30 times better than the average for any similar period in the forty years' life of the present national banking system. Two hundred and ninety-eight national banks have increased their capital stock during the last ten months.

LISTEN PEOPLE.

We, the members of the Colored Methodist Church of this colored organization, are preparing a church dinner to be had Saturday, May 1st, to sell to help us in our struggle to raise money on this occasion. Please come one and come all and patronize us.—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Quite a number of bales of bollies were sold by farmers in Spur during the week, at a price of fifteen and sixteen cents. The cotton market is not yet opened up.

STRAYED—Bay mare, branded T5 on left thigh. Will give \$7.50 reward for her delivery to me in Spur.—W. L. Eubank.

Sudan seed for sale at Experiment Farm, 15 cents per pound.—W. F. Shugart.

Toilet paper 5 cents at the Pocket Store.

SAW DEATH CLOSE

Circuit Rider Looked Into Eyes of Grim Reaper.

Marvelous Escape From Destruction at Natural Tunnel in Virginia Could Almost Be Classed as a Miracle.

In both the Natural tunnel in Scott county, Virginia, and the Natural bridge in Rockbridge county, a deep and narrow defile between two hills is spanned by a huge mass of rock, over which a public highway passes. The Natural bridge is more widely known. Travelers have written about it for perhaps two centuries, and Elihu Burritt describes it in the "Scene at the Natural Bridge in Virginia," a selection that has won many prizes in youthful contests in declamation. But the Natural tunnel was once the scene of a real incident, that, while it lasted, was just as thrilling as the imaginary one Mr. Burritt describes in his declamation.

It was witnessed by no spectators, and it had only two participants, a horse and a Methodist circuit rider. Yet into a brief space of time it crowded suspense and agony as terrible as a human being can endure.

Soon after the close of the Civil war Rev. H. C. Neal was sent to travel a circuit in Scott county, which included the Natural tunnel within its bounds. Returning one Monday morning from a charge where he had preached the day before, his route led him over the tunnel, and he stopped to enjoy the view from its summit.

Now, the surface of the tunnel on each side of the highway is covered with a low growth of bushes, and on its southern side, from which the view is more remarkable, it is comparatively level to within a short distance of the edge, where it begins a gradual but constantly increasing slope downward.

Turning from the highway, the preacher rode through the bushes, intending to hitch his horse and then proceed on foot. But in winding about he had gone farther than he had suspected. Feeling the animal slide forward, he checked him and saw suddenly that the yawning chasm was only a short distance away. He was now on the edge of the downward slope with only some small bushes growing between him and the abyss. Apprehending as yet no real danger, he quietly gazed into the immense void, when his horse again suddenly slipped forward. Rain had fallen the night before, and the thin coating of dirt was soft and yielding. The rider now attempted to turn his horse's head. Once more the animal slipped forward. All at once he saw that he actually was in an extremely perilous situation. The slope was becoming steeper, and as the horse kept slipping forward the edge of the chasm was getting nearer. The rider, thoroughly alarmed, drew hard on the reins and soothed the horse with soft, encouraging words. Intending to throw himself from the saddle, he relaxed slightly on his hold on the reins; but at once the animal again began slipping. He drew hard again, and for an instant stopped the slipping. Then, almost imperceptibly, it continued. Preacher and horse trembled in fear. It seemed as if the chasm were reaching up invisible hands to pull them down.

At that terrible moment the sliding suddenly ceased, and the horse sank to his haunches. Cautiously, the rider slipped from the saddle and seized a low, stout shrub with one hand while he held the reins in the other. Crawling upward the length of the reins, he sought another shrub, and turned the horse's head. The animal struggled to his feet and followed the rider to the summit. Here the trembling horse stood panting, and the rider lay on the ground so overcome with weakness that it was some time before he was able to walk.

Returning on foot to the scene of the narrowly averted tragedy when he had recovered his strength, he saw that a ridge of flint protruding above the limestone had caught the animal's feet and had held the weight of horse and rider in that perilous moment.—Youth's Companion.

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EASY TO JUDGE CHARACTER

Make a Study of the Handwriting of Those of Whom Doubt Is Entertained.

Handwriting indicates a good deal more than appears on the surface, if what Louise Rice says in People's Magazine is true.

"Want a good, kind woman to live in your widowed home and take care of Willy and your bulldog?" she asks. "Look at her capital 'A' and her small 'y.' If she makes them in a certain way she will devote herself to you, for she is the gentle, tender, mother type, and will be contented with little, so long as she may love and care for the weak and small. I said, she's that type of mother, because there are many different kinds of mothers, all good in their way. I have often thought that if life were well regulated we'd have special mothers for infants, for half-grown children, for lads and lasses, and some wonderful mothers for us grown-up children, who really need them most of all.

"Hopeful people slant their writing upward just as their cheerful smiles keep the corners of their mouths up-tilted. Gloomy Gus lets his hand run downhill when he writes, to match his cynical mouth. Old 'Ironface' Jones, just and severe, honest and stingy, writes a line across the page as straight and thin as a ruler, a twin to the slit that he calls his mouth. Susy, who hasn't a thought in her head which her mirror doesn't reflect, writes every which way. A pencil carefully drawn beneath her writing will give a faithful representation of the channel on a stormy day.

"And the size of writing—that tells you so much, just at a glance. You know that curious contradiction which makes a painter with enormous hands do miniatures? And a fellow with little, dainty jaws take to mural decoration? It shows in writing, too, does that tendency. The smaller the letter the more profound the brain. Proof? Oh, look at the writing of statesmen and diplomats, writers, scientists, inventors, composers, naturalists, and philosophers. I know that the rule does not hold good for all business men, but those men themselves will acknowledge, I think, that they are not in the same mental class as those first mentioned."

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OLDEST UNIVERSITY IN STATE TO CELEBRATE 75TH ANNIVERSARY

The oldest educational institution in the state of Texas, Baylor University at Waco, is to celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary at its commencement exercises, to be held in June. For several weeks now plans have been materializing to make this event in the educational history of the state one of the most unique celebrations ever staged. Invitations are being sent out to every student who ever attended Baylor, to return to his alma mater on this occasion.

Ex-President Taft to Be Present.

Many prominent speakers will be present to speak, among them ex-President William Howard Taft. Secretary of the Navy Daniels has been appointed by President Wilson to act as his personal representative at the celebration. Among the noted preachers who will be commencement speakers are Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, and one of the most distinguished ministers in the United States; and Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Va.

Among the features of the diamond jubilee celebration will be the presentation of Bach's masterpiece, The Passion According to St. Matthew. To present this great musical program will require a massed chorus of five hundred voices, and it will be the first time in the history of the South that a college or university has attempted to give The Passion.

Other preparations include the erection of a huge rustic arbor which will seat 10,000 people. A staff of trained newspaper men will be present at the celebration to cover all the program, and from these reports a book reciting the history of the occasion will be published.

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WEARY OF ROUTINE
Eternal Protest Against Sameness of Things.

Act of Man Who Died Rather Than Submit to the Wearisome Commonplaceness of Life Causes Interesting Comment.

A newspaper item reports the suicide of a man who declared that he was tired of everlastingly lacing his shoes and then unlacing them again. Petty enough the act appears in the grist of the day's news, but the report of it (be it fact or fiction) lingers in the mind till against a larger background of time it begins to take on significance, even to find a place beside immortal acts of legend and familiar attitudes of art. Here was a man who found the master knot of his fate in his shoe lacing. Was he a fool or a hero? Alexander has fame for an act which as a symbol might have much the same significance, a resolute blow of the sword through the Gordian knot, which disposes of the difficulty without solving the problem. For himself the suicide had dismissed routine with a suave gesture and with superb finality, but he leaves mankind in the attitude of Laocoon, agonizingly entangled in shoe lacing, the serpent routine, huge, insensate, unrelaxing. In its grip man writhes forever, hopeless of escape. To this group the suicide waves a jaunty farewell—"The best of luck to you," he says. "I'm out of it, anyway!"

Whatever our scorn for him, we must admit that he voices unmistakably the eternal human protest against routine; that it is really only in the suavity of his gesture and the supreme finality of the rejection that he goes beyond the rest of us. The feeling that commanded his act is nearly the most universal of human impulses. We all rebel bitterly in the days when heaven lies about us, and the later shades of the prison house are nothing more than the creeping paralysis of hopeless submission. Only those of us who have trodden the mill so long that we are almost irrevocably subdued to what we work in prefer, in such times as these when we have the choice, counters and ledgers to trenches and barbed wire. The lad who with a whoop of joy flings behind him his columns of figures or vaults the counter in his eagerness to rush into poison gas and machine-gun fire, though his gesture is one of bravery rather than suavity, is that of Alan Breck, rather than of Beau Brummel, makes his rejection of routine no whit less final than does the hero of the newspaper item. And he is not the one in a million who makes the National army.—Robert P. Utter in Harper's Magazine.

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake section of country, was among the business visitors in town the latter part of the past week.

H. C. Allen was in town Thursday from Dry Lake, reporting everything in fine shape and a good, seasonable rain Saturday and Sunday.

'SHELLSHOCKED' AT WEDDING

British Soldier Is Said to Be "First Man Married Without Knowing It."

Bristol, England.—Thomas Maynard, said to be "the first man married without knowing it," was summoned to court here by his wife, his second wife, charged with desertion. Mrs. Maynard told the court her husband had previously been convicted on a charge of bigamy.

Maynard explained that a wound received at the front in France caused a clot of blood to form on the brain. He also suffered from shellshock, he declared. When convalescing in a hospital at Bristol, Maynard told the court, a girl took him out one day for two hours and married him.

"You were married without your knowledge?" asked the judge.

"Yes, and when I was tried the court said he had never heard of a more remarkable case," was the answer. "I was immediately released after sentence."

Maynard was ordered to maintain his wife.

GIRL, 18, HELD AS ROBBER

Golden-Haired Young Woman Accused as New York Police Check Up on 23 Jobs.

New York.—An 18-year-old, golden-haired girl stood behind the bars of a west-side police station today while the police were checking up on twenty-three robberies which she and a man 24 years old are charged with having committed in the last two weeks.

The girl, who was expensively gowned, and her companion were armed with pistols when arrested. They are alleged to have carried on a systematic campaign for the robbery of apartment houses by visiting furnished rooms advertised for rent, making note of the surroundings and returning later to rob. A search of their home is said to have revealed stolen articles valued at thousands of dollars.

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NICKLES LOSE THEIR VALUE

The decorators of the new nickle who recommended the Buffalo and the Indian for the five cent coins, were evidently blessed with foresight. Just as the white man chased the Indians from our country and killed out the large herds of buffalo that once inhabited the United States, so are the merchants disposing of the nickle. Signs appear promiscuously over various show cases in Lubbock now, to the effect that "no article sold for less than a dime." Since coca cola and other fountain drinks and even the five cent lead pencils have risen above that figure and tipping the ten cent mark, it is now very evident that it is only a matter of time till the nickle will be an article of interest in the great museums.—Lubbock Avalanche.

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Typewriters cleaned and repaired. Also have parts and platens for different makes of machines.—Call at the Texas Spur office.

NOTICE.

Wood cutting, hunting, trapping, and trespassing in any manner upon the ranch of Frank Corn is prohibited under penalty of law.—I. R. Powell.

MILK COWS FOR SALE

We are offering our extra fine native raised Jersey cows for sale. See them at our barn about 6:30 p. m.—W. A. Craddock.

If you want the best flour on the market, buy Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale.

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THE MAN WHO WORKS

The man who wins is an average man. Not built on any peculiar plan, Not blest with any peculiar luck, Just steady and earnest and full of pluck,

When asked a question he does not "guess,"

He knows and answers "No" or "Yes;" When set a task the rest can't do, He buckles down till he puts it through.

Three things he's learned that the man who tries

Finds favor in his employer's eyes, That it pays to know more than one thing well,

That it doesn't pay, all he knows to tell.

So he works and waits till one fine day

There's a better job, with bigger pay, And the men who shirked whenever they could

Are passed by the man whose work made good.

For the man who wins is the man who works,

Who neither labor nor trouble shirks, Who uses his hands, his head, his eyes, The man who wins is the man who tries.—Fred Arrington.

LIFE

Life is not one round of pleasure, Neither is it one of grief; Life is not a host of burdens, Neither one of sweet relief.

We have joy and we have sorrow—Sad today and glad tomorrow—

Off times patience we would borrow, Add it to our frail belief.

Life should here be spent in serving Jesus who for sinners bled;

He who died upon Golgotha, Who alone the winneps tread.

You should leave the world, forsake it Life is short and what we make it, Let him free your soul and take it,

To his home when life has fled.—W. C. Bennett.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the good people who so generously assisted us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother. Very sincerely, J. B. Roberts and family.

PIG CLUB BOYS

I have some full blood registered Poland China pigs for sale at \$16 each with papers furnished.—R. E. Lee, Gilpin, Texas. 26 4tp

FOR SALE

98 acres of land, 70 in cultivation, all fenced, good house and barn; \$37.50 per acre.—J. T. Walden. 1t

We have a few more cases of Crustine Lard at \$2.65 per 8 lb. bucket. Figure what a saving you get in this.—Soldiers Cash Grocery.

FOR SALE:—Full blood Black Minorca hatching eggs at \$2 per setting.—J. C. Dobson. 26tf

Little Miss Louise Rich, of DeLeon is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. H. Miller.

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS

All the farmers are smiling now as the results of a good rain which fell in these parts Saturday night.

No church here Sunday as it was pretty muddy and it had been so long since any one had seen any mud that they were all afraid of it.

A little blackheaded boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Denson last week.

A party was enjoyed by a large crowd of young people at the home of J. N. Zumwalt last Wednesday night.

J. J. Albin and family have returned from a visit to Ranger.

A musical entertainment was attended by a very large crowd last Friday night at Mr. Sparks'. Every one reports an enjoyable time.

Mr. George Sloan's sister and husband from Haskell county was here visiting last week and returned home Sunday. While here they and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan motored up on the plains and around the line of New Mexico. They reached home Saturday afternoon just before the rain, and hail commenced to fall. Lucky were they not?

Misses Ruby and Sibyl Howze visited Velma Denson Friday afternoon of last week.

Ewell George is moving into his new home this week. He says he is going to batch, but some how we are all inclined to doubt him.

If I haven't taken up too much room I will come again next week.—Bachelorbutton.

All copy should be in the office not later than Wednesday.—Editor.

When asked regarding the increase in Telephone rates in Spur, Manager Keen, of the local exchange of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, said:

"We shall increase the telephone rate in Spur on May 1st. On and after that date the business rate will be increased from \$2.50 to \$3.50 per month, and the residence rate from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month. This is made imperative because of the rising costs with which we have been constantly confronted for the past few years. This has made it necessary that we obtain additional revenue.

"Public Utilities are the only class of industry in the United States today that have to sell their products, which in our case is service, at a price lower than other lines of business, proportionately. And this, notwithstanding the fact that we are being eaten alive by the unprecedented and extraordinary increase in the cost of materials and labor. These have been costing us from 40 to 200 per cent more and we have had to pay more for the money used in the extensions.

"These extensions, by the way, are not made out of our revenue. If we add poles or a switchboard, we get the money to pay for it in the form of new capital. We have to bid for that money and we are only able to get it in so far as we are able to show that the money already invested in our exchange is yielding a fair return. With the fixed rates, our revenue has remained stationary, while the expenses have been mounting higher and higher each month.

"However, there has been a nationwide recognition of the necessity of protecting the credit of the public utilities and throughout the United States local and state officials have recently granted relief to them in form of increased rates. About 87 per cent or more than 500 requests for increases have been granted.

"Nothing like an adequate return can be expected in the new rates in Spur, because there will be further and permanent increases in the new rates of service. The new rate will however, lessen the burden and give us a better chance to continue to fulfill our obligations. We consider it to be our duty to furnish the best service to the greatest number at the lowest fair rate so as to pay adequate wages to our employees and earn a return on the investment sufficient to attract new money. The gravest danger to this community is that capital should lose confidence in our industry making it impossible for us to obtain additional capital extension to plant."

All members of Boyd M. Williams Post, No. 161, American Legion, are requested to meet at the post headquarters Friday night, April 30th. This meeting is of vital importance. An invitation is also extended to all ex-service men, and you are urgently requested to attend.

Tom Cross, of Kent county, was in Spur Wednesday buying farm implements with which to cultivate crops this year. Mr. Cross has cleared up fifty or sixty acres of land on his ranch and will hereafter devote some time to farming as well as ranching. Last year was the first time he had ever produced a bale of cotton. The price received was very encouraging and now Mr. Cross intends to grow cotton as well as feed stuff every year.

Recently we received a letter from Oma Lee Smith. He is in Galveston and states that he is enjoying life, but naturally we infer that he also thinks of his Spur friends.

Robert Reynolds was in Spur last week from Dickens.

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MIDWAY ITEMS

We are glad that we can say that at this writing there is a good season in the ground and everybody is farming. In fact it is quite a busy time.

There was dinner on the ground at the tabernacle Wednesday. Had plenty of good dinner; but best of all, lots of good sound doctrinal sermons. All that failed to come missed some thing.

There was a musical at Mr. Overstreet's Friday night. Quite a large crowd; even to the old folks. We are glad to have the old folks come out, but we were surprised to see Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Noland, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dobbs and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goen, but I guess they decided to come out with the spring.

Mr. Buster Arthur has got suspicious of the weather. I don't know whether he thinks it is going to rain or come a sandstorm, but any way he carries his wagon sheet with him every where he goes, even when he goes courting.

Miss Alma Adams looked real lonesome the other night. Cheer up Alma you needn't be afraid of any girl beating your time with Luther.

I don't know what is the matter with Pete Austin; do you suppose he is losing his mind over his East Texas girl? Any way he slips around and reads everybody's letters to see if he can find out anything.

There is going to be a box supper at Midway Friday night. Everybody come and bring a box. But there is one thing about the box supper, I hope Jonas is not broke this time so he can get Zelma's box.

Mr. Ben Overstreet said that he wished he had not gone to Waco for there is a little girl down there that is constantly on his mind. That is very unpleasant you know unless you can see them once in awhile.

Last Friday night Henry Bilberry said, "I make a motion that I take Dad's jitney and go after Delia." Luther Blakley, Jr. said, "I'll second the motion, just so you go by Pettigrews."

Miss Lyda Adams says it is lonesome since Ernest Arthur moved to town, and Mrs. Arthur told me that she didn't believe she was going to be able to keep Ernest down there.

Horace Ellis still sings the little song, "I'm afraid to go home in the dark." I don't know what it is he is afraid of now unless it is Mr. Gladish. Toad Wiley is visiting his parents at Lakeview, in Hall county.

Miss Erna May said she sure did miss her Frog, and the poor child did look lonesome Friday night.

I hear that L. D. Bilberry is making eyes at Thelma Brannon, but Roy told me that he aimed to down the first boy that he caught making eyes at his girl. So step high L. D.

Messrs. Ira and Claud Clark took dinner at Mr. Geo. Dobbs' Sunday. I wonder who they go to see over there since Duck has moved away.

The Shinnery Play boys will go to McAdoo Friday to play ball and we have already begun to say, hurrh for the Shinnery Twig boys.

Mrs. Edna Arthur has bought the Dickens Hotel. We hope she will like down there and we wish her the best of luck.

Mr. Grover Overstreet has sold his farm and is thinking of moving to Dickens.

I hear that Mr. Nat Renfro goes to Mr. Gene Blakley's real often these days, and we have no doubt but what he is going to see Alha.

Mr. Aut Austin said he always did love lemon pie, and that he believed that Winnie could cook them that would suit him alright.

Well as I have written about all I know, I will ring off. Come on Esuela Twins, Knight of the Square Circle, Rambling Bill, Trickey Sol, Dickens Girls, and lets have the news from all parts.

With the best of wishes to the Texas Spur, I am the same old Shinnery Twig.

DRAPER

The finest rain of the season fell Saturday night and farmers are feeling good over the crop prospects.

Mrs. Marion Tannisch is very sick at this writing.

Charlie Perrin went to Spur Saturday after his new jitney but they say he walked back.

R. W. Dismuke went to Spur last week.

Sylvester Lovell spent the week-end with home folks last week.

Bryan Speer and wife spent Friday night with W. T. Lovell.

Rev. Zinn came over to preach for us Saturday night but it rained us out.—Rambling Bill.

W. H. Birdwell, of six or seven miles south of Spur, was here Wednesday afternoon trading. He reported not enough rain on his place Saturday and Sunday to plant at this time. The rain further to the southwest is said also to be too light to warrant planting at this time. In other sections of the country plenty rain was had to meet all requirements of the present time.

Henry Mitchell and wife, formerly of Dickens but now of Ranger, are in Spur this week visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dodge. Mr. Mitchell has a night-watchman's job with one of the big oil concerns of Ranger. He is doing well, we understand, and we hope that he may enjoy much of the riches which abound within the oil belt of Texas.

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- For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
G. L. BARBER (Re-election)
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- For County Treasurer:
C. H. PERRY
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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR KENT COUNTY.

- For Sheriff and Tax Collector, Kent County:
A. T. (ARTHUR) DUNCAN

GERMANY UNDONE BY OWN WEAPON

Had Sold to America Secret of Making Explosive From Air.

BIG NITRATE PLANT RESULTS.

Built in Eight Months It Convinces Kaiser of His Defeat.

By ARRET SMITH.

One of the most romantic passages in the secret history of the World War is the story of how the Ordnance Department of the United States Army made it possible for America, until then utterly lacking in ammunition and in facilities for making it, to manufacture unlimited quantities of powerful explosives out of air and rock. It was largely the knowledge of this fact that forced Germany to surrender when she did.

The secret was secured from Germany herself. It was an open business transaction between business men, whereby we apparently acquired nothing more military than a process for making a high grade fertilizer known as cyanamid.

Frank Sherman Washburn, head of the group of business men who bought this process, conceived the germ of

the idea in the early nineties while in South America as consulting engineer in connection with the production and shipping of Chilean nitrate of soda. Nitrogen compounds are an essential part of all commercial fertilizers. The only available natural nitrate deposits in large quantities are in Chile. This supply was diminishing. Germany, which had been taking about one-third of the Chilean nitrates, was already experimenting with processes for their artificial production. In 1907 Mr. Washburn secured in Germany the American rights of the cyanamid process which had been invented in that country.

Turning Air Into a Weapon.

By this process air, which is a mixture of about four-fifths nitrogen gas and one-fifth oxygen, is placed in containers and subjected to pressure and cold until it turns to a liquid. Then the nitrogen is distilled in much the same manner as alcohol is separated from water. But before this nitrogen can be used as a fertilizer it must be combined with a chemical combination of lime and carbon known as calcium carbide, produced by burning ordinary limestone in big rotary kilns and combining it in the electric furnace with carbon supplied in the form of ordinary coke.

Cyanamid thus produced contains the elements of ammonium nitrate, one of the most powerful of modern explosives. By one process ammonia is extracted from the cyanamid. By another process nitric acid is extracted from another batch of this same cyanamid. Then the ammonia and nitric acid are combined and there you have ammonium nitrate ready for packing into shells with TNT.

There are three kinds of explosives used for bursting shells in modern warfare—TNT, picric acid and ammonium nitrate. The United States was equally deficient in raw materials and plants for manufacturing all three of these explosives. Under the best of conditions the cost of either TNT or nitric acid is about two and one-half the cost of ammonium nitrate. But the United States was wholly dependent upon Chilean nitrate of soda as a raw material for ammonium nitrate, with the exception of a small production of nitrogen from the coking of coal. The Chilean supply was 4,500 miles away from New York City by way of the Panama Canal, and the route by way of the Straits of Magellan is nearly twice as long.

A Record Building Operation.

Shortly after the war began in Europe the German government entered into the fixation of air nitrogen for military explosives on a vast scale. It was not, however, until the fall of 1917 that the United States government took it up.

The Ordnance Department asked Mr. Washburn's company to organize a subsidiary corporation, known as the Air Nitrates Corporation, with Mr. Washburn as president, to act as agent of the government for the construction and operation of the air nitrates plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama. This corporation provided the designs, erected the equipment in the chemical plants and supervised all the other work. It also operated the camp, the town and the plant. Other work is subtle to several of the best known organizations in the United States. Westinghouse, Church Kerr Company built the plant buildings, the camp, the permanent city and utilities. The J. G. White Engineering Corporation designed and built the nitrate acid plant. The M. W. Kellogg Company furnished the piping and built the chimneys. On February 16, 1918, ground was broken, and eight months and eight days later the \$60,000,000 Muscle Shoals plant began producing ammonium nitrate. In that brief period 23,000 men had completed the

plant and around it, where not a house stood before, had arisen a city of 23,000 inhabitants.

This plant when in full operation was ready to provide 13 per cent of all explosives to be used by all the allies on all the battle fronts during the expedition of 1919.

LIFE AT ITS BEST

Advantages of Dwelling in Country Town.

City Man Knows Nothing of the Sweet Contentment That Is the Lot of the Resident of Rural Places.

Observing the inconveniences and sometimes discomforts of city life, some of the brethren of the country press are taking a shot at the city dweller and emphasizing the fortunate position of the citizen who continues to spend his life in some quiet town of the country, says a writer in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. The country gentleman never cares whether the street cars run or not; he is not concerned with the electric light plant or the water supply, having his reliable kerosene lamps and a good well in working order for emergency use. He is not afraid that 400,000 of his townsmen will run out of coal at once and freeze to death, because the old grove on the east forty is capable of furnishing his fuel should his supply of five cords of sawed and split wood that he has in his woodshed become depleted. He lives away from the mass, and his small wants are not pushed and crowded by the small wants of hundreds of thousands of other people. He feels that if there is anything that he really needs that he does not possess, he can go out and procure it any morning without much trouble, and he is generally quite right about it.

Charles M. Forton, of Hadley, N. Y., cites the cases of the city and the country citizens in a recent issue of Collier's Weekly. Writes Mr. Forton: "The man who started the back-to-the-farm movement had something! The man who shouted 'Back to nature,' said something; 'The advice was directed at city dwellers, of course, because folks who were living out of the cities already did not need it. He takes up the case of the \$25 a week married man, who hardly exists in the city, and shows what he is accomplishing in the country town: A clerk in the store here gets \$25 a week, owns his own home and a boat on the lake and a jitney, goes hunting in the north woods in the fall, fishes evenings and days off without number, picks berries, kills his own beef in the fall, raises his own pigs, has a piano and a library and a silver service and linen, modern pictures on the walls, good rugs on the floors, mission furniture around the rooms, twin beds, a dog, two cats, a bear rug, low ceilings, plain wall paper, electric fixtures—everything, in short, that the city dweller has, or wants, but can't have—and he is a clerk in a grocery store at \$25 a week. And he had these things when he was getting \$18—six months ago, before he got a raise—had more, in fact, because he owned a trotting horse that could go some; this animal has since died."

The writer himself was beguiled from the country to the city under the common belief that the city is the only place for the man of ambition who would go far. He had brains, in a measure; he had money, in a measure, and then he tossed the whole thing up in the air and made back for the country, where he now exists, in contentment. And when one sees city folk bedeviled and harassed and benched by every human want, living from hand to mouth, and worrying lest some necessity of existence be cut off by some whim of man or vagary of fate, one is inclined to give the argument of the country citizen large value and credence.

Bait for U.Boats.

Captain Campbell and his associates of the British mystery ship Dunraven paid as much attention to details in their ships as in their personal appearance. The ship's wash did not expose the flannels that are affected by naval men, but the dungarees that are popular with merchant sailors. Sometimes a side of beef would be hung out in plain view; this not only kept up the fiction that the ship was an innocent tramp, but it served as a tempting bait to the not too well fed crew of the submarine. Particularly tempting cargoes were occasionally put on deck. One of the ships carried several papier-mache freight cars of the small European type, covered with legends which indicated that they were loaded with ammunition and bound for Mesopotamia. It is easy to imagine how eagerly the Hun would wish to see the cargo.—Admiral Sims in the World's Work.

SPRING TIME

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FRANCE NEEDS SUGAR

Famine Is Likely to Last for Three Years.

Shells Render the Ground Unfit for the Production of Beets.

Soissons, France.—The sugar shortage in France, due to the German invasion, will not be relieved for three years, according to government reports and commercial statistics furnished to the correspondent of the Associated Press by the authorities who arranged his trip of inspection through devastated regions to witness reconstruction work.

Of the country's 206 raw sugar plants, 145 virtually were razed during the war, the figures show, and most of the half-million acres of sugar-beet land were devastated by the ravages of battle.

None of the larger sugar plants has resumed business because of lack of buildings, and sugar beet production this year was said to be almost nil. Both of these conditions are due in a measure to insufficient transportation facilities. Estimates of a special committee of the chamber of deputies, which forecast a sugar shortage lasting three years, however, gave encouragement for half the normal output of the country within two years.

At the present time, the absence of sugar in France has resulted in the inability of persons holding sugar cards to get any of the commodity for weeks at a time.

Raising of sugar beets virtually has ceased in six of the eight beet-raising departments, due to the churning of the ground by shell explosions, the necessity of clearing away unexploded ammunition and the presence of barbed wire and other debris. About one-twentieth of the land is considered useless for many years, and at least one-third is declared to have suffered depreciation of half its value. The loss in land is in addition to the destruction of buildings and the stripping or removal of machinery.

Direct loss to plants in the sugar industry is estimated by the chamber committee to be 675,000,000 francs.

Nine U. S. Aces Still in Service.

Nine of the 60 "aces" developed by the United States air service in the world war still are connected with the army, according to an official report.

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WILSON PLANS TO ENFORCE LEAGUE COVENANT IN RACE

Washington, April 22—President Wilson is to make the treaty of peace the dominant issue of the campaign. Whether a candidate or not, Wilson will make a fight to have the American people endorse his stand.

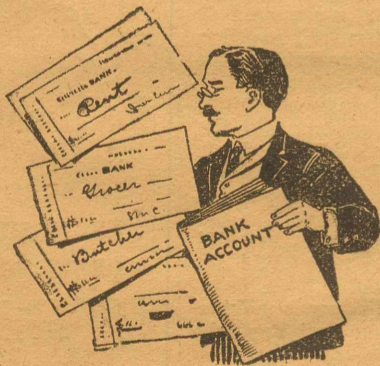
For the present, therefore, the treaty will not go back to the Senate, unless of course, there is some change of heart in the Senate or some situation in Europe which alters the whole face of things.

But the overshadowing issue will be the treaty. A vote for the democratic ticket will be a vote for the peace treaty, a vote for the Republican ticket will be a vote against the peace treaty. That is the Democratic strategy. That is what the Democratic orators are going to say, notwithstanding the protests of Republican spellbinders, that they wanted the treaty with reservations and Wilson blocked the way.

If the American people defeat the Democratic party on that issue, the President's next move would unquestionably be to withdraw American participation from Europe and from that would logically follow another peace negotiation by the next President, either a separate peace or an entrance into the League of Nations with reservations.

But while it would be the aim of the Republican party to keep the American people concentrated on domestic issues, the Democrats, led by the President, will blame all the economic and business ills of the country on the failure of the Senate to ratify the treaty.

Mrs. Oran McClure is in Mineral Wells for two or three weeks drinking mineral water, taking the mineral baths and taking treatment in general in the hope of regaining good health.



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Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting. Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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WORLD-WIDE WHEAT SHORT-AGE IS PREDICTED

Washington, April 18—Indications of a world-wide shortage of wheat this year and a world-wide increase in demand was reported by the American Agricultural Trade Commissioner at London, who said bread was selling in England at what was generally considered the highest price the workmen would tolerate without grave disorders. With Russia still in a chaotic state, there is little to be expected from that country in the way of wheat exports, and Europe naturally turns to the United States, Canada, Australia and Argentina.

Some European countries will be compelled to import much larger quantities of wheat than in pre-war times, provided they are able to arrange satisfactory credits, the report said. Conflicting reports in London from Russia place wheat available for export at 35,000,000 to 140,000,000 bushels, but railroad equipment is not sufficient to move any big quantity. England and other European countries will have to depend on the United States, Canada and other wheat exporting nations.

The British Government has announced the maximum price for the 1920 crop to be the average price of imported wheat of similar quality, provided the price paid the home grower shall not exceed \$2.89 a bushel. United States imports, the Commissioner said, were ranging from \$3.04 to \$4.11, or an average of \$3.46 a bushel.

Mrs. V. C. Smart returned Friday from Mineral Wells where she spent several days drinking mineral water and visiting with friends and acquaintances of that city.

Mrs. A. J. Addington, of Abilene, is this week visiting her brother, S. J. Ousley and family at their home a few miles northwest of Spur.

Geo. S. Link, W. P. Simpson and Ned Hogan were among those who went to Dallas this week to take degrees in Masonry.

W. S. Campbell is in Dallas this week on business and buying new stock for his furniture business.

Mrs. Guy L. Pemberton is this week the guest of friends and relatives in Fort Worth.

DUROC JERSEY BOAR for Service at my place Twin Wells.—H. E. Evans. 24tf

Running No Risks.

"According to the testimony of the witnesses, you were caught just as you were getting out of the window with the contents of the till in your pocket. Now, what excuse have you got?" said the judge, fiercely, to the prisoner, who stood, with a jaunty air, in the dock.

"I know it, your honor. I shall always be grateful to the man who caught me. When I have these somnambulist fits I am in danger of falling out of windows and hurting myself."

"That never occurred to me," remarked the judge, pensively. "That being the case, I will direct the officials—"

"To turn me loose?"
"No; but to have an extra bar put across the window of your cell so that there may be no danger of your falling out."

Mixing Yarns.

By force of industrial circumstances an odd and interesting kind of internationalism appears in the report that Hongkong factories are knitting with a mixture of Japanese and American yarns. An estimate for the current year is that American yarns to the value of about one million gold dollars will come into Hongkong and go out again all over the far East in knitted articles, the bulk of them made of American yarns but a considerable part of American and Japanese yarns mixed. People in North China, the Dutch East Indies, the Philippines, and in smaller number in South America and Europe will thus be going about in what might be called "American-Japanese hosiery made in China."

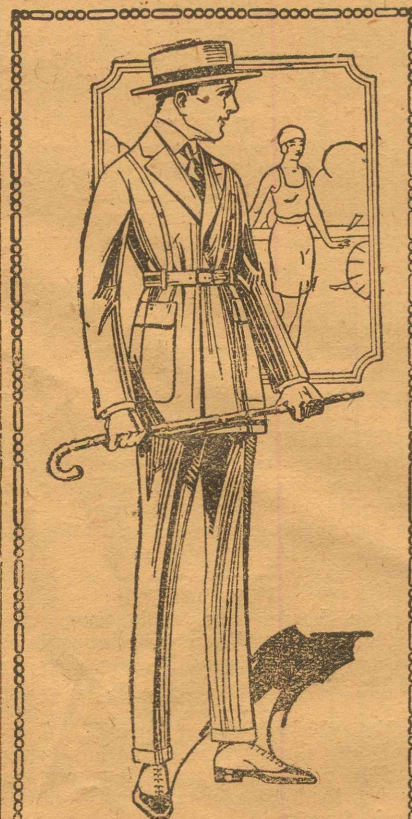
Orator Not Dependent.

John Bright's notes for a speech were written on a visiting card. Lord Asquith is the authority for this statement, but it does not appear quite to harmonize with Bright's recorded practice of using several half-sheets in the case of important speeches. He certainly was not dependent on his notes, however, being always able to repeat verbatim any of the sentences which, owing to the applause which greeted them, had been inaudible to the press. On one occasion the wind played havoc with his half-sheets, which he had laid on top of his hat. But he picked them up, sorted them unconcernedly, and went on.

DUCK CREEK PRECINCT CONVENTION AT SCHOOL, 8 P. M.

A Democratic Precinct Convention for the Duck Creek Precinct in hereby called to be held Saturday at eight of the clock in the afternoon at the Duck Creek School House. All Democrats are urged to be present.—W. B. Bennett, Chairman.

J. E. Johnson, of Stamford, was a recent business visitor in Spur, here looking after his gin and light plant businesses.

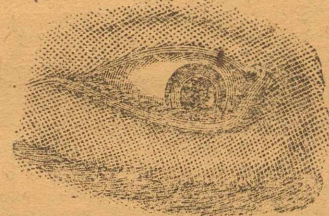


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DR. J. H. CLELAND Will be Home in Spur MONDAY, MAY THIRD For a While to Fit Glasses.

WEDDING ANNOUNCED FOR NEXT SUNDAY AT GIRARD

We received this week an unsigned letter mailed to us from Girard, announcing the marriage of Mr. Bennie Paige of Girard, to Miss Golda Coulson, also of Girard, the marriage to take place at the home of the bride's father, R. T. Coulson, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Good all-round girl for hotel work.—Hotel Midway. 23tf

Fifth Sunday Meeting

TO MEET WITH THE WATSON CHURCH, BEGINNING MAY 27, 1920. THURSDAY NIGHT

Sermon by H. L. Burnam.

FRIDAY.

9:30 A. M.—Devotional by Alva Smith.
10:00 A. M.—The Layman as a Factor in Soul Winning, by L. R. Stegall.
10:30 A. M.—Should the Church Have Charge of the S. School?—W. B. Bennett.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Luther Bilberry.

NOON.

2:30 P. M.—Devotional by Elmer McClellon.
3:00 P. M.—Soul Winner's Reward, by R. F. Self.
3:30 P. M.—The Evil of the Inter-Church Movement—A. B. Miller.

NIGHT.

Devotional—Claude James.
8:25 P. M.—Sermon by L. R. Stegall.

SATURDAY.

9:30 A. M.—Devotional by Bro. Hutto.
10:00 A. M.—Is There Any Agency Other Than the Church for the Evangelization of the World?—H. L. Burnam, Bro. Abernathy.
11:00 A. M.—Plan of Redemption as Given in Genesis, and is it the Same Today?—A. P. Stokes.

NOON.

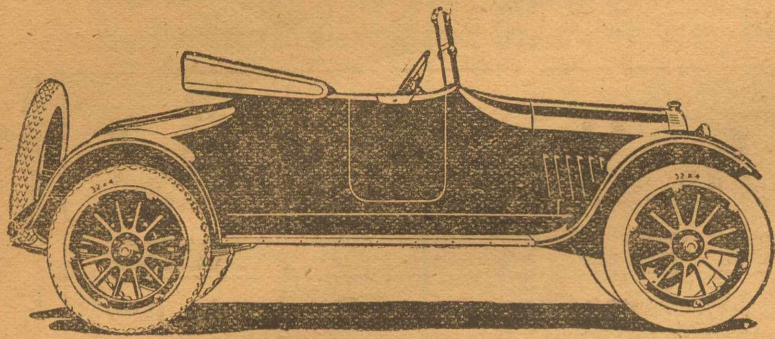
2:30 P. M.—Devotional by Victor Crabtree.
3:00 P. M.—Womans Influence in the Church and How to Use it for Good.—Mrs. P. H. Miller and Mrs. A. B. Miller.
3:30 P. M.—What We Are Doing to Develop the Laymen—S. F. Starett.
4:00 P. M.—Board Meeting.

NIGHT.

7:45 P. M.—Three Things Essential to Gathering and Holding a Congregation.—A. P. Stokes.
8:25 P. M.—Sermon by Alvin Bilberry.

SUNDAY.

10:30 A. M.—Who Should Attend Sunday School?—General Discussion.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by A. B. Miller.



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THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. U. King by making publication of this citation once a 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 nearest county, where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the fifth Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 608, wherein Thelma King is plaintiff and W. U. King is defendant and said petition alleging cruel treatment, excesses and outrages on the part of defendant toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable, and specially alleging that on divers times shortly after their marriage, to-wit, on or about the 1st day of April, A. D. 1919, defendant choked plaintiff, threatened her life, cursed and abused her by using vilest epithets; that on or about August 1st, A. D. 1919, defendant drew a knife on plaintiff, and threatened her life, and the the whole married life of plaintiff with defendant was a constant period of misery, humiliation and mental anguish, unreleived by any period of kindness on part of defendant toward her, wherefore she prays the court that she be divorced from defendant.

HEREIN FAIL NOT but have before said court at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk
of the District Court of
Dickens County, Texas
By S. R. DAVIS, Deputy

HIGHWAY HAPPENINGS
Bros. Zinn and Burnam filled their regular appointments here last Sunday.

Quite a few of the Dry Lake people attended church here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sloan took dinner with Grandpa and Grandma Vernon Sunday.

The singing at Mr. George's Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Most all the Highway people were in Spur Saturday taking in the big circus.

Velma Denson is suffering with a carbuncle on her arm. Bacheolrbuton sympathizes with her for he had one on his head one time and hasn't hardly gotten over it yet.

Misses Ruby and Sibel Howze and Laura May Albin visited Miss Mildred George Tuesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs. B. M. Blackmon are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Mr. J. J. Albin and family are visiting his daughter at Ranger this week.

John George is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. George.

Brother and Sister Zinn took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George Sunday.

Relatives from Spur visited Mr. and Mrs. Powell and their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Hufstader Sunday.

There will be no Methodist preaching next third Sunday as Bro. Zinn will be away to attend quarterly conference.

We understand that Mr. J. M. Foster has sold his home section. We hate to see them leave us but are glad to know they are going to stay on the place till next year.—Bachelorbuton.

DUROC JERSEY BOAR for Service at my place Twin Wells.—H. E. Evans. 24tf

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John J. Proctor by making publication of this citation once a 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 nearest county, where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the fifth Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 607, wherein Ruth Proctor is plaintiff and John J. Proctor is defendant and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife, that on or about the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1917, defendant, without cause or provocation, and without the consent of plaintiff, abandoned plaintiff, with the expressed and avowed intention of never living with plaintiff again, and since which time he has never returned, or in any way contributed to her support, nor has he sought reconciliation or for the resumption of their married relations, wherefore she prays the court for a divorce from said defendant, and for general relief.

HEREIN FAIL NOT but have before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County,
By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy

ENTERTAINS CLUB
Mrs. C. A. Love entertained the T. A. Club April 1st. After a number of games of "42" refreshments were served to the following guests and club members:

Miss Mary Ella Forrest, Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mrs. Fred Jennings, Miss Robbie Standifer, Mrs. G. L. Pemberton, Mrs. W. Neilon, Miss Donnalita Standifer, Mrs. T. E. Standifer, Mrs. Geo. S. Link, Mrs. Jas. H. Sample, Mrs. R. D. Baughman, Mrs. J. B. Richbourg, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Toiley Windham, Mrs. V. C. Smart, Mrs. C. A. Love, Mrs. G. L. Crawford, Mrs. Whitener, Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

Mrs. J. E. Morris entertained the T. A. Club Friday afternoon, April 23, at her home on Burlington Avenue Club guests were Mrs. Roberts and Ms. C. A. Love. The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Richbourg. After a number of games of progressive forty two, we departed declaring Mrs. Morris a most charming hostess.

TO PIG CLUB BOYS.
I have registered big bone Duroc Jersey pigs, six to ten weeks old, to sell at \$25 each, and am giving \$10 for first and \$7.50 for second prize at our fair this fall.—W. A. Stearns, Spur, Texas. 24-3tp

Don't fail to ask for our trade tickets when buying from us. They are good for genuine Rodgers Silverware. You don't pay us extra for these premiums. We don't buy them and they don't cost you a cent. Ask about this offer.—Soldiers Cash Grocery.

STRAYED—Coming two year old heifer, marked crop and swallow fork right ear, branded F on left hip. Owner please call for heifer and pay expenses.—H. E. Evans. 24tf

Three Poland China sow pigs from the champion sow, for sale at \$30 papers furnished.—Velton Blackmon, 12 miles west of Spur. 24-4tp

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To The Sheriff or Any Constable of
Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summons R. F. Williamson, 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 nearest county where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, on the fifth Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 605, wherein Mrs. Sallie Williamson is plaintiff, and R. F. Williamson is defendant, said petition alleging in the form of trespass to try title, that the plaintiff on or about 1st day of April, A. D. 1920, was lawfully seized and possessed of the following described land and premises situated in the county of Dickens, and State of Texas holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit: 160 acres of land, known as Abstract No. 1131, patented to R. F. Williamson, under Patent No. 34, Volume No. 33, and being Pre-emption No. 9719; That on or about the last named date defendant unlawfully withholds from her the possession thereof, to her damage \$2000, and that the reasonable annual rental value thereof is \$1,000.

That the defendant on or about the 13th day of October, A. D. 1906, in the then territory of New Mexico, secured a divorce from this plaintiff; that the defendant about two years prior to the last named date, voluntarily and without just provocation or excuse, abandoned plaintiff and their several minor children, and has contributed nothing to their support since said time; that plaintiff upon hearing of the divorce of defendant from this plaintiff repudiated all claim of right or title in defendant in any of said land and premises, and since when, the plaintiff has continuously and notoriously claimed and asserted title and ownership therein, as her sole and separate property, paying taxes, rendering same in her own name, improving same out of her own means, all of which defendant had notice from said last named date; That plaintiff has had and held peaceable possession of the same as against the said defendant, cultivating, using or enjoying the same for a period of more than ten years after her repudiation of defendant's claim therein, as hereinbefore stated, and defendant's notice thereof and before the commencement of this suit, wherefore, plaintiff has title to all of said land and premises under the ten years Statute of Limitation.

Wherefore, plaintiff prays judgment of the court, that said defendant be cited in terms of law to appear and answer this petition, and that plaintiff's title and right of possession be established to all of said land and premises, and that she have judgment for the title and possession of above described land and premises, and that defendant, his heirs and assigns be forever barred from any and all claim of right or title to said premises or any part thereof; and that writ of restitution issue, and for special and general relief.

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.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 26th day of April, A. D. 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk
District Court, Dickens County
By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy

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Mrs. P. H. Miller returned Monday from a few days visit to De Leon and other points in the oil district.

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Good all-round girl for hotel work.—Hotel Midway. 23tf

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A-I-ON CLEANINGS

All th farmers of Afton are happy over the good rain that fell yesterday and today.

The blacksmith shop at Afton that burned last Wednesday night is being replaced by a new one.

Miss Verdine Haile, of Clarendon, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. B. Haile.

Mrs. Joe Jackson has returned from Sulphur Springs where she was called to the bedside of her father, and reports him much improved.

Mrs. Charlie Applegate, of Roaring Spring, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newberry.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Squires don't forget to smile even though the sandstorms have blown away all the bermuda grass and garden seed they have been planting for the past month.

Mrs. Ora Gresham, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, who has been visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Haney, has gone to visit her sister in Texico.

Milton Raspberry took his mother to Quannah last week for treatment.

Mr. Sam Newberry is sporting a stiff collar since he's Mr. Merchant of Afton.

Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Haney have just returned from an extended visit in Ralls, Texico and Vaughn, New Mexico. They were accompanied home by their son, Burnett.

Mrs. A. P. Stokes, who has been in Quannah for the past month for medical treatment was expected home last Friday.

The Midway High School played a game of baseball with the Afton boys Friday afternoon, Midway winning.

Mr. nd Mrs. A. L. Bivins attended the ball game Friday afternoon.

Mrs. E. D. Chambers called on Mrs. H. V. Johnson last Wednesday afternoon.

Warren C. Squires went to Spur on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitaker went to Spur on business Friday.

E. D. Chambers has gone to Hot Springs for treatment.

Miss Minnie Davis, of Midway, visited Miss Emma Jennie Johnson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Squires spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Will Jenkins, of the Forbis ranch.

Mr. Raymond Bivins is putting in a new confectionery and cold drink stand in the old post office building.

The young folks of Afton were entertained at Mr. M. K. Lawson's Friday night and at Mr. Formby's Saturday night.

Dr. J. N. Haney has a new truck. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. McCormick have a new boy at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Weatherman have returned from Rising Star where they visited his father.

The Baptist Rally at Afton on last Thursday was well attended. All report good services and lots of dinner. Come Shinnery Twig with some more news about the Dobbs' and their kin-folks.—Big and Little Sister.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens.

By virtue of a pluries execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Jones County, Texas, on the 25th day of March, 1920, by the Clerk thereof in the case of Louise Snodgrass vs. Stamford Gas & Electric Company et al, No. 4037, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I did on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1920, at 1 o'clock p. m. levy upon, and I will proceed to sell for cash within the hours prescribed by law, at Sheriff's sale on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1920, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, all of the undivided interest of the defendant, Geo. E. White, in the following real estate situated in Dickens County, Texas, and being all of lots, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26, in block No. 5, of the town of Spur, as shown by the original plat of said town now of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Dickens County, Texas, and being the same property conveyed to J. E. Johnson and G. E. White by the Stamford & Northwestern Town Site Company by deed of date the 16th day of November, A. D. 1910, together with the Electric Light Plant, Gin, Mill, Buildings, Engines, Boilers, Gin-stands, Machinery, Scales, Fixtures and together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances unto said above described premises belonging and all electric lines, poles, transformers, meters in service, easements, rights of way and all other rights, property, improvements and fixtures composing the Gin, Mill and Electric Light Plant in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, situated on said above described premises and used in any manner with said Gin Plant, Mill Plant and Electric Light Plant whether situated on said premises or elsewhere in said town of Spur, levied on as the property of Geo. E. White jointly with the said J. E. Johnson on his cross section in said suit against the said defendant Geo. E. White as such partner and individually for Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight & No-100 (\$4,628.00) Dollars, with six per cent interest per annum thereon from the 14th day of February, 1919, until paid, and the further sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four & 27-100 (\$12,984.27) Dollars with ten per cent interest per annum there on from the 14th day of February, 1919, and the further sum of Forty and 45-100 (\$40.45) Dollars as costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1920.

G. L. BARBER,
Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.

28-4t.
Jersey bull, registered, will stand the season at my place one mile south of Spur, price \$3.00.—Jesse Fletcher. 25 4t pd.

Love's Latest News



Good or Bad News From a Merchant is Worthless Unless it is Investigated. We Can Tell You Our Doings, But to Ignore The Invitation of Inspection Makes the Effort Worth Nothing to Buyer or Seller.

WE HAVE HERE AT YOUR DOOR A STOCK OF HIGH GRADE GOODS IN A LINE THAT IS SELDOM FOUND IN TOWNS OF 10,000 PEOPLE. THIS IS TO START WITH A THING WE ARE PROUD OF, AND THINK THE BUYER SHOULD APPRECIATE. OUR PRICES AND MERCHANDISE ARE BOTH WORTH WHILE TO YOU AS THE BUYER TO STOP AND LOOK OVER. OUR COLLECTION OF LADIES SILK WAISTS IN THE NEW SHORT SLEEVE EFFECT IS CREATING A STIR WITH THE BETTER DRESSED SET. WE ARE MAKING PRICES ON THESE LINES THAT ARE VERY INVITING. JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER SHIPMENT OF SILK PETTICOATS, AND THE LINE NOW EMBRACES EVERY SHADE, IN SIZES TO FIT THE AVERAGE AS WELL AS THE STOUT FIGURE. PRICES RANGE FROM \$8.50 TO \$15.00. THE SILK BY THE YARD WOULD COST YOU AS MUCH AND YOU SAVE THE MAKING.

We Have a Most Wonderful Line of Ladies' Silk Skirts

IN SILK AND WOOL, SHADES OF PINK, BLUE AND HELIO IN SILK, AND THE STAPLE SHADES OF NAVY AND GRAY IN WOOL AS WELL AS THE NEW PLAIDS. WE ARE PROUD OF THE WORKMANSHIP AND THINK YOU WILL BE ON INSPECTION. PRICE RANGE FROM \$6.00 TO \$18.00 FOR THE WOOL, AND UP TO \$25.00 IN SILK.

A Most Wonderful Collection of Silk, Georgette and Combination Dresses Priced in The Reach of The Conservative Buyer

WE ARE MAKING SOME SPECIAL CONCESSIONS IN LADIES TAILORED SUITS. WITH SUCH A GREAT SERVICE FROM A SUIT, MAKES THIS AN OPPORTUNE TIME FOR A PURCHASER. MR. HAT BUYER, THE FUTURE PRICE OF HATS ARE GOING TO BE MUCH HIGHER THAN TO-DAY!! WE ARE IN A POSITION TO GIVE YOU A FIT; HAT SIZES CARRIED FROM 6 1/2 TO 7 5/8. THIS REACHES ANY DESIRED SIZE IN MENS HATS. WE HAVE A FULL LINE AND COMPLETE STOCK ALSO FOR THE BOYS, ANY SIZE AND ANY PRICE IN HATS OR CAPS. COM ETO US FOR THAT SUMMER SUIT OR PANTS, IN DRESS OR FOR HARD WEAR. WE HAVE THE GOODS AND PRICED CORRECTLY.

We Will Mention Some of the High Class Items For Sale By Us Only, In Spur: Crossett Shoes for Men, Ralston Shoes For Men, Buster Brown Shoes for Children---Boys and Misses; Cadet Hose With Linen Heel and Toe, Kinloch Silk Hosiery. May We Have The Pleasure of Showing You The Next Time You are in Town.



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TEXAS

FARM AND EQUIPMENTS FOR QUICK SALE AT A BARGAIN

We have a 160 acre farm within three miles of Spur for quick sale at a real bargain. In sale of place will be included six head ork horses, 13 head cattle, farm tools, harness, 12 tons maize, 25 bushels corn. 70 acres in cultivation, well and windmill, orchard, etc. Price \$45 acre, including everything mentioned, \$5,000 cash, balance easy. Call at Texas Spur or see owner at once. This place is going to sell.

Bert Brown was in the city Thursday from the 24 Ranch in Kent county. He reports that drilling has been resumed on the 24 Ranch well after a delay of one week in straightening up the hole. This well is now getting down to the "serious" depth, and we are among those looking for it to blow in any day.

Lonnie Harkey, M. O. Hawk and J. H. Edwards returned last week from the Ranger and Eastland oil fields. While down there they also went on the river for a fishing trip and enjoyed the outing.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles north east of Spur, was in the city Thursday. He informed us that he was only waiting for the ground to dry out sufficiently for him to plant his crops for the year.

Rev. J. O. Haymes and wife, Rev. Geo. F. Fair and wife, and J. R. Laine left Spur Thursday to attend the District Conference which convenes at Aspermont. They will remain over Sunday.

W. L. McAteer, of north of Spur, was here Thursday smiling on account of the bumper crop prospects for the year. He is assured now of plenty feed again this year down in "Egypt"

Mrs. P. H. Miller returned the first of the week from a business trip to Eastland county.

R. L. English, of the Dry Lake settlement, was in town Wednesday on business.

T. H. Tallent, of near Gilpin, was in Spur Wednesday of this week. He just recently returned from an extended trip up in Oklahoma where he spent some time with relatives and on business. From what he said, we infer that the Oklahoma oil fraternity is familiar with the oil prospects of this territory and are watching the developments now in progress. On Mr. Tallant's place is a well which is now and has been for a number of months pumping a considerable quantity of oil with the water, and it is thought by a number who have noted this well that somewhere in the territory is a pool of oil which is seeping into this well. We have heard that geologists have stated that to the southeast of Spur is fine "oil structures." We are convinced that in this country there is oil, and we would be glad to see about fifteen test wells going down in order that if one of the first tests should fail to hit the pool, others would continue to go down and thus not stop developments and insure the country of a thorough test.

L. B. Haile, of Afton and at the head of the White Poultry Farm of that country, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday of this week. Mr. Haile informed us that he had furnished hundreds of setting eggs during the year from his poultry farm to people throughout the county. Dickens county is rapidly becoming one of the leaders in fine chickens, and within a few years will become noted for fine poultry as well as fine stock and good roads.

J. A. Zinn, of the Afton country, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday, reporting everything now in fine shape in his section of the country, having had fine rains and a fine planting season in the ground.

W. H. Taylor was here Wednesday from the Duck Creek country on a trading expedition. W. H. Taylor is one of the swiftest horse traders in this section of country, and he always has the material on which to trade.

Tom Russell, of Matador, was in Spur Thursday of this week visiting with friends.

C. D. Copeland, of east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week attending to business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. McCreary and children left last week for Eastern points to visit relatives and friends.

Better get your coal now! Only a few more cars coming before storage season.—P. H. Miller.

Fred Arrington, of west of the city of Dickens, was among the recent visitors in Spur.

A. V. Womack, of the plains section of country, was one among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Buster Bural, of the Duck Creek section of country, was one among the business visitors to town this week.

John Weathers this week made a business trip to the Eastern part of the state, with the intention of spending only a few days.

Dick Sampson and wife and sister, Miss Neoma Smith, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, were visitors in Spur Wednesday afternoon.

Frank Smith, of several miles to the south of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Wednesday of this week.

J. A. Kerley, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was one among the visitors in the city Wednesday afternoon.

STRAYED—Iron gray horse mule, 14 hands high, branded E Z or E G on left shoulder—liberal reward for his return or information leading to his recovery.—M.C. Donaldson on G. W. Dondson place north of Dickens. 1tp

J. Carlisle was in the city Wednesday from his Duck Creek farm home, spending the day here greeting his friends and on business. Recently Mr. Carlisle shaved his whiskers and on meeting old acquaintances was not recognized

GIRLS EMPLOYED IN AUTO PLANT TO DON OVERALLS

The overall movement is due to attract considerable attention in Fort Worth—especially from the male portion of the population—unless an unsympathetic law puts a stop to it.

Women employees of the Texas Motor Car Association, who wear them at their work, called the Mayor's office Friday to inquire if there was any law that would prevent them from wearing overalls to and from work.

City Prosecutor A. K. Harris is making a search of the city ordinances to see if there is anything therein that would make such action unlawful.

FOR SALE.

One pair mare mules, 5 years old; one pair horse mules, 3 years old, 16 hands high; one mare and colt, mare 3 years old; one mare and mule colt, 5 years old; one stallion, 5 years old, 17 hands high, weighs 1500; one Jersey cow, 5 years old; 6 head hogs; 2 riding cultivators; 2 row riding planter; 1-section harrow; 2 go-devils; 2 listers; riding sulkey; walking breaking plow; one 3 1/2 inch broad tire Luedinghouse wagon; 6 sets tug harness—all new. All plow tools bought since January 1st. 5 tons maize, 2 tons cotton seed; 45 acres of feed planted; 175 acres land prepared for planting cotton.

Will give possession as soon as sold. See Ed Duncan, 2 miles north Spur, tt

H. W. Johns, a leading citizen and abstractor of Clairemont, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday of this week. He reports every thing moving along nicely at this time at the county capitol of Kent county.

S. B. Scott came in Wednesday of this week from his farm home and spent the day here on business and with his family who is now living in town for the benet of the schools.

Will Tallant, of south of Spur a few miles, was among the number in Spur Wednesday of this week on business and greeting friends here that day.

WIFE, 87, WANTS TO DIVORCE HUBBY FOR BAD HABITS

Chicago, April 22—A bride 87 years old, with a big floppy picture hat rippling around her face, dragged her ruined romance into the Court of Domestic Relations and asked Judge Trude to look over the wreck and tell her what to do. She is Mrs. Albert Ropp, formerly Dr. Marion Paitson, for years a practicing physician. She owns valuable real estate, a bank account of dimensions, and a lace curtain industry. Also she has a fondness for picture hats and the latest styles in women's garments.

The other half of this sketch is a strippling of 52 who has spent \$900 of his wife's cash since their marriage several months ago.

"He's a terrible person, and sleeps with his shirt and collar on," said the disillusioned bride. "When I married him I thought I could reform him. I allowed him a half gallon of whiskey and a case of beer a week. I bought him a new suit and shoes and every thing, and fed him up well, and one day he rewarded me by saying:

"Gosh—I'm sorry I married you—" "He said he liked women who wore big, heavy shoes and queer little hats. He said I was too derved stylish. Think of that—from an unspeakable person who sleeps with his shirt and collar on and would go to bed with his trousers and shoes on unless someone prevented him."

"I was married and happy for twenty-eight years," she continued.

"I raised four children of my own and adopted and educated seven. They're all gone now. My two sons and daughters are married and living in the East. Two of the seven adopted children became priests, and I had to finish up by making a fool of myself. There's no fool like an old fool."

The court will endeavor to find the recreant Albert and force him to contribute something toward the support of his wife. He recently ran away, but should not be hard to find, as he sleeps with his shirt and collar, and perhaps with his hat and shoes on.

Wall paper at the Backet Store.

City Drug Store for kodaks.

Some Telephone Facts

It Costs More To Furnish Telephone Service Today Than It Did a Few Years Ago

THE COST OF ALL MATERIALS AND LABOR Has increased in the past few years, but telephone rates have remained fixed. IT IS NOW IMPERATIVE THAT TELEPHONE RATES BE SLIGHTLY INCREASED IN ORDER TO MEET THE CHANGED CONDITIONS.

We have not been earning anything like a reasonable return and we must increase the rate to our patrons to a point where we can earn a small return on the investment.

The new rate will not yield a reasonable return, but it is imperative that we increase the rate to a point where we will not suffer a loss. The readjustment of telephone rates, however, is nothing like that in other lines, proportionately, but they will enable us to survive and properly fulfill our obligations to the public.

*Increase In Cost of Materials
Increase In Cost of Operation
Increase In Cost of All Labor
Must Increase The Cost of Telephone Service*

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

RIP-SAW VALLEY.

Well, as the kind editor was good enough to print my letter last week I will come again as I promised.

We had a nice rain Saturday night and I suppose every one is now planting his crops.

The two babies of Mr. Dave Haie are very sick with whooping cough.

Every one enjoyed the base ball game which was played between the Prairie Chapel Kids and the Afton Toughs. The scores ran 7 to 18 in favor of Prairie Chapel.

I stated last week that Miss Ethel Jenkins was tin poisoned, but I have heard later that teaching school is completely wrecking her nerves, so she thinks maybe she wont have to teach school always.

Mr. Harvey Holley of Dickens, J. C. Christopher of Rip Saw, and Fred Christopher of Afton, say that they are awfully tired of sand storms and have gone down on the southern coast to hunt a new location. We surely hope they don't like, for they have been with us so long we hate to see them leave.

Mrs. Cleaa Holly is spending the week with her mother, Ms. J. C. Christopher.

Miss Willie Christopher is spending the week with Mrs. Pearl Christopher.

Miss Verda Hale spent last week visiting friends and relatives in Rip Saw.

Miss Letha Daniel just returned from an extended visit with friends at Crosbyton.

Mr. Bob Foard and family and Mr. S. H. Daniel and family went to the Baptist reunion at Afton last Thursday. They report fine preaching and a nice dinner.

Mr. Bob Foard and family have gone on an extended trip to Paducah to visit relatives.—Bachelor Girl.

A boy was born March 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross of Kent county. Mrs. Cross and the boy just returned the past week from the sanitarium at Abilene and are reported doing nicely. We congratulate Mr. Cross on having a son and heir, and may he develop into one of the geatest men of West Texas.

M. H. Lee is in Dallas this week on business.

LISTEN IN VAIN FOR SIGNALS FROM MARS

Gamer Ranch, Cedar Creek, Neb.—Dr. Fredrick L. Miller and Harvey Gamer, electrical experts, failed in their efforts to catch a signal from Mars. The attempt will be renewed.

Waiting tensely beside what is probably the largest wireless apparatus ever constructed, Gamer listened throughout the night and far into the early hours of morning for a sound never yet heard by man and which, if received, would carry man's domain across interstellar space.

Time and again Dr. Milliner reduced the wave lengths of the great machine so that stations of the shorter distance, such as the Hawaiian Islands, Berlin, South America and England, could be used to test the wires. The code came flowing in clear and metallic. The nas the long wave inductance, the 20,000 meter coupler and the 81,000 foot aerial were swung into the current and the wave gradually lengthened, all the notes of the scale sounded higher until the highest tone passed beyond the hearing and above the range of earthly wireiess. At this point the message anticipated by Marconi might be heard.

Yet no sound came except the broken clatter of static disturbances, which crashed along the line during the earlier hours of the night. Toward morning these sounds ceased.

JAYTON MATTRESS FACTORY.

Is now open and prepared to renovate your old beds and make new ones. Will make your tick and make over your old bed for \$4. Make new at same price. Send them to us or write us and we will call and get them.—The Jayton Mattress Factory, Jayton, Texas. 26 p1t tf

Dr. Earnest, of Ranger, has been in Spur during the week. We understand while here Dr. Earnest purchased one thousand acres of land from J. H. Edwards of Dickens. Dr. Earnest now has considerable holdings in the Spur country, and we understand may later move here.

Mrs. Simmons, of El Paso, is in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Putman.

Carnegie Doubly Interested.

One more statue was unveiled, recently, of the immortal Robbie Burns, this time in Boston. Andrew Carnegie spent much of his holiday time in Scotland, and divided it between dedicating free libraries, opening church organs, and unveiling Burns statues. Meeting Mr. Carnegie at a St. Andrews dinner in New York, a braw Scot but recently come over said, "Mr. Carnegie, I would like to shake you by the hand; you unveiled a statue of Robbie Burns last summer in my home town." "Aye," said Mr. Carnegie, after a pause, "that would be Montrose, the only place I ever had anything to do with a Burns statue that I didna pay for. On that account I'm doubly pleased to meet you."—Christian Science Monitor.

Modest Linguist.

Prof. Robertson of Louisville has published a little book of his own on the Greek of the New Testament, a book weighing more than eight pounds and containing 1,540 closely printed pages. In the preface Prof. Robertson apologizes for his small linguistic attainments. He is not, he says, a specialist in the Semitic tongues, though he knows Hebrew and Aramaic and can use Coptic and Sanscrit. He knows Latin, Greek, French, German and Anglo-Saxon, but beyond those languages only Assyrian, Dutch, Gothic and Italian are to be added to his "modest linguistic equipment."

Cement's Adhesion to Iron.

The adhesion of cement to iron that gives strength to reinforced concrete is found by Vasileco Karpen to be unlike the gluing effect of mortar on bricks. The cement does not stick to the iron firmly, if at all, but the adhesion is given by a gripping of enclosed iron as the concrete contracts in setting.

Jim Edd Hall and wife, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love returned this week to their home in Stamford.

What This Year Is.

It's not only the year 1920 Anno Domini; but it's also: The year 144 of American Independence; the year 5680 of the Jewish calendar; the year 1919 by the old Russian calendar (by which New Year's Day comes on Jan. 14 of our calendar); the year 1838 by the Mohammedan calendar, and the year 1836 by the Coptic calendar, which is used in parts of Egypt and Ethiopia.

It is an interesting and little known fact, by the way, that our calendar years are not reckoned from the year of Christ's birth; but from the fourth year after his birth. Christ was born in the year 4 B. C., according to the majority of authorities on such matters.

Somewhere, sometime, a mistake in reckoning the years was made, which became so firmly established that it was impossible to correct the calendar after the discovery of the mistake was made.

Teach Boys Art of Fishing.

A fishing school, the first in Italy, has been opened at Naples, with an attendance of eighty enthusiastic and ambitious fisher boys. Extended trips to fishing grounds will be made in a large motor boat, the gift of the Junior Red Cross of America, and instruction will be given in the practice and theory of fishing. Some of the lessons will deal with the possible use of fish for canning, the nature and extent of oil in fish, and its extraction and preservation.

It is believed the school will do much good here, as a large part of the population earns its livelihood by fishing, but still employs old-fashioned methods. Several other schools are being organized, one of them exclusively for girls.

"Be Sure You Are Right."

The vital thing in achievement is a fixed goal backed up by a loyal will. It's easy to do a thing after you have been convinced of its justice. Half the battle is finding out just what you ought to do, and making up your mind to do it. When you are committed to a task you feel no peace until you have gone your limit toward its achievement. The wise thing to do is to make sure that what you think of doing adds to the general progress you intend to make. "Be sure you are right" is more than a commonplace. It's a fundamental in the great worth while. Make haste as fast as you can, but continually remind yourself that you want to be sure which way you're headed.—Exchange.

Poison Gas to Rout Robbers.

Poison gas foils would-be robbers who blow open safes or vaults equipped with a new protective device, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. A thin glass bottle, filled with chemicals is placed in a metal holder inside the doors. When an explosive is used to break them open, the concussion shatters the flask and releases its contents. Exposed to the air, the chemicals form a gas which suffocates and causes temporary blindness.

Uncertain Experiment.

"Do you think it will help matters to change the name of wood alcohol?" "I dunno," answered Uncle Bill Botletop. "A rogne sometimes does his best work under an alias."

C. A. Jones, of Freeport, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after the Swenson interests and greeting his many warm friends in Spur and the country.

MALTA IN HISTORY

Had Part in Each Step of Western Civilization.

Island Made Famous Forever When It Beat Back the Turkish Hordes in 1565—Deserving of Promised Home Rule.

"Perhaps no other by-product of the world war save the recovery of Jerusalem stirs the imagination so profoundly as the British announcement of home rule for Malta," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society, which explains:

"The Malta island group is a shrine of mythology, and of sacred and profane history. Calypso, vampire of Homer's word motion pictures, rescued the shipwrecked Ulysses, and employed her charms to make him stay on the island. St. Paul swam ashore there after his vessel ran aground. Publius, the island governor, according to Acts, 28, received and lodged him, and the apostle founded a Christian community before he departed.

"The date of Christ's birth is but the half-way point in Maltese chronology. Since its recorded history began ten nations have held sway over the coveted islands, beginning with the Phoenicians of Paul's time, and running a scale of Greeks, Carthaginians, Romans, Goths, Arabs, Germans, Spaniards and French, until the present sovereignty of the British.

"It has been said that Malta's chronicle holds, in microcosm, the history of Europe, and that its archeological remains mark each step in western civilization.

"But Malta was an actor, as well as a librarian of historic drama. Literally she became the savior of the western world when the Knights of Malta beat back the Turkish hordes during the famous siege of 1565. The alien knights, along with native Maltese, kept the blighted head of Moslem from crushing the lands which fostered those infant ideals of freedom which now are erected in England's concession.

"The thrills of that siege and the heroism displayed are unsurpassed. Of the 3,000 Maltese who fought with the knights, practically all were killed. Characteristic of the knights' valor was that of the defenders of Fort St. Elmo. Wounded and desperate, the few survivors of months of fighting went to a small chapel within the fort, embraced each other, received the eucharist, and prepared to die. The little company was cut off from all assistance, but fought on. Many fell with sword in hand.

"Fearing they would be exterminated before the assailants were beaten back, a Maltese was sent to swim across the harbor by night to inform the grand master of the danger. The messenger delivered his 'message to Garcia' by diving and swimming mostly under water. 'Hold the fort, or die fighting,' was the command he brought back. Every man obeyed—and died. But the consternation wrought by their frenzied resistance worked such havoc among the assailants that the news of it spread to other divisions of the Turkish forces, and turned the tide toward a Maltese victory.

"In command of the Turkish sea forces was Dragut, who rose from cabin boy and galley slave to be admiral of the Turkish navy, and was mortally wounded before Malta."

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