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CO. CONVENTION ENDORSES ESTABLISHMENT OF A. & M.

At the county democratic convention held Saturday in Dickens a resolution endorsing the creation and establishment of a West Texas A. & M. College to be located in West Texas was adopted, and Clifford B. Jones and Jas. F. Williams were elected delegates to the state convention in September to present and push this proposition in the convention and before the heads of state governmental affairs.

The convention did not discuss nor engage in partisan politics, neither endorsing nor condemning the Bailey or Neff factions of the second primary campaign—leaving the settlement of this fight to the voters in the primary election August 28th and willing to abide by the result of a majority of the democratic ballots cast.

However, the establishment of a West Texas A. & M. College is not to be selected by balloting, therefore people throughout this entire section hope that our delegates be successful in an effort to secure for West Texas this college which will be of great material as well as educational benefit the people and the country as a whole.

MRS. PHOEBE K. WARNER LECTURED SUNDAY IN SPUR

Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner, who is devoting her life and time to the uplift of mankind and the betterment of prevailing conditions, lectured to a large audience here Sunday at the Christian church. Her subject was applied to "A Vision of Dickens County A Quarter of a Century From Today," urging that her hearers work for a realization in the future of the visions of today. Mrs. Warner is doing effective work encouraging co-operation and advancement of community interests and welfare, especially with reference to the women.

She complimented Dickens county people for progressive advancement, referring especially to our excellent system of roads, good schools and churches, stating that good roads make community progress possible. She also highly complimented Miss Mary Ella Forrest for the extensive, active, efficient and important work she is doing with and for the women girls and boys of the county.

Mrs. Warner is doing a great educational work, and her lecture Sunday was a stimulant and a real benefit to every one who heard her, and it is to be regretted that every man, woman, girl and boy in Dickens county did not hear it.

FARMS AND CITY PROPERTY BEING BOUGHT AND SOLD

During the past week there has been much activity in the sale and purchase of farm lands and city property in Spur and immediate surrounding territory.

Chas. Whitener sold his 340 acre farm and ranch two miles southwest of Spur to Finis Bilberry for a consideration of \$40 an acre. Mr. Bilberry will build a farm home immediately and clear up land for cultivation.

E. C. Edmonds sold a 160 acre farm near Soldier Mound to Mr. Willis of Antelope, the consideration being \$27.50 per acre.

G. L. Barber sold his 340 acre farm and ranch west of Spur to W. C. Messer for a consideration of \$17 an acre.

A. W. Phillips bought the Pickens quarter section of land near Twin Wells at a price of \$40 an acre. He will build a house and otherwise improve the place.

H. O. Albin and S. J. Ousley paid \$70 an acre to W. A. Haris and Claud James for a 160 acre farm near Espuela.

Oran McClure sold his 162 acre farm near McAdoo to S. Derr for a consideration of approximately \$55 an acre.

Two or three farms in the Afton country were sold, but we failed to get details. However, one sold, we understand, for \$80 odd dollars an acre.

Dan Hogan sold his house and lot in southwest Spur to Jim Cross for \$850.

Gruben brothers bought the Roy Bailey house and lot in east Spur at a price of \$1250.

Mr. Gascon paid \$300 to W. W. Morey of Ohio, for two vacant lots in east part of Spur.

DIRT BROKEN THURSDAY ON NEW METHODIST CHURCH

The contract was let this week to H. F. Murray for the construction of the basement section of the new twenty five thousand dollar concrete Methodist church to be constructed on Burlington Avenue, and Thursday afternoon at six o'clock the first dirt was broken in beginning the construction work. Quite a number were present to witness the dirt breaking and appropriate ceremonies were had.

The plans for the building have not yet been fully completed, but it is estimated that when completed and furnished the building will cost in the neighborhood of thirty thousand dollars. It is to be of concrete, with basement class rooms for Sunday school, and the building throughout will be modern in every detail.

NOW DRILLING IN OIL SAND AT THE DAVIS TEST WELL

Everything now looks the very brightest at the Davis test well for oil being drilled by the Spur Oil Company. The well is now approximately twenty two hundred to twenty five hundred feet deep and drilling in a sand which is said by the drillers to be as pretty oil sand as was ever drilled into without producing the oil. The fact is that the drillers would not be surprised to hit the oil at any stroke of the drill.

During the week a geologist representing the Sun Oil Company was on the ground, and after examining the sand made the statement that oil should be uncovered within twenty five feet.

The week before we accompanied Mr. Derr, an old experienced oil man who has made many locations in the older oil fields, who, after making an examination and giving the location a thorough test with his oil locating apparatus, stated that oil in paying quantities would be struck at a depth of three thousand feet or less, and if the depth were greater the amount would be increased in proportion. Mr. Derr also made a more extensive survey of the field, his final report being in accord with that of Geologist Lynch in stating that the Davis well is located directly over a vein of oil leading out from an extensive pool of oil located further west of the derrick and within section 301. He says that this will prove to be the greatest oil pool yet uncovered within the state.

At the present time drilling operations continue on the Davis well, and the drill is steadily going down. Both Mr. McGee and Drillers Gray are more optimistic than ever, and are as confident of striking paying oil as they are that they are now drilling for oil.

Unless some unexpected delay is met with, we will probably know within the month of August whether or not oil will be had at three thousand feet in accord with the geological calculations, personally, our faith is still firmly fixed that a great pool of oil underneath the Dickens county soil, but as stated before our "unprofessional" opinion is that the oil may be deeper than is calculated by experienced oil men. At any rate we are assured that Mr. McGee, as the head of the Spur Oil Company, will keep the drill going down to a depth of four thousand feet and deeper or strike oil.

MRS. PHEBE K. WARNER LECTURED TO CLUB MEMBERS

The members of our club, last Wednesday met with Mrs. Thacker in the most interesting meeting had; probably due the presence of Mrs. Phoebe K. Warner who lectured the greater part of the afternoon, on school problems and "what the rural clubs have done for our people." Both were very interesting subjects and Mrs. Warner discussed them in the most interesting manner. We feel highly complimented in having this lady with us. Miss Forrest is doing her best to bring prominent speakers to us from all parts of the state, for which we are very grateful to her.

There will be a special meeting for the girls Tuesday week, with club member, Ella Thanisch. Every girl is urged to attend as the meeting is very important.—Ella Thanisch.

CHEER UP, BE THOUGHTFUL BUT NOT PESSIMISTIC

We are living in critical times, times in which every man who can really think and think straight, who can act and act right, should be on the job, but indulging in pessimism will not help to a right solution, it will simply retard it.

While every thoughtful and observant man will admit that many economic and industrial conditions, are more or less deplorable right now, and he will also have to admit, if he reads United States history, that we have passed through times fully as critical as those now confronting us—and yet we are still here and doing fairly well.

And some say cheer up, be thoughtful but not pessimistic. God is in His heaven. Every thing is not all right with the world today and it never will be just right for everybody, but while there is a demand for thoughtfulness, while there is a demand for concert action in the right direction, there is no occasion for down-heartedness or gloom.

We have had fairly good rains this week which will make the country plenty of feed and some cotton, and some of you farmers are already worrying about just what price you are going to get for it, and we wish we could tell you, but we can't and perhaps it is best we can't. If everything was clear sailing for us all of the time, we would become flabby, both mentally and physically. We have to have food to eat. Good wives, just remember that our grocery stock is the best the market affords. While Uncle Bill is away this week catching fish, the other boys will be glad to take your order just the same.

And say, ladies, some of those goods bought by our Messrs Link and Ensey have begun to arrive so if you want to see the latest in womens ready-to-wear, come and let us show you.

Our millinery will be here in due time as her goods have begun to arrive and she will have the best line of millinery ever brought to Spur, so watch for opening dates.

Say Mr. Farmer, don't you need a wagon, or perhaps a row binder to save your feed with, if so we have a car of each coming and would like to sell you one, or anything you need in the hardware line. We have it, if not we will get it for you.

This is an honest to goodness invitation to all to come and trade here. If you are not already a customer of ours and if you want to please us you will accept this invitation to trade with

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY IDLE NEGROES CHASED OUT OF CROSBY COUNTY

Sheriff Brute Mitchell was over from Crosbyton Tuesday on official business, a part of which was giving the colored "gentlemen" of our town an invitation to go to work or forever to shake the dust of Crosby county from their feet. There seemed to be quite a number who desired not to make intimate acquaintance with old man work, so they took a cross tie ticket to Lubbock, where the minions of the law are not quite so strict in this respect. This is not a "nigger's" country, and when one comes here and sponges, refusing to work he should be immediately chased.—Ralls Banner.

SPUR FARMER MAKES OVER 41 BUSHELS WHEAT TO ACRE

J. N. Duke, 3 miles west of Spur, harvested this year four hundred and thirteen bushels of wheat from ten acres of land, thus making an average of forty one and three-tenths bushels to the acre. The wheat tested a little better than 60 pounds to the bushel.

Another crop upon the plains in Dickens county, we are informed, threshed out forty seven bushels to the acre this year.

There is no question but that Dickens county is a fine wheat and small grain section, and when farmers more generally practice diversification, raise more small grain, broom corn, beans, peas and pigs, together with cotton and maize, we will have a richer and happier populace. There is today greater opportunities for development progress in agriculture and commerce than ever before in the history of the settlement of this country, and these opportunities are now being realized to a greater extent than ever before. Some day we will have here one of the most completely developed sections within the confines of America. The people are alive, progressive and looking ahead for something better.

TWENTY EIGHT CARS WHEAT ALREADY MARKETED IN SPUR

Through the activity and efforts of W. W. Sample and other business interests, Spur has this year established and maintained the leading wheat market in all Western Texas.

Up to the first of the week there had been brought in from the surrounding country and marketed in Spur twenty eight car loads of wheat, or approximately forty thousand bushels. A price of two dollars and fifty to fifty-five cents per bushel was paid farmers for this grain, distributing among the farmers of this immediate section a sum of more than ninety-five thousand dollars.

The wheat crop of Dickens county this year averaged from twenty five to thirty bushels to the acre, and tested from sixty to sixty seven pounds to the bushel.

Dickens county is one of the finest grain as well as cotton, corn and maize countries in the state of Texas.

CASING ARRIVES FOR THE 24 RANCH TEST FOR OIL

After a delay of several weeks waiting for casing to arrive, drilling was again resumed this week on the 24 Ranch well, the casing having arrived the latter part of last week. The well was at a depth of 1,875 feet when drilling was suspended on account of the hole filling with water, a stream of water having been encountered at that depth.

Three oil sands, each of which had showings of oil, have been drilled through in the test, and every indication is most favorable for eventually bringing in a real well in this location.

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectable only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and towns shall be collectable only in current money.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the constitution increasing total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within the state shall receive as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the state, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the constitution of the state of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation for of public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Sec. 3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

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RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation therefor.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the state and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of

pendent or common school districts created by general or special law."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of such publication and election.

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

Mrs. Ben J. Brothers and little daughter returned recently from an extended visit with relatives and friends in other sections of the state.

G. W. and Tom Dodson and Lon Kizziah and families, of the "Tennessee Valley" north of Dickens, left Monday of this week for a month or six weeks visit to relatives in the state of Tennessee. They have "laid by" their crops with the exception of returning to harvest the biggest yields within a life-time of farming. In fact G. W. Dodson told us that he had the best crop prospects he ever had in his life, and that he would make bumper crops regardless of whether it rained any more or not—but it has rained since they left.

Rev. A. B. Miller, pastor of the Spur Baptist church, returned the first of the week from Roaring Springs where he has been conducting a protracted meeting. He reports a very successful meeting, having had nineteen additions to the church and a number of conversions.

W. S. Campbell, wife and children and Mrs. Williams, returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Cool Colorado where they spent several weeks very pleasantly. They all say Colorado is the place to go in the summer time to avoid hot weather.

Mrs. E. L. Caraway entertained the Friday Afternoon Club in the morning of last Friday, there being quite a number of the membership and guests present to enjoy the occasion. At the conclusion of the usual interesting games of forty two, delightful refreshments were served by the hostess who on this as well as other occasions maintained an established reputation as a most gracious and charming entertainer.

J. H. Reynolds, a leading citizen and business man of Dickens, had business in Spur one day the past week. He reports business good in Dickens and everything in fine shape in the surrounding country.

Green DePreist, of Tahoka, spent the time from Saturday to Monday with H. C. Allen at his home in the Dry Lake community. Mr. Allen informed us that he and Mr. DePreist were friends and associates thirty odd years ago, and it had been eighteen years since they last met. No doubt they enjoyed meeting again and talking over old times.

Dan and Coy McMahan, sons of J. R. McMahan, and Clay Knox, his grandson, left Wednesday for Whitesboro to their old home, to visit relatives and friends, and last but not least, to see their better halves. They will probably be gone two or three weeks, after which they will return to "the land of milk and honey."

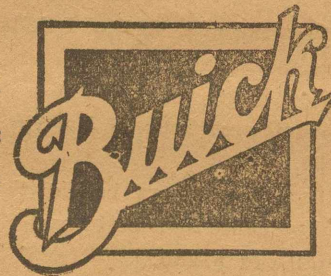
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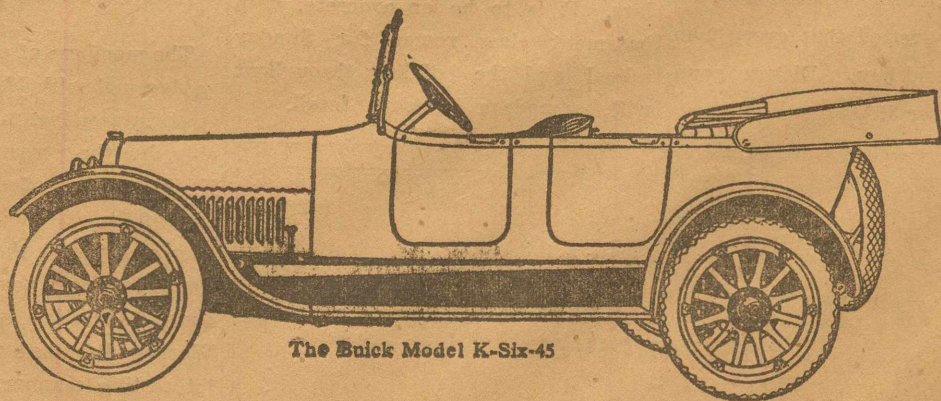


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A. V. Womack, barber, farmer and trader, of McAdoo, was in Spur a few minutes Tuesday. He is getting so rich now from the returns of his barber shop and harvesting and selling his wheat crop that he pays little attention to small details and minor operations.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland were in the city the first of the week from their farm home east of Spur, spending several hours here shopping and visiting with friends.

Otis Anderson, of Alvarado, is in Spur visiting his aunt, Mrs. R. R. Johns, and cousin, Mrs. E. B. Hargrove.

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Mrs. Fomby, of Brown county, is this week the guest of Mrs. R. D. Shields, of Dickens. In the years gone by Mrs. Fomby and members of the McClure family attended the same school on Rugh Branch. We were glad to again meet her and renew an acquaintance of youthful days and wish her a most pleasant visit in the "golden West."

Mrs. Ben Redell, of McAdoo, is on an extended visit to her parents and other relatives in the Eastern part of the state. During her absence Ben is running about considerably and it is hard to catch him at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Russell are visiting this week her mother, Mrs. Kate Buchanan at her home just west of Spur.

S. Derr and family, of the McAdoo country, passed through Spur Monday on their way to East Texas for their summer's vacation and where they will visit relatives. Mr. Derr has bumper crop prospects, and while these crops are maturing he expects to enjoy life.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community, will conduct the services Sunday and Sunday night at the Baptist church in the absence of the pastor, A. B. Miller.

Fred Whiting and brother, who have been visiting Mr. Love and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell the past three weeks, returned this week to their home in Oklahoma.

Lee Cathey, who has been in California and other Western States the past year, is now at home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens.

Miss Vivian Byrd, of Clairemont, the guest of Miss Willie Lee Gilbert at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

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THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE
G. R. ELKINS, Manager

H. C. Eldredge was in Spur Tuesday from McAdoo, and upon meeting up with him he insisted that we ought to "set-up" the beer because we had been persuaded to sell our farm on the plains for a sum of fifty odd dollars an acre—and we did drink the beer. A man don't have to work in this country to make money. All he has to do is buy farm lands, hold it a few years and sell it for the advanced prices—and such a process may be continued for years yet to come. Within our day we expect to see land sell for two and three hundred dollars an acre. If you consider what this land will produce it is actually worth two and three hundred dollars today. No man can lose money buying land at any price.

Mrs. A. C. Hyatt and children, formerly of Spur but now of Albany, accompanied by her father and one or two other parties passed through Spur Saturday on their way to Ralls to visit relatives. Mr. Hyatt was formerly with the Texas Spur and is now with the Albany News. He is a fine newspaper man and picture show operator and has a hankering to return to Spur. We will be glad to have him back, and when the oil wells blow in we expect to be in a position to need his assistance to hold down the situation.

John Law, of north of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week.

DUROC JERSEY PIGS 2 months old for sale this week.—Weldon McClure, Spur, Texas.

Mrs. C. L. Love and daughters returned Wednesday from an extended visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Brasher's mother, of Abilene, is in Spur for an extended visit with Dr. and Mrs. Brasher.

FOR SALE—657 acres farm land, well improved, 4 houses and 1 shack, located between Spur and Dickens and known as the Egyptian Farm. Will sell all together for \$75.00 an acre, or will sell in small tracts.—W. L. McAteer, Spur, Texas. 40tf

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SPUR TEXAS

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FOUR ISSUES COUNT A MONTH

FOUR HORSES BACK IN VENICE

Finest of Ancient Bronzes, Moved to Rome During War, Have Been Returned.

Venice.—The replacing of the famous Four Horses over the principal portal of the Basilica of St. Marks, was the greatest event in Venice since the commencement of the war.

The Four Horses, among the finest of the ancient bronzes, and brought to Venice in 1204 by Doge Enrico Dandolo, were taken to Rome during the war for fear they would be damaged by an Austrian bombardment.

This was the second time the horses were removed from Venice, Napoleon having taken them to Paris to decorate the triumphal arch in the Place du Carrousel. They were returned to Venice in 1815.

BAN DRILL IN "FOE" SCHOOLS

Allies Stop Military Exercises by Children Till Disarmament Is Settled.

Mayence, Germany.—Military drills in the public schools of the occupied area of Germany have been prohibited by the allies' committee on the administration of the Rhine territories until such time as the subject of disarmament of Germany provided for in the treaty of peace may be taken up and decided definitely by the allies' commission.

Cat Tried for Robbery.

Atlantic City, N. J.—A perfectly innocent looking maltese cat, owned by William Shaffer, was a defendant in court the other day charged by George Kleinhaus with having robbed his chicken yard of no less than forty-three fowls, some of them \$5 broilers. The defense raised the point that the city law does not mention cats. The offending animal was turned over to the S. P. C. A. to be humanely removed.

FUGITIVE TURK A KING

Enver Pasha, a Pro-German, Has Accepted Kurdish Throne.

Enver Pasha, former Turkish minister of war, has been crowned king of Kurdistan, the Turkish region lying between Mesopotamia and Persia. Kurdistan is an extensive region with ill-defined borders. Its population includes 2,000,000 people, most of whom are Mohammedans.

Enver Pasha was minister of war in the Turkish cabinet from January, 1914, to October, 1918. He was leader of the Young Turks, an ardent pro-German and an enthusiastic pupil of the German general von der Goltz. After the signing of the armistice Enver fled from Constantinople to Berlin in disguise. He was arrested on the Turkish government, but escaped. Though a sentence of death rests over him for acts committed during the war, he is a king and probably will escape punishment.

PLENTY OF WORK FOR ALL

Director of Employment Service Finds Industrial Situation Good.

Unemployment now is less alarming than at any time since the signing of the armistice, according to a statement made by W. H. Skinner, acting director general of the United States employment service.

Reports from 22 states indicate that in Wisconsin and Michigan there is a shortage of help. In Arkansas, Tennessee and Indiana there is reported a slight shortage of jobs. In Chicago and New York there is more unemployment than anywhere in the country.

The slight unemployment that is reported is regarded as a result of the difficulty in connecting the right man with the job and of strikes, which create an artificial condition.

Conscience Drove Man Back to Prison.

Unable longer to resist his conscience, Elmer E. Barnard, who escaped from the Oregon state penitentiary in 1916, has voluntarily returned to the institution, to serve a maximum term of ten years.

War Souvenirs Blew Clubhouse to Bits.

Explosion of souvenir shells brought from France caused the destruction of the Admiral Benson clubhouse for service men at Hoboken, N. Y.

J. W. Dunn continues to work early and late to keep up with baking bread for the people here and elsewhere in this section. He makes the bread and deserves the patronage of home people.

TREASURE DIGGER WINS SUIT

New Jersey Preacher Doesn't Have to Pay Farmer \$5,000 on Note, Says Court.

Paterson, N. J.—Frederick Loehrs, pastor of the Congregation of Enlightenment of Soul and Spirit, will not be compelled to pay \$5,000 for the privilege of digging up a farm in quest of buried treasure. A jury in the circuit court here dismissed the suit against him on grounds of "no cause for action."

The plaintiff was Daniel Balsinger, who said he had loaned Loehrs \$5,000 on a note. The pastor testified that Balsinger told him of a conversation Balsinger had with a woman, in which the latter recounted a dream in which over \$2,000,000 worth of jewelry and gold was buried on Balsinger's farm in Oakland, N. J.

The pastor agreed to buy the farm, he said, and gave Balsinger \$20 in cash and the note for \$5,000. Then he and Mrs. Sophie Sautter, treasurer of the congregation, and Mrs. Marie Blumer, secretary, dug and dug in vain for the valuables.

Babies Use Powder and Paint in Britain

London.—Many English mothers are putting "make-up" on their children.

The newspapers are taking the matter up with a view to preventing this burlesquing of childhood.

At a children's dancing class it was noticed that two out of every three of the little girls were made up in some way or other. Powder was most prevalent; several of the children had touches of rouge on their cheeks and lips, while quite a number of pairs of eyebrows had been darkened with a pencil.

These things are being done more and more in everyday life to such an extent that one "beauty doctor" has lately opened a children's room, with special attendants.

Mr. Foresithe, of Texarkana, is her visiting relatives and prospecting with a view of locating in the Spur country. He will return home, sell out and return heret to buy land.

Miss Chapman, of Kaugman county, is a guest at the homes of M. W. Chapman and H. O. Albin.

Do you

HAVE TROUBLE IN GETTING YOUR FAVORITE MAGAZINES THESE DAYS OF SCARCITY? IF SO, VISIT OUR MAGAZINE DEPARTMENT WHERE YOU WILL FIND YOUR SPECIAL PERIVILICUE WHETHER FICTION, FASHION OR SCIENTIFIC.

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THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

G. R. ELKINS, Manager

HAVE NEW SENSE OF DUTY

America Probably Has Taught Much to French Women of the Highest Social Position.

They were handing out pots and pans to the returned refugees at Reims that day.

It was really a very gay occasion, says Blanche Brace in World Outlook. The pots and pans made it so, in spite of the ghosts of dead homes (mere hollow shells of ruined houses) all around the shattered building where the distribution was being made, the broken cathedral over yonder, the miles of desolation everywhere. Sometimes the refugee women hugged the cheap utensils to them and crooned over them as if they had been children; sometimes they wanted to pay a few centimes "rent" for them, so that they might feel the things were their own. These were not just pots and pans, but the promise of comfort and security again, the nucleus for new homes that should rise from the ruins.

A countess with smudged fingers, and half a dozen other French women of prestige, stood behind the counter and handed out the utensils. All at once a middle-aged, homely mere dropped her pan with a clatter.

"Mon Dieu!" she gasped, "is she a countess? And I fought with her for a bigger pot! And working so hard—what does it mean?"

What it meant was that France learned two new words from America during the war—social service.

Olaf Williams, of Peacock, returned Tuesday after spending several days in Spur with boy friends of the city.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Wednesday shopping and visiting with friends.

LOST—A pistol scabbard, between J. C. Hindman farm and W. W. Stegall's. Finder please return to J. E. Stegall.

DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1920:

- For Judge, 50th Judicial District: J. H. MILAM
- For County Judge: CHAS. McLAUGHLIN
- For District and County Clerk: O. C. ARTHUR
- For Tax Assessor: G. B. JOPLING
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: G. L. BARBER (Re-election)
- For County Treasurer: C. H. PERRY
- Precinct No. 4: W. D. THACKER
- For County Commissioner: Precinct No. 3: P. E. HAGINS
- For Commissioner Precinct One: T. M. GREEN
- For Commissioner and Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1: E. L. HARKEY
- For Public Weigher, Precinct 3: J. W. CARLISLE

THE WHOLE COUNTRY WORKED UP OVER GOVERNOR'S RACE

E. B. Shaw returned Thursday from a trip to Houston, Galveston, Waco and other points, looking after cotton business. In talking of the governor's campaign now on Mr. Shaw gave his opinion, based upon what he heard on his rounds, that Bailey would be nominated by a small majority, but that he would not be elected as governor in the general election. He said the whole country was worked up over the campaign and that, as large if not larger vote would be polled in the second than in the first primary. In the first primary Bailey lead Neff about 2000 votes.

T. E. Love and family are leaving this week for a visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. Newman wash ere this week from his ranch east of Spur.

Why man—
we made this
cigarette for you!



CAMELS fit your cigarette desires so completely you'll agree they were made to meet your taste!

Unique flavor, fragrance and mellow-mild-body due to Camels quality and expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos are a revelation! You will prefer the Camel blend to either kind of tobacco smoked straight!

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Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes for 20 cents; or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine-paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply or when you travel.

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Located in the center of the GREAT PLAINS FARMING BELT, having cool climate, abundance of good clear water, fertile soil, railroads running five directions, good crops and general prosperity.

LANDS are advancing in price, but we have some good bargains in land located in LUBBOCK, LAMB TERRY and other counties. We have two special bargains to offer near the new town of MEADOW in Terry County.

No Trouble To Show Land Or Answer Your Questions

Wall's Land Exchange
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it 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.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

MORE WHEAT THIS YEAR THAN LAST, REPORTE SHOW

Washington.—Wheat from last year's crop carried over into 1920 totaled 109,318,000 bushels on July 1, compared with 48,561,000 bushels of the 1919 crop on hand the corresponding day last year, said an announcement today by the Department of Agriculture.

Crops on farms, in country mills and elevators, and points of large accumulation, all showed an increase over 1919 totals. This year farmers held 47,756,000 bushels, against 19,261,000 bushels in 1919, the figures perhaps reflecting disturbed transportation conditions during the past year.

At the large central storage points this year the department found 24,575,000 bushels, against 9,575,000 in the same places on July 1, 1919. In country mills and elevators this year there are 36,980,000 bushels, while in 1919 there were 19,763,000.

Ed Baum and family, after spending a few days with Mrs. McClure and family, left the first of the week to visit other relatives at Memphis, Crowell and other points. They live at Cross Plains which is now developing into an oil center. It may be possible that later our wife, in order to save them from paying income tax, can persuade them to transfer some of the surplus dividends.

KILL THE BLUE BUGS.

And all blood sucking insects by feeding Martin's Wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by Red Front Drug Store, The Spur Drug Company and City Drug Store. 16-40t

Registered Poland China Boar for service at my place one and a half miles west of Dickens.—J. P. Middleton. 20-3mop

H. E. Garbener was in town Wednesday from his place east of Spur. He reported that he had about a half inch of rain, which was not enough for his feed crops but which would help cotton. Mr. Garbener has two or three hundred acres of feed anyway, and he can't keep from making more feed than will take to run him through another year.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was among the visitors on the streets Wednesday of this week. We understand that Mr. Farmer has fine crop prospects regardless of the "draw-backs."

Rev. J. O. Haymes pastor of the Spur Methodist church, and others of Spur, have been trying to get Lockett Adair to come to Spur and conduct a meeting here. He wants to come here and will probably set a date for coming sometime in September. Lockett Adair is one of the most noted evangelists of the whole country.

Mrs. J. B. Britton and two sons, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake community. Mr. Allen was in town Monday and told us that it had been fourteen years since he had seen this youngest daughter.

Mrs. E. L. Adams returned recently from an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. Ted Brannen, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

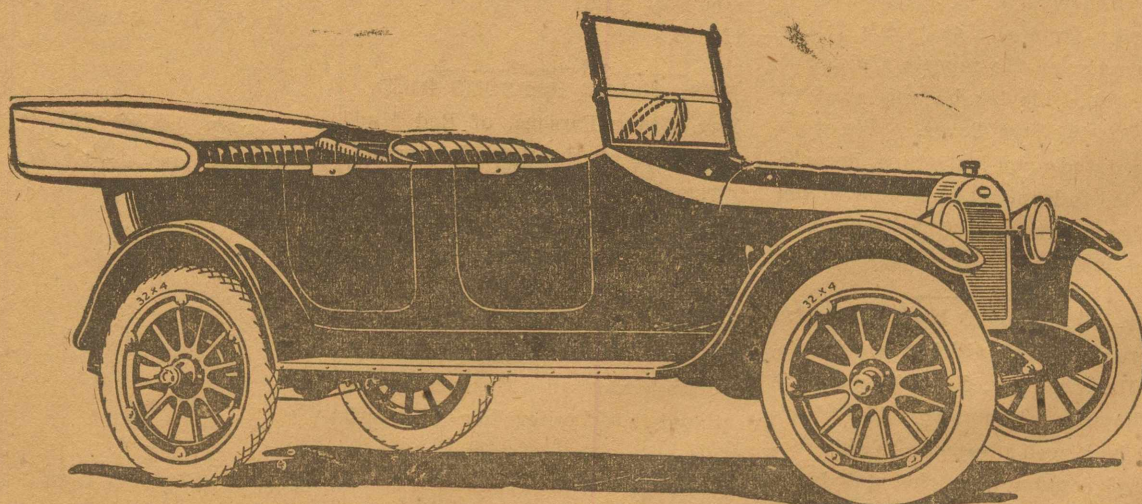
T. J. Harvey called by Wednesday and handed us a dollar and fifty cents to add his name to the Texas Spur list of readers, and which we are doing with pleasure.

W. T. Andrews, cashier of the Spur National Bank, and wife returned the first of the week from a vacation of ten days or two weeks spent with relatives and friends at Stamford, Hico and other points.

ARE YOU A KNOCKER

A builder, or a knocker, which are you? Both necessarily do a lot of hammering. The builder's hammer is trade-marked "Hope"; and the knocker's "grouch". The builder does his hammering while the structure is going up; the knocker does his after it is finished. The builder drives when it is time to drive; the knocker, when it is time to quit. The builder is trying to build; the knocker to demolish. The builder looks forward to better things; the knocker looks for worse. The builder has faith in himself and his town, the knocker knows himself to be a failure and expects everything else to follow suit. The builder is an asset to his community; the knocker, a liability. They are alike in one respect: that is, that neither of them has faith in the other. If the things in your community do not suit you is it the fault of someone else? Did you offer your counsel courageously and intelligently when those particular things were being planned? If you want to use a hammer get on the job before all the nails are driven, and keep your eye on the trade-mark of your hammer. Most of us get hold of the wrong hammer occasionally. We might do better, perhaps, if we would constantly keep in mind the evident fact that the builder makes a success, more or less, out of life, while the knocker encompasses himself and all depending upon him with failure.—Contributed.

Earn Clay came in Tuesday from Ranger to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. F. C. Gipson, who died at the Spur Sanitarium. Mrs. Clay and children have been here some time with relatives and friends.



OAKLAND SENSIBLE SIX

Citizens Garage

LOVE'S SALE CONTINUES

Our Sale Continues on Many Items During Our Absence in Market This Results From Lack of Space: We Must Have Room for Fall Goods



ALL ITEMS WILL REMAIN AS ADVERTISED IN OUR CIRCULAR AS WELL AS IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THIS PAPER. THINK OF 20 PER CENT OFF ON ALL LADIES LOW SHOES. 1p PER CENT OFF ON ALL MENS SHOES REGARDLESS OF MAKE. WE ONLY MAKE ONE RESERVATION IN MEN'S SHOES, THIS IS OUR LINE OF SCOUT SHOES. WE ARE SHOWING THE NEW FALL HATS IN ALL THE LEADING SHADES AND SHAPES. NEXT WEEK WILL BRING TO US MANY NEW STYLES IN MEN'S NOBY SUITS. WE ARE OFFERING YOU AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED CUT PRICES IN LADIES SILK HOSIERY. BIG LINE OF GINGHAM ON SALE AT 38 CENTS PER YORD. BIG VALUES IN BOYS UNIONALLS. AFTER SATURDAY SALEWILL DISCONTINUE ON GEORGETTE AND CREPE DE CHINE WHICH AT THIS TIME YOU CAN BUY FOR \$2.25 PER YARD, ALL SHADES ARE HERE. MANY FANCY SILKS 36 INCHES WIDE WORTH \$3.00, ARE ON SALE AT THE VERY LOW PRICE OF \$2.00 PER YARD.



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SPUR, TEXAS

COURT OF INQUIRY FOR THE VIOLATION OF ELECTION LAWS

Upon a complaint filed, and sworn to by B. G. Ford before Justice of the Peace F. N. Oliver, calling for an inquiry and investigation of the violation of the election laws, betting on the results of the election held July 24th, an investigation and "court of inquiry" was held one day this week before Judge Oliver. Complaint was also made for posting returns from Dickens and McAdoo on the bulletin board before the polls were closed, but since a law could not be found to show this to be a violation, this complaint was not further investigated. A number of witnesses were summoned from the list of names given the court, but only "hear-say" evidence could be obtained, therefore no definite charges were made.

Since the organization of political parties there has been betting on the results of elections, and while it may be a violation of the election laws, it is customary thruout the country to take little, if any, notice of such violations, on the part of officials, and the few complaints made in such instances no doubt generally come from disappointed, disgruntled office seekers, especially where pollution of the ballot is not involved.

County Attorney Worswick was in Spur the first of the week attending Justice court.

W. W. Waldrup came over from the county capitol Friday.

Messrs. Haile & Bass, of the Spur Real Estate & Exchange, are doing a "land-office" business, reporting sales this week of two lots in Spur to Mr. Gaskon, a residence to Gruben brothers, a residence to Jim Cross, and other sales not yet ready to announce. If you want to sell your farm, ranch, or city property, list it with Haile & Bass for quick action and satisfactory results.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, returned Thursday from a visit to his father in Tennessee. He reports a pleasant visit, but evidently he was glad to get back to West Texas. We were disappointed upon his return, because he failed to bring us back some of the "wild-cat" products of the Tennessee mountains.

Mrs. Harcrow, of Haskell county, is here this week visiting her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Seals Earnest, of the Espuela community. Mrs. Harcrow is so well pleased with this section of country that she stated she would return here later to buy a home.

Misses Mullino, of Rocheser, returned home Wednesday after a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin.

R. I. Wallace and family, of near McAdoo, are visiting relatives at Mart and other points in East Texas.

T. S. Lambert was here Friday from Tap, stating that they had lots of rain.

HIGHWAY GRAVELING CONTRACT TO BE MADE WEST

The contract for graveling the highway west of Spur will be let Saturday. We understand that approximately thirty eight or nine thousand dollars are available for this work. Dickens county has the finest gravel beds, can build roads cheaper, and some day we expect to see every community road gravelled and hard-surfaced.

MRS. CRAGG PARSONS DIED

Mrs. Cragg Parsons, of Red Mud, died Sunday at the Spur Sanitarium, her remains were interred Monday in the Spur Cemetery.

Mrs. Parsons underwent an operation to relieve her condition, but without effect. Everything that man medicine, surgery and money could do was done for her, but all without effect, and death only could relieve her of her suffering.

We join the entire community in extending sincere sympathy and condolence to the bereaved husband and children.

Uncle Jeff Lee, a leading citizen of Haskell county, is in Spur this week visiting with W. B. Lee and family. He is also prospecting, likes the country and may later move over with us.

C. F. Cates and W. F. Godfrey returned Friday morning from an extended trip over South Texas. The trip was made in an auto.

Leslie Williams and wife returned last week to their home in Amarillo after spending several days in Spur with her mother, Mrs. P. C. Ellis.

Miss Jennie Shields has returned from an extended trip to New York, Washington and other points.

Will Jackson, who is now located on the plains, was here on business the past week.

Yellowstone Park Grows.

Yellowstone national park is expected to grow 1,265 square miles larger as soon as the present congress reaches a bill neglected by the last session. The proposed extension, 80 miles to the south of the established boundary, as described in Popular Mechanics magazine, takes in Jackson lake and the wonderful mountain scenery about it, part of the famous Jackson's Hole country.

Besides providing the only variety of scenic beauty now lacking in the park, the addition includes the summer grazing ground of America's last large herd of elk, and some of the finest trout-fishing water in the country.

Fish Had False Teeth.

A fish wearing false teeth was hooked in the Gulf of Mexico, near Indian Rocks, Fla., by A. L. Anderson of Independence.

Judge Anderson was invited to go out in a boat with H. H. Ingersoll, a well known resident of Indian Rocks. During the day they brought up a specimen of the "swell toad" or burfish variety.

As the hook was pulled out it brought with it a front plate with four false teeth attached to a gold bridge.

Later it was learned by the astonished fishermen that a few days before a visitor from Oldsmar, a nearby resort, had dropped his teeth while bathing.—Kansas City Star.

PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SURGICAL OPERATION

Chicago, July 14.—A process of treating the disease of the gall bladder, which is claimed would eliminate surgical operations in more than 50 per cent of such cases has been perfected by Dr. Frank Smithies, associate professor of medicine in the University of Illinois, it is announced where Dr. Smithies demonstrated his method.

Dr. Smithies' device consists mainly of a small egg-shaped, perforated ball, about one-quarter of an inch in diameter and about one-half inch long and fifty four inches of rubber tubing about the size of a lead pencil. The ball is easily swallowed by the patients and the contents of the gall ducts are painlessly drawn through the tube with a suction syringe.

We received a card this week from Geo. S. Link who is now in the Eastern and Northern markets buying fall goods for the Bryant-Link Company chain of stores. He is seeing and meeting the real powers of progressive development, because he is visiting the big printing plants on his rounds. The power of the printing press is now being more generally recognized and appreciated thruout the world, and this is true also with respect to the country press to a limited extent.

C. L. Love is preparing to leave this week for the Eastern markets to purchase his fall stock of dry goods.

We Are Still Receiving Cars of Merchandise

NEW CAR OF DEERING AND M'CORMICK BINDERS AND MOWERS

The quality and reputation of this line of machines are too well known to need further mention. Let us figure with you NOW.

Big Shipment of Deering Twine

Avoid disappointment by getting the best twine. We the right price too.

INTERNATIONAL HAY PRESS

OIL STOVES

New stock of Quick Meal. We have sold them to satisfied customers for nine years.

BIG JIM FELT FILLED CANVASS HORSE COLLARS

We have 500 of these collars; they are record breakers for wear and cost less. Let us supply your needs.

Spur Hardware & Furniture Company

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

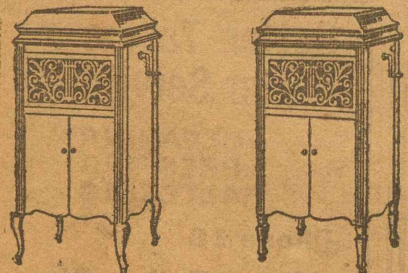
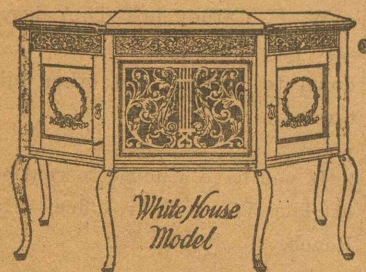
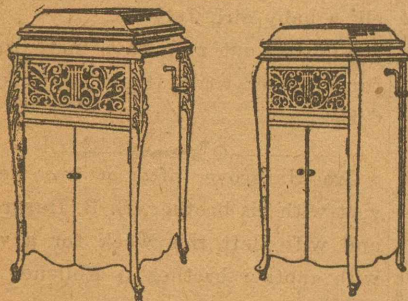
FORMER SPUR MAN MAKING MONEY RAISING BEANS IN N. M.

Joe Allison, wife and daughter and son-in-law and wife, of near Mountain Air, New Mexico, were here several days this week visiting Henry Elmore and family, leaving Thursday for Matador to visit other friends and relatives. Mr. Allison left the Spur country four or five years ago. He told us that he landed in New Mexico with less than a hundred dollars in money. He now owns a fine farm free of indebtedness and has a bank account. He raises beans altogether on his farm, producing from twenty to thirty thousand pounds to each season. He says beans are produced with little labor and expense and are now selling for six dollars and forty cents per hundred pounds. He talked as if he might some day conclude to come back to the Spur country and show the farmers here how to make easy money, since he is of the opinion that this soil will produce the finest of beans and in big quantities.

Members of the intermediate classes of the Methodist Sunday school, composed of young ladies and gentlemen, spent Wednesday and Thursday picnicking on Blanco Canyon. It is inferred that it was a "grand and glorious" occasion.

W. T. McArthur, of Abilene, has been spending the week in Spur and surrounding country the guest of relatives.

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The Spur Drug Co.

MRS. F. C. GIPSON DIED

It is with real sorrow that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. F. C. Gipson, which occurred Monday at the Spur Sanitarium, following a brief illness and an operation which failed to relieve her condition. Everything possible was done to save and prolong her life, but at 12:20 o'clock Mrs. Gipson paid the last debt of life, and without a struggle calmly and serenely answered the inevitable summons to the Great Beyond.

Tuesday at 12:30 a large number of Spur business men and other friends of the town gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hall to accompany the remains to the Dickens Cemetery where a large concourse of friends and neighbors had congregated to pay the last tribute of love and respect to a departed friend and loved one, and where after an appropriate service the body was tenderly placed in its last resting place on earth.

Mrs. Gipson was the daughter of H. F. Clay who is one among the first settlers of the town of Dickens and Dickens county, and after maturing into young womanhood becoming the wife and help-mate of F. C. Gipson, who is a leading merchant and stockman of the town and country, and where they have continuously lived and together devoted their lives to the Christian, moral, social and commercial up-lift and progress of the community, in rearing an ideal family and maintaining a true home. The consciousness, through intimate daily association of years, of a well-spent, useful, beautiful Christian life, and the realization that after a very brief period of time we, too, will follow over the Great Divide of life and eternity, should somewhat comfort and console the husband and five children in hours of greatest sorrow. We commend them to the Great Comforter of mankind.

SPUR NATIONAL GUARDS LEAVE FOR CAMP MABRY

The Spur National Guards, under Captain Jackson, left Spur Thursday of this week for a several weeks encampment, drill and target practice activities at Camp Mabry, about sixty members of the troop of eighty or ninety men met here for entrainment. Other members of the troop will join them along the line at different points, and the remaining members will come into Camp Mabry from other routes.

This will be a fine summer's vacation for the National Guard members, and is one occasion we regret not being a member of the troop in order that we might be forced to lay aside our work for a time and enjoy a vacation.

Captain Jackson now has thirty odd horses stationed in Spur, and from four to six members of the troop will be here continuously to care for the horses and maintain a permanently established army post in Spur.

Mrs. Ensey and children returned this week from a visit to her parents and other relatives and friends in the Double Mountain country.

MORE THAN WILLING TO GO

Senator's Suggestion, Meant as Sarcasm, Probably Was Wish Closest to Adventurer's Heart.

Maj. Cushman A. Rice of Minnesota, the original "Soldier of Fortune," dropped in to see Senator Knute Nelson the other day, on his way back from war. This last war made about the fortieth Rice has been in, so the veteran Minnesota senator thought Rice had had enough.

"Cushman," the senator said, "why don't you quit roaming around, go home and run for office? Your male relatives have been governors, senators, etc., and there is no reason why you should not serve your state."

Rice did not seem greatly impressed, so Nelson became somewhat warmer in his remarks.

"If you're bound to fight, why not get over into Russia, among the reds, and get some real action?" Nelson said, sarcastically.

Whereupon Rice leaped into the air. "Say, senator," he shouted, "if you'll fix it up so I can get over there, there isn't anything I wouldn't do for you."

That's the curse of the wandering foot, as the poets would remark.—Washington Star.

Didn't Know Ty.

Hiram Johnson, Republican senator from California, is one of the hottest baseball fans in the country, Jim Phelan, Democratic senator, knows nothing about the game. Here is proof of the latter statement.

The other day Walter Johnson, premier pitcher of the American league, and Ty Cobb, the greatest ball player in all history, perhaps, paid the senate a visit. After they had been introduced all around and been the subject of a great deal of hero worship, Phelan went over to Eddie Halsey of the senate staff, and asked:

"Who is this Ty Cobb, anyhow?"

Halsey almost passed away, but he managed to tell Phelan that "Cobb is a fellow who plays ball for a living." Meantime Johnson was enjoying hugely the visit of the two ball players.

Next Morning.

My brother told me this. Marie is his lady friend, Mrs. Hemming, the mother of his chum. He said:

"You know Marie has one of these bright-red sweaters. I took her to a dance in the park one night and she wore it. Some of the fuzz from the sweater rubbed off on my coat sleeve. Next morning I was in a rush to catch my train and forgot to brush it off. Mrs. Hemming and Dud were on the train and we all sat together. While I was talking Mrs. Hemming leaned over and began to pick this lint off my sleeve. Well, that was an embarrassing moment.—Chicago Tribune.

The Engineer's Eyes.

The importance of the eyesight test is understood in a general way, but few people realize the tax laid on the eyesight of an engine driver during a long run. It takes years for a driver to learn thoroughly all the signals on a complicated system, and he must be able to pick out his own at a glance in the maze of a great junction. On the Northwestern railway alone more than 17,000 signals are lit every night, and a driver working from London to Crewe and back is controlled by nearly 600 signals.—London Chronicle.

Lem McMeans, of Haskell county, is here this week visiting with the McArthur boys, they being cousins. He likes the country and will probably locate here at a later date. We have room for good citizens.

Mrs. Daniels, of Iredell, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Andrews.

Frank Hale returned the first of the week from a trip to Paducah.

PRISON FOR BEATING CHILD

New York Judge Refuses Leniency When Shown Picture of Welts Inflicted by Father.

New York.—"Any full-grown man who beats a child should be punished," said Judge Wadhams in the court of general sessions, when he sentenced Charles R. Birge, a chauffeur's helper, of 432 West 124th street, to the penitentiary for from six months to three years.

Birge had pleaded guilty to assault in the third degree. It was alleged that on August 3 he had beat his son, nine, with a piece of harness until the boy was hardly able to stand.

Complaint was made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children by neighbors, and Birge was arrested. Photographs shown the judge revealed the extent of the welts. The boy's mother is dead. Birge's present wife, who has a child two years old, pleaded for clemency for Birge, but the court said: "Clemency can hardly be shown where a father uses an instrument of this kind with which to beat his child."

NEW CLAIM TO MAYFLOWER

English Woman Says She is Descendant of Original Owner of Vessel.

Kings Lynn, Norfolk, Eng.—There is a new theory relative to the ownership of the Mayflower. Mrs. Margaret Farrow claims to be a descendant of the original owner of the emigrant vessel, one Richard Bunting of South Creek, who farmed in the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mrs. Farrow declares that in the will of that gentleman, dated 1601, he bequeathed to Thomas Bunting "All debts he owed me and also my boat, the Mayflower, and all things belonging to her."

Among other domestic papers of the family there is an entry to the effect that "the Mayflower, loaded with corn, was taken to Holland instead of to Rye and was fined."

Norfolk folk now claim the vessel as their own.

American Slang Defined by British Dictionary

London.—Cassell's new English dictionary contains a large number of words that came into use during the war, many of them borrowed from American slang. A few of the innovations are:

- Bus—An airplane.
- Cold Feet—To be in a funk.
- Guy—No good.
- Highbrow—A highly superior person.
- Eyewash—Humbug.
- No files on me—No fool.
- Jazz—A noisy and bolsterous dance in ragtime.
- Movies—A cinematographic exhibition.
- Umpteen—Any number.
- For the benefit of Americans "old bean" is defined as "old fellow"; "conchy" as a conscientious objector, and "top hole" as the very best.

Miss Pauline Ramsey returned this week from Stamford where she was the guest of Miss Bessie Hellums.

GOOD RAINS PUT COUNTRY IN AN IDEAL CONDITION

During the week we have had more than one and a half inches of rain, 1.64 inches to be exact, which puts the country as a whole in an ideal condition. The fact is that the country as a whole could not be in better condition with respect to season, crop conditions and prospects.

Sunday night more than half inch of rain fell, and coming slowly it all soaked into the ground. Again Friday morning more than an inch of rain fell, and all together the entire country now has plenty of rain, an ideal season and crop conditions could not be more promising of greater yields.

The rains were general throughout this entire country, and from reports covered all Western Texas.

Throughout this country finer crops were never before known, and the harvests this fall promise greater returns and more general prosperity even than the "blowing in" of our oil well which now also looks very promising. This is the biggest and best all-round country in the world.

THE REVIVAL MEETING AT JAYTON CLOSED SUNDAY

The revival conducted by Lockett Adair and Tom Rockett during the past two or three weeks at Jayton, closed Sunday night. It was one of the greatest revival meetings ever held in this part of West Texas. It is reported that as many as seventy five conversions were had at a single service of the meeting, and hundreds were converted during the whole time.

Efforts were made to get those men to come to Spur and hold a meeting here, and it is probable that they will be here some time in September. They are men who have "gone the gaits" in their younger days, and know the ways of the world. They are both earnest, effective workers, know how to appeal to all classes and we would like for them to come to Spur for a series of meetings.

SPUR HARDWARE COMPLETES BIG WAREHOUSE BUILDING

The Spur Hardware & Furniture Company this week completed the construction of a large warehouse extending from their handsome brick store building to cover the entire two lots on Fifth Street. The new warehouse is a rock-faced iron, in keeping with the surroundings in attractiveness, and sufficiently commodious to contribute much in housing and storing the large stocks carried by this enterprising firm.

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Notice to Contractors For State Road And Bridge Construction

Sealed proposals addressed to Judge Walter L. Powell for the improvement of certain highways in Dickens county, will be received at the office of County Judge at Dickens, Texas, until 2 o'clock p. m., August 7, 1920, and then publicly opened and read. Description of work to be done: the construction of 7.557 miles of grading, surfacing and concrete drainage structures on State Highway No. 18, west from Spur. Contractors may submit bids on either of the two parts as follows (1) Grading and surfacing. (2) Concrete Drainage structures of both. Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination and information may be obtained at the office of K. C. Cade, County Engineer, Spur, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, Austin, Texas. A certified, or cashier's check, for 10 per cent of bid made payable without recourse to the order of Walter L. Powell, County Judge of Dickens County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities. Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the Construction of 7.557 Miles of State Highway No. 18, in Dickens County." All bids received will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders.—K. C. Cade, County Engineer, Spur, Texas. 2t

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NOTICE

To the Patrons and Property Owners of Spur School District:

Most of you are aware that the public school in this district has been handicapped each year by a lack of sufficient funds. It has almost invariably been necessary to cut the term to six or seven months because the funds were exhausted. Last year, the funds were exhausted at the end of six months, and a public subscription was taken to run the school two months longer. The condition is unfair to ourselves and our children. We should have a nine months school, and there is but one way to do so, and that is to raise sufficient funds to run the school for that length of time.

TWO NEGROES KILLED BY SEARCHING PARTIES

Dothan, Ala.—Sills Spinks, and Juster Jennings, negroes, were shot and killed last night by a posse which was searching for negroes who earlier in the night attacked the wife of a farmer at Midland City, near here, according to advices received today.

Andy Spinks, father of one of the negroes killed, is in jail at Montgomery charged with having attacked the woman some months ago. It is believed that the attack last night was made to kill her to prevent her testifying against the elder Spinks.

KILLS WIFE AFTER FUTILE ATTEMPT TO KILL ATTORNEY

Denison.—After being frustrated in his attempt to shoot Farley Reasonover, a lawyer, N. Massico, director of a bank and president of the Denison Mattress company, attacked his wife this afternoon with a knife and inflicted several deep wounds, according to police headquarters here.

Reasonover had filed a suit for Mrs. Massico for a divorce. Massico was lodged in jail.

Charges have not yet been filed. Reasonover grappled with his assailant after Massico had drawn a revolver, finally disarming him. Massico is prominent in business and financial circles.

HONEY—Fine new summer crop ready for immediate shipment. Bulk, extracted and comb in all size tins. If interested write for price list.—Anderson Bros., Beeville, Tex. 38-6p

MAY FARMER UNEARTH'S PARTS OF A SKELETON

May.—W. P. Vandever, a farmer living two miles east of town, while plowing cotton last week unearthed a skeleton, parts of which were well preserved. The skull was brought to town and was viewed by many people last Saturday.

This is the second find of this kind near this place in recent years. Three complete skeletons were found in a cave some two years ago by boys who were exploring the cave. It is thought that the remains are those of Indians who lived here years ago.

We have added barbecued meats to our business and can furnish you on short notice. Nice stuff.—City Cafe. 36 tf

Fordson tractor and Fort Worth well machine outfit for sale at bargains. See T. M. Maple, Spur Texas. 38 tf.

DICKENS ITEMS

The drouth is broken. It began raining Monday p. m. at about 10:30 and continued to rain slowly all night and till 8 o'clock Tuesday. Still cloudy and thundering today, Wednesday.

Mrs. F. C. Gipson died Monday at the Spur Sanitarium after a short illness. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss, besides a host of relatives and friends. The husband and children have our deepest sympathy, and we say weep not for your loved one is enjoying a long sweet sleep. She was laid to rest in the Dickens cemetery Tuesday at 3 o'clock, a Brother in Christ conducting the funeral services. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Vernon Shields has been visiting here several days.

The Science Club meeting was well attended last Thursday at Mrs. Middleton's, everyone being charmed by Mrs. Warner's graciousness and simplicity of manner, and her earnest endeavor to help the country people to better educational advantages. Also more hygienic ways of living. Every one hopes for another visit in the near future.

Grandma Gay and Miss Nettie Richards left the first of the month to visit relatives in Missouri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Powell, a baby girl, July 25.

I'll step out and leave more room for a better writer than I.—Dickens Girl.

Ira Hargrove, after a two weeks visit with his brother, E. B. Hargrove and wife, left this week for a visit with another brother at Abilene.

W. F. Cathey left Thursday. We are just guessing that he is going down to Ranger and other oil centers.

If you have a house to rent see me at The Texas Spur office.—Howard Roach.

Most of you are also aware that the price of everything has advanced and in that order to obtain competent teachers, their salaries must be materially increased. It will cost at least fifty per cent more to run a nine months school now than in the past, and there is only one way to increase the amount of available school funds, and that is to increase the valuation of taxable property within the district. The law contemplates and requires that all property shall be rendered at its full value. There is some property on the rolls for 100 per cent of its value, and other property for not exceeding 25 per cent of its value. This condition should not exist; and it is the purpose of the board this year to equalize, as near as possible, all taxable property in the district and place it upon the tax rolls at such valuation, not exceeding 100 per cent of its value, as will be sufficient to raise sufficient funds to run a nine months school, and give this district one of the very best schools in West Texas. And to this end, we ask the cooperation of every patron and property owner in the district.—Respectfully, The Spur Independent School Board.

Mrs. D. H. Sullivan returned recently from an extended visit with relatives and friends in the Eastern part of the state.

New Fords with starters for sale at \$800. See H. A. Boothe. 38 tf

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