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JOSEPH WELDON BAILEY TO SPEAK IN SPUR FRIDAY, 13TH

Former Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey is scheduled to arrive in Spur Thursday night and address the people of Dickens and adjoining counties at the fair park in Spur Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the interest of his campaign for governor of Texas.

Regardless of whom we as individuals intend to support and vote for in the run-off primary on the 28th, the citizens of Spur and surrounding country will join together in welcoming and extending every courtesy to this distinguished citizen, and the boys from the "forks of the creeks" will be here that day to join the thousands of others who will be here to hear the campaign issues discussed and explained.

Joseph Weldon Bailey is in reality the most noted and distinguished man who has ever visited Spur and this territory. He has the distinction of being not only a man of state-wide reputation but is now and has been for many years a figure and a power in national affairs. Joe Bailey is in the class of matchless orators and his political enemies concede that he is a man of the highest intellect, knowledge and ability for useful statesmanship.

Bailey lead his opponent, Pat Neff, in the July primary by a vote of 2,525, which fact alone is evidence of popularity and esteem throughout the state regardless of bitter political enmity on the other hand, and entitles him to consideration. Pat Neff was the first candidate for governor to visit Dickens county and this section of West Texas. It is right, proper and fitting that his opponent also come and give voters the benefit of hearing the campaign issues discussed from both sides.

A matter of fact, political bitterness does not exist in the campaign in this immediate territory, and when Joseph Weldon Bailey arrives in Spur the Neff men will join with the Bailey men in extending every courtesy and consideration to our distinguished visitor, and whether or not he be selected as the next governor of Texas, his passing through Spur and meeting with the people of Dickens county will not be recalled in the future with bitter memories.

SOLDIERS CASH GROCERY IN SPUR HARDWARE CO. BLDG.

At the beginning of the fall trade period we wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have been kind enough to favor us with a share of their business during the year. We have tried to always give you three things: First, THE BEST QUALITY OF GROCERIES OB-

TAINABLE; Second, COURTEOUS SERVICE AND GUARANTEED SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK; and Third, AS LOW PRICES AS A LEGITIMATE SALE WOULD PERMIT.

By cutting all unnecessary expense and very careful buying and selling by spot cash, we believe we can sell you the same goods cheaper. We have a well assorted stock, and are better prepared than ever before to serve you.

We ask a share of your business. Our SMITHS BEST FLOUR and ADMIRATION COFFEE make permanent customers of all who try either.

THE SOLDIERS CASH GROCERY, Spur Hardware Company Building.

A SHOWING OF OIL ENCOUNTERED AT THE DAVIS WELL

A showing of oil was drilled into this week at the Davis well, at an approximate depth of 2,300 feet.

During the past week Driller Gray has been expecting to hit oil, since the formation has been very encouraging. Gray lime, sand and slate has been the formations. This week the bit went into a sand which had a showing as well as a "smelling" of oil. From this sand the bit went into a black heavy gumbo.

Messrs. McGee and Gray really expect to bring in a well within a very short time. In fact they would not be surprised to hit the pay dirt at any stroke of the drill.

SHERIFF BARBER ARRESTS MAN WHO JUMPED BOND

Sheriff Barber returned Tuesday from Tulia where he arrested Frank Hogland, placing him in the Dickens jail. Hogland had given bond for his appearance at the recent term of court to answer a charge of carrying a pistol. He failed to appear and his bond was forfeited.

In filling out the bond the sheriff wrote "two" dollars instead of "two hundred," thinking the "hundred" was printed in the form, therefore Hogland, knowing he gave a bond of only two dollars for his appearance, decided to let it forfeit rather than stand trial—thinking perhaps that this would end the case. However, he will now, if convicted, have to pay extra expenses in being returned here for trial.

SID WILLIAMS WILL CONDUCT REVIVAL MEETING IN SWENSON

Sid Williams, one of the most noted evangelists of the country, will begin a revival meeting this week at Swenson or Peacock. People from all of the surrounding counties are invited to attend and many will be in attendance.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Do we appreciate? Are we grateful? Do we stop to think who sends the sunshine and the rain? Are we glad we are living in Texas, and that Texas is a part of the United States? Are we boosting our government, or do we feel that it is all wrong, and condemn those in authority? When a fellow gets to feeling that everything is all wrong but himself, he is about line Pat was when he got in the army and found in marching everybody was out of step but himself.

Say folks, this is the best government we know of, and we have no desire to hunt for a better. Do you knock your town? If you do, remember you are a part of it. What are you doing to make it better? Do you knock your county community? If so you are knocking yourself. Do you find all the imperfections in your neighbor? Look in the mirror and see what you seem to think is a perfect man—perhaps even he has small imperfections.

Say folks, there is no place in Heaven for a knocker, so where are they eventually going to locate?

Now folks we have just returned from the New York market and feel that we have selected a wonderful line of ladies ready-to-wear, so we want a chance to show you our line and the goods are coming every day. We know we have selected the very best styles, we don't care where you go you can't find better styles and values. We have thirteen store associated in buying, which gives us a buying power that few merchants have. We have a representative buyer stationed in New York who watches for the new things, and all we have to do is touch the wires and we can get you anything you may want that we haven't in stock. We feel that we are in position to serve you better than we have in the past.

Millinery!—Yes, our milliner is here opening up the most wonderful line of millinery. Mrs. Melroy will have charge of this department, and we feel proud that we have secured her services, and want every lady to visit this department and meet Mrs. Melroy, and see the showing of the newest creations in millinery. Come early and you will get choice.

We want your business and take this means of asking you for a continued share of your trade, and to thank you for all you have done for us in the past.

Crop prospects are fine. We should be thankful and optimistic, but conservative. We feel that everything will pan out well, but the country is traveling at a very rapid rate and might fail to see the ditch of danger in time to stop.

We have just received a car of Jno. Deere Row Binders and it might be well for you to secure one early for we will not have any more when this car is gone.

Corrugated Iron—We have all the lengths now in stock. If you intend to cover your barn or shed now is the time to get the iron.

Worrying About It.

The hardest part of any job
Is worrying about it;
Your joy to kill, your rest to rob,
Is worrying about it;
The lowest spot to view a hill
Is from the bottom; higher still
It looks each moment that you kill
Is worrying about it;

But if you start to climb, you soon
Quit worrying about it,
Quit waiting, wishing for the moon
And worrying about it.
A human task just grows and grows
By putting off; time may disclose
'Twas easier than you suppose—
Quit worrying about it.

Just buckle up and buckle in—
Quit worrying about it.
By work, not worry, you will win—
Quit worrying about it.
A task is easy once begun;
It has its labor and its fun;
So grab a hold and do it, son—
Quit worrying about it.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY DR. HANEY RETURNS AFTER SHORT VACATION IN N. M.

A few moths ago Dr. Haney, of Afton, sold his business and property at that place, and with his family moved to Texico, New Mexico, with the intention of making that his permanent home.

This week he is in Afton, and we are informed he is consummating a deal with A. D. Bivins & Co. in the purchase of their business and stock of goods. Dr. Haney and family will again make Afton their home and will meet as hearty a welcome back to Dickens county as did the "prodigal" of old, not only from the people of the Afton section but throughout Dickens county.

SPUR BUSINESS MAN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF ERATH

H. G. Perry, of the Soldiers Cash Grocery, was given the nomination in the July primary election for representative from his home county, Erath, in the 96th district. Mr. Perry received the nomination in the first primary over two opponents for the place, both of whom made an active campaign and were seeking a second term, one being the flatorial representative in the district, while the other is now serving his first term in the legislature. Mr. Perry made no personal or active campaign, merely announcing his candidacy.

We extend our congratulations to H. G. Perry. He has been in Spur only a few months, but during that time has impressed us as being a young man of high intelligence, business ability and integrity, one who works and strives for advancement and progress, and we expect to hear something from him as a representative in the legislative halls of the most progressive and rapidly developing state in the union.

HARKEY GARAGE BURGLARIZED LAST THURS. AT DICKENS

The Lon Harkey garage at Dickens was burglarized Thursday night of last week, the burglar securing four automobile casings and two inner tubes and possibly other smaller items.

Sheriff Barber arrested John Hinton at Jayton, placing him in the Dickens jail, charged with burglary after night.

Dr. Standifer and Lilburn returned Wednesday to Spur. Dr. Standifer is here to ship out his household goods to Amarillo where he has decided to locate, Mrs. Standifer and daughters now being in that city. We wish Dr. Standifer and family a very pleasant home at Amarillo.

ANOTHER RAIN FALLS TO BOOST BUMPER CROPS HERE

Another good rain of about one inch fell over the Spur country again Wednesday morning of this week, thus further contributing to an already good season in the ground and insuring the bumper crop production generally predicted and expected.

The bountiful rains and ideal season prevailing throughout the whole of Western Texas and the Spur country in particular, is encouraging the consideration and preparation for sowing an extensive acreage of fall and winter wheat. The good yields from the wheat crops this year, the crop averaging approximately thirty bushels to the acre, together with the good price received, also encourages the more extensive sowing of wheat another year.

About thirty car loads of wheat have been marketed in Spur up to this time, and the price of two dollars and fifty cents per bushel brought thousands of dollars to the farmers of this territory at a time when the main money crop of the country is just beginning to bloom for the big harvest several months later.

MARKETING FRUIT FROM DICKENS COUNTY VINEYARD

In our expressions of interest and enthusiasm with reference to the products and possibilities of West Texas in general and the great Spur country in particular, we may possibly at times lose sight of the diversity of our products and varied resources in referring in the main to our greatest dependable staple products. Nevertheless the rich and varied soils of the Spur territory grows abundantly other crops than cotton and maize, and actual demonstrations have proven wider possibilities and encouraged more diversified activity in farm, orchard, vineyard and garden production.

Just this week M. L. Blakely, of the Afton country, brought in a load of grapes from the vineyard on his place, finding a ready market in Spur at ten to fifteen cents a pound. In the load were two varieties of grapes, and in size and quality they will compare favorably with the vineyard products of other more noted fruit countries.

Earlier in the year fine peaches, plums, apples, pears, apricots, cherries and other fruit from the orchard have been brought in. Just this past week another farmer of the north part of Dickens county brought in a load of apples for the market, they being as good and better looking apples as many of those shipped in from elsewhere.

However, the fruit this year has been cut short on account of a late freeze and destructive hails. Nevertheless the fact is established that this section will produce in abundance the best fruits as well as maize, cotton, corn and cattle. The great need is for more farmers to diversify—and this need is being realized and remedied more and more each year.

John B. Hardin came up Tuesday from Abilene to get his car which was left here recently on account of the rains. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin are now living in Abilene where he is engaged in the insurance business. However, in conversation with him, John stated that he had rather live in Spur than anywhere else, and it is very probable that in a short time he and wife will remove back to Spur.

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LAWYER GAVE UP

Legal Light Wisely Retired From Unequal Combat.

Little Else to Do After Judge Had So Thoroughly Proved the Eligibility of Colonel Jones as a Jurymen.

Presiding over a judicial district in the Tennessee mountains is an old gentleman who invariably demands of litigants, before the machinery of the court is set in motion: "Do you want book law or justice in this here court?"

"Justice" has always been promptly declared for, and his honor must have distributed it with a wise and kindly hand, inasmuch as he has been re-elected, almost unanimously, on every voting day ever since the Civil war.

Natives do not usually regard a lawyer as a necessity when a cause is to be decided by this lawgiver of the hills. Each man states his case for himself, and the judge simply tells the witnesses to "jest tell the jury all about this here matter, so far as you air informed," and helps out with a few direct questions when the testimony seems not quite clear.

Not so long ago, however, "a foreigner"—from Kentucky—joined issues with a native, and imported a lawyer from Nashville. Among the other strange and unprecedented things that the lawyer did was to challenge certain of the men who were expected, as a matter of course, to form the jury. Being a jurymen is a recognized profession in that particular region, and the lawyer's objections occasioned both astonishment and anger in the breasts of the gray-bearded regulars.

"Colonel Jones has been on the jury every settin' of this co'te for thirty years," the old judge remonstrated gently, in one instance. "He always has proved powerful satisfactory to the co'te and to all others concerned. Of course, as we air goin' to have book law in this case, you can object to Colonel Jones if yo' want to, but I would pussionally like mighty well to know why yo' object to him."

"From his conversation, overheard by chance, I am convinced that this man would be unable to give proper

weight to the evidence I shall introduce, your honor," the lawyer explained briskly. "He is unacquainted with the meaning of the most ordinary words."

"That so?" the old judge remarked, pushing up his spectacles and surveying Colonel Jones reprovingly. "Now, I always thought that he was right well along in words. What was it he didn't seem to know the right meanin' of?"

"The term 'preponderance of evidence,' your honor," the lawyer asserted, "was most absurdly construed by this man. He—"

"Oh, I reckon not," the old judge interrupted, with a kindly smile. "I reckon you just misunderstood him. I am plumb sure that Colonel Jones knows as well as I do that preponderance of evidence means evidence previously pondered—don't you, colonel?" "Objection withdrawn, your honor," the lawyer said weakly.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Inspired by Joaquin Miller, Charles Wakefield Cadman, the famous composer, found inspiration for his sonata for the piano in A major, Op. 58, in Joaquin Miller's poem, "From Sea to Sea." Cadman said he prided himself on the inspiration he got from Miller's works in which he sang to the West of the United States.

Cadman's first movement showed the West before the white man found it, and naturally he had to ring in his eternal love for the Indian. Without being too much influenced by the poet Miller, Cadman tried to carry out his idea, his longing for the West. It may be taken as the pioneer's thoughts of the eastern or southern home he has left in quest for the new, undiscovered land. Cadman also speaks of his paean of rejoicing for the continent now constructed. Triumph, pride, beauty, happiness, optimism, breadth and ecstasy are the things he tried to write into his compositions.

Finland Reaching for Trade.

The Finnish Trans-Oceanic Trading company, a co-operative institution representing about 90 per cent of the manufacturing firms and merchants of Finland, is about to open a branch of its business in Australia. An option has been obtained by the company on a fleet of Finnish steamships and an effort will be made by the company to gain the Baltic trade with Australia previously held by Germany. The concern hopes to obtain the trade with Australia in paper, timber, turpentine and other goods that it had before the war through German agents, and with the elimination of German influence, will carry the products of Finland to Australia in a regular fleet of vessels running on a monthly schedule.

Och, Murder!
"Both these samples smell like cheap goods to me."
"Cheap! Those whiskies are the best on the market. They're both over two years old."
"Then they're old enough to have better scents."

REPORT OF AFTON HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

Quite the most interesting meeting of the Afton Home Economics Club was held with Mrs. Johnson a few days ago.

The special feature for the afternoon was the talk given by Mrs. Warner. She took as her subject, "What kind of woman will you be ten years from today?" She made each woman feel her responsibility in her community and in the larger circles of life. One of the best things Mrs. Warner did for us was to open our eyes to the possibilities that await one in the development of the school and social life.

We feel indebted to Miss Forrest for bringing to us a woman of such charming personality and wide experience as Mrs. Warner.

The club will meet August 14th at the Afton school house.

BODIES OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS BEING BROUGHT BACK

Washington.—The bodies of 2,891 American soldier dead have been returned from overseas, the War Department announced today, and those of 1,338 others are en route to the United States. Requests have been received for the return of approximately 45,000 bodies from France and England.

BECKETT WANTS TO CONTEST TITLE WITH JACK DEMPSEY

London.—Joe Beckett, London's Tarzan, has stated he will post a \$25,000 side bet if Jack Dempsey would meet him for a championship bout. Beckett is under contract with Charles Cochrane, London promoter. Dempsey was notified of the challenge.

Jim Edwards, of near Girard, was in Spur Saturday. He informed us that he had the finest crop prospects he ever before had in West Texas—and he has been here a long time.

Miss Ruth Love went to Stamford Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Jim Ed Hall.

STATIONERY

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

Mr. Goeth, representing the Palmer Company in selling news and printing papers spent a day the past week with us in Spur. He said the price of paper is advancing and will continue to do so. The fact is that we are now paying him a higher price for newspaper than we formerly paid for writing paper. This talk of lower prices is all "bunk", especially in paper lines. If things do not change very soon we will be forced to raise the price of subscriptions as well as every item of the printing business.

J. E. Wright and family, who are now living at Canadian, are spending the week in the Draper country and other parts of Dickens county, visiting friends. Mr. Wright called in at the Texas Spur office Thursday to see us, and we were glad to learn that he is not only improving in his health but is prospering. He told us that from Canadian here the crops were just as fine as could be. In his country but little cotton is produced, the principal crops being small grain.

J. C. Keller this week commenced the construction of his new home in the northwest part of Spur. This will be among the most modern and attractive homes of the city.

Miss Virginia Forbis was a visitor in the city Thursday of last week, from the Forbis ranch north of Afton.

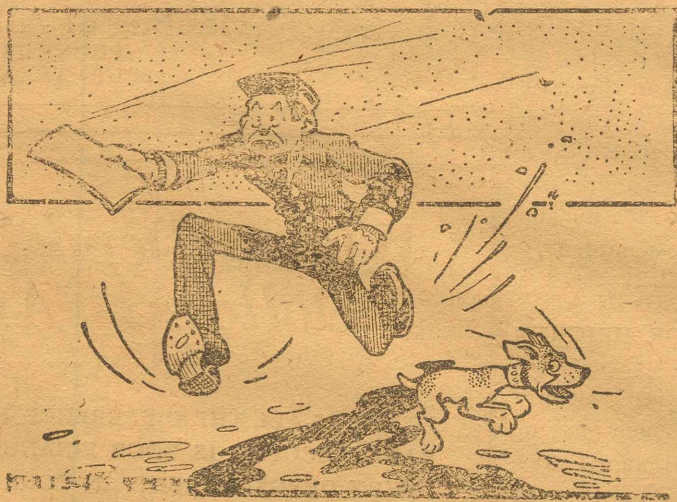
DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dr. Grace returned Tuesday from a trip to Stamford, Haskell and Anson where he spent several days to get Joe Bailey to come to Spur and speak to the voters here in the interest of his campaign for governor. After conferring with the ex-Senator personally, and pulling every available political wire, the Doctor's efforts were successful, and Joe Bailey is scheduled to spend the night in Spur Thursday night and speak at the fair park here Friday morning at ten-thirty o'clock.

Miss Ilva Deaver, of Jayton, is now in Spur and will be with the Love Dry Goods Company through the fall season.



Making a Run to
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AUTOMOBILE BANDITS ARE NOW OPERATING TRADE

Kansas City. — Motor car bandits carried out a second daylight robbery here today when three men in an automobile robbed a Standard Oil Company collector of \$4,100 and escaped.

Three unmasked bandits in a motor car today held up and robbed Ralph Williams, 17 years old, messenger for Wilson & Co., packers at Tenth and Minnesota avenue of Kansas City, Kan., obtaining \$3,179 in currency. The bandits escaped toward the Missouri side.

J. H. Farmer, of northeast of the city, was among the number of business visitors on the streets during the week.

NO TRESPASSING. Hunting, trapping and trespassing is absolutely prohibited in the pastures owned by Jones and Elliott.

THOUSANDS ARE NOW GOING

BACK TO THE FARMS

Corpus Christi. — The lure of the unpicked cotton, coupled with the high wages have caused the towns of the Gulf Coast district to be deserted by surplus labor, according to reports received here.

A local ice company, in a published statement, said that so many of its employees had quit to pick cotton that it was operating with difficulty.

Thousands of cotton pickers are needed in the Gulf Coast district, according to the Rural Land Owner's Association, in spite of the fact that news of the great crop being made has drawn more labor here than ever before so early in the season. Farmers are paying \$1.50 a hundred pounds.

FAMOUS WEST TEXAS RANCH

WOMAN HURT BY HORSE FALL

Baird. — Miss Billie Seale of the famous "Seale Sisters," who own and manage a prosperous cattle and horse ranch south of town, and have a statewide reputation as rough riders, their specialty being wild steer riding in exhibition rodeos, and who are also successful trainers of polo ponies, was exercising a newly purchased horse late Saturday evening when the animal reared and fell backwards. The plucky rider was caught beneath the falling horse and suffered a broken arm and severe bruises.

With West Texas gril she mounted another horse and rode seven miles to Baird where a surgeon attended to her injuries.

HUNTERS CATCH WILDCAT WHILE ON A FOX CHASE

Marshall. — A number of Marshall fox hunters went out last night for a hunt north of Marshall in Dr. Blalock's pasture and had a splendid time and one of the most exciting that they have had in some time. They had twenty-six dogs, among which were several from Texarkana.

At the end of fifteen hours they succeeded in catching a wildcat that weighed about fifty pounds.

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

Daniel C. Powell, of the city is now employed as clerk at the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company.

THE TEXAS SPUR

OLDEST POSTOFFICE IN WEST TEXAS IS DISCONTINUED

An item of more than local interest that the Review has known for some weeks past but failed to mention was the abolition of the Mount Blanco post-office, which became a thing of the past on the 15th of June.

The patrons of the office are being served by the rural route from this place.

Mount Blanco was the oldest post-office in all the Plains country, it having been established forty-odd years ago with Aunt Hank Smith as postmistress. At that time there was no Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, or any of the thriving little cities or towns now dotted over this great Plains country.

Mrs. Smith remained the postmistress up to about two years ago, holding her commission for about forty years, one of the longest records for continuous service as postmaster in the United States.

The postoffice was kept in the rock house in the canyon up to the time of her resignation, when K. J. Matthews was appointed postmaster to succeed her and the office was then moved to his place just on top of the cap rock on the north side of the canyon.

Mr. Matthews got rich farming last year, like a great many of our farmers, rented his place and requested Uncle Samuel to take the reticent pioneer days off his hands, which he did with great reluctance.

— Crosbyton Review.

STATE DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CANVASS THE RETURNS

Dallas. — Still lacking returns from five counties the Democratic State Executive Committee met today and adopted the partial count as official, thus giving Joseph W. Bailey a lead of 2,522 votes over his nearest rival for the gubernatorial nomination at the July primaries, Pat M. Neff of Waco.

The date for the run-off primary was fixed as August 28. The committee sent a telegram to the Tennessee legislature, which met in special session today, urging ratification of the federal suffrage amendment so that women may vote in the November elections.

FORECASTS DEFEAT OF WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh, N. C. — Defeat of ratification of the federal suffrage amendment at the special session of the North Carolina legislature which meets next Monday was predicted today by Representative B. O. Crisp, recognized leader of the anti-suffrage forces in the state house of representatives. And Mr. Crisp's statement declared that a poll of the house showed a majority of ten votes against ratification and about a tie vote in the senate.

NEW WORLD'S RECORD IN A PLANE MADE FOR HEIGHT

San Antonio. — A De Haviland airplane loaded with seven passengers, piloted by Lieutenant Harry Weddington, reached an altitude of 19,070 feet above sea level at the air service mechanic's school here today. This is believed to be a world's record. Another flight with a 500-horsepower motor capable of developing 2,700 revolutions per minute, is contemplated.

Nick Cart, of Abilene, traveling salesman, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after business interest and also the guest of friends of the city.

Mrs. Perry and children, of Lipan, are in Spur this week visiting at the homes of O. L. Hale and W. R. Stafford.

CONVICTIONS BEING MADE AGAINST PROFITTEERS NOW

Washington. A total of 151 convictions have been obtained in the campaign at the Department of Justice against profiteering, it was announced today. Since the campaign was instituted 1,824 arrests have been made and 1,499 indictments returned.

AMUNDSEN AGAIN LEAVES FOR NORTH POLE SEARCH

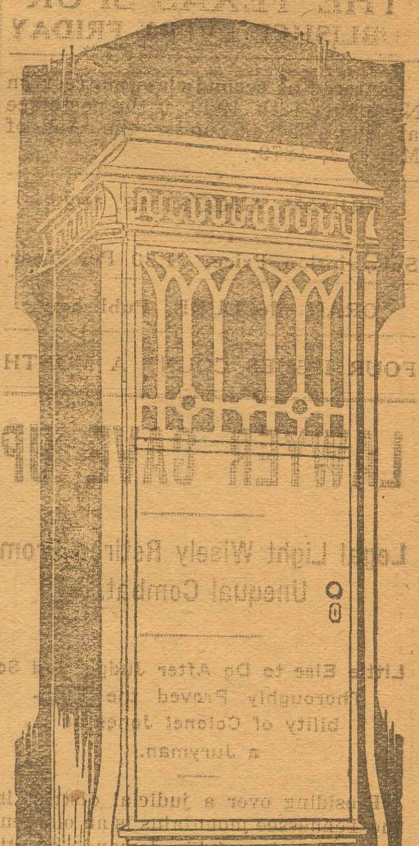
Nome, Alaska. — Captain Ronald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, will leave Nome soon to resume his attempt to reach the North Pole, he announced today. He intends to steer his vessel, the Maud, for Wrangel Island, off the northern coast of Siberia and from that point to drift with the Arctic ice pack.

Captain Amundsen declared he was certain of success in his adventure. He expects the voyage will require five years for completion.

HOT STUFF

How's this for a tribute to old King Solomon," said the Street Corner Idler, as he handed the following clipping, which was headed, "Bobby's Essay," to Editor Schmied of the Dakota City (Neb.) Eagle.

King Solom wuz a man who lived so many years in the country that he wuz the hole push. He wuz a offel wize guy and a day 2 wimmen came 2 him each 1 holding the legs of a babe an merely pulling the kid in and each clame it was an kin Sol wasent feeling just rite, and sed "why cuddent the brat be wutz an stopp this mixup" and then he called for his sword 2 splitt this innocent little kid so each of the wimmen cud have 1 2, when the reef ma of the babe buts in, and sez "Stopp, Sol stay thi hand, and let the old hagg have the kid, for if i can'tt have a hole kid i don'tt want anny," and King Soumn told her 2 take the baby and go home an wash its face and told the other daime 2 g chais her-self. King Solomn wuz father of the masens and built Solomn's Pimpe. He had 700 wifes an more than 300 laiddy freins and that is why there are so many masens in the world. Pa sez that King Solomn wuz a warm member and I think he wuz hot stuff my self.



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Mr. Miller is now clerking at the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company in an effort to promptly wait on the customers.

C. J. Smith, who is now batching at his home in the Dry Lake community, came to town Tuesday in order to relieve the monotony of home life during the absence of Mrs. Smith who is visiting near Weinert.

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Campbell & Campbell

J. B. Conner and family are here this week visiting with relatives at Spur, Dickens and other points in Dickens county. During the past year or two Bowse Conner has been in Kansas, but he is now on his way back to Arizona where they will again make their home. Wednesday a reunion of the family was enjoyed by every member at the home of T. G. Harkey, Uncle Tom stating that this was the first and probably the last time every member of the family would have the opportunity of being together a one time and place.

Mesdames C. J. Smith and Will Smith, of the Dry Lake community, are this week visiting relatives and friends at Anson and Weinert. Mrs. Will Smith is going to her former home to enjoy a family reunion with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. Jones.

Otho L. Hale and family are preparing to make a trip through the country to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where they will spend some time visiting relatives and seeing the country. The trip is being delayed on account of the continued rains.

Mrs. Mattie Allen, mother of W. W. Allen of Spur, died last week at her home in Cisco. Mr. Allen returned Friday from Cisco where he attended the funeral.

Miss Mable Clay is at Putman this week and will probably be employed there as teacher in the schools the coming term.

WANTED—Maid, must be neat, experience unnecessary.—Spur Inn, Spur, Texas. 41-2t

Rev. Willis, of Steel Hill, is at the town of Swenson conducting a protracted meeting.

Hudman House and wife, of Anson, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with S. J. Ousley and family. Hudman is now with the Anson newspaper. He for a time was one of the Texas Spur force, and some ten or twelve years ago we coached him in the beginning of his career in the art of printing. We were both at that time in the center of the now biggest developing oil field in the world—Eastland county—but we were among those who did not "stay." We have since learned that the "stayers" are always the winners.

J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, has had two brothers visiting him the past week. They were both here also with a view of locating later, and they were both well pleased with the country. We will be glad to have them become citizens of the greatest country in the world.

John Allen, of Cisco, arrived in Spur this week and will spend some time with his brother, W. W. Allen. He is just recovering from an illness of typhoid fever, and it is in hopes of recuperating that he is here to breathe the free ozone of the West.

Messrs. Geo. S. Link, T. C. Easley and Tom Johnson, manager at Jayton, returned the first of the week from a trip to the northern and eastern markets to buy fall goods for the Bryant-Link Company chain of stores in West Texas.

Elson Jones and wife, of Lubbock, were in Spur the past week visiting J. H. Boothe and family and other relatives and friends of Spur and the surrounding country.

H. P. Berry and family went down to Rotan this week to attend the annual picnic and reunion of old settlers of that section.

TO GOLDEN WEST

Adventurous Spirits of the World Turned in '49.

Lives and Souls Counted for Little in the Frantic Rush for the Yellow Metal—Thousands Died en Route.

On Dec. 8, 1848, the first deposit of California gold was made in the United States mint by David Carter. What a date! Gold had been discovered in California, and the earth trembled under the march westward.

Around the days of '49 in the Golden state on the blue Pacific, says the Kansas City Journal, an American playwright constructed a drama of telling power, "The Girl of the Golden West." It is a picture of the rough and terrible days of that frantic epoch, where men lost their souls and their lives in the pursuit of the yellow metal. California was admitted as a state into the Union in 1850. In '49, 40,000 immigrants arrived in California overland and by way of the isthmus of Panama.

It was in a little pioneer fort of Capt. Sutter's, formerly an officer of the Swiss Guard of Charles X of France, that the announcement was made that shook the world in 1848, and produced scenes of unparalleled excitement. From every part of the globe came the gold seekers, from Chile, Peru, from ancient Cathay, from the Sandwich islands, from England, France and Russia. Says Capt. Sutter of that memorable morning in 1848: "I was sitting in my tiny fort when Mr. Marshall, who was digging a mill race at Coloma, on the American river, burst into my presence. He was white as ashes and greatly excited. I glanced at my rifle to see if it was in its place, for in those days we lived in perpetual expectation of attack from Indians. No! Marshall flung on the table a handful of scales of pure virgin gold. I was thunderstruck. He explained how he had found it along the left bank of the stream."

A pioneer tells the story of the fearful gold-dust fever. "Two years after the discovery of gold on the American river by Marshall, I, like thousands of others, got the 'gold fever,' and I got it bad. To this land of gold promise came the bravest and best men of the older states. They were the daring spirits of the old home, who, ill-content to vegetate amid the scenes of their birth, took heart of hope, and through weeks and months of peril and fatigue toiled across the waterless and savage-peopled wastes to the land afar. They lit their campfires of buffalo chips and sagebrush and tossed in uneasy dreams at night with their guns for pillows. The reveille that woke them was often the crack of rifles in the hands of the savages. For days, weeks and months they thirsted and hungered amid the alkali deserts and the rocky canyons, and when they reached the land of promise there was little left them but their splendid manhood, brains and brawn.

"The prairie schooners from Missouri and Arkansas, drawn principally by oxen or mules, formed a continuous line of march by every route leading to the south pass of the Rocky mountains.

"The late Dr. Stillman, who conducted a hospital at Sacramento in '49 and '50, estimated that, in seeking the 'golden fleece,' in less than one year 10,000 young men who had started with cheers and song were sleeping beneath the wild flowers."

During the year 1848 \$10,000,000 in gold was extracted from the mines, principally from the Yuba, Feather and the American rivers, and from the gulches connected therewith; the rocker, the shovel, the prospecting pan and the crevice knife being the only machinery employed. Over \$40,000,000 was obtained in '49. From 1848 to 1870 \$1,000,000,000 was the gold output of the state of California. Throughout the first three years of the mining excitement every article of trade had to be imported.

"Si compre oro aqui" (gold dust bought here) should be the legend of California.

And Daddy Took the Hint.

Miriam Field is not quite nine. Also, she is very polite; of that there can be no possible doubt. A favorite uncle is visiting the family and Miriam wishes him to spend all his time with her. Uncle Roger and Dad were discussing politics after dinner, a day or two ago, about the time Dad is in the habit of bringing in enough coal to last for another twenty-four hours. Miriam hung around her uncle, tried to catch Dad's eye, stood first on one foot, then on the other, and at last at a lull in the conversation her voice was heard: "Daddy, don't you have to bring in any coal today?"

E. F. Hall is spending this week in Fort Worth and Dallas buying goods for the City Drug Store.

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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud section, came in Thursday. He reports big rains in that section, stating that the bridges on little Red Mud have gone down the stream and the roads which were in fine shape are now cut up and in bad shape. However, he said he had the finest crops he ever had, no grass hoppers and other pests, and he would have the money this fall to take a vacation trip to any desired point.

Willie Eldridge, of the plains section near McAdoo, was in Spur one day the past week. He says crops in that section could not promise more than at this time. The fact is that all of West Texas now has on her Sunday clothes.

On account of other business I am offering my Rooming House for sale. Partly furnished, good location, and would consider good wagon and team as part payment. Price, \$2,500, easy terms on \$1,200. See A. W. Phillips, Spur, Texas, Box 103. 41-1tp

Mrs. L. R. Barrett entertained the Friday Afternoon Club last Friday at her home, there being quite a number of the membership present and enjoying the occasion. After a number of games of progressive forty two, the hostess served refreshments.

Jim Sample and wife and Loyd Brasher left Spur earlier in the week for an extended trip into New Mexico where they will visit relatives and view a coming and developing country.

STRAY MULE—Brown mare, 2 years old, wire cut on right fore foot, is now at my place 7 miles northwest of Spur on highway.—Buster Robinson. 41-2tp

Mrs. Barber and children returned recently from an extended visit with relatives at Beeville and other points in south and west Texas.

J. E. Johnson and wife, of Stamford, moved this week to Spur and will hereafter make Spur their permanent home. Mr. Johnson bought the J. S. Worsham farm, teams, tools and other things on the place for a consideration of seven thousand dollars. Mr. Worsham bought the Johnson home place in Stamford in the sale and will move to that place. Mr. Johnson recently sold all of his business interests in Stamford, and will now center all his activities to his interests in and around Spur, and at this time is putting his gin and mill in fine shape for the fall business with the expectation of ginning thousands of bales of cotton.

A girl was born Thursday of last week to E. J. Cowan and wife. The Judge said that she arrived dissatisfied with the general conditions, but he has been unable to determine if she favors Bailey or Neff for the governorship. However, he is convinced beyond question that the young lady is a suffragette.

Weldon McClure left here Sunday to spend a week or ten days at Cisco, Eastland, Rising Star and Cross Plains—our old home places. We know he will enjoy the sights of the big oil fields, have a delightful time and regret to have to return home and punch the key board of this old linotype.

Miss Dana Edmonds left this week for a visit of ten days or two weeks with her brother at Dublin. She will return to Spur and after spending a short time here with E. C. Edmonds and family, will return to New Mexico where she is teaching school.

C. L. Love and Mrs. Roy Russell left Monday for the eastern markets to buy fall goods for the Love Dry Goods Company. They will be gone two weeks or ten days.

NOTICE

DR. MONTGOMERY, OF STAMFORD, WILL BE IN SPUR THREE DAYS, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st, AND SEPTEMBER 1st AND 2nd, PREPARED TO TREAT DISEASES OF THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT; REMOVE TONSILS AND ADNOIDS, AND FIT GLASSES. OFFICE AT SANITARIUM.

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Newcomer's Record Made Him Eligible to Inner Circles of Indiana's Big Penitentiary.

Frank P. Litschert, secretary to Governor Goodrich, spent several days at the state prison, Michigan City, recently, and being fortunate enough to get out again is telling the following yarn:

Warden Fogarty of the prison likes to make as easy as he can the hard lot of the prisoners, and has arranged for ball games at intervals within the prison walls. Convicts form the teams, and while there is some difficulty in getting one to act as umpire, the games usually are pulled off in good style.

A visitor from South Bend was at the prison one day when a game was scheduled, and being a former ball player it was suggested that he put on the prison uniform and get into the game "incog" and put a little professional "pep" into it.

Eventually the "ringer" was all fitted out and was placed in the lot. He was sitting on the bench when a typical convict "hard guy" swaggered up to him and sympathetically inquired: "Hello, bo! What ya in fer?"

The outsider was nonplused, but recovering in a moment he replied:

"Oh, I beamed a guy."

"Did ya put 'im clean out?" again inquired the hard guy, with professional interest.

"Yep," said the ringer.

Whereupon the convict, fraternal to the core, gleefully commented:

"Atta boy!"—Indianapolis News.

Handcuff Key Miles Away.

Greensburg, Ky.—J. R. Fullerton, being inexperienced in the matter of handcuffs, accidentally locked the sheriff's pair on his own wrist a few days ago. It wouldn't have been so embarrassing if a key had been handy, but it was in Meade and ex-Sheriff Fullerton was literally handcuffed till a phone message brought the key by registered mail.

BIG INCREASE IN ACREAGE UNWISE, SAYS HOUSTON

Secretary of Agriculture Declares Large Fluctuations Are Not Desirable.

CALLS FOR CAREFUL THOUGHT

Expansion of Nation's Agriculture Limited by Supply of Labor and Capital Available for Farming Purposes Rather Than Scarcity of Undeveloped Lands.

Washington.—It probably would be unwise to stimulate a large sudden increase in farm land acreage at the present time, especially where such an increase would have to be effected by utilizing land which is inferior, or which would be made available at a heavy outlay for drainage, irrigation or clearing. This opinion is expressed by David F. Houston, secretary of agriculture, in his annual report for 1919. Since the nation now retains but little land of ready availability, agricultural expansion will result mainly from the efforts to utilize and to increase the productivity of farm lands now owned by individuals, corporations and states.

Careful thought should be given, the secretary says, to questions pertaining to the use of additional lands. "The best experts of the federal department and of the agricultural colleges should make a detailed study of the possibilities of utilizing land not now devoted to agriculture." In respect to the 200,000,000 acres of cut-over land, the 60,000,000 acres requiring drainage, and the 30,000,000 acres which may be irrigated, there is a great variation from district to district as to the possibilities of economic use.

Study Distinctive Regions.

Distinctive regions should be fully studied with the view to assemble all existing data on productivity, cost of making land available, present tenure and prices, type of agriculture best adapted to the conditions, possible returns, minimum size of farms capable of supporting families in reasonable comfort, minimum equipment needed at the beginning of settlement, sources of credit, and marketing and transportation facilities.

The secretary refers to the fact that various private agencies are engaged in promoting land settlement and says that while many of them are honest in intention, promise and practice, others keep within the letter of the law, but through exaggeration and indirection of statement create false impressions in the minds of the settlers. Only a few, he states, have made careful studies of the conditions of successful settlement, and practically all are seeking to realize the highest possible price for their undeveloped holdings. As the intending settler of small means is rarely able to distinguish between the good and bad methods of selling lands in new regions, he thinks it would be desirable for government agencies through their agricultural machinery to furnish reliable information to those seeking farms, to give new settlers very special assistance and guidance and, where conditions are favorable, aid in developing well-considered settlement.

The matter of land utilization comes in for a large measure of attention in the secretary's report.

"The expansion of the nation's agriculture," says Secretary Houston, "is limited by the supply of labor and capital available for farming purposes rather than by the scarcity of undeveloped lands. It is true that, in general, the best land is already in cultivation, but without question much of the remainder can be tilled when the country reaches the economic stage which would justify its utilization.

ere are numerous fallacious

opinions with respect to the need of extending the farm area. Many people, noting the prevailing prices of agricultural products, demand increased production and insist that the remedy lies in immediate and rapid expansion of the acreage in farms. Others, observing large tracts of unused land, deplore the great waste of our resources. Still others explain the movement of population from rural districts to cities by the nonavailability of land, which they attribute to land monopoly, speculation and other evils. The demand for farm products, unlike the demand for manufactured articles, does not expand rapidly to meet a large increase in supply. There is a tendency toward an equilibrium between urban and agricultural industry. If too much labor and capital are diverted, from farming, the relative prices, and consequently the relative profits, of agricultural activity will increase, and there will be a tendency toward expansion. If this is excessive, however, relative prices and profits will tend to decrease and the industry may suffer depression. The inelasticity of demand for farm products sets a very decided limit at a given time to the increase of population and capital profitably employed in agriculture.

Large Fluctuations Not Desirable.

"It is not in the interest of producers or consumers to have large fluctuations in agricultural production. There is always danger of glutting the market and of serious loss. The aim rather should be to secure a steady flow of commodities of sufficient volume to supply an increasing demand at prices which will yield the farmer a decent wage and a fair profit on his investment. It seems difficult to get it into the minds of some people that farming is a business and must pay; that under modern conditions there cannot be an unlimited number of farmers. There could be a larger proportion of farmers to total population if each farm were self-sufficient and produced no surplus of consequence, but today the average farmer produces many times what he consumes of some things and is dependent for his prosperity upon their profitable exchange for other articles which he uses. There should be, and in the long run there will tend to be, no more farmers in the nation than are needed to produce the quantity of products which can be disposed of at a profit. There will be farmers enough if the business of farming is made profitable and if rural life is made attractive and healthful. The consumers must be willing to pay prices for farm products which will enable the farmers to produce them and to maintain a satisfactory standard of individual and community life. The nation also must be prepared to omit nothing to improve the countryside. It is of the first importance that satisfactory schools, with courses of study related to the problems of rural life, be provided, that good roads be constructed, and that adequate provision be made to give rural communities the requisite sanitary and medical services, including hospital facilities. When these requirements are met, we shall not have to concern ourselves as to the number of farmers and the adequacy of our agricultural production. There will then be no difficulty in retaining in the rural districts a sufficient number of contented and efficient people. What we need is not a 'back to the land' propaganda, but an acceleration of the movement for the improvement of the countryside which will render the abandonment of farms unnecessary and the expansion of farming inevitable.

Expansion During War.

"There is reason to believe that a considerable expansion in farm-land area occurred during the war. The acreage devoted to the 19 principal crops increased 10.1 per cent from 1914 to 1918. Accordingly, the crop area per capita increased from 3.22 acres in 1914 to 3.33 in 1918, or 3.4 per cent. This expansion probably resulted in part from the use for crops of land normally devoted to other purposes, especially to pasture. However, it seems to indicate that the farming industry has more than held its own during the period. This conclusion is confirmed by an increase not only in the per capita production of nearly all

the important crops, but also, according to a recent report, in the number of cattle and swine per capita. Moreover, estimates for milk, eggs, and poultry indicate an increase in per capita production during the war. In view of these facts, it probably would be unwise to stimulate a large increase in the per capita farm acreage at the present time, especially where such an increase would have to be effected by utilizing land which is inferior or which would be made available at a heavy outlay for drainage, irrigation or clearing.

Land Settlement Problems.

"At present various private agencies are engaged in promoting land settlement. Many of them are honest in intention, promise and practice; others keep within the letter of the law but, through exaggeration and indirection of statement, create false impressions in the mind of the settler. Many violate no canon of fair business practice, but their interest is in profits, and they do not pursue a policy calculated to develop a profitable and wholesome community life. Only a few have made careful studies of the conditions of successful settlement and developed their business with a view to the settlers' progress and success. Practically all are seeking to realize the highest possible price for their undeveloped holdings, and the settler is compelled to face the problem of adjustment to pioneer conditions while carrying a burden of land value which often represents, in part, the capitalization of a future increase in earning power.

"The intending settler of small means is rarely able to distinguish between the good and bad methods of selling land in new regions. The more unscrupulous the land company the more lurid its advertisement and the more extravagant its promises. Settlers often are induced to invest all their savings in land not suitable for successful farming, to purchase more land in relation to the capital available for development than they should, or to undertake projects the cost of clearing or reclamation of which will prove to be prohibitive. The results in many instances have been tragic failures after years of incredible hardships, waste of capital and of human lives, discouragement of intending settlers and injury to the business of legitimate and well-meaning land concerns.

"It would be desirable if governmental agencies, by systematic aid, should furnish reliable information to those seeking farms, should take particular pains, through their agricultural machinery, to give new settlers very special assistance and guidance, and, where conditions are favorable, should aid in the development of well-considered settlement plans."

\$30,000 for a Hog.

Omaha, Neb.—What is said to be the record price for a single hog was paid the other day by a local breeder. He purchased Designer, a yearling Poland China boar, for \$30,000. Designer was sold for \$5,000 when only a few weeks old, and this sale shows a profit of \$25,000 in a little less than a year.

Sole Shoes With Currency.

Mattighofen, Austria.—Residents of this community in Tyrol are using leather money as soles for paper shoes. Fractional metal currency disappeared some time ago, and the municipality authorized a big leather factory to stamp out little round ten-heller pieces from scrap leather. This served the local business requirements until the people found it cheaper to use the leather money as soles for their shoes than to buy the leather soles.

MIDWAY NEWS.

At last here I come again with a little important news from Midway.

Everybody is most through work. We have had plenty of rain and crops are looking good.

Ira Dobbs, Roy Brannon, Man, Ira Tollie and Ben Clark have returned from New Mexico. They report they had a fine time, saw a lot of pretty country and say they are going to move out there, but I hardly think the boys can stay away from Midway.

Born to R. S. Brannon and wife a baby girl. I think they had about run out of names, but they finally decided to name her Edith Marie.

Mr. Ed Brannon, of Stamford, is visiting his brother, Roy Brannen, this week.

Misses Ella and Della Dobbs are spending a few days with Mrs. Edna Arthur at Dickens. I think Ella has decided to stay down there—in fact I know she would take up board at the hotel.

Pete Austin, Willie and Delia Sumner, Buster Arthur, Celesta Stephens took dinner with Minnie Arthur at Dickens Sunday.

Mr. Aut Austin got as far as the drug store but his heart failed him.

Miss Erna May, Overstreet, Miss Cleo Peters have just returned from Stamford where they have been visiting.

R. T. Overstreet, Grover Overstreet and families started this morning to Clovis, New Mexico to visit relatives.

Jonas and Ben Overstreet are batching. It looks hard for two fine boys to batch when there are as many pretty girls here as there are.

Miss Altha Blakley has been attending a protracted meeting where she was organist for Brother Bilberry.

Mrs. E. Austin is building a new home on her place, which looks real nice.

The Misses Adams spent the day Sunday with Miss Thelma Brannon.

The Sinnery Twig second nine and Afton played a game of ball Tuesday evening, the score being 10 and 12 in favor of Shinnery Twigs.

Henry Bilberry returned last night from New Mexico where he had been visiting relatives—and now you can almost hear a certain young lady smiling.

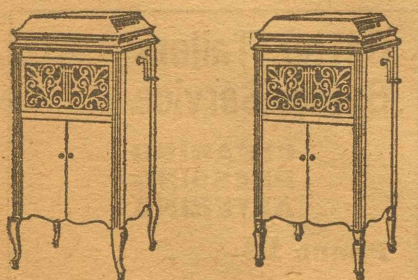
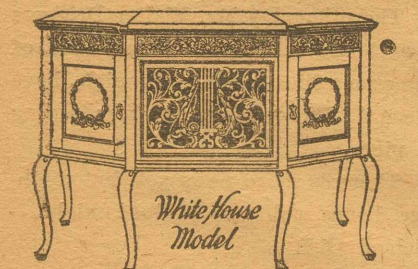
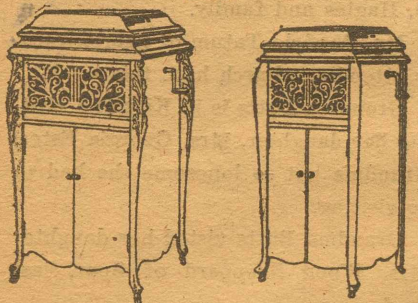
Lost—a crop three and a half miles north of Dickens, last seen in crab grass. Finder please return to Toad Wiley and get reward.

G. W. Dodson and family, Edd Harvey are visiting relatives and friends in Tennessee.

—Shinnery Twigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Pemberton are this week visiting in Fort Worth.

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Brief Sermons for the Busy People

By Rev. Harold A. Thompson

SUBJECT—Jesus, the Bread of Life.

TEXT—John 6:35. "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

This declaration was made on the following day after our Saviour had performed the wonderful miracle of feeding the five thousand people. On this April morning occurred one of the saddest episodes of Jesus' life. After a night of prayer, his purpose fully made, he enters the synagogue at Capernaum and scatters the popularity which the miracle of the preceding day had created for him. From that moment the crowds begin to disappear until it seemed as though he would be entirely forsaken. His conversation upon this occasion was not intended to encourage those worldly minded ones whose only object was to secure His aid in gaining temporal power. He sought only to encourage the faith which would lead honest hearts from things temporal to things eternal. He therefore assures them that spiritual food is provided and that He is the food. The death of Christ was a vicarious sacrifice and atonement of the sins of the world; and as "no human" life can be preserved without proper nourishment, so no soul can be saved but by the merit of Christ's death. Man in his spiritual life which is given those who partake of the "Bread of Life." Who believeth on Him and follow Him. He is dead in sin, all his powers are dead to spiritual activity. Christ alone can infuse life into these dead powers of the soul, renovate the nature and produce a corresponding change in the conduct. This abundant life insures to its possessor liberty, holiness, joy and exhilarating hope. It possesses a force sufficient to uphold all men in righteousness and eternal vitality of spirit, and give birth to ever new and varied forms of heroic, holy, godly living—a force which is ever pressing forward to find expression through all means, and capable of making human action as perfect, as beautiful and infinitely more significant, than the

products of the physical life around us. Nothing can take the place of Christ. There can be no substitution. He is the life of all Christian activity. Only by partaking of Him of coming in touch with Him, can one become fruitful in every good word and work. Christ lives in us as the soul lives in the body, actuating every member and penetrating every particle. Christ is the life of all spiritual growth, any effort to grow from roots of your own will result in barrenness and failure. Self must be renounced and Christ must be all. In this condition the work of "perfecting holiness" goes on; faith becomes stronger, hope more vigorous, and the means of grace more enjoyed.

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able. He is the life of all spiritual enjoyment. As He becomes our life "our dispositions are softened and sweetened, our views of earthly life and of death become different, and our interest in earthly things less engrossing." Wealth, fame, worldly pleasure are all eclipsed by the resplendent glory of Christ within. The supernatural man exhibits a marvelous elevation of thought and aspiration which finds its highest bliss in beholding and adoring the Infinite One. He finds true enjoyment in everything of which Christ is the life. In the Bible—its precepts and promises, sacraments and ordinances, in public worship—preaching and prayer, and praise—in private devotion and silent meditation.

By faith the Christ-life is apprehended and the Lord himself is brought in personal contact with man's inner being. Faith establishes a sure and perfect connection between Christ and the soul. It is the wire over which the current of divine life passes to the human heart. It is sufficient that we admire the character of Christ, we must establish a more intimate relationship with Him than that of the world-lover. The most wholesome food will not nourish our bodies unless it is eaten and properly assimilated, so the atonement of Christ, unapplied, will avail us nothing, sin must be renounced, the world overcome, doubt dismissed, and the Bread of Life received by faith. This faith unites us to Christ, and inspires us with the hope of immortality and opens us the vision of an eternal life. It is the Father that whosoever believeth on the Son shall have eternal life.

GILPIN
The recent rains that fell in our section was highly appreciated by the farmers and you should see our fine crops. Mr. Carl Adams of Thurber is here on business and is also visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. B. McNeelin and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McCombs of Claremont, last week. It is reported that Mr. and Mrs. E. Hagins, who are off on their vacation trip, have reached the mountains in New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bennett and children and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bennett and children, of

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Shawnee, went off on a fishing trip last week and it rained on them while they were gone, goodie! We don't mean we are glad they all got wet, we mean we are glad it rained for it certainly was needed.

Rev. W. B. Bennett assisted Rev. Alvin Bilberry in a revival meeting near Stamford last week. There was twenty one additions to the church, nine by baptism was the report.

The eighteen days staging class taught by Prof. Garble at the Duck Creek schoolhouse closed Wednesday of this week.

Miss Audrey Tatum, who was recently operated on for appendicitis at Abilene, is well on her way to recovery. Miss Audrey used to live here, but now lives near Girard. We are glad she is recovering and hope she will soon be strong again.

The pastor of the Duck Creek Baptist Church, Rev. W. B. Bennett and Rev. Alvin Bilberry, of Abilene, are

holding a protracted meeting at the Duck Creek school house this week. Brother Bilberry doing the preaching. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Mrs. Conatser, of near Twin Wells,

is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Simmons and family. Mrs. Marie Willis, who is a Canyon going to school, writes that she looks for the Gilpin news first when the home paper arrives and is always disappointed when she fails to find them. There are others also who say the same thing, so we will try to send them in more often from now on.

We are glad to state that Cecil Bennett, of Cooper, Texas, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the sanitarium at Paris is able to take up his work again. Cecil used to live here at Gilpin and has many friends who will be glad to hear of his recovery.

A card from Miss Mattie Hagins states that she is having a splendid time on her trip. Thank you Mattie for the pretty card and we hope you will find nothing to mar your pleasure while you are gone.

Another fine rain fell here Wednesday, and we do not see how we can fail to make bumper crops.

Mrs. Eunice Daniels and baby, Lucile, of near Jayton spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mr. D. D. Hagins and family.

Mr. Rayfield Tatum of near Girard is attending church here this week. Grandma Butts is in Kirkland visiting her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Estes. Grandma got so lonesome she had to go visiting.

Grandma Butts visited her daughter Mrs. Wood Sheppard of Spur, last week.

The other day Mr. Walter Driggers was heard talking to himself kind of lonesome like, saying "It might have been." We presume he was saying a piece.

There is more news yet, but mother keeps calling. Good night—School Girl.

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