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able to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BARBECUE AND CELEBRATION

The Spur Chamber of Commerce barbecue celebration in combination with the Boys and Girls Club meeting at the fair grounds Wednesday was a successful and most pleasant occasion in every particular. It is estimated that at least thirty five hundred people were on the grounds. Sixteen beeves were barbecued for the occasion, the meat being cooked and prepared for the table in the most inviting manner, and everybody served in a most satisfactory and pleasant manner. In fact it was one of the best conducted and managed barbecues we have ever attended. Meat, bread and pickles were in plenty for all, and tubs full left over.

The program of speaking was heard and appreciated by only a few, on account of the noise and confusion surrounding the stand.

The showing of purebred livestock and poultry will contribute to raising purebreds more generally in the future, while the showing of sheep by the boys and girls at the close of a feeding test demonstrates further that finishing sheep as well as cattle for the markets will be more profitable and more generally practiced in the future.

In the afternoon the masons and knights of pythians played a game of baseball, the masons being the heaviest scorers.

The day was one of genuine pleasure and real benefit to all, it brought the town people and country people, and boys and girls closer together for a more united effort to promote our community interests, commercial and socially.

G. B. JOPLING APPOINTED TAX ASSESSOR FOR SCHOOL

At a meeting of the school board for the Spur Independent School District, held last week, G. B. Jopling was appointed assessor and collector of taxes, taking the place of E. J. Cowan who resigned the place. Mr. Jopling will also be appointed assessor and collector for the City of Spur, and will maintain an office with W. D. Wilson over the Spur National Bank.

This work is in line and accord with Mr. Jopling's position as county tax assessor and being familiar with every detail of the official duties the work will be carried on without hindrance and in an efficient and systematic manner.

METHODIST REVIVAL WILL CONTINUE OVER SUNDAY

The Methodist revival meeting, in progress this and the past week, conducted by Rev. May of Missouri and assisted by the three Wisdom sisters as singers, will continue over Sunday. Large audiences are in attendance at the services each day, and night and Rev. May propounds the gospel in an earnest manner. The song services on the part of the Wisdom sisters, are especially interesting and inspiring. Their renditions are confined to the old time religious melodies, sung without affectation and in voices of sweet, effective melody. Everybody is invited to attend the services morning and night.

ROSS AND GOODE ARE DENIED BAIL, WILL TAKE APPEAL

Seminole, Texas, April 13.—Appeal to higher courts will be taken by Tom Ross and Milt Goode, cattlemen who were denied bail here last night at their habeas corpus hearing before District Judge Mulligan. They are charged with the slaying of H. L. Roberson of Midland and A. D. Allison of Post, cattle inspectors.

Witnesses testified that the inspectors were seated in the lobby of a hotel when Goode and Ross entered and began shooting, killing Allison and Roberson instantly. Defense counsel sought to raise the issue of self-defense while the state introduced evidence designed to show that the inspectors had been investigating charges of cattle theft against the defendants.

After denial of bail the defense gave notice that the case would be taken to the court of criminal appeals.

IRRIGATION LAKE AND SPORTING CLUB MEMBERS TO MEET

A meeting of the members and stockholders of the Irrigation Lake and Sporting Club Association, with J. J. Albin as President, has been called for 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the directors room of the Spur National Bank in Spur.

The big lake recently completed on the Albin farm to the west of Spur now gives wonderful possibilities both as an irrigation project and sporting club facilities. The big dam stands like the rock of Gibraltar as the waters from copious rains are held in check and backed up Dockom Creek.

This is the second instance within the great Spur country where dams have been constructed to confine waters for the enrichment and benefit of our own territory rather than idly stand by and permit this great resource flow peacefully on down to enrich other sections. The time is coming when all the water which falls in West Texas will be conserved and confined within the limits of our own borders, and that day will see our wonderful resources greatly enhanced.

DEN OF RATTLE SNAKES DESTROYED AT RED TOP

R. D. Williams, of the Red Top Community, was in Spur Monday and informed us of a battle royal with a den of rattle snakes in that community.

The den was on the edge of the shinnery in a rocky knoll on the creek. He and the boys engaging in the battle ran out of shot gun shells after killing eight snakes, not one of which measured less than four feet and the three largest measuring more than five feet and having fourteen rattles.

Mr. Williams stated that he was carrying out a supply of ammunition and on the next idle day they intend to clean out this den and also another one in the community.

The rattle snake may be a "venomous viper," but he has one redeeming trait: he always rattles before striking you—and that is more than some people do.

HAIL STORM ACCOMPANIES THE RAIN OF LAST WEEK

Friday of last week a severe hail storm accompanied the rain in the Caffish country, doing considerable damage over an area several miles in extent along the river. The hail stones in places were as large as guinea eggs, stripping orchards, breaking window lights and bursting up house roofs. In the White River community many window lights in the school house and homes were broken while on the 24 Ranch the roofs of houses were beaten in.

The rain contributed further to a good season, and since the hail was too early to damage crops, the damage done is not irreparable and of little moment.

C. A. LOVE SEVERELY CUT WITH RAZOR BLADE

Last week C. A. Love was severely injured by a cut in the hand with a safety razor blade. The razor blade had been removed from the handle and placed on a wash stand. A bar of soap was laid over the blade. Later Mr. Love picked up the soap to wash his hands, the blade stuck to the bar of soap and in rubbing the soap through his hands the blade made several deep gashes, severing a blood vessel with the result that a pint or more of blood flowed from the wound before the doctor could stop it.

ANOTHER DEATH CALL MADE BY SPUR MUTUAL ASSOCIATION

Another death call was made on the membership this week by the Spur Mutual Life Insurance Association, S. J. Short, a member in good standing having died Friday at his home near Peacock. Mr. Short had been in good health up to the time of his death, suffering a stroke of paralysis which caused death. He had his Spur Mutual policy of one thousand dollars made to his sixteen years old daughter, the wife and mother having died several years ago. This is the third policy of a thousand dollars to be paid out by the Spur Mutual, and probably none will ever be more beneficial than in this instance.

DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE APRIL 27

The Dickens High School will close its 1922-23 term of school April 27. This term of the Dickens School has been a success in every way with Mr. Frank Spear, as Superintendent. The old timers say it has been the best school in its history.

The Commencement Exercises will start Tuesday night, April 24, and will continue throughout the week. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday at the High School Auditorium at 11 o'clock.

The Dickens High School welcomes everybody. The graduating class will receive their diplomas Friday night April 27. The class consists of four. They are: Misses Anna D. Lusk, Adelle Shields, and Mildred Crabtree and Bill Clark.

THE DICKENS COUNTY FARM BUREAU ELECTS OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Dickens County Farm Bureau the following new officers and directors were elected to serve the ensuing year:

L. G. Crabtree, president; H. C. Allen, vice-president; D. J. Gilbert, secretary and treasurer; E. B. McLaughlin, W. F. Clements, C. S. Leatherman and R. E. Rogers, directors.

The main purpose, as we understand it, of the Farm Bureau is to systematize and cooperate in the marketing of cotton and other farm products through the organization. If the agreements entered into by the membership are adhered to there is no question but that the marketing price can be controlled by the organization so long as it stays within the bounds of reason and justice.

BILL SAULS RECEIVES SEVERE KNIFE WOUND IN KILLING COW

Bill Sauls, of the West Pasture, is now in the Nichols Sanitarium suffering of a severe knife wound in the leg, accidentally received in killing and skinning a cow on the Swenson ranch.

Bill Sauls and Hamo Collect found a cow down and helpless and decided to kill and skin her. Sauls got his knife to cut the cows throat, when she slung her head striking the knife in such manner as to cut his leg to the bone. An artery was severed, and although Hamo ripped clothing and bound the leg, Mr. Sauls came near bleeding to death before he could be brought to the sanitarium. Blood poison has been threatened up to this time when he is reported doing nicely.

ANOTHER TEST FOR OIL WILL BE MADE IN COUNTRY

The continued efforts to have another test well drilled for oil in the Spur territory is now practically assured, J. C. Davis receiving a telegram last week from an oil concern in the North or East advising that men and material would be sent immediately to Spur to begin the work.

The McGee test well for oil on the Davis ranch was interrupted at a most critical stage, and those present at the time the accident occurred know that oil was hit, and only the hand of fate, it appears, prevented the bringing in of a gusher. The drillers had been exerting every means and power at their command to finish the well. They were drilling with a line which had been pieced and patched a number of times.

At quitting time on the day before the accident, a change of formation in drilling was encountered. The slush bucket was sent down the hole regardless of the risk, in order to see what character of formation the bit was going into. The bucket brought up a true oil sand heavily saturated with oil. In balling out the following morning sufficient oil was brought up to entirely cover the slush pit with a heavy coat of oil.

The drillers, feeling so confident of getting pay oil by drilling only a few feet in this sand, disregarded the dangerous drilling line and sent the bit down to go into the sand with the expectation and sentiment that "one more screw" would see the oil flowing over the derrick. However, the bit only made a few strokes when the line parted and the bit lost in the bottom of the hole, never to be recovered, and the Davis well today stands obstructed on a true oil bearing sand at a depth of 2,315 feet.

It is definitely known that oil is in this hole, but whether or not in big or little quantity will never be known until the sand encountered is drilled into. There are many of us who confidently believe this sand will give up oil in big paying quantities.

Don't fail to attend the Baptist Sunday School Sunday.

ONE HALF INCH RAIN FALLS THURSDAY NIGHT IN SPUR

A one-half inch rain fell in Spur and over the Spur country Thursday night of this week.

This rain, with a good season already in the ground, places the country in ideal shape with respect to crop conditions and prospects. In fact better prospects could not be had for bumper crops, and the entire Spur country will this year break all former records in varied and abundant crop production.

COUNTY COURT CONVENED MONDAY IN DICKENS CITY

County court convened Monday of this week in Dickens with Judge Brummett presiding and Attorney Worswick prosecuting.

Up to Thursday only one case had been tried, that of H. J. Parks charged with disturbing the peace in connection with a difference with the teacher of the Highway school, he being found guilty by a jury and a fine of one dollar and costs assessed. A retainer suit, S. E. Gunn vs J. N. Ballard, for the dispossession of property, is on trial at this time, Thursday afternoon. This trial is also by a jury.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON TO BE DELIVERED MAY 20TH

Mike M. Young, pastor of the Church of Christ in Spur, informs us that he has succeeded in his effort to get Chas. H. Roberson, of Austin, to deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the Spur High School, May 20th.

Mr. Roberson is one of the teachers in the State University at Austin, and holds the highest degrees from college institutions.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Following is announcement of our regular periods of services: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on first and third Sundays of each month.

Bible class work every Sunday at 10 a. m.

Womens Bible class Monday in every week at 4 p. m.

We gladly welcome you, one and all, to attend these services. Our work is growing, and you may help us to make it grow faster by attending these services.—Mike M. Young, Pastor.

CHURCH NOTICE

The Rev. F. H. Stedman, an Episcopal minister will preach at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning April 22. The public is invited.

DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL AGAIN WINS DISTRICT MEET

The Dickens High School took the District Championship of Class B Track Events Saturday, April 14, at Lubbock. Despite the fact that the Class B schedule was interrupted somewhat by a cold and very disagreeable south wind, blowing up a slow drizzle, about four o'clock which was a great drawback to our boys as well as to every one else.

The Dickens High School making the meet with 29 1-2 points, leading Ralls, our nearest competitor by 7 1-2 points, Pleasant Valley drew third with 15 1-2 points while Olton took fourth with 11.

Our boys won the District Track last year, therefore this makes the second year for Dickens to keep the "loving cup" which we are proud of.

When our boys arrived on the field they begin to yell, "Yonder they come." This time they didn't have to ask where we were from, they knew us from last year.

The boys that represented our school were to-wit: Sam Koonsman, Willow Street, Bill Clark, L. D. Bilberry, Jack Gipson and Francis Jackson, while Jack Thannisch represented it in Senior declaiming winning third place.

Tennis started early evening. Marguerite Meadows and Lymie Harkey were matched in the first preliminary with Mule Shoe for Girls' doubles, and won a hard fought contest. However, in the second preliminary Floyada won over our team while she had a hard fought game.

Quite a number of the parents went to Lubbock Friday which we were very glad to see.

The Dickens High School is not only Champions in the District Track but we are also champions in our county, in Basket Ball, Volley Ball Track and Literary, moreover we are expecting to be all around champions in track and literary both inclusive at the District—High School Report.

HOW TO KILL A PARENT-TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

(Or any other organization)

Don't come to meetings. If you come, come late. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.

If you should attend a meeting, find fault with what is being done. Never accept an office, it is easier to criticize than to do things.

If asked for your opinion during a discussion in a meeting, have nothing to say. After the meeting tell every one just how the thing should have been done or decided.

Hold back your dues as long as possible or don't pay at all. Don't bother about getting new members, let the other fellow do it. If asked to serve in any way, agree to do it and then fail at the eleventh hour.—(Clipped)

The Parent-Teachers' Association meets at the school house the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. next meeting Tuesday April 24th.—Report

When Mr. J. H. Smith, of Anarillo arrived in this city, Monday, he was very agreeably surprised to meet an old friend and play mate whom he had not seen for twenty five years in person of Mr. W. R. Lewis. Mr. Smith met Mr. Lewis in his place of business and recognized him. A joyful reunion followed and many interesting experiences were recalled of the by gone days about their old home in Comanche county, which both agreed is a mighty good county to be from.

Lonnie Harris is now in Portland, Oregon, where his wife will later join him to establish a permanent home in that country.

The Stubs of Your Check Book Tell a Story

The stubs of your check book tells a story. They tell where your money went—whether it was spent wisely for needful things or wasted for luxuries. Each one forms a little chapter in the record of your affairs.

You can trace your progress in the story they tell.

Do you realize the value to you of a check book which gives you a permanent record of all bills paid? It encourages a methodical handling of your affairs and leads the way to success.

Have YOU a checking account here?

The Spur National Bank

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 13th

THE DAY

of the greatest woman in the world

YOUR MOTHER

Have you a good picture of her?
Has she a good picture of you?

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Spur, Texas

Make that appointment today

DOES HOUSEWORK LIKE IT WAS PLAY

Mrs. Little Declares Tanlac Restored Full Strength After Overcoming Indigestion.

"Since taking Tanlac my troubles have left me, and I never tire of telling about it," declares Mrs. Johanna Little, 3032 N. 17th St., Kansas City, Mo.

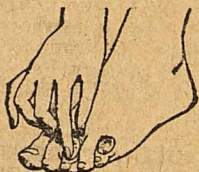
"My food often caused me much distress from gas, sourness and heartburn, and I scarcely ever wanted to eat. Headaches, biliousness and pains in my back kept me in hot water, and I hardly ever got any restful sleep. My nerves were excited and I was so run down it was all I could do to look after my housework.

"I searched the city for the right medicine, and consider it fortunate that I found Tanlac. Indigestion, sleeplessness and nervousness never bother me now, I can do my housework like it was play, and am strong and happy. Tanlac is simply grand."

Tanlac is for sale by all good druggists. Over 35 million bottles sold.—Advertisement.

Dancing Taught Early by Spartans. The Spartans had a special law which compelled them to train their children in dancing from the early age of five years.

Instant relief from CORNS without risk of infection



Safely! You can end the pain of corns, in one minute. Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads will do it, for they remove the cause—friction—pressure, and heal the irritation. Thus you avoid infection from cutting your corns or using corrosive acids. Then, antiseptic, waterproof. Sides for corns, callouses, bunions. Get a box today at your druggist's or shoe dealer's!

Dr. Scholl's Zino-pads

Made in the laboratories of The Scholl Mfg. Co., makers of Dr. Scholl's Foot Comforts, Arch Supports, etc.

Put one on—the pain is gone!

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic

Injures, Purifies and Enriches the Blood. 60c

Tut's Pills

Girls! Girls!! Save Your Hair With Cuticura

Soap 25c, Ointment 25 and 50c, Talcum 25c.

FRECKLES

Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as Othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of Othine from any druggist and apply a little of it night and morning, and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than an ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful, clear complexion. Be sure to ask for the double-strength Othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

ITCH!

Money back without question if HUNT'S SALVE fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, RINGWORM, TYPHER or other itching skin diseases. Price 75c at druggists, or direct from A. S. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

DON'T EXPERIMENT ON YOUR EYES

MITCHELL EYE SALVE heals inflamed eyes, granulated lids, styes, etc. Sure. Safe. Speedy. 25c at all druggists.

USING NICOTINE DUST FOR PESTS

Application of New Method of Insect Control Is Discussed in Recent Bulletin.

LESS EXPENSIVE THAN SPRAY

Tiny Particles Reach Many Bugs Inaccessible to Liquid and May Be Applied With Various Devices—Avoid Windy Day.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

An important application of a comparatively new method of insect control is discussed in Farmers' Bulletin, 1282, Nicotine Dust for Truck-Crop Insects, by Roy E. Campbell, assistant entomologist, truck-crop insect investigations, bureau of entomology. This method thus far has surpassed any other known methods of controlling such important pests as the onion thrips, cucumber beetles, the melon aphid, and the pea aphid.

Nicotine dust has several advantages over a liquid spray of nicotine sulphate. Dusting requires much less weight of material per acre than spraying, and may be done in a much shorter time with a lighter and less expensive machine, in most cases at less cost for labor. The tiny particles of dust reach many insects inaccessible to sprays. Dust may be applied with hand-dusters, horse-drawn outfits, or power-operated outfits.

Nicotine dust is a nicotine-sulphate mixed in correct proportions with a dust carrier. Lime alone is ordinarily used for the carrier, but the addition of sulphur to the lime makes the material more effective against most insects. Several thorough applications may be necessary. These should be made when the insects first appear, before any damage is done. The dust is most effective at temperatures above 65 degrees F., and when the air is still. It loses strength if held for any length of time or if not put up in airtight containers, and should not be applied on a windy day.

Certain diseases, as well as certain insect enemies of vegetables can be controlled by adding a proportion of powdered sulphur to the nicotine dust. Several forms of chewing insects attacking vegetable crops can be controlled by adding 10 per cent of powdered lead arsenate to the nicotine dust used against aphids or thrips, and this combination treatment is advisable when dusting small plants for cucumber beetles.

Farmers' Bulletin 1282 is available upon application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

USE GYPSUM AS FERTILIZER

Remarkable Results Produced in Australian Wheat Areas, According to Reports.

Gypsum as a fertilizer appears to have produced remarkable results in Australian wheat areas, according to a report made to the department of agriculture of the state of Victoria. A dressing at the rate of one and one-half tons per acre, applied with one hundredweight of superphosphate, increased the yield by 20.9 bushels, as compared with crop grown without fertilizer. Superphosphate by itself increased the yield on another block by 9.8 bushels per acre, so that the use of gypsum increased the yield by 11.1 bushels per acre. The results were obtained in the 1921 season, and were confirmed in the season of 1922. The report of the department states, however, that the results obtained are only preliminary and do not as yet justify the use of gypsum by farmers.

POOR ALFALFA SEED SAMPLE

Kansas Farmers Unwittingly Bought Life-Time Job in Eradicating Johnson Grass.

The Kansas seed laboratory recently analyzed a sample of alfalfa seed which contained along with other noxious weed seed 1,478 seeds of Johnson grass. Farmers who bought this seed received for good measure, a life-time job eradicating Johnson grass.

Soil for Rutabagas.

Rutabagas require a rich loamy soil for best results. Heavy clay is not good. A light loam will do if it is well manured. Plenty of stable manure and acid phosphate are the best fertilizers for this plant.

Sprouted Potato Seed.

Badly sprouted potato seed should not be treated with corrosive sulphate before planting.

Scant Planting of Seed.

Many failures result from the scant planting of seed. Use enough and plant shallower in the heavy soils.

Garden Don'ts

- Don't begin without a plan.
- Don't stunt the garden on manure and fertilizer.
- Don't work the ground too wet.
- Don't wait too late in the spring to risk some early things.
- Don't try to economize by buying cheap seed.
- Don't be stingy with seeds; use them freely.
- Don't fail to cultivate frequently.
- Don't be satisfied with a one-season garden, but plant for a succession and for all the year.
- Don't fail to rotate as much as possible.
- Don't neglect the berry plants in the garden.
- Don't let grass and weeds get the best of you.
- Don't let bugs and worms eat what you grow for the family.
- Don't waste the surplus.
- Don't lose your pep when the sun gets hot.

HOG SHIPPERS URGED TO WATCH FORECASTS

Warnings Broadcast by Department of Agriculture.

Out of Approximately 46,000 Animals Shipped in May and June, 1921, 181 Were Dead on Arrival at Chicago.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Warnings to hog shippers to be guided by weather forecasts in loading hogs for shipment during the early summer months is being broadcast by the United States Department of Agriculture. A sudden climb of the mercury may result in dead hogs for the unprepared shipper, statistics collected by the bureau of agricultural economics show.

Out of approximately 46,000 hogs shipped from local points in May and June, 1921, the figures show that 181 were reported dead upon arrival at Chicago. Thirty-eight per cent of the deaths occurred on May 23 and June 13. Weather charts recorded that the temperature on each of these days was extremely high as compared with that on the day or two immediately preceding. Where the temperature continued high for several days relatively few animals died as compared with the number that succumbed at the beginning of the hot spells.

Further studies of the possible effect of high temperatures on hogs in shipment are to be made by the department. Numerous casual factors are responsible for the death of hogs in transit and the department is not yet prepared to establish a definite relationship between the number of animals reported dead on arrival at any given market and the atmospheric temperature at the market. The data is regarded as sufficient, however, to warn shippers to watch the weather forecasts and to load their stock accordingly.

Thin Stand of Alfalfa.

A thin stand of alfalfa isn't very profitable on fertile soil, and it's advisable to seed 20 pounds of good seed per acre, which results in an ideal stand, providing soil and weather conditions are reasonably favorable.

Fences Need Repairing.

Fences on the average farm are by no means in as good repair as they should be. As a matter of fact, fences are, generally speaking, in very poor condition, particularly on rented farms.

Making Plan for Garden.

In laying out the garden, the rows should run the long way, and vegetables of similar growth should be grouped. This will enable cultivation with greater ease.

Essential to Good Butter.

Good cream is essential to good butter-making. You can only have good cream by clean milking and clean handling.

Dual-Purpose Plant.

The soy bean is the dual-purpose plant of the plant kingdom. Its many uses put it in the first rank.

Way to Water Milk.

The right, honest and profitable way to water milk is through the cow. Bowls in the barn, with running water

Fertilizer for Corn.

The best way to apply fertilizer for corn is to work it into the soil before the corn is planted.

Get Most From Garden.

Plant a succession. That is the way to get the utmost from your garden.

Which Is Larger the Sun or a Cent

The sun is the largest but you can hold the cent so close to your eye that you'll lose sight of the sun. Don't let a cheap price or a big can baking powder make you lose sight of quality.

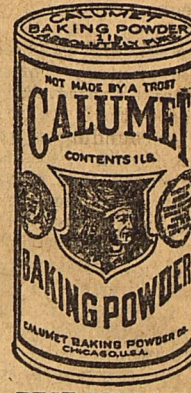
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Is the quality leavener—for real economy in the kitchen, always use Calumet, one trial will convince you.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST BAKING POWDER

Speed. He—"I read women like an open book." She—"Really?" He—"Yes, I usually skip the introduction."

WHY TAKE LAXATIVES?

Discovery by Science Has Replaced Them.

Pills and salts give temporary relief from constipation only at the expense of permanent injury, says an eminent medical authority.

Science has found a newer, better way—a means as simple as Nature itself.

In perfect health a natural lubricant keeps the food waste soft and moving. But when constipation exists this natural lubricant is not sufficient. Doctors prescribe Nujol because it acts like this natural lubricant and thus secures regular bowel movements by Nature's own method—lubrication.

As Nujol is not a medicine or laxative, it cannot gripe and, like pure water, it is harmless and pleasant.

Nujol is used in leading hospitals. Get a bottle from your druggist today.—Advertisement.

Ever notice how easy it is for a man to be good-natured when everything is coming his way?

Famous Puritan Writer. Sir Thomas Browne (1605-1682) was a physician and writer of the Puritan age, noted for the stateliness and rhythm of his style. His leading work is "Urn Burial."

Fresh, sweet, white, dainty clothes for baby, if you use Red Cross Ball Blue. Never streaks or injures them. All good grocers sell it.—Advertisement.

Keeps Off Rust.

A few drops of linseed oil applied with a cloth to the outside of the gas stove or the inside of the oven will keep the stove from rusting and will make it easier to care for.

CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced, your hearing may be destroyed forever.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years. Sold by all druggists. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

Insulted. She (dreamily)—"Do you care for children?" He—"No; what do you think I am, a nursemaid?"

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Because only genuine Alabastine will give you those soft delicate, artistic Alabastine colors, which add so much to the beauty of your home. Good decorators use Alabastine. Nearly all stores selling paints carry it in stock. Ask your dealer or decorator to show you samples and explain the Alabastine-Opaline Process—the newest and most beautiful method of interior decoration.

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DELINQUENT TAX ROLL, 1922

List of property delinquent for taxes for the year 1922 to Spur Independent School District:	50, Spur, 12.25
I. E. Abernathy SW Quarter Sec. 301 H&GN RR Co. \$67.02	S. M. Moore Personal 3.27
Bowles & Trantham Personal 6.75	J. I. Mecom Personal 2.90
L. R. Barret Lots 13, 14 Blk 51, Spur, 15.55	W. O. McCreary Lot 3, 4 blk. 54, Spur, 5.65
M. E. Bourland Personal 3.72	M. E. Manning Lots 13, 14, 15, blk. 36, Spur, 43.32
Bell Bros. Personal 6.20	R. P. McCombs Personal 4.92
N. Q. Brannen Lot 6 blk. 52 10.87	E. S. McArthur Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, blk. 13, Spur, 37.27
M. C. Bingham Tracts Nos. 126, 127, 131, 134, 135, 136 55.37	D. N. Osborne Personal 2.62
W. J. Clark Lots 1 & 2 blk. 50 Spur, 4.55	L. D. Powell Personal 4.38
Bob Cross Personal 2.90	S. W. Rathers Tracts 71 & 72 40 Acres, 21.05
Jim Cross Lots 13 blk. 14, Spur 8.29	A. G. Rush Lots 5, 6, 7 blk. 26, Spur, 18.85
M. I. Clayton Lot 11 blk. 47, Spur, 8.07	H. F. Sheppard Lot 6 blk. 48, Spur, 19.51
W. C. Cameron Lot 5 blk. 62 Spur, 10.05	F. M. Squires Lot 9 blk. 35, Spur, 12.25
J. H. Clay Lots 13, 14 blk. 30, Spur, 18.65	W. R. Stafford Lots 1, W1-2, 2, 5, E1-2 4 blk. 41, and Lots 8 and 9 and N 40 ft. of 9 blk. 54 Spur 47.25
J. W. Dunn Lot 6 blk. 21, Spur, 7.60	L. N. Stevens Lot 1 blk. 24, Spur 9.50
D. D. Dunwoody Personal 3.23	W. D. Spraberry Frac. SW1-4 Sec. 316 H&GN RR Co. 52 1-2 A 23.25
C. W. Dorch Tract 173 10.05	D. W. Taylor Lot 16 blk. 50 Spur, 7.03
E. F. Davis S1-2 of sec. 304 H&GN RR Co. 53.50	D. L. Tallant Tracts 86, 87, 39.74 Acres, 23.25
H. Dodge Lot 15 blk. 49 Spur, 7.85	Thomas Teague Lot 2 blk. 24, Spur, 5.20
C. A. Echols Lots 6 7 blk. 25 Spur 17.75	L. L. Teague Tracts 81, 82, 83, 59.54 Acres 17.75
Will Edgar Lot 5 blk. 33, Spur, 12.43	W. M. Walker NE1-4 Sec. 227 H & GN RR Co. 60.54
J. H. Farmer E1-2 302, and W1-2 303 H&GN RR Sur. and Lot 7 blk. 63, Spur, 160.42	Jim Walker Tracts 100, 101, 106, 107, 80 Acres 34.85
S. C. Fallis Personal 2.35	J. C. Weir Tracts 92, 93, 98, 99, 80 Acres 43.60
Franklin Lot 15 blk. 63, Spur, 5.65	J. L. Wohlford Personal 6.75
V. H. Fulcher NW1-4 Sec. 283 and Lot 3 blk. 40, Spur, 51.85	C. P. Williams Personal 3.45
Mrs. B. D. Glasgow Tract No. 65 20 acres 17.75	Chas. E. Whitener Lot 3, N1-2 2, blk. 36, Spur, 28.20
D. R. Gaskin Personal 3.45	J. N. Zumalt Tract 35, 20 A. 20.03
W. N. Harkey Lot 5 blk. 47, Spur, 14.45	
M. H. House Personal 2.35	
W. J. Hunter Tract 124, 20 A. 16.65	
E. M. Henson E1-2 Lots 1, 2, 3, blk. 63, Spur 10.27	
H. Hisey Personal 10.49	
Ed Hufstetler Tract 167 20 A. Lots 13, 14 in blk. 49 Spur, 28.75	
Fred Hisey Frac. NE1-4 Sec. 246, H&GN RR Co. Survey 37.82	
D. B. Ince Personal 3.67	
B. F. Ince Lot 9 in blk. 41, Spur 6.50	
Oscar Jackson Lot 14 blk. 12, & Lots 15 16 blk. 39, Spur, 17.42	
J. A. Kerley SE1-4 Sec. 268, H&GN RR Co. Survey 34.25	
Emmett Lee Lot 22 blk. 43, Spur, 29.30	
J. H. Lee Lot 23 blk. 43, Spur 4.00	
Mrs. Ophelia Ledford Lots 5 6 blk. 49, Spur, 18.57	
W. R. Lewis Tract 22 11 A. 33.59	
Mrs. S. H. McArthur Lot 14 blk. 50, Spur, 12.25	

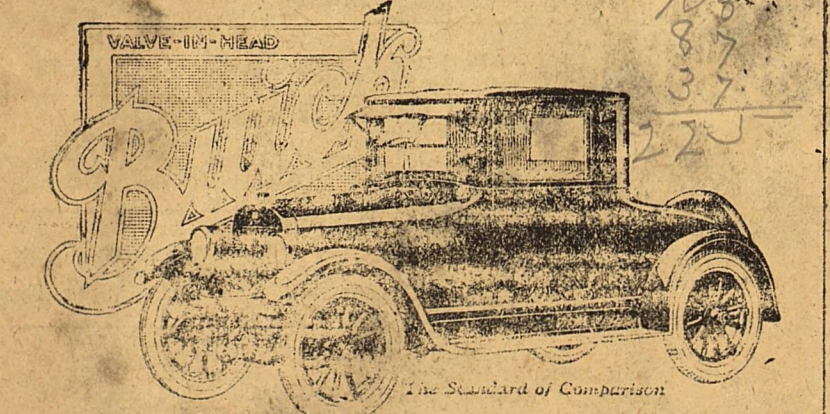
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Lot 12 Block 41	7.85
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Lot 13 Block 50	10.05
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FREEMAN ADDITION

Lots 3, 4, Block 1	3.45
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UNRENDERED LAND

Tract No. 5, 20, 39 A.	10.05
Tract No. 6, 30 39 A.	7.85
Tract No. 28, 15, 47 A.	12.25
Tracts Nos. 37, 42 40 A.	38.65
S1-2 Tract No. 68, 10 A.	5.65
Tract No. 78, 19, 84 A.	10.05
Tracts Nos. 76, 77, 78, 69	80.00
80 Acres	34.25
Tracts Nos. 94, 95, 96, 60 A.	23.25
Tracts Nos. 111, 115, 109, 60 Acres	40.85
Tracts Nos. 112, 113, 114, 60 Acres	34.25
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SE 1-4 of Sec. 207, H&GN RR Co. 166 Acres	36.45
NE1-4 of Sec. 210 H&GN RR Co. 166 Acres	34.25
NW1-4 of Sec. 314 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	28.75
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SE1-4 of Sec. 276 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	28.75
SE1-4 of Sec. 242 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	46.07
West 1-2 of Sec. 266 H&GN RR Co. 330 Acres	37.37
E1-2 266, All 267, 276, 277 H&GN RR Co. 2310 Acres	261.12
NW1-4 (Sec. 278 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	32.05
SW1-4 Sec. 278 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	29.85
SE 1-4 Sec. 278 H&GN RR Co. 165 Acres	29.85
E1-2 Sec. 303 H&GN RR Co. 330 Acres	45.25



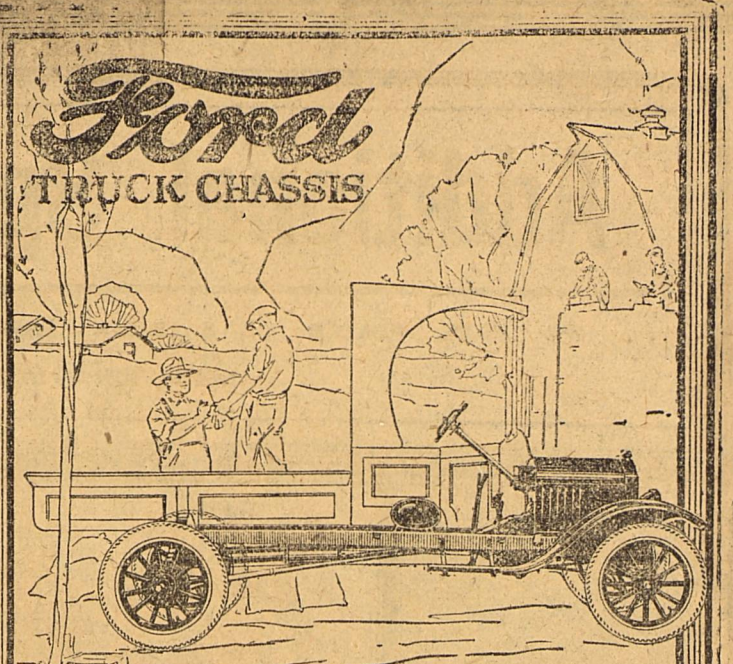
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WHITE RIVER NEWS

Hail! Hail! The gangs all here! But some of them liked to have been missing because they were out in that hail. The hail in that hail. The hail was terrible but the rain surely was appreciated. The farmers will be quite busy in the near future.

White River is coming to the front we had three services Sunday conducted by Bro. Alexander. We also had our Sunday School and singing with large attendance. Bro. Burnham made us a fine Sunday School talk. Bothers Burnham and Alexander spent Saturday night with Mr. T. G. Rankin.

Oh, we liked to have forgotten Mr. L. P. Rankin attended our Sunday School Sunday and it was the first time he'd gone in thirty years. Now say this isn't a fine place if you please.

Mr. H. C. Peterson was at preaching Sunday night and we know by that, the hail didn't hurt him Friday. Brothers Alexander, Burnham and Miss Ida Rankin were the dinner guests of J. T. Cozby Sunday.

There were a number of people looking rather "long-faced," last Saturday because they didn't get to go

night. Cheer up, perhaps they will have to the program at Watson Friday another soon.

We saw in the Watson items where on one of the votes it said, "S. G. was the best looking boy over there." And of course we were discussing the subject when one of the girls looked rather wise, and said she knew of a better looking boy, and he is in the Grizzle family, too.

We are going to render a Sunday School program the fifth Sunday night in this month. Everybody is invited to attend.

Messrs. R. M. Slack and T. G. Rankin went to town Monday to get window panes for the school house. The hail only broke twenty one glasses out of the north side.

Well, we must be up and working. Come on all of you with your community news. "Daisies."

Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman, of south of Spur, were recent visitors and shoppers in Spur.

Rev. Edmonds, pastor of the Hamlin Baptist church, was a visitor in Spur the first of the week.

Will Jackson, of Peacock, spent several days the past week in Spur visiting with Oscar Jackson and family, and also looking after business matters. Mr. Jackson is now employed by the P. H. Miller lumber interests.

C. R. Miller last week made a business trip to Stamford, and he did not take a "tie ticket" either.

J. Anderson Davis, of northeast of Spur, was greeting his many friends and acquaintances on the streets Saturday.

Buster Robinson, of four miles west of Spur on the Highway, was in town Monday and handed us the cash for a subscription for his brother, A. S. Robinson of Swenson. Mr. Robinson is inclined to take undue and clandestine advantage of the speculators who manage and manipulate the markets, in that he is withholding information concerning his farming operations and does not intend to give them the advantage of knowing more of his business than he knows of theirs. It appears that Mr. Robinson has come to the conclusion that if boards and bureaus are paid to give market manipulators information that these same boards should also give farmers advance information as to what market manipulators intend to do—and we expect that he may have some foundation for his conclusions.

Mrs. Alonzo Lollar, of east of Spur, was a visitor and shopper in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of east of Spur was visiting friends and shopping in Spur the first of the week.

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RAMPANT WITH REGULATORY PANACEAS

Every man today is wanting to regulate some other man. It seems that we have come to the time when every citizen, before he can engage in any enterprise, must go before some "board" or bureau" or committee" and have a health certificate executed.

The introduction in our own legislature of a bill to place editors of small, financially weak papers under bond for costs in libel suits; the bill pending in Oklahoma which would provide a State Board of Examiners before whom all writers would have to go before being permitted to engage in journalism; an effort to create a national "code of ethics" under which every newspaper man would be compelled, by law, if they have their way to prosecute his voca-

tion, and many other "from-the-people to self-styled monitors and censors" offerings, prove that as man emerges from the masses he at once wishes to take a seat of judgment over all comers.

Lawrence W. Murphy, head of one of the many innovative stunts—these schools of journalism which have sprung up over the country during the last decade, comes forth with an urgent plea for the enforcement of a professional standard!

Whose standard? He whines of infractors of journalistic "ethics" and forgets that the newspaper man of all men is freest from the possibility of doing harm, for his acts and deeds are published to the world, and there has never been found and never will be found a surer or safer censor than the public itself.

Ford hit the nail on the head when he said that human parasites and

ghouls are but the evidences that there is something wrong, and they are here to consume that wrong thing. When the carion is consumed the parasite and the ghoul will disappear.

I can trust the public, but I am never safe in the hands of any board or committee or bureau, for it all tends towards bureaucracy—the most hellish form of human rule ever known to man.

The world is over-ridden with boards, with bureaus, with commissions, with gentlemen who spend most of their time trying to regulate the other fellow.

The freedom of the press does not lie in that "new freedom" these innovators of press censorship suggest. Freedom of the press means licensed press, if you please, with the sure libel law as a check on the gross violators of facts—a press subject only to the approval or censure of the public.

Emerson said that the educated had one right over the ignorant—the right to teach them. He didn't say lead them. He didn't say drive them. He didn't say censor them.

No man, no board, no set of men are wise enough to outline a course for human effort. The Master didn't try it. He wrote only once—in the sand, knowing the futility of written directions for men—he sought to leave not a message but love etched in the hearts of men.

The only safe course for humanity is to leave every man free to think, free to write what he pleases, publish what he pleases—subject to elastic libel laws, perhaps—to do what he pleases, for out of the efforts of myriads of individual is evolved that right course. Never is that right course evolved in the brains of leaders—never self-appointed leaders (Moses tried this)—God doesn't work that way, but he works through the individual units, using babes and fools to confound the wise! Give us less regulation; give us more personal freedom; let society adjust itself to individual notions as well as the individual's adjusting himself to society's notions.

William Allen White put it right when he said:

"Clearly we have turned the corner in our thinking upon questions of freedom of utterance. Bursleson and Palmer and Daugherty are out of the current—stakes on the marshes to show where the tide once flowed.

"It is clear that the American people are coming to feel that the menace of suppression is worse for stable government than the threat of revolution.

"We are recovering from our blue

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Pen Shgart was here Monday from his new farm home to the east of Spur.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON APRIL 3, 1923.

RESOURCES	
1. Loans and discounts,	257,806.77
Total loans	\$257,806.77
2. Overdrafts unsecured, 292.78	292.78
3. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	10,000.00
b All other U. S. Government securities	215.73
Total	10,215.73
4. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.:	2,442.50
5. Banking House; Furniture and fixtures	11,200.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house	11,441.82
7. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	20,631.07
8. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	39,518.78
9. Amt. due from State bks. trust. co. (not in Items 8, 9, 10)	1,725.57
10. Checks on other banks in the same city (other than Item 12)	3,972.22
Total of Items 9, 10, 11 12 and 13	45,216.57
11. a Checks & drafts on bks. (in Fed. Res. Bk.) out of city 153.11	2,386.19
b Miscellaneous cash items	2,539.30
12. Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U. S. Treas.	500.00
Total	362,286.54
LIABILITIES	
13. Capital stock paid in	40,000.00
14. Surplus fund	25,000.00
15. Undivided profits	23,197.14
b Reserved for	23,197.14
c Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,450.13
16. Circulating notes outstanding	9,700.00
17. Cashier's checks outstanding	4,459.37
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25	4,459.37
18. Individual deposits subject to check	184,750.13
19. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	461.67
20. State, co. or mun. dep. secured by pledge of assets of this bk. 77,914.14	77,914.14
21. Dividends unpaid	126.09
22. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	3,134.22
Total of time dep. sub. to Res., Items 32, 33, 34 35 3,134.22	3,134.22
Total	362,286.54

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, James B. Reed, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—JAMES B. REED, Cashier.
 Correct—Attest: B. Y. LOVE, C. HOGAN, E. C. EDMONDS, Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 1923.—S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

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**OPEN DEALINGS—THE
MOST PRACTICAL PROGRAM**

Whatever may be views of evolutionary theories in religion all agree that all industry, commerce, social relations and governmental methods, are in a constant state of flux—evolving from what has been to what is—and will be.

In nothing has transition been more emphasized (in step with change from absolute autocracy to popular government), than in method of operations. In autocracy, either in government or industry, in side manipulations, star chamber proceedings are the order of the day—the custom, the vogue, the methods pursued.

A noted Texan and many others, have well phrased for a democracy the fact, that freemen will neither submit to nor recognize any authority beyond that of an enlightened, educated mind—and an informed electorate, knowledge with wisdom with understanding.

Expressed in slang, "All cards on the table," the idea long preceded "open covenants openly arrived at." But republics, citizens in a democracy, like subjects in a monarchy—clinging to traditions, to their idols of the past, to even mawkish sentimental slush in conflict with all their reason dictates, at times; and progress is a plant of slow growth.

In the upward climb, from the absolute governments of the past, in social relations, from the master and serfs and slaves in industry, all have come to realize who are students of philosophy, evolution in forms and methods of procedure, of social growth and advancement the truth of the poet-philosopher:

"New occasions teach new duties; Times makes ancient uncouth.

They must upward still and onward, Who would keep abreast of Truth."

"Taxation without representation" was a rallying cry in the organization of the American nation. With developments in industry, there will ere long if matters are not otherwise solved, arise perhaps a similar slogan, on the theory that they who pro-

fitteer upon us and from us, do so by secret manipulation and control, in which we have no representation.

Hence, all past history, the philosophy of the past the transformation in governments from autocracies to popular representative democracies, is in harmony with the general trend towards open dealings, towards, "all cards on the table," towards "open covenants openly arrived at," towards giving all whose services or capital is required in any activity, either a voice handling of proceedings or full information in all pertinent matters including especially in industry, financial accounts, sources of income and disbursements.

It is admitted without objection of any reader, it is assumed, that where another does business on money provided by strangers, with returns contingent on earnings, that all who provide the capital in any way, are entitled to full and explicit statements of all transactions, with all rights of certified audits and usual open accounting.

Is there any difference between secret manipulations, stacking the business cards, and "cold-decking," "marking cards," "palming" them, etc., which were shooting offences when caught in gambling houses, in days gone by? If so, what is it, and does it justify it?

As evidence of progress in direction of open diplomacy in practice, as well as agitation in theory from popularity of wartime slogans, we quote from the inaugural address of Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania:

"I have made no pledge or promise of any sort except in public. I enter upon the governorship completely unhampered by any private or personal engagement, understanding or undertaking whatsoever and wholly free to serve the commonwealth according to the will of the people and the dictates of my own conscience."

We quote again from a Texas federal judge, from remarks heard in open court and also reported in the press:

"There is no way to get to this court or to a jury in this court ex-

cept in open court. If anyone has anything to say for anyone or against anyone it will be done here in open court. No decent, self-respecting man will attempt to state anything about any case or about any person in any case to either the court or a juror on the street."

Or, perhaps in connection with the failure of the grandest dream in history of the present generation, at the peace conference, it is not exaggeration to say, that of all alleged failures and errors in the Versailles treaty, without exception, they are traceable to the failure of the author of "open covenants, openly arrived at," to insist on his own creed, or at least the failure of the conference as a whole to do so. So long as the leader of nations in wartime maintained a policy of taking the nations into his confidence, he was invincible. His failure began when he entered into secret conclaves with traditional representatives of an outgrown diplomacy. To give due credit it may be stated that whatever of publicity was given to conferences between delegates in Paris, but it left the waiting nations uninformed, and the man who at one time probably was followed by more men and nations than any other person in all history, lost his leadership from the abandonment of the methods by which he had attained it, at a crucial time in the world's affairs.

There are many whose faith in the idealism of the man may not have been as strong as his own, who believe that he lost the golden opportunity of all time to achieve a peace that would end war, by lack of courage to put it to the touch, to win or lose it all, on—the issue of the "methods of negotiation" in the peace conference, whether to accede to past precedent and custom and practice in a war without precedent, or to follow the program he had so ably championed, and "Launch his Mayflower, and steer boldly

Through the desperate wintry seas, Nor attempt the future's portal, With the past's blood-rused Keys."

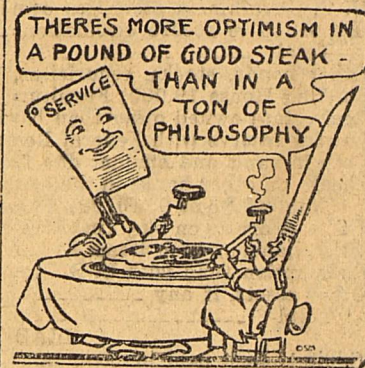
The Crisis.
But, it is easy enough to quote the Golden Rule or to accept general principles (for others). Many enjoy in flights of imagination sealing the ramparts, and amidst the boom of cannon and inspiration of martial music, the ordinary man can change into No Man's Land. But there are few, who in the hum-drum of peace can rise to the requirements of the "unfinished tasks" that they who fought... have so nobly advanced," and is it not lack of moral courage in peacetime that retards all progress! That makes it so difficult to effect the concrete application of abstract justice to the order of business in daily programs?

There is a quotation from Thomas Moore: "All things will not be well until all men are good, which I think will not be this long time." In the sense that any defect of any part, lowers the perfection of the whole, Moore may be philosophically correct in that "all things" naturally cannot be well until all parts of the social whole are well. But, as to methods of negotiations, giving open procedure a fair trial and free play will it not eliminate the cancer of corruption, of misappropriations of public funds to pork-barrel purposes and other unfairness, and partiality of those in authority, as sunlight eliminates mold and rot in nature. And minimize fraud of the few as well as bring to bear the force of public opinion?

The application of the foregoing is left for each individual to himself; each industrial management; each political group; each industrial group or chamber of commerce or any special privilege seeker of any kind. Without question, each and all known matters that were handled in a certain way, to the unfair advantage of an individual or a group, that could not have been so arranged had it been necessary to vote or perform the actions that adjusted the matters, in daylight in the open, by methods of negotiation that could stand on merit of truth and real facts. Is not real progress in the future to be achieved largely, in industry, in commerce, in all social relations amidst the growing intricacy and complexity of modern affairs due to progress of inventive genius largely in the ratio by which people have the courage to live in the open put their cards on the table and refrain from stacking decks, marking cards or resorting to any of the unfair practices that when exposed meet with general condemnation on part of all, except perhaps, by those who profited instead of themselves? Is not all war, all paracital waste in the main, due to the opposite method aided by ignorance?

Is not open dealing, open diplomacy, knowledge and understanding on part of all concerned, if one but concedes that the promotion of the general welfare is an important function of society and government the most practical method of negotiation? If not, why not? Is it not likewise in accord with all the demands of fair play, the square deal, the Golden Rule? Will it not automatically eliminate the major portion of the so called social overhead the rake-offs middlemen who serve no useful purpose and thereby immensely promote that equality of opportunity on basis of merit which is a dream of political scientists as well as industrial magnates of the modern school of thought those who dare to meet com-

petition in the open and live grow and prosper as service is rendered. Open dealing if one but grants the rights of all is axomatic. Lack of moral courage, cowardice, alone retards it.—By F. G. Swanson, Attorney, Wichita Falls, Texas.



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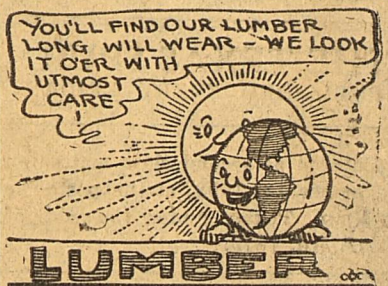
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 RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts, -----	418,526.53	
Total loans -----		\$418,526.53
2. Overdrafts unsecured, \$3,447.69 -----		3,447.69
3. U. S. Government securities owned:		
a Deposited to secure circulation -----	25,000.00	
Total -----		25,000.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc. -----		5,044.32
6. Banking House 19,000; Furniture and fixtures 3,000.00 -----		22,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house -----		7,822.72
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank -----		23,572.39
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks -----		33,548.74
13. Checks on other banks in the same city (other than Item 12) -----		1,528.87
13. Checks on other banks in the same city (other than Item 12) -----		35,077.61
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 -----		1,892.25
14. a Cks. & drafts on bks. (in Fed. Res. Bk.) out of city -----		2,000.57
b Miscellaneous cash items -----		1,250.00
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U. S. Treas. -----		10.00
16. Other assets, if any -----		543,751.83
Total -----		543,751.83
LIABILITIES		
17. Capital stock paid in -----		100,000.00
18. Surplus fund -----		25,000.00
19. Undivided profits -----	22,574.93	
b Reserved for -----	22,574.93	
c Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid -----	7,274.97	15,299.96
20. Circulating notes outstanding -----		24,600.00
21. Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank -----		5,105.71
22. Amount due to national banks -----		59,814.52
25. Cashier's checks outstanding -----		745.83
Total of Items 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 -----		65,666.06
26. Individual deposits subject to check -----		282,788.38
27. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days -----		3,050.00
32. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) -----		2,347.43
33. Bills payable -----		25,000.00
Total -----		543,751.83

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I. W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cashier. Correct—Attest CLIFFORD B. JONES, W. B. LEE, NED HOGAN, Directors.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1923.—JULIA M. HICKMAN, Notary Public.

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A. J. Richey, of Croton, was greeting friends in Spur the first of the week. Mr. Richey states that every thing on Croton is now in ideal shape with prospects of bumper crops of every kind.

E. B. Shaw was on the streets Monday from Croton. Uncle Eb said that he in years past made a study of fruit trees and was engaged for a time in the nursery business, but that this was the first year he had ever known of a freeze killing the fruit and the second crop coming out in the same old buds, but nevertheless such is a fact on his place. The recent freeze killed much of the fruit, but young peaches are again coming from the same blooms and buds.

John Callahan, of near Wake on the plains, was trading in Spur Monday and Tuesday. He says wheat in his section now looks fine and gives promise of "forty bushels to the acre."

Ben Reddell, of near McAdoo, was in town Monday. Ben Reddell is also doing considerable little improvements on his place this year, coming in every week after building materials and other items with which to convenience the place. He also has "the only" well of water on the plains, having recently drilled into a river of water which rumbled and roared as the pure water flowed on down the underground channel.

J. H. McCarty, of near Bailey boro, returned this week to his home. He was called to Afton last week on account of his mother suffering of a broken or dislocated hip from a fall. Grandma McCarty, we are glad to report is doing nicely in view of her age and the seriousness of the injury.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, went to Stonewall county Saturday to spend Sunday with his brother and family.

J. A. Kerley was in Spur Monday from his farm home to the east of Spur.

Rhode Island Red Eggs for setting, 75c for 16.—Mrs. M. P. Duncan, Spur, Rt. 1. 24-4p.

CROTON ITEMS
 Almost everyone is through plowing in this section and are patiently awaiting spring weather to come. Little Lloyd Coker is just recovering from a light attack of pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Winkler took dinner with C. R. Brindle and family Sunday.
 Rev. Bennett fulfilled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday nights. Sunday morning services were postponed because of the Baptist meeting in Spur and the Singing Convention at McAdoo.
 Mr. and Mrs. Gentry motored to Blanco Canyon Sunday.
 J. A. Legg and family and L. G. Crabtree and family attended the Baptist services at Spur Sunday.
 We are glad to know that Mr. Ed Hemphill purchased a car last week. Among those who attended the convention were: Misses Nettie Winkler, Joe Dunn and Alyce Porter, Mrs. Dunn, Robert Reynolds, Messrs. and Mesdames R. E. Rogers, Joe Creamer Elmer Gentry and A. J. Richey and family.
 Well, Croton items were pretty well represented in last week's paper, so I am acting on the theory that Radio, Sandstorm Sally, and A Friend will each leave it to the other this week. I am neither of these, but simply—Lish.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB
 Mrs. J. H. Busby entertained the Friday Afternoon Club March 16th in her beautiful new home in the west part of the city. After several interesting games of forty two a salad course was served to the following: Mesdames W. D. Wilson, S. T. Clemmons, Luke, F. W. Jennings, E. L. Adams and Club members.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB
 Mrs. R. C. Forbis entertained the Friday Afternoon Club March 23rd. After several games of forty-two, refreshments were served.

ENTERTAINED
 Mrs. W. T. Andrews Jr. entertained the F. A. Club members and guests at her home Thursday evening March 29th. After several games of "42" refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames W. F. Godfrey, L. E. Lee, F. W. Grogan, Otta Mott, Lee Thompson, S. H. Traddell, R. F. Huie, T. A. Johnson and club members.

Dr. Blackwell was in Spur the past week from Dickens, greeting friends here.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles of Spur, was in the city the first of the week.

A TIP
 Advice to Bachelors—Flirt with the girls who use the lip stick, but marry one who can push a broom stick.—The United Shield.

Mrs. Suttles and sister, Miss Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, were visitors and shoppers in Spur Monday of this week.

George Renfro came in Monday from his ranch home to the north east of Spur, spending a short time here transacting business and meeting with his friends.

Jesse Fletcher, who now resides near Tokio away out near the line of Mexico, spent several days this week in Spur visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher, and also looking after some business matters. Jesse is some thirty miles from Seminole where the killing of Rangers Robinson and Allison by Goode and Ross took place several days ago. From what he said, we infer that more interest is being taken in these killings throughout the country than by the people of that immediate territory. Ross and Goode had a preliminary trial last week in which they were denied bail, the plea for bond being appealed to a higher court. The two men killed as well as the two men charged with the killing are pretty well known throughout the country. The four had reputations for bravery and "notches" on their guns. Jesse Fletcher moved out into that country last year and is now "growing up with the country."

M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was in Spur Monday shaking hands with friends and acquaintances. He is this year farming and is most optimistic of bug crops. He owns a fine farm in a fine farming belt, is a good farmer and no doubt will enjoy bountiful harvests this fall.

W. H. McCarty and J. C. Miller left here this week for the Bailey boro country in the far West, on an inspection, prospecting tour. Mr. McCarty already owns a fine farm in that territory which is being improved and a hundred or more acres put in cultivation this year. They have had good rains and expect big crops. Some twelve or fifteen Dickens county farmers have settled in that newly opened territory.

T. H. Tallent, of Gilpin, was in town Monday on business. He reports good rains, fine seasons and assurance of bumper crops in his territory.

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A small rabbit drive was had last week in the Dry Lake community, some twelve or fifteen townspeople participating, and a number of citizens of the territory covered joining in the sport. No record was kept of the number of rabbits killed, but a considerable number were laid out. In passing though one pasture a drove of sixteen big mule-eared rabbits were seen crossing a field just ahead of the drivers. They were followed and a number of them bagged.

County Attorney Worswick, of Dickens, was among the number in Spur the past week. He was here in an official capacity, having several cases in Justice court which he successfully prosecuted.

Tom Johnson, manager of Bryant-Link Company of Jayton, was a business visitor in Spur one day this week.

C. C. Cornelius was in Spur Monday of this week from his farm and ranch home in Kent county, reporting everything now in fine shape.

Tom Cross was here Monday from his ranch home over in Kent county. Tom is now giving much of his time to buying and selling cattle and does an extensive business.

Every week there are many items of interest and moment which for various reasons may not appear in the paper. However, it is our desire to give all the news and accord every individual recognition.

In the company of E. L. Caraway and W. P. Simpson we drove over Monday to Jayton. We noted several new brick buildings going up, a number of new homes completed and other improvements under way. All of West Texas is enjoying an era of building and improvement progress at this time. West Texas is destined some day to be the greatest section of America.

Judge Brummett, of Dickens, was among the visitors in Spur during the week.

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The Custard Cup

By Florence Bingham Livingston

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"A HELLUVA TEMPER"

SYNOPSIS.—Living in a barn, converted into a dwelling, Mrs. Penfield is manager of an apartment building known as "The Custard Cup," originally "Cluster Court." Her income is derived from laundry work, her chief patron being a Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, whom she has never seen. Living with her are "Crink" and "Thad," homeless small boys whom she has adopted. They call her "Penzie." Thad tells Penzie a strange man was inquiring for her under her maiden name. A tenant, Mrs. Gussie Bosley, induces Penzie to take charge of a package, which she does with some misgivings. Searching a refuse dump for things which might be of value, Crink, veteran at the game, encounters a small girl, Lettie, who proves a foe-man worthy of his steel.

CHAPTER III.—Continued.

"Could, too." With a shriek, she lifted one hand and landed a lightning blow on Crink's right cheek.

"Want me to pick your gizzard out?" There seemed to be so much possibility behind this question that Crink freed one hand and struck into the girl's neck. With the yell of a tortured demon, she doubled both fists and lighted into him with a quick rain of blows. Her lean arms proved as strong as steel, her knuckles like sharp twists of metal; and her skill was not a matter for dispute. On the instant, Crink abandoned the wheel and devoted himself to methods of defense.

Kicking, striking, choking, they beat and scratched, pushed and pulled, clawed and twisted, slipping in the ashes, stumbling over charred lath and lumps of plaster, till they landed down in the grass in an angry snarl. Picking themselves up, they glared at each other through a breathless moment, their hard young bodies intact, their hard young spirits unconquered.

Crink was conscious of an unwelcome feeling of respect for his antagonist. She was no larger than he—smaller, if anything—but, golly, couldn't she hit out?

"What's your name?" he inquired, for the first time honoring her with individuality.

"Lettie. What's yours?"

"Crink."

Since both belonged to a stratum in which superfluities were lopped off, these brevities were all that either expected.

"Gee!" he continued, venturing on the wily path of strategy. "You're the quickest thing I ever saw. I guess you're 'bout a ten-second kid. I guess your real name is Ten-Second Lettie. Whatcha want it for?" A dip with his snub nose indicated the wheel.

Lettie looked down, as if she were seeing it for the first time. "I dunno. I always take ev'rything."

"What for?"

"Have to."

"Why?"

"Get beat if I don't."

"Beat? Who beats you?"

"Women I live with."

"Do they beat you often?"

"All time—ferce." Lettie's hardened indifference was more eloquent than a plethora of details.

Crink stared at her with a new expression, of wonder and incredulity.

He was acquainted with hardship, with privation, with eternal searching for odds and ends, but he had been saved from cruelty.

"And if you take things home—do you get beat up then?" he pursued.

"Nope. Not except when somep'n else goes wrong."

A picture flashed across Crink's mind—Penzie, with the comfortable arms, the love that never failed.

With his wide stare entangled in the black eyes still defying him savagely, he slowly lifted one hand, then the other.

"Take it," he said shortly.

The small girl was amazed. "You giving it up?"

He nodded. "Take it along." He showed the wheel toward her. "I don't get beat."

"Ye-ah, you don't!" she jeered.

"Where you living at?"

Briefly he told her. In the telling, a startling thought popped into his mind. "Mebbe Penzie'd like you, too," he finished.

Lettie's lips curled.

He continued, "She's int'rust'd in kids that don't int'rust nobody else."

This subtle flattery was allowed to permeate Lettie's consciousness before Crink overlaid it with a further contribution.

"We're going to have stew for supper."

Lettie gulped. Her armor had been pierced in a weak spot. She had had nothing to eat since breakfast—and that a meal of exceeding sketchiness.

"You come 'long to supper and let her look you over," he proposed.

"Did you say stew?"

"Uh-huh."

"Meat in it?"

"Uh-huh."

"Is it an honest-to-goodness invite?"

"Sure."

"Lay down, cut you in two?"

Crink took the oath.

"I'll go," she shrieked. "You can have all the junk here." She swung her arm wildly and rose.

Crink did not move; he was well-nigh paralyzed with strange glimpses into a life far darker than his own.

"Get up," she shouted. "You little ninny! I'll lick you if you go back on it now. Rattle your bones—lively!"

When they had gathered up the surface treasures, Crink escorted Lettie through vacant lots and friendly alleys to The Custard Cup—even to the high privilege of the back-door entrance.

"Penzie," he shouted, plunging into the lean-to in high excitement. "Penzie, look what I brought you. It's Ten-Second Lettie."

Mrs. Penfield set down her flatiron and turned to see what she had unexpectedly acquired. A pair of bright black eyes stared back at her unwinkingly out of a small sun-browned face.

"Bless my soul!" exclaimed Mrs. Penfield genially. "Ain't this nice! Come right in, Lettie."

Lettie did not move. Her expression was noncommittal—the hard, wary expression of over-experience estimating, preparing for possible combat. Her curly black hair framed her face in ragged waves. Her presentation gown was of the simplest—a one-piece garment, obviously intended to close in the back, but long since refusing to close at all. Finding this a hindrance to untimely action, Lettie had faced the garment about and laced it down the front with bits of twine, making use of the original buttonholes and accidental perforations. Her emancipation from shoes and stockings was no affair of recent date. With the mere substitution of a trifle of fringed grass for her scrap of shredded cotton, Lettie might appropriately have punctuated the pebbly beach of a sunny island in the South seas.

Mrs. Penfield, feeling her way in a situation which she was far from understanding, took refuge in general hospitality.

"Sit right down here, Lettie," she invited cordially, showing along a tub of soaking clothes and wiping the bench free of spatters. "I guess likely you're a friend of Crink's, ain't you?"

The cautious Lettie was not prepared to say. She took the offered seat, but immediately fixed her wary eyes again upon her hostess.

"Do you live somewhere 'round here, Lettie?" inquired Mrs. Penfield gently.

No answer!

Crink, wriggling uneasily by the door, felt that the time had come to talk up his exhibit.

"She's awful strong, Penzie. Aint' any bulldog stronger'n she is, by cracky!"

Lettie visibly expanded, wrapping this tribute about her as a lady might her silken robes. For the first time her gaze wandered—to a busy saucepan on the stove from which issued savory odors no longer to be ignored; for the first time she spoke.

"I'll stay to supper," she conceded, with marked condescension.

"Sure you will," agreed Mrs. Penfield warmly. "We're going to have a grand parsnip stew."

Crink, vastly encouraged by the reception of the first point, proceeded with another.

"Say, you oughter see Ten-Second Lettie fight. I never saw nothing like it—honest, I never! She splits and scratches and pulls and—"

Lettie, immensely pleased, looked brightly into Mrs. Penfield's face. "I've got a helluva temper," she acknowledged placidly.

"Have you, now?" inquired Mrs. Penfield conversationally. "That's good. Aint' nothing can move things faster'n temper. All you got to do is to learn when to use it, else you're likely to give the wrong thing a shove."

Lettie was unwilling to allow even this modification to dim the luster of her chief virtue. "I don't leave nothing standing when I get to going," she continued; "not nothing, nowhere—nor nobody."

Having swept the earth clean of all obstacles, Miss Lettie devoted her whole attention to the saucepan, working her thin nostrils after the manner of a hungry dog. Mrs. Penfield's keen eyes too! In this detail, as she turned the final fold in a pillow slip and ironed it flat.

"Where you been living, Lettie?"

"Living? Hain't been living. I been hangin' out with two old women—old devils, both of 'em." Lettie, totally at ease as the center of flattering attention, threw off this information with great carelessness.

"And your father and mother—do you remember 'em at all?"

"Never had none." With a scornful grunt, Lettie repudiated all natural connections.

"Yes, you did. 'Course you—"

"Shut up," flashed Lettie, turning on Crink in wrath. "Shut up! Don't you dare to sass me."

"Never mind, children," said Mrs. Penfield, setting her iron on the back of the stove. "Tain't always a matter that amounts to much. Don't nobody stay long at the starting-point; question is, what's he doing right this minute? Land, if I ain't 'most forgetting that I got cornbread in the oven! Aint' it wonderful we're havin' an extra-special supper just the night we got company?"

"Ye-ah," rejoiced Crink, clasping one foot and dancing around on the other. "And say, ain't it grand the way she fights at you? Say, Penzie—"

He came to the floor on both feet and stooped to wheeling. "Don't you think she's bad 'nough off so't we can keep her?"

Mrs. Penfield, down on her knees in front of the oven, was critically examining the cornbread. "Well, I—"

She glanced over the oven door at her guest. "Would you like to stay and live with us, Lettie?"

If she had feared an impetuous acceptance, she must have been immediately relieved. With a highly trained big toe, Lettie was engaged in loosening a sliver in the rough board floor, and not until she had finished this fascinating operation did she make any reply whatever. "I don't know," she said frankly. "I'd have to see what I think." Then, as if to ease the blow of her ungraciousness, she added hastily, "But I'll stay to supper, anyhow."

Mrs. Penfield closed the oven door and rose. She put her hands on Crink's small shoulders and looked into his eyes with unaccustomed seriousness. "You know what it'd mean, Crink, if we was to take her in? Would you be willing to divide what we have to eat into fourths, 'stead of thirds?"

"Sure," agreed Crink easily. "I'd as soon as not; and besides, she—"

"Lord!" exclaimed Lettie, aghast. "Do you think I'm a piker? I've always brung in more'n I've ed. Lord!"

"Brought in?" queried Mrs. Penfield. "Brought in? From where?"

"Dumps and places," explained Lettie, with a generous wave of her arm.

"Honest, Penzie," contributed Crink, in a confidential tone, "she's the quickest grabber I ever saw. I know she'd find heaps of things we need. That's one reason I thought—"

Lettie, lending an attentive ear to this eulogy, broke in with amplifications. She had no intention of identifying herself with any household so speedily as to minimize the honor she conferred; rather, she meant that household to appreciate fully that here was no ordinary suppliant.

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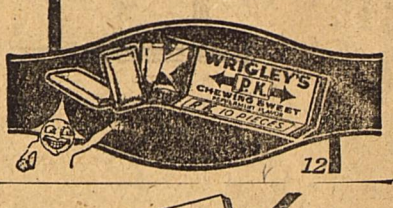
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CROTON NEWS

A goodly number of our farmers are planting early patches of feed, and some are planting cotton.

Elmer Rogers and A. J. Richey were both sporting new suits Sunday and A. J. Richey and Homer Jackson both had a new hat a piece. The young ladies had better look wise.

Sunday school had the largest attendance that it has had in over a year last Sunday.

Good singing at the church Sunday night.

John Koonsman happened to a serious accident one night this week. He went into his room late one night and by some chance or another he slipped on his pajamas and fell in bed.

Horley Winkler won second place in the 220 yard dash at Lubbock last Saturday. Harley is going to Austin, we understand.

The first B. Y. P. U. social ever held on Croton was given by side number two at the school house Saturday night, and was an enjoyment to all who were in a frame of mind to be entertained. Refreshments of apples, oranges and numberless kinds of cakes were in abundance. Side number two showed side number one a dandy time in high and wholesome entertainment.—Sand storm Sally.

WATSON ITEMS

Here we are again after a months absence. A real nice rain fell here last week.

The patrons of the school met Friday the 6th and set out trees on our school grounds. We are going to have a beautiful school ground some day.

We had dinner on the ground here Friday. A nice crowd was here. Our County Judge made us a nice talk.

Our boys played a game of basket ball with the Smith school. The Smith school boys did some good playing, but we won. We had a nice day for our picnic and a nice time. However the night was bad for our play.

Mr. John Self and family, of Catfish, Mr. Joe Morris, Miss Tressie Willis and Ivy McCombs of Antelope were at the play.

Below are the names of the pupils who made the honor roll for this month:

FIRST GRADE—Wade Scott, Loyd Morris, Jimmie Cross Jr., Novel Witt, Estelle Witt and Sibyl Bolch.

SECOND GRADE—Oran Sprayberry, Colys Witt, Loyd Cross, Oleta Valentine, Tempe Bolch, Mollie Hinson and Belle Witt.

THIRD GRADE—Idell Valentine, Hermie Duke, Vera Bolch and Doyle Hinson.

FOURTH GRADE—Louise Morris, Weldon Witt.

SIXTH GRADE—Elton Witt, Elmo Duke, Hubert Morris, Lois Witt, Lottie Hinson, Clarice Bolch, Laura Duke.

SEVENTH GRADE—Ben Thompson, Oliver Crump, Flora, Self, and Sherman Robinette.

EIGHTH GRADE—Edith Morris, Tessie Self, C. Bolch.

NINTH GRADE—Lena Self and Lora Self.

TENTH GRADE—Willie Mae Matseer, Agnes Duke, Mabel Morris, Leta Pearson, Ivorie Ford, Amon English.—Two Watson School Girls.

Miss Bertie Belle Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown, has been selected by a committee appointed by the Spur Chamber of Commerce to represent Spur at the San Angelo celebration as "Miss Spur." Miss Bertie Belle is a charming little lady, and as "Miss Spur" at this "All West Texas Celebration" will impress those in attendance of the beauties and attractiveness within the confines of the great Spur territory.

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April 22, 1923.
Methodist Church, 5 p. m.
Subject: "The Christian Law of Truth." Prov. XII 17-22; Eph. IV 25; Matt. V 33-37.
Leader—Lera Albin.
"Tutted Lies" and "Unspoken Lies"—Nell Higgins.
"Respectable Lies" and "Lies We Tell Our Selves"—Ruth Glasgow.
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"Lies of Dishonest Work"—Jack Rector.
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Johnson Hunter, who recently moved to Seminole where he has purchased and is improving a farm home, is in Spur this week winding up his affairs here and meeting with friends. Johnson stated he was well pleased with his new home and location for their west.

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FOR SALE—Kasch & Mebane Cotton Seed, at \$1.50 per bushel.—R. J. Woods, 2 miles north of Spur. —25 2 tp.

Spur and McAdoo school ball teams played a match game in Spur last Friday, the score being "16 to 1" favoring Spur.

DELPHIAN CLUB MEETINGS

The Delphian Club met April 3rd with Mrs. R. E. Dickson, there being ten members present. Again April 17th the club met with Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, with thirteen members present. Interesting and instructive lessons were had at each meeting.

VITAL TO SPUR

Mr. Editor:
I beg to ask the administration of Spur and business men how long they intend to maintain the four nuisances of Spur; the three cattle and hog feeding pens and the city sewer sink. These abominable nuisances now fill the air of Spur with putrid stench and poison which every man, woman and child are breathing in every breath. What is your city government, health officer and in fact the Commercial Club doing for Spur. Hold your noses while the "Tech" Committee looks at and smells Spur. Of course these deadly nuisances invite good people to come and others to leave Spur. Oh, consistency! Oh, for health and decency.—F. N. Oliver.

Could we draw back the curtains, That surround each other life; There would not be, I'm very certain So many bitter words or strife.

Could we the curtains draw aside, And see the hearts within; And see how each poor soul is tried Would not count each act a sin.

Some are weak, and some are strong For the Lord hath made us so; And if another does a wrong, It's not for us to know.

For us to know or to condemn, For a greater power than we; Has marked the standard to the end And our inmost thoughts can see.

If we but knew the loss and gain, And the disappointment too; We'd pity them where now we blame But the curtain hides from view.

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G. L. Crawford, formerly county agent for Dickens county, but who is now at College Station, was here to attend the barbecue and boys and girls clubs meeting Wednesday. He has many friends throughout Dickens county who were glad to again meet him.

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The Custard Cup

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"A HELLUVA TEMPER" SYNOPSIS.—Living in a barn, converted into a dwelling, Mrs. Penfield is manager of an apartment building known as "The Custard Cup," originally "Cluster Court." Her income is derived from laundry work, her chief patron being a Mrs. Horatius Weatherstone, whom she has never seen. Living with her are "Crink" and "Thad," homeless small boys whom she has adopted. They call her "Penzie." Thad tells Penzie a strange man was inquiring for her under her maiden name. A tenant, Mrs. Gussie Bosley, induces Penzie to take charge of a package, which she does with some misgivings. Searching a refuse dump for things which might be of value, Crink, veteran at the game, encounters a small girl, Lettie, who proves a foeman worthy of his steel.

CHAPTER III.—Continued. "Could, too." With a shriek, she lifted one hand and landed a lightning blow on Crink's right cheek. "Want me to pick your gizzard out?" There seemed to be so much possibility behind this question that Crink freed one hand and struck into the girl's neck. With the yell of a tortured demon, she doubled both fists and lighted into him with a quick rain of blows. Her lean arms proved as strong as steel, her knuckles like sharp twists of metal; and her skill was not a matter for dispute. On the instant, Crink abandoned the wheel and devoted himself to methods of defense.

Kicking, striking, choking, they beat and scratched, pushed and pulled, clawed and twisted, slipping in the ashes, stumbling over charred lath and lumps of plaster, till they landed down in the grass in an angry snarl. Picking themselves up, they glared at each other through a breathless moment, their hard young bodies intact, their hard young spirits unconquered. Crink was conscious of an unwelcome feeling of respect for his antagonist. She was no larger than he—smaller, if anything—but, golly, couldn't she hit out? "What's your name?" he inquired, for the first time honoring her with individuality. "Lettie. What's yours?" "Crink."

Since both belonged to a stratum in which superfluities were lopped off, these "revivies" were all that either expected. "Gee!" he continued, venturing on the wily path of strategy. "You're the quickest thing I ever saw. I guess you're 'bout a ten-second kid. I guess your real name is Ten-Second Lettie. Whatcher want it for?" A dip with his snub nose indicated the wheel. Lettie looked down, as if she were seeing it for the first time. "I dunno. I always take ev'rything."

"What for?" "Have to." "Why?" "Get beat if I don't." "Beat? Who beats you?" "Women I live with." "Do they beat you often?" "All time—fierce." Lettie's hardened indifference was more eloquent than a plethora of details. Crink stared at her with a new expression, of wonder and incredulity. He was acquainted with hardship, with privation, with eternal searching for odds and ends, but he had been saved from cruelty. "And if you take things home—do you get beat up then?" he pursued. "Nope. Not except when some'n else goes wrong."

A picture flashed across Crink's mind—Penzie, with the comfortable arms, the love that never failed. With his wide stare entangled in the black eyes still defying him savagely, he slowly lifted one hand, then the other. "Take it," he said shortly. The small girl was amazed. "You giving it up?" He nodded. "Take it along." He showed the wheel toward her. "I don't get beat."

"Ye-ah, you don't!" she jeered. "Where you living at?" Briefly he told her. In the telling, a startling thought popped into his mind. "Nebbe Penzie'd like you, too," he finished. Lettie's lips curled. He continued. "She's intrusted in kids that don't intrust nobody else."

"Uh-huh." "Meat in it?" "Uh-huh." "Is it an honest-to-goodness invite?" "Sure." "Lay down, cut you in two?" Crink took the oath. "I'll go," she shrieked. "You can have all the junk here." She swung her arm wildly and rose. Crink did not move; he was well-nigh paralyzed with strange glimpses into a life far darker than his own. "Get up," she shouted. "You little ninky! I'll lick you if you go back on it now. Rattle your bones—lively!"

When they had gathered up the surface treasures, Crink escorted Lettie through vacant lots and friendly alleys to The Custard Cup—even to the high privilege of the back-door entrance. "Penzie," he shouted, plunging into the lean-to in high excitement. "Penzie, look what I brought you. It's Ten-Second Lettie."

Mrs. Penfield set down her flatiron and turned to see what she had unexpectedly acquired. A pair of bright black eyes stared back at her unblinkingly out of a small sun-browned face. "Bless my soul!" exclaimed Mrs. Penfield genially. "Ain't this nice! Come right in, Lettie." Lettie did not move. Her expression was noncommittal—the hard, wary expression of over-experience estimating, preparing for possible combat. Her curly black hair framed her face in ragged waves. Her presentation gown was of the simplest—a one-piece garment, obviously intended to close in the back, but long since refusing to close at all. Finding this a hindrance to untimely action, Lettie had faced the garment about and laced it down the front with bits of twine, making use of the original buttonholes and accidental perforations. Her emancipation from shoes and stockings was no affair of recent date. With the mere substitution of a trifle of fringed grass for her scrap of shredded cotton, Lettie might appropriately have punctuated the pebbly beach of a sunny island in the South seas.

Mrs. Penfield, feeling her way in a situation which she was far from understanding, took refuge in general hospitality. "Sit right down here, Lettie," she invited cordially, shoving along a tub of soaking clothes and wiping the bench free of spatters. "I guess likely you're a friend of Crink's, ain't you?" The cautious Lettie was not prepared to say. She took the offered seat, but immediately fixed her wary eyes again upon her hostess. "Do you live somewhere 'round here, Lettie?" inquired Mrs. Penfield gently. No answer! Crink, wriggling uneasily by the door, felt that the time had come to talk up his exhibit. "She's awful strong, Penzie. Ain't no bulldog stronger'n she is, by cracky!"

Lettie visibly expanded, wrapping this tribute about her as a lady might her silken robes. For the first time her gaze wandered—to a busy sauceman on the stove from which issued savory odors no longer to be ignored; for the first time she spoke. "I'll stay to supper," she conceded, with marked condescension. "Sure you will," agreed Mrs. Penfield warmly. "We're going to have a grand parsnip stew."

Crink, vastly encouraged by the reception of the first point, proceeded with another. "Say, you oughter see Ten-Second Lettie fight. I never saw nothing like it—honest, I never! She spits and scratches and pulls and—"

Lettie, immensely pleased, looked brightly into Mrs. Penfield's face. "I've got a helluva temper," she acknowledged placidly. "Have you, now?" inquired Mrs. Penfield conversationally. "That's good. Ain't nothing can move things faster'n temper. All you got to do is to learn when to use it, else you're likely to give the wrong thing a shove."

Lettie was unwilling to allow even this modification to dim the luster of her chief virtue. "I don't leave nothing standing when I get to going," she continued; "not nothing, nowhere—nor nobody."

"Living? Hain't been living. I been hanging out with two old women—old devils, both of 'em." Lettie, totally at ease as the center of flattering attention, threw off this information with great carelessness. "And your father and mother—do you remember 'em at all?" "Never had none." With a scornful grunt, Lettie repudiated all natural connections. "Yes, you did. 'Course you—" "Shut up," flashed Lettie, turning on Crink in wrath. "Shut up! Don't you dare to sass me." "Never mind, children," said Mrs. Penfield, setting her iron on the back of the stove. "Tain't always a matter that amounts to much. Don't nobody stay long at the starting-point; question is, what's he doing right this minute? Land, if I ain't most forgetting that I got cornbread in the oven! Ain't it wonderful we're having an extra-special supper just the night we got company?"

"Ye-ah," rejoiced Crink, clasping one foot and dancing around on the other. "And say, ain't it grand the way she fights at you? Say, Penzie—" He came to the floor on both feet and stooped to whedding. "Don't you think she's bad 'nough off set we can keep her?" Mrs. Penfield, down on her knees in front of the oven, was critically examining the cornbread. "Well, I—" She glanced over the oven door at her guest. "Would you like to stay and live with us, Lettie?" If she had feared an impetuous acceptance, she must have been immediately relieved. With a highly trained big toe, Lettie was engaged in loosening a silver in the rough board floor, and not until she had finished this fascinating operation did she make any reply whatever. "I don't know," she said frankly. "I see what I think." Then, as if to ease the blow of her ungraciousness, she added hastily, "But I'll stay to supper, anyhow."

Mrs. Penfield closed the oven door and rose. She put her hands on Crink's small shoulders and looked into his eyes with unaccustomed seriousness. "You know what I'd mean, Crink, if we was to take her in? Would you be willing to divide what we have to eat into fourths, 'stead of thirds?" "Sure," agreed Crink easily. "I'd as soon as not; and besides, she—" "Lord!" exclaimed Lettie, aghast. "Do you think I'm a piker? I've always brung in more'n I've eat. Lord!" "Brought in?" queried Mrs. Penfield. "Brought in? From where?" "Dumps and places," explained Lettie, with a generous wave of her arm. "Honest, Penzie," contributed Crink, in a confidential tone, "she's the quickest grabber I ever saw. I know she'd find heaps of things we need. That's one reason I thought—" Lettie, lending an attentive ear to this eulogy, broke in with amplifications. She had no intention of identifying herself with any household so speedily as to minimize the honor she conferred; rather, she meant that household to appreciate fully that here was no ordinary suppliant. "I'm easy the best skiver there is," she announced. "If some'n goes to pieces or there's a fire or anything, you oughter see me. I'm sure Johnny-on-the-spot, horns and bells to boot. Way this—if I don't get there first, I lick the feller that does, so it all comes out in the wash. Trust me for the best pickings." She shrugged her thin shoulders, like one who carries honors easily.

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