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"IN THE NAME OF THE LAW"

Use Extra Precaution in What You Do and Come to The Gem Theatre Oct. 29-30. You'll be Surprise.

G. W. RASH MARRIED SUNDAY IN ABILENE

G. W. Rash of Spur and Mrs. Pearl Easley of Commerce were married Sunday, October 7th, in Abilene, and are now at home to friends in Spur. There is a romance attached to this marriage. We understand that in their youthful days Mr. and Mrs. Rash formed an attachment and were girl and boy sweethearts. Later, as they grew up and developed into young manhood and womanhood, they became separated, each forming other attachments and married. Life's brittle chord severed these bonds and later the youthful attachments were renewed, culminating in the marriage at Abilene.

G. W. Rash has many friends in the Spur country, attested by his selection among a number of other good men as public weigher. The Texas Spur joins these friends in extending congratulations, and may Mr. and Mrs. Rash live long and always prosper.

JIM CADE MURDER CASE FROM KENT AFFIRMED

The case of Jim Cade, convicted of killing Peterson two years ago in Kent county and given a sentence of five years, was the past week affirmed by the higher courts.

Jim Cade is a son of Cal Cade, one of the leading citizens of Kent county. The killing occurred in the A B community.

DICKENS COUNTY WINS HONORS AT DALLAS FAIR

A wire from County Agent Johnston, who is at the Dallas Fair with the Dickens county exhibit, states that honors and distinction have been won by Dickens county.

The Dickens county booth at the fair was given first place as the best decorated booth, being deprived of consideration by judges with reference to exhibits in that the booth contained no grain sorghums, this part of the exhibit having been lost in transit. However, in the absence of grain sorghum displays, Dickens county was given tenth place among fifty other counties in the contest.

Dickens County Club Boys also won first place in the livestock judging contest which closed Wednesday. Ewell Middleton, of Afton, won highest score in the state contest.

It is unfortunate that a part of the Dickens county exhibit was lost in transit. However, we are gratified with the honors and distinction accorded. Dickens county is being more generally recognized as a leader in agriculture as well as commercial progress and permanent road improvements, and our county agent, R. B. Johnston, deserves much of the credit for these accomplishments. The services rendered by Mr. Johnston in promoting publicity as well as material progress in agricultural and livestock production.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Dixie Smith and family gratefully acknowledge your kind expression of sympathy upon the death of their beloved husband, father, son and brother, Dixie Smith. We wish to thank the people of Spur for the kindness shown during his illness and death.

Mrs. Dixie Smith
Lena Ruth and Banie Smith
Mrs. Bettie F. Howell
Mrs. Sidney Johnson.

Get in the road that leads to Spur.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE IN CROTON AND OTHER PLACES

Hail accompanied rains of the past week, doing considerable damage to cotton in the Croton, Wichita and other communities, of the northern and eastern parts of the county. R. L. Mimms was here Tuesday, stating that on his place probably five or six bales was destroyed, the hail belt covering a territory some four or five miles wide traveling from the north west to the southeast. We understand that Ed Lisenby was damaged approximately four thousand dollars by the rain and hail. A number of other farmers also suffered lesser damage.

This hail and rain coming at this late season will cut crops much shorter than anticipated. Heretofore people have figured that probably twenty thousand bales of cotton would be ginned in Dickens county. It is now figured that ten thousand bales will be the limit of production for the year. Crops were several weeks later than usual in production for this section. The cool, rainy weather has retarded maturing of crops, and hail has destroyed several hundreds of bales—and all together the country will only gather about one half of the amount at first figured, the latest estimate being ten thousand bales for the county.

FROM 4 TO 9 INCHES OF RAINS FALLS PAST WEEK

Rains beginning to fall Friday of last week and continuing over Tuesday of this week were general over the entire country and amounted to from four to nine inches in different localities. At the Experiment Station in Spur the rain fall registered 4.30 inches. Through the Duncan Flat, Midway, Croton and Wichita communities rains were accompanied with hail which did considerable damage.

While the rain damaged open cotton, yet the majority of farmers had kept pretty well up with picking, therefore the damage was comparatively small. Some individual farmers lost heavily, and especially those in the hail belts.

The rains put a good bottom season in the ground which will be of great value in preparing lands for next year's crops—thus it is that it is an "ill wind which blows good to no one."

While possibly the cotton crop of this section will be cut short of earlier estimates, yet there will be lots of cotton made, and the higher prices around thirty cents, which now maintains, will possibly more than overbalance the shortness of the crops, so far as financial returns are concerned.

The Spur country will be in fine shape and prosperity will prevail. Conditions are most encouraging for the preparation for another crop, and on the whole the Spur Country will be in as good shape this year as appearances indicated even in 19 and 20.

Mrs. A. Lollar was in the city Wednesday and complimented us with the biggest water melon we have had this year, or in several years past. The melon was a forty pounder and Mrs. Lollar stated that they were just rotting in the field. In the years gone by we have ridden twenty miles, even after dark, to get such a melon as this.

J. P. Middleton came over Tuesday from Dickens, spending the day in Spur meeting with friends and pushing his insurance business in an incidental way.

DIXIE SMITH DIED SATURDAY DAY OF BRAIN CONCUSSION

Dixie Smith died Saturday at the Nichols Sanitarium after several days suffering of concussion of the brain. His remains were held over until Monday and carried through the country to Snyder for interment.

Last week while assisting in cutting cattle at Twin Wells, five miles south of Spur, Dixie Smith's horse ran over a calf which threw both horse and rider, he in some manner receiving a lick or injuries on the head, resulting in concussion of the brain. Specialists from Snyder, Lubbock and Dallas were called into consultation, stating that the treatment at the Nichols Sanitarium was all that could be done.

Dixie Smith was a member of one of the oldest families of West Texas, having lived in Colorado City, Snyder and other West Texas points all of his life. He was a son in law of Mrs. Pink Higgins of Spur, a cousin of Chunk Smith of Kent county, and related to Bert and Chalk Brown of the 24 Ranch. Dixie Smith has been engaged in the ranching business all of his life and was one among the most successful and wealthiest stock men of the country. He was highly respected and honored by all who knew him, and those who were intimately associated with him say that no better man ever lived than Dixie Smith.

THE CAUSE OF FROSTED APPEARANCE OF COTTON

A large part of the upland cotton has the appearance of being frosted. This is due to the continued wet weather, producing an effect similar to rust in small grain, which caused the darkening and shedding of leaves. The minimum temperature during the wet spell as recorded by the Spur Experiment Station, was 41 degrees, or 9 degrees above freezing. The average killing frost at Spur for the past 12 years is November 2nd. The first frost over the same period is October 17th, and the latest on November 21st. If the killing frost holds off this year to November 21st it will mean an increased production of the late cotton.

MIKE YOUNG SELLS HOGS AND HALF SECTION FARM

Mike M. Young this week sold to W. D. Lang three hundred thirty acres of his one section farm between Girard and Jayton, the consideration being fifty dollars an acre. The land sold was the north half of the section, comprising two houses and two hundred and ninety acres in cultivation. This has long been recognized as one of the finest farms in Kent county.

Mr. Young also sold forty head of his fine hogs to C. P. Harris & Son with which to supply customers of the Central Market. His hogs were sold for \$6.50 per hundred which netted more money than could have been secured on the Fort Worth market.

L. C. Arrington, of west of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday trading and greeting friends. He did not appear to be the least downcast on account of the rains, hails and other disadvantages. We live in the best country and among the biggest people in the world.

The gates of Heaven was swung ajar one day last week, and a little girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Harvey, and liking her abode, she has decided to make it her future home.

DICKENS COUNTY WINNINGS RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM

The results of the winnings of Dickens County Agricultural Exhibit and the splendid record of the Club Boys stock judging team at the State Fair of Texas, were enthusiastically received in Spur this morning, in a report from R. B. Johnston, County Agent for Dickens County, who had charge of the collection and showing and who trained the young live stock judges.

Ewell Middleton, of Afton in the northern part of the county, who is owner and breeder of registered Duroc Jersey hogs and Hereford cattle, was first in the individual judging of livestock of all Club boys of the State. Ewell Middleton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Middleton, a tenant farmer who moved from Ft. Worth to Dickens county seven years ago to get his four sons, Leonard, Doyle, Ewell and William on a farm where they could receive a practical agricultural education before entering the A. & M. College of Texas. Before moving to Dickens Mr. Middleton was connected with the Campbell Lumber Co. of Fort Worth. The two older Middleton boys, Leonard and Doyle, have been consistent winners in club work for the past few years and are now engaged in raising registered hogs, cattle and poultry, and producing pedigreed planting seed. William Middleton, the youngest of the four boys, is not old enough to belong to the Club but accompanied the team to Dallas for the experience.

The team representing Dickens County Club Boys that entered the contest and won first place consists of Ewell Middleton, Wallace Bingham, who was raised on the famous S. M. S. Ranch and himself a breeder of registered hogs; Melton Foreman, a breeder of registered Jersey cattle; and Lawson Morgan who also breeds registered Jersey cattle; Lee Poole of Afton and Clovis Harris of McAdoo accompanied the team to Dallas as substitutes.

The work of the Dickens County Club Boys at home has been outstanding in the feeding of baby bees, lambs and pigs as well as in the production of first class registered livestock and pedigreed planting seed, and the honors they have won go further to show their well rounded training in the fundamentals of diversified farming.

In the county exhibit Dickens was first in decorations and general arrangement but due to the fact that the grain sorghum exhibit, an extra fine one carefully selected and prepared was lost in transit to Dallas the exhibit was awarded tenth place in a contest where fifty counties were competing.

Dickens County is ideally located for the production of first class boys, livestock and crops. The elevation is 2274 feet above sea level. A small part of the County is in the Great Plains but the larger part lies below the cap rock an escarpment that divides the high and low plains. It is in the upper drainage of the Brazos river and is traversed by several small streams with broad level valleys with rich alluvial soils. The summers are not hot and the winters are not disagreeable as 78 per cent of the rainfall of the year falls during the growing period of summer crops. The country is a new agricultural region, well settled with prosperous and contented farmers, accommodated with good churches and schools and excellent gravel roads. Splendid community interest and enterprise exist in the several settlements of the county.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce is preparing a great ovation for the Club Boys and their leader Mr. R. B. Johnston on their return to Spur in the form of a banquet at the famous Spur Inn.

THOMASON CONVICTED FOR DISTURBING PUBLIC WORSHIP

County court was in session this week, only one case being tried, that of young Thomason of east of Spur who was charged with disturbing public worship some time ago at Steel Hill. The jury in this case brought in a verdict of guilty, assessing a fine of twenty five dollars and costs. A motion for a new trial was overruled and the case appealed to a higher court.

This has been an interesting case, there having been some forty or fifty witnesses summoned. The case, came up at a former session of the court, and after going into trial was continued because of the illness of defendant. At this term the court convened Monday, but on account of excessive rains and high water the case was continued over till Tuesday to permit a large number of the witnesses to be able to appear. Judge Brummett informed us that the total costs of the case now amounted to some two or three hundred dollars, including both trials together with the large number of witnesses appearing at each trial.

COTTON SELLS FOR MORE THAN 30 CENTS IN SPUR

Since the beginning of the season we have been hoping and expecting to see cotton sell for thirty cents and even more. This week this hope and expectation was realized. The first of the week cotton buyers in Spur paid as high as \$0.25 for cotton. However, the latter part of the week the price again dropped to 29 and 29.50.

The excessive rains and cool weather during this and the past week has greatly damaged and retarded cotton throughout the entire country. But comparatively few bales have been ginned since Friday of last week, but with continued clear weather it is expected to begin rolling in again next week.

Present conditions warrant the prediction that the price of cotton may exceed our fondest hopes, many predicting that thirty five cents will be realized before the end of the season. The world is short on cotton, and the present crop will fall short of former estimates.

GONE

The Editor of the Texas Spur and Dr. Hale departed late Thursday afternoon for points north, via Lubbock.

The writer and Miss Ruth Maples will endeavor to circulate the Texas Spur during his absence.

Miss Ruth is the young lady that consumes great gobs of copy at the Lino, while entertaining customers. The writer will act as back stop for all iron men that gets careless and strays his way.

Last but not least! We will appreciate any favors extended in the way of a few page advertisements, local news, job work; will argue any debatable question or we will stand a little lambasting—anything to get the biz.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Tyler are happy over the advent of their oldest son, who arrived Monday night. He is around here, and no doubt, they will take great pleasure in guiding his foot steps thru the tangled threads of life.

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LET US UPHOLD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE U. S.

"Hell and Maria" Dawes has struck the keynote in proposing a real American organization in which all classes, colors, and creeds may join in support of the Constitution.

It is a mistake for us to think that radicalism in the United States is merely the evidence of a form of unrest which neither grows nor impresses. As a matter of fact, socialism and radicalism are carefully developed and promoted by a great organization. Soviet Russia, the land of darkness and illiteracy, has agents working with little restraint in an educational campaign, which is even carried into our schools and colleges.

The time has come when we must meet organization by counter organization. We have some in America who assume to meet the problem by intolerance. Their objective is lost in the hatred and distrust engendered.

Let us be Minute Men for the Constitution united by the common bond of patriotism. Let us again dedicate our lives, regardless of line of descent, creed, color or party, to upholding the government of the United States of America.—By Brig. Gen. John V. Cline, Retired.

Good milk cows to trade for fat cattle and hogs.—C. P. Harris, 43rd.

NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court

of Dickens County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 31st day of May, 1923, in favor of E. P. Swenson, S. A. Swenson, Girard Trust Company, trustee, Agnes Neustadt, Casimir I. Stralem and Mortimer L. Schiff, trustees against H. W. McGee and F. M. McLaughlin, in cause No. 676 on the docket of said court, for the sum of \$61,114.27, with interest thereon from the 31st day of May, 1923, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and costs of suit, which said judgment is a foreclosure of the vendor's lien on the tracts of land hereinafter described, as it existed on the 3rd day of March, 1919, against H. W. McGee, F. M. McLaughlin, O. E. Mapie and J. E. Stanford, I did, on the 12th day of September, 1923, at 2 o'clock P. M., levy upon the following described tracts of land, situated in Dickens County, Texas, to-wit:

Survey No. 277, Block 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2034, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 667.92 acres of land;

Survey No. 267, Block 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2029, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 659.47 acres of land;

The East one-half of Survey No. 303, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Block No. 1, Certificate No. 10 2047, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 333.96 acres of land;

Survey No. 276, Block 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2033, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 659.44 acres of land; and

Survey No. 266, Block 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2028, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 667.92 acres of land.

And on the 6th day of November, 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, in Dickens, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash all the right, title and interest of the said H. W. McGee, F. M. McLaughlin, O. E. Mapie and J. E. Stanford in and to said property.

Dated at Dickens, Texas, this 29th day of September, 1923.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.

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The Northeast Quarter of Survey No. 301, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2406, situated about 6 miles South of Dickens, in Dickens County, Texas, containing 165.83 acres of land;

And on the 6th day of November, 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said county, in Dickens, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. W. McGee in and to said property.

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Stralem and Mortimer L. Schiff, trustees, against H. W. McGee, Edgar McGee and F. M. McLaughlin, in cause No. 678, on the docket of said court, for the sum of \$16,354.33, with interest thereon from the 31st day of May, 1923, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and costs of suit, which said judgment is a foreclosure of vendor's lien on the tract of land hereinafter described, as said vendor's lien existed on the 26th day of February, 1919, I did, on the 12th day of September, 1923, at 2 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tract of land situated in Dickens County, Texas, as the property of said H. W. McGee, Edgar McGee and F. M. McLaughlin, to-wit:

Lying and being situated in the County of Dickens and State of Texas, and being Survey No. 330, Block No. 1, H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Certificate No. 10 2060, containing 638.25 acres of land, situated in the South western part of said Dickens County, Texas.

And on the 6th day of November, 1923, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said county, in Dickens, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said H. W. McGee, Edgar McGee and F. M. McLaughlin in and to said property.

Dated at Dickens, Texas, this 29th day of September, 1923.

H. P. COLE, Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.

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CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

THE LASH OR THE LAW?

It is as astonishing as it is humiliating and regrettable that in this state where the people live under a government organized pursuant to a written constitution, which contains irrevocable guarantees of the enjoyment of the most important and inalienable rights of every citizen, the press carries every day accounts of trespasses upon those rights and the perpetration of acts of barbarism, acts which not infrequently amount to fiendish cruelty. Not only in this state but in other states which have substantially the same constitution, we hear of atrocious and revolting acts.

It is a condition of society which is utterly at war with every theory and principal of government based on the fundamental postulate of liberty regulated by law.

In scores of instances—without legal complaint or legal warrant, without witnesses, or counsel, without the observance of a single phrase of the constitution or a single article of the Code of Criminal Procedure—citizens have been dragged from their homes and lashed till their bodies were bleeding and mangled.

The law has been ignored and mocked at, the temples of the law been ignored and cruel punishment administered in the depths of the primeval forests, or in swamps and fields, without a trial, without evidence and without the bound and overpowered victim being given any more chance to defend himself by physical power or by legal processes than if he were a worthless cur. The law has been dethroned and the lash been made the symbol of justice.

Every citizen is by the Bill of Rights guaranteed exemption from unreasonable search or seizure, yet with distressing and alarming frequency the houses of citizens are entered and searched without warrant.

The homes of citizens are not only invaded without the semblance of legal authority, but are invaded by force and with violence in the dead hours of the night by masked and hooded men, and the inmates, regardless of sex or age, subjected to cruelty the most fearful.

It has, too, become the habit of many peace officers who have sworn to support the constitution to stop citizens on the streets and highways and search their persons on suspicion without even the pretense of having any legal warrant.

The law specifically defines every offense and declares the penalty which within certain maximum and minimum limits shall follow upon its commission, and though for no ofense, whether it be a felony or a misdemeanor, does the law affix the penalty of the lash, yet time and again in Harris County and in numerous other counties of Texas the lash has been applied to the bare backs of many citizens, and in not a few instances women have been the victims of such lawless brutality. When such violation of the rights of the citizen takes that shape, lawlessness has run mad.

The constitution declares that no citizen shall be punished or even brought to trial until certain orderly process of the law have been complied with, and whether he has or has not offended shall be determined by a fair trial, when he shall be confronted by the witnesses against him and have the benefit of counsel. Yet these righteous constitutional guarantees are ruthlessly violated with such frequency that they attract only passing and casual attention.

That this is true no honest man will deny. That every constitutional guarantee and every legal right of the citizen has been contemptuously and brutally violated time and again is known of all men. Yet there is an organization the members of which prate about pure, Americanism, and justice, and religion, and social purity, and the sanctity of womanhood, the coat of arms of which is a rope, a tar bucket and a leather lash.

In the name of law it is the incarnation of lawlessness. In the name of justice it violates every principle of justice. In the name of religion of the meek and lowly Nazarene it outrages and tramples upon his just and righteous precepts.

The time has come when the law-abiding citizens of this country will no longer endure the abasement of the law, and the enthronement of the lash—and the sooner the devotees of the lash awake to that knowledge the better it will be for them.—Exchange.

PEOPLE WILL RESPECT A CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

Harris County, Texas, extends the clasp of cordial congratulations to Oklahoma and says: Shake!

Harris County won the first victory over the forces of disorder and lawless violence, and now Oklahoma has seen her and goes one better.

Harris County collected fines and costs from a dozen or more misguided men who mistook lawlessness for lawfulness, and Oklahoma sends three men to the penitentiary for committing such acts as have been committed scores of times in Texas without a proclamation being issued or a reward offered for the arrest of a single offender.

It is the certainty of punishment rather than its severity which gives it value.

The purpose of punishment is to suppress crime and reform the offender, and the punishment inflicted in Harris County brought to the offending men a realization of their error, and moved them to declare that they would not only not so offend again, but would strive to prevent others from offending.

While The Chronicle unspairingly denounced the acts for which they were punished it has no hesitation in saying that it is glad that they were not subjected to the humiliation and degradation of prison stripes with resultant irremovable stigma.

Justice tempered with mercy wrought its healing and preventive work.

What Harris County and Oklahoma has done other states will do. One triumph of the law insures another. Lawlessness not only can not reign and rule in this country, it can not endure in organized form.

In a land where the people themselves have irrevocably guaranteed every citizen freedom from search and seizure, a fair trial confronted by his witnesses, before a jury of his peers, and that no man shall be punished until his guilt is established according to the rules of law, the people will not tolerate the midnight raid, the masked band of floggers, the tar bucket and the lash.

They may endure it for a season, but on sober second thought they will make it impossible for organized lawlessness to continue.

The tempest which lashes the ocean into mighty billows may drive the stately ship far off the course, but the pilot with his hand on the helm and his eye on the needle, which functions obedient to the unchanging laws of God, brings his ship into port at last.

In like manner many, indeed it sometimes seems, the mass of the people may permit their minds to be warped by error and clouded by racial or religious, or rather irreligious, prejudice and they may be swept from their mental and moral moorings by the storms of hate and political bitterness, or the extremity of political necessity, but they do not lose sight entirely of the instinctive principles of social and moral right and justice, and after a season of stumbling and plunging in the bogs and fens of vicious error, they struggle back to the path or right.

A few selfish office-seekers can not dominate the action of a majority of the people of any state, or any county. There is in the heart of the average man an inherent and instinctive respect for justice and constituted authority.

He sees in the guarantees of the bill of rights the surest protection for him and his. He recognizes the wisdom of the constitution and that social safety can be assured only by respect for it.

Between it and the masked mob

the antagonism is as acute as between life and death.

The cotton gown can not take the place of the silken robe which judges often wear as the token of the sovereignty of the law.

The report of a klan scout can not supplant the oath of a grand juror. The midnight seizure will not be allowed to take the place of a warrant based on a sworn complaint. The hooded mob can not usurp the functions of a jury. Harris County and Oklahoma have so proclaimed. Let the lawless take notice.—Houston Chronicle.

THE SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY

Columbus day (October 12) is being quite generally observed, as a result of admiration for one of the great geniuses whose initiative has transformed the world. Where other men were content to follow the beaten paths, the great discoverer of America was not satisfied just to accept the conclusions of his time.

He believed there were unknown resources intended for the use of man, and better paths by which commerce and trade could find their way. Disregarding the easier life he might have led as a more ordinary voyager and trader, he started out to explore the mysteries of the sea.

While there are still large uninhabited spaces yet to develop, yet the world is pretty well known, and the work of the explorer is pretty nearly done. But every day life even in our commonplace time, has room for the spirit of discovery. The men and women who possess this sentiment accomplish far greater things than they realize. Columbus died in ignorance of the nature of the thing he found. He supposed that in discovering American soil, he had merely discovered a new part of India. "He sailed for the back door of Asia, he landed at the front door of America, and knew it not."

People who are not satisfied with the old methods of accomplishing results, but try to find better inventions, better ways of living and working and thinking, show something of the spirit of discovery. They may be working as they think solely for their own benefit, but the world gains the advantage of their work and human life goes on from the same to higher levels.

It is for the present generation to show something of the same spirit in daily life, and not rest satisfied with existing conditions, but always to press on to better civic life, better education, better government.—Dublin Progress.

CANYON DIABLO

At some unknown time in the past, the largest meteor that ever struck the earth fell in Coconino county, Arizona. It buried itself, making a crater nearly a mile across and 600 feet deep, with a rim of earth splashed up 160 feet high all around the crater's edge.

This crater is Canyon Diablo. Mining engineers once more are attempting to locate the huge meteor which lies buried somewhere under the floor of the canyon.

The Canyon Diablo meteor, according to scientists, weighs a million

tons and is at least 300 feet in diameter. Some experts even multiply these figures by four.

If the meteor runs true to form, it is nine-tenths pure iron. But the lure that induces the mining engineers to attempt to unearth the Canyon Diablo meteor is that it probably contains huge diamonds.

Our old earth, rushing through space at a speed of 66,000 miles an hour must have staggered when struck by the Canyon Diablo bullet.

A legend of the Navajo Indians says there were three meteors, not one.

Meteors travel through space in swarms. Twenty million of them, large enough to be seen by the naked eye shoot into our atmosphere every day—and usually are dissolved by friction with the air before they strike the earth.

The largest meteor (shooting star) ever discovered weighs 36 tons and was brought from Greenland by Peary. So scientists are on tip-toes for a look at the giant beneath Canyon Diablo.

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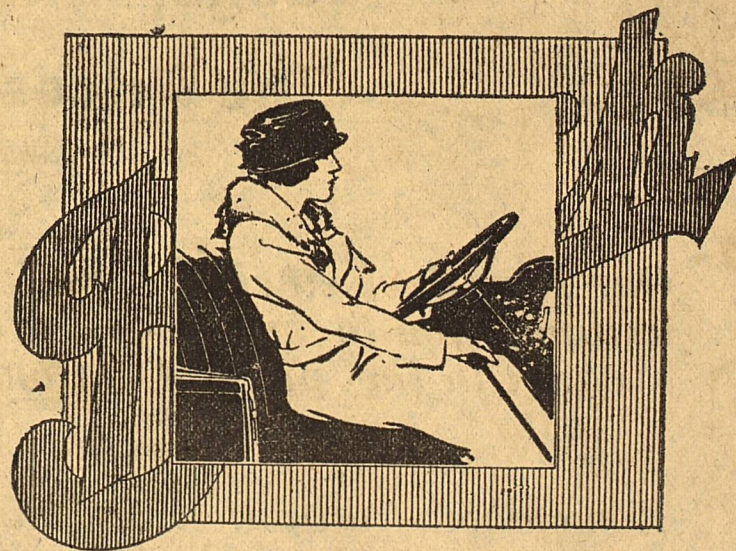
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Kiz La Croix Papers Attached

J. A. Murphy, of Route One, was among the crowds on the streets Tuesday. He handed us the cash to renew his subscription, thus helping us as well as one of the contestants in the Ford Coupe Contest. There are but few more days remaining in which readers may help contestants in this campaign, since it ends the 31st day of this month. Many subscribers are now coming in and also calling for their votes.

T. J. Harrison, of the Duncan Flat community, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday of this week, reporting everything in good shape with plenty rain in his section.

Lon Kizziah, of north of Dickens, was trading in Spur Wednesday of this week. He reports big rains with a little hail in that part of the county.

Miss Carol Senning returned the past week from Amarillo where she has been visiting with her brother, C. Earyl Senning and family.

C. O. Brannen spent several days of this week in Spur with his brother, N. Q. Brannen and family. He is one of the number of men employed by the agricultural department at Washington, and for the past five years has been engaged in the scientific research department. He is now in Texas gathering data looking to the equalization of taxes pertaining to all agricultural properties and resources, incomes, etc. Agriculture is the foundation and principal source of all wealth of the Southern States, and the work of equalizing taxes in accord with real values and production is an important work. In the years past C. O. Brannen was one of the teachers in the Dickens school, having there met and married a sister to R. S. Holman, who was also one of the teachers at that time in the Dickens school.

LOST—Spectacles with large glasses, 1 broken, in aluminum case. Finder return to Spur office.—G. F. Harris.

Get in the road that leads to Spur.

W. P. T. Smith and Buren Smith, of the Dry Lake community, were among the many on the streets Tuesday. They are of the opinion that the five inches of rain which fell this and the past week did considerable damage but at the same time did good. At the present time the rain of course did damage, but it put a season in the ground which will be of value in the future. They say that Dry Lake is now full.

FOR TRADE—A player Baldwin piano for a non-player. See Mrs. J. S. Berry. 51 tf.

J. J. Martin, of the Red Mud country, was among the number in Spur the past week and was also one who made a substantial subscription payment of several years in aiding one of the Coupe contestants as well as the Texas Spur. We appreciate such help and consideration.

Sim Moss, of the Midway community north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday trading and meeting with friends.

J. J. Thompson, of Espuela, was here Tuesday and was among those who helped to increase the Texas Spur subscription list, having the paper sent to J. H. Eubanks at Broncho, Texas. The Texas Spur now has the largest paid up subscription list of any country newspaper in West Texas—and with the help of the Ford Coupe campaigners we are going to add hundreds of other names to the list before October 31st.

John Aston was among the many on the streets Tuesday, commenting on the rain and conditions in general. John Aston has long been recognized as a safe and sane forecaster of weather and rain, as well as a good trader and successful farmer. In the past he has contributed to the upbuilding of the town as well as the country, having built and sold several town homes and improved more than one farm. It takes such men to make a town and country build and prosper—and it takes us all working together to do these things.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison were shoppers in Spur the first of the week from their ranch home to the southwest of Spur.

W. H. Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, spent Monday and Tuesday in Spur. He came in to board the train for Mineral Wells where he intended to spend a few days with Mrs. Bryant and children. However, the train failed to come in on account of a washed out bridge over the river, therefore Mr. Bryant returned home Tuesday.

G. R. Elkins made a business trip this week to Dallas where he also spent a few days with his son, Henry, who is attending Texas Christian University. Henry is one of the best violinists in the state, and while at the university has been engaged to play at regular intervals for the Star-Telegram radio sending station.

Mrs. Roy Lee, who was recently operated at the Nichols Sanitarium, will return this week to her home in Girard, having almost completely regained former good health.

S. H. Twaddell returned Monday from a business trip to Lubbock. He was ten hours on the road, slipping, sliding, and sloshing through the mud. The heavy rains this and the past week have been general over the country, and the damage to cotton crops has been considerable.

MARRIED

Pete Sampson and Miss Frankie Carlton were united in the holy bonds of matrimony one day the past week. Mrs. Sampson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Carlton of the Espuela country, while Pete is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sampson, thus uniting two of the best and most highly respected families of the country.

This young couple have many friends throughout the country whom the Texas Spur joins in wishing them many years of happiness and much prosperity.

Come to Spur.

THREE GREAT SCHOOLS

The three greatest educators are Work, Society and Books. Our work is an essential part of our life, and can be made a drudgery or a delight according to our mental attitude. We can make it yield us great mental riches, or we can hate it and make it a poison that will kill success.

Not only is a man judged by the company he keeps, but he becomes like the company he keeps. We may seek our companions who are rich physically, mentally, and spiritually; or we may loaf with those whose lives breathe failure and all that militates against growth. Inspirational, intellectual, aspiring companions will stir the best in us into life. Their society will make us desire to do a man's work in a man's way for a man's reward.

And no one can estimate the power of good books and good magazines and good papers. They bring us the riches of the richest minds of this and past ages.

Those of us who love our work and seek to better it daily, who associate with inspirational companions, and who read only those books that are rich in ideas that make for upward growth, have no need to worry because our parents did not send us to college.—Builders.

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FOR SALE or Trade—One half interest in the Spur Electric Shoe & Harness Co.—Lester Ericson. 15

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See me, office over the Spur National Bank.—C. C. HAILE, Secretary.

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The Texas Spur

NOTED WRITER SAYS FEMININE SLACKERS GENUINE PARASITES

"Today there would be much less unhappiness and fewer divorces if the man who really loves his wife and daughters would, instead of trying to keep them in idleness as a sop to his own vanity, see to it that they do their share of constructive and interesting work."

"Thus did Idah McGlone Gibson noted author and war correspondent, sum up her views of the modern domestic upheaval which is sending husbands and wives in veritable droves to the divorce courts throughout the land.

Mrs. Gibson was prompted to discuss the feminine slackers by the role her son, Kenneth Gibson, is playing in "Daytime Wives," and F. B. O. production which flays in scenes of starring drama the pampered and petted wives of the rich who neglect their husbands and spend their time at bridge tables and jazz palaces, where lowered lights and lounge lizards are the chief attractions.

"Every foreigner who comes over here," Mrs. Gibson continued, "is greatly surprised to find that most American men consider it a disgrace to let the women of their households work. It is every man's ambition to make his wife and daughters only walking advertisements of his business acumen and prosperity.

"Consequently, although she does not own it herself, it is the ambition of every mother to marry her daughter to at least a limousine, if not a steam yacht, with all the accompanying appurtenances of great wealth. The man doesn't count very much, provided he has enough money, to make greenback plasters for his deficiencies.

"It has always seemed to me that these ancient writers of tradition who, when describing the lives of our first father and mother after they had, through idleness and its attendant vices, been expelled from the Garden of Eden, make a great mistake."

"They intimated that work was a curse. 'In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread until thou return to the ground,' was a part of the supposed cure put upon humanity.

"It was not a curse, but a spien did privilege that God gave to man when He made him earn his bread by work instead of picking up his sustenance from the foot of a tree.

"The war did one thing that illumined the false idea regarding women's physical strength and real working capacity. It showed that a healthy young woman was as capable of hard work as a healthy young man.

"She found that working in the field was a splendid health-giving exercise. She took men's places in every branch of endeavor and made good with little effort."

WORLD FACES COTTON FAMINE—SHORT CROP

And now it is admitted by the wise men of the textile industry the world over, that the manufacturers and wearers of cotton fabrics are facing a famine of raw cotton. Indeed, they say with a crop no larger than now figured or indicated by government figures, added to the carry-over of 2,500,000 bales, the world will be confronted with a supply of not much over 13,000,000 bales.

As a matter of note the market editor of the New York Times insists that if the world consumes as much American cotton during the present season as it did in the season ending August 1, there would be a genuine cotton famine by the summer of 1924 unless prices were advanced sufficiently to adequately check consumption.

Japan is a large exporter of raw silk. Misfortune has come to the Nipponese silk growers. More than 49,000 bales of raw silk were stored in Yokohama when the greatest disaster ever chronicled in the far east, came upon the people of the island empire. All the raw silk in the warehouses of the doomed Japanese city was consumed by fire or ruined by the tidal waves which inundated this famous seaport of Japan.

Millions of bales of raw silk stored elsewhere in the districts devastated by quake and fire and water were totally destroyed. As a matter of course this will have a marked effect upon the price of silk goods and

heavy advances are certain to come. Japan has been taking a million bales of American cotton and no doubt will continue to buy American cotton, but a disastrous blow has been dealt to the textile industries of the kingdom which will have its effect upon the prices the world over.

Speaking of cotton again, a crop of 11,000,000 bales this year as the trade sees it, means an aggressive bull market and a heavy rise of clothing costs. It is conceded that the world is consuming about the same amount of cotton as before the coming of the world war and the cotton producing states of America are still the source of almost two-thirds of the staple.

Those who are familiar with the cotton industry declare the world's cotton situation is alarming. First American crops have dropped below their former high productive figures and the textile world has been using up its reserve. Second, Egypt, which is second on the list as a producer of cotton, is also producing famine crops. The crop of 1923 is reported 30 per cent less in volume than that of 1922. Third, Russia has been eliminated as a producer and exporter of the staple. Fourth, China's production is sufficient for home needs.

Warehouses of the world are bare. Cotton reserves have melted away. There is a minimum supply perhaps for a maximum demand and the garment buyers of the world are reminded that very high priced cotton calls for very high priced cotton goods. There should be money in cotton this year.—Record-News.

TEXAS COTTON CROP ESTIMATED AT 3,725,000 BALES

George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, gave out the following statement today concerning the cotton crop:

"Reports received from correspondents, representing nearly 200 cotton growing counties, show slight improvement in condition of the cotton crop in Northwest Texas, but no improvement in the main cotton belt. The average condition is 54 per cent against 53 per cent September 1st. The estimated yield for the State is 3,725,000 bales against 3,500,000 September 1st. It will require 3.75 acres to make a bale, or 134 pounds of lint cotton per acre.

"The United States Government report published on October 2nd estimates the Texas crop at 4,168,000 bales, and the total crop of the South as 11,015,000 bales.

"The Government ginning report shows 2,185,219 bales ginned in Texas up to September 25th. Our report shows that 63 per cent of the cotton is picked; so the State can not make four million bales.

"This crop should bring 30 cents to give the farmers a reasonable profit as it has cost 24 cents to produce the crop. It will bring that price yet if the crop is sold gradually."

AMERICA'S 65 PER CENT FIRST MORTGAGE TAX EXEMPTIONS

The annual taxes paid in the United States, national and local, on property and income, direct and indirect, are equal to the burden of a mortgage on all the property of the United States to the amount of sixty five per cent of its valuation bearing interest at 5 per cent.

This tax mortgage is a prior lien to the other mortgages. It encumbers the property which is free from other debts and it is an additional burden to the property covered with other debts.

This statement is very easily proved. A fair conservative valuation of

the property in the United States is \$260,000,000,000.00. The annual taxes, national, state and local, are approximately \$8,500,000,000.00. A mortgage of 65 per cent of the value of 260 billion dollars would be 170 billion dollars. Interest at 5 per cent on the 170 billion dollars mortgage would be \$8,500,000,000.00—exactly the same as the taxes paid annually.

Some people think they do not pay any of this tax because they do not pay it to a collector and get a receipt. In this they are mistaken. All consumers pay taxes in the form of higher rents or higher prices for food, clothing and luxuries.

Owners of tax exempt bonds are the ones who escape taxation. The big 65 per cent mortgage rests on the shoulders of all the rest of us. That mortgage is growing heavier every year.

The general burden of national, state and local taxes has increased one hundred and thirty four per cent—which more than doubled—since 1912. Farm taxes have increased 126 per cent since 1914. Tax exempt bonds have not paid one cent of this increased burden.

The amount of tax exempt bonds increases every year. The taxation mortgage grows bigger every year. If future issues of bonds are made subject to income taxes, the debt can be reduced and the taxes made lighter.

It is up to American taxpayers and consumers to decide whether they will permit a bad condition to grow worse or insist that a change be made for the better by taxing bonds now exempt.

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THE CITY DRUG STORE ONLY 244 BALES GINNED IN DICKENS TO SEPT. 25

The government ginner report shows that up to September 25th only 244 bales of cotton had been ginned in Dickens county.

A comparison of the ginnings for 1923 and 1922 shows conclusively the backward tendency of cotton this year. Up to the 25th day of September in 1922 in Dickens county there had been ginned a total of 2,702 bales, whereas in 1923 only 244 bales had been ginned.

In Kent county, to the same dates there had been ginned a total of 634 bales in 1923, while in 1922 there had been ginned 1,235 bales.

In 1922 in Dickens county up to this time there had been ginned more than ten times as many bales of cotton as has been ginned this year, while in Kent county almost twice as much cotton had been ginned in 1922 as has been ginned this year.

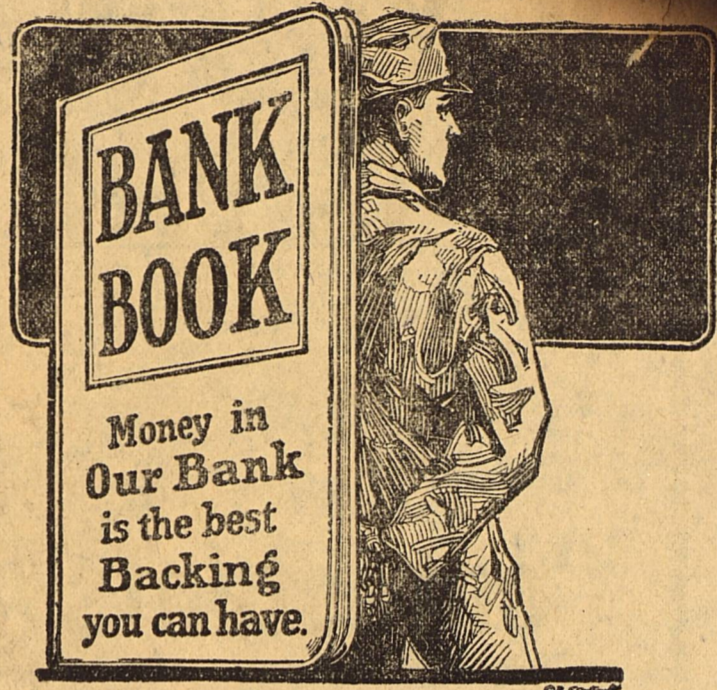
Cotton this year in this section was extremely late and very slow in opening. In fact some farmers have

not yet commenced picking, whereas in other parts of Texas farmers have finished.

Notwithstanding the late season and short crops, the higher prices being paid will probably overbalance

the total income in the end.

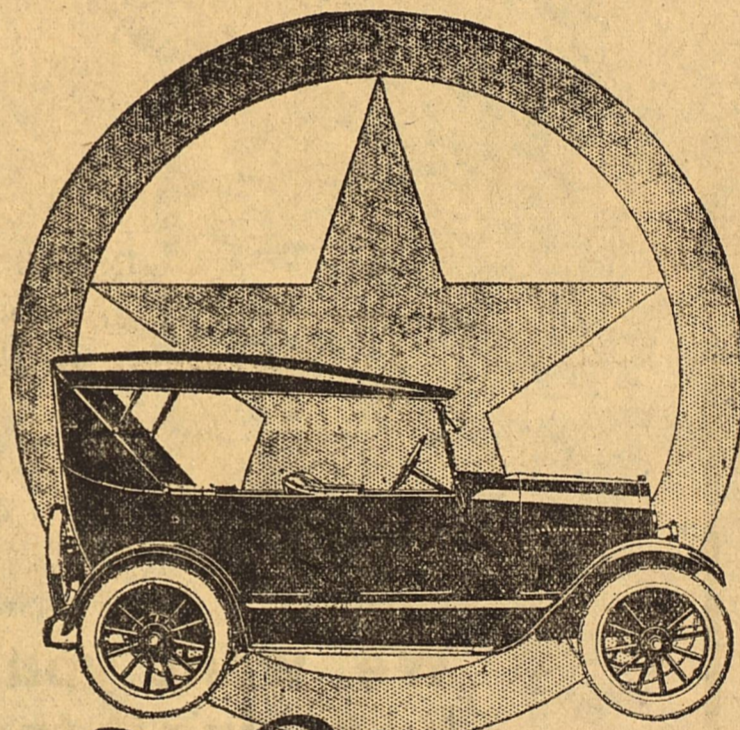
W. M. Bivins, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.



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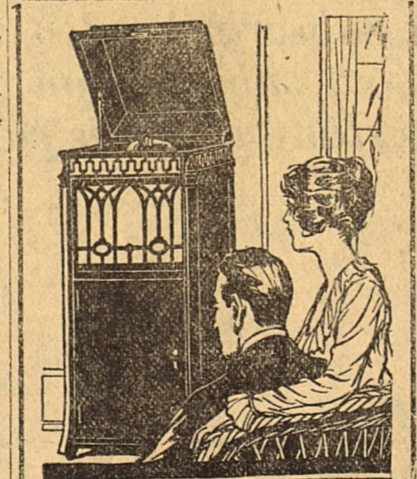
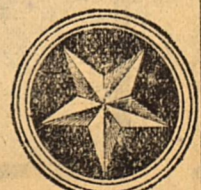
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting—

You are hereby commanded to summon Bert Akers by making publication of this citation once in each week for successive weeks preceding the return day hereof, in the newspaper published in your county, or if there be a newspaper published in the nearest county to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the 4th, Monday in November A. D. 1923, the same being the 26th day of November A. D. 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of April A. D. 1923 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 712 wherein Dickens County a political subdivision, duly organized and being a body corporate, and politic, of the State of Texas as is Plaintiff, and Bert Akers, W. S. Akers, T. E. Durham, the National Cattle Loan Company, a corporation, and Wapples Platter Grocery Company, a corporation, and F. M. Todd are Defendants, and said petition alleging that on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1907, that defendant, F. M. Todd, together with W. Oglesby and H. N. Atkinson did execute and deliver to plaintiff their note for the sum of Eighteen Hundred, Ninety Seven & 71/100 dollars, bearing interest at the rate of five per cent per annum from June 1st, 1907, interest payable in advance annually on the first day of June of each year, interest and principal of said note payable at Dickens, Dickens County, Texas, the principal sum of said sum due and payable of the 2nd, day of January A. D. 1937 and given in part payment for Block No. 10 containing 632 and 571 1000 acres of the three leagues of School Lands granted by the State of Texas to Dickens County, Texas, situated in the County of Lamb, Texas, as shown by plat of the subdivisions of Leagues Nos. 242, 243, and 244, Dickens County School Lands, of record of Castro County, Texas, to which the County of Lamb was attached for judicial purposes, and which said plat is also of record in Vol. 3, pages 380 389, Deed Records of Lamb County, Texas, and to secure the payment of said note, with all interest to accrue and to be come due thereon according to its terms and tenor, the vendors lien and superior title was reserved to the grantor in the deed conveying said land and acknowledged in said note, That the said W. Oglesby and the said H. N. Atkinson are both dead. That on or about the 29th day of January A. D. 1907, that the said W. Oglesby and H. N. Atkinson conveyed their interest in said land to the said F. M. Todd, the said F. M. Todd as part consideration therefor assumed the payment of the said note, according to its reading and affect. That on or about the 29th day of May, the said F. M. Todd conveyed said land to A. J. Ballard, and on the 1st day of February A. D. 1911, the said A. J. Ballard conveyed said land to B. L. Herring, each and both of said grantors having full knowledge of the obligation to plaintiff. That on or about the 8th day of June A. D. 1911, the said B. L. Herring conveyed said land to the defendants, Bert Akers and W. S. Akers, and as part consideration therefor, the said Bert Akers and W. S. Akers did assume and agree to pay, jointly and severally, the above described note according to the tenor and effect thereof.

That the defendants: T. E. Durham, the National Cattle Loan Company, and Wapples Platter Grocery Company are claiming and asserting a right and title to said land and liens thereon, and right of possession thereof, but plaintiff avers that the right, title and interest and liens of said defendants, and each of them to said lands, if any they have, are each and all subordinate and inferior to the right, title and lien of plaintiff; That the plaintiff is the owner and holder of said note; That the defendant, F. M. Todd, and Bert Akers and W. S. Akers as well as all of the other defendants herein have made default in the payment of the annual, installments of the interest becoming due on the said note to Dickens County, on the 1st day of June, A. D. 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, respectively, that each of said installments of interest are long past due; That by reason of the said default in the payment of said installments of interest, plaintiff

has elected to mature said note, under and in accordance with the provisions of said note and original conveyance;

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court, that said defendants and each of them be cited to appear and answer the petition and that on the final hearing thereof that plaintiff have judgment against the defendants: F. M. Todd, Bert Akers and W. S. Akers, jointly and severally, for the full amount of principal and interest due upon said note sued on, with interest on the unpaid interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from maturity thereof, with the foreclosure of the vendors lien on said land as it existed on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1907 against all of said defendants, that order of sale issue, and that said land be seized and sold as under execution, and the proceeds of such sale be applied to the payment of said judgment, etc. for cost of suit and for general and special relief, and plaintiff further prays judgment against the defendants, T. E. Durham, the National Cattle Loan Company and the Wapples Platter Grocery Company, canceling and removing the claims of title and liens asserted by said defendants respectively, upon said lands as a cloud from the title of this plaintiff to said land, and for all other relief, general and special in law and equity, as the plaintiff may be entitled to upon the trial hereof.

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

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dickens this 16th day of October A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

A. Heffner met us on the street Tuesday and put a silver lining to the clouds by handing us the cash to renew his subscription another year, and also making the world look brighter to one of the Ford Coupe contestants.

J. A. Murphy, of near Spur, was in the city Wednesday and in meeting us contributed a ray of sunshine to a cloudy day by slipping a dollar and fifty cents in our pocket and requesting us to boost up one of the number in the subscription contest for the Ford Coupe.

John D. Hufstetler, of Dry Lake, was the streets Wednesday. In talking of the rain he was of the opinion that the good season will overbalance the damage done to open cotton in the fields. The approximately five inches of rain put a bottom season in the ground, and this season will be of benefit for next year's crop. He is a man who looks to the future as well as the present.

NOTICE
Any persons trespassing in the cotton yard pulling off tags will be subject to prosecution.—G. W. Rasm
51 St.

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Dentist
Office over Spur Nat'l. Bank.

DR. D. H. ZACHRY
DENTIST
In Offices formerly occupied by Dr. Brasler, Spur, Texas.

George Harris, of McAdoo, was among the many in Spur Wednesday of this week. He stated that approximately one half of the cotton open in the fields in the McAdoo territory was lost. His individual loss he estimates at four or five bales, which considering the present price of 30 cents, is no inconsiderable amount to lose.

Clifford B. Jones returned Wednesday from Amarillo where he has been serving on the federal grand jury since Monday. This section has little to fear of federal investigation, since the great majority respect the laws and observe the ethics of well regulated communities.

J. E. Brannen is here this week from Baileyboro. He reports lots of rain in that part of Texas, with good crops of both cotton and feed. He says a half to three-fourth bale will be made should it have time to mature before frost. Last year Mr. Brannen bought a big tract of land which he is now selling out to settlers. That section has already developed to a great extent, a town established, forty thousand dollars in bonds voted for a school and hundreds of acres put in cultivation.

STRAYED—Bay mare mule, 9 years old, 15 hands high, peculiar eye. Reward for information.—L. W. Bilberry.

**NEW
BIG PACKAGE
111
Cigarettes
24 for 15¢**

STOP THAT ITCHING
Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by
City Drug Store

We this week received a letter with a money order enclosure from Mrs. H. F. Shepherd, requesting the Texas Spur to be sent to them at Globe, Arizona. Mr. Shepherd, we understand, is working in one of

the mines of Arizona and drawing good wages.

6 room modern Home, desirable location near school. See or write me.—W. W. Garner, Spur, Texas.

Sanitary Cafe

I wish to announce to the public that I recently purchased the Sanitary Cafe, and take this method in soliciting a liberal share of your patronage. EATS--That suits the most exacting palate, Cook right, Serve right and priced right.

JNO. A. BELL, Proprietor
Spur, Texas

**Ford Batteries
12.50**

**Buick Batteries
16.00**

**Dodge Batteries
18.00**

One Year Guarantee on All Batteries

GODFREY & SMART
Spur, Texas

DIRTY AND WET COTTON

At present prices you can't afford to lose the cotton that the wind and rain beat out on the ground.

Pick up Every Lock of it!

Bring it to us and you will be surprised at the Sample it will give you.

If wet we have a cotton house that will store 50 bales. Bring it to us and we will store it until it is ready to gin properly. We feel now that we made no mistake last Summer in preparing for this emergency.

During this bad spell of weather we have resharpened our saws which will enable us to give you the very best possible turnout.

Patronize us and be Happy. We thank you

The Farmers Gin

J. E. JOHNSON, Owner. Walter Carlisle, Bookkeeper. Phone 48

FLOWER SHOW OCT. 25, 26, 27.

The "Flower Show" will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The committee has been quite successful in receiving much co-operation and they are especially pleased over the attitude of the chairman of the various departments and booths.

Flower Show will be held in Hazel Building. Through the kindness of Mr. Hazel the building just west of the Spur Grain and Coal Co. has been secured for the Show. Those entering things for prizes must bring them not later than 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

We wish to thank the business firms and individuals who have contributed to the prize funds. Below is a list of the names:

Riter Hardware Co.	\$3.50
M. I. Clayton	.50
John T. McCulloch	.50
Rev. Patterson	.50
W. M. Hazel Gro.	1.00
Ira Sullivan	.50
Midway Cafe	.50
Godfrey & Smart	1.00
W. W. Sample	1.00
W. S. Campbell	1.00
B. F. Hale	1.00
Dr. D. H. Zachry	1.00
Love Dry Goods Co.	2.00
Cecil L. Fox	.50
Mr. Hopkins	1.00
F. M. Green	.50
C. P. Harris	1.00
Otho L. Hale	1.00
W. C. Meadows	2.00
Blacksmith Shop	.50
Ed Potts	.50
R. E. Seale	1.00
City National Bank	2.50
Foy Vernon	.50
Dave Taylor	.50
Mr. House	.50
Dr. P. C. Nichols	2.00
J. W. McCormick	.50
Citizens Gin	2.50
Chas. Wolfe	.50
J. E. Johnson	2.50
J. I. Hays	1.00
P. H. Miller	2.00
E. S. McArthur	2.50
Spur Hdw. Co. Preserving Kettle	.50
Mr. Jenkins	.50
Candy Kitchen	.50
E. J. Cowan	.50
Rocket Store	.50
C. E. Skelton	.50
Mrs. M. M. Young	.25
Mrs. C. A. Love	2.00
E. F. Hall	2.00
J. C. Bowles	1.00
Spur Gro. Company	2.00
Mrs. Davis	2.50
Spur National Bank	2.50
Simpson Barber Shop	1.00
Faust Collier	.30
S. M. Swenson & Sons	5.00
C. C. Haile	1.00
W. E. Lessing	1.00
Bryant-Link Company	5.00
Hogan & Patton	2.50
J. E. Morris	2.00
Red Front Drug Store	2.50
G. H. Snider	1.00
Frankie Shugart	.50
Frank Goff	.50
E. L. Caraway	1.35
W. L. Jones	1.00
W. C. Leavitt	.50
W. C. Gruben	.50
Jes. F. Williams	1.00
Dr. Brannen	2.50
Mr. Simmons	1.00
Williams-Miller Gin	2.50
F. W. Jennings	2.50
Total	\$89.90

J. A. Murphy, of near Spur, was in the city Wednesday and in meeting us contributed a ray of sunshine to a cloudy day by slipping a dollar and fifty cents in our pocket and requesting us to boost up one of the number in the subscription contest for the Ford Coupe.

BLACKE DRAUGHT
Liver Medicine
(Vegetable)

WHAT'S BECOME OF THE OLD FASHIONED FARM HAND

Farmers in most sections of the country are up against the farm labor or problem harder than during the war even. With plasterers reported getting \$118 to \$200 a week in New York, and bricklayers, stonemasons and carpenters being right behind, the building trades lead the field. However, the automobile factories, the hard road builders, the steel factories and the mines are all magnets that have been steadily and relentlessly pulling the labor away from the farm to the city. Many sections of the country find that \$65 a month will no longer hold a single farm hand with the best of room and board, while the abandoned farms have steadily mounted in Michigan and Ohio until one out of every five in the former state is reported idle this year.

As a consequence, the American Farm Bureau Federation recently made a survey of the farm labor situation that led to their conclusion that the shortage covers most of the states and that the farmer cannot compete with industry for the labor supply. The natural reaction therefore, is to replace these men who are leaving by new machinery and operations that will take up the slack without reducing the producing power of each individual farm. The truck gardeners around the cities have been putting in garden tractors to eliminate \$6 a day help for onion weeding. Many farmers where the contour of their land is right are installing 2-row corn cultivators to take the place of single row implements, milking machines are going into dairies to replace from one to a dozen high priced men, the field ensilage harvester was installed in many sections where a man or two was short at silo filling time, the corn picker had a big sale this fall to take the place of hands that were costing too much.

Probably labor saving has never been so important on the farm as at present. When hired hands get to costing \$600 to \$1,000 a year, they become not only big factors in the balance sheet and its showing of profit or loss, but they are less satisfied with their job and less likely to stick than ever before. The automobile mixes the man among higher paid paid men on Sundays and holidays and the drift to the factories gets stronger all the time under present high trends. However, the American farmer always has taken up his labor slack since the Civil war by better management and more and bigger implements and labor saving equipment. More than a billion and a third dollars were paid hired help in 1919, according to the Census figures, some 2,800,000 farms hiring outside help. With \$4,000,000,000 invested in farm equipment, the American farmer has been able to build himself up to a place where he has eliminated six of the nine men originally on the farm in a total population of every ten.—National Institute of Progressive Farming.

DICKENS SCHOOL NEWS

Dickens school is progressing nicely and every one is studying hard. Mr. Fred Arrington entertained us with a short program Monday morning, October 8th, which was enjoyed by all present. And we hope he will entertain us again soon. We also had several visitors with us, and we were very glad to have them, and we sincerely hope they will come again.

Miss Morrow visited our school Monday. We appreciate the work she is doing. She also gave us an encouraging talk.

Miss Higgins is getting up a play, which will be put on at the Dickens High School in about a month.

Dickens High School has just received a new curtain, painted by Mr. Nowlin. The teachers and pupils want to thank the people that had their ads put on.

A bat got in our room the other day, so of course L. D.'s mouth was open, and the bat tried to fly in his mouth. However, the bat was not successful.

I wonder what would happen to Linnye Harkey if Mr. Speer would take that little gold thing, which she carries in her hand all of the time away from her.—Ninth Grade Girls

Trade in Spur.

PRACTICAL RECIPES FOR CANNING ALL KINDS OF MEATS

BEEF

Method 1. Cut beef into pieces of desired size, removing all gristle, surplus fat and bone. Bone may be left if desired, the beef being that it adds flavor to the canned product. Pack in hot sterilized jars, add 1 teaspoon salt to each quart, fill can with hot water. Partially seal and process in water bath for three hours. Finish seal immediately upon removing from water bath.

Method 2. Cut beef into pieces of desired size. Brown in hot fat in frying pan. Pack in hot sterilized jars, add 1 teaspoon salt to each quart, fill jar with hot water. Partially seal and process in water bath for three hours. Finish seal immediately upon removing from water bath.

Method 3. Cut beef into pieces of desired size. Place in boiling water and simmer thirty minutes. Remove from water and pack meat in hot sterilized jars, add 1 teaspoon salt to each quart, fill can with hot meat broth. Partially seal and process in water bath for three hours. Finish seal immediately upon removing from water bath.

Skirt Roll of Beef.—Skirt roll for sandwiches. Take skirt steak off and make into oblong roll to fit 2 quart jar; tie with cord and put into jar without water; partially seal can and cook four hours in hot water bath.

Hamburg Steak.—Run beef, any part through the grinder twice. Seasoning may be added before second grinding. Shape into cakes, saute until cakes are well browned. Pack in hot sterilized jars. Add small amount of water to fat, pour over meat. Partially seal and process for three hours in hot water bath. Finish seal immediately upon removal from water bath.

Soup Stock.—Bone, gristle and other trimmings from meat may be boiled and the liquid canned to be used for soups. Fill cans, partially seal, and process for 90 minutes in water bath. Finish seal immediately upon removal from water bath.

PORK

Roast Pork.—Roast as for table, fill jars with large pieces, and fill about one half full of roast liquor. Partially seal, process in hot water hours in hot water bath.

The brown gravy can be made at the time of filling the jars and poured over meat. Pork brown gravy is more delicious thickened with corn starch.

Spare Ribs.—Saw and cut into suitable pieces; fry or bake until slightly done yet brown; salt and pepper to taste; put in jars, adding a little of the brown liquor, partially seal jar and cook 2 1-2 hours in hot water bath.

Sausage in Hot Fat.—Saute or bake until cakes are well browned.

Pack carefully and tightly into jars. Add small amount of water to fat, and pour this over the sausage, putting into each can only liquid enough to come one inch from bottom of can. Partially seal, process in hot water bath 3 hours.

Tenderloin.—Cut into pieces of desired size, saute in hot fat in frying pan until browned and partially cooked. Pack in hot sterilized jars. Add small amount of water to fat and pour over the tenderloin, adding only enough to come one inch from bottom of can. Partially seal, process in hot water bath 3 hours.

RABBIT
Rabbits are delicious when canned. Can the same as chicken.—Compiled by M. L. Matthews of the Department of Home Economics.

FIRE MONDAY NIGHT

The old store building just east of Love's Grocery store was destroyed late Thursday night with its entire contents. This building is of the E. Luce estate, and was used by King & Sample as a storeroom for feed. The latters being heavy losers, as the building was well stocked with hay and maize at the time.

Sheriff Cole, one of Dickens County wide awake officials, had business in Spur Monday. Sheriff Cole has been on the sick list for the past several months, but at this writing, he reports some improvement in his condition.

A Lollar, of east of Spur, left last week with a shipment of two cars of cattle for the Fort Worth market. Mr. Lollar will take in the Dallas fair and also visit his uncle, E. T. Tyra of Dallas, before returning.

FOR SALE—3 room house, one lot, block from business section in Spur. If interested write Box 182, Spur. 51 2tp

Hot Barbecue every day bring your bucket and get the gravey.—Central Market, 34tf

Miss Mabel VanLeer, of Eastland, is here this week for a short stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer.

A. Heffner met us on the street Tuesday and put a silver lining to the clouds by handing us the cash to renew his subscription another year, and also making the world look brighter to one of the Ford Coupe contestants.

Good milk cows to trade for fat cattle and hogs.—C. P. Harris. 43tf

Mrs. J.D. Abbott, of Mart, Texas, and Mrs. W.P. Alexander of Prairie Hill, Texas, are in Spur visiting their sister, Mrs. C. D. Copeland. While here Mrs. Copeland and Mrs. Will Watson accompanied Mrs. Floyd Ada to visit another sister.

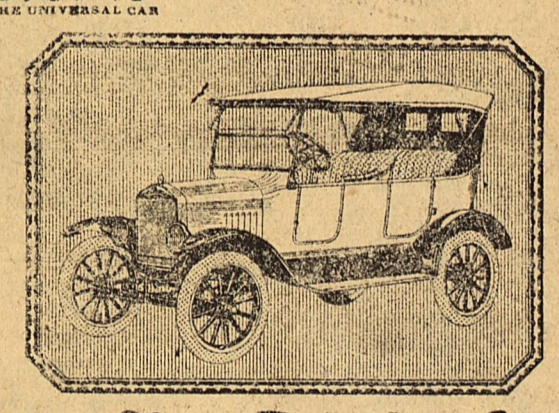
Mrs. Cordelia Jones, of Lubbock, is visiting at the home of J. H. Lubbock.

Chas. Applegate and wife report the arrival of their youngest son Wednesday night. He is a fine youngster and is well pleased with his surroundings. Mother and babe doing nicely.

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Money Always Ready,
Quick Service!
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A Wish
"I have taken Cardui for run-down, worn-out condition, nervousness and sleeplessness, and I was weak, too," says Mrs. Silvie Estes, of Jennings, Okla. "Cardui did me just lots of good—so much that I gave it to my daughter. She complained of a soreness in her sides and back. She took three bottles of
CARDUI
The Woman's Tonic
and her condition was much better."
"We have lived here, near Jennings, for 26 years, and now we have our own home in town. I have had to work pretty hard, as this country wasn't built up, and it made it hard for us."
"I WISH I could tell weak women of Cardui—the medicine that helped give me the strength to go on and do my work."
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Ford
THE UNIVERSAL CAR

New Touring Car
Looking at the new touring car from the side, you are at once favorably impressed with the effect of longer, more graceful lines secured by enlarging the cowl and raising the radiator.
Slanting windshield and one-man top lend material aid in giving the entire car a lower, more stylish appearance.
An apron connecting the radiator with the fender skirts is also a decided improvement.
A comfort feature much appreciated by owners, is the additional leg room provided by the enlargement of the cowl.
Allow us to show you the entire line of new Ford cars now on display in our show room.
These cars can be obtained through the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan.
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