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# The Texas Spur

## AND DICKENS ITEM

A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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### JOEL GUNN DIED ON COTTON WAGON COMING TO GIN

Joel Gunn, of near Girard, died very suddenly and unexpectedly Wednesday of this week while going to the Girard gin with a load of cotton. His son was driving another wagon loaded with cotton, the father following with the second bale. The son drove up on the scales at the gin and weighed, driving off the scales. The team driven by the father walked up on the scales, going just a little too far, when the weigher called for the team to be backed up. Met with no response, investigation showed Mr. Gunn to be dead, and it is presumed that he died of heart failure some where along the route from home, since it was thought he had been dead at least thirty minutes before the arrival at the gin. His remains were interred Thursday in the Girard cemetery.

Joel Gunn was one of the leading citizens of the Girard country. He had not been ill and his death was a shock to the family and friends.

—Trade In Spur—

### SCHOOL AND COLLEGE BOYS AND GIRLS HOME FOR XMAS

Among the numbers of Spur girls and boys attending colleges away from home, and spending the Christmas holidays here are: Miss Virginia Forbis who is attending C. I. A., at Denton; Miss Mary Copeland of the State University, at Austin; Ruby, Berta and Morris Vernon, who are attending Simmons College, at Abilene; Henry Elkins of T. C. U. at Fort Worth; Fred Haile of Simmons College; Miss Katie Ellis of Simmons College; Sterling and Cor Davis of Prague, Oklahoma; James Sample, of the State University; Ben Murry Hale, George S. Link Jr. and Rayburn Evans of Kemper Military School at Boonville, Mo.; Link Tidwell and Murry Lea, of the Junior A. & M. at Arlington; and E. C. Edmonds, Jr., and Weldon McCuire of Baylor University at Waco.

Practically all the above mentioned are graduates of the Spur High School. They are out in a bigger, broader field of education and experience. We are expecting more than one of the number to succeed in climbing the mountain and get a true vision of "Italy Beyond the Alps."

—Trade In Spur—

### MARRIED

Nathan C. Purcell, who is this year teaching in the Afton schools, returned Friday from his holiday vacation spent at Stephenville, Bluffdale and other points. He surprised his many friends of Spur and the Spur country who considered him a confirmed bachelor by returning home accompanied by his bride. Mr. Purcell was married to Miss Florence Harper Tinnin, of Bluffdale, December 18th, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride with only a few close and intimate friends being present. Mrs. Purcell had for several years been an employee of the law firm of Oxford & Johnson of Stephenville, and is a young lady of business qualifications as well as womanly charms. We congratulate our friend, Mr. Purcell, and wish he and bride many years of happiness and prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. Purcell will make their home at Afton until the end of the present school term.



### BRICK ON GROUND FOR TWO NEW BUSINESS HOUSES HERE

Brick is now on the ground and construction work will begin immediately in the erection of two more brick business houses. The buildings will be erected by J. D. Powell and G. B. Jopling on the east side of Burlington Avenue, between the Midway hotel and the J. P. Wilkes Racket Store. The buildings will cover two lots, fifty foot front by eighty feet deep. One of the buildings, we understand, will be occupied by a grocery concern while the other may be a dry goods concern.

These two new and substantial brick houses, together with a forty five thousand dollar school building and four or five residences under construction in the city, is evidence of permanent progress and a bright outlook for the New Year at this the closing of a prosperous old year.

—Trade In Spur—

### DR. ZACHRY AND MISS

### HEDRICK MARRIED FRIDAY

A marriage of unusual interest was that of Dr. Daniel Hayes Zachry and Miss Eula Cornelia Hedrick Friday evening, December 21st, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Jas. M. McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Spur, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Keese in Stamford. Only a few of their friends were present to witness the ceremony, among whom were Miss Carnes of College Station, Miss Lola Stamey of Spur, Miss Emma Ruth Beachamp of Rotan, Mr. Earl Keese and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Keese of Stamford.

Dr. Zachry has been practicing dentistry in Spur the past several years and during the time has made many friends. In his profession Dr. Zachry is recognized among the leaders, and as a citizen there are none better.

Miss Hedrick has been teaching in Spur schools several terms, and is a young lady of accomplishments and high ideals. The Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zachry, wishes and predicts for them many years of true happiness and usefulness.

—Trade In Spur—

### W. O. McCRARY PAINFULLY

### INJURED AT FARMERS GIN

W. O. McCrary was very painfully if not seriously injured Thursday at the Farmers Gin. In making some repairs or adjustment his hand was caught in the suction cogs which mashed and greatly mutilated the hand before the machinery could be stopped. He was brought immediately to the Nichols Sanitarium where the wounds were dressed. Mr. McCrary will be incapacitated for further gin work for a month or two at least on account of this accident.

—Trade In Spur—

### NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular annual meeting of the share-holders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors Room of said bank between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. on the second Tuesday in January same being the 8th day of January A. D. 1924, for the purpose of electing directors for the transaction of any other legitimate business to come before said meeting.—C. A. JONES, President; W. T. ANRDEWS, Jr., Cashier. 9-25.

### YOUNG MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AT MATADOR XMAS

Young Mr. Ford, seventeen years old son of Walter Ford, of Matador, while out hunting Christmas day near Matador shot one of his shoulders off by the accidental discharge of his shot gun. The young man was given immediate medical and surgical attention, but the wound proved fatal the following day, and his remains were interred Thursday in the Matador cemetery.

Walter Ford is a prominent citizen and stock farmer of Matador, and the many friends and acquaintances of the family are shocked and grieved to learn of the accidental death of the young son who was just developing into young manhood and a promising, useful life.

—Trade In Spur—  
Miss Floy Richbourg underwent an operation for appendicitis Friday of this week at the Nichols Sanitarium, and is reported doing well.

—Trade In Spur—  
Mrs. J. T. McCulloch was operated for appendicitis Friday at the Nichols Sanitarium and is reported doing nicely.

### SPUR MUTUAL PAYS FIVE DEATH CLAIMS IN 30 DAYS

Secretary C. C. Haile, of the Spur Mutual Life Insurance Association, reports that during the past thirty days he has paid five death claims upon the association, the total amounting to \$5,225.00. In promptly meeting these claims the money was borrowed and paid to the several families without delay or awaiting returns from assessments upon the membership of the association.

The Spur Mutual is an organization or association of home people for mutual protection and assistance to each and all members. The policies are paid by assessing each member one to two dollars in the case of a death of a member. Its strength and protection lies entirely within its membership under the executive head of the Secretary.

—Trade In Spur—

Misses Thelma Caraway and Lucille Lucas entertained a number of their young friends Thursday evening at the home of Miss Frankie Shugart, a most enjoyable occasion being reported by each one present.

### MRS. MINNIE REESE OF GIRARD, DIED LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. Minnie Reese, of Girard, died Friday of last week following a long protracted illness and a recent operation at the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur, her remains being carried to Girard for interment in the home cemetery. Mrs. Reese had been suffering for many months, and as a last resort was brought to Spur for an operation in the hope of relieving her condition, but without avail. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George, of the Highway community west of Spur. She leaves twelve children, eight boys and four girls. Mrs. Reese was one of a family of twelve children, leaving five sisters and six brothers. She was forty three years of age.

—Trade In Spur—  
Mrs. W. H. Morris and daughter, Miss Afton, of Ralls, spent Christmas in Jayton with Mr. and Mrs. Garnett.

—Trade In Spur—

For Sale—3 Rhode Island Reds and 2 Barred Rock Roosters, \$2 and \$1 each.—J. F. Crump. 5 4tp.



NEW BIG PACKAGE

111 Cigarettes 24 for 15¢

Leo McIntire and wife, of Breck... Mrs. J. J. Lilly and daughter, Mrs...

Trade in Spur... LOST—Bridal veil, December 23...

Trade in Spur... Miss Grace Carnes, of College Sta...

Trade in Spur... Mrs. J. H. Reel, of Grand, Texas...

Trade in Spur... Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Jennings, and...

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Trade in Spur... Misses Virginia and Vivian Renfro...

Trade in Spur... Mrs. W. H. Bryant, who is making...

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The New Calendar

AYS three hundred sixty-four. Like fair, uncut pages are in the volume, yet unread. Of my New Year's calendar...

Though this selfsame calendar Serves us all throughout the years, Hours which make your joy, for me May be fraught with grief and tears;

Days that stretch on far ahead, I must live them one by one, Bearing what may be in store Till the year's long tale is spun. What is written there? I turn One page at a time—and learn!

Falls my lot in pleasant ways? Will death interrupt my task? All is hid from mortal eye. But, Life, just one book I ask; Let me meet courageously Whatsoever fate may be!

M. L. Sandell and wife, of Jayton, were guests Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Morris. Mr. Sandell is cashier of the Jayton Bank, and one of the leading citizens of Kent county.

WE LIKE TO HAVE PEOPLE SAY Can you clean, press and repair my suit in a hurry?

Even in haste we are painstaking and thorough. Call us anytime—we'll call promptly.

EMERGENCY CALLS PLEASE US Ira Sullivan, Prop.

SPUR TAILOR SHOP

Full blood Buff Orpington cockerels for sale.—Mrs. P. E. Hazins, Gilpin, Texas. 3tp

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

NOTICE—Hunting, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing in any way is forbidden in my pastures.—T. A. Johnson, Spur, Texas.

FOR SALE—C melody saxophone, cost \$165, will take \$85. See RAY Harkey at Red Front.

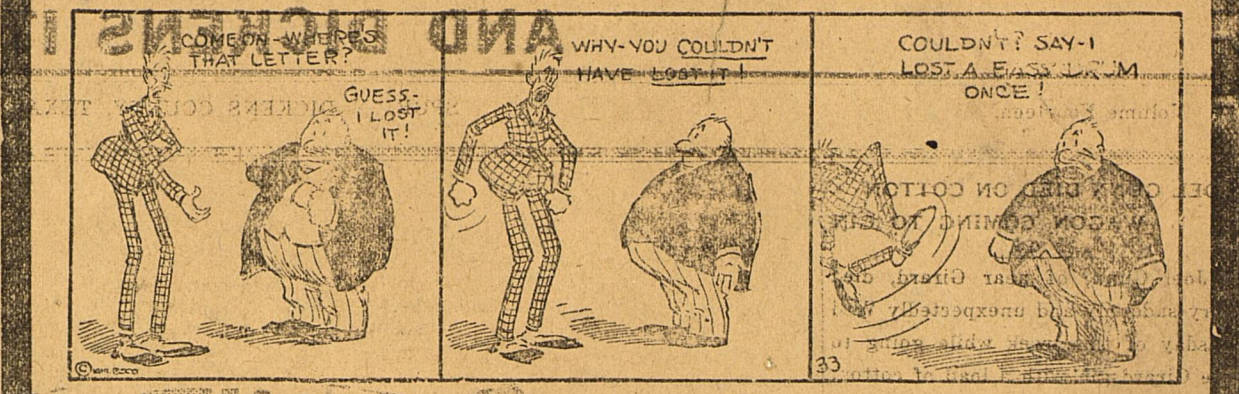
STOP THAT ITCHING Use Blue Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by

City Drug Store

DIRECT MATTRESS CO. THE DIRECT WAY Modern Renovators and Mattress Manufacturers. Feather Beds made into Sanitary Folding Feather Mattresses. All work call for and delivered anywhere free of charge. WAGLAY & JAMES Phone 211 Spur, Texas. This Co. is a branch of the D. M. of Dallas

Notice! Home Builders THERE IS NO BETTER MATERIAL FOR BUILDING THAN CONCRETE. FOR YOUR FOUNDATIONS, STEPS, SIDE WALKS, CURBS AND GUTTER, USE CONCRETE. LET ME DESIGN YOUR LAWN ORNAMENTS, DRIVEWAYS, ORNAMENTAL WALKS AND STEPS. SEE ME FOR THE BEST. Build for the Future Chas. Whitener FOR SUDDEN SERVICE PHONE 204

BERTIE AND ALEC. Bertie's Some Farmer.



Good Quality in Shoes Is the only thing worth while buying; you want to be sure that you get it. Our business is to see that you get good values; we try to be sure of every shoe that we sell. LET US SHOE YOUR FEET.

C. Hogan & Co. Spur, Tex. The Store That Strives to Please

Plainview Nursery, Plainview, Texas One trees are bearing all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

THE HOME GUARDS LIVERGARD is the New Laxative we can not improve, except all others. When a laxative is needed, makes laughing babies of puny ones, keeps old folks young.

LUNGARDIA has no equal for Coughs, Colds, Sore Throats, and is successful in removing deep Coughs of long standing. One trial convinces. Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.

FOR SALE My home on Hill Street at \$3,000. \$1000 each, balance terms. 82 acre one mile from Spur at \$100.00 per acre all in cultivation. 6 acres in alfalfa, building and other improve...

FOR SALE 344 acres at \$15 per acre, 60 acres in cultivation living water in creek, 1-2 half 9 years at 1-2 per cent interest, balance cash and terms, might consider some trade. G. L. Barber.

SPEARMAN LANDS SEAGRAVES, TEXAS One Dollar per acre cash and One Dollar per acre for five years. Two Dollars per acre thereafter. Six per cent interest. Write for Particulars.

FOR NURSERY STOCK Fruit trees, shades and ornamentals. See D. J. Gilbert, Rt. 1, B. 7, Spur, 4tp

FOR SALE—20 acre block, four room house, good improvements. A bargain. See me at home or in Spur.

FOR SALE—Barred Rock Cockerel Premium takers at the Sair K Mrs. L. E. McClellan, Spbr, Texas

Mrs. Ora Kelly, of Roaring Springs, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium, following a recent operation, is now reported almost completely recovered and will be removed to her home within a few days.

W. A. Craddock, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium for some time suffering of blood poisoning in the arm, walked out on the street Christmas day. Mr. Craddock has been suffering greatly with his arm. In fact, we understand that an operation was performed in removing a portion of the bone from the affected arm. We are glad to know that Mr. Craddock is recovering and will soon be about his business.

Tom Cross was in Spur Thursday of this week from his ranch home over in Kent county. He recently leased six sections of grass additional to his ranch holdings, and is stocking it with steers principally and stocker cows. He expects to hit the market on the up grade and make up for some of the losses he has had in the past year.

RIBBON CANE SYRUP A car of pure East Texas Ribbon Cane Syrup, grown and raised around Pittsburg, Texas, for sale in Spur by Miller & Crockett at the old Hazel building, and also by some of the grocery merchants of Spur, 8tf.

Hamp Collett dropped in during the holidays and cheered us along the way to the extent of a year's subscription. Hamp has been cooking for the Swenson camp wagon, but has resigned the position to be at home more.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. C. Edwards and family returned Wednesday night from Fort Worth where they spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cannella. They made the trip through the country in their car.

Mrs. W. H. Bryant, who is making her home in Mineral Wells, spent the holidays with Mr. Bryant, on the Pitchfork ranch. During the time Mrs. Bryant was here she also visited with friends in Spur.

ATTENTION! Feeders and Feeder Buyers THE FOLLOWING BREEDERS ARE USING MY PURE BRED BULLS IN THEIR HIGH GRADE HERDS AND ARE PRODUCING SOME EXCELLENT FEEDER CALVES. THE ABOVE GENTLEMEN ARE OWNERS OF FAMOUS ESPUELA'S BY PRINCE RUPERT AND I HAVE A FEW YOUNG BULLS AND COWS FOR SALE. YOURS, FOR BETTER, HEREFORDS. Chas. Whitener Phone 204, Spur, Texas



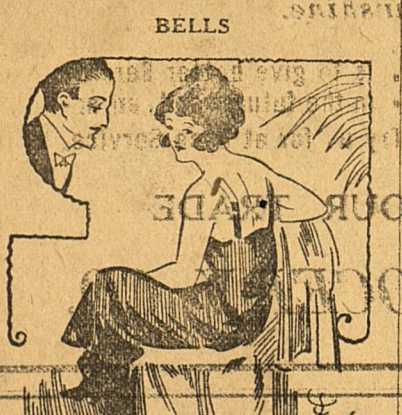
THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable Dickens County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, once a week for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously published in said county for a period of not less than one year for the following NOTICE

Persons Interested in the Wills of Essie G. Alexander, Minnie L. Alexander, Eddie L. Alexander, L. A. Alexander, Minors: Mrs. Ida Roberts, guardian of the estates of said minors, do hereby notified that Mrs. Roberts has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, application for letters of guardianship upon the estates of said minors, to-wit: Essie G. Alexander, Minnie L. Alexander, and Eddie L. Alexander, and on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1923, said court duly appointed temporary guardians of the estates of said minors and at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the Third Monday in January, A. D. 1924, being the 21st day of January, A. D. 1924, at the court house thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may, and are hereby cited to appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at said term of said court, then the same shall be made permanent.

Herein fail not, but have you there and there before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Dickens, Texas, this 21st day of November, A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk County Court of Dickens County, Texas. Josephine Cessman, Deputy.



BELLS

Mr. Lover—Hark! the New Year bells have Don't you think them the sweetest one can hear? Miss Love—With the exception of the wedding bells, Mr. Lover, I do not.

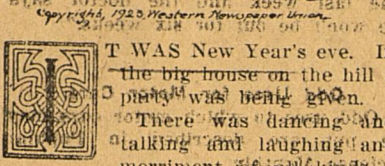
WANTED—To rent a share crop, plenty of force to work 200 acres or more. J. F. Ataway, Route 1, Spur, Texas, Texas, Box 25.

Trade in Spur—Jack Stringer and family, of Lubbock, spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Randleman and other friends and relatives.

WHEN WANTING MONUMENTS SEE CAMPBELL & CAMPBELL

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New Year's Eve Party by Mary Graham Bonner



IT WAS New Year's eve. In the big house on the hill a party was being given. There was dancing and talking and laughing and merriment of all kinds. The music was still ringing over the door as it had rung throughout the Christmas season. "Luring" shy youths to snatch kisses from shy but eager maidens and encouraging those youths who needed his encouragement. The music played on, the dancers never wearied. And then suddenly it stopped. All was very still following a trumpet call. The lights were turned out. A door leading into the big dancing room from the out-of-doors was opened. A man, with long white hair and long white hair, hobbling along upon a stick, a lantern in his hand.

He threw a light as he walked along and going out of the opened door waved an arm as though in farewell and was just about to shut the door when, lo and behold, a little girl rushed in, clad in very few garments, all young and excited and bounding with spirits. The door closed. He was within. The lights were turned on. Around and around, in and out of the people he danced, while the music played faster, faster, faster.

And then he made a low bow and dashed out of the dancing room. There was applause. All the guests clapped their hands. They called for the little, young dancer.

But as they called, in rushed a group of small boys, under their arms they carried imitation newspapers and as they rushed about they cried, "Extra! Extra! See about the great new arrival!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year has many packages of joy to scatter over the earth this year!"

"He will be with us for twelve months!" His stay is to be exactly that long.

"He danced for you now. And he will come in response to the encore you gave him and dance again."

"And after that he will give his encore day by day if you call for him and ask for the happiness, which he has to give to dance in your hearts!"

"Extra! Extra! The New Year is here!" And around they went with their newspapers to every guest.

Then the little New Year came in and danced once more and then left with kisses and New Year greetings to all.

Once more the dancing began for everyone until just into the New Year they danced.

It was splendid to begin the New Year with dancing!

perceptibly drifted apart? Looking back, he recalled now, with a half shudder of remorse, many little instances where she had tried to bring the old ways back, which he, in the blind stupidity of taking things for granted attitude had treated lightly and passed by. He recalled with a pang one particular instance—a wed-

ding anniversary, it was when she had met him at the door in a pretty gown and when she had gone to all manner of trouble in preparing a wonderful dinner, with all his favorite dishes, and when during the meal she had asked him several times if he were not forgetting something. And when after dinner she was over and she reminded him that this was their anniversary he had only mumbled through his evening paper.



"Yes, I guess it is, but I had forgotten all about it." "All these things came to him now, as often before a dying man will flash in a few moments a hundred episodes of his life, and he realized with a sudden rush of feeling how empty and desolate his life would be with Evelyn out of it entirely. True, for a long time now he had just taken her presence for granted—had just thought of her as some one who was always there—some one who was necessary to his well-being and comfort, just as some article of comfort and convenience might be, but now he realized how much she meant to him, and he knew that the love which he had thought was dead and buried, was still burning, but that its flame was not felt because of the heavy curtain, his indifference and neglect had thrown over it. And then it was that Arthur Williams made a New Year resolution and one which he kept through all the years that followed, judging from the new happiness which came to him and his wife and from the buoyancy and hopeful attitude toward the future which he brought to his tasks each day.

Trade in Spur—Mammoth thorough bred, Bronze turkeys for sale at reasonable prices. C. M. Williams, 711

G. WORSWICK, Attorney-at-Law, Practice in District and Higher Courts in County Attorney's Office.

W. D. WILSON, Attorney-at-Law, General Practice, Spur Nat'l Bank Bldg., Spur, Texas.

W. E. LESSING, Attorney-at-Law, Practice in All Courts, Office over Spur Nat'l Bank.

J. E. MORRIS, Physician & Surgeon, Diseases of women and children made a specialty. Office over the Spur National Bank Building.

DR. P. C. NICHOLS, Physician & Surgeon, Office, Phone 168—Res., 167. All Calls Attended. Office at the Nichols Sanitarium.

DR. M. H. BRANNEN, Dentist, Office over Spur Nat'l Bank.

DR. D. H. MACHRY, Dentist, Offices formerly occupied by Dr. Brasher, Spur, Texas.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR Another year has passed and we thank our patrons for their liberal support during the past twelve months. In appreciation we will endeavor to add to our stock of jewelry and watch the very best obtainable for the coming year. We want you to know and feel that we exert every effort to present to you only dependable goods that are worth every dollar you pay for them. "Where Quality and Service Count I Win" W. C. GRUBEN, Jeweler and Optician

RED DEER'S PHILOSOPHY. Illustration of a man sitting at a desk. Text: "The unwritten law of business: Make Good or Make Room."

Planting Seed. We have bought a Carload of Planting Seed and will have MABANK Long Staple and KASCH, as good as can be bought in Texas, which we will sell the Farmers at actual cost, for cash, which is \$2.00 per bushel, delivered in Spur. Seed will be shipped in the Spring, before planting time. Call at our office and leave your orders. You can pay for the seed now or when they are delivered.

Milligan Gin Co. Illustration of a gin machine. Text: "There is no opening between the mudguards and the body of Buick automobiles. The car is completely protected against mud and water by the distinctive Buick design."

Ford Batteries 14.00

Buick Batteries 17.00

Dodge Batteries 19.00

One Year Guarantee on All Batteries

GODFREY & SMART Spur, Texas

VALVE-IN-HEAD Buick. Illustration of a Buick car. Text: "Another reason why Buick is The Standard of Comparison."

Table with columns for Buick models and prices. Models include Five Passenger Touring, Three Passenger Sport Roadster, Five Passenger Sedan, Touring, Service Sedan, Seven Passenger Touring, Seven Passenger Sedan, Five Passenger Sedan, Four Passenger Coupe.

SPUR BUICK COMPANY SPUR, TEXAS. When better automobiles are built, Buick will build them.



# Marcia's New Year's Slogan

by Martha B. Thomas

**N**O MATTER how doggedly she tried, Marcia could not put him out of her mind. Her eyes would be looking straight at the ugly pine-wood dresser in her tiny room, and there, magically pictured would appear his face. It was the strangest and most aggravating thing! She shook herself free of these fancies and picked up a book. New Year's eve promised to pass very quietly for her. Some of the girls in the store were sitting up . . . but for some inexplicable reason she had declined their friendly invitations to join them. It would be so noisy, so tiresome—and then the trip home afterwards, not to mention work next day. No, she was happier in her tiny, stuffed-up room. Books were good company. He had said so, and she was nightly discovering the truth for herself.

That very day he had sauntered up to the counter where she was clerk,



and bought a pair of gloves—ladies' gloves. He had told her, smiling a little, that they were to be a New Year's gift. "Maybe she won't like them," he added—"I hardly know just what to select."

Marcia timidly offered to help, if he could give her any general idea of the lady's taste.

"Why, she's a dainty person," he smiled again. "not so very big, not so very small. She'd want something good, I fancy, but not too well—she seemed to be searching for the exact qualification, 'not too conspicuous or strange!' That was the best he could do, and they laughed together. After careful consultation, gloves of a fine, heavy leather were bought and paid for. They were gloves that any one would be happy to wear on the street; there was a well-made and quiet distinction about them which produced a soft sigh of wistfulness from Marcia. But she was entirely unconscious of it.

At this point in her reflections there came a knock at her door. "Telephone, Miss Dunn," announced the landlady. There was something particularly knowing and kindly in her voice.

Marcia flew downstairs. She hardly knew what she expected, but her heart was behaving so outrageously that she could hardly gasp a feeble "Hello!" into the transmitter.

"Is that you, Miss Dunn?" asked a delightfully masculine voice.

"Yes," quavered Marcia.

"I just called up," continued the voice. "I just called up, er—" there was a break of what seemed slight embarrassment, then came strongly, "What's the use of beating about the bush? I called up to ask if I could run over to see you this evening? I'd like to persuade you to go on a mild little party with me. I tried to ask you today while I was buying those gloves, but I lost my nerve."

Marcia was able to produce faint sounds which appeared to encourage the voice at the other end.

"Your landlady knows me, because I used to come to see a man who lived there, so she can vouch for my character. For two weeks I've tried to ask you about tonight. I couldn't think of a nicer way to start the New Year, than having a little party with you.



"I've got tickets for a show, and after that we'll have a little snack of something to eat, if you want to. And I'll bring along the gloves . . . you picked 'em out, so they ought to suit!"

Marcia skimmed upstairs again like a bird. What were two flights when the nicest-man-in-the-world asked you to go to the theater with him! And he was bringing the gloves for her! This was a New Year's day to remember. As she stood panning on her hat before the mirror, she made a sudden resolution, the first that had occurred to her, though this was the properest time for doing such things. "I'll always believe the best is going to happen. See how wonderfully things have turned out, and ten minutes ago

I was as blue as indigo. It just shows that it is silly wasting thoughts on unpleasant subjects. This will be my New Year slogan: 'Believe the Best! It won't hurt you, and it may help.'"

Some time later when Marcia and the very-nicest-man-in-the-world were enjoying the theater, she whispered to him her resolution.

He declared it was the finest one he ever heard, and then made so bold as to inquire if it had anything at all to do with his coming! Marcia pretended not to hear him.

It might be added that the gloves were a perfect fit.

## Father Time's Baby

**F**ATHER TIME has called the New Year his Young Hopeful. He presents him as a happy urchin with a smiling face.

Thus we welcome him. We always make new investments in hope on January first.

We are not disposed to criticize Time's new boy. The criticism of a flower adds to our knowledge, but it spoils the flower.

Even if the future brings something of disappointment it will leave us something to still hope for.

The hope of a sail has sustained many a castaway upon this island of a world.

It is such a pleasure to hope that one could thank God for it, though he never realized it.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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## New Year Skating

By Mary Graham Bonner

**I**N THAT crisp, cold, bright New Year's day they went skating. The children home for the holidays, the fathers home from business, the mothers who were having a glorious afternoon in the out-of-doors—all took part in the New Year skating party which was being given.

The ice was firm, hard and smooth. Never had it seemed so wonderful. The air was invigorating. There was no wind. It was an ideal day for a skating party. Afterward they would go back for a New Year's supper party and sit around a big fire telling stories. They would all be at the party. It would be for both old and young, for was not New Year's day a day that was young and yet so close to the oldest day of the year that had gone before?

And in the meantime they skated and laughed and sang songs and fell down and laughed some more and played games. All of them joined in.

And they looked about them at the frozen lake and at the hills surrounding with the glow of the first afternoon's rosy light upon them. It was a beautiful world and people in it were so beautiful, too. Had it anything to do with the wishes for a Happy New Year which everyone had been wishing everyone else that day?

And not only that—but the wishes in the hearts of each which were sincere wishes for happiness in the gay, good, New Year just commencing?

## UNCLE EBEN TOO BUSY

"I have a great respect," said Uncle Eben, "for the man that is too busy shovellin' snow to prance around wishin' everybody 'Happy New Year' when dey bumps on his sidewalk."

## A Projectile's Speed.

Experiments with improved instruments for measuring the velocity of projectiles have shown that the speed continues to increase after the missile has left the mouth of the gun. Leaving the muzzle with a velocity of about 1,474 feet a second, a projectile has been observed to increase its speed to about 1,680 feet per second within the first six feet. It is only after having traveled about 25 yards that the projectile's velocity becomes reduced to the speed that it had on leaving the muzzle. This is ascribed to the impulse of the expanded gas being felt for some distance beyond the gun's mouth.

## He Knows Now.

Slam, bang, crash! Thus was shattered the silence of the night. After that final crash came a pause that was portentous. A faint stir was heard.

Mother whispered: "Dear me, father didn't know we moved the hat rack."

"Well, he knows now," muttered grandfather.

## AUTOMATIC STORM SIGNALS

Mechanical Device Gives Warning to Electric Light Stations by Ringing a Bell.

The passage of a summer storm cloud over a great city means that there will be a very large demand made upon the electric light stations for increased current, says the Providence Journal. If the power and light generating station was not prepared for this call the industries of the locality would be greatly hampered and the complaints would be overwhelming, so that these situations must be anticipated.

Until recently it has been the custom to keep on the lookout for storms by posting an observer on the top of the building and upon the approach of a threatening cloud the alarm would be given and the fires under the boilers would be forced, additional generators thrown into service and other preparations made to meet the emergency, and under the old system these preparations entailed considerable work in the way of notifying different departments, some located at some distance, by a rather elaborate system of calling or signaling.

Recently a mechanical means of accomplishing this has been arrived at. A little device near the desk of the superintendent detects the approach of a storm and gives the alarm by ringing a bell, intermittently at first and later more insistently, whereupon the superintendent gets up and going to the other end of the room moves a lever or two and touches a few electric buttons and the whole system has been notified to get ready for a storm.

## PLAN TO BLOW OUT DISEASE

British Doctors Will Use Trade Winds Against the Mosquitoes of Samoa.

Pacific trade winds will be used in an attempt literally to blow disease out of the Samoa islands, according to plans of Dr. Patrick A. Buxton, leader of the expedition of the London School of Tropical Medicine, which recently set sail for the South seas. Tuberculosis and other diseases threaten the extinction of the natives of the Samoa group of islands and it is thought their susceptibility may be due to a condition caused by a tiny parasite carried by the Stegomyia mosquito. This mosquito does not seem to be able to exist where the dense undergrowth is cut down. By cutting airways through the dense jungle so that the Pacific trade winds can blow through it, it is hoped that the insects will be blown away. An intensive attack, which will also include substituting modern cisterns for the hollowed coconut storage tanks which furnish breeding places for the mosquitoes, will be made first in one of the small islands of the group. The expedition is expected to be in the tropics for two years.

## Modern Quarrying.

The quarries of a Vermont company produce every year more than 1,000,000 cubic feet of stone. In the early days the quarrying proper was done largely by manual and animal labor. At present, four hydro-electric power stations, supplemented by two steam-driven generating stations, when necessary, supply the power to run all the machinery in the quarries. One especially interesting application of electric power is seen in the "gang saws," that saw the giant blocks of marble into slabs of varying thickness. The saws are made of soft iron one-eighth of an inch thick and four inches wide and are toothless. Small pumps deliver a mixture of sand and water to the saw and the sand does the cutting. There are at the quarries more than 300 of these electrically-run gangs which work in groups of from twelve to forty-three.

## Ancient Egypt's Tools.

Stone adzes used by Egyptians nearly 5,000 years ago to hew out tombs in soft limestone are almost identical in form with the stone adzes used by Hawaiians to within recent years to cut wood. Dr. Henry S. Washington of the Carnegie institute, who points out this similarity, says that it may support the theory that the culture which existed on the Pacific islands and in America before the time of Columbus originated in ancient Egypt about 800 B. C., and was spread westward by sailors. However, he thinks it more probable that the Hawaiians and Egyptians worked out the problem of rough cutting with hard stone in much the same way, but independently.—Science Service.

## Fill Sacks From the Bottom.

Cement sacks are tied before they are filled—and filled bottom side up. Each sack has a hole in one of its lower corners that is covered by a valve—simply a flap of cloth. After the sack has been fastened at the top with a wire tie, it is put on a machine bottom side up and the cement, added by an elaborate mechanism, flows in through a 1-inch tube. When the sack

contains just 94 pounds automatically cut off and the sack drops to a moving belt, which carries it out to the freight car.

## He's Home Now.

"I wish I could think of something to keep my husband at home in the evenings," said Mrs. Johnson.

"Give him a motor car," suggested Mrs. Smithson.

"He'd be out more than ever then." "No, indeed. My husband bought one last week and the doctor says he won't be out for six weeks."

## Odd Uses for Motor Cars.

Odd uses to which motor cars may be put are described in Popular Science Monthly.

J. M. Schofield of Stockton, Cal., uses a small touring car to help him dig wells. On the way to and from jobs his car pulls a four-wheel trailer loaded with more than a ton of digging tools. Ingenious appliances enable him to use it as a stationary engine for such work as raising derricks, drilling and pumping.

E. W. Tee of Brooklyn, N. Y., uses his car to prevent the water supply at his country place from running short. He raises the rear end of the car, removes a tire, slips a belt over the rim, and operates a pump until the tank is filled.

Samuel D. Lamis of Hannibal, N. Y., uses his car to haul a mowing machine when the time comes to cut hay on his farm.

## Correcting the Sentence.

The following story is credited to the one and only G. B. Shaw. It concerns an acquaintance who was a schoolmaster and who at the time was taking a class of very small boys in English grammar. On the board he

had written the sentence, "The toast was drunk in silence," asking the class to correct any mistake they could find in it. For some moments there was no response, but finally a youngster held up his hand and at a nod from the master stalked gravely up to the blackboard to make his correction. When he had finished the sentence read, "The toast was ate in silence."

## Cook on Exhaust of Car.

Auto tourists can use the heat of their engines to cook their meals by means of an exhaust attachment perfected by an Oregon inventor, according to the Popular Science Monthly. The oven fits over the exhaust manifold, which supplies the heat. Food may be cooked while the car is in motion, since the pots and pans are supplied with lids that lock securely, somewhat similar to those used in fireless cookers.

## Imperial Palace Often Burned.

The Japanese imperial palace at Tokyo was originally finished in 1656 and for centuries was occupied by the shoguns, the virtual rulers of the country. It has been the residence of the emperor of Japan since 1868, but it has been so often destroyed by fire that the present structure dates only from 1888.

## Test of True Love.

She—You don't love me any more! He—Why do you say that? "The last three times you've left before father made you."

## Trade in Spur.

FOR SALE—My farm 3 miles west of Dickens on highway, 165 acres, 90 acres in cultivation. See or write C. C. Cobb, Dickens, Texas.

## Trade in Spur.

# OLD AND NEW YEAR

We hate to see them go. Each one that goes leaves behind relations both pleasant and unpleasant. Let's forget and remember those that are pleasant.

We appreciate the many friends that have traded with us this year. It has been our aim to give our customers

## The Best There Was in Us

and we wish for them in the NEW YEAR a strict guidance by the hand of fortune, and that the New Year may be filled with sunshine.

Our Resolution: is to give better Service in the future and an appreciation of your trade. Try us for at once Service.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE

# SPUR GROCERY CO.

## BUSINESS ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to announce to the public that I will now devote most of my time to the sale of Monuments. I represent the Coggins Company of Canton, Ga., a company which is widely advertised as being very reliable. Having sold my Mattress business, I expect to look after all prospects and sales promptly, and guarantee every one a fair deal. Your orders will be very much appreciated.

N. O. PHILLIPS, Spur, Texas

## Notice of Dividend Payment

On January 1, 1924, the fourteenth regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the 7% Cumulative Preferred Stock of this Company will be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.

This dividend will be paid to more than 13,000 stockholders, of whom 12,000 are residents of the territory served by this Company.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY  
13th Dividend

The regular quarterly Dividend of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will be paid on January 25, 1924 to stockholders of record at the close of business on December 20, 1923.



**SURGERY OF HEART ON TRIAL**

German Expert Reports That the Cutting of the Nerve Fibers Ends Acute Pains.

Numerous statements relative to the relief by surgical operation of a heretofore almost intractable disease—angina pectoris—have appeared recently. Patients with the heart as the severe pains affliction, are usually treated with this of sedative drugs by treated by thods; the relief is and physical and recurrent attacks however, tempt distress and protracted caused from following vent those operations, says Hygiene, their surgical methods are based on the pains are conducted by clippers which are accessible to neon, and that relief might be by dividing these fibers. One surgeon reported that he had the operation in six cases excellent results. The cutting of the nerve caused a cessation of the pains, although it was not clear whether this result was due to a fall in the blood pressure or to a loss of sensibility in the parts.

Last February two American surgeons reported the results of the use of this surgical method in five cases. Death occurred in one case, and marked improvement resulted in the four remaining cases. Cases have continued to be reported both in the American and the foreign medical literature.

Some physicians have questioned the use of the method on the grounds that the pain was a warning signal which caused the patient to lead a conservative life. The field appears to be promising but is still strictly on trial.

**DISLIKE THE SMALL PANES**

Window Cleaners Would Rather Work Near Tops of the Loftiest Skyscrapers.

Whatever else may be said of Washington square it may be truthfully chronicled that it is the bugaboo of the window cleaners, that race of men who nonchalantly pose on window sills at dizzy heights while you hold your breath in incredulous horror.

Any window cleaner in the city will tell you that he would rather wash the panes of the highest floor of a skyscraper than go to the most modest of Washington square or Greenwich Village apartments to work, says the New York Sun and Globe.

"It's easy to understand," explained the head of one of the window-cleaning companies, "for most of the windows in the Washington square or Greenwich Village section are of the so-called French type, and are divided up into a number of small panes. Each of these naturally has to be cleaned individually and so the window takes that much longer to do. The more windows our men clean the higher their wages are, so naturally they want to get through as quickly as possible."

**"Metal Mike" as Helmsman.**

An American coasting vessel recently completed a voyage of 12,000 miles with a machine as helmsman. Except for taking the vessel in and out of port, the steering was done solely by this new device, and the vessel kept a straight course throughout the trip, at no time deviating from it by more than a sixth of a degree.

The new apparatus is known among "Metal Mike" has become so effective to the ship's compass in such a way that directly the vessel's nose begins to take it out of the true course, an electric contact is set in motion, which moves the helm and brings the ship back to the right position. Now that "Metal Mike," has become so effective in practice, it probably will be fitted to other boats.

**Alaska to Make Paper.**

Development of an important pulp and paper industry in southeastern Alaska is inevitable because of the water power, timber and transportation conditions there, in the opinion of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. "The rate of development of the pulp and paper industry of the territory," says Mr. Wallace, "will be controlled by the economic factor of distance from present consumption centers and by the necessity, inherent in the industry itself, for large capital investments, rather than by physical disadvantages. The physical conditions in southeastern Alaska—presence of cheaply developed power, an enormous supply of inexpensive wood and the availability of water transportation—are the very factors which make inevitable the expansion of pulp and paper manufacturing in the territory."

**Old Calendar Sheds.**

The adoption of the Gregorian calendar by the Russian orthodox church through a recent proclamation by Archbishop Tikhon means that the entire Christian world will celebrate Christmas this year on the same date for the first time since 1581, the Inter-

national Fixed Calendar league announced.

The Russian and Greek churches for centuries followed the Julian calendar, which caused them to celebrate Christmas from 10 to 13 days after the rest of the Christian churches.

**Near Plunkville.**

"What has become of that bad curve just outside of Plunkville?" "The town did away with it." "A good idea." "Yes, it was cheaper to do that than to build a hospital."

**Trade in Spur.**

**PICK SPORTS TO SUIT JOB**

Your Recreation Should Be Entire Change From Your Work, Says Expert.

Keeping your health is merely a matter of using your common sense, according to Dr. C. Ward Crampton, well-known health authority of New York city. The whole solution of the problem, he declares, is contained in three words: "Recreate or wreck."

No man needs any guidance but his own in selecting his proper form of recreation, asserts Doctor Crampton, writing in Popular Science Monthly. Anything that is an entire change from his daily work will suffice.

"Change your clothes, change your mind, change your attitude," he advises. "If you have a white-collar job, put on a flannel shirt. If you have a flannel-shirt job, a white collar as a change will have its merits. If you work indoors—go out. If you are out of doors all day—stay inside. If you sit or stand at your work, walk, run or dance for recreation. If you are continually meeting many people, seek seclusion. If you work alone, seek congenial company. If your work is with your head, seek vigorous muscular activities. If your work is mainly muscular work, seek some mind-testing recreation.

"Above all, get the play spirit. Get into the game. Recreate, and so recreate your body. It holds big profits for you."

**BIG CONCRETE PLANT AFLOAT**

Interesting Mechanical Contrivance for Use in Great Lakes Harbor Improvements.

Among the interesting mechanical sights on the Great Lakes is a complete concrete plant afloat. This has been used in important harbor improvements, and the plant has a capacity of 150 yards a day. It rests upon a scow, which is easily run alongside of the cribs on which the concrete dock is to be built. The concrete is poured into the forms from one end of the scow.

At the forward end of the scow are separate divisions for crushed stone and sand. A whirle located just to the rear of these is used to lift the stone and sand to the mixer. The cement is kept in a house to the rear of the whirle, and is raised to the mixer by means of an elevator. To the elevator it is loaded and unloaded by hand. Power to operate the machinery and to furnish electric light is supplied by an upright engine.

**Our Most Beautiful Words.**

A somewhat novel contest was held recently in New York to decide the twenty most beautiful words in the English language. Thousands of people took part, and John Shea, a lawyer, was declared the winner. Of the 25 words submitted by Mr. Shea, 21 were accepted. The words accepted were: Melody, splendor, adoration, eloquence, virtue, innocence, faith, joy, honor, radiance, nobility, sympathy, heaven, love, divine, hope, harmony, happiness, purity, liberty. Three words were rejected: "Grace," "justice" and "truth." The two former were eliminated, it was explained, because of the harshness of the "g" in "grace," and the "j" in "justice." The word "truth" was eliminated because of its metallic sound. Why the words "mother" and "home" were not included in the list will appear somewhat puzzling to many readers.

**Beggar Pitied the Queen.**

The recent celebration of Queen Wilhelmina's jubilee revives many stories of her youth in Florence, where she lived for a while with her mother. It is related that one day they were going along the Lung Arno, when they were accosted by a beggar. The queen regent wanted to push on, fearing that her daughter might catch some fearful disease, but the little queen, having a will of her own, insisted on stopping. She questioned the man in broken Italian, believing herself quite unknown, and on proceeding gave him half a franc. He looked from the silver in his hand to her, and then back again, and at last said, with an air of impertinence: "So your subjects keep you as short as that! Poor queen."

**Trade in Spur.**

JOAL ON TRACK ALL WEEK.

—P. H. MILLER.

**His New Year Resolution**

**Katherine Edelman**

ARTHUR WILLIAMS came down to the office all out of sorts with everything and everybody, so much so that when Clark Winston began to confide in him about the many good resolutions that he was making for the New Year he tried to cut him off with a sharp retort.

But Clark Winston, bubbling with the exuberance of youth, and radiant with the enthusiasm of the newly-engaged, was not easily rebuked. "Not make New Year resolutions?" he said. "Why! that's just what the New Year's for. It takes a day like it to jolt a fellow out of the rut he has been traveling in too long, and to keep us from growing away from the ideals of our school days. So, you bet you, I'll be making good resolutions this year and try to keep them, too, so I'll be worthy of the love of the best little girl in the world."

Arthur Williams turned away impatiently and went to his desk. But all morning there came to him again and again the memory of the conversation and the look that had been on Clark Winston's face as he had voiced his determination to make New Year resolutions. Each time the thought came to him he tried to put it from him, but somehow he found it hard to do.

For there had come to him, too, the memory of a time when he, too, had made such resolutions—when he, too, had looked to the future with the desire deep within him to make himself more worthy each day of the woman who had consented to be his. Now, however, he was content to drift along with the tide, to take each day as just a repetition of the one before—content to just hold the place he occupied in the business world, and worse; almost content with the home life that was now his, almost indifferent to the fact that he and his wife had slowly drifted apart and that the ardent love which had been theirs in the long ago seemed to be now dead.

But in other days it had been different with him—he had then been just as full of hope in the future—as full of the fire of zeal and devotion toward the woman who was his as any man could be. How, he asked himself now, had it come to be that things were as they were? Was it that his love for his wife was dead, that he ceased to long for her, or was it her love for him that had almost im-

**Trade in Spur—AM I A CHILD OF GOD?**

1. I must believe on him who has risen for, "without faith it is impossible to please Him."
2. I must believe that He really lives, and those who seek Him a reward to them He gives.
3. Except I repent and turn from sin I can in no wise His Kingdom enter in. I must deny ungodliness and worldly lusts, and in His grace alone I must trust.
4. If I would on the Bible base my claim I must gladly confess my Saviour's name. If I would not be denied before the Father above I must confess Him before men in a tone of love.
5. If I would be saved—freed from sin. I must be buried by baptism with Him, for I cannot believe

**WE WISH**

You a Happy New Year

With all the Joy it may bring.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE

one so wise as He would ask a essential thing of me.

5. Now these four things having already done, I find as a Christian I have only begun; for if I would be a worker brave and true I must all things He bids me carefully do.

6. I must surely flee from every form of sin and provide things honest in the sight of men. If it be possible I should peaceably live even with my enemies and freely forgive.

7. If I would keep the banner of pure religion unfurled, I must keep myself unspotted from the world. And surely I should never cease to pray, but rejoice and walk beside him every day.

8. I must study if approved into God I would show. Myself a work man, not ashamed but true: for if I would teach on the Spirit demands.

8. I must know all the blessed commands.

9. I must meet with His people in communion where our hearts are drawn in closer union; for His precious blood was shed for me and He bids me, "Do this in my memory."

10. I must give of my means to support His work. From my duty I must never shirk—I must add the Christian great, true and grand. If I would on His promises stand.

11. Now, when I have done all these and my Spirit with Him agrees then answer me in a tone meek and mild. Am I not the Heavenly Father's Child?

**Trade in Spur.**

My place for sale on easy terms, will consider some trade.—Fred Danforth. 7 Apr.

**Trade in Spur.**

LOST—One brief Case west of Dickens on the Crosbyton road name W. H. Cook Jr., Clarendon, Texas. Return to the County Clerks office for reasonable reward. 9 2t.

**New Year Greeting's**

So here's a hearty "Thank you" for your good will in the past, and the best of wishes for your prosperity, health and happiness in 1914

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At Spur, Texas  
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Hen, heavy	-	-	-	12cts
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Spring under 2 1-2 lbs	-	-	-	12cts
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Cox	-	-	-	4cts
Guinea	-	-	-	15cts each

We guarantee these prices, and more if market justifies.

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JEWELS OF GRATITUDE

To the various Lodges, Churches and Friends, who so graciously remembered me in my affliction during the Christmas tide I lift my heart a tender appreciation. Stowed away in my sacred urn of memory will forever rest these jewels. Closing a busy career of 50 years in North and West Texas, and past the 75 years of my day it is joy to review the caravan of life's friendships, love and truth among men of service to their fellow man.

"Friendship, love and truth" are the indestructible pearls of human existence, and are the only monuments that can survive and grow beyond the mutability of dissolving years. "Service" to our fellow man is the crowning glory of man. May we all meet its reward in the deathless radiance of the garden of our God.

With the hope of a blessed New Year for all I beg to be as ever,  
Yours,  
F. N. Oliver, Spur, Texas.

FOR SALE—3 nice Jersey cows heavy milkers will freshen next 10 days.—C. P. Harris.

Fancy S. C. R. I. Red cockerels \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00; hens \$1.50 and \$2.50.—Mrs. A. B. Morgan, Rt. A Box 39, Spur, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greetings: Whereas you are hereby commanded and caused to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year, in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of John Kirby Fourn, and Robert Weldon Board, Minors, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Guardianship, upon the persons and Estate of said Minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1924, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 20th day of December, A. D. 1924.

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

LOST—Saturday afternoon on the streets of Spur, one gold knife, price tag \$7.50 attached. Finder please return to Jen Adams, Spur, Texas and receive reward. 9 11p

Good winter pasture for 20 to 30 head of stock.—B. Harris. 8 1/2

50 GOOD CIGARETTES 10c  
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A number of Good Farms from \$20.00 to 750.00 per acre, at good terms. Also some good Raw Land from \$7.00 to \$25.00  
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See or call me at once  
I will be at your service  
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WE LEAD IN BAKING BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDIES

When your money is in the bank you won't spend it, it can't burn up nor be stolen; it is absolutely safe.  
Look back over the past years and you will quickly find where you have been careless and foolish in the way you spent your money. A good deal of this came from having the money in your pocket. If that money had been in our bank, you would probably still have it, and would have grown to a nice round sum. Forget the past, today is here. Come in and start a bank account and by REGULARLY depositing your spare money, you will soon have money.  
CITY NATIONAL BANK  
SPUR, TEXAS

Additional Spur Farm Land Offering  
WE HAVE PLACED ON SALE A LARGE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE OF SPUR LAND, WHICH WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTION TO INTENDING PURCHASERS OF EITHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.

At Spur, Texas  
January 4-5-6-7  
List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office  
Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity, with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

S. M. Swenson And Sons  
CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager  
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS  
Spur Produce Co.



## What Cattlemen Think of Allison and Roberson and the Manner of Their Death

(AS PUBLISHED IN "THE CATTLEMAN," THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS' ASS'N.)

The following quotations are taken from letters received from cattlemen all over the United States, many of whom are not members of the Association. They represent only a small part of the letters received at the Association office in Fort Worth. They do represent the feeling of horror which is in the heart of every member of the Association from the Canadian border to the southern boundary of Mexico.

"It looks like the thieves were trying to take us in, as they have gone to killing our ablest inspectors who had nerve enough to go after the big fellows who plan the drives. Such a cause as this will show the world where we stand."

"We have had wonderful service through the efforts of Mr. Allison, located at Post, and it seems only too bad that people such as he should be called upon to lose their lives in line of duty."

"Mr. Roberson saved my life once and therefore I do not know how to explain how bad it hurts me."

"I know what thieves will do, as I was here three years before the Association was organized."

"I consider it the duty of every member of the Association, every law-abiding man, and especially every cattleman, to do all he can toward the prosecution of those who murdered H. L. Roberson and W. D. Allison."

"Laws are written and dictated by the demand of society. Society wants no such men at large who shoot without warning and shoot in the back."

"I have never known a man I liked better than H. L. Roberson, and I feel a deep sense of personal loss. We will have to look a long time and wait many a day for two such men as we have lost."

"All thinking men will know that these two gentlemen were doing something for the good of the Association and the good of their country or they would not have met with their fate."

"I think now is the time for every Association man to show his colors."

"I was indeed sorry to hear of it for they were brave and true men."

"I cannot conceive of any news of the death of a high class officer carrying more regret to my heart than that which I read of the murder of Roberson and Allison. I did not know Mr. Allison, but Roberson was, in my estimation, one of the inspectors seldom equalled, and I will remember the valuable work he did for New Mexico in starting the cleanup around Magdalena, which resulted in the breaking up of the worst gang that has ever come to my notice in New Mexico. Long will he be missed by those of you who have long been identified with the prosecution of cow thieves for the Texas Association, and to every one of you so interested, and to the members of his family, I send my heartfelt sympathy."

"I think every member should stand behind the Association and its attorney."

"The men who are facing the world should know that they are being supported."

"Of all the dastardly crimes I have ever known this is the worst."

"One of these gentlemen, Dave Allison, was a particular friend of mine, and there is nothing that I can do to assist in the prosecution of their cases but that I am willing to do."

"I was only slightly acquainted with Mr. Allison, but I have known Horace Roberson a long time and he was my personal friend. I am proud to say this, because I do not believe that any other than an honest man could claim his friendship. I was with him in some places where I had a chance to know positively what kind of a man he was, to learn his character and his honest traits, and also his hatred for a crook or a thief."

"The good people in this section are certainly behind every move of the Association and we are sure going to do our part."

"Those inspectors are still on the job in their graves."

"We sold our cattle in 1922, but since the Association has lost two of its best men we feel that it is our duty to pay our dues, cattle or no cattle."

"I knew both of these men personally and can say that we have lost two men that cannot easily be replaced. I have known Dave Allison for over twenty years and never knew a better man."

"I was a boy in Young County when the Association was organized and I have lived under its protection most of my life. It seems a part of me."

"I knew Roberson well. I know and appreciate their work."

"Now is the time for the membership to stand up. There is an element who wasted their living during the high, prosperous days, they are broke now and not willing to work and they are going to steal, and if caught are going to murder."

"I do not think any member realizes any more than I do the great loss we have had in the murder of our two inspectors, Allison and Roberson, both of whom were my warm personal friends. They were without a peer on the force and we will miss them, as both were the bravest of the brave and always on the job. I have worked with them and known them from early boyhood."

"If you can't get a conviction in this case, the Association need not try to be more than a legislative proposition."

"The writer was well acquainted with Mr. Roberson and it is our opinion that the Association did not have a better inspector in its employ, and he was doing excellent work in the part of the State that needed it."

"I appreciate the work these two men were doing and we certainly must stand by them at this time. They have stood by us, giving up their lives for the good of the Association, and it is our duty to stand by the balance of the men who are in this work."

"I cannot tell you how deplorable the Seminole tragedy seemed to me. I did not know Mr. Roberson, but I had worked with Mr. Allison and learned to like him, and felt that he was a brave, fearless, upright man."

"The terrible tragedy has affected me more than I can express because it shows how far some people are from being civilized."

"In my opinion these were two of the best inspectors the Association had anywhere, and their death was a great loss to all of the cattle raisers who were protected by the Association."

"Roberson and Allison were brave and fearless men. It was a cowardly and desperate crime which should arouse the indignation of every good man and woman."

"All honest and law-abiding citizens greatly deplore the tragedy at Seminole. These boys will be hard to replace."

"I knew the boys and know they were loyal."

"I have known Dave Allison for more than thirty years, but more intimately during the time he was sheriff of Midland County. There never was a better man than Dave."

"The murder of those two men at Seminole was brutal enough to bring tears to the eyes of any true American citizen."

"I feel that it is full time that all law-abiding and respectable livestock men recognize the necessity of giving their support in every way possible to the Association and the authorities in such cases."

"The Comanches never planned a more dastardly deed than was committed on these two good men."

### STATEMENT BY THE ASSOCIATION'S ATTORNEY

It has been within my province within the past 25 years to be connected with a great many homicide cases, and to know the facts and circumstances surrounding them. The murder of these two men, both of whom were officers of the law, Allison being a Deputy United States Marshal and Roberson, Deputy Sheriff of Midland County, is without a parallel. Through the activities of these two inspectors, Milt Goode had been indicted in seven cases of cattle theft, and the grand jury that convened at Seminole, April 2, found an indictment against Ross for theft of cattle; the facts with regard thereto having been uncovered and presented to the sheriff and district attorney by Inspector Roberson. Ross was also under indictment at Lovington, N. M., for cattle theft, which indictment was obtained by reason of the work and investigation of Mr. Roberson.

The sordid facts have been published in the daily press and unquestionably show that neither Roberson nor Allison had a chance for their lives, and neither man knew of the presence of the assassins before their spirits went into the "Great Beyond."

The Cattle Raisers' Association, organized in 1877, has rendered a service to the West and Southwest in the protection of cattle and the prosecution of cattle thieves, of incalculable value. The inspectors of the Association, almost without exception, have been men of the highest character and possessed of a wonderful courage and devotion to duty. The attorney for the Association will assist in the prosecution of these defendants, with the hope that these defendants, with the hope that justice may be rendered; that the majesty of the law might be upheld; and that adequate punishment will be administered to these defendants for the dastardly crime committed.

Every member of the Association, every stockman, and every red-blooded American citizen should do all in his power to assist in developing the truth with regard to this assassination.

Every member of the Association should redouble his loyalty and assistance to the maintenance of the Cattle Raisers' Association, and every man engaged in the livestock business, who is opposed to cattle stealing and who abhors murder, should immediately join the Association, and help us carry on the work to completion, begun by Dave Allison and Horace Roberson to the end that cow thieves and murderers may know and understand there is no place within the limits of this State where they can thrive and ply their vocation, without feeling the heavy hand of the law.

W. D. Allison was 63 years old; began work as inspector of the Cattle Raisers' Association in 1892; was sheriff of Midland County for 12 years, where he made a record surpassed by none as a peace officer; was city marshal of Roswell for a number of years, and for the past 5 or 6 years has worked continuously as an inspector, being stationed at Sierra Blanca and Post. He leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn his loss.

H. L. Roberson was born in Guadalupe County 48 years ago; was raised in Kinney County, and worked as a cowboy in Val Verde and Old Mexico for a number of years. Among the people for whom he worked were Ben Borroum of Del Rio and Dave McCormick, who now resides in San Antonio. He was a soldier in the Philippines for a year; a Texas Ranger for a few years; ranch manager in Texas and Old Mexico, and became an inspector for the Association in 1911. Mr. Roberson, as well as Mr. Allison, has rendered distinguished service in the matter of ferreting out cattle stealing and bringing many defendants to the bar of justice for that crime. His principal locations as inspector were Dickens, Texas; Socorro County, N. M., and Midland, Texas. He left a wife surviving him, to whom he was married about two years ago.



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### TOO MANY LAWS

One of the strangest political tendencies of our time is the suddenly increased faith of legislators in the power of laws to enforce themselves once they are reduced to writing. No belief has been so continuously and thoroughly discredited, yet none is so alarming alive. Every political philosopher from Montaigne's day to this hour has recognized that the best government is that conducted with the least law and machinery. A multitude of evils attend the naive faith of legislatures in the auto enforcement capacity of law as represented by words on a piece of paper. One is an inevitable weakening of respect for a government born of a disregard for its more outlandish aspects. Another is the uninterrupted encroachment of government on the governed. A third and most distressing evil is the appalling expense attending the creation of multitudinous new bureaus and offices provided for. The time may come when a candidate pledging himself to nothing but the repeal of two laws for every one created will be generally supported.—Industrial News.

Hobo: "I've never had a chance. My unlucky number always bobs up."  
"What is your unlucky number?"  
"Thirteen—a jury of twelve, and a judge."

### ESPUELA ITEMS

We have been absent for several weeks now, but as it has come some good rains since we wrote before we feel more capable of writing this time. Our school closed Friday with a program Friday night. Everyone enjoyed the program, but would have enjoyed it more if it had been a pretty night. We think Mr. Speer and Mr. Lovell taught a good school here this year, and hope they will get it again next year. Almost all the pupils made their grades. Rev. Luther Bilberry filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large crowd attended. Miss Adelle Shields of Dickens has been visiting in the Espuela community this last week. Lauera Jennings, Pearl Murphy Ona Shockley, were the dinner guests of Mrs. Luther Karr Sunday. Blanche Keene was the supper guest of Myrtle Messer Sunday night. A large crowd attended singing Sunday afternoon, also church Sunday night. Some one is knocking on the door so we will go and give them our place.—Espuela Twins.

I will stand my Jack at the McArthur yard first weeks of June and July. At home all other time.—B. M. Blackmon. 32-2tp

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**CLUB ENTERTAINED**  
Friday evening of last week Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained the Friday Afternoon and Entre Nous Clubs with their husbands, at her home on Hill Street, progressive forty-two being the entertaining feature of the occasion. Delightful refreshments were served to a large number of guests, and the evening was made most pleasant and enjoyable to each of the many present.

W. F. Shugart came in Tuesday morning from his place nine miles east of Spur, reporting a good rain and no damage from the wind and hail Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Morgan are this week moving to Sweetwater where he this fall will be engaged in the cotton buying business. Mr. Morgan bought cotton in Spur throughout the past season.

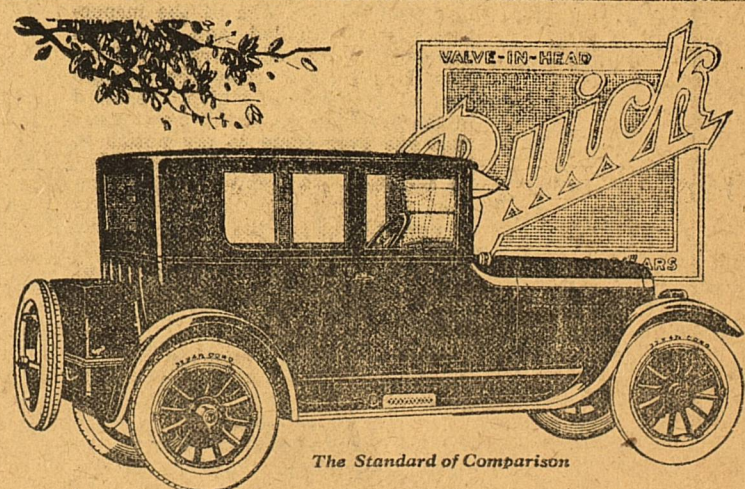
### COULDN'T MAKE HIM

Grandpa always worked on the contrary side of everything, and let his hair and beard get very long. One day he was sitting a little too near the fire and his hair got on fire. Some one coming into the room and seeing it cried, "Oh, grandpa, your hair is burning," whereupon he replied, "I didn't ketch it on fire an' I be damned if I put it out!"

While talking about evolution did you ever think of the evolution of money. It is first money; then ceremony, matrimony, testimony and alimony.

George King, of east of Spur, was among the crowds on the streets Monday morning, discussing the wind, hail and rain storm of Monday night. While the damage is the greatest and covered the widest scope of country, yet it is not irreparable in that crops will be replanted and with favorable conditions mature bumper harvests even at this late date.

Mrs. Eva Tobb and little daughter, Annil Jim returned to their home in Wichita Falls after an extend visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Day near Dickens.



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