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Bob Hext Gets 50 Year Sentence For Poisoning Father

ONLY ONE BALLOT TAKEN IN REACHING VERDICT AND DETERMINING PENALTY.

The Defense Used No Witnesses in the Trial, and Only Eight State Witnesses Were Placed on the Stand.

One of the biggest court trials in the history of Dickens county was concluded at Dickens Monday afternoon when Bob Hext was convicted and sentenced to fifty years in the penitentiary, charged with the murder of his father by strychnine poisoning, administered through a dose of patent medicine.

The case was called Thursday of last week, and 112 men summoned on the special venire were examined before the jury of twelve men was selected to try the case. In obtaining the jury in the case it is estimated that eighty per cent of those questioned and not accepted had formed opinions in the case, while twenty per cent had conscientious scruples with reference to capital punishment or the death penalty.

The men composing the jury in the trial of the case are as follows—W. F. Foreman, J. W. Cramer, O. N. Nix, Sam Derr, A. Lollar, John Luce, R. C. Littlefield, L. K. Pettigrew, W. M. Alley, J. A. Kerley, M. I. Clayton and E. A. Brinnell. With one exception, M. I. Clayton, who is an employee of the Spur Light and Power company, all the jurors are farmers.

There were approximately one hundred and fifty witnesses summoned to appear in the case, while only eight of the number, all state witnesses, were placed on the stand to give testimony, they being as follows: Drs. Haney, Lyons and Blackwell, of Dickens county, and W. W. Battles, a chemist of Austin; Pete Hext, a brother of the defendant, Hilton Hicks, Horace Gibson and Sheriff M. L. Jones.

Through the above witnesses it was shown by the state that P. J. Hext died at his home near Afton, Sunday, June 1st, following the taking of a dose of patent medicine containing strychnine; that the son, Bob Hext, had purchased at the Red Front Drug Store in Spur on Thursday before a bottle of strychnine; that he was anxious to return home and did go home Saturday; that after his father became ill the defendant, who was sitting in a car near church, was sent for and hesitated before

going to his father's bedside.

After establishing, in substance, the above main facts, together with other circumstances, the state rested in the trial. The defense also announced they would rest, having no witnesses to place on the stand nor evidence to produce at this stage of the trial—and the case was closed without placing a single defense witness on the stand.

The jury retired after hearing the charge of the judge, and within twenty or thirty minutes had concluded their deliberations and reached a verdict with a single ballot. In this first ballot it is reported that they stood as follows: three for a sentence of 99 years, four for fifty years, three for forty years, one for twenty-five years and one for sixty-five years. Since all jurors were agreed upon a verdict of guilty, and favored a penalty of from twenty-five years to ninety-nine years, a compromise was readily agreed upon, and the defendant given a sentence of fifty years.

Attorneys W. D. Wilson, of Spur, and W. H. Hamilton, of Matador, conducted the defense in the case, while County Attorney B. G. Workwick, of Dickens, and District Attorney J. Ross Bell, of Paducah, conducted the prosecution, Judge J. H. Milam being judge, of the court procedure.

The Hext case attracted more attention than any court trial ever held in Dickens county, and the murder of P. J. Hext by poisoning is generally recognized as one of the most heinous crimes ever committed in the section. There were a thousand or more people attending the trial Monday, the court house being occupied to its capacity of standing room, while hundreds were forced to remain on the court house lawn.

REVIVAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SPUR

The Spur Christian Church, has secured the services of Rev. Charles A. Chasteen of Corsicana, Texas, as evangelist to direct the church in a special campaign beginning Friday of this week.

Mr. Chasteen is one of the strongest preachers of the Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ. He was for five years state secretary of one of the neighboring states. He has filled the office of State Evangelist for the Texas Christian Missionary Society for three years. He has conducted revival meetings in most of the cities of Central Texas with marked success. At his home church, the First Christian Church of Corsicana, he conducted a meeting in the spring with more than fifty additions.

Rev. Chasteen has been with Rev. Harris, pastor of the local Christian church in several meetings and he says that Mr. Chasteen's work is of the highest type of instruction in Christian living and spiritual development. He is fearless in his presentation of truth but kind in his dealing with individuals.

The local Christian church extends to all members of the community an invitation to become a part of the audience of this good preacher every evening at eight fifteen and morning at ten o'clock. All singers and musicians are asked to lend their voices and use their instruments to help

make of the meeting a great blessing to our neighborhood.

"Come with us and we will do you good," and you will do us good.

Trade at Home

THE STUDEBAKER CAR TO BE GIVEN AWAY SATURDAY

The Sunshine Service Station has set next Saturday as the day to give away the Light Six Studebaker car. This will be a handsome gift to some one of the patrons of this service station in the past and to those who continue to trade there up to the hour of giving the car away.

The Studebaker car is becoming a popular car in this territory, since numbers of them have been sold by the Sunshine Service Station acting as local sales agents for the Studebaker Corporation. They have been doing extensive advertising through the Texas Spur and in other ways, and in this manner apprised the public of the qualities and advantages incorporated in Studebakers, and the results obtained in increased sales has demonstrated the value and the wisdom of such educational advertising.

Hundreds of people are expected to come to Spur Saturday, specially to be present when this car is given away, while many others out of town and even at distant points will anxiously await the report of the result of the trade contest.

A BIG RAIN FALLS OVER GOOD PORTIONS OF KENT AND DICKENS

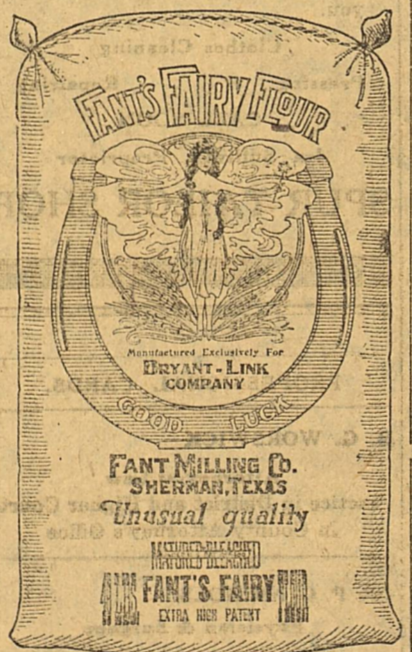
A big rain, variously estimated at from two to four inches, fell the latter part of last week over portions of Dickens and Kent counties, including the Girard, Gilpin and other sections. The heaviest rainfall is reported to the north, east and south of Girard, many fields being considerably washed and crops damaged. In one or two fields it is reported that creeks were washed deep enough

for children to play in and be hidden from view.

Notwithstanding the damage from washed fields, the rain was of great benefit to the country, not so much from a standpoint of needed moisture, but in the fact that hot winds ceased to blow and cooler weather has prevailed throughout the entire country since the rains in this as well as other sections of Western Texas.

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Sure, we are in a good humor, notwithstanding the warm weather and we feel sure the warm sunshine and even the hot wind has purifying effects. We imagine the germs go to hiding out when the thermometer reaches about 110. Anyway, we all wanted warm weather and we should be satisfied. We've been thinking, no, it doesn't necessarily make us bowlegged when we have a thought, but really, it is hard to think when the weather is extremely warm, and so we see why people who live in the tropics are no thinkers. Any way, our thought was are we thankful when every thing is coming nicely, when it rains and the cool breezes blow, when the birds are singing and flowers are blooming, do we forget the roses and only think of the thorns? Worry is not a big word,

but it makes lots of unnecessary trouble. Say, folks, most of our troubles don't ever happen, do you realize that? The writer was just a lad when Coxe's army was marching on the Washington, the political mouth piece of a certain, now forgotten party, would prove mathematically that in ten more years the country would be in civil war, because of starvation. I could see that they were right according to actual figures. Well, few people to this day have starved in the old U. S. We are yet a prosperous people and if we remain true to the general principles of our Pilgrim Fathers, better days are just ahead, and will forever be ahead. Men know a lot of things, but God knows all, and when science fails, He bridges the chasm. Say, we don't believe in this monkey business, and are glad we live in a country where few if any do. Yes, we must sell goods, hot or cold. We want your business. Will try and have a cool drink for you when you get here. Bring the children.

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Trade at Home

BOYS' ENCAMPMENT SUCCESS

The boys' encampment, held June 19, 20 and 21, at Silver Falls, was a great success. 68 Dickens county boys being present. Work was held on stock judging, and a good time reported by all. A more detailed report will be carried next week.

Trade at Home

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Baptist Missionary Society met at the church Monday afternoon, June 23, for the mission study, led by Mrs. Dobbins. There were thirteen members present.

Next Monday is our regular social day and we invite each lady of the church to be present.

Trade at Home

R. C. Forbis this week shipped from his ranch near Afton several car loads of cattle to Mount Sterling, Ohio, where they will be placed on feed and later farmed out to individuals of that state. For a number of years Mr. Forbis has been associated with Mr. Parrett, of Ohio, who handles the cattle there while Mr. Forbis does the buying and shipping.

Most Substantial and Extensive Building Progress Continues in Spur

With nine brick business houses under construction, seven more just completed and contracts for five more to be made immediately, Spur is now experiencing the most substantial and extensive building era in its history, and the general conditions, development and progress of the surrounding trade territory warrant the present progress and encourages even greater activity than is now in evidence.

At the present time there are nine brick business houses under construction, including the Hogan and Haile five business houses, the two Bryant-Link Company buildings, the two Riter bricks, one of which is two-story, and the D. H. Sullivan brick.

Seven brick buildings have just been completed, including those of J. D. Powell, G. B. Jopling, E. L. Caraway, Riter Hardware Co., D. H. Sullivan.

J. E. Johnson is building and installing one of the latest improved and most modern gin plants in all of Texas.

Plans have been completed and contracts will be let immediately for the construction of a brick garage by P. A. and Calvin Ramsey to cover two lots; A Ford Service Station to cover two lots by W. F. Godfrey; a business brick by Love Dry Goods Company; a building for Spur Bottling Works by M. E. Manning; and very probably brick to cover the two lots on Burlington and 5th street where now stands the Adams photograph gallery by L. N. Riter.

Aside from this a sixty thousand dollar cotton compress will be under construction soon and completed for the fall cotton season.

A six-ton ice manufacturing plant has just been completed and is now in operation.

The Stamford & Northwestern Railway will be extended out of Spur to connect with other railway lines on the Plains, and the work of laying the track will be commenced at an early date.

What we need now most of all other enterprises is a cotton manufacturing plant to manufacture at home into finished goods the principal product of the country. A cotton factory could be built and put into operation by another crop season at a profit rather than an expense to stockholders, if every cotton grower of the country would subscribe from one bale of cotton up in proportion to individual acreage yearly for five years. By thus owning and operating the cotton factory every farmer would get immediate returns upon

his investment in realizing a profit for production, a profit for manufacturing and a saving of freighting his cotton away for manufacture and freighting it back in finished goods. Let's build a cotton factory in Spur, keep at home the profits now going to Eastern manufacturers, save unnecessary expenses and give employment to hundred of home laborers. Think it over.

Trade at Home
FINAL CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT OF SUMMER TO BE MADE ON JULY EIGHTH

The last shipment of cattle for the summer will be made Tuesday, July 8th, and all cattle to be shipped must be listed not later than Wednesday, July 2nd.

The first fall shipment will be made the latter part of September, very little stock usually being ready for market during August.

Should you fail to see me, list your stock with either bank, or mail a list to me.—R. B. Johnston, County Agricultural Agent.

Trade at Home
Hon. C. K. McDowell and wife of San Antonio, spent the night Tuesday in Spur, the guests of R. C. Forbis and wife.

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SPUR, TEXAS

Contract Closed for Cotton Compress To Be Established in the City of Spur

Construction work on necessary buildings for installing machinery will be commenced at an early date—In addition to assured railroad extension and extensive building progress now under way, Spur will have cotton compress here for the fall business.

Mr. Terkins, manager for the Continental Cotton Oil Company of Abilene, was in Spur this week and purchased of S. M. Swenson & Sons through Clifford B. Jones, a block of approximately five acres of ground adjoining the Stamford & Northwestern railway track and near the cotton warehouse, for the purpose of constructing a cotton compress.

Construction work on the necessary buildings for installing machinery will be commenced immediately, and the plant completed and ready for operation at the beginning of the cotton ginning season. An initial investment of approximately sixty thousand dollars will be made in establishing the cotton compress in Spur. The plant will give employment to a number of men, and its operation in Spur will mean much not only to cotton interests but the town and entire Spur trade territory.

ENTERTAINED

Mesdames E. L. Caraway and D. H. Zachry entertained Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Caraway in honoring Mrs. Alva Jean Brannen, recent bride of Dr. M. H. Brannen. The home was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion, delightful refreshments were served, and the numerous guests present attested the high esteem in

which the honoree is held by her many friends of Spur.

Trade at Home

Bill Simpson is in Lamesa, having gone there to the Standifer Sanitarium to have Dr. Standifer perform an operation for appendicitis. T. M. Verner also went to Lamesa Tuesday to be with Mr. Simpson through his operation.

900 FOOT STEEL BRIDGE OVER CAT FISH IS NOW COMPLETED

A steel bridge, 900 feet long and consisting of eighteen spans of fifty feet each, has just been completed over Cat Fish Creek, to the southwest of Spur twelve or fifteen miles, in the Watson community and on the Spur-Post road.

This bridge is just across the line from Dickens county in Crosby county. Bonds in the sum of \$25,000 were voted by that precinct or road district in Crosby county for the purpose of constructing the bridge, which is one of the longest yet constructed in the entire country.

Garza county, we understand, will also vote bonds for the construction of a road leading north from Post City to the county line to connect with this roadway, and thence east to the east county line to connect with the Snyder-Clairemont highway, thus making first-class highway connections between Dickens, Kent, Gar-

za, Crosby and Scurry counties.

A proposition is also on foot and will be consummated by the construction of a hard surfaced road from Rotan in Fisher county to connect with Clairemont, Jayton and Girard in Kent county, also connecting up with the Fort Worth-Roswell highway through Spur.

All of the materials for the construction of the bridge over Cat Fish Creek were hauled out of Spur. The completion of the bridge will add materially to the Spur trade territory as well as the convenience of the people of that territory.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. 16th DIVIDEND

The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy five cents per share on preferred stock will be paid on Tuesday, July 1, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business of Friday, June 20, 1924.—R. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer. 35-1t

THE AMERICAN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CO. 139 DIVIDEND

The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty Five Cents per share will be paid on Tuesday, July 15, 1924, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Friday, June 20, 1924.—H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer. 35-1t

THE GENTLE ART OF POLITENESS

Although it is doubted whether the act will make a precedent, it is gratifying to read that a young man, at one time a hotel clerk, has been left \$300,000 by an elderly lady to whom he had been courteous and obliging. It reflects credit on testatrix and legatee, as well as casting a kindly light upon hotel clerks in general. This is a good deal of money to be given a young man at a time, but indications are that he will use it wisely, and we congratulate him. It is evident that he did not require an inducement of such magnitude to be courteous, and we rather think that it was quite natural with him. But there are other young men of whom unfortunately this can not be said. Probably a number of them would consent to be decently civil for \$300,000, but some others would prefer to retain their pristine state and go without the money. Than regard urbanity as weakness, as a sophistication beneath the service of youth. There are even some of riper years who would appear to hold the same opinion.

Nevertheless, here is perhaps the dawning of a new and brighter era. Perhaps the state or federal government shall erect funds out of which to reward polite young men, though it is to be feared that these must be something under the \$300,000 standard. Smaller rewards might be instituted at least as an experiment. Youth might be encouraged to forsake the primrose path for that of good manners and after a period of years come to the conclusion that urbanity was its own reward. At present, however, there does not appear any concerted movement in this direction, and the phenomenon causes speculation. Politeness is a form of disease and competent authorities think more rather than less discipline is needed at present. It is not regarded in that way by a great many who, when they are irritated by it, dislike it or suspect it. They do not consider that without it one of nature's noblemen can be extremely effusive and that offensiveness is not the best aid in the world even for a freeman. They simply regard urbanity as part of the trappings of an effete and naughty old world. Starting in early youth with this thesis, as they add years they develop it until it is a conspicuous part of their characters. There are actually a great many people who look on civility or urbanity or courtesy as the part of the sycophant and inconsistent with that of a ruler of the spheres. They are unruly, they are undisciplined, they are discourteous and they are inefficient to a really remarkable degree. Altruism may be overdone, but a man, young or old, who can not understand that good manners are a necessary form of co-operation is passing dull. He can not see that he is tolerated not because of his qualities, but in spite of them.

For these reasons briefly sketched, we commend to the meditation and consideration of divers youths, middle-aged and aged, the case that prompted these small writings. Let them not so much consider that urbanity was rewarded, is the beautiful and startling fact that it was displayed and having done this much regard it hereafter as an actual possibility.

Trade at Home
IN MEMORIAM

Little Doyle Mayfield died June 17th at the home of Mr. E. H. Blakeley, 5 miles north of Dickens.

Little Doyle was 10 months and 23 days old, and for seven months the little fellow suffered. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mayfield, of Girard, did everything that medical aid could do, but of no avail.

Mrs. Mayfield came to her father's to spend a few days last week, and there, Tuesday morning, the little sufferer fell asleep to wake where there will be no more suffering.

He leaves a father, mother, two sisters and a little twin brother, Dale, to mourn his loss. But, dear loved ones, try to be reconciled and think of it like this:

God gave; He took; He will restore.
Oh, precious thought to me,
We can see our loved ones
Beyond the crystal sea.
He needed one more angel baby,
He chose yours from all the rest,
And transplanted it in heaven
As the purest, brightest, best.

Then weep not so for your baby,
In a way you should rejoice,
That an ever watchful Saviour
Picked your baby as His choice.

And he's not dead, but only sleeping
And your darling's free from pain.
It is a glorious thought that some day
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W. F. HAMMACK FAILS TO GET NAME ON TICKET

W. F. Hammack, candidate for county commissioner from Precinct 2, including Afton voting box, through oversight failed to make the necessary affidavit in filing his name with the County Chairman for a place on the official ballot.

Notwithstanding this handicap Mr. Hammack has no intention of withdrawing from the race for commissioner of his precinct, and requests the Texas Spur to announce to voters that he will remain in the running, and will appreciate not only the help of friends in pushing his campaign but the consideration in writing his name on the ballot in the July Primary election.

—Trade at Home—

AN OLD TIMER VIEWS THE CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS

C. K. McDowell and wife, of San Antonio, are here to spend a week or ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, of near Afton. Mr. McDowell lived in Dickens county in the earlier days, having moved away some thirty years ago, and during the past five years he and wife have made their home in San Antonio. Uncle Jimmie Jones was one among the very first men to settle in Dickens county, having lived in old Espuela when that was the county seat, moving to Dickens when that town became the seat of county government and where he and his wife established the first hotel of the town and possibly of the county. In those early days Mr. McDowell married his oldest daughter, and knows all of the old timers here now. He marvels at the great changes and developments in the country since his day. In those days, "they say" in a laughing way, that the chief occupation was poker playing, whiskey drinking, cattle raising and rustling. It was about the time Mr. McDowell left here that the first attempt was made in farming, some three or four farmers, including J. E. Arthur, E. Luce, J. Carlisle and one or two others, planted a few acres of cotton from two to five acres each. From this beginning the country has become one of the greatest cotton producing sections not only of the West but within the state, and hundreds of farms have been cut out of former grazing lands and now devoted to cotton and other farm products, and "the biggest little city and fastest growing town on the American continent" has sprung up and is the center for this rich agricultural and rapidly developing section.

—Trade at Home—

AGRICULTURAL CLUBS DO GOOD WORK AND THREE COUNTIES GET HONORS

Preliminary to entering the state contests in livestock, grain and poultry judging, club members of six counties met here Wednesday with the county and home demonstration agents and participated in contests which were staged primarily to better equip them for state competition. To make the contest more interesting, cash prizes were offered by the Weekly Avalanche, and these were awarded late in the afternoon. James L. Dow, managing editor of the Avalanche publications and who has been directly interested in development of club work in this section for a number of years, addressed the club members at the close of the meeting, assuring them that the Avalanche will be found at all times ready to serve their interests and especially would the columns of the Weekly Avalanche be devoted to those special articles on farm development of this country.

County Agent C. T. Watson and his delegation of stock judges captured the first prize for stock judging in the grand total for the county, H. Camp, a member of that delegation, having also captured first place among the individuals with a grand total of 386 of a possible six hundred points.

The Dawson team won first place by making a grand total of 1111 points in judging all classes of livestock, Lubbock county team being second with a total score of 1107; Dickens third with 1447 and Lynn county fourth with 1005 points.

The individual places for judging were as follows: H. Camp, Dawson, 1st, 386 points; Carl McIntire, Lubbock, 2nd, 385 points; Curtis Grimes, 3rd, 371 points; H. Pearson, Dawson, 4th, 370 points; H. Karr, Dickens, 5th, 361 points. A member of the Dawson county team whose name was not secured won 6th place with 352 points. H. Bennett, of Lubbock and Ford Huffman, of Lynn, tied for 7th place with 350 points each. John Burroughs, Lubbock, 8th, 349 points; E. Middleton and M. Middleton, brothers of Dickens county, tied for 9th place with a total of 343 points.

The Lubbock county team was pushed for first place in the grand-judging contests by the Lynn county team. Lubbock county won first place with 493 points while Lynn county took second place with 425 points. No other county placed in this contest. Individual standing in grain judging showed I. J. Thornton, Lubbock, 1st, 256; David Pounds 2nd, 255 points; A. Fleming, Lynn, 3rd, 243 points; Porter McDougal, Lubbock, 5th, 225 points; Elmer Cannon, Lubbock, 6th, 210 points; John Potts, Lubbock, 7th, 200 points; C. Morgan, Lynn, 8th, 182 points.

What the Lynn county aggregation failed to do in making the grade for first place in grain judging, they amply made up for by taking a liberal lead in judging poultry. That county took first place with a score of 549 of a possible six hundred, while Lubbock took second place with a total of 449 and Crosby third with 261 points.

Carl Jones of the Lynn county team, took the first place over all other individuals, and John Paul Ray, another Lynn county boy, helped them to win by a good margin, by taking second place with a total of 296 points.

The standing of the individuals in

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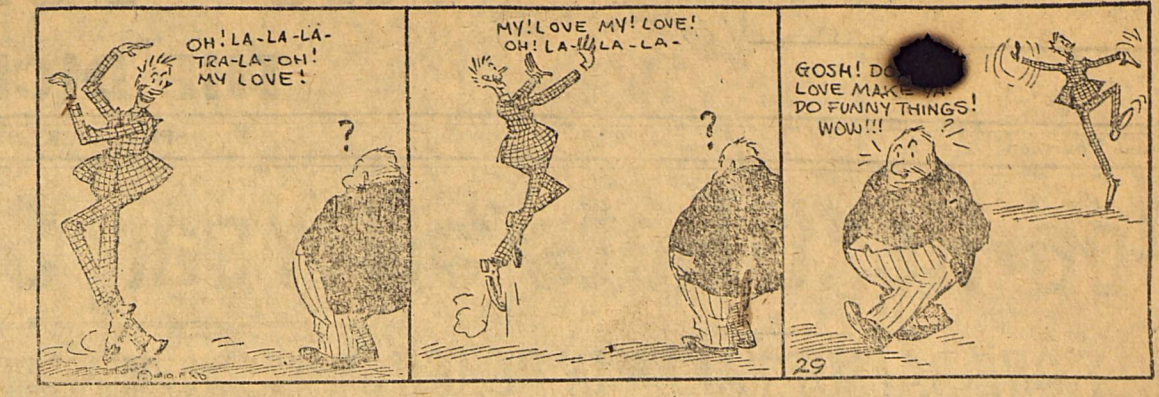
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this contest is as follows: Carl Jones, Lynn county, 1st, 273 points; John Paul Ray, Lynn county, 2nd, 269 points; Buster Stalcup, Crosby county, 3rd, 261 points; Goldie Potts, Lubbock, 4th, 246 points; Mildred Sharp, Lubbock, 5th, 203 points; Lubbock Avalanche.

—Trade at Home—
SOCIAL CLUB MEETS
The Weekly Social Club met with Mrs. J. R. McMahan, Thursday, June 19th.

All enjoyed a splendid dinner, and sewed in the afternoon. The hostess served iced lemonade to the following members: Mrs. G. R. Woods, J. J. Lilly, A. C. Hindman, A. T. Ballard, J. R. McMahan, Roy Patton, C. A. Denson, Beulah Hindman.

Visitors present were: Mrs. J. J. McMahan, Coy Dopson, Dewey Johnson, W. F. Foreman, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hugh Gray, Ora Lee Dopson.

New members are Mrs. Dewey Johnson, and Mrs. Coy Dopson.

The club meets Thursday, July 2nd, with Mrs. Roy Patton.—Reporter.

—Trade at Home—

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Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings returned this week from a vacation of some time spent in Sweetwater, Dallas and Missouri.

—Trade at Home—
Mrs. Ted Brannen and little son, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, are in Spur to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams, and other relatives and friends of the city.

Mr. Malone returned recently from a business trip to Lubbock and other points on the Plains.

—Trade at Home—
Grandpa Laverty, of New Mexico, is in Spur this week visiting his son, Frank Laverty, and daughter, Mrs. L. H. Perry and families. From here Grandpa Laverty will go to Corsicana to visit with other children before returning to his home in New Mexico.

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DICKENS NEWS

We thought that we would bring the news from Dickens and let the people of Dickens county know how we are progressing.

Everything is doing well, the only complaint is about the warm weather. As long as we gossip about it it does not hurt anybody.

Mr. B. Y. Lane, of Roaring Springs is erecting a substantial building for use as a theater, therefore, you will be cordially invited to attend.

Lumber will soon be hauled for a new phone office. The old one was recently destroyed by fire.

Miss Helen Meadors left Monday for Lubbock where she will attend the Lubbock Business College. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meadors.

The hail and wind Monday night did considerable damage to a number of the farmers east of town.

Mrs. F. C. Gipson is visiting friends and relatives in Lubbock this week.

Miss Kate Blair left Sunday for California where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Willie Wilkins. Mr. Gipson is thinking that he will have to get a new clerk, however, Jack can tell.

Brother Victor Crabtree filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday. Brother Link from Waco preached Sunday night. He will spend several days in Dickens in the interest of B. Y. P. U. work.

Miss Mildred Crabtree spent the week end in town.

Mrs. Lilly Kinmen, formerly Miss Lilly Hobson, died Monday at the Spur sanitarium. Her remains were interred in the Dickens cemetery Tuesday evening. Mrs. Kinmen formerly lived near Dickens.

Mr. Willie Payne is visiting home folks in the city.

Mrs. Bob Brown, of Ralls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Harkey.

Miss Beryl Harkey is attending school in Abilene this summer.

Mrs. Fred Harrison has been quite sick for several days. We hope her speedy recovery.

Mr. Raleigh Middleton, who has been spending several months in Fisher county, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Harkey from Collinsworth county, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Dickens claims to have the champion wrestler in the county. Mr. John Edwards, he having won every night at the carnival in Spur, that he wrestled.

F. F. Henry, of near Roaring Springs was transacting business in Dickens Tuesday.

Sunday evening while Mr. Coombs, a Lubbock salesman, was enroute to Crosbyton, his car caught on fire and was in a blaze before re discovered it. However, he jumped out and sustained a bruised shoulder and arm. He has been spending the week end in Dickens.

Judge Milam will call district court in town Tuesday transacting business.

Mr. Lee Mimms, of Wichita, was Thursday to try the Bob Hext case.

Mr. Hawk and son, Wendell, made a business trip to Paducah Monday.

Mr. Bernice Jones, who has been spending the last nine months in the Blind Institution at Austin, returned home last week to spend the summer vacation.

**Trade at Home—
HOW TO DRY BEEF**

Many families who are not situated to take advantage of a meat ring could easily use a good-sized beef at home by making part of it into dried beef. The process is simple. While the hindquarters furnish the best meat for this purpose, yet we have successfully dried odd shaped pieces from various parts of the carcass. Take a hindquarter, and cut the meat usually sold as steak into pieces of about 5 pounds weight, and of a long, narrow shape. Then take a brine as follows for 100 pounds meat:

Eight pounds of salt; 2 pounds of sugar; 1-2 pound of a commercial preservative, and 5 gallons of water boiled.

Mix thoroughly in boiling water and let it cool. Dip each piece of meat in the cooled brine before placing in a keg or jar. Let the pieces remain in the keg 10 days, turning the meat each day. At the end of the time, take the meat out and scrub it with water as hot as can be borne by the hand, but don't dip it in the hot water. This removes the outside salt, and lets the smoke penetrate better, then hang the meat up, by strings in one end, for 2 days before smoking. Smoke it 10 days, or a little longer if it has not dried sufficiently.

The meat will shrink about one-third while drying. We have kept for over a year, meat cured in this way, without spoiling. When it gets hard from long keeping, we boil the dried meat. The flavor is excellent.—Robert T. Pound, Musselshell Co., Mont.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK?

By E. R. WAITE, Secretary Shawnee, Oklahoma, Board of Commerce.

That a whole lot of cities have a bunch of men who seem to be suffering from "brain fatigue."

That a civic revival should be held for the ones who kid themselves into believing they are home boosters, and then fail to come to bat when called for duty. A little pep is a good tonic for laggard minds.

That their city needs them just as much as they need their city. Their success depends upon the success of the home city.

That the home city needs the aid of every citizen is she to feel the thrill of greater progress.

That the laggards must come alive and join their fellow citizens in consummating every project that is for the good of their fair city.

That they should not wait. Now is the time to grasp the opportunity that is before them. They should not let the door of opportunity close.

That time, tide and opportunity wait for no man.

That every citizen should fully realize the wonderful opportunity their city is offering when it gives them the privilege of living there, and the chance to become a real booster and a real citizen.

In the making of a greater city, obstacle after obstacle will have to be overcome; thousands of problems will come up to be solved. The help of every citizen is needed, and they should give it and give it fully.

**Trade at Home—
OWNERS MAY PAY A POLL
TAX ON PART PROPERTY**

In denying an appeal in the mandamus case of Hoffman vs. Mood from Washington county, the State Supreme Court has in effect held that a taxpayer may pay the tax on one particular tract of land, whether such tax is delinquent on that tract or not without being compelled to pay the tax on any other tracts of land that may be owned by such taxpayer, also without being compelled to pay personal or poll taxes.

This holding is considered important, in the opinion of Assistant Attorney General W. W. Caves, as he pointed out that this decision is contrary to rulings of the Attorney General's Department.

Previous to this holding by the Supreme Court, it has been the general custom by tax collectors throughout the state to uniformly decline to accept from the taxpayer the taxes on any special or particular tract of land unless the taxes due on all tracts and also that the poll tax is paid at the same time. Many taxpayers desire to pay their poll taxes but defer payment on their property tax and under this ruling they would be enabled to do so, it is stated.

Hoffman is tax collector of Washington county, and refused to accept payment on taxes on one tract of land unless the taxes on all were paid. Wood obtained a writ of mandamus compelling the collector to accept the tax on one tract, this being tried in the Court of Civil Appeals at Galveston affirmed the action of the District Court and now the Supreme Court denies an appeal from the decision of the District and Appellate Courts.

"The action of the Supreme Court has settled in Texas," said Assistant

Attorney General Caves, "a very important proposition."

**Trade at Home—
MISSOURI OFFICIAL SHOWS
WHO PAYS THE BIG TAXES**

Jesse E. Barrett, attorney general of Missouri, told the Kawanis club of Sedalia the other day about how taxes always come back to be paid by the ultimate customer. In the case of public utilities, he pointed out, the only source of revenue is the rate paid by the people served and that must include all the taxes.

Barrett said in part: "The dog chasing his tail, the ostrich hiding its head in the sand are no more foolish than we are about taxes. We put extra tax burdens upon public utilities and think our own pockets saved that much of the expense of government."

"Then we must fix the utility rate high enough to yield them a fixed percentage over and above those taxes and we pay the rates we fix, which always must include the taxes we impose upon the utilities. We lost in addition, the extra cost of handling the circle of payments and collections. In the case of the railroads the farmer loses still more. High freight rates are to him almost a double burden, for they are added to everything he buys and subtracted from everything he sells. He pays taxes by way of paying freight charges, but, too often, he pays twice his share. High taxes are out of the main causes for the prevailing high freight rates, and lower railroad rates are absolutely a prerequisite to better farm conditions."

"All taxes, by the inevitable process of economic distribution, are paid by the public, and when the public tucks its head in the sand, its tail-feathers are all the easier to pluck."

**Trade at Home—
FOUND—3 miles west of Spur, a gentleman's gold watch.—See T. H. Roberts, Spur, Texas. 1tp**

**Trade at Home—
Bill McArthur and little son, of west of Spur, were in the city Monday, going on over to Dickens to attend the trial of Bob Hext charged with poisoning his father, P. J. Hext. Bill informed us that his crops were doing fine, but just a little late on account of replantings. There is no uneasiness expressed with reference to late crops, because it has always been the case heretofore that the late crops make the largest yields.**

**Trade at Home—
Mrs. Paul Douglass, and little son, of Goree, are in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, and sister, Mrs. Will Walker and other relatives and friends.**

**Trade at Home—
Mrs. Dudley Ellis and sister, Miss Smith, of Red Mud, were shopping in Spur Monday of this week, and while in the city were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.**

Trade at Home—

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.

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The race for constable in Spur promises to be one of the interesting races in the present campaign. Earlier in the campaign Dr. M. L. Nichols and Jim Crump made their announcements for the place. Later and at the eleventh hour W. S. Hunter also filed his name for the place, making three names to appear on the official ballot to be voted. The fact is that there are only three offices in the county and the judicial district uncontested in this campaign, these three offices being justice of the peace of precinct 1 and 3, public weigher of precinct 3, and county commissioner of precinct 4.

**Trade at Home—
Robt. Nickels, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Tuesday after cotton chopping and harvesting hands. He said that his wheat crop this year has been estimated by others to probably harvest thirty-five bushels to the acre. However, he was of the opinion that the crop would fall short of this estimate. The wheat crop, as well as oats, in all sections of the country are turning out fine this year.**

**Trade at Home—
Will Smith, of over the line in Kent county, was in Spur Monday. You will note from our announcement column that Mr. Smith is a candidate for county commissioner of his precinct in Kent county. Will Smith has been here long enough to know the conditions and the needs of his precinct and the desires or constituents. He is fair-minded, honest, progressive and will actively and conscientiously look after the public business in his precinct and Kent county. He is now arranging to have a "picnic and candidate speaking" at a central point in his precinct, thus affording pleasure and amusement to the home people as well as giving Kent county candidates an opportunity to mix and mingle with the voters and tell them what they intend to do in office. This picnic will probably be held July 5th in the Bud Morrison pasture near the home of J. J. Martin, and everybody both within and without the county will have a cordial invitation to attend.**

**Trade at Home—
Mrs. Locke and daughter, of Miami, returned recently to their home after an extended visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis and other relatives and friends of the Spur country.**

Some time ago Robt. Reynolds received a message informing him of the death of his father, which occurred at his home in Etowah, Tennessee, the immediate cause of death being a ruptured blood vessel.

**Trade at Home—
FOR SALE—Overland Four, in good condition. A bargain.—Motor Hospital.**

Amarillo was selected as the 1923 meeting place of the Northwest Texas district of the Senior Intermediate and Junior Epworth League, at the meeting which closed at Lubbock on Friday.

**Trade at Home—
Mrs. Artman Daniels and children, of Stamford, are in Spur the guests of Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr.**

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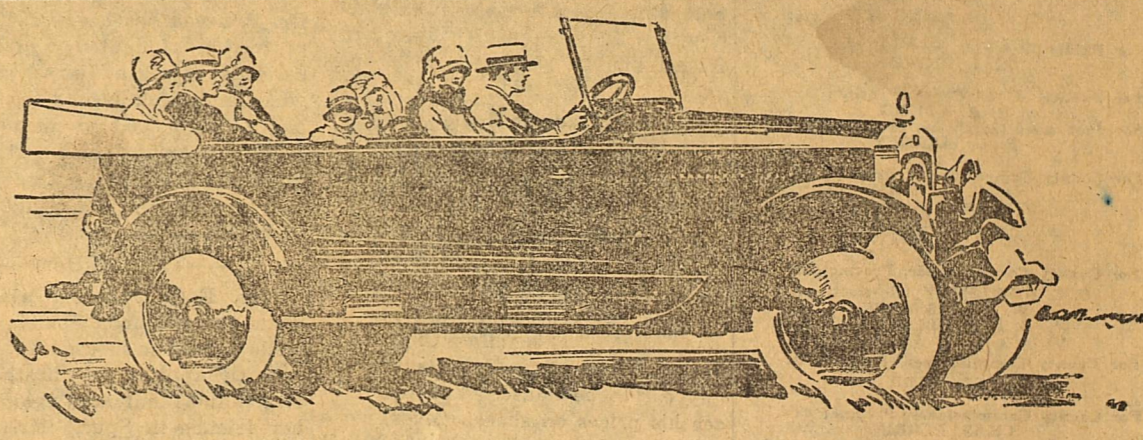
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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following announcements for candidates seeking public offices, subject to the action of Democratic Primary elections in July:

For District Judge, 50th Judicial District: JAMES A. STEPHENS
J. H. MILAM
For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.: C. B. WHITTEN, Motley County
W. B. COMBEST, Cottle County

For County and District Clerk: C. C. GOBB
ROBT. REYNOLDS
S. L. DAVIS
O. C. ARTHUR (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: CLIF LOVELACE
M. L. JONES
G. L. BARBER
B. E. MORGAN
JOHN SOUTHWORTH

For Tax Assessor: W. B. BENNETT
W. F. McCARTY
T. S. LAMBERT
J. V. McCORMICK
W. S. LEACH
T. J. HARRISON

For County Treasurer: C. H. PERRY (Re-election)
MRS. H. P. COLE
JOHN Q. TERRY

For County Judges: H. A. C. BRUMMETT (Re-election)

For County Attorney: B. G. WORSWICK (Re-election)
W. E. LESSING

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3: G. W. RASH

For Public Weigher, Precinct 2: W. O. FORMBY
D. A. GATES
W. H. NICHOLS
DUD JONES
D. O. BLASINGAME

For Public Weigher, Precinct 1: A. J. RICHEY

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3: D. A. YOUNG
For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1: E. L. HARKEY

For County Commissioner, Precinct 11: A. C. GENTRY
THOMP. JOHNSON
R. E. SLOUGH
R. R. WOOTEN

For County Commissioner, Precinct 2: O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-election)
W. F. HAMMACK
B. F. MIDDLETON

For County Commissioner, Precinct 3: J. L. KARR

For County Commissioner, Precinct 4: CHAS. PERRIN

For Constable, Precinct 1: FORREST L. EDWARDS

For Constable, Precinct 3: Dr. M. L. NICHOLS
J. F. CRUMP

KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS
For County Commissioner, Precinct 2: WILL H. SMITH

Trade at Home

Reports from Kent county are to the effect that politics is beginning to warm up at this time. Unlike Dickens the principal political issue in Kent county will be ku klux and anti ku klux, the voters lining up for their respective candidates. There as elsewhere, the sheriff's race is attracting most interest. W. L. Jennings of Girard, who does not belong to the klan and has no sympathy with ku klux government, has announced for the sheriff's office against Sam McCombs, the present sheriff, and is making a strenuous campaign for the office even though his opponent is now serving his first term. Kent county has a live ku klux organization, and it is feared that the klan will wield an influence and poll a strong vote in the election, therefore the anti klan are urging a straight line-up of voters in opposing ku klux control in politics and county government to the end that factional strife will cease and constitutional authority alone prevail in governmental affairs.

Trade at Home

John Gooddall, of near Girard, was in Spur Wednesday looking for cotton choppers. He reports good rains and crops throughout his section now in ideal shape and giving promise of the greatest production ever before known.

Trade at Home

Mesdames John Hardin, of Stephenville, and W. R. Moore, of Vernon, are in Spur visiting their parents. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman and other relatives and friends of the city and country.

BAPTIST REVIVAL MEETING
IN SPUR CLOSED SUNDAY

After a series of revival meetings continuing daily over two weeks at the Baptist church in Spur the meeting came to a close Sunday night. A. Riley Copeland, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church of Waco, conducted the meetings, assisted by George Dickson of Baylor University as leader of the song services. Throughout the time large audiences attended each service, and on the last night many were unable to get into the large church auditorium. During the progress of the meeting twelve or fourteen members were added to the church, and a number of conversions resulted, among whom were C. D. Copeland, one of the best and most substantial citizens of the country, and his two sons, Arnold and Tince.

A. Riley Copeland did a great work in the religious field at Spur. He is an earnest, forceful speaker, has traveled extensively in the Old World, is highly educated, and has the courage and the ability to do a great work for the Lord and Master and Saviour of the world.

Trade at Home

Wilbur Perry and wife made a trip the latter part of the past week to Floydada and other plains towns.

Trade at Home

H. T. Garner returned Tuesday from Tennessee where he spent several days attending the Confederate Reunion and about two weeks with relatives and old time acquaintances. He reports a most enjoyable time and says that they sure "live high" back in the old state. While there his relatives "killed the fatted calf" in honor of his return, and no doubt it was with reluctance that necessity forced him to wend his way homeward.

Trade at Home

WHAT JOHN THINKS
Say, Bill, did you know the war was over?

Now, John, keep quiet. I didn't tell today when I bought a pair of gloves from Uncle Charley at \$1.90 that my neighbor paid \$2.75 for the same kind. This fellow C. A. Love keeps on the job, sells cheaper than any catalogue house. You ought to see his prices on shoes, gloves, work clothes and groceries. He beats all West Texas.

That's right, John, all pure cane Syrup he sells for \$1.00, Best Flour \$1.70, Lard \$1.25, Maxwell House Coffee \$1.25, 2 Bars Toilet Soap 5c. Can he be beat?
Don't think so, Bill.

Trade at Home

We this week received a letter from W. C. Cameron who is now in Abilene teaching in the Summer School of McMurray College and where he will be employed until about the middle of August when he will return to Spur. During the time Mr. Cameron is teaching in McMurray College, Mrs. Cameron is in Montgomery, Texas. In a recent issue the Texas Spur erred in stating that Mr. Cameron had probably retired from the teaching profession. The fact is that he has gone up to a higher position in the teaching profession and has the ability to advance to the very highest positions of the profession. W. C. Cameron is one of the best educators and school builders of the country. We wish him the highest success and recognition in his profession wherever he may locate.

Trade at Home

We recently received a letter informing us that Mr. Cochran who two years ago was principal of the Spur High school, has accepted a position as superintendent of the Cross Plains Schools in Callahan county. Mr. Cochran is a Christian gentleman, conscientious in everyday life, thorough in his work, and has ability as an educator and school builder, and will successfully conduct the school work which he has undertaken at Cross Plains.

Trade at Home

Cecil Fox and wife returned this week from a trip to Prairie Hill and other points where they visited with relatives and friends.

Trade at Home

William Manning, who has been attending a practical school of engineering in Cincinnati, arrived home this week to spend the summer vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Manning. The school which William is attending employs half time of pupils in text book and theoretical study and half time in actual work and practical experience and experiments. William Manning is making progress and will make a success in his chosen line of electrical engineering.

Trade at Home

H. P. Edwards, merchant, pestmaster, farmer and leading citizen of McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday. He told us that prospects were now most promising of the biggest crops ever produced in that section. Few grass hopper pests are in evidence, good seasons prevail and crops are growing nicely, and the best small grain crops of years is now being harvested. These are few words but full of meaning. Good times are coming and a prosperous season is ahead of us.

Trade at Home

MARRIED
Dr. M. H. Brannen, of Spur, and Miss Alva Jean Morrow, were united in marriage Sunday, June 15th, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Craddock, of Robert Lee. Dr. and Mrs. Brannen are now at home to their friends in Spur.

Mrs. Brannen was last year in Spur several months under the auspices of the Red Cross doing nutrition educational work in connection with the schools of the county. She is a young lady of charming personality, and one who is gracious, modest, intelligent and fitted in every respect to preside over a real home. Dr. Brannen has been practicing his profession of dentistry in Spur for several years, and is a young man who stands high in his profession and has a bright and promising future. We congratulate him in winning the love of such an estimable young lady and acquiring a real help-mate in his life's work.

Trade at Home

Mrs. Effie Johnson, who several years ago taught in Spur schools and made her home in the city, was here recently visiting her brother, J. A. Marsh and family and again many of her friends in Spur. Mrs. Johnson is now making her home in Abilene or Sweetwater.

Trade at Home

Mildred McKenzie, of Bomarton, Texas, is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Lindly and Miss Conklin.

FOR SALE—Two corner residence lots, desirable location, some improvements, priced right.—Call at White Swan Cafe. 35-2t

Trade at Home

Attorney B. G. Worswick was over from Dickens Tuesday of this week, transacting business and meeting with friends.

Trade at Home

Mr. Mimms, of the Draper country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tip P. Bell, of Abilene, spent the week end with Miss Lavina Conklin.

Trade at Home

Miss Donna Edmonds, who is making her home and teaching in the schools of New Mexico the past several years, is in Spur visiting with her brother, E. C. Edmonds and family.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. McMeans returned the past week from Waco and other points where they spent a vacation of a week or ten days with relatives and friends.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones will leave the latter part of this week for Kansas City and New York where they will spend some time on business and enjoying a summer's vacation.

Trade at Home

G. H. Connell, who has been spending some time with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, returned last week to his home in Port Worth.

Plant Less Cotton

Mrs. J. J. Lilly, of several miles northeast of Spur, was a visitor and shopper in the city Wednesday of this week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Recently in coming to Spur Mrs. Lilly lost her handbag containing a purse with some silver and paper money. The finder of the purse is requested to return it to Mrs. Lilly and get her thanks and reward.

Trade at Home

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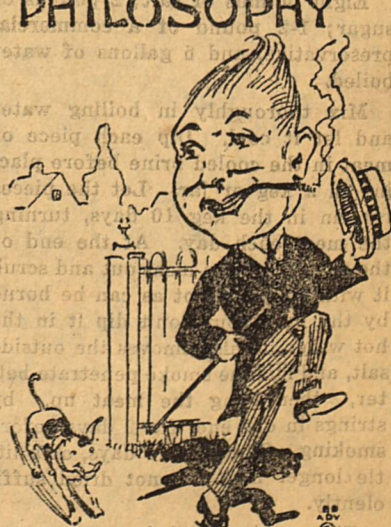
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

RELATING TO GRANTING OF CONFEDERATE PENSIONS
Senate Joint Resolution No. 10

Proposing an amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature may grant pensions to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows, who have been citizens of Texas since prior to January 1, 1910, providing that all soldiers, sailors and their widows eligible under the provisions hereof shall be entitled to be placed upon the rolls and participate in the pension fund created hereunder; levying a tax of seven (\$.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) valuation of property in this State for the payment of such pension, providing that the Legislature may reduce the rate of pension for such purposes, fixing a time for the election to be held on such amendment and making an appropriation to pay the expenses thereof.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas shall be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Section 51. The Legislature shall have no power to make any grant or authorize the making of any grant of public money to any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporations whatsoever, provided, however, the Legislature may grant aid to indigent or disabled Confederate soldiers and sailors, who came to Texas prior to January 1, 1910, and to their widows, in indigent circumstances and who have been bona fide residents of this State since January 1, 1910, and who were married to such soldiers or sailors prior to January 1, 1910, and to indigent and disabled soldiers who under the special laws of the State of Texas during the war between the States served in organizations for the protection of the frontier against Indian raiders or Mexican marauders and to indigent and disabled soldiers of the militia of the State of Texas who were in active service during the war between the States and to the widows of such soldiers who are in indigent circumstances and who were married to such soldiers prior to January 1, 1910, provided that the word "widow" in the preceding lines of this Section shall not apply to women born since the year 1861, and all soldiers and sailors and widows of soldiers and sailors eligible under the above conditions shall be entitled to be placed upon the pension rolls and participate in the distribution of the pension fund of this State under any existing law or laws here after passed by the Legislature, and also to grant aid for the establishment and maintenance of a home for said soldiers and sailors, their wives, widows and women who aided in the Confederacy under such regulations and limitations as may be provided by law, provided the Legislature may provide for husband and wife to remain together, in the home. There is hereby levied in addition to all other taxes heretofore permitted by the Constitution of Texas a State ad valorem tax on property of seven (\$.07) cents on the one hundred (\$100) dollars valuation for the purpose of creating a special fund for the payment of pensions for services in the Confederate army and navy, frontier organizations and the militia of the State of Texas, and for the widows of such soldiers serving in said armies, navies, organizations or militia; provided that the Legislature may reduce the tax rate herein levied, and provided further that the provisions of this Section shall not be construed so as to prevent the grant of aid in cases of public calamity.

Section 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified voters of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1924, at which all voters shall have printed or written on their ballots: "For amendment of Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers, sailors and their widows who have been a resident of this State since January 1, 1910." and "Against amendment to Section 51 of Article 3, of the Constitution authorizing the Legislature to grant aid to Confederate soldiers and their widows."

Section 3. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the proclamation for said election and have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State, and the sum of five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of this State or otherwise appropriated for ex-

penses of publications and elections thereunder.

Approved, March 20, 1923.
S. L. STAPLES, Secretary of State.

Trade at Home— 36-4t

SIGN BOARDS TO GO

Road signs and advertisements are to go. All the big corporations are discontinuing sign board advertising voluntarily, and public sentiment will in time eliminate the rest. They not only obliterate and deteriorate the rural scenery that travelers, especially from the cities appreciate so very much, but they are more costly and less valuable than newspaper advertising as has been proven over and over by the biggest advertisers in America.—Brownfield Herald.

Trade at Home—

THE DEATH RAY

If the death ray is an accomplished fact, and if the inventor is really going about the world trying to peddle it to the highest bidder, we have reached a pass where conscience is dead and patriotism becomes a mockery.

It would be tragedy enough for some mad genius to produce such an instrumentality and donate to his government, but he would be worse than Arnold were he to sell it to a potential enemy of his people.

Somewhat we can not bring ourselves to believe that the death ray has really been discovered. The antics of the alleged discoverer look too much like those of a mountebank. It is hard to think of a mind big enough to conceive such a thing and small enough to hawk it about at the same time.

Somewhat we associate bigness of intellect and nobility of character with masterful ingenuity. We can not visualize an Edison, or a Steinmetz, or a Telsa running from capital to capital with some deadly invention.

Even if conscience, or lack of it, permitted them to hawk destructiveness in such a way, patriotism would forbid.

Grindell Matthews may have accomplished what he claims, may have produced a ray that will stop engines in midair and cause death at a great distance, but he acts too much like a man with gold bricks for sale for us to believe it. He seems in too much of a hurry to get somebody's name on the dotted line and too careless as to whom the name may belong to, so long as it represents cash.—Houston Chronicle.

Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—A Sewing Machine and Remington Typewriter, both practically new. Will sell at a bargain.—Frank Laverty. 35-4t

MOTLEY COUNTY MAN BUYS AFTON GIN

A. M. Guthrie, who has been managing the West Texas gins in Motley county for several years, bought the Lanier Gin at Afton last Friday. This places Mr. Guthrie deeply in the gin business, as he owns the McAdoo gin. He has been in the gin business most of his life, and is one of the best gin men found in the South.

The people of the Afton country very fortunate in securing Mr. Guthrie, and we feel that they will be glad of it. Mr. Guthrie will move to Afton in the near future and make the needed repairs on the gin, and be ready when the season opens to give his customers real ginning accommodations.—Roaring Springs Review.

Trade at Home—

Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr., returned this week from Alpine and other points to the west, accompanied by Mr. Andrews and his father who is in ill health. Mr. Andrews did not return home but accompanied his father on to the Coast country in hopes of finding health for him in that section.

Trade at Home—

C. B. Jones was in Crosbyton Monday of this week attending a meeting of the Crosby county board of equalization of taxes, representing the Swenson interests, whose holdings are extensive also in that county.

Trade at Home—

A. Biggs was in Saturday mitting friends and transacting business with our merchants. He owns a splendid farm home just north of town, and tells us that notwithstanding the recent hot winds, his crop of cotton and feed stuff is coming right along.

Trade at Home—

C. N. Kidd was in town Saturday looking after the interests of the inner man, which our enterprising merchants take delight in serving at fair prices. C. N. lives out on Route A, and is one among the leading farmers of Dickens county.

Trade at Home—

FOR SALE—Residence at a bargain. See Brazelton Lumber Company, Spur. 25-4t

WHY WORRY

As a general thing people buck up and face their problem squarely. They say, "I'll do the best I can," but then often turn around and do a lot of worrying about it.

Worry is a psychopathic condition, an emotional disease. Sometimes it is caused by unconscious vanity—an exaggerated conception of the importance of ourselves and our surroundings.

Now that the medical profession is beginning to understand the endocrine glands of the body, a peculiar cause of worry is discovered. This type of worry sometimes takes the form of a constant apprehension of impending disaster, caused by over-secretion of certain chemicals by the thyroid adrenal glands.

Usually, though, worry is a mental disorder, a sort of escape of steam or leak from a disordered nervous system.

The best medicine is work and a hobby interesting enough to take the patient's mind off his worry and make him forget it. The worry may come back as soon as the work and play are halted. But generally the brain can be trained to forget just the same as it can be trained to remember.

The moment you find yourself worrying, strive to dismiss the subject from your mind. Wipe it away, like chalk writing from a blackboard, and concentrate the mind on something else.

Above all, remember that worry is nine-tenths in the imagination.

Trade at Home—

It is to be regretted that Dr. Bolton, after having been elected to head the Texas University and was asked if he were going to accept this honor should use the unfortunate language accerited to him. Dr. Bolton should not forget that it was the people of Texas and not idle curiosity of a few reporters who sought this information. One would hardly expect this favorite illiterate retort to come from the lips of a man of Dr. Bolton's learning. If this be a fair sample of imported intellectualty why not "Buy it Made in Texas." —Texas Commercial News.

Early Long returned Sunday from Ralls where he had been looking after business matters, as well as visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Long is the new owner of the Milligan gin and is busily engaged putting things in shape for this fall's business. He is a gin man of wide experience and will give the famers in this territory unexcelled service in this line.

Trade at Home—

Mr. Jordan was a business visitor here one day this week. He expressed himself as being surprised at the wonderful progress Spur is making at this time. He is one of Jayton's leading business men and has contributed much to the development of the West.

Trade at Home—

BUY AND BUILD IN SPUR

IRENE ARMES TO ATTEND CALIFORNIA U.

Miss Irene Armes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armes, who returned last week from Barstow, where she has been teaching for the past term. She left Wednesday morning for Berkley, Calif., where she will enter the State University for the summer session.—Jayton Chronicle.

Trade at Home—

A. A. Suits and family were recent visitors in the home of J. H. Henson and family, of the Dry Lake community.

Trade at Home—

I have a complete list of all poll tax payers of Dickens county for sale at \$7.50.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 24-4t

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THE JOKE THAT GAVE FIVE WOMEN A TOWN TO RUN

One town in the United States is run entirely by women—with the single exception of the city marshal, who really doesn't count. It all started as a joke, a little "josh" on the ladies, but the ladies took the joke seriously, and so did the townspeople, with the result that a perfectly good man-mayor and several other masculine city officials are out of a job. "The Middle West has told and retold the story of the election here in Columbus City," writes Geo. H. Seigle for the Brooklyn Eagle.

It seems the boys went down to the city hall night before the election and placed a ticket in the field just as they have done ever since the town was organized. On the way home "some of the fellows" stopped in at George Kern's lunchroom for a little chat, and here, over a cigar-counter, some one suggested a ticket of women in opposition. It was just like the same person had suggested a drink. The idea was instantly approved, the ticket filled out and filed with the town clerk. Then the women were approached and consented to run.

There was no campaign speaking, no firecrackers and no cigar-giving. But the boys had done their work and done it well. Several things happened on election day to mar the peaceful quiet of our eastern Iowa town. For one thing, a larger vote was cast here than has been cast in in the memory of the oldest inhabitant—ninety-five. People voted in this election who had not voted for forty years—so Columbus Junction, next door, was heard to say. A wife defeated her husband for a position in the council. Could Mrs. Coolidge defeat "Cal" for the presidency? Well, Mrs. Ritchie defeated Joe.

Of the whole administration, perhaps Mayor Eva Brentz is the most outstanding character. Miss Brentz is a retired school-teacher, short and trim, with a pleasant looking face, of which a most determined-looking chin is a part. She simply radiates efficiency. Miss Brentz is the kind of a person one would expect to find in the position she holds. She is a brilliant conversationalist, vivacious to the degree that it is a distinct pleasure to talk with her, and her personality has been developed by pacifying angry parents and at the same time punishing their wayward offspring.

In fact, all the new officials are really only home-loving women who have emerged from the quietness of their kitchens to the responsibility of city administration. Miss Mary Moore, the new treasurer, and her sister, Miss Nellie Moore, are both schoolteachers. Nellie is the assessor. Mrs. Ritchie's husband is a hardware man and an undertaker. Mrs. Joe Allen's husband is a house-mover and stone mason. Mrs. Thomas Robertson's husband is a real estate man, and so far this spring has been a mud farmer. Mrs. R. W. Jamison's husband is the pastor of the United Presbyterian church.

Committees were appointed at the first meeting of the new Council and are now functioning just as they are in a hundred other Iowa towns. The only place in the city government where skirts have not displaced overalls is in the post of city marshal. He, naturally, must be a man. And George Kern, the man who owns the place where the original ticket was made out, is the happiest man in Columbus City. The mayor is smart, is his satisfied chuckle to the whole world—she's really smart. She'll see that the weeds are cut and the law is enforced. But at the same time the mayor confided to one newspaper man that she was only about "99 4-100 per cent dry." She believes in liquor for medicinal purposes, but abhors the thought of drunkenness. But she will not, she says, launch any big campaign in Columbus City for the establishment of drug stores for prescription purposes.

There is some crap-shooting going on around the town, and Miss Bretz knows it. There may be some boot-legging going on, too, but it won't last long after she gets started, because those are the first places she intends to bombard.

Then, folks in country town are handicapped somewhat because the women can not go out and shoot a man or get a divorce over the weekend. The neighbors talk too much. Therefore, the younger women who would be inclined to such pastimes, join their best gentleman friends in a small automobile, generally vintage of a few years ago, the cut-out is opened, everybody sits tight and the pair whizz through the town at an appalling rate. Mayor Eva Bletz will see that this is not done in Columbus City, either.

Miss Bretz will never admit for a minute that she is old-fashioned. She does not, however, have any par-

ticular regard for the various styles of bobbed hair that one can see even in Iowa these days. Women who smoke cigarettes will get no more sympathy from her than the law will allow. And a woman who drinks—!

Miss Bretz has gone through a great deal since her inauguration as Mayor of Columbus City, as have the other members of the new administration. She has been interviewed dozens of times, had dozens of pictures taken, but through it all the entire group has remained undisturbed. Being assistant in the post-office is the only contact she has ever had with the public up to this time, but don't you forget, folks, she is just as efficient running the city as she ever was sorting mail.

—Trade at Home—
LEPOLD, ATHEIST, SHOWS BELIEF. "SUPERIOR MIND"

CHICAGO, June 22.—"There is no future life or punishment," said Nathan Lepold Jr., in conversation with a Michigan pastor, to whom he was outlining his peculiar philosophy prior to the kidnaping and murder of Robert Franks. Lepold made it plain to the preacher that he possessed a super mind, answerable to no laws save those of his own making. "If I had a better mind than others and choose to do something else than they do, that is my privilege," he is quoted as saying. "If I could commit a crime without being caught, I could do so without compunction or conscience. It is only a question of whether I care to gamble on possibility of punishment by lesser minds."

Rev. Mr. Laurence of the Episcopal Church of Menominee, Mich., talked with Lepold at a Boy Scout camp a year ago, at which time Lepold told of his superiority to laws made by inferior men.

"Lepold is as sane a man as I ever met and one of the most brilliant," said Rev. Mr. Laurence. "He is an atheist who believes there is no future life or punishment. He believes he is a law unto himself."

—Trade at Home—

BANANA LEADS THE WAY
Central America was once the seat of an important native civilization. Possibly because of the same malarial conditions that have existed there in modern times that civilization dwindled almost to extinction. At present there is a prospect that a new era of civilization and progress will take its abandoned place, and the cause from which this result promises to come is the humble banana.

Central America furnishes a vast extent of soil admirably adapted to the profitable production of bananas. With an unlimited market for this fruit, the United Fruit Company is continually on the search for places in which it may be profitably produced, and so is giving much attention to Central America. This of course has brought the company into contact with the problem of malaria,

and it has been quick to avail itself of the methods of sanitation worked out by the United States Government during the building of the Panama Canal, and the later operations of the Rockefeller Foundation.

The banana occupies a place in our food supply vastly greater than most people imagine, but the chief point of interest in this matter is not its relation to the food supply. More important is the fact that a great commercial organization is spending money in huge sums to promote the general health of a vast territory, because a healthy population will carry one more effectively the industry from which the corporation draws its profits.

The banana leads the way in this movement toward Central American health, prosperity and progress, but a more diversified agriculture is sure to follow. The fruit company is selfish in this matter, rather than philanthropic, some will say. In the reprehensible sense of the word "selfish," such an assertion will not bear examination. Of the enlightened selfishness which leads so many modern industrial concerns to devote money, time and thought to the improvement of conditions under which their employes must work, the more the world has the better.—Star Telegram.

—Plant Less Cotton—
FEWER FARMERS ARE PRODUCING LARGER CROPS

Farm labor became about 18 per cent more effective in crop production during the last decade, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Although the number of farm workers decreased over 4 per cent in that period, the mass of crop production increased about 13 per cent. The increased efficiency is attributed chiefly to the use of more and better machinery, the time saved by the use of automobiles, and to the fact that farm owners and their families are working harder or longer on account of farm labor shortage and high wages.

The average crop area per worker in 1820 was 29.4 acres, compared with 25.2 acres in 1910, an increase of nearly 17 per cent. The average size of farms has also increased, being 148 acres in 1920 compared with 138 acres in 1910. Grain and hay crops, which are especially machine-produced, show a higher rate of increase in acreage from the average of 1907-13 to that of 1917-23 than other crops, it is pointed out. The acreage of all crops increased about 12 per cent, whereas that of grains and hay increased about 14 per cent.

—Trade at Home—
NOTICE—I make a specialty of repairing furniture, making window and door frames, or anything in wood work. Headquarters at P. H. Miller's Lumber Yard. W. S. Hunter. 29-1f

R. E. Slough, popular candidate for county commissioner from the Dickens precinct, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He had captured a specie of the grasshopper families from a number congregated in the doorway of the Spur National Bank, and stated that probably they were there awaiting an opportunity to interview W. B. Lee with reference to the supply of poison and its location.

Mr. Slough has more than two hundred acres of cotton, having lost only about half an acre to the grasshoppers. He has been using paddles in killing out the big jumbos, but now he states the smaller, flying species has appeared in his field and he is taking out poison to keep them under control. While there may be lots of grasshoppers in the country, we entertain little fear of material loss from their depredations, because of the fact that farmers in general in every community are staying on the job, watching their appearance and are prepared to poison and kill them as they come and before they have time to do much harm or get scattered over the fields. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and, "staying on the job" now may be the price of a cotton crop.

—Plant Less Cotton—
W. E. Gates, of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mr. Gates is in the campaign for public weigher of the Afton precinct, and when here ordered campaign cards to be used in the furthering of his interests when he starts out on his round of seeing the voters. W. E. Gates has been in the county since the beginning and consequently knows and is known by every voter in the precinct. He made an unsuccessful race for the weigher's office once before, but this time he does not intend to leave any stones un-

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turned that may land him in the office in preference to his four opponents all of whom he recognizes as among the best men of the country, but whom he hopes to outstrip in the race for votes July 26th.

—Trade at Home—

THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION
A subject of more than passing interest to six women of Texas just now is the Governor's mansion, at Austin, one of whom will become mistress of this "White House" of the Lone Star State before another year passes.

The Texas Spur monthly magazine section issued July 11 will tell you something about the mansion—the

state funds available each year for its upkeep, including wages of servants, etc.; when it was built and kind of architecture; names of Governors who have occupied it, from E. M. Pease and family in 1856-57 to Pat M. Neff and family in 1920-24.

Don't think, because we may happen not to ask you to subscribe for the Spur that we don't want your subscription. We do want you to subscribe and join our big family of readers, so that we can all work together to build up our town and community.

—Trade at Home—
Miss Bernice Tidwell, of Jayton, visited friends here this week.

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DICKENS ITEMS

Everything is progressing nicely at the capitol city.

District court adjourned Tuesday morning. This has been the longest term of District Court in the history of Dickens county.

Mr. Harvey Lowell left Tuesday for Canyon to visit his sister, Mrs. J. B. Spear.

Bro. Leroy Elkins, of Amarillo, will preach at the Christian church Thursday night.

Judge Milam and District Attorney J. Rose left for their respective homes Tuesday.

Mr. Combest, of Paducah, was in the city Monday soliciting votes for district attorney. Mr. Combest is well qualified for the place.

Mr. W. E. Street and Miss Clara Johnson were quietly married Saturday night by Rev. Jennings of Espuela. They left Sunday for Oklahoma to visit with relatives. We extend to them a long and happy married life.

The county school board met Thursday in Dickens.

Mrs. Stene Dowe, of Idalon, is visiting with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Worswick.

The Love Theater will soon be completed. Mr. Love intends to make this one of the best theaters in West Texas.

Mr. M. O. Hawk made a trip to Floydada Tuesday.

Mr. Jack Lusk is working over at Spur this week.

Aunt Jane Poor died Thursday night, June 19, and her remains were interred in the Dickens cemetery Friday. Aunt Jane was 106 years old. She has been living in Dickens ever since the early days. She was known and loved by everybody. She leaves no close relatives. We are sure Aunt Jane was the oldest person ever lived in Dickens county or West Texas.

Trade at Home—
PRODUCE INFERTILE EGGS AND GET TWICE AS MUCH FOR THEM

Are you satisfied with what you are getting for eggs? Or do you want more? How would 22½ cents per dozen look?

Arrangements have been made for a market for infertile eggs, and most of the merchants of Dickens county are offering a premium of seven and one-half cents for infertile eggs. This makes infertile eggs bring 22½ cents per dozen, and you have no loss for spoiled eggs.

The producer of fertile eggs receives fifteen cents per dozen, and as the Spur Produce Company is handling out more than half the eggs offered for sale, this means that the farmer is receiving only one-half of that amount per dozen. **SWAT THE ROOSTER AND INCREASE YOUR EGG MONEY 200 PER CENT.**

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will buy all stamped eggs at this increase—Yours for better eggs, R. B. Johnston, County Agricultural Agent.

Trade at Home—

MARRIED

Miss Creola Richbourg and Paul A. Vickers were united in marriage at Amarillo Friday of last week, leaving immediately for Spur where they spent a short time with her father, J. B. Richbourg and children before going to Midland where they will make their home in the future.

In Spur, where Miss Creola Richbourg was reared and spent practically all her life, she is universally loved for her womanly graces and admired because of her superior talents and accomplishments. During the past several years she has been teaching voice and expression and conducting chautauqua programs and plays with marked success and recognized ability. Mr. Vickers is a writer of recognized ability and for several years was on the editorial staff of a leading daily newspaper of Amarillo. At the present time he is secretary of the Chamber of Commerce at Midland, and is recognized as an able and efficient commercial organizer and community builder.

The Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vickers, and may their lives be pleasant, prosperous and of real benefit to the communities in which they sojourn.

Trade at Home—

Thurman Harris, Weldon McClure and Bob Gorham have accepted a position up on the plains as cotton choppers and harvest hands. They are just out of college with nine months of "softening up" and no doubt they will earn the two dollars per in the cotton and wheat fields these long, hot summer days.

Trade at Home—

S. B. Scott, Jr., and Carl Benson, who are attending school at Canyon, spent the week end in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott and Mrs. E. Luce.

Trade at Home—

T. C. Ensey and family returned this week from a vacation trip to San Angelo and other points. They started out with W. C. Gruben and family who went on for a more extended trip and vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Gruben will go on to San Antonio and back by way of Austin, Waco and other points, probably being away from home a month or more.

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CROTON, THE RURAL SCHOOL WITH TWENTIETH CENTURY METHODS

To one who has never visited in the Croton section, and judging by what one hears when they say the "Croton Brakes" one might infer that you were near the bear hunting jungles of Louisiana. But what one hears is often misleading, especially if one tries to apply "brakes" to the above place to mean that it is a waste of tangle wood and underbrush. In fact, the word "brakes" in this case we take to mean the first elevation of any degree before going upon the Plains proper.

To say that you can usually judge a country by the kind of school it has is not far from being true and if one is to use the educational yardstick to measure the Croton community, it will be found to measure up to the best for any rural community in the state. It was learned that there were originally three districts consolidated to make the school. Recently they have taken in two other schools, namely, the Wichita school district and the Deer Lake district, which will make this one of the largest if not the largest rural school unit in Dickens county. It was also learned that they will have employed some five teachers to take care of this immense educational area. This district has moved out of conservative attitude to the common school district of small territory—and in a great many instances small interest—to the more advanced and progressive type of the Independent districts. There is one and possibly two other such districts in the county. This shows a wide-awake school idea and the people of the Croton country are to be commended on this forward educational step. Posterity will call such action the work of great crusades for the cause of intellectual liberty. School friends hope to see more Independent districts in Dickens county in the near future.

D. M. Varnell is a member of the above place and was among the first to say "yes" to a subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Varnell tells us that he has been in the county eight years—was born in Miles county but lived in Ellis county for eighteen years. A friend of both said: "Say any good thing about this man and you won't go wrong." He has the reputation of being one of the best citizens of the county. He is living on the farm of W. C. Benson also of this section. We learn that Mr. Varnell has a farm in Bailey county consisting of one hundred and eighty acres. He traded his farm in the Prairie Chapel section for the above.

Age cannot always be judged numerically. The saying goes that a man is as old as he thinks he is and a woman is as old as she looks to be. W. Benson, though born March 19, 1839, is not so very old because he thinks young and optimistic thoughts. He told the writer while visiting out on his farm that he was a young fellow, considering the fact that he has put the Biblical span of three score year and ten in the past many years ago.

It is a pleasure to talk to an old veteran both of war and industry, especially one whose life has been so eventful as Mr. Benson's life has been. For quite a while he reviewed his connection with our Civil war between the states and also with his history in the early days in Texas and Dickens county. Mr. Benson is a native of North Carolina. He served with Gen. Johnson in the Army of Tennessee, moving to Georgia in 1848. Afterward going to Alabama in 1851, and finally coming to Texas in the year 1871. Mr. Benson states that he lived at the head of Galveston Bay, Harris County. Soon after he moved to Collin county, near the town of McKinney. His next move was to Hopkins county where he sojourned for some years.

We learned that he and Mrs. Benson will soon celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary, having married July 28, 1865. His place is situated near the imposing school structure of this section. He has a good farm home and we are glad with him that he has a good home in which to spend the evening of his life.

W. C. Short, a hard working and energetic farmer of this section, is a new reader to the County paper. Mr. Short and family are real busy folks. They are busily engaged in looking after poultry and cows and other sides of farm problems when not otherwise engaged in field operations. Mrs. Short is a sister to our good countryman, Dave Hale, of the Prairie Chapel section. Mr. Short came to Dickens county from King county because he says, "I think it is a better country." While there we met his two sons, T. J. and Alvin, who are useful boys about the farm stead.

We found M. B. Gage busy in all round crop work. Everybody busy, but not too busy to tell the Texas Spur man that he wanted the paper for one year. Mr. Gage is a man that you might call a Texan because he has been here practically all of his life. He came here when a mere child from that good old state, Arkansas—by way of prentesis, one of the best states in North America, except Texas—Mr. Gage informed us that he was formerly with the Northern Pacific railroad, having headquarters at Spokane, Wash.

We appreciate very much the subscription of our young friend, T. R. Sizemore. Mr. Sizemore is a forward looking gentleman, he having moved into this county recently from San Augustine. He is managing large farm operations in the Croton section.

Mr. F. M. Morris gives us his renewal subscription for one year. Mr. Morris is from Erath county, near Dublin. He owns a farm in the Wichita territory of one hundred and twenty-five acres. Mr. Morris is an interesting talker and knows how to entertain visitors, making them feel at home.

Mrs. J. H. Hemphill took the Texas Spur in the absence of her husband for which we offer our special thanks. Mr. and Mrs. Hemphill are hard working people, and go 50-50 in life's battles. Mr. Hemphill is one of the trustees of the Croton advanced school. These good people have been living here seven years, having come to Dickens county from Mexico.

On this survey we stopped at the ranch home of J. P. Koonsman. His twenty-four hundred acres in farm and ranch make a typical ranch home. He has a pleasant home well furnished. Mr. Koonsman is an old time subscriber to this paper.

On winding up our itinerary we had the pleasure of stopping for a few minutes at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murchison. They live on the extreme eastern end of the Wichita country. Mr. Murchison has a section of fine land in this part of the county. He and his family are energetic, dependable people and we are glad to know them. While in the home, we had the pleasure of knowing his son, Roland, who has been a helpless invalid for two years, having been crippled by the effects of the influenza during the terrible epidemic that struck the country a few years ago.

Roland is a wonderful young man. While very much handicapped, he never permitted that to forever shut the gates of opportunity. Since becoming a helpless shut-in, he has taken to home study and during this short time has become an artist in his line, that of a taxidermist. The writer had the pleasure of viewing his diploma from the Northwestern School of Taxidermy, Omaha, Nebraska. In his display he has birds, wolves, badger, prairie dogs, horses, etc., that he has mounted right in his own room. He has a display that would credit to any curio shop. In addition to this he has time to display his musical talent, being a creditable performer on violin and guitar. He is a great reader. In short, when in his room, one might think that it was an office of Literary Research.

With all his afflictions, he is an optimist. From his wall the sign reads: "Be Glad You are Alive." Roland is a young man of twenty-one and his development along scientific lines should be a beacon light to others—should move the sluggish to action—should shame others of more fortunate circumstances for their small accomplishments.

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W. F. and J. M. James, of Ralls, have moved to Spur and opened for business the Spur Bakery. The bakery is located in the new brick building recently completed by D. H. Sullivan on Harris street. Messrs. James come to Spur highly recommended as first-class bakers, able and competent to give the people of Spur and surrounding country a business second to none in their line.

Trade at Home—

Miss Huie, of Anson, is the guest of her brother, R. F. Huie and family at their home in Spur.

Trade at Home—

Miss Effie Cowan, of Mart, is in the city the guest of her brother, E. J. Cowan and family.

Mrs. A. T. Ballard, of near Spur, was shopping in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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