

Fort Worth Roswell Highway Through Spur Has Been Changed

In view of the proposed change in the routing of the Fort Worth Roswell Highway through Spur, diverting the state designation of highways to points north and south, delegates from Spur, Girard, Jayton, Peacock, Swenson and Sagerton went to Austin to attend a meeting of the state Highway Commission held Monday, in an endeavor to retain the designated highway through these points and present claims why this highway, known as No. 18, should not be changed to other points.

The Highway Commission has already withdrawn the state recognition of this established route, diverting the state designation of two other routes, one to the south and one to the north. The southern designation is a highway to go from Stamford to Hamlin, Rotan, Most and thence west on the Plains. The northern designated highway will come through Graham, Olney, Seymour, Benjamin, Guthrie, Dickens, Crosbyton and thence on west to Roswell, thus passing through the center of Dickens county but leaving Spur high and dry off a state designated highway.

The Texas Spur has always boasted for good roads and contended for more roads and better roads. The Highway Commission is to be commended for establishing and giving recognition and aid to other highways for the convenience and benefit of transient and through as well as local travel and traffic. We are glad to see the establishment and designation of both these highways, and especially so of the northern route through Dickens. This route, running from county seat to county seat as it does, not only follows up a plan adopted by the state department but gives a direct roadway through the country touching the central, governmental points of each of the number of counties traversed, and is sure to be favorably recognized and used by the traveling public.

However, we do deplore the fact that state recognition and designation has been withdrawn from the highway through Spur and other points along the route from here to Stamford, as established and designated in the beginning. A road district was created and bonds voted to build this highway in the beginning with the assurance that it would be recognized as a state highway. Since that time Dickens county has voted bonds and spent one or two hundred thousand dollars in grading, graveling and making a permanent highway of this route within the bounds of the county, and considering the fact that much time, labor and money has thus been expended in view of state highway recognition and designation, we can't help but feel that an injustice as well as injury is being done by withdrawing recognition and depriving us of such advantages as have been and may hereafter be gained by state highway designation and which will be lost by diverting such recognition to other routes. By all means create and designate other needed highways but in doing so it is not necessary to injure Spur and deprive the people along the old route of any benefits which the first established and designated highway may bring.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. H. Boothe Sold His Farm to W. B. Lee

Two weeks ago J. H. Boothe placed an advertisement in the Texas Spur offering his place of 160 acres two miles southeast of Spur for sale. Last week the place was sold to W. B. Lee for a consideration of \$52,500 per acre.

This is one of the finest farms of the country, being located in the sub irrigated valley of Duck Creek. Some day these lands along the Duck Creek valley can not be purchased at any price within reason or reach of the man of limited means. It is the finest land in Texas, not even the Brazos bottom lands being excepted. The soil is adapted to a great variety of products, and can be made to produce in great abundance. The day is coming when intensive farming of produce will be practiced, and when that day comes the Duck Creek Valley lands will be priceless.

Porter Day Shows First Open Cotton

Porter Day, who lives on the J. P. Middleton farm just west of Dickens, brought in and exhibited Monday the first open boll of cotton of the season.

Mr. Day also had two limbs from cotton stalks in his field, one of which had six and the other ten bolls and squares. He has seventy five acres of cotton from which these exhibits came, there being a total of one hundred sixty acres in the field. During the dry time, Mr. Day states that his cotton continued to grow, and since the rains have come he expects to pick the biggest crop of cotton ever before made by him in this country. He planted Antone seed which he saved from forty eight bales last year. It is claimed that Antone cotton has a better shape and produces more abundantly than Half and Half.

Mr. Day thinks that within ten days he will have out a bale of cotton for the gins, and has hopes of winning the premium usually offered in Spur for the first bale of cotton picked and ginned within the Spur trade territory.

—Help Spur Grow—

SEARS ROEBUCK ESTABLISHES STUDENT LOAN FUND

From Dallas comes the announcement of the Sears Roebuck Agricultural Foundation Student Loan Fund of \$25,000.00. This fund will be used to enable worthy farm boys, who otherwise would be deprived of this privilege through lack of funds, to attend A. & M. College and study the principles of agriculture. From the information received from the management of the Ex-Students Association, the operation of this fund this coming fall should enable approximately four or five hundred boys to take up agricultural work, who otherwise would be forced to forego this opportunity.

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ALL DAY SINGING AND DINNER ON THE GROUND AT MIDWAY

An all day singing was enjoyed by hundreds of people last Sunday at Midway, the occasion being the beginning of a singing school by Prof. Cornelius who conducted the song services throughout the day. At the noon hour dinner was spread on the ground. Bread, meat, pickles and coffee was provided by the singing school committee, while the ladies of the community supplemented these items with other good things to eat, thus making a real feast that was enjoyed by all present.

The singing school was commenced Monday by Prof. Cornelius and will be conducted seventeen days. Mr. Cornelius has the reputation of being one of the best singing teachers of the south. He has a large class at Midway, and the musical interests of the community will be greatly enhanced by reason of his teaching.

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Attend Annual Reunion Ex-Rangers at Ranger

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer and son, Walter and wife, left Spur Tuesday for Ranger where they will attend the annual reunion of old ex-rangers of Texas, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

J. I. Greer was one of the old ranger force of the state in the earlier days when the Indians were the chief source of depredation to the white settlement and progress of civilization, thus playing an important part looking to present day progress.

From the reunion Walter Greer and wife will go further east to visit with relatives before returning to their home in California.

In conversation with J. I. Greer before leaving, he stated that with proper encouragement on the part of Spur, the next annual reunion could be pulled here. It would be appropriate to have the reunion in Spur, since in the earlier days forces of rangers were stationed at Soldier Mound and Double Mountains and operated in this section in preventing Indian depredations.

Appeal Filed By Mrs. Frank Collier

Twenty nine bills of exceptions are cited in the appeal filed Monday August 3rd. in the Court of Criminal Appeals by Mrs. Frank Collier, convicted of murder in Haskell County, on a change of venue from Wichita Co. for the slaying of Elzie Robertson, her son-in-law, at Wichita Falls, Feb. 14th 1925.

Frank Collier, husband of Mrs. Collier and former mayor of Wichita Falls who was sentenced to three years for manslaughter in connection with Robertson's death filed an appeal June 22.

The appeal of Mrs. Collier contends that the court erred in refusing permission to Frank Collier, who had already been acquitted of murder, to testify in defense of his wife. The appeal recites that "the ten-year sentence is excessive and shows clearly that the jury was inflamed by prejudice and passion and was not moved by calm reasoning based upon the legal and competent testimony evidenced by the record."

It is expected the case will be submitted at the Fall term of the Court of Criminal Appeals in October.—Haskell Free Press.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. B. LEE AND W. R. LEWIS ON DAIRY INSPECTION TOUR

W. B. Lee and W. R. Lewis left Sunday to join a Denver Railway party touring the country for the inspection of dairy herds located in different parts of the state and other states.

The itinerary of the tour includes points in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, and other states. They will be gone about twenty days, and some of the finest dairy cattle of America will be inspected, and the methods of feeding and care of dairy cattle will be studied and observed.

W. B. Lee has always taken a great interest in the varied agricultural interests as well as banking interests of the country, and has been most active in lending his assistance to the farmers in every way. In fact, we believe W. B. Lee, while receiving no direct pay for such services, has been of great benefit and value to the farmers of the country than those who have been paid by public funds to do such work. No doubt upon returning from this extensive tour of inspection of dairy cattle, Mr. Lee will be in a position to give farmers of this territory information of real value concerning dairy cattle and their care.

—Help Spur Grow—

Financial Association To Help Drouth Stricken People

A financial organization is being organized in San Antonio for the purpose of extending financial relief to the people of the drouth stricken areas of Texas. The association proposes to provide the necessary funds in relieving the situation at six percent interest extending over a period of four to six years, thus giving sufficient time to recover the drouth effects at a low rate of interest expense.

There are many sections of Texas hard hit because of the drouth, and help must come to them from some source. In some sections state representatives are endeavoring to get Governor Ferguson to call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of granting aid by tax exemptions and through state financial help. In some parts of the country it is said that work stock and cattle are being killed to prevent them starving from lack of feed and water. For a time it looked like West Texas would be included in the drouth area but the rains have come and West Texas will now be in a position to render aid to the drouth stricken area of the East.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. C. MILLER BUYS FEED AND PRODUCE HOUSE AT JAYTON

J. C. Miller this week purchased a feed and produce business and property of A. T. Duncan at Jayton, and he and family will move next week to Jayton to assume charge and management of the produce business.

Mr. Miller has had much experience in the produce business, and his business activities in Jayton will be a real asset to the town and surrounding country.

City Lets Contract For New City Calaboose

The City Commissioners this week let the contract for the construction of a new city calaboose, the work to begin immediately.

The new structure will be of reinforced concrete with steel doors and windows, making it safe, secure and absolutely fire-proof. The building will be 12x24 feet in dimensions, cut into two departments or rooms. The interior will be completely equipped and furnished in a most comfortable and luxurious manner for the entertainment of guests who may seek admittance.

The building will cost approximately two thousand dollars, conveniently located and finished in such a manner as to be ornamental as well as useful in the administration of city government.

The construction of this new city jail was made possible if not necessary by the recent destruction by fire of the old and most antiquated bastille.

—Help Spur Grow—

DUCK CREEK MEETING CLOSSES

The protracted meeting being conducted by Rev. W. M. Scott at Duck Creek closed Sunday on account of excessive and continued rains. The meeting was in progress a week and during that time much interest was shown on the part of the people and while there were no conversions since practically every individual of the community is already a Christian and church member, yet the meeting resulted in a revival of religion. Rev. Scott went to Watson Monday to assist Rev. Grizzle in a meeting during the balance of the week at that place, the meeting having been in progress there throughout the past week. A great interest is also reported in this meeting.

Introduction

LAST FALLS STOCK

- 1 Sweater
- 2 Sheep lined Coats
- 4 Ladies Dresses
- No Union Suits.
- No Blankets
- 6 Comforts
- 1 Leather Coat
- 9 Mens Suits
- No Mens Coats
- 2 Pieces Outing
- The balance of our
- Stocks is a
- Minimum of
- The above.

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a Big Portion of
Goods are in
Transit

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SALEMS

SPUR, TEXAS

Spur Country Promises Biggest Crop Production In Farming History

Will Make 2 Tons Maize to the Acre

Last week W. H. Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, informed us that he had a crop of maize on his place which now gives assurance of producing two tons to the acre. Through the continued dry season, he stated that his feed crops suffered but very little, remaining green and continuing to grow and fill out until two tons to the acre is assured.

There are many evidences in every section of the country at this time to bear out the claim that "West Texas can promise less and produce more than any other country in America." Two weeks ago many were beginning to think the country had gone to the bow-wows, while today she is blooming and blossoming out and giving every assurance of the biggest production ever before known, even the year 1914 not excepted.

Come to West Texas, and the Spur country in particular.

—Help Spur Grow—

Nina Morgan Died Wednesday Morning in Rochester, Minn

A telegram was received Wednesday morning from Bob Morgan at Rochester, Minnesota, stating that his daughter, Miss Nina Morgan, died that morning at four o'clock.

Mr. Morgan and Miss Ada Mitchell left Spur about the first of July with Miss Nina, taking her to Mayo Brothers, the world's noted surgeons, for treatment and a diagnosis of her troubles. Miss Nina had been suffering for months and had almost completely lost her eye sight. The diagnosis developed that she suffered of a tumor in the back of her head, and no hope was extended for her recovery even through an operation. Treatments only being given to afford temporary relief. Apparently her condition was improving until two days before her death at which time a relapse occurred, followed later by death.

The remains, accompanied by Miss Mitchell, will return home by railway, while Mr. Morgan will drive his car back through the country, expecting to arrive in Spur Friday and funeral arrangements will be completed at that time.

Miss Nina was sixteen years of age, and the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Morgan. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the family and relatives in this bereavement.

BOY BITTEN BY MAD DOG IN WICHITA COMMUNITY

Recently the little child of Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Caldwell, of the Wichita Community, was bitten by a mad dog. Mr. Caldwell was in Spur Thursday of this week with the child who has been taking the serum treatment from Dr. Blackwell.

After biting the child the dog was shot several times before being able to kill it.

These are "dog days" and the people of every community should be most careful of dogs.

SONG SERVICE TO BE HELD AT DICKENS SUNDAY

Prof. R. H. Cornelius, who is now conducting a singing class at Midway will conduct a song service Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Dickens. All singers as well as those who enjoy a song service are invited to attend.

The big rains of the past two weeks amounting to from five to fifteen inches in every community throughout the Spur country, insures bumper crops of both feed and cotton, and gives promise of the greatest production and harvest of crops since the beginning of farming operations in West Texas. In fact, the indications now are that even a great production will be had this year than in 1914 which year is generally considered the banner crops year of this country.

Every section of the country now has an ideal season, crops are growing rapidly and putting abundant fruit. Even the small, stunted cotton with a single bloom in the top is now running up and putting on blooms and squares and gives promise of abundant yield.

The production problem is now practically solved, and if farmers and producers will now use good judgement in solving the marketing problems, a good price is sure to be obtained. With an abundant crop and a price of thirty cents, this country would be prosperous and in better shape than ever before—the war period and prices not excepted, because in this instance promiscuous spending would be avoided.

—Help Spur Grow—

DRILLING MAY SOON BEGIN ON DAVIS TEST ACREAGE

A letter received by Luke Davis from R. A. Hodges of Abilene, who has the blocked acreage here for oil all preliminary arrangements have been made except the signature of Mr. Swenson to several blocks of land near the center of the blocked acreage, and that just as soon as these leases have been secured the actual drilling of a test well will begin. Mr. Swenson has been over in the old country, and upon his return the leases will probably be executed without further delay.

We are most hopeful that this test will develop a real oil well, and such hopes are backed up and encouraged in the knowledge that there is real oil bearing sands in this territory which was barely touched in former incomplete tests. When this territory is gone into the possibility if not probability is that oil will flow in great paying quantities. Many geologists have stated that some where in this territory the "mother" pool of oil will be found, and who knows but that it will be uncovered in this test.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. P. WILKES & SON IMPROVING AND REMODELING STORE

J. P. Wilkes & Son are this week making improvements and changing up the front of their store building, getting ready for the big fall business, and arranging for a better display of goods.

J. P. Wilkes & Son are most progressive, not only in the conduct of company business, but in a public way and as citizens of the town and country.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Lena Casey, of Abilene, spent several days of last week in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Aston of California, Mrs. A. E. Bell of Snyder, and Misses Faye, Alice and Anna Mitchell of Abilene, are all guests this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Aston.

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O. C. Henry, of the Afton country, was here Tuesday, rejoicing over the big rains and bumper crop prospects now in evidence on every hand.

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**Farmers and Others Arrange to Oppose
Advance in Rates of Railways of S. W.**

The fight of the states of the south west territory against the 11 per cent increase in freight rates is beginning to take form. Meetings are being held this week to arrange the groundwork for the battle. The hearing is to be in Chicago in September, having been postponed a week.

Representatives of eight states met in Topeka Tuesday to discuss the procedure to be followed, divide the work, consider the employment of a directing counsel, arrange for the collecting of the vast quantity of information required and other preliminary work.

Corn belt farm organizations, representing twenty four farm bodies of the middle west, meeting in Des Moines, called upon the interstate commerce commission not only to deny the advance, but to reduce rates on agricultural products. Agriculture was not fighting for a "square deal" the conference declared, but it is "fighting for a chance to exist."

It only was not in position to stand another increase, the conference declared but "on the contrary is not able to carry freight burdens levied on it at this time."

Oklahoma will help in the rate fight. A conference representing the agricultural, mining and manufacturing interests called for the creation of a central committee to take charge of a shippers' side of the rate fight. Thus the interests of the state affected by the proposed increase have joined in the common fight.

"The railroads are permitting their local business to be taken away from them," John A. Whitehurst, president of the Oklahoma State board of agriculture, said. They are letting it go without a struggle, no doubt feeling their opportunity to lean upon the strong arm of the government for increased rates.

"In my mind, there is no reason for the bus lines and automobiles to disrupt great organizations like the railroads. They must change their system to meet the new demands, without expecting to lay the burden for such loss upon the farmers and shippers. I don't believe they feel seriously they are entitled to a raise at this time, but are using that method as a smoke screen against lower rates, by which agriculture should be given relief."

Chambers of commerce of southeastern Kansas towns got behind the fight against advancing freight rates at a meeting last Monday night. The meeting, called by Mayor Marvin W. Krieger of Coffeyville, was at Parsons. This resolution was adopted:

That Southeastern Kansas unanimously stands behind the public service commission in the fight before the interstate commerce commission to be heard in Chicago September 8, 1925, regarding the proposed raise in freight rates, affecting all railroads in the so-called western district.

The call for the Topeka meeting was sent out jointly by Missouri and Kansas to these states:

Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Oklahoma.

Replies have been received from all states except Arkansas. The Colorado commission has no money even to send a man to the meeting, it replied.

Meanwhile Washington provides some interesting information on the financial position of the railroads asking for a rate increase and alleging that without it their credit will be impaired. The Frisco, for instance has been a regular bonanza for investors and speculators. The increased value of its stock ever last year, not more stock, but the same stock valued higher by bankers, investors and speculators, amounts to 30 million dollars. Only less notable is the showing of the Katy Missouri Pacific, Rock Island and railroads.

In the year the Frisco went on a dividend basis for the first time in its history, paying \$5 on common and \$6 on preferred stock. The Katy inaugurated dividends on its preferred stock and that may be increased. The Santa Fe raised its dividend rate from \$6 to \$7. The Wabash inaugurated dividends on its preferred stock. The Rock Island continued its six and seven per cent dividends and bought the Cotton Belt system.

The Missouri Pacific did not go on a dividend basis, but took over two big railroad systems, the International and Great Northern and the Gulf Coast. The Kansas City Southern continued its dividends on preferred stock and bought heavily into Katy stock.

Roads like the Santa Fe and Union Pacific poured millions of dollars back into their properties. But earnings on the common stock of the roads are interesting. The Santa Fe earned \$15.50 a share; Burlington \$12.80 a share; Rock Island with a big common stock, \$4.40 a share; Frisco \$12.40; Katy \$4.60. And the value of the common stock behind the Katy constituted a scandal a few years ago. The Southern earned \$3.80 a share and the Wabash almost \$5 a share.

**Help Spur Grow—
WHAT THE SHORT COURSE IS
DOING AT COLLEGE STATION**

Were you or your boys at College Station last week,

If you were we venture the assertion that you and they came home with renewed interest and enthusiasm for work and an increased sense of the dignity of farm life.

We don't believe that any man can attend the short course at A. & M. even once without being a better farmer and a better father for it, and we don't believe that any farmer that makes a practice of attending the short course regularly will ever have much trouble keeping his boys on the farm.

This year the Ft. Worth & Denver railway granted a rate of two-thirds of one fare for the round trip, making that part of the cost a very small matter. It was less than thirteen dollars from Amarillo and the meals were provided in the mess hall at thirty three cents each. The expense would be even less if several went in a party, taking a car and equipment with which to camp out. A beautiful spot is allotted in the college park for those who desire to make such an outing of the trip and having their cars with them is an added advantage in getting about over the big farm.

All of the farm men and women, boys and girls were divided into groups and each hour of the day from 8 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon, there were lectures and demonstrations and contests for each group. The evening programs were given in Guion Hall and Assembly Hall, dividing the crowd so that there would be room for all. During the day, the streets of the campus were lined with cars of people who had come to spend the day or were camping on the grounds and the sight of approximately three thousand who thronged the mess hall at meal time was one long to be remembered.

The instructor's included not only the college faculty but men and women from various sections who made marked successes in their particular lines. There were also people present from the Federal department of Agriculture and Extension from other states. The interesting talks and discussions covered every phase of life on the farm and could not fail to be helpful to any farmer. Was a man interested in learning how to take care of trees in his orchard, there were lectures on selection of nursery stock, planting cultivating, treatments for insects and diseases, pruning budding, grafting, packing, shipping and marketing and practical demonstrations in the experimental station orchard. Stock raising was covered in the same methodical and detailed manner with the station live stock to illustrate the results at various kinds of feed as well as the proper selection of animals, balanced feeding, care and treatment. Agricultural engineering, soil improvement, seed selection, terracing, crop production, marketing and in fact, everything that would naturally interest men and boys on the farm was provided in the short course.

Equal provision was made for the women and girls in every branch of household art including home furnishings, landscape gardening, dress manners, literature, music, games and entertainments.

There were baseball games, drills and supervised play on the campus every afternoon for the youngsters and moving pictures each evening. In fact, we cannot think of a single thing that could have been added to the program that would have made it better or more worth while. If those in attendance this year will go home and put into execution one-hundredth part of what they learned, they themselves, their community and the state will have profited immensely by their having been there. Nor do we see how it would be possible for any farm family to get greater returns from a nominal investment than were to be derived by attending the short course, and we sincerely hope that very many more of our Plains farmers will avail themselves of the opportunity another year.—Southwest Plainsman.

Help Spur Grow—
CAR FOR SALE—A six cylinder, 1924 model, five passenger Buick touring car. See Roy Harkey at the Hudson-Essex Agency. 38tf

Help Spur Grow—
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Help Spur Grow—
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**OLD TIMER REVISITS SPUR
COUNTRY AFTER YEARS**

Elmer Williams and family, of Coahoma, returned home Tuesday of this week after spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams at their home west of Spur. Willie Joiner, a cousin, also of Coahoma, accompanied them on this visit. Mr. Williams formerly lived here, having moved to Coahoma country about the time Spur was established. He stated that wonderful changes had occurred here since his day, the country hardly being recognizable, there being just a few old land marks to recall the happy days of yore. Before leaving Mr. Williams dropped in at the Texas Spur office to jog us up on keeping the Texas Spur coming to him at Coahoma, stating that he appreciated the paper which proved even more interesting than a letter from home.

For once Mr. Copeland says he has enough rain and the indications are that he will make both cotton and feed stuff to run him. Before the rains he plowed up a considerable acreage of his old feed stuff in the thought that it was gone. However, about a third of this old feed was left, the crop plowed up being dry planted to feterita. This old feed has greened up and is going to make good while the feterita planted is not a good stand it is now as fine as can be. The fact of the business is that the country as a whole is now in better shape than it has been since 1914 when crops could not begetherted with the help to be had. Come to the Spur country.

Help Spur Grow—
R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was here a short time Tuesday. He said little but evidenced that smile of contentment and satisfaction at prevailing conditions at this time.

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Dr. Grace last week made a trip to Hico and other points where he spent several days recuperating and visiting relatives and friends.

Help Spur Grow—
R. L. English, of west of Spur, was here Tuesday afternoon greeting friends and acquaintances. He reports everything all o. k.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. J. H. Grace returned the past week from Dallas where she had been visiting with relatives and friends.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. J. B. Cole, of Hico, is in the city the guest of her brother, Dr. J. H. Grace and family.

Help Spur Grow—
Your suit needs cleaning! Bring it to the Quality Cleaners at Simpson's Barber Shop, or Phone 10. 40 tf

Rev. A. L. McClellan, who has been visiting his son, Elmer McClellan of near O'Donnell, returned this week to Spur. A year or two ago Elmer McClellan bought a section of land where he now lives, made a good crop last year, and we understand has a fair crop prospect for this year.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. J. J. Lilly, of northeast of Spur, three miles, was among the shoppers in the city Monday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Boykin, of north of Spur, was among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

Help Spur Grow—
Wanted—Suits to clean and Press—Phone 10. 40 tf

Denver Railway Not to Build Extension To Stamford N. W. out of Spur to Plains

There is no prospect of the Fort Worth and Denver City building a line from here west to Stamford and then extend the Stamford Northwestern from Spur on into Plainview or Lubbock, according to Frank E. Clarity, vice president and general manager of the Fort Worth and Denver City.

Such an extension figured in the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing at Plainview when counsel of the intervening roads apparently were insistent that the Burlington extend this line.

"To build from Fort Worth to Stamford, to extend from Spur and to rehabilitate the Stamford and Northwestern would cost close to \$12,000,000," Clarity said, "while the Northern route, that proposed from Plainview to Carey, would cost but half that amount. Naturally we selected the most economical route. It is 177 miles from here to Stamford and such an extension would cost \$5,500,000 in itself."

When the Texas Panhandle and Gulf hearing was held at Austin two years ago, Hale Holden, president of the Burlington system, which owns the Fort Worth and Denver City, expressed an opinion that a line to Stamford would be desirable, but this was before surveys, costs and other extensions had been worked out.

While broad hints were made at Plainview that the Santa Fe might extend from Floydada to Seymour and at that point acquire the Gulf Texas and Western which could be extended to Fort Worth, the Santa Fe has filed no application for such a line. B. B. Cain, counsel for the Gulf Texas and Western, indicated that the road is open for purchase by any party and that negotiations are under way with several heads of larger railway systems.

Clarity explained that the rehabilitation item for the Stamford and Northwestern would amount to \$4,000 a mile and that it would be necessary to build many expensive bridges between here and Stamford, while only a few are necessary on the Northern route.

Even if the Stamford extensions were constructed," Clarity said, "it would make little difference in the mileage to the Plains as compared to the northern route."—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Help Spur Grow—
In speaking of his feed crop while here Tuesday W. I. Simmons said that he already had a ton of maize to the acre and prospects of making two tons on his late feed which is just now beginning to head out. Two weeks ago it looked as if this country would be short on feed. The rains have changed up everything. Even the old feed which had the appearance of being beyond redemption has greened up and will make feed in many instances.

Help Spur Grow—
Dr. Hale and wife, Ben Murry and Louis Hale left Monday for an extended trip through Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, New Mexico, California, Utah and possibly other Western states. They will probably be gone a month or more. They returned to Spur Saturday from Greenville where they had been called on account of the illness and death of Mrs. Hale's mother.

Help Spur Grow—
W. I. Simmons, of Duck Creek, was in town Tuesday afternoon. He stated that he and other farmers of that section had had plenty of rain and then some. In fact cotton was beginning to turn yellow because of too much rain and not enough sunshine. He also said that he had noticed a few millers which portends worms.

Help Spur Grow—
Col. Linville and wife, of Haskell county, spent Sunday night with F. N. Oliver at the Oliver House. They were enroute to Portales, New Mexico where they will spend some time on a vacation and visiting with friends.

Help Spur Grow—
Bill Cherry came in Monday from his farm home over the line in Kent county. He says an abundance of rain has come to that section and everything now indicates bumper crops.

Help Spur Grow—
For Sale—166 acres, 110 in cultivation, 6 miles north Spur, one-half mile off highway, at \$30 per acre.—J. H. Boothe. 40 4tp.

Help Spur Grow—
Let me figure with you on that plumbing bill of yours. Perhaps I can save you some money.—S. B. Reddy, city. 41 4tp.

Help Spur Grow—
Misses Moore and Randall, of south of Spur, were shopping in the city Tuesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Preston Blackwell, of Girard, were the guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gipson at their home in the city.

TOWN DOGS

Texas Spur:—I beg to ask the question "why keep dogs in town?" The dog in town is a common and filthy nuisance. Dogs and cats and rats are propagators of disease and death, besides a perpetual annoyance basking at the moon. These are dog days and the life of one child by hydrophobia is worth more than every dog on earth, and the city of Spur should apply a dog tax of \$25 per year and a fine not exceeding \$100 on any man permitting a dog outside of his yard. And those "air gun" boys are shooting lights out of houses with them and are liable to do other personal damage. They should be barred from sale or from use by fines.—F. N. Oliver.

Help Spur Grow

Ben J. Brothers returned the past week from South Texas where he has been spending some time with his brother and other relatives and friends. He says the South Texas country is certainly in hard shape, in some localities there being absolutely nothing made and no hope of making anything this year. C. Hoggan's brother was here recently, informing him that in some sections the people were actually killing their work mules as well as cattle to keep them from suffering from starvation, there being neither water nor grass and feed sufficient to keep them alive.

Help Spur Grow

Bert Jay, of Clairemont, another of the old timers and settlers of the country, was among the business visitors to Spur Monday of this week. At one time Bert Jay was one of the most prosperous ranchers of Kent county, and was fortunate in having disposed of his cattle and ranch interests about the time of the "big slump" several years ago. The present conditions are now possibly encouraging to Mr. Jay as well as other cattlemen to get back into the business.

Help Spur Grow

Jeff Byrd of near Snyder, and one of the old timers of this western country, was in Spur Monday on business and meeting with friends and acquaintances. He reports big rains throughout his section of the country, and both cattle and farming interests now in the very finest shape. The recent rains have covered practically all of west and northwest Texas, and we are assured of feed in abundance as well as a normal cotton crop.

Help Spur Grow

Thurman Harris underwent an operation last week for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium. It is reported that Cotton is doing nicely and enjoying his confinement surrounded by banks of flowers sent in by his young lady friends and classmates. It is feared that Cotton may suffer another attack.

Help Spur Grow

J. A. Smith, of Jayton, accompanied Mrs. Murr to Spur Monday morning where she underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium. The operation was a success and Mrs. Murr is now reported doing nicely, the Texas Spur is glad to note.

Help Spur Grow

Lee Payne came over Saturday and was among the crowds thronging the Streets of Spur.

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I. G. Grable, of Jacksboro, was here the past week looking after his farm property interests and visiting among his friends. Mr. Grable came out here at the opening of Spur, purchasing farm lands which have since been improved and now making good returns on the investment.

Help Spur Grow—
Leb Welborn, an expert mechanic, is now engaged in repairing and putting in shape the gins in this territory in readiness for the ginning season which will soon be here.

Mr. Irving and little son, of Arkansas, passed through Spur the first of the week in route to Roaring Springs where they will visit with relatives. Mr. Irving is here also prospecting, and should he be favorably impressed with the country will probably locate permanently.

Help Spur Grow—
R. J. Bateman, of Afton, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday. He said that the north part of the county had had worlds of rain and that big crops are now assured in that section.

The Nobby Shoe Shop & Shine Parlor

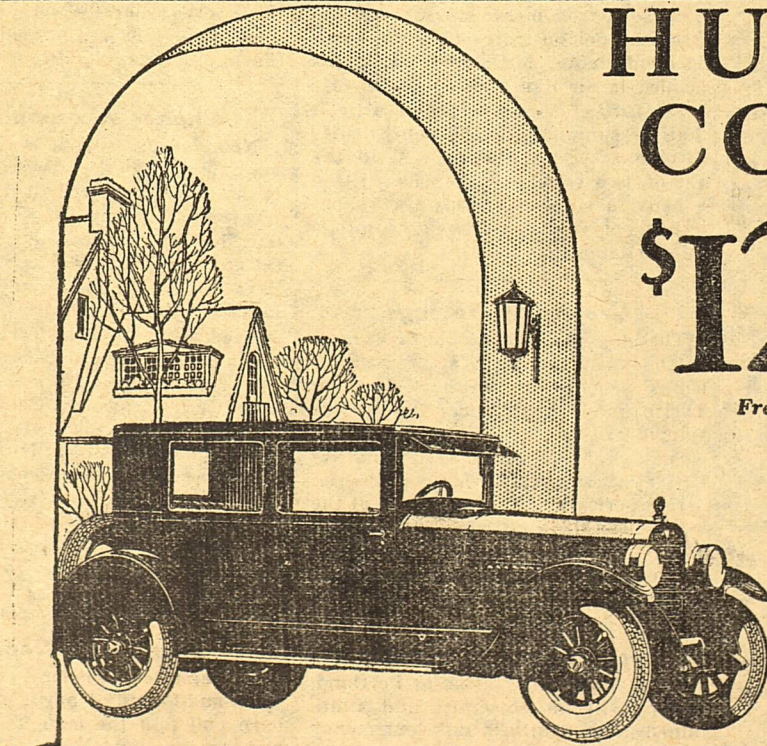
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EARLY MORNING OBSERVATIONS

(By George M. Bailey, Editor of Houston Post-Dispatch.)

One Chinaman says he can't understand why it is that the white Christians are so anxious to have the billions of Chinese as associates in heaven forevermore, and yet are so averse to having a few of them around during this life. We don't understand it, either, unless it be that we are less concerned about the Sweet Bye and Bye than we are about the stinking Now and Now.

John W. Langley was acquitted of the last charge of drunkenness. We infer that John W., proved that he was not flat on his back reaching up for the ground, which is the standard test of drunkenness in Kentucky. Actions speak louder than words.

A New Jersey man took a big dose of poison, then cut his throat, then shot himself, then jumped into a deep river. He never said so, and yet we feel safe in saying that man did not care to live any longer.

The older people are not against spanking. They had theirs and benefited from it, and would as soon take a stand against castor oil as against that of shingle suasion that used to set them into proper curts like well padded canoes.

Now they have barred Miss Scopes from Kentucky because she refused to renounce her belief in evolution. Henry Ward Beecher once said: The religion that fosters intolerance needs another Christ to die for it. Our notion is that the religion that fosters intolerance is not worth dying for.

We have the consolation of knowing that though our descendants may execrate us for piling up the bond burdens for them to liquidate, they will not be able to reach us in their frenzy unless they excavate, and we suppose they will not like the pick and shovel any more than we do.

Says the Galveston News: "Public thoroughfares belong to the pedestrian just as much as they do to the motorist. That is a glorious theory, but as an actual condition it ain't there, as they would say in the Ozarks."

There are some peculiar men in this world. We hear of one of them who has placed a "Home Sweet Home" motto in his house, now that his wife and daughters have gone to California for the summer, because he can spit on the rug drop ashes on the floor without being bawled out about it.

Dallas announces that she is overrun by job-hunters. Out in the cotton fields the applications for work are few and far between. Our people are eager for work, but they want jobs at rolltop desks, with red-headed gum-chewing stenographers in the ante-rooms.

Spending \$300,000,000 for an anion station—the latest project in Chicago—strikes us as an investment by the railroads that doesn't point in the direction of reduced rates.

Postmaster General New predicts a postal deficit of \$40,000,000. People needn't be alarmed about that, however. The postal deficit has just begun to grow.

If you want to see a complicated financial problem, just let the youth with a Cadillac appetite and used fiver income buy a Hudson Six on monthly payments.

Reverting once more to the Declaration of Independence, we wish when it proclaimed humanity's inalienable rights, it had added for the benefit of the dear little girls, a natural right to money enough to get them all the pretty clothes they want. That would have made our pursuit of happiness easier and more successful.

If Scopes can't cash in on his sensation any other way he might patent a corn salve, or manufacture testimonials for liver regulators.

POINTS OF DANGER IN THUNDER STORM

Shelter of Trees Especially to Be Avoided.

The danger of death by lightning is very small. It is almost negligible. But not quite. Men are killed by lightning. The season of thunder storms is at hand, and it is only the part of common sense to minimize the danger as far as possible.

Most of those who are killed by lightning are not in their homes. They are out somewhere in the open. Probably they are seeking shelter under trees. The worst possible thing to do in a thunder storm is to snuggle under a tree. Any tree is likely to be the lightning's target, and this is particularly true of trees like the elm, which have much sap. The beech, which is a dry tree, is much safer than the elm, but no tree is surely immune. Lightning which "strikes" finds a tree more frequently than it finds anything else. A man in the open is so small a mark that the bolts of Olympian wrath usually scorn to kill so insignificant a thing. A man under a tree which is struck by lightning may escape with only a severe shock, but he is likely to be killed by some electric prank.

It is to be remembered that water is a conductor of electricity. For this reason the sappy elm is struck oftener than the desiccated beech. For this reason, too, it is wise for the wanderer in a thunder storm to have his raiment as wet as possible. If one's clothes are dry the lightning is likely to course through the watery fluids of the human body, bringing sudden, complete and disputable death. But if the garments are saturated till they are wetter than the body the lightning may follow them to the earth, ripping and tearing them but not necessarily ripping and tearing the man within them. Of course the man whose clothing is struck by lightning must suffer a severe shock, but even this is better than the alternative of being surely electrocuted.

If you are caught in the woods in an electric storm the best strategy is to get out of the woods. The next best plan is to get as wet as possible. If there is a brook handy it is advisable to lie in the brook rather than to wait for the rain to do the wetting. Eschew the forest and seek wetness. Thus you will probably attain old age in spite of the lightning. Because the lightning has never yet killed you it is no safe assumption that it never will. The chances are a million to one in your favor. But there is no sense in ignoring the millionth chance.

Didn't Go Down

President George M. Verity of the American Rolling Mills company, who in 33 years of business life has never had a single labor trouble, said in New York the other day:

"I believe in frank dealing. Employers should be honest and open with their men. Deceit, hypocrisy and cant never go down."

"A millionaire was addressing the inmates of an almshouse. "Ah, dear friends," he said, "prosperity has wrecked and ruined countless lives."

"No doubt o' that," spoke up an old pauper on a back bench. "All the same, boss, I wish to goodness I'd a been ruined by prosperity instead of adversity. I bet it'd been a darn sight pleasanter."

Says Earth Stands Still

An instrument which, the maker says, proves that the modern ideas of the solar system are wrong, has been invented by Chang Chung-shan, a Chinese astronomer. He says his instrument demonstrates that the earth does not move, but stands still, suspended in air like a soap bubble. He says, further, he can prove with it that the sun and other heavenly bodies revolve around the earth. With the aid of two colleagues he has written a book in support of this theory but it has not yet been translated into a foreign language.

Growth in Savings

The intensive educational thrift campaigns conducted in this country by the banks, schools, American Society for Thrift and other groups has shown splendid results.

Savings deposits increased from \$8,425,000,000 to \$20,875,000,000 in the period between 1912 and 1924 or at the rate of 150 per cent while the number of savings bank depositors increased 208 per cent in the same period.—Thrift Magazine.

Poet's Home in Danger

Longfellow's early home at Portland, Maine, will be preserved and maintained permanently if sufficient money is raised by members of the International Longfellow society. The home stands at Fore and Hancock streets in Portland. It is in danger of being lost through foreclosure of mortgage, and Edwin Markham is active in raising the money to prevent the foreclosure.

Autos in United States

The number of motor vehicles owned in the United States, it is noted in Good Hardware, is still continuing to increase. In the year 1924 the total registration was 17,700,000. This is a gain of approximately 2,500,000 over 1923. There is, roughly, one car to every six people.

Two bath tubs, one kid's pony and saddle for sale; cash or credit.—Spur Grain and Coal Co. 46

Treasures of History

in Moscow Library

Moscow's largest library is the former Rumiantzev, now renamed the Lenin public library of the Soviet union, writes a correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor. This institution, which was established in Petrograd in 1828 and transferred to Moscow in 1862, contained more than a million volumes before the World war. Now this number has greatly increased. The library authorities themselves are not certain of the exact number of books under their charge, since no accurate count has been taken recently, but it is estimated that the number of books in the library is now well above 2,000,000, and may have reached the figure of 3,000,000.

There are several causes for this increase in the number of books since the revolution. The contents of requisitioned private libraries were turned over to the Rumiantzev institution.

A bibliophile would find many treasures in the Lenin library. There are many old prints, both Russian and Slavonic, the most ancient, perhaps, being the Gospel of Archangel, which dates back to 1093. This collection also includes the well-known Cracow edition of 1491. There are a number of medieval Greek manuscripts and the library boasts a complete edition of the works of the Italian philosopher, Giordano Bruno. There are many original manuscripts of such Russian writers as Tolstoy, Turgeniev, Herzen, Chekhov, Pushkin and Ostrovsky.

Flowers Compelled to

Fight for Existence

Flowers fight much as do the males of most species of animals, and for a similar reason, self-preservation, a writer in the Cincinnati Enquirer tells us. An iris in a crowded border, for instance, will throw out a number of sharp-pointed leaves horizontally all around, for no other purpose, it would seem, than to ward off other plants. Primroses are also pugnacious; if they feel they are being crowded too closely they have a habit of flopping their leaves up and down, and so smothering the intruding plants.

Many of the smaller hyacinths might be called floral ruffians. Any unfortunate intruder is liable to be seized and strangled in a tangle of vegetation which, seemingly, is grown just for that purpose.

Quite a number of other plants give evidence of having developed something very like consciousness that enables them to divine the best way of circumventing the encroachments of their neighbors. A remarkable illustration of this is seen in connection with the common bramble when, as is often the case, it is found struggling over a pile of stones or up against a roughly built wall. In such circumstances the plant has the power to turn its roots into clubs, which completely fill the crevices where soil is to be found, thus shutting out all competitors.

What Your Eyes Tell

We are told that the eyes of the intellectual man are gray, and it is a fact that most men of genius have gray eyes. Brown eyes are said to express temperament rather than intellect.

Although brown eyes flash with anger, light up with joy, and change swiftly with jealousy, blue and gray eyes can express greater sadness.

Green and black eyes are supposed to be the most wicked. Becky Sharp's green eyes played an important part in her various conquests.

The "vamp" in modern fiction usually possesses flashing eyes of either green or black. Actually, there are no black eyes; dark-brown or dark-gray eyes have the appearance of being black in certain lights.

Chance Acquaintance

Nearly every season I make the acquaintance of one or more new flowers. It takes years to exhaust the botanical treasures of any one considerable neighborhood, unless one makes a dead set at it, like an herbalist. One likes to have his floral acquaintances come to him easily and naturally, like his other friends. Some pleasant occasion should bring you together. You meet in a walk, or touch elbows on a picnic under a tree, or get acquainted on a fishing or camping-out expedition. What comes to you in the way of birds or flowers, while wooing only the large spirit of open-air nature, seems like special good fortune. At any rate, one does not like to bolt his botany, but rather to prolong the course.—John Burroughs.

Saw Hope Depart

An agitated woman entered the "Lost-and-Found" department at the car barn and told the man in charge she had lost a valuable vase. The man assured her he would leave no stone unturned till he found it. This phrase evidently pleased him for he repeated it several times. "I will leave no stone unturned." "H'm," said the lady, "I'm afraid there won't be much left of it if you find it under a stone."

Tangled Him Up

A colored man who had been in court, apparently with disastrous results, was relating the story of the trial, punctuated by rueful grimaces, to a group of sympathetic and perspiring friends gathered around him in the corridors of the city court. "Yes, sir!" he said, "I testified pretty good until that there other lawyer got to criss-crossin' me

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DIED

Mrs. Carrie V. Shockley, of Soldier Mound community, died Saturday at the Nichols Sanitarium following a brief illness and an unsuccessful operation in the hope of relieving her condition, the remains being interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery.

Mrs. Shockley was born at Loterdale, Alabama, February 8th, 1891, being thirty four years and eight months old at the time of death. She came to Texas in 1904 and was married to T. V. Shockley in November, 1908, and from which union four children were born, three girls and one boy. Mrs. Shockley professed religion when a girl, uniting with the Methodist church in which organization she remained until about ten years ago, her membership being transferred to the Baptist church, being a faithful and consecrated member of the Soldier Mound church at the time of death. She lived a consecrated Christian life, and always had church and religious interests at heart.

The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to Mr. Shockley and children in this great bereavement.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Richey, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium, is now reported doing fairly well, and it is hoped she will be able to be removed soon to her home with her brother R. T. Bills.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. W. S. Dunn, of Breckenridge, is in the city this week the guest of friends here. Mrs. Dunn formerly resided in Spur and has many friends here who are glad to again meet her.

Help Spur Grow

W. S. Campbell spent several days of this week with his father and other relatives in Munday. His father has been in very delicate health for some time.

Help Spur Grow

The protracted meeting which has been in progress at Dry Lake closed this week, a most successful and interesting meeting being reported by those in attendance.

Help Spur Grow

Frank Wright, of Anson, has accepted a position as bookkeeper for Tri-County Lumber Company in Spur, and will hereafter be identified with the citizenship of the city.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. Barton, who has been with Tri-County Lumber Company in Spur moved last week with his family back to Slaton where he has a position.

Help Spur Grow

C. R. Edwards left this week for the Dallas markets where he will purchase fall stocks for the C. R. Edwards & Co. business.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Thelma Maples, who has been on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Doc Ellis at Throckmorton, returned home the past week.

Help Spur Grow

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was on the streets Tuesday, spending several hours here meeting and greeting his friends.

Help Spur Grow

Travis Cochran of Abilene, is in Spur this week, selling pianos and meeting with his friends here.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds, of Croton, were shopping in Spur Wednesday this week.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was in the city Tuesday meeting with his friends and transacting business affairs.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. Marlow, formerly with Tri-County Lumber Company in Spur but now manager of the yard at Peacock, with his family spent Sunday in Spur.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Ritter returned this week from a summer vacation trip and visit with relatives in other parts of the state.

Help Spur Grow

Lee Mimms, of the Draper country, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Help Spur Grow

J. E. Sparks was here the first of the week from his home to the west of Spur.

Help Spur Grow

Buster Robinson, of west of the city, was among the number here Tuesday.

Help Spur Grow

Mixed Metaphor

Sir Almeric Fitzroy, who was clerk to the English privy council from 1898 to 1923, is writing his "Memoirs" for the London Morning Post. In the first installment he quoted from his diary some incidents that came to his knowledge during an official visit to Queen Victoria at Balmoral in October, 1898. One of these was the prayer of the Scottish minister who officiated at Craithie church and "in the royal presence petitioned the Almighty that 'as the queen became an auld woman she might put on the new man, and in all righteous causes stand before her people like a he-goat upon the mountains.'"

Rutabaga's Introduction

The rutabaga is said to have been introduced into Scotland about 1781-82, and into England in 1790. It is mentioned in 1806 by MacMahon as in American gardens, and in 1817 there is a record of an acre of the crop in Illinois. The vernacular names all indicate an origin in Sweden or northern Europe. It is sometimes called hanover, as one variety was grown in Hanover, Germany.

Necessary Deception

How many people have applied to themselves the lesson of "She Stoops to Conquer," Oliver Goldsmith's famous comedy. The heroine made herself appear to give up her undertaking, but she really didn't. Frequently in life men must do likewise in order to win.—Grit.

WHY GROW OLD

It isn't years that makes a woman grow old. Neither is it drudgery, nor care, nor a broken heart. These may bring silvery hair and furrowed cheeks—they even may bring death—but rarely, if ever, age; a glance about you will reveal living examples of those who have toiled and suffered but who, whether their years be forty or four score are still young in reality and spirit.

Old age is a mental and not a physical phenomenon. Advanced years and weakened bodies are not causes or symptoms. Its surest signs are loss of harmony with the world about you the habit of living in the past rather than the present and the future; loss of enthusiasm and initiative; and development of a sense of having completed the work for which you were ordained.

Until comparative recent years, woman's activities were limited to the rearing of children and caring for the home in which her offspring were fed, educated and mated, her life work was completed and she was an old woman. The broadening of the scope of woman's activities makes such a custom ridiculous, but unfortunately the tradition established is still making many women old before the half-century mark. Under this order of living, the first third of a woman's life is spent in preparation, the second third in useful activity and the last third totally wasted.

A woman may effectively convince herself that she is old, but more often she is persuaded by her children, relatives and friends that she has reached the stage of uselessness. In either event, the moment she is persuaded she is old, age is upon her. Her useful activities cease, and she becomes a burden upon her misguided advisor.

The mother who, having reared her children, closes her home, gives up her education, social club, and church activities ceases work and sits down to await quietly for the end invites old age, and the invitation is never refused.—Farm & Ranch.

Help Spur Grow

Monk Rucker and wife and Bob Rucker left this week for Waco and other points where they will spend a week's vacation and visiting among relatives and friends.

Help Spur Grow

Since the big rains farmers in general now desire a few days of sunshine and hot weather.

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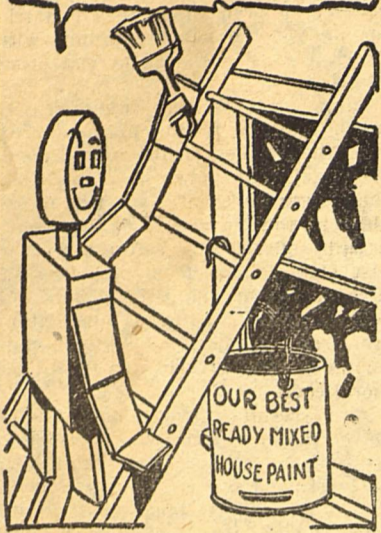
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TRI-COUNTY LUMBER CO. SPUR, TEXAS

T. A. Randleman was on the streets Tuesday a short time. He is one of the most successful farmers of the entire country, and is one of the few farmers who knows how to market his crop. When the price offered does not suit him his staple is stored until such time as it is suitable. If every farmer of the country was in such a position the marketing problems would have been solved long ago. So long as farmers are forced to sell and in this manner dump cotton on a gullet market, a fair and legitimate market can not be expected. Cotton buyers possibly enjoyed good health before getting in the buying game, and like the great majority want to make as much as possible in such transactions.

Help Spur Grow—
E. C. Edmonds left Saturday for Austin to attend a meeting of the State Highway Commission, and join in with other delegates from Girard, Jayton, Aspermont, Sagerton, Peacock and Swenson, in an endeavor to get the Highway Commission to reconsider the proposition of changing the designation of the highway from Stamford to Spur to another route.

Help Spur Grow—
Ol Taylor was here Friday from Duck Creek. He has the finest crop prospects and is now taking things easy while it continues to rain and make better crops.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. J. W. Baker returned recently from an extended visit with relatives in Bellevue. Mr. Baker, who has been batching during her absence says the whole world now looks brighter.

Help Spur Grow—
Walter Greer and wife, of California are here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer, and brother, Tom Greer and family. Walter has been in business in California several years, reporting that California is a prosperous and progressive country and that plenty money circulates at all seasons of the year. It is seldom that a West Texan becomes satisfied elsewhere, but we presume that prosperity has much to do with bringing about satisfaction and contentment to one in any country.

Help Spur Grow—
W. M. Randall, of Steel Hill, was here Monday after a hoe, leaving the impression that hoeing on his place would be pushed at this time when it is too wet to plow. The sand bars he says, out his way are spreading over the country.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Mace Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, were among the crowds of shoppers here Saturday.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, of north of Spur, were in the city Tuesday morning marketing produce. They had a load of water melons for the market. These melons were grown on the Harvey farm, weighing around thirty pounds and were being sold for from twenty-five cents to forty cents each. Mr. Harvey stated that the dry weather had set back his water melon vines, but that since the rains other melons were coming and would probably be ready for the market in September, and with continued favorable conditions the September melons would be big and fine.

Help Spur Grow—
Sim Moss came in Saturday with the crowds. However, he remained on the streets but a short time, since he is now scouting around over the country to see what he can see and observing not only the prevailing conditions but personally observing just what is offered by his own communities in a permanent home.

Help Spur Grow—
Luke Davis last week made a trip to Ranger in the interest of furthering the oil development proposition on the Davis-lease to the North east of Spur. He reports much activity now in evidence down in the oil field with much talk of wildcatting in the outlying districts. It is only a question of time until all the country will have been tested thoroughly for oil. In the meantime we are hoping that little further delays will be encountered in getting things to going in oil development work here.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coleman, friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, who reside in Ft. Worth, stopped over for a day Saturday. They were in route to Colorado for a cool summer vacation.

Help Spur Grow—
Fresh car Flour. Your last chance to buy at \$4.50 per 100 lbs.—C. A. Love.

Help Spur Grow—
Ben Rutledge, of west of Spur, was here Saturday among the crowds of shoppers and business visitors.

Help Spur Grow—

Big John Southworth has been spending several days of this week in Spur having mechanics to repair his car and put it in good running shape. John has been out in the Levelland country on the plains, stating that he saw some of the finest crops of the entire country in that section. All of West Texas is now in fine shape and will make fine crops of both feed and cotton, while the small grain crops were cut short because of earlier dry weather.

Help Spur Grow—
Newt Kidd is now laying off from his farm labors. He says he has cotton knee high and getting higher and putting on more fruit, and that what ku klux cotton he had has now shed its white bloom and is beginning to come out and produce something.

Help Spur Grow—
J. H. Biggs of the Morrison farm and ranch to the southwest of Spur, was here Saturday meeting with his friends.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Virginia Forbis returned last week from Denton where she has been finishing special courses in music and expression and is now spending the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis at their farm and ranch home north of Afton.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Oliver entertained at the Oliver House Saturday in honor of little Miss Marine Welborn on the occasion of her seventh birthday anniversary, there being several little friends as guests.

Help Spur Grow—
A. C. George of Highway, came in Monday and spent a short time here trading and meeting friends.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Inez Shockley, of Dallas, and M. L. Young, of Hunt county, were here to attend the funeral of Mrs. T. V. Shockley who died Saturday at the Nichols Sanitarium following an unsuccessful operation and whose remains were interred Sunday in Spur cemetery.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. J. B. Morrison, who recently underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, was able to be removed home last week, having almost completely recovered and is now reported doing nicely.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Jennie Salem returned Sunday from Amarillo where she has been visiting her mother and also taking a course in bookkeeping at one of the business colleges of that city.

Help Spur Grow—
Lavina B. Conklin returned Tuesday from Denver, Colorado, where she attended a chiropractic convention, and also took special courses in the practice of that profession.

J. J. Albin and family returned last week from an extended visit with relatives in the Eastern part of the state where he said they enjoyed the time. The rains he reported only extended a short ways to the east, the heavy seasonable rains beginning about Jones and Eastland counties. West Texas is this year the most favored section of the state.

Help Spur Grow—
J. B. Morrison came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home to the southwest of Spur. He reports an abundance of rain and crops on his place and throughout that section now in fine shape and coming to the front. Earlier in the year things did look gloomy, but the rains changed the whole face of the earth and good crops and prosperity is now assured. Bud Morrison, like other cowmen, is now converting his former ranges into fields and from which he no doubt will realize much greater returns in the future.

Help Spur Grow—
W. J. Elliot, of the Spring Creek farm and ranch to the southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday.

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Help Spur Grow—
Among the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Huie were his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Huie, of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harrison of Lampasas, and Clyde Gardner of Evant.

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NOTICE TO AUTO DRIVERS

This is to warn all automobile owners and drivers that the new law requires all cars to have mufflers and muffler cut-outs are prohibited, and that these law requirements will be strictly enforced in Dickens county. —M. L. JONES, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 39tc

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned express, or at least try to thank our friends that so ably assisted us in doing what they did during the last sickness and death of our husband and father. Dear friends you have a place in our hearts that we will never forget.—W. W., B. L. Letie Glenn and Mrs. W. L. Pickens. 39tc

Insurance Companies May Return After Eighteen Years Banishment From Texas

Austin. Permission may be granted to the big life insurance companies that withdrew from Texas 18 years ago on account of the enactment of the Robertson insurance law to return to Texas for the exclusive purpose of lending money, without them complying with the compulsory investment feature of the Robertson law, held Attorney General Moody in an opinion released Saturday evening to John M. Scott, Commissioner of insurance.

The Attorney General, however does not pass on the question of the liability of the insurance companies for taxes that may be due the state on premiums collected during the period that these companies have been out of the state in the accrued penalties which now run into several million dollars.

Authority for the ruling is based on an act passed by the Legislature in 1909 which authorizes a life insurance company to enter the Texas field for the purpose of lending its funds without being required to secure a certificate of authority to write life insurance in Texas.

"We think there can be no doubt of the intention of the Legislature in passing this statute," said Moody's opinion. "It was evidently considered desirable in the interest of the public to permit life insurance companies to enter this state for the purpose of lending their funds."

Those big life insurance companies that desire to return to Texas for the purpose only of lending money in the state, will have to obtain a permit from the Secretary of State, and such companies will not be under the jurisdiction of the Department of insurance, the opinion stated.

"In view of our holding that a foreign insurance company," continues the opinion, "which at one time was transacting a life business but withdrew owing no taxes to the state at the time of its withdrawal and which now desires to secure a permit to loan its funds in this state as provided by Article 4790 but not to engage in insurance business will not be under the supervision of the Commissioner of Insurance, but under the charge of the Secretary of State, and subject to all the laws relating to foreign corporations engaged in lending business in this state, we deem it unnecessary to determine the liability of such company as a life insurance company. We expressly but respectfully decline to answer that portion of your inquiry."

"Without deciding the liability of such companies for the payment of such taxes" the opinion adds, "we believe that the situation of such companies would not be changed by reason of their securing a permit under Article 4790 to lend their money in Texas. If they are liable for such taxes, they would still be liable after such a permit is granted. If they are not liable prior to the granting of such permit, the mere authority given by the state to lend their funds in Texas would not cause them to be liable for such taxes."

This question was brought to the attention of state officials a short time ago by W. L. Hill of Houston, who stated that the New York Life, the Mutual Life and Equitable Life, all of New York, the big "three" of the 22 companies that withdrew from Texas when the Robertson insurance law was enacted in 1907 would re-enter. Should these three big companies come back to Texas to lend money, it is claimed that it will mean very cheap money for borrowers.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of east of Spur, were among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
A WAVE OF EXCESSIVE PROSPERITY ON THE WAY

Albert Clements, cashier of the Putnam bank, with his family passed through Spur Saturday, on their way to Cool Colorado to spend the remainder of the hot days in that cooler climate. They spent the night with Oran McClure and family.

Around Putnam, Cisco, Cross Plains and throughout Callahan and Eastland counties crops are good and oil developments are being renewed. In fact the indications are that another wave of excessive prosperity is on its way. Mr. Clements has some surplus cash which he is investing in lands, some of his purchases being in this territory, and it is very probable that he will buy other lands here. He recognizes the fact that this is a "coming country," and that the price of land will double in the course of a few years, therefore in buying lands now a foundation is being laid for a fortune in the future. The day is coming when only the rich may acquire ownership to land, even in this part of the world.

—Help Spur Grow—
P. Croft, of the plains country, was here Tuesday trading with Spur merchants.

STANDARD EQUIPMENT OF CAR HEADLIGHTS RECOGNIZED

The list of headlight devices approved for use in Texas by the Texas Highway Commission has been announced. In the list will be found the standard headlight equipment, which now is found on practically every car sold in Texas. This is also true for cars which have been sold during the last year. When properly adjusted every device approved will give good driving light and at the same time, only a minimum amount of glare. Before purchasing headlight devices the motorist should be absolutely sure that his headlamps are not already equipped with an approved device.

One approved device is sufficient. Approximately 75 percent of the cars equipped with one of these approved devices and there is no necessity for a change. All headlights, however, must properly be adjusted at one of the county test stations which will open for business about August 1st. List of headlight devices approved by the Highway Commission for use in Texas under the Texas automobile headlight law, follows:

Lenses—Bausch & Lomb Star, Benzer Lens, Type A broadlight Lens, Flintex Lens, Liberty Lens, Type D Lincoln Projector Lens, McBeth green visor Lens, D, McKeelite Lens, Monogram Lens, Parab-o-Lite Lens, Type FW Patterson Lens, Sith Lens, Spreading Lens, Standard Lens and Tilt Beam Lens.

Reflectors—Brown Universal reflector and Brown Adaptor reflector, Flatlite reflector and Flatlite adaptor, Garda reflector, Hilco, reflector and Praflector reflector.

Complete Headlamps—E and J type 20; Guide Ray type A, Hilco. Combination device — Pathfinder device with spreadlight lens.

Final decision has not been reached on the following devices, and motorists having headlamps equipped with these devices should take no action in buying new devices until further notice from the Highway Commission:

Liberty lens, Monogram twin-beam headlamp, Osgood lens, Till Ray head lamp and Visco lens.

—Help Spur Grow—
SHERIFF CARTER IS OUSTED FROM OFFICE IN LAMB CO.

Jay Carter has been ousted as Sheriff and tax collector by proceedings instituted by the Lamb County Commissioners. The first action was the charge of embezzlement filed against Carter, alleging that he was over \$3,000 short in his accounts for past three months. A warrant was issued for his arrest but he could not be found.

On Monday, Ouster proceedings were instituted in district court and Carter removed from office. Lenn Irvin was appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy, as the removal of Carter is subject to the outcome of the cases. However, it is not believed he will appear voluntarily to stand trial.

This result is no surprise. The main wonder is, that some action was not taken sooner. If it had been done the amount of the supposed embezzlement would not have been so large.

It is reported that Carter went to his home at Sudan late Saturday night and left early Sunday morning, so his whereabouts are not known so far as heard.

The latest report from our neighbor county is to the effect that the new sheriff went after the old one, he having been arrested in Oklahoma. Carter's career as sheriff was a short, although lively one. It was unofficially rumored that he had owned five automobiles since entering office. He was said to have bought a Dodge car, went to Fort Worth and wrecked it on the streets of that city in an accident. The story goes that he hired an aeroplane to bring him back to Olton.—Amherst Argus.

—Help Spur Grow—
G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley Farm to the north of Dickens, was here Tuesday. He says that everything now indicates that the crops this year will be even better than in 1914 in which year so much was made that it could not be gathered and saved. It is probable that much of the cotton made this year will remain in the fields until March and April. There is but one thing now to fear and that is worms, and many farmers think it is too late for worms to do much damage. Mr. Dodson had intended to make a trip to Tennessee, but things got to looking so good here that he could not make up his mind to leave it even for a few weeks.

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Joe T. Salem left the first of the week for the Saint Louis and Chicago markets to buy his fall stock of goods. He stated that he would spend several weeks in these markets seeking and obtaining the very best goods and prices with the idea of supplying the fall trade with their every need at the lowest prices since the war period. Mr. Salem stated that since establishing his dry goods business in Spur he has been favored with a most liberal and extensive business, and that this fall he intends to break all former merchandising records in Spur in volume of business and prices to be made.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mat Bingham returned Tuesday to the West Pasture where he has been doing extensive fencing for the Spur Ranch interests the past several weeks. He said that he had been out in all the rains the past two weeks and had hardly been dry during the time.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. E. Gates, of Afton, came down Tuesday and spent a short time in Spur on business in connection with his Afton Garage business. W. E. Gates has built up an extensive business, and especially so with reference to his mechanical repair department, he having an expert mechanic who does work in the right way.

—Help Spur Grow—
John Aston was here Tuesday. He said the frogs out his way had all quit croaking, having been drowned out. It has been raining all over this country in the old time way.

—Help Spur Grow—
To Trade—Good top buggy and harness for good young work horse.—J. T. Walden, Rt. 1 Box 54 41 tf

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our gratitude to the kind people of Spur for their kindness and consoling words of sympathy during the illness and death of our dear little girl and grandchild, Lillian Aretta Henderson. —Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Henderson and Mr. L. S. Scott's family.

—Help Spur Grow—
NOTICE
The service of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held at the 11:00 o'clock on Sunday morning, August 16th., by Rev. Perry Jones the minister.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, was here Tuesday. He is over in the sub-irrigated belt where rains were not particularly needed, but nevertheless he is wearing a contented and satisfied expression. He said in the beginning of the year that he would make big crops as the state contestants, and it may be that he will do it.

—Help Spur Grow—
A. W. Phillips, of the Twin Wells community, was on the streets Tuesday, giving evidence by his general attitude that things were well with him, too. Everybody is in fine spirits in the thought that bumper crops are sure to materialize.

—Help Spur Grow—
J. J. Thompson, of Dickens, came over Tuesday and spent some time in Spur greeting his friends and acquaintances here.

—Help Spur Grow—
A. M. Miller of the Espuela community, was mixing with the crowds here Saturday.

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(By Hicky Hix, of Hickville)
A hick town, is one where a poor ignorant, one legged "nigger" is "pinched" for shooting craps, in a back alley, while the efficient police force silently pass the wink as banker Hornblower's son races down Main Street at fifty or sixty per.

A hick town is one where the Tax is higher on the widow Jones' Lot and little shack, which she is trying to sell at \$199.99, so that she can have her little crippled son's crooked foot straightened, than it is on the Lots in the new Addition on the Hill where the big Real Estate firm is selling them at \$800.00 per lot, vacant.

A hick is a person; male or female; who takes a baby; male or female; in one arm and an automobile in the other, and goes reeling down a crowded thoroughfare.

The streets are impassable, Not even jack assable; Will the people who travel them, Turn out and gravel them?
—Help Spur Grow—
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Second — Slow down when approaching a cross road; it is nearly as dangerous as a railroad crossing.

Third—Look out for children. You never can tell what they will do, and you are always in wrong if you hit one.

Fourth—Try to help instead of hinder the traffic officer; he is there for your good and he has a tough job.

Fifth—Be sure your dimmers are really dim; its no joke driving into a blinding glare, as you probably believe that the situation of such companies would not be changed by reason of their securing a permit under Article 4790 to lend their money in Texas. If they are liable for such taxes, they would still be liable after such a permit is granted. If they are not liable prior to the granting of such permit, the mere authority given by the state to lend their funds in Texas would not cause them to be liable for such taxes."

Sixth—Read and obey the warning signs; they are not put up for ornaments.

Seventh—If you've got to speed —do it where it won't kill anybody but yourself.

Eighth—When making minor repairs, stop where your car may be seen from both directions; otherwise you may stop longer than you anticipated.

Ninth—Speeding around corners is a straight route to the hospital. Don't race past a stopped street car. Some day the jury will call it manslaughter.

Tenth—Use discretion. The fact that you had the right of way don't bring anybody back to life, least of all, yourself.— The Nation's Highway's.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of east of Spur, were among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

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FARM BUREAU CONVENTION
AT PLAINVIEW AUGUST 21-22

Plainview, August 10.—The program of addresses provided by the Texas Farm Bureau Federation for the two-day district convention at Plainview Thursday and Friday Aug. 20th and 21st, will be of interest not only to farmers, but to business and professional men as well who are concerned with developing a permanently profitable agricultural program for this section.

Of especial interest to everyone in the counties immediately surrounding Plainview will be the message brought by John C. Burns along the line of handling livestock and prospective development of profitable cream production over the country. It is a great opportunity at this time to have the privilege of hearing one of the foremost authorities in Texas discuss the relation of cow-keeping and feeding to present and future agricultural prosperity which of course means community wide prosperity.

Mr. Burns was for a number of years head of animal husbandry work at the A. & M. College of Texas. He is a native Texan and deeply interested in properly balanced diversified program for every Texas farm.

The cooperative dairying enterprise will be directly represented on the program by an address by A. M. Griffin of Hale Center.

W. C. Cantrell, of the north part of the county, was among the business visitors in Spur Thursday. He says things could not be better than at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rogers, of Stanton, are in Spur this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown and other friends of the city and country.

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Scopes Evolution Case Will Probably
Go to the Federal Courts as in Oregon

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 4.—A second attempt to remove the Scopes evolution case to the federal courts was launched here Tuesday when John R. Neal, counsel for the defense filed a petition with the clerk of the Southern Division of the Eastern District of Tennessee Federal Court, seeking to restrain state authorities from further prosecution of the case.

A petition of Robert Wilson, a taxpayer, seeking to restrain state authorities from enforcement of the anti evolution law, was not filed, pending the completion of amendments to be made to the plea.

The Scopes petition is based upon the allegation that the law is unconstitutional. It contends that the petitioner, John T. Scopes, prepared himself for the teaching profession going to considerable expense and effort to do so, and that the law of Tennessee impairs his usefulness as a teacher.

While the move, Neal declared, has no connection with his previous appearance before Judge Gore at Cookville prior to the Dayton trial, the petition is the same used in the previous appeal for federal interference.

Under the law governing such procedure, a notice of the action must be given the governor and the Attorney General. Their answer would be required within five days, after which a date would be set for a hearing before either federal judges, one of whom would be a justice of the United States Supreme Court or a circuit judge and the other two would be either circuit or district judges.

Action takes the status of a new move, since Judge Gore held in refusing the grant a temporary restraining order in the Cookeville hearing that any injunction he might grant while not within the limits of the district where the alleged offense was committed and where the state trial was sought would be void.

Filing of the petition in Circuit Court at Chattanooga brings it into the district embracing the territory where the alleged offense was committed. Neal said he would confer with Judge Ken Hicks of this district Wednesday, to ascertain when a hearing probably would be held.

Later Wednesday Neal will go to New York for a conference with other attorneys interested in the case.

This move by defense attorneys was said, establishes them in a position to continue their fight against the evolution law entirely upon the constitutional grounds involved in the case.

Should there be a slip in the move to carry the original criminal proceedings into the higher state courts, Neal declares they would have the basis to continue their struggle.

He intimated, however, that while they intended to leave no effort undone in pressing for a final victory in the Scopes case, they considered the taxpayers' petition the more important of the two and the one which supplied the firmer foundation for their activities.

This petition pending the addition of four other petitions to the bill, will seek to enjoin state authorities from enforcement of the law upon the ground that, as taxpayers, their children are entitled to "be taught the truth."

The Scopes petition filed Tuesday and the same in text as that filed before Judge Gore at Cookeville, names as defendants, Governor Austin Peay, Attorney General Frank Thompson and Solicitor General A. T. Stewart of Rhea County Circuit.

Designated as a suit in equity, it seeks a temporary restraining order against the enforcement of the anti-evolution act and against the further prosecution of John T. Scopes for its alleged violation.

Grounds set forth to sustain their claims are:

That the statute violates section 1 of the fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United

States. That it would deprive the plaintiff of his liberty and property without due process of law and that it operates as an unreasonable restraint upon his liberty.

That the statute abridges the privileges and immunities of citizens of the United States and especially those of the plaintiff.

That the statute is not a valid exercise of the state's police power and that statute deprives citizens of the equal protection of the law.

Scopes, Neal pointed out, was appearing as petitioner in behalf of all teachers in the state, while the taxpayers petition would be presented in behalf of tax payers in general. A date for hearing probably will be made known within the next few days, it was said.

The Wilson plea will follow virtually the same steps as did the Oregon school case.

Help Spur Grow

No Record Available
Mr. G. G. Gray, who conducts a bookshop in Trinity street, Cambridge, England, has traced the line of occupants of his establishment back to the year 1581. The names of those doing business there prior to that date seem to be lost in oblivion. Mr. Gray is anxious to learn if any person knows of an older bookshop. It was in 1581 that Queen Elizabeth knighted Sir Francis Drake, who had discovered New Albion two years earlier; but there is no record of his having established a bookshop at Drake's bay, so Mr. Gray need expect no help in his researches from this quarter.

Got Off Cheap

The late Samuel Gompers, condemning the pardon of two notorious law breakers, said one day to a Washington correspondent.

"The short time these men have served, about a tenth of their actual sentences, reminds me of a story. It's a story about a bogus oil stock millionaire who motored a friend out to his new home on Long Island. The friend gazed in awe at the vast pile.

"Holy smoke, George," he said, "what did this cost you?"
"Three months is all," answered the millionaire.

No Matter

"Mr. Johnson, the baby has poked beans into his left ear until I fear the hearing is permanently affected," said Doctor Slash.

"Aw, well," replied Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge. "He's got another ear left, and there ain't nuth'n of consequence to—p'ntal—listen to these days, no-how."—Kansas City Star.

Oceanic Conversation

Radio telephones installed on liners plying between San Francisco and Honolulu make possible conversations between passengers on different ships while at sea.

Phones Give Warning
of Fire Damp in Mine

Hundreds of inventors have applied their brains to the matter of finding a certain means of detecting fire damp, the cause of such a large proportion of mine disasters. So far no completely reliable method has been found; but it is believed that a development of the latest idea will solve the problem.

This idea consists in the use of a pair of telephones of a delicate kind, one of which is placed in the upper galleries, where the air is known to be pure, while the other is fixed in the lower workings. Wires from each lead to a central instrument.

Beside each of the telephones is a pitch-pipe into which a current of air is blown by a fan. The two pipes are tuned to give exactly the same musical note.

So long as all is well only one note is received and given out by the central telephone; but directly fire damp occurs the air supplied by the fan to the pipe in the lower workings becomes changed in quality and this alters the note very slightly.

That is, the upper pipe, of course, remains unchanged, and the result is that instead of a single clear note the central instrument emits a discordant noise which immediately attracts the attention of the man in charge, warning him that there is fire damp in the lower galleries.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Evolution May Become Issue in Politics
Throughout the State and Nation

Recently several gentlemen who have been active in politics have made strong pronouncements against evolution. It may not mean that evolution is to be made an issue in Texas politics, but it is well to consider what and who will be involved in the discussion if it comes.

Mr. Dwight L. Lewelling, in the News of July 21, divides the sheep "nobody can be a Christian and an evolutionist." This places among the goats such men as Roosevelt, Wilson, Hughes and Colby.

Of course any man has a right to reject Christianity or the Bible wholly or in part and our Constitution forbids that he be questioned. It has been thought by many that Lincoln's belief or unbelief in no wise impaired his usefulness or reflected on his character. But Lincoln never joined any church or made any formal profession of faith. The case of Wilson is different. He subscribed to the same elaborate and definite confession as Mr. Bryan. If he was not a Christian he was a hypocrite, and in this way his character is involved in the statement above quoted.

I do not suppose that Mr. Lewelling had Mr. Wilson definitely in mind but I mention him merely as a conspicuous example among thousands of cultured men whose belief in evolution is well known and whom the kingdom of heaven. He not only believed evolution, but taught it in the most insidious way, that is he took it for granted that all you gentlemen believe in evolution, he said while addressing the history section of the World Congress of Sciences at St. Louis in 1904.

It was probably in a speech made in his first campaign that he gave Darwin credit for completely changing the world's way of thinking about things, especially political science. "It came to me," he says, "that the Constitution of the United States had been made under the domination of the Newtonian theory. The trouble with this theory is that the government is not a machine; it falls not under the theory of the universe, but under the theory of organic life. It is accountable to Darwin and not to Newton." One should read all of a very interesting and instructive passage in "The New Freedom," page 45. I merely want to call attention to the fact that he thought a "knowledge of evolution necessary, not only to the teaching of geology and biology, but in the teaching of philoso-

phy, political science and history as well.

To make matters worse from the viewpoint of the fundamentalist, Mr. Wilson not only pretended to be a Christian, but a fundamentalist. Shortly before his death his brother-in-law, Dr. Stockton Axson, asked him what his father (a presbyterian minister) would think of the controversy between the fundamentalists and modernists if he were alive.

"He would be a fundamentalist," Mr. Wilson replied promptly.
"But the fundamentalists reject evolution," Dr. Axson said.
"My father accepted evolution as I did long ago. But the modernists would take all the mystery out of religion."

Help Spur Grow
FLOYD AND MOTLEY COUNTY
WOMEN WIN 1ST & 2ND PRIZES

Mrs. W. E. Miller of Sand Hill community was announced winner of 1st place in class 2 of the state wide kitchen contest sponsored by Texas A. & M. College held at College Station, the climax being reached with final announcing of awards Tuesday morning, according to wired reports received Wednesday. Mrs. Miller was awarded a prize of \$25 by the judges, the editor of the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News and a home improvement specialist of the extension service. The prizes were given in two divisions for improvement made in home kitchens at the least cost. Winners of class 1 improved their kitchens for less than \$25 and class 2 spent a little more, the best of each from each district were given the state prizes.

Mrs. C. E. Holliday of Whiteflat, Motley county, winner in the district three over Mrs. A. R. Hanna of Sand Hill, was awarded second place in class 1 and was given a prize of \$15.—Floydada Hesperian.

Help Spur Grow
Ing Rogers, an old timer of the Clairmont country, was trading in Spur, Tuesday of this week and meeting with his old friends.

SUIT TO ENFORCE OPERATION
OF MIDLAND N. W. RAILWAY

Austin.—Suit was filed by Attorney General Dan Moody, on behalf of the state Monday afternoon, in the Fifty third District Court of Travis county against the Texas and Pacific Railway company to maintain and operate the Midland and Northwestern Railway which line was acquired by the Texas and Pacific at an auction sale.

The Midland and Northwestern runs from Midland to Seminole, 65 miles, but is now in operation. The road was subsequently sold to the Texas and Pacific for \$42,706. Some time ago the Texas and Pacific filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon and junk the Midland Northwestern, but the Interstate body dismissed the application on the ground that it has no jurisdiction.

On Nov. 10, 1924, the Railroad Commission, after hearing, issued an order that the abandonment of operations on the Midland Northwestern was in violation of law and directed that the line be repaired and placed in operation.

"That the time for performing said order has been extended from time to time," said the State's petition, "but now has expired, and such an order is in full force and effect; that the Texas and Pacific has failed and refused to obey said order." The suit is to require compliance with the commissioner's order.

The State is also praying for the appointment of a receiver for the Texas and Pacific, unless the company repairs the Midland and Northwestern and places the road in operation. Pending the determination of the suit, the State is also asking for an injunction restraining the defendant, Texas and Pacific Railway Company, its officers, agents and employes, from dismantling the railroad of the Midland and Northwestern Railway Company, or removing any part of said railroad or anything pertaining thereto."

It was stated that the cost of repairing and placing in operation the Midland and Northwestern will cost the T & P. approximately \$250,000.

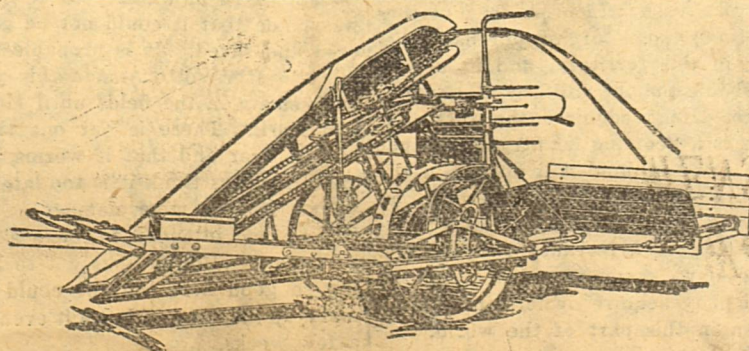
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