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Mer Survey ough Dickens Santa Fe Railway

Santa Fe has begun a second survey of a route from the South to Fort Worth, according to a report received by The Star-Telegram from Amarillo Thursday after Amarillo officials of the road announced that the survey was being made, running out of both Crossland and Floydada. The first route completed as far as Graham, beat Post.

A new survey would take the route through Dickens, Guthrie, Ben and Seymour. Although there is report that the Santa Fe company is taking over the Gulf, Texas and Eastern from Seymour to Sales, officials of the road declined to say when it Thursday.

Santa Fe have not yet applied for permission to build, evidently waiting until satisfied which survey is the most feasible.

A crew of agricultural experts has completed a survey of the Plains to determine potential tonnage according to the dispatch. Engineers already have gone to Crosbyton to conduct the new survey.

After completing the survey of the southern route to Graham, there is a delay of several weeks, and last Saturday a crew began to lay lines direct from Graham to Fort Worth.

A Merry Christmas
G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley community, came in Tuesday this week to be with his wife who has been under treatment several weeks at the Nichols Sanitarium. He is now arranging to take Mrs. Dodson to Abilene where she will be given the radium treatment in the hope of improving her condition. The radium treatment is one of the most expensive, and is said to be one of the most effective treatments, and it is hoped that Mrs. Dodson will make rapid improvement following the treatment.

A Merry Christmas
J. P. Middleton returned Monday from Lubbock where he spent the week end with his family who are now in Lubbock for the advantages offered in the Tech College.

Box and Pie Supper Dec 23 at Wilson Draw School House

A box and pie supper will be had Wednesday night, December 23rd, at the Wilson Draw School house. Everybody is invited to come and bring a box or a pie. The boxes and pies will be sold at auction, and prizes will be given to three of the most popular ladies present, the first prize being one dollar, the second fifty cents and the third twenty-five cents.

The funds derived from this occasion will be used for school improvement purposes.

The Plains Highway Completed and now Open to Travel and Traffic

That part of the highway from Dickens to McAdoo and the west county line was recently completed and is now open to travel and traffic. It is one of the very best roadways in all of Western Texas, the roadbed on the Plains being of the white lime rock while under the Caprock the roadbed is of gravel. County Engineer Alger, who is superintending the highway construction work in Dickens county, has been most particular in every detail of the construction work, giving Dickens county highways the benefit of expert, efficient and careful services in every detail of the construction and completion of the roadways.

The highway to the Plains was constructed at a cost of approximately six thousand dollars per mile.

The roadbuilding crew has now moved to the north part of the county, where the highway will be regraded and hardsurfaced from Dickens to the north county line.

Diversify
E. C. Edmonds, Jr., returned last week from Waco where he has been attending Baylor University, and will spend Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds. E. C. reports everything progressing satisfactorily this year at Baylor. During the year E. C. has been "yell leader" for Baylor, contributing much in encouraging the teams to victory in the various games played.

A Merry Christmas

Cooperative Shipments of Milo Heads

County Agent cautions growers to be careful of pitfalls in long distance marketing.

There seems to be a surplus of milo on many farms, at least quite a number of farmers have it for sale, with the hope of getting advantage of the full market price a number of men have spoken to the County Agent concerning the possibility of finding a market for the maize heads.

In such markets as Fort Worth, Waco, and other cities grain dealers and brokers in these markets will buy products in car load lots readily from farmers the same as from our local dealers who buy the grain to re-sell.

While I am not a grain dealer I have secured some information for the benefit of the grain growers, who are thinking of selling. There are advantages and disadvantages in selling by car load lots to other dealers.

ADVANTAGES—You might receive a higher price than local dealer could offer; you could get bids from several dealers and sell to the highest bidder. The chances are that the man loading a car would be offered one or two dollars more per ton than the local dealer could afford to pay.

DISADVANTAGES—Here is where the rub comes. The buyer buys on weights at destination and not at point of loading. Experienced shippers tell us that one may expect a ton or even more of shrinkage from loading weights. The buyer would no doubt have the car inspected at destination by federal or state inspector and weight get a lower grade than seller expected. The seller can not see and talk with the buyer. If the buyer was hardboiled or tried to take advantage of the seller, the seller would have to submit or go to the trouble and expense of making a trip in person to straighten out the tangle.

A farmer would more likely run into a snag with distant buyer than the local dealer because the local dealer is looked upon as a customer to be treated fairly to insure future trade.

If a Fort Worth dealer offers one \$18.00 per ton F. O. B. at Spur for a 20 ton car it might shrink and weigh out only 19 tons at Fort Worth and bring 19 times \$18.00 or \$345.00. If the weights held out the 20 tons would bring \$360.00. The shipper might be 20 days getting his money. The 20 tons sold to a local dealer at \$16.00 per ton would bring \$320.00 sure cash in hand at once without any worry, trouble or uncertainty. Marketing is a difficult job and requires considerable experience to do successfully. It is a game in itself. Every man producing stuff owes it learn all he can about the marketing to himself to study the market and situation.

One selling less than a car load would perhaps find it to his advantage to sell to local dealers or else go in with a neighbor or two and load a car.

The County Agent will be glad to get quotations and offers from dealers for anyone wanting to ship milo heads in car load lots, the farmer necessarily transacting all business with the buyer since the County Agent is a government employee and is not permitted to engage in commercial buying and selling. He, however, will be glad to assist without cost anyone in finding a buyer for car load shipments.

Last but not least I would urge everyone thinking of shipping to talk with some one who has had experience along this line.

A Merry Christmas
J. J. Thompson, of Dickens, called in to see us Wednesday, informing us of the illness of his wife who had been suffering of influenza and pneumonia, stating that she is now improving and that he intended to take her to Petersburg this week or next where they intend to make their home at least temporarily with a daughter. The Texas Spur hopes that Mrs. Thompson will regain good health and that they may be permitted to return to their home in Dickens.

A Merry Christmas
Lon Kizziah, of the Tennessee Valley community, was among the number in Spur Tuesday of this week. He will farm another year in the north part of the county, having strayed away last year to the Plains where he failed to harvest in abundance.

Spur Band Will Give Concert Wednesday

The Spur Municipal Band will give an open concert Wednesday evening, December 23 at Methodist Church auditorium, to which everybody is cordially invited.

The band is now under the direction of G. C. Collum, and this is the first open concert to be rendered since his assuming the directorship. Mr. Collum is one of the most widely known and highly recognized band men of the country, and under his direction the Spur Band continues to make rapid and substantial progress.

Goodfellows Originaizations Created in Spur

Dr. Grace has been instrumental and active in perfecting a "Goodfellows Organization" in Spur, and which will contribute much to the "Christmas Spirit" and good cheer among those for whom the organization was effected.

Contribution boxes will be placed at each of the drug stores to receive offerings for charity and those in need, including gifts for Christmas. Ladies from each of the several churches in Spur will be selected as a committee to take charge of the funds and contributions thus made, and make such disposition of them as seems best to the committee selected. The proceeds of the boxes placed at the drug stores will be taken up by the committee Wednesday before Christmas, therefore all are requested to make their contribution in plenty time to reach those for whom the "Goodfellow Boxes" are meant.

Dr. Grace and those who are assisting him in this movement, are to be commended for generous thoughtfulness in distributing good cheer among needy at this Christmas tide.

Farm Bureau Meeting First Saturday in January

The Board of Directors of Dickens County Farm Bureau instructed the Secretary to notify the members of Dickens County Farm Bureau that on the first Saturday in January there will be held a meeting in Judge Young office for the purpose of electing local officers and delegates to the State Convention to be held in Dallas.—Dickens County Farm Bureau, J. E. Cherry, Secretary.

Spur Hardware Company Red Tag Sale is Now in Progress

Spur Hardware & Furniture Co. inaugurated their regular annual Reduction Red Tag Sale for December, beginning Saturday the 12th and which will continue until Dec. 24th.

This is an annual event with the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, and the reductions in prices together with other concessions and inducements offered has meant much and resulted in great savings to the trade taking advantage of the annual event in hardware and furniture lines.

The Spur Hardware & Furniture Company is "Spur's Oldest Store" as advertised and generally recognized. Before the opening of the town in 1909, L. H. Perry, its head and manager, was here on the ground waiting for town lots to be placed on sale, and was one of the very first to erect a building and open for business after the sale of lots. The firm, as well as its head, has been of material benefit and advantage to the town, in extending not only trade inducements, but in refusing to enter into any combination or organization of fixing and maintaining prices above that thought legitimate or desired on the part of the management. The firm financially is one of the strongest doing business in West Texas, large stocks in both hardware and furniture are carried and sold at legitimate profits, and L. H. Perry, as head of the firm, is a progressive business man and citizen, ready, willing and able to render service and accommodations to customers and the trade in general.

If you have not already attended the Reduction Red Tag Sale now in progress, you are invited to do so before the close on December 24th.

A Merry Christmas
The Oliver House desires a few boarders and lodgers. 334f.

Oddfellows Enjoy "Home Coming Night" at Hall Monday

Members of the Oddfellows Lodge of Spur enjoyed a social evening in connection with their meeting Monday night at their hall in Spur, the occasion being in recognition of "home coming night". The lodge hall was crowded and every one present enjoyed the night's program to the full extent. Prominent speakers were present to explain the benefits of Oddfellowship in an entertaining manner. The second degree in Oddfellowship was conferred upon four candidates, and at the conclusion of the program and business session, a sumptuous supper was spread.

The Spur Oddfellows Lodge is growing continuously, and at each meeting new members are installed. The occasion of "home coming night" and the attendance was one of the largest at any meeting during the year, and all are in accord in stating it also one of the most pleasant meetings.

Salems First Sale is a Wonderful Success in the Opening Days

Salem's First Sale which commenced Thursday of last week has been a wonderful success to the present time, and like the opening of the Salem dry goods business in the beginning, attracted large crowds of customers throughout the four days in which contests and other attractions in connection with trade offerings were extra special inducements.

Mr. Salem informs us that last Saturday's business was the biggest day's business since coming to Spur. On this day he had thirty-two clerks employed, and which was inadequate to wait on the trade. During the day more than fifteen hundred customers were waited upon.

In the guessing contest at how much the hog weighed there was more than three thousand guesses registered. The hog had been in the show window several days, and at the end of the weight guessing contest G. C. Alexander, J. R. McArthur, A. W. Sweeney, O. B. Herring and W. C. McArthur were selected as judges to weigh the hog and award the prizes. The hog weighed 108 pounds. In the more than three thousand guesses made, from three to ten thousand and ten pounds was guessed. Those guessing the exact weight, 108 pounds, were Mrs. McCulloch, Douglas Brittain, H. C. Johnson, Eric Smith and Mrs. J. E. Wells. The hog was sold at auction for \$11 and this number was divided among the five guessing the correct weight. The second prize of \$5 was awarded to T. L. Dozier and C. C. Haile, their guesses being 107 1-2 pounds. The third prize of two dollars was awarded to H. E. Grabener, Chas. Windham, Donald Smith and Jim Smith, on guesses of 108 1-2 pounds and 107 1-2 pounds respectively.

Since establishing the Salem's dry goods business by Joe T. Salem a little more than a year ago, the business has meant much to the commercial interests of Spur, in that he has reached out after the trade and has extended the Spur trade territory bringing hundreds of people here who otherwise would not have come except for the special inducements offered in the sale of high-class, standard brands of goods at small profits.

A Merry Christmas
Mrs. I. G. Van Leer returned Monday from Eastland where she spent some time with her daughter, Mrs. Mable Anderson.

A Merry Christmas
WANTED—Good Milk cow, high producer preferred. Will pay cash. Phone 285 or write County Agent Reynolds, Spur, Texas. 7-14f

McAdoo Suffers an Almost Complete Destruction by Fire Thursday

The town of McAdoo, on the Plains in Dickens County, suffered almost complete destruction by fire Thursday night of last week, the fire being checked by an active "bucket brigade" organized during the progress of the fire, and in time to save the McAdoo Mercantile Company, the Eldredge garage and one or two other places of business.

Seven business houses together with contents were destroyed, including the Bradley-Bailey Cafe, C. L. Loyd Garage, John Formby barber shop, A. V. Womack Meat Market, Duncan Cafe, Frank Barton Garage, and the postoffice building of R. I. Wallace.

The fire originated in the Formby Barber shop, supposedly from faulty electric wiring or defective flue. The buildings and contents were all partially covered by insurance, the complete loss amounting to several thousand dollars above the amount of insurance.

Plans are already being made to rebuild several of the buildings in a more substantial and fire proof manner. It is planned to construct practically all, if not all the buildings, with hollow tile with stucco finish; thus laying the foundation for a more substantial and permanent town than before the fire, all buildings destroyed being of lumber structure.

This is a severe blow to McAdoo, but those sustaining the loss are imbued with the Western spirit of optimism and progress, and the beginning of the year will see the little city of McAdoo rebuilding and even establishing other businesses in a more substantial and permanent manner.

Great is West Texas, and still greater is the spirit and progress of West Texas people.

A Merry Christmas
Occasionally a call comes to the County Agents office wanting to know when the next Cooperative Shipment of livestock is to be made.

All who want to make shipment in this manner notify the County Agent by telephone or mail not later than Saturday night, December 26th. If enough respond to make a shipment those interested will be notified when.

Denson Murder Trial Transferred to Seymour for Trial

Denson Murder Case to be Transferred to Seymour for Trial.

The trial of F. E. Denson, charged with the killing of young Brawley in Spur recently, came up for hearing Monday in District Court at Dickens. The case was transferred to Seymour for trial and will be heard again at the January term of court.

A special venire of one hundred had been summoned in the case, but after hearing several witnesses the Judge transferred the case for trial to Seymour.

District Court Adjourned for the Term

The business of District Court which had been in session two weeks was finished this week and the court adjourned until next regular term.

The one important case tried since the former Texas Spur report was that of the negro from the Robt. Reynolds' place, tried for murder of another negro, acquitted by the jury.

The grand jury returned nine bills of indictment, including both misdemeanor and felony cases, which speaks well for the law observance of the people of Dickens County.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

FOR THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR FOR GOOD MEASURE, WE ARE OFFERING SIX SATURDAY AND XMAS WEEK SPECIALS INSTEAD OF ONE SATURDAY SPECIAL.

- (1) Hope Domestic 12 1-2 cents. Limit 10 yards to customer.
 - (2) Mens Importe dEnglish Broadcloth. Shirts, white, blue, tan shades, \$1.25.
 - (3) Mens extra heavy jersey brown Gloves 12 1-2 cents pair. Limit two pair to customer.
 - (4) Ladies fancy embroidered box handkerchiefs. Two and three to the box. Only 19c each box. Limit one to the customer.
 - (5) Fancy Stationery, put up in fancy boxes 19c each box. Limit one to customer.
 - (6) Mens extra heavy ribbed union suits only 95c each. Limit two suits to customer.
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DR. T. H. BLACKWELL

THE COTTON CROP REPORT TRIES TOO MUCH

Clarence Ousley, in his letter published in Thursday's News, does not contend that the cotton reports issued by the Government at present are perfect. On the contrary, he is fair enough to admit that they should be changed in several details. For example, he agrees that publishing estimates twice a month is too often and that setting an exact figure as the probable yield is misleading. The cotton report is not a guess, he affirms with some emphasis. On the other hand it is not an estimate. The word "estimate," he says, "is used for the want of a better word." Exactly. Other people use the word "guess" for the want of a better. As a statement with regard to the future founded upon inadequate data, it partakes a little of both guess and estimate without being precisely either. But it comes nearer on the whole to being a guess than otherwise. Take the matter of acreage. No body knows how much acreage is devoted to cotton. It is, perhaps pretty well known whether we have more acre than last year or less. But how many acres we have is a rather rough approximation. It could be a closer approximation with the expenditure of more time and money, possibly. An absolute census is not to be expected, and it is not fair to represent that the present report reporting machinery is corrupt or consciously biased. But it is pretty evident that the present volume of adverse criticism directed against the system is not wholly without justification. It is undeniable, for example, that predictions begin too early. Talking about the product of "average conditions" at a time when there is no cotton fiber open in the field is a sort of statistical assumption, perhaps. But it is nonsense. It can't mean anything. Washington can find out pretty nearly the acreage of cotton hands. It can report weather conditions by sections small enough to be reasonable resume of the situation. It can tell the extent of insect damage and of abandonment with reasonable satisfaction. Then, when ginnings begin, it can give out the actual figures of actual production. This should be enough to counteract the bad effect of private estimates made for the purpose of misleading the market. This much it can certainly do. Whether the Government ought to attempt more is a matter of serious doubt to many who have given careful thought to the question.

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FIFTY LOADS OF MATERIAL GO TO TEXAS CO., WELL IN KENT. Twenty-five truck loads of drilling material has been hauled to the location where the Texas Oil Company is soon to start drilling on the Barton ranch about seven miles beyond Clearmont and more than twenty-five more loads of materials will be taken over in the near future, according to Mr. Albert Mathewson, temporary superintendent of the drilling. Work of putting the machinery on the grounds is steadily going forward and drilling will begin as soon as the equipment is ready.

Mr. Farmer—I have 800 bushels of absolutely pure Half and Half Cottonseed, first year from the originator and stored and ginned under contract by Gubric Gin Co., at Afton, I am offering these seed at \$2.50 per bushel. Reference any bank or business firm or responsible individual in this territory. Albert Power, Afton, Texas.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT HIGHWAY CAFE AND BE HAPPY

1 DEAD, 4 HURT IN A FIGHT

Sweetwater, Texas, Dec. 8.—Howard Irvan Jones, 23, is dead, and four others all of Roscoe were more or less seriously cut in an altercation in a Roscoe skating rink, west of here late last night. Authorities are searching for the son of a Sweetwater man, formerly of Roscoe in connection with the killing. The femoral artery in Jones' right thigh was severed by the keen blade of the knife and he died before medical aid could be summoned. Among others cut were Mickle Moran, M. J. Dogion, Lois Allen and Alfred Oden, all of Roscoe. None of them seriously.

CURE FOR K. K. K. DISEASE

Dear Reader:—Let me give you a cure for the K. K. K. disease. The doctors all tell me they must remove the cause. It is the same way with every other trouble. This trouble is seated in the soul. God said all souls are mine. That being the case we want to see, what is the cause. God said the soul that sinned it shall die. Well, then the soul is active if it can do something. It can sin for God said so. Well, then sin is a disease. Read Ex. 33:34. Now Paul calls sin the root of bitterness. Paul also calls sin the old man. He also calls it the carnal mind. Study Rom. 1 to 8 chapter in Gal. 4:23; Gen. 21:10. This disease is called the bond woman. Most people say that this bond woman has reference to the law and reign of grace. But that is not correct for Paul said for those Gallatians to cast out this bond woman and her sons, cast out both that you may be an heir of the free woman. So you see that this bond woman is something in the human soul and can be cast out, or Paul never would have said so. This bond woman is a disease of the soul. So is the carnal mind. So is the old man. So is the unclean spirit. They are all one and the same and are seated in the soul of man, and as long as they stay there the soul is diseased, and is the reason

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Paul said cast them out. And Mr. Reader, no man that has had them cast out and retains that state will never be a Ku Klux nor any other thing that teaches worldliness. I don't blame Paul to tell them to cast them out. It is a disease of the whole man and as long as it remains in the soul, more or less it will eat like a cancer. Paul said it was at enmity against God not subject to the law of God, neither can be. Then you had better get shut of it so you can be subject to the will of God. Whenever you get this disease removed then you are a sanctified man fit for your Master's use, and not until it is done. And when you get this done away goes your Ku Kluxism, your tobeism, your social entertainments, your box suppers and everything of the kind. Yes, you will even tell the truth for this disease is the cause of it all. Satan caused it there, and it does his work. So I have to help someone if no other than the editor. I know what I am talking about in this article, I have seen it tried out to the care, and I know I am right. If I were to tell Dr. Nichols that removing the appendix was a failure you know he would know better. So it don't make any difference what you say or think, I know. But as we are all broke a like my fail to reach this world, but thank God the Editor will get a taste of God's eternal truth. Yours for a better world—H. Mings, Loop, Texas.

A GRISLY SIGHT IN ERATH COUNTY

Stephenville, Dec. 10.—More than 500 persons from Erath and adjoining counties Thursday reviewed a grisly sight—a human head in the morgue here. Some were drawn by curiosity, but in the main, an effort was being made to solve one of the most baffling murder mysteries that could be conceived even in fiction. The head, that of a boy about 18 wrapped in a piece of shirt, a coat and an old gunny sack, was found Wednesday afternoon in an abandoned farm house nine miles southeast of Stephenville.

Ben Aycock, bent on setting traps near the house which had been made uninhabitable by fire, made the discovery and notified the police. Aycock's dogs went into the house, but came out howling. Aycock entered and found the sack caught between two rafters above the cellar. There was no trace of the body.

The head had been severed at the chin, probably with a razor and because of the absence of blood stains about the premises and no sign of the torso, District Attorney Russell drew these conclusions Thursday. That the boy must have been slain some distance from where the head was found, because there has been no trace of body although posses have been combing the county since early Thursday. That a knife wound found under

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the chin, abrasions on the face and skull may have caused death before decapitation and that the body was buried some distance from Stephenville.

REPUTED OLDEST NATIVE BORN TEXAN BURIED AT BASTROP

Bastrop, Dec. 10.—Funeral services for E. W. Jenkins, 95, who died Tuesday morning, were held from the family residence Wednesday afternoon, when interment in Fairview Cemetery, Rev. E. H. Wylie pastor of Christian Church, officiating at the residence. Masonic ceremonies were conducted at the grave by the local lodge.

Jenkins was born and reared in Bastrop County, and is said to have been the oldest native Texan known.

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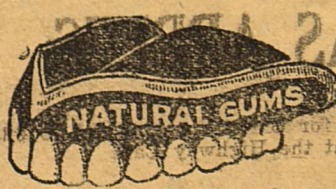
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presses in the next room drumming on his ears; if he can explain why Mrs. Jones' poem on "The Sylvan Depths of October Woods" did not appear in the paper without her hand stopping his advertising; if he can take a four-line story and stretch it to a half column, or take a two column story and condense it to two paragraphs; if he can read proofs without overlooking an error and write headlines without murdering the King's English; if he has a nose for news; an itch for writing and an inclination to work fifteen hours a day; then we'd advise him to get in the game. In fact if the young man can qualify under the above statement of requirements, we've got a deal for him in this office. Mineral Wells Index.

FOR SALE—98 acres all fenced, house, barn, 70 acres in cultivation, wood, water, grass \$45 per acre; or I will sell 50 acres best part for \$50 per acre.—J. T. Walden, Spur, Texas, Rt. 1 Box 54.

FOR SALE—Everbright heating stove, cheap at Callie Ramsey's Garage.

AN INVENTION AND INVENTOR IN SPUR

That Spur's resources are being expanded beyond that of merely agricultural and livestock activities is being brought to light from time to time.

Recently Lee Garrett the popular jeweler, completed and perfected an invention which gives warning to autoists of the deflation of tires and tubes. The invention is a small attachment to be placed on the stem of a tube, and so designed as to give a whistle warning when the air pressure becomes reduced to the danger point of tire injury.

A perfected model of this device has been made and tested out, and forwarded to the department at Washington by Mr. Garrett with an application for patent protection in its design and manufacture. Mr. Garrett states that arrangements are being made for the manufacture of this air pressure device in large quantities to be placed on the market throughout the country. The device can be sold at a low price with the assurance of protection against partially deflated tires. It is just possible that a manufacturing plant could be established in Spur for the manufacture of this patented device, thus not only extending and expanding our resources, but encouraging other manufacturing plants to be established here—and this is in line with what the Texas Spur has always contended, that our home products or raw materials should be manufactured and finished at home, and by so doing the home people reap the full benefits of what is produced.

FOR SALE—Incubator and Game Roosters, Cornish Game Roosters and 228 capacity Queen Incubator. See O. B. Sims, Rt. A, Spur, Texas, 4 1/2

BASS REYNOLDS

Mr. Melvin Bass and Miss Laura Reynolds, both of Crosbyton, Texas, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Sunday morning, November 29th, at the Primitive Baptist Church of Crosbyton, Rev. J. J. Edwards performing the marriage rite.

The bride is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of Lorenzo, Texas. She was reared in Mills County but moved with her parents to Lorenzo two years ago.—Crosbyton Review.

I am in a position to make an unlimited amount of farm loans in Dickens and other counties. See Clem A. Hrkey, at Ramsey Garage or Dennis Harkey, Dickens, Texas.

BIRTH CONTROL

Editor Texas Spur:—I'd like a little space in your valuable paper to write (in my poor way) on the great question of the immediate future. "Birth Control!" Whether we favor it or not, ignore or help it along it has come to stay. It is due mainly to the efforts of Margaret Sanger, that the subject of birth control can now be openly discussed. Recently I had the pleasure of hearing Dr. James F. Cooper, head the Medical Research Department of the American Birth Control League, lecture on the aims of the League. With your kind permission I want to call attention of all interested persons to what this organization does. It publishes and distributes literature and conducts lectures. Operates a clinic research department in New York City. Campaigns to amend state and federal laws to make it possible for any mother to limit the size of her family should she want to do so.

Contrary to the opinion of many, birth control is not race suicide. It is not contrary to religious views. Twice in God's word we read—"Increase and multiply." All Bible readers know under what circumstances those words were spoken. It does not apply to our day and time. We

are living under entirely different circumstances. With the population of the world doubling every 35 years, it is time we begin to apply reason in the realm of reproduction. Only man, the crown of life, is permitted to follow blind chance. Of the young of the human species are bred by chance, whim, caprice or accident. Harmless methods of limiting the family are the greatest discovery of the 20th century. That certain methods are harmless, there is no doubt, despite the claims of a few ignorant and superstitious persons.

Belief in their mischief making belongs in the same class as belief in the evils attending the opening of windows in the bed room and the taking of a bath in the winter time.

We are all agreed that knowledge is power, but not agreed that all men have all knowledge. Ignorance is not a virtue nor is it a safeguard against immorality, and God help the race if we cannot trust the women of our generation with a little information. It is essential then that women come to the front and insist that they will no longer consent to be deprived of the knowledge which will allow them to fulfill their function in the way best fitted to their individual needs, and they are justified by the highest considerations in fighting vigorously and persistently until they have this right granted them.—Mrs. J. A. Caple, McAdoo, Texas.

COTTON SEED FOR SALE

I still have some of my pure bred Kasch and Mehane Cotton Seed on hand, stored in old Sol Davis' ware house in Spur, \$2.50 per bushel, 3 bushel sacks. The very best planting see. See Rob Davis, in Edwards Dry Goods store, M. M. Young, Ab

NOTICE OF SALE

State of Texas, County of Dickens: Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January, at 11 o'clock I will sell a public auction, and to the highest bidder for cash, the West End school house located in Common School District Number 10, Dickens County, Texas. The place of sale will be at the said West End school house.

Said sale was ordered by the Honorable County School Board of Dickens County, Texas, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1925, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT, County Judge, Dickens County, Texas.

FOR SALE—Full blood Rhode Island Red, Wyandotts and White Leg horn chickens. Also eight or ten tons good maize, 1850 birds good sorghum.—C. D. Jacobson, 4 miles west of Spur, on W. J. Pickens place.

DISTINCTION FOR SPUR

Few towns the size of Spur boast of a shop so distinctive as The Treasure Chest. The people of Spur want the best, and demand smart, up-to-date, distinctive gifts for their friends, and for themselves. That is why this gift shop was opened. Visit The Treasure Chest and you will find just the gifts you want to complete your Christmas list.

Why waste valuable time over a hot stove baking fruit cake when you can get home baked plum puddings and fruit cakes, (chock full of all kinds of goodies), at \$1.00 a pound at The Treasure Chest.

NOTICE

On Sunday morning at eleven o'clock a service of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. Percy Jones. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

Spur Will be Made The Headquarters For Oil Tests in Kent

Arrangements were made this week for the establishment of the drilling headquarters in Spur for the drilling crews for the test wells for oil on the 24-Ranch positively, and possibly for the test to be drilled on the Swenson Ranch near the West Pasture Headquarters to the southwest of Spur.

Contracts, we are reliably informed, has been made for a test on the 24-Ranch and also on the Swenson Ranch in Kent county.

Material has already been hauled out and the rig built on the 24s, and arrangements have been made for the unloading of materials in Spur for the test well on the Swensons.

That this section will have a very thorough test for oil made is now very evident, and as in the beginning, we are very confident that an oil pool of great magnitude will be developed here in time. We know that it is here.

—A Merry Christmas—

MRS. W. H. PUTMAN HOSTESS

Mrs. W. H. Putman gave a pretty informal tea Thursday afternoon honoring Mrs. Elvis Hull and the members of the two "42" clubs. The house was very pretty with Xmas decorations. Mesdames Elvis Hull, C. B. Jones and Billie Bryant assisted Mrs. Putman in receiving the guests. Mesdames Fred Reynolds and R. E. Dickson poured coffee and tea from a pretty appointed table. Mesdames Fox, Austin Putman assisted in the serving of a salad plate to the guests. Mrs. F. B. Crockett presided over the guest book. Thirty five guests called during the afternoon.

—A Merry Christmas—

SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

The North Social Club met with Mrs. Woods on Thursday, December 10th with ten members and six visitors present. The day was spent in quilting and sewing. The quilt for the hostess and the sewing to assist one of the members who had been sick. The club voted to send flowers to Knox City to Mr. Mimms and family as a token of sympathy in their bereavement.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Rogers, and members are requested to be present as it is time for election of new officers. Those enjoying the day were: Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hindman, Mesdames J. W. Meadows, Buchanan, M. L. Hale, Tom Johnson, Lilly, Gragesden, Rogers, Walter Foreman, J. R. Woods and Miss Lucille Eldredge.

—Diversify—

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 11—At its final business session Thursday the Austin Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church unanimously approved a pledge promulgated by the church general assembly, which commits all teachers in denominational schools to uphold fundamental beliefs and resist every encroachment thereupon. The required pledge asserts literal belief in the Bible record of creation and miracles, in the inspiration of the Scriptures as the word of God and in the virgin birth of Jesus.

—Diversify—

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be in Spur Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, for the purpose of collecting taxes and registering cars, at the Ford Service Station.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

—A Merry Christmas—

FOR SALE—225 feet of Howser laid 1 1/2 inch drilled cable at a bargain. See Riter Hardware Co. 7 3/4

W. D. Eldredge, of McAdoo, came down Wednesday with his last two bales of cotton of the season. He had fifty two acres of cotton this year from which he marketed six bales of cotton. From the same acreage last year Mr. Eldredge made twenty five bales of cotton. Earlier Mr. Eldredge told us that the cotton crop of the Plains country had been damaged by the freeze at least fifty to seventy five per cent, and the later crop gathering returns proves his estimate to be correct. Before leaving us Mr. Eldredge handed us a dollar and fifty cents for another twelve months Texas Spur reading.

—A Merry Christmas—

XXV BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Oran McClure was a most charming hostess when on Tuesday afternoon she was hostess to her bridge club. Four tables were most attractively arranged for the bride hour. Mrs. R. E. Dickson received high score, and given a lovely vase, Mrs. Dan Zachry scored high for the guest and received a dainty little incense burner. Mrs. Fred Reynolds received consolation. A lovely salad plate was served, with miniature Santa Claus as plate favors.

The guests were Mesdames R. E. Dickson, Fred Reynolds, Dan Zachry, E. C. Edmonds, Bill Putman, Hill Perry, Malcolm Brannen, Tracy Gorham, C. B. Jones, E. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, W. J. Alger, James B. Reed, C. L. Love, Roy L. Harkey, Nellie Davis.

—Diversify—

Recitals Tuesday and Wednesday Nights Largely Attended

The musical recitals given both Tuesday and Wednesday nights by Miss Nell Higgins at the Spur High School auditorium on the part of her pupils in music, was largely attended on the part of the public, the auditorium being filled each night to its capacity.

The numbers on the program were well rendered, evidencing not only the aptitude of pupils but the unmistakable ability of Miss Higgins as an instructor and teacher.

Miss Higgins was reared in the Spur country, has exerted herself in obtaining the highest instruction and training in music, and deserves the accomplishments and success attained in the musical profession.

—A Merry Christmas—

WILLIAMS SAYS KLAN HURTING MASONS

Waco, Dec. 3.—Masons throughout the country as well as the State were reading with interest Thursday newspaper reports of an address made by Congressman Guinn, Williams, Decatur, grand master of Texas Masons delivered at the annual convention of the grand lodge here Wednesday.

Williams warned against "outside organizations" and then bluntly declared the Ku Klux Klan to be the greatest menace.

Williams made public for the first time a quotation from proceedings of the grand lodge in 1921, as follows:

"Your committee condemns in unmeasured terms any statement by anyone, anywhere, that Free Masonry is in any way responsible for or associated with the Klu Klux Klan. We unhesitatingly declare that the use of Masonry to build up or sustain the Klan or any other organization is a Masonic offense and should be severely dealt with."

Beginning last March, Williams toured the State and officially visited 300 lodges in which he talked to a total of approximately 30,000.

Commenting on the effect of the Klan on Masonry, Williams said:

"It is with deep regret that I am forced to report to this grand lodge that I have found in my visitations Masonic lodges in which application for membership in the above mentioned organization have been presented to men taking the Masonic degrees, some of them immediately after they had been raised and the solicitor would insist and tell the newly made Mason that he should regard this move to get into the Ku Klux Klan as his next step in Masonry."

"I have found at many places where Masonic meetings have been scheduled, said organization would go forth and advertise meetings of its own as a counter attraction. The fact that this organization has been injected into the Masonic fraternity

has caused hundreds of good and loyal members of our order to quit attending Masonic meetings and some have declared their intention of never returning to the folds of Masonry."

—Diversify—

Byron Haney, one of the main heads of the J. T. Haney & Sons business at Afton, was in Spur Thursday, and in meeting us stated that since he had become the head of a family, he desired to read the Texas Spur, giving us the coin to have it mailed to his address. Byron Haney is one of the best young business men of the West, and although he may have heretofore been reading the Spur, we are proud to number him among the thousands of other readers of the Spur paper.

—A Merry Christmas—

Mrs. S. B. Scott and Mrs. Dave Taylor, both of whom recently underwent operations, returned to their homes Wednesday of this week their return home being hastened on account of the illness of Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. W. C. McArthur, who died Thursday morning.

—A Merry Christmas—

Walter Jordan called in the first of the week and had his Texas Spur address changed up on the Plains, stating that he had purchased, or traded for a farm up there, and he and family would move this week. We regret to lose Mr. Jordan from the citizenship of the Spur country but wish him success and prosperity on the Plains. The Plains is a fine country, and in fact we believe will be the Empire of Texas some time in the near future.

—A Merry Christmas—

Fudge Making Finds Favor With Co-Eds

Fudge may be classed with pie as a typical American dish. It has a place in every young man's heart and every girl's category of accomplishments. Co-eds swear by fudge and "fudge shines" in courtship parlors are the very latest wrinkle in collegiate circles.

There's a big wallop in a platter of fudge, the co-eds explain, because it's one of the greatest sources of energy, containing both milk, the "perfect food," and sugar.

If you've any doubt of the place fudge occupies in the young male heart, try these recipes on him and hear his own answer. Each of the appended dishes was prepared by Miss Meta Given, doing research work in the home economics department of the University of Chicago, and they are the result of much experimentation.

Chocolate Fudge

2 cups sugar 2 squares chocolate
1/4 cup evaporated milk Few grains of salt
1/2 cup water 1 tbsp butter
1 tbsp corn sirup 1/2 tsp vanilla

Shave the chocolate so that it will melt more easily. Add the sugar, salt, milk, water and corn sirup. Cook, stirring until chocolate and sugar are melted, and then only occasionally to prevent burning, until the soft ball stage is reached, or a temperature of 234 degrees Fahrenheit. Remove from fire and add the butter. Cool until almost lukewarm, 110 degrees, add flavoring and beat vigorously until when a little is dropped from the spoon it will hold its shape. Pour into oiled tins and mark in squares.

Cocoanut Candy

1 1/2 cups sugar 1 tsp butter
1/4 cup evaporated milk 1-3 cup shredded cocoanut
1/2 cup water 1/2 tsp vanilla

Put butter into granite saucepan; when melted, add sugar, milk and water, and stir until sugar is dissolved. Heat to boiling, and cook to the soft ball stage. Remove from fire, add cocoanut and vanilla, cool to 110 degrees Fahrenheit and beat until creamy and mixture begins to sugar slightly around edge of pan. Pour into buttered pan and when cool mark in squares.

Penuche

2 cups brown or maple sugar 1 tbsp butter
1/4 cup evaporated milk 1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup water 2 cups chopped nuts

Boil sugar, milk and water to the soft ball stage. Remove from the fire; add butter, flavoring and nuts. Cool to 110 degrees Fahrenheit, then beat until creamy and thickened; pour into a greased tin and when firm cut.

—A Merry Christmas—

TOM THOMASON DIED OF LOCKED BOWELS THURSDAY

Tom Thomason, son of Mr. and

A GOOD PLACE TO GIN

The Long Gin Co. is ready to gin your bolls with the latest improved machinery. We are making samples far above our customers expectations and the turn out is the largest that can be had from the kind of cotton you bring.

I will appreciate you giving me a trial with the next bale and see for yourself that it is to your interest to gin here.

Some say you are crowded and I have to pass. If it pays some to wait it will pay you. I GIVE GOOD RESULTS IS WHY THEY CROWD AROUND MY GIN. Thanks for What You Have Done.

LONG GIN COMPANY JOE M. GAINES, Manager

Costly Suit of Clothes

A native found the first piece of gold in Australia. Seeing his master counting gold coins, he said he found a rock which looked like the yellowish coins. He offered to give it to him for a new suit of clothes.

The master later sold the nugget for more than \$20,000.

Too Absent-Minded

They were discussing the absent-mindedness of an acquaintance who had just passed. "That habit nearly cost him his life when he was on his holiday," remarked one.

"How was that?"

"He fell overboard and forgot that he knew how to swim."

Athletic Prowess

For two decades records in practically every field of athletics have been broken, and the limit of physical endurance when no more records can be broken is not in sight.

Right!

"Six months' experience at working cross-word puzzles ought to come in handy when it comes to filling out the income tax blanks," says the Southern Lumberman.

Good Hardware

—A Merry Christmas—

Competition a Stimulant

A runner seldom breaks a record unless he is closely pressed. A baseball team plays its best game against a close adversary. A horse scores its best mark when pitted against fast horses.

The retail dealer plays his best game when pressed by competition. The one sure way to make a merchant slough into mediocrity and slipshod methods is to take away his competition. Honest, ethical competition develops good merchants, and makes fine, alert citizens. A lack of competition breeds laziness and insolence. The greater your competition, the greater your opportunity for growth.—Good Hardware.

—A Merry Christmas—

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

IS THE GREETINGS FROM OUR GIN

I thank you one and all who have helped us to make good this season

JOE M. GAINES AND CREW OF LONG GIN COMPANY

CHRISTMAS APPLES

I have nice boxed apples suitable for Christmas, at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per box. See them at the Highway Cafe

CLAUDE KARRH

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We take this method of thanking the

People of Spur and Spur Trade Territory

... for the wonderful business you have given us during the year and hope to enjoy a part of your business in the future. Wish you

A Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

We still have a large assortment of Xmas gifts, such as house slippers, shoes, ties, suits, overcoats, in fact something appropriate for every member of the family.

C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY "The Home of Honest Values"

SALEMS CHRISTMAS

Sale now on; Xmas is here, all combination you have waited for all the year. Money may be short; our prices are right. Do not fear. Buy away presents, let the bells ring, show your cheer. Give the Supreme Being to see, listen; who all times can hear. Celebrate the day that comes representing Jesus, our beloved and dear, and let his birth come as if a true appear. Salem's Sale now on; Xmas is here.

SPUR'S BIGGEST SALE NOW ON AT SALEMS

CHEAPER THAN CATALOGUE PRICES. THIS INCLUDES CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A Few Extra Saturday and Christmas Week Specials

- (1) Hope Domestic 12 1-2cents yard, limit 10 yards to customer.
- (2) Mens Imported English BroadCloth Shirts, in blue, tan and white colors, only \$1.25, Limit two to customer.
- (3) Mens Extra Heavy Brown Jersey Gloves, 12 1-2 cents pair. Limit two pair to the customer.
- (4) Fancy Ladies Christmas Box Handkerchiefs. Two and three embroidered handkerchiefs to the box at only 19c a box. Limit one to a customer.
- (5) Fancy Stationery, put up in fancy boxes, 19 cents a box. Limit one to the customer.
- (6) Mens Extra Heavy Ribbed Union Suits, 95 cents each. Limit two suits to the customer.

Money is short now and remember you have to go where you can do best. Let Salem's be your Xmas shopping headquarters.

Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Johnson, Edith Ince, Leah Smith, Mrs. Berry, Lois Ince, John Bell Hargrove, Eula Smith, Mrs. Turvan, Charlie B., O. B. Herring, Bill Davis, Hubb Hyatt, Mr. Montgomery, Eva Bell, Stewart, Mary Brady, Mrs. Hindman, Mrs. Snodgrass, Jack S., Beth, Tom, Charlie, Lorraine L., Adelaide S., Kate Senning, Bonnie Gilbert, Odell M., Mr. Claude Powell, Tom, Joe Jennie and another.

The above names represent the help we had last Saturday, numbering 32, and with this capacity, on account of the many customers, some of us were waiting on two and three at the same time. We had this business because we were offering attractive prices. For this Saturday and the following week we are still offering better inducements. See the above sample prices. Our sale is at its full swing, with the new goods we received during the past week, we will be in a better position to take care of the demand. We have received new ladies spring dresses, new evening dresses and spring hats, Christmas handkerchiefs and many other staples.

Do not forget we are still giving away the \$5 Mauna Doll Free. Just received a new shipment. You are entitled to one. Come and get yours. Tomorrow at 5 p. m. Each apple will be numbered. We will have a box of apples will be given away in front of the store Thursday afternoon. The ones holding the apples with the lucky numbers will receive valuable Christmas presents. This is for ladies and men. Be present on time. Get advantage of the apple and get a chance at the present.

Saturday we will be closed until 8:30 preparing specials. If you are first in the store you will be better served. However, we will have the same amount of clerks, if not more than 32 to take care of the business.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

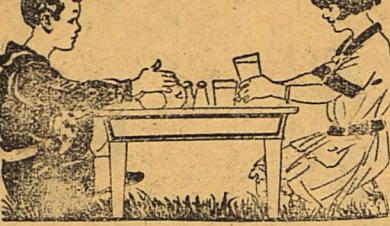
SALEMS

QUALITY---SERVICE

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The Busiest Store By the Postoffice

Nourishing Drink for Children



Both adults and children the same. Adults grow weary of being fed the same food in the same way each day. It is true that most children take naturally to milk but that does not mean that they must be fed it ad nauseum. On the contrary that is the very thing to be avoided.

Pediatricians advise consumption by children of a quart of milk a day in one form or another. This does not mean skim milk, but whole milk for the skimmed product is lacking both in butter fat and the essential food element known as vitamin A. Milk is found in butter fat. Many mothers do not appreciate that removal of cream from the top of a bottle of milk results in skim milk.

In evaporated milk, a product recommended by many leading doctors for the use of infants and children and which is simply pure cow's milk sterilized in cans and with sixty per cent of the water removed, there is no cream line. The milk in the top of a can is the same as it is in the bottom of the container. This results from a process called homogenization, in which the fat globules in the milk are broken up into such microscopic bits that they remain in homogeneous suspension. Every drop of homogenized milk has a buttery taste because it contains butter fat. For this reason, in evaporated milk there is none of the flat taste one finds in drinking from the bottom of a bottle of market milk.

In order to avoid feeding the baby or child plain milk three or four times a day, many authorities recommend the use of a mixture of fruit juice and milk, a highly palatable and refreshing drink.

Following is a recipe worked out by experts for an orange-milk drink:

Mix in a fruit jar 1/2 of a cupful of orange juice, 1/4 of a cupful of evaporated milk, three teaspoonfuls of sugar, 1/2 teaspoonful of lemon juice and a few grains of salt. Shake well before serving.

—A Merry Christmas—

Zez Confrey Mixes Salads and Songs

Zez Confrey, famous composer of the musical classic, "The Kitten on the Keys," is hailed by his friends as the most versatile of America's popular song composers. Those who know him say he can mix a salad or a song oddity with equal success, which is saying considerable since his portrayal of the delightful pranks of a certain young feline frisking over the ivories has been recognized as the model of American syncopation.

But Mr. Confrey has other "firsts" in his repertoire, his acquaintances declare. Country bred, he is a judge of horse flesh, and also knows a good cigar.

The simple life is Mr. Confrey's idea of happiness. Every so often Manhattan gets too crowded for him and he boards a train for the country and the companionship of a certain murmuring brook. Inevitably he comes back with one of the merry tunes for which he is noted.

A bachelor, Zez keeps open house for his friends. If he invites a few of the boys over for a midnight supper, he does the cooking himself. Invitations to his lively little dinners are sought after. There are two dishes to which Mr. Confrey is partial. So are his friends. His recipes for the two follow:

Royal Eggs With Mushroom Sauce.
 12 eggs 1/2 cup evaporated milk diluted with water
 Salt 1/2 tsp. sugar
 Pepper 1/2 tsp. sugar
 1-3 pound mushrooms (This may be prepared from bouillon cubes).
 2 tbsp. butter
 12 slices toast 1/2 tsp. flour
 Parsley

Saute the mushrooms in two tbsp. butter, taking care not to burn; make a white sauce of two tbsp. butter, flour, evaporated milk and meat stock. Cook five minutes. Add the cooked mushrooms and chopped parsley. Break eggs and drop into hot fat, being careful to keep egg in a globular mass. Just as soon as they are a golden brown lift out and drain. Place an egg on each piece of toast. Allow two pieces for each serving. Pour over all the mushroom sauce and garnish with parsley.

Pineapple-Cheese Salad.
 10 slices pineapple
 1 cup cream
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 2 tbsp. evaporated milk
 Crisp lettuce leaves
 1 tsp. pineapple juice
 1 tsp. sugar
 Green and red mangoes
 Creamy salad dressing

Combine the cheese, nuts, evaporated milk, pineapple juice and sugar, and blend into a smooth mass. Cut pineapple circles in half. Spread cheese mixture on a slice of pineapple and press the other half circle of pineapple on top of cheese as one would a slice of bread in making a sandwich. Cut diamonds or triangles from green and red mangoes and press into the edge of the cheese mixture between the pineapple. Lay two of the prepared pieces of pineapple on a crisp lettuce leaf. Serve with creamy salad dressing. This serves two.

Positive Proof That Lover Was Untruthful

They sat on the sofa, he and she. The lights were turned low. They gazed into each other's eyes with perfect contentment. He arranged his necktie for the twentieth time and queried, "Do you love me, Alice?"

"Uh-huh, I think so," she replied. "I knew you did—I love you too, Alice—you're the only girl for me."

"No, Alice—you are the first girl I ever loved, the only girl I ever will love."

"Oh, John, I knew it! I love you more than ever," she flushed with pleasure, raised her chin and looked at him expectantly through long lashes. He took three cigars from his vest pocket, laid them on the table beside the sofa and started to take her in his arms.

She sobbed, "All men are liars," and walked majestically out of the room.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

In the Solar Plexus

The late John S. Sargent, the famous painter, who was found dead in bed with a book at his side, hated above all things the best-seller type of novel and the best-seller type of novelist.

A best-seller novelist, visiting Mr. Sargent's Tite street studio, once said: "Well, old man, you ain't the only American with an international rep. I guess maybe you heard about the hit my last book's makin'." She's been translated into French, German, Italian and Japanese.

"Why don't you get somebody," said Mr. Sargent, "to translate it into English?" — Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Principle of Association

The difference between men is in their principle of association. Some men classify objects by their color and size and other accidents of appearance; others by intrinsic likeness, or by the relation of cause and effect. The progress of the intellect is in the clearer vision of causes, which neglects surface differences. To the poet, to the philosopher, to the saint, all things are friendly, all events profitable, all days holy, all men divine. For the eye is fastened on the life and lights the circumstance. Every chemical substance, every plant, every animal in its growth teaches the unity of cause, the variety of appearance.—Emerson.

The Origin of News

The word "news" developed from an early American newspaper heading. The four points of the compass were placed at the top of the first sheet thus:

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symbolizing that the contents of the sheet were drawn from all quarters of the world and spread thereto. When the design was dropped the four letters were carried in the form of "news."—Ohio State Journal.

High-Handed Action

The name "Pride's Purge" was given to an act of Col. Thomas Pride, who with a body of soldiers "purged" the Long parliament of its Presbyterian members on December 3, 1648, on which occasion 41 members were arrested and 180 were excluded on the following day. The house of commons, now reduced to about eighty independents, appointed a commission to try Charles I on a charge of treason.—Kansas City Star.

Anne de Rohan

Anne de Rohan, the daughter of Catherine de Parthenay, heiress to the house of Soubise, was born in 1562 and acquired, like her mother, a high reputation in the literary world. She would have been one of the greatest poetesses of her age, but her devoted piety turned her talent into another channel. She died, unmarried, in 1648. She was a Protestant and was celebrated for her courage as well as her learning.—Chicago Journal.

A Merry Christmas

American Eagle Well Named Monarch of Air

The American bald eagle is really misnamed. His head is well clothed, with feathers, being pure white in the adult, which gives rise to the name "bald." The tail also is white, the remainder of the body is dark brown.

The young bird is dark throughout three years being required for the assumption of the full white markings. In this immature stage the bird was once considered distinct and was variously known as the Bird of Washington and as the black or gray eagle. Young bald eagles are very like golden eagles and the two are often confused but on close inspection the bald may be known by the fact that its legs are bare of feathers for some distance above the toes. There is little difference in extent of wing and total length between the golden and bald eagles, but the latter is stouter and heavier in body. It is a strange fact that immature bald eagles, due to greater length of feather, average larger than adults.

In aspect the bald eagle unquestionably is a noble and inspiring bird. The beak is heavy and strangely hooked, while the corners of the mouth have a downward curve, which gives the bird an appearance of severity. A bony place extends over the eyes and has a curious resemblance to the beetle-like brown area observed in man.

of strong character. The body is heavy and muscular, with a suggestion of latent strength, while the powerful legs and feet, with their tigerlike talons, confirm the impression of a creature able and willing to hold its own under any conditions. In flight the bald eagle is magnificent. With pinions wide spread and floating with hardly perceptible effort, it glides through the air with an ease and grace which no man-made machine is ever equaled. Aided by favorable air currents and swinging in great

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Every article in our store is selling at big reductions until December 24. See our big sale circulars for economy sake. You can't afford to pass our store without paying us a visit.

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J. A. Marchison, of Wichita to the east of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday. He was enthused because of the fact that drilling had been resumed on the Pitchfork Ranch test well for oil. Notwithstanding the fact that one sure enough dry hole has been drilled in Spur, we are all optimistic that another sure enough drilling completion will develop the golden fluid. In the several other wells drilled the formations have been altogether different from the deep wells drilled in Spur. Oil sands have been encountered in every test for oil, whereas the deep drilling in Spur showed continuous lime rock. No other drillings have shown this continuous lime rock formation.

Diversify—
The Oliver House desires a few boarders and lodgers.

The BULL'S EYE



America is Safe with Bull Durham

A gang of Scientists left on a Boat for a year's cruise to study queer kind of Fish in the South Atlantic Ocean. They should have stayed here in New York and went to see and hear what I did the other day, a real Red Bolshevik meeting. They would have seen queer looking Fish there, Suckers, Eels, Flounders, Bullheads, and every Guy that got up was a big mouth Bass. They denounced everything in America, The Weather, The Constitution, White Gloves for Pall Bearers, Mah Jongg, Lower Taxes, Suspenders, Cross Word Puzzles, Shower Baths, League of Nations and Ice Cream Pies. After looking them all over I found what was the matter with them. There wasn't a one of them knew enough to roll his own. How are you going to improve on a Government if you dont know that much. Every man you see pouring "Bull" Durham into his paper, you can bet he is satisfied with America, because its the old right down to earth Americans that do it.

Wile Rogers
P. S. There is going to be another piece in this paper soon. Look for it.

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W. J. Duncan and Will Duncan, of the Roaring Springs country, were in Spur Monday. They are old timers of this country. Will had just recently returned from a trip back East where he sought hands to help harvest crops here, but encountered a snag in that attempts were made to prevent laborers coming. In fact he stated that they went so strong as to border on "peonage." We can't figure out what is coming over the country any how, since everywhere there are a few self-delegated individuals, whether organized or unorganized, who attempt to assume the authority to dictate public affairs as well as control the other fellows business.

Diversify—
R. I. Goodall and Sam Hinton, of Girard, were in Spur Tuesday, of this week. Regardless of the calamities which have come to cut short crops these gentlemen are making fair harvest and have bank accounts. Bob stated that he was lucky in having some early cotton which he camped with during the worm depredation and which had matured sufficiently to escape very serious damage from the early freeze. Therefore he is counting on having "some Christmas" anyhow. Mr. Hinton is also a successful farmer and is making enough even this year to "tide him over" the rocks.

Diversify—
G. A. Howsley made a trip the past week to Albany where he spent a day or two with members of his family and friends. He recently suffered almost complete loss by fire one of his residences in Spur, and requested the Texas Spur to express his thanks to the fire boys and others who fought valiantly to save the building from the flames. The building was partially covered by insurance, and Mr. Howsley will probably rebuild upon the same foundation.

Diversify—
C. D. Jacobson, of four miles west of Spur, was in Spur one day during the week and while here dropped around at the Texas Spur office to advertise for the sale of some of his fine, fullblood chickens. He also has eight or ten surplus tons of maize and bundled sorghum to sell. There is one saving feature in connection with the cotton calamity suffered throughout the country, and that is that everybody has plenty of feed and most everybody has chickens, eggs, butter and bacon.

Diversify—
J. B. Morrow, of the north part of the county, was here trading during the week. He informed us that he would this year make about twenty bales of cotton and twenty-five or thirty tons of maize. There is no use to state he is setting on top of the world so far as resources are concerned.

Diversify—
W. G. Mayfield was in Spur Wednesday of this week from Girard, transacting business and meeting with his friends here. He reports business continues good in Girard, notwithstanding the cotton depression, and that farmers are all optimistic as to the prospects in the beginning of a new farm year.

Diversify—
H. A. Mayfield was in Spur Wednesday from Jayton, spending a short time here on business. Mr. Mayfield has just completed the construction of a new brick theatre building in Jayton, and which will be one among the best equipped theatres of the country.

Diversify—
Clem Cornelius came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home to the southwest of Spur. Mr. Cornelius is now arranging to farm another year, and is beginning the work with optimism and the expectation of good yields.

Diversify—
Mrs. Viola Simpson, of Winslow, Arizona, is here this week visiting her father, T. G. Harkey and other relatives and friends of the Spur country.

Diversify—
A. O. Lilly, of Throckmorton, was here the past week visiting his parents and again meeting with friends and acquaintances of the town and country.

ROY RUSSEL BUILDING NICE BUNGALOW RESIDENCE
Roy Russel recently commenced the construction of a modern bungalow residence in the east part of the city, the walls of which are now up and the building will soon be ready for occupancy.

The residence is of frame structure with stucco finish, modern and conveniently planned, and when completed will be one of the neatest and most attractive home in the city. The building progress of Spur continues unabated in both residence and business sections, without regard even as the much discussed cotton calamity of the country and the consequent financial stringency as a possible result.

Since the very beginning of Spur it has continued to grow and develop uninterruptedly in the most substantial and permanent manner, regardless of disadvantages and even calamities encountered, and again we say, as we said in the beginning that Spur is destined to become not only the commercial center of a vast trade territory, but "the biggest little city on the American Continent."

Diversify—
COLD CHECKERS SHOULD BE HUNG
W. E. Gates, the popular proprietor of Afton Garage, was in Spur Wednesday and dropped around at our sanctum to contribute to the relief of a financial stringency. During the course of our conversation he remarked that he wished a law could be passed to "hang the promiscuous and constant cold check giver." Evidently, in the course of his business transactions he has been the recipient and victim of more than one cold check.

Diversify—
R. E. Slough, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday. In speaking of the freeze and cotton calamity he evidenced the true Western spirit in not being disgruntled nor discouraged, stating that "we will come out of it in time." Of course calamities and disadvantages may be encountered, but at this time everything looks favorable for another year.

Diversify—
J. L. Hutto dropped in Wednesday to advertise his place for rent, stating that he was a laboring man these days and had little time for leisure. Probably he this year made enough from his "cotton" crop on which to retire. We know that early in the year he had prospects of a fortune.

Diversify—
Alec Winkler, of the Croton county, was in town Monday of this week, trading and attending to other business matters.

Diversify—
O. C. Newberry, of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday transacting business. He reports everything moving along nicely in the north part of the county.

Diversify—
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sandel, of Jayton, were the guests of friends and shoppers in Spur Wednesday, of this week.

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Porter McGaughey, who is now located at Ponder, is here this week visiting with relatives and friends.

Bill McArthur was here Tuesday, and upon inquiry stated that he was arranging now to have some "Christmas" at the County Jail.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Bell System
145th Dividend
The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on Friday, January 15, 1926, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Saturday, December 19, 1925.

H. BLAIR SMITH, Treasurer

SANTA FE SURVEYING CREW ARRIVES IN CROSBYTON
A Santa Fe Surveying crew of some twelve or fifteen men arrived in Crosbyton yesterday. They have secured camping site in the city, and will probably be here several days.

Crosbyton is the eastern terminus of the Santa Fe which has been connected with the new station west from Lubbock to Bledsoe.

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Brady, the County Seat of McCulloch County, worried along for awhile with dusty, bumpy streets in the business district. But one day some of its business men stopped to figure what unpaved streets were costing them. They found it would be a profitable investment to pave the public square—and pave it right. They demanded a pavement that would stand present traffic, yet not require costly maintenance. The problem was solved by selecting portland cement concrete.

The concrete mixer had been running only a few days when extensions were made to the initial project. Now Brady has 26,000 square yards of concrete paving, and like other Texas cities they will not be willing to stop until all the main streets are permanently paved.

How about the Public Square or Main Street in your town? You can have a pavement that is rigid, unyielding, skidproof—one that will carry any kind of traffic indefinitely, practically without repairs. Concrete paving has these qualities which are but few of many reasons for its rapidly growing popularity.

Our booklet R-4 tells other interesting things about concrete streets. Write for your copy.

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THE GREAT COMMISSION ...careful study of this subject leads us to see that Jesus suffered, died, and rose from the dead, at least so he also ascended from Olivet overlooking Jerusalem...

Ghost came there were only about one hundred and twenty apostles and disciples who received Him therefore above 500 could not have been prepared to go.

Jesus sent only the eleven trained apostles filled with the Holy Ghost to the extent that they could perform miracles and even raise the dead.

At that time the Jews were scattered all over the then known world and as God meant to destroy them as a nation just as soon as these men could preach sent them to give the Jews one more chance.

These thirteen Apostles within thirty years from this time put the gospel throughout the then known world and planted church is; (Col. 1:6-23) and (Rom. 10:18)

So thus we do not have a record of the apostles preaching to their converts a missionary doctrine for they themselves were to do that work.

This doctrine or missionary requirement, like the title requirement ended when Jesus finished it. This doesn't mean that the missionary spirit will ever die for it is vital part of Christianity, but where in the New Testament are we taught that every time a respectable congregation of God's children assemble they are to hear go, go, followed by a misrepresentation of the Scriptural teaching of Christ's commission to his apostles...

KIDDING OURSELVES

As a nation, we American are very fond of kidding ourselves, says The Referee who writes for the NEA Service. "The process," says The Referee, "begins early in life and stays by us to the grave. It seems to be something that is native to our country, something that we draw in involuntarily as individuals and persist in blindly collectively."

It extends into every part of our life. We demand it. The public man who refuses to kid us along soon finds an early and unlamented retirement. "In other words, we have fostered certain illusions about ourselves which we will fight vigorously to preserve unimpaired."

Some of them are amusing but harmless. As for example, the hoary belief, that hasn't died even yet, to the effect that we are the most numerous people on the globe, and that

no Englishman ever can see a joke without having it diagrammed for him. When there is the other old one which holds that we whipped England in the war of 1812. And the one about how any good American can lick any three foreigners in hand-to-hand combat.

And the amusing belief that the small town is always the home of virtue and that the big city chap never means right by the country maiden.

These little illusions aren't particularly damaging. They soothe us and we might as well let them ride. "But perhaps we also kid ourselves about more important things. And it might not hurt anything if we examined a few of our national traditions to see whether they will hold water."

"Are we kidding ourselves, or are we telling the truth, when we say that this is a land of perfect religious freedom? (Do a little thinking before you answer.)

"Are we kidding ourselves when we maintain that there are equal rights for all men in America? (Consider the numerous "third-degree" brutalities practiced by police in various cities.)

"Are we kidding ourselves when we expatiate on the American fondness for free speech? (Ask the California editor who got a thousand days in jail for contempt of court.)

"Is it an illusion that our national policy is always just and enlightened? (If not, why are the marines in Haiti?)

"Is it true that we are a liberty-loving, broadminded people thousand of censorship boards and thousand of blue laws to explain it if it is.

"Is it true, the America's intellectual level is higher than those of other nations? (We have a number of "anti-evolution" laws on our statute books.)

"Are we a courteous people? (Try to drive a car or ride in a subway in a big city.)

"Now the putting of these questions doesn't by any means imply that the traditions mentioned above are false, but a genuine realization that they are false, and that we are really kidding ourselves, is the first step toward a more realistic and sane national policy."

"Because, if we are, we can easily remedy matters. We can, if we will, make the facts fit the illusion by keeping the illusions and changing the facts."

FOR TRADE—320 acres good unimproved land, smooth and tillable, clear of all incumbrance 1-2 miles west of Boaz, Chaves County, N. M.

Want to trade for good cottage in Spur, clear. For quick action, address, Nat Patton, Crockett, Texas.

FOR SALE—Span of young mules, well broke; span of mares; harness, practically new plows; 1 row lister, Oliver cultivator, Go-Devil, and farm to rent. Some cash required to handle deal.—Apply, E. B. Shaw, 10 miles east of Dickens. 7 1tc.

Mrs. George Hayden, of Long Beach, California, is in Spur visiting her sister, Mrs. S. J. Ousley and family.

Diversify—J. P. Middleton returned Monday from Lubbock where he spent the week end with his family who are now in Lubbock for the advantages offered in the Tech College.

Diversify—FOR SALE—Two houses in Spur—See Joplin & Gibson. 43tf.

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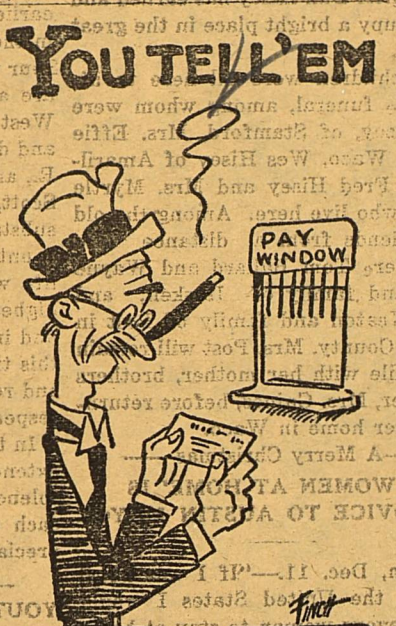
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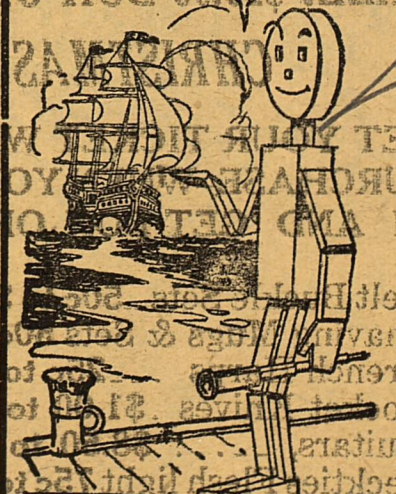
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CARD OF THANKS

—We want to thank through the Texas Spur our many friends for their untiring efforts in helping us in every way possible in caring for our dear beloved husband and father in his sickness and death. We especially will never forget Mr. and Mrs. Pope, our nearest neighbors. They never failed to come to our assistance, night or day. We also will remember Ben Wingo who stayed with us the last two weeks of his sickness, and who never tired of nursing him and trying to administer to every call. He will always have a warm place in our hearts. We also wish to thank Dr. Morris for his untiring visits, trying to do something for his relief. We feel and know he did all in his power, but it was God's will he should go. The Lord does all things well. He giveth and taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. May God's richest blessings rest on every one of you. We want to thank you all again for your kindnesses.—Mrs. D. G. Hisey and children.

—A Merry Christmas—

Uncle Dan Hisey Dead

It is with heartfelt sorrow that we are this week called upon to chronicle the death of a friend and fellow citizen, that of Uncle Dan Hisey, which occurred Friday, Dec. 11th, at his home near Spur. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church, interment immediately following with Masonic honors. D. G. Hisey was born in Missouri, November 30, 1849, soon after his marriage with his faithful wife, who survives him, they came to Texas, and in the early days settled in Hunt County, later removing to Haskell county where they lived for years, rearing a family of children who are now recognized as among the best citizens of the country. Soon after the opening of Spur Farm Lands to settlement and the establishment of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. Hisey and family moved here and have continuously resided here since about 1910. Uncle Dan Hisey was a substantial and loyal citizen, a typical westerner and true to his friends. He had only

been sick a few weeks when death came to relieve his sufferings. Whatever there may be in the future, we know Uncle Dan Hisey has earned and will occupy a bright place in the great Beyond.

His children were all here to attend the funeral, among whom were Kim Hisey, of Stamford, Mrs. Effie Post of Waco, Wes Hisey of Amarillo, and Fred Hisey and Mrs. Myrtle Gaines who live here. Among the old time friends from a distance who came were Tom Ballard and Wayne Perry and family of Haskell, and Ralph Keaton and family of Post in Haskell County. Mrs. Post will remain for awhile with her mother, brothers and sister, Mrs. Gaines, before returning to her home in Waco.

—A Merry Christmas—
'KEEP WOMEN AT HOME' IS ADVICE TO AUSTIN MAYOR

Austin, Dec. 11.—"If I was President of the United States I would compel every woman to stay at home and take care of the house and children where they belong," writes Han Peterson, 721 Boston Avenue, Chicago, in a letter to Mayor W. D. Yett. The letter opened with reference to Texas being ruled by a woman Governor and the writer deplors the fact that women are invading the political realm and taking what he termed the sole rights of man in their hands.

Continuing reading of the letter, the mayor read this paragraph: "What a horrible thing to see a woman with bobbed hair and skirts to her knees running these United States."

—A Merry Christmas—

DIED

Mrs. W. C. McArthur died Thursday morning at seven o'clock at her home in Spur after a protracted illness. Funeral arrangements have been made for Friday, and services to be held at 11 o'clock at the Church of Christ, and interment will immediately follow in the Spur Cemetery, by the side of her husband, W. C. McArthur, who preceded her in death some four or five years. Grandma McArthur was seventy six years of age, having been born on

April 1st, 1849, and died December 17th, 1925. Mr. and Mrs. McArthur settled in this country in the very earliest days, having located a home in the Red Mud country years before Spur was established. The McArthurs are among the very best families of West Texas, among surviving sons and daughters being T. E., Bill, Ed, J. R., and Mesdames S. W. Rather, S. B. Scott, L. S. Scott, all recognized as substantial and leading citizens of the country. W. C. McArthur during his life was recognized as a man of the highest honor, honesty and integrity, and in the passing of his help-mate at this time the country can but respect and revere her in rearing a family of respected, useful men and women.

In this bereavement the Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy and condolence to each member of the family, each of whom are personal and appreciated friends.

—A Merry Christmas—
YOUTH AWAITING EXECUTION MAKES BEADED HANDBAG

Salt Lake City, Dec. 11.—Sentenced to face a firing squad on Jan. 15, 1926, Ralph W. Seybold spent Thursday evening in his cell making a woman's beaded purse.

The youthful murderer—he is 24—late Thursday heard the words pronouncing his doom uttered for the fifth time. He was convicted by a jury in the Utah District Court on April 1, 1924, for the murder of Patrolman David H. Crowther. Various court actions have carried the case along.

Seybold hopes that he might see his father and mother, who live at Defiance, Ohio, before he dies.

He said he had a wife and baby in Westerville, Ohio, but that he had never seen the infant or heard from his wife.

—A Merry Christmas—
The Old Man Around the Corner

By Hargrove
There is an old, old man standing just around the corner who is depending on you for a living. You have never met him yet. You may even doubt that he is there, and is depend-

fact remains nevertheless, and sooner or later he will accost you and make his demands. You can not avoid him, you cannot even defer the meeting, he is standing in your path and being a very patient old man will wait your arrival with forbearance, but when you come together he will be very insistent that you give him the means by which he may sustain life. And he it said to your credit that when you see his wasted, thinly clad form, shivering with cold and hunger, eyes be-dimmed and cheeks emaciated, twitching muscles and trembling limbs, that you will be more than anxious to render aid and comfort. You will heartily wish that you were more able to help than you are, you will then want to give him more than

How, you ask will I know this old man of whom you speak? You will easily recognize him. In fact you can't help but know him. But to help you out I will say that you will first observe a slight slowing up of the activities, an inability to do the things that it has been easy before to perform, the locks are becoming thin, the eyes are dim, his steps are halt and the mind is that of a child, he leans heavily upon a stick when he walks. The friends of his youth are gone. His wife is either as decrepit as he, or else she is sleeping in the silent city on the hill. His children have probably all deserted and forgotten him in their efforts to keep their own hearth stone warm and bright.

Is it any wonder then that your sympathies go out strongly to this almost helpless old man? Is it any wonder that you would like to do more for him than you are able to do? Is it any surprise to you that you regret the extravagances in which you indulged in your youth and prime? Throwing your substance to the four winds, and wasting your inheritance in wild abandon, so that when you come face to face with this old man who is depending on you for existence, you have to turn to some bystander who perhaps may be a rank stranger and beg him to bear the burden which God intended for you and you alone to bear.

For gentle reader this old man of whom I have been speaking is none other than you. And he is standing just around the corner waiting for you. It doesn't matter how young, or strong, or prosperous or lucky you are or feel, the old man is around there waiting, and though it may be five, ten, twenty or even forty years before you get to where he is standing, there is only one way to avoid him and that unthinkable. Then why not begin now to prepare for the unavoidable meeting of this undesirable old beggar? You are going to meet him and live with him, so you may just as well arrange to make your stay as pleasant as you can.

I am not writing an advertisement for a savings bank, neither am I soliciting you to take out an old age insurance policy. I am just telling you a few cold facts. THERE IS AN OLD MAN JUST AROUND THE CORNER DEPENDING ON YOU. Now would be a good time for all of us to take an inventory. Are we accumulating any thing? Are we living beyond our means? Are we saving any thing for the old man? There is hardly a man that has all his faculties but what can make more than he and his family actually need in the years between the age of twenty five and forty five, giving at least twenty years of profitable production. During which time we should carefully lay by every penny and every prune we can get our hands on and save them for the old man around the corner. Every time we are tempted to indulge ourselves in a luxury or to buy an automobile we can ill afford we should at least save half the cost of it for the old man. Every time you feel you are beginning to "sit on the top of the world" and can spend freely, just take a look at the old man is standing there waiting for you.

Statistics show that out of one hundred men who reach the age of

sixty five, ninety six are either dependent on their own physical efforts, on some relative or on charity for a living. That is to say if you know one hundred men that are in their prime to day, there will be only four of them at the age of sixty five who will have accumulated enough to keep them from want or dependence in their declining years.

If I did not believe this percentage could be appreciably raised by thrift and industry I would not go to the trouble to write this article. But I do believe that in a country like ours it is possible for more than half the people to acquire an abundance which will enable them to spend the evening of life in peace and comfort. There is an old man just around the corner who is depending on you for life.

—Diversify—
EDISON RAPS COLLEGE EDUCATION

New York, Dec.—Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, his concluded the world can get along without more inventions until general intelligence catches up with those it now has, according to an interview published Thursday in Popular Science Monthly.

He expressed faith in the rapid development of the chemical industry in this country, and a belief that the United States soon will surpass Germany in this branch of science.

The motion picture and phonograph he esteemed above all the others of his own inventions, he said. He did not discuss future products from his laboratory at Orange, N. J., other than to say he is working on a storage battery and an improvement to the phonograph.

He sleeps more and eats less now than ever before, he said. His id of a hearty meal is a tablespoon of cooked oats, a sardine and a glass and a half of milk.

His lack of belief in the value of college education was repeated in the article, which said that, when asked for a bit of advice to young men he replied:

—A Merry Christmas—

ADMITS FIRING FATAL BULLET
Amarillo, Texas, Dec. 11.—Mrs. J. S. Clem, 40-year-old Shamrock woman, mother of four children charged with shooting and killing her husband while he was asleep at their home fourteen miles west of Shamrock, was placed in jail in Shamrock Friday afternoon, after waiving preliminary hearing. She refused to see her husband's body in a Shamrock morgue and refused to attend his funeral services Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Clem's bond was set at \$5,000 and her attorney said she would make an effort to secure the bond Saturday.

The couple had lived together twenty years at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Clem in her written statement to County Attorney E. T. Scott of Wheeler County declared she killed her husband because of his mistreatment of her and out of fear of further abuse. She shot him while he was asleep, after alleged mistreatment. She used a shotgun. A daughter notified officers.

—Diversify—
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