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Another Rig arrives For Clancy & English Oil Drilling Developments in Spur Country

New rig timbers arrived in Spur Thursday of this week for Clancy & English. The new derrick will be constructed near Dickens to the south and west, provided leases are completely acquired in a proposed blocked acreage in that territory. Otherwise the rig will probably be placed on leased acreage to the north of Dickens, and another test spudded in as soon as the derrick can be erected.

This will make the second test to be spudded by Clancy & English and the Moutray Oil Company, in this immediate territory.

The test recently spudded on the J. C. Jones tract in the Davis blocked acreage, is now "drilling tower" and getting down past the quicksand formation and will be at "an interesting" depth within a very short time now.

Clancy & English are arranging for at least two other tests in the territory, and which will possibly be spudded at an early date. Mr. Clancy is a successful oil developer and has opened up more than one rich oil field. He goes at it in a business-like manner, following the surest methods in connection with favorable geologic reports. Here, as well as elsewhere, a number of shallow tests were first drilled to get the formation trend. These shallow tests are now being followed with deep tests at the most inviting points. It has already been determined that a promising structure is here, and a sufficient number of deep tests will be drilled to determine definitely whether or not the structure is false or real. No country ever had a more thorough, complete and businesslike test in oil developments than will be given the Spur country by Messrs. Clancy and English and the oil interests with which they are connected.

Cotton Drops \$3.50 to \$4.00 a Bale Following Estimate

Upon the report of government estimate of more than 15,600,000 bales of cotton for this year, the price of cotton dropped from \$3.50 to \$4.00 per bale on the exchanges.

The government estimates may be well founded up to August 1st, but since that time cotton has been "going to the bad" in a wide scope of country, and the probability is that the production will be considerably reduced; and it is hoped that a proportionate advance in the price will be quoted upon recognition of such facts.

Pitchfork Ranch Oil Test Now Passed 2000 Foot Mark

The test well for oil being drilled by Mike Mikels on the Pitchfork Ranch, has now reached a depth of 2025 feet, and drilling continues uninterrupted both day and night.

At a depth of 2,400 feet at this test, an oil sand is expected to show up; and since the formations in which they are drilling is most promising of oil, it will not be unexpected should "pay sand" show up at this depth.

Reward of \$25.00 Offered by Sheriff Jones for Capture of Emmett Gladdish Who Escaped from Jail

Sheriff M. L. Jones has posted notices offering a reward of twenty five dollars for the capture of Emmett Gladdish who recently escaped from the Dickens jail.



Above is a picture of Emmett Gladdish. He was convicted in federal court for fraudulent use of the mails, and given a two years sentence to the pen. He was also charged with burglarizing O. L. Hale store at Dickens when he escaped from jail.

F. F. Collins Collects Full Insurance on Hailed-out Cotton

F. F. Collins, of McAdoo, was in Spur last week and settled with the insurance company, receiving a full one hundred per cent damage on 80 acres of cotton hailed out on July 9. On the eighty acres Mr. Collins carried insurance to the amount of one thousand dollars, the full amount of which was paid him.

His cotton at this time, is coming out and expected to make at least a fairly good crop should frost come late.

Mr. Collins stated that he usually carried no insurance but this year, since he had gone in debt to make the crop he decided to protect his time and labor and creditors by taking out insurance and possibly having a "hunch" that this would be a year of hail and storms.

A number of other farmers of McAdoo in the plains country as well as other communities of the Spur country, were hailed out, and in every instance the insurance companies have been paying off like clock work and without grumbling, and no doubt each of them will join Mr. Collins in becoming boosters for hail insurance.

Plowing Up Hailed Out Crops in the Plains Country

Last week J. T. Rose, of near McAdoo on the Plains, was in Spur and informed us that he and Austin Rose and two or three other farmers of that territory suffered a complete loss of crops from the recent hail storm, and that since there was no probability of the crops overcoming the damage, he and Austin were plowing up their acreage and preparing it for wheat. Some eight or ten acres of the cotton will be left standing to see definitely the possibilities of the crops outgrowing the damage done, and the outcome of this acreage will be noted with interest and possible advantage in future by farmers of the country.

The hail storm which did this damage covered a wide scope of country, doing thousands of dollars damage.

Contests Filed in Commissioners Race, Kent Co.

Contests have been filed in the County Commissioners race, Precinct 2 of Kent County, by both W. H. Smith and M. F. Hagar, the two leading men of the three candidates in the race for the place.

Illegal votes are alleged to have been polled at each of the three voting boxes of the precinct, including Red Mud, Antelope and Clairemont.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Kent County will meet Friday, August 13th, at Clairemont, to hear the contest evidence and render its decision.

In the primary election held July 24th, M. F. Hagar received the nomination for commissioner by one vote plurality over W. H. Smith, the candidacy of each of the three candidates being warmly contested throughout the campaign.

Dickens County Tax Rate is Reduced

The Honorable Commissioners' Court met August 9 to decide on what the tax rate would be for the ensuing year. After looking over the valuation of property assessed by W. F. McCarty, it was decided to cut it 3 cents which made the County rate \$1.55.

The State rate has been cut 12 cents on the \$100 valuation, therefore, our tax rate for County and State would be 15 cents lower on the \$100 valuation for this year than last year.

We all make mistakes but sometimes we judge our commissioners wrong about our taxes. It is true that they are high, but in a few years with carefully handled funds, our taxes will be low as you could expect for a developing county like Dickens. We must pay taxes if we have our county improved.

Mrs. Roy Harkey is Awarded Civil Service Place at Post Office

On the 19th day of June a civil service examination was held in Spur there being sixteen applicants for a position in the Spur post office taking the examination. Last week the position was awarded to Mrs. Roy L. Harkey who was one of the applicants and who is now filling the place in the post office.

There were three of the applicants taking the examination eligible for the place, and of the three Mrs. Harkey made second highest grade in the examinations.

Cotton Crops are Now Going to the bad in Sections of Country

J. L. Jenkins, of six miles to the northeast of Spur, was in the city Tuesday. He stated that since the latter part of last week cotton has 'gone to the bad' on his place and other places of that section, whereas less than a week ago he had the most promising prospects for a bumper crop. Mr. Jenkins is a close observer of agricultural propositions, but is unable to account for the present condition of the cotton crops, other than that the excessive rains followed by the excessive hot weather is the cause. Cotton is not only throwing off fruitage but apparently the stalks are dying in many places. It is hoped that a change of conditions will occur before the crop is completely lost.

Pat Denson Given Six Years Sentence at Seymour Court

Thursday of last week in the district court at Seymour, Pat Denson, charged with the killing of Edgar Brawley in Spur, a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury and a sentence of six years in the penitentiary assessed against him. The case was appealed to the higher courts and Mr. Denson immediately released on bond.

W. D. Wilson is leading counsel for the defense in this case, and feels confident of a reversal of the case by the court of appeals. Should a reversal be obtained, the case will probably again be tried at Seymour in some other point within this judicial district.

Spur Schools Will Open September 13 Teachers Employed

The Spur Schools will begin the 1926-27 term Monday, September 13. All teachers have been employed, and the faculty for the term will be as follows:

J. E. Watson has been re-employed as superintendent; and in the high school department C. G. Wood will be principal; F. B. Levy, coach and mathematics; O. C. Thomas, history; Mrs. M. H. Brannen, science; Mrs. Kate Alexander, Spanish.

Intermediate department: J. B. Teague, 7A; Miss Ada Dabney, 7B; Mrs. Baisden, 6A; Dewie L. Granberry, 6B; Mrs. Jim Foster, 5A; Miss Elliot, 5B; Mrs. Teague 4; Mrs. Faust Collier, 3.

Primary: Miss Ethel Williamson, 2A; Mrs. J. E. Watson, 2B; Mrs. Hollingsworth, 2B; Miss Virginia Forbis, 1B.

"The Mission" Selected as Name for the Filling Station in prize contest

From the more than two hundred names submitted in the prize contest conducted by King & Sample, offering a prize of twenty five dollars for a suitable and acceptable name for their new filling station just recently completed, that of "The Mission", submitted by Mrs. Faust Collier, was selected by the judges and the twenty five dollars prize awarded to Mrs. Collier Saturday, at which time the contest ended.

The new filling station is a handsome building, constructed somewhat on the mission style, making "The Mission" a suitable name by which the station will hereafter be known. The firm of King & Sample is composed of W. E. Putman, W. W. Sample and John King, Mr. Putman being the manager.

Since the establishment of the business about a month ago, "The Mission" has been enjoying a liberal patronage, and during the time prizes have been awarded to customers each Saturday. The Mission invites the attention and consideration of the public.

County School Board to Meet August 20th Dickens Court House

A meeting of the members of the Dickens County School Board is here by called to meet in Dickens, at ten o'clock a. m., at the court house, for the purpose of transacting important business pertaining to the interests of the schools of the common school districts of Dickens county.—H. A. C. Brummett, County Judge and School Superintendent.

"Ma" and Dan to Run 2nd Primary

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 9.—The battle for the democratic nomination for governor of Texas is to be fought all over again between Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson and Attorney General Dan Moody.

In the midst of threats of court action to disqualify Moody, the democratic state executive committee today certified the names of Mrs. Ferguson and Moody to go on the ballot for the run off primary August 28.

No mention was made in the committee proceedings of Mrs. Ferguson's promise to retire from the race or of her announced intention to resign from her office at the close of the special legislative session she has called for September 13.

The official canvass showed that Moody had 409,732 votes and that the total of all other democratic gubernatorial candidates was 411-502. No official returns were received from two counties, Edwards and Gray, but the committee's indicated that the official vote would not change the total result. The report stated the vote tabulated by the committee did not contain the returns from these two counties.

An attempt to have the committee consider a petition asking that Moody be disqualified as a candidate on the ground of alleged irregularities in campaign contributions failed when the committee chairman, Arthur Eidson, of Hamilton, Texas, ruled that the matter was judicial and since the committee was not a judicial body it could not determine the questions raised by the petition. The document was received and placed on file.

The petition was read by A. L. Curtis of Belton, a close personal friend of the Ferguson's, who appeared as attorney for Mrs. Ferguson.

It recited that Moody's campaign expense statement, filed with the secretary of state, showed that R. L. Bobbitt of Laredo, candidate for the legislature and Lee Satterwhite of Amarillo, former speaker and candidate to succeed himself, had contributed \$250 each to Moody's campaign.

The petition added that this was a violation of the election law prohibiting candidates from contributing to the campaign funds of other candidates.

Because of this alleged violation, the petition held that Moody had forfeited his right to be a candidate because he "had assented to, connived at, and therefore was a principal in such acts of violation."

The document further said that these alleged illegal contributions contained in Moody's expense statement operated to make all Moody's campaign expense statements filed with the secretary of state false.

Many votes cast for Mrs. Ferguson were counted for Moody, said the petition and it further alleged that the laws were violated by electioneering within the polling booths, and by permitting many unqualified persons to vote.

In conclusion, the petition stated that there was "serious doubt whether the committee had power to pass on the questions raised."

"There also is doubt," concluded the petition "as to whether quo warranto proceedings would suffice to clear up the questions involved. Therefore, we state that we will reserve the right to seek relief in the courts."

The reference to the courts was considered a prediction that the matter would be taken to the courts to have Moody disqualified.

Chairman Eidson then ruled that

Black Water in Oil Sand Encountered by Texas Company on the 24-Ranch

The Texas Company test well for oil on the 24 Ranch has drilled into an oil sand at 4055 feet which is now showing a large quantity of black water. The bit has penetrated the sand some fifteen feet. The water has the exact color of crude oil, and has been sent away for analysis. The black water has very little if any salt. The amateur conclusion is that this water comes directly from a pool of oil from which it gets its coloring.

This water, we understand, will be cased off and the bit sent on down to a depth of 4500 feet and even deeper to determine what is underneath in that territory.

Cotton Crops are Being Reduced From Bumper Prospects Now

J. Boyd, Jr., and family, returned Monday from San Angelo and Sweetwater where they have been visiting relatives the past week. Mr. Boyd stated that from San Angelo to the city of Clairemont the cotton crops were apparently greatly damaged by a "drouth", adding that very little cotton will be made within that territory except in small areas. The entire Western country has had a most wonderful prospect for bumper crops, but the past few days from all reports these prospects are being dispelled by various causes, including cotton fleas, worms, hot weather and possibly other causes.

the committee was without authority to consider the petition, and the body thereupon adopted the report of the sub-committee which recommended that the names of both Mrs. Ferguson and Moody be certified to the counties for the runoff primary. Action of the committee was unanimous, as the law clearly makes it mandatory for the body to certify the two highest names in cases where there is not a majority.

Since Mrs. Ferguson's formal withdrawal from the primary was not forthcoming, the committee had only a perfunctory duty before it.

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Legislature to Validate 549 Districts

Austin, Aug. 8.—The special session of the Legislature meeting there September 13 will be asked to validate 549 road districts in 126 counties, L. W. Kemp of special legislative committee of the Texas Highway Association said Saturday.

The counties, with the number of districts in each, follow:

Anderson, Atascosa 3, Austin 4, Bandera 3, Bastrop 7, Blanco 5, Bowie 5, Brown 3, Brazoria 16, Burnet 2, Brazos 2, Bosque 4, Briscoe 3, Bailey 1, Camp 2, Crosby 3, Colorado 2, Comanche 4, Cottle 2, Cameron 2, Cooke 4, Cherokee 4, Calhoun 3, Caldwell 6, Coleman 5, Callahan 2, Clay 4, Chambers 4, Cass 11, Collin 23, Dallas 1, Dickens 1, Dimmitt 3, Dewitt 6, Denton 4, El Paso 2, Erath 3, Ellis 13, Falls 6, Frio 1, Fort Bend 5, Fayette 9, Fannin 20, Fisher 5, Gillespie 1, Garza 1, Guadalupe 4, Gonzales 7, Grayson 8, Hood 1, Hays 1,

Haskell 1, Hidalgo 1, Hartley 1, Hemphill 1, Hall 4, Harris 1, Hardin 3, Hopkins 8, Henderson 10, Hill 10, Houston 11, Jeff Davis 1, Jefferson 1, Jackson 2, Jones 3, Johnson 1, Jasper 6, Kimble 1, Kent 3, Knox 1, Kerr 3, Kendall 3, Karnes 3, Kaufman 7, Lamb 2, Lavaca 2, Lee 4, Lubbock 1, Lamar 1, Leon, 5, Liveoak 6, Limestone 8, Menard 1, McMullen 1, McLennan 3, Montague 3, McCulloch 2, Mason 2, Madison 2, Medina 2, Morris 4, Matagorda 6, Milam 23, Nolan 1, Nueces 1, Newton 4, Navarro 13, Orange 1, Palo Pinto 1, Panola 6, Reeves 3, Refugio 4, Runnels 2, Robertson 8, Red River 17, Shackelford 1, Stonewall 1, San Patricio 5, Sabine 12, San Augustine 5, San Jacinto 7, Shelby 7, Smith 6, Taylor 6, Uvalde 2, Van Zandt 5, Victoria 4, Wheeler 4, Williamson 3, Waller 1, Wise 3, and Zavala 4.

T. E. and J. E. Love, of west of Spur, were here the past week on business and trading with merchants.

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Farmers Told To Organize for Pickers

C. W. Woodman, assistant field director of the United States Farm Labor Bureau at Fort Worth, yesterday issued warning to the Farmers of Central and West Texas to organize at once with the aid of the various Chambers of Commerce and other organizations to systematize the distribution of cotton pickers in Texas and avert a probable serious shortage on the farms.

"The cotton crop in Central Texas and that of West Texas will be ready for picking about the same time this year as last year," Woodman said, "due to the fact that the staple in the central sections of the State is a month late while in West, particularly the upper South Plains, it is a month earlier," Woodman declared.

"Already more than 111,000 common laborers of Texas have gone East to work in the mechanical industries where common labor is in great demand and unless arrangements are made Texas this year is going to experience trouble in gathering its cotton crop. There is an unusual demand for common labor all over the country at present in cities and common laborers are needed everywhere for street work, highway work and other municipal and rural improvements. It is feared all common labor will be absorbed unless the proper steps are taken at once."

Woodman said there are no sections of the South from which to draw surplus labor this year, as was the case last year, there being no drouth areas.

"We have moved so far more than 67,000 cotton pickers," he declared, "but the Rio Grande Valley is crying for labor for the cotton fields. The fields of Hidalgo, Nueces and Gonzales Counties are white with the staple with not enough pickers to harvest it. There is work for all pickers who can be obtained in the Valley. The farmers are paying from \$1 to \$1.25 per hundred pounds and work is assured them until the cotton opens in West Texas about Sept. 1st."

"There is no system in effect in Texas this year and unless a more determined effort is made to distribute the labor for gathering the cotton, Texas is going to be confronted with a serious farm labor shortage in the next few months."

—Ads Save You Money—
S. J. Ousley has been carpentering this week, reconstructing and adding to his barn recently damaged by the high winds, and also making more room for storage of the big feed crops now coming on.

WOMAN GOVERNOR OF WYOMING IS UNOPPOSED FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION

Cheyenne, Wyo.—Governor of Wyoming for two years, following the death of her husband in that office in 1924, Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman state executive, is unopposed for the nomination for re-election by her party—the Democratic—in the primary August 17.

Her Republican opponent will be a man. Two state officials, Frank C. Emerson, state engineer, and Frank E. Lucas, secretary of state, are seeking the Republican nomination.

Political observers are at sea as to the reelection of Mrs. Ross, for Wyoming is normally a Republican state. In her election in 1924 she received an 8,000 majority.

JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS EXPENSIVE, UNCERTAIN AND INEFFICIENT

With our present court system and rules of procedure is called to a statement made by Roscoe Pound, dean of the law department of Harvard University. Dean Pound, in the course of an address, said:

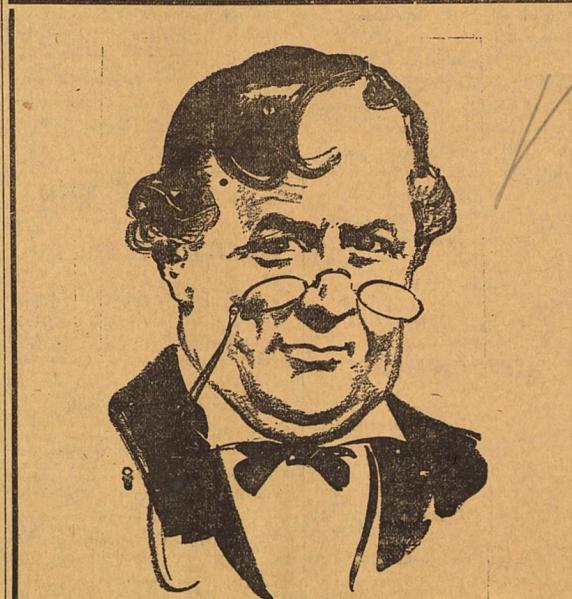
"The American judicial system is cumbersome, dilatory, uncertain and expensive."

Unless the dean has watched the progress, or lack of progress, in our Texas courts; unless he is familiar with the bag of tricks used by Texas lawyers to outwit justice, he knows but half the need for judicial reform. If there are any States in worse condition in this respect, the citizens are to be pitied.

Yet there is hope for Texas. Leading lawyers and many thoughtful lawyers are giving the subject of court reform their earnest consideration. It is believed that the next legislature will have presented to it some very constructive suggestions. Whether or not the Legislature gives them serious consideration will depend in a large measure upon the attitude of the people. The victory has not been won if the people will let their representatives and senators know what they want. When the Legislature assembles in regular session, let the people demand in forceful manner that the court reform be made a subject for immediate action. In the meantime it might be good politics to let your members of the Legislature know just where you stand on the matter.—Farm & Ranch.

—Advertising Pays—
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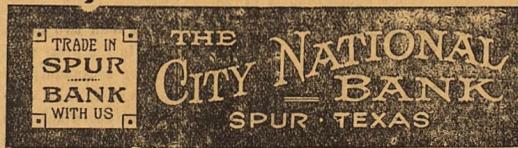
We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to friends and neighbors for the sympathy extended and many kindnesses shown us in the illness and death of our husband and father.—Mrs. H. S. Mitchell and children.



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TO VOTERS OF PRECINCT 3.

I want to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to voters for the liberal support given me in the primary, making it possible for me to be in the run-off primary. I earnestly solicit the support of all voters in the election to be held August 28th, and if elected promise my best efforts in giving service as public weigher for the precinct.—Fred Hisey.

—Advertising Pays—

A. B. Golightly and family, of Stephenville, and John Dunn and family, of Comanche, spent a day or two this week in Spur visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor. They were passing through on a trip to New Mexico for a summer outing and to see the country.

B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday of this week. He informed us that he had fine crops with the most promising prospects at this time for the biggest yields of years past. Mr. Blackmon usually grows lots of melons and other garden truck for the market, but states that these crops are somewhat late this year and have not been doing so well on account of lice, honey dew or other pests.

—Advertising Pays—

Mrs. J. J. Cloud, of Soldier Mound was among the shoppers in the city the past week.

—Advertising Pays—

Dr. Hale, wife and brother are now making a summer tour of the Pacific Coast, and will probably be gone a month or six weeks.

J. B. Morrow, of near Elton, was in Spur Monday transacting business affairs and meeting with friends and acquaintances. In speaking of his crops, Mr. Morrow stated that he now had the very finest crops of both cotton and feed that he had ever made, and with good prices through the fall he expects to get on the credit side of the banking books. However, Mr. Morrow is not satisfied with his prospective success, stating that since he expected to have chickens, eggs, cream and other farm products to market at all seasons of the year, he desired to either sell or exchange his farm for one nearer and more convenient to the Spur markets. A marketing point is of great importance and benefit to the farmer and the country, and it is a recognized fact that Spur has ever been more persistent and active in furnishing the highest and best markets for every character of produce. No town of West Texas excels Spur as a marketing or trading point.

—Advertising Pays—

Barney Hisey returned the first of the week from Seymour where he attended court as a witness in the Denson case, and also Haskell where he visited with relatives. He brot back from his unrl's vineyard at Haskell a large basket of fine grapes. The grapes were placed in the confectionery stand of J. M. Perry on whose place they were grown, and are now being sold and appreciated by customers as superior West Texas fruit. West Texas soil will produce in abundance and variety, and some day will become the richest diversified agricultural section of Texas.

—Advertising Pays—

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud section of country, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday of the past week. He states that everything is in the very finest shape throughout the Red Mud country with respect to crops, and since the cotton flea hopper, the boll weevil and other pests are damaging crops in other parts of the cotton area, all here are optimistic of maintaining good prices, and if so the West Texas country will be in fine shape.

—Advertising Pays—

Ernest Mayfield, of Jayton, was in Spur Monday of this week, visiting T. M. Maples and family and looking after business matters. Mr. Mayfield is engaged in the theatre business at Jayton, stating that business in all lines at this time is somewhat on a stand-still but with great promise of activity later when the big crops begin to roll in.

—Advertising Pays—

Mr. Williams, of Angleton, in Brazoria county on the Gulf Coast, has been spending the week in Spur with his brother, Webber Williams and wife, and his sister, Mrs. W. S. Campbell and family.

H. C. Eldredge, one of the leading citizens and farmers of the McAdoo territory, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week. He reports everything quiet in that section since the election, but that considerable interest will be taken in the run-off primary to be held on the 28th of this month. There will be two contests in the McAdoo box, that of county judge and also public weigher of that precinct, Judge H. A. C. Brummett and F. C. Gipson being the candidates for judge, while J. A. Akin of McAdoo and Wat Holly of Dickens will contest for the weigher's office of that precinct which includes the voting boxes at McAdoo, Duncan Flat, Midway and Dickens.

—Advertising Pays—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and little son, Tom Griffin, spent Thursday of last week in Spur with friends and shopping with merchants. Tom states that this year he has the best crops ever produced in the country. His cotton has prospects of a bale to the acre, with a good season now in the ground, no signs of the cotton flea nor worms of any kind. His feed looks like two tons to the acre. A calamity of some character only can prevent a big harvest, and with good prices he will be setting on top of the world.

—Advertising Pays—

E. H. Blakley, of the Afton country, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week. Mr. Blakley usually does the marketing from his farm, and states that his daughters keep him pretty busy bringing in produce each week. Time was here when the fall of the year was the only marketing season, but not so today. There are many other farmers like Mr. Blakley who have something to sell every week of the year—and the diversified idea is just beginning to be adopted. In years to come, as we have said from the beginning, West Texas will become an "agricultural empire" and the Spur country recognized as the richest section of America.

—Advertising Pays—

Earl Harkey, who has been spending the past two weeks in Dickens with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Harkey, returned Tuesday of this week to his home in Arizona where he is engaged in the garage business. Earl states that business and general conditions are good in Arizona, but he stated that conditions looked so good here in the old home county that he was almost persuaded to sacrifice his business in Arizona and return.

—Advertising Pays—

Mrs. J. F. Young and Mrs. Elmon Hall, of Abilene, have been spending the week here visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar at their home east of Spur.

—Advertising Pays—

Jess Fletcher left last week for the Panhandle oil fields, and will be located at Borger.

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TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

For several years I have been intending to take a vacation; and had intended to visit my son and daughter on the western coast this summer, so I am using this method of explaining to the voters of Dickens County my absence for the next three weeks. Do not forget I am in the race for County Judge and Ex-Officio School Superintendent until the last vote is counted. I do not think anyone should desire a public position, unless the public is desirous of his services. Neither do I think anyone could force himself upon the public. I realize that without friends, none of us can do anything. So if you feel this way about the matter, tell your friends, and on election day, do not forget to go to the polls and vote, and I will be pleased with your decision. Yours for election.—F. C. Gipson. 37-2

KILLED IN AIRPLANE ACCIDENT

Thomas T. Suttle, son of Rev. Suttle who is pastor of the B. M. A. Baptist Church of Ralls, was killed at 8:30 Sunday morning in an airplane accident at Levelland. Young Suttle was taking a ride with Mr. Breedlove who owned the plane. When within one hundred feet of the ground Mr. Breedlove lost control of the plane in some manner and it crashed to the ground, completely destroying the plane and suddenly killing young Suttle. Mr. Breedlove was seriously injured but is expected to recover.—Ralls Banner.

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Mr. and Mrs. Flournoy are visiting friends this week out of the city.

Newspaper of 1773 Reveals Interesting News Items and Ads.

A newspaper dated August 20, 1773, and relating events of that day in all quaint styles of speech is in the possession of Mrs. John Carter King of Angleton, Texas, says a recent issue of the Houston (Texas) Chronicle.

If getting out a newspaper nowadays is considered work, it was downright labor then, even the presses being operated by hand and the papers circulated by a man on horseback, who delivered the copies from town to town.

Occupying a good third of the front page space is a coat of arms and the reading, "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, Containing Advices both Foreign and Domestic, Friday August 20, 1773".

Among the many interesting items found in the paper, is a lengthy advertisement containing the signature of George Washington. The advertisement refers to the division of 20,000 acres of land into small tenements, and was written before George Washington had been made commander of the American army, and before the Revolution was talked of.

Other items of interest in the paper included a foreword to the public by the editor, a few ship arrivals, a number of personals and a long letter from the bishop of Canterbury to Lord Bellamont concerning a duel between Lord Bellamont and Lord Townshend.

A prominent little footnote reads: "Printed by Williams Goddard, at the Printing Office in Market Street, opposite the Coffee House, where subscriptions, at Ten Shillings per annum, Advertisements and Letters of Intelligence are gratefully received for this Paper, and where all manner of Work is performed with Care, Fidelity and Expedition."

In his foreword to the public the editor sets forth his resolutions:

"This paper shall contain not only public news which I shall collect and compile with the greatest of care, but on failure of anecdotes of that sort, I will supply the room with such moral pieces from the best writers as will conduce most to inculcate good principles and humane behavior and now and then with pieces of wit and humor that tend both to amuse and instruct. I shall always publish with pleasure what is sent in favor of Liberty and Rights of Mankind provided the language is decent and compatible with good government, but I am resolved that my paper shall be Free of and of No Party. . . . I must now earnestly entreat the immediate assistance of every subscriber in advancing the money agreeable to contract, and I hope they will dispense with personal applications, which were it practicable would be very painful, and send the money to the Printing Office."

We have no way of knowing whether or not the editor's coffee house friends made personal application for subscriptions.

George Washington's ability in handling properties is shown in the following advertisement: Mount Vernon, in Virginia, July 15, 1773.

"The having obtained Patents for upwards of Twenty Thousand Acres of Land on the Ohio and Great Kanawha rivers, proposes to divide the same into any sized tenements that may be desired, and lease them on moderate terms, allowing a reasonable number of years rent free, provided within the space of two years from next October, three acres for every fifty contained in each lot, and proportionately for a lesser quantity shall be cleared, fenced and tilled; and that, by or before the time limited for the commencement of the first rent, five acres of every hundred, and proportionately as above, shall be laid down in good grass for meadow; and moreover, that at least fifty good fruit trees for every like quantity of land shall be planted on the Premises. Any persons inclinable to settle on these lands may be more fully informed of the terms by application to the subscriber, near Alexandria, or in his absence, to Mr.

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

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Lund Washington, and would do well in communicating their intentions before the first of October next, in order that a sufficient number of lots may be laid off to answer the demand.

"As these lands are among the first which have been surveyed in the part of the country they lie in, it is almost needless to promise that none can exceed them in luxuriance of soil, or convenience of situation. It may not be amiss further to observe that if the scheme of establishing a new government on the Ohio, in the manner talked of, should ever be affected, these must be among the most valuable lands in it, not only on account of the godness of soil, but from their contiguity to the seat of government, which more than probable will be fixed at the mouth of the Great Kanawha."

George Washington.
—Advertising Pays—

A NEW MARKETING PLAN

As a result of his experience with the development of the Federal Farm Loan system, Chas. E. Lobdell, who is fiscal agent for the Federal Land banks has suggested the possibility of working out a method of handling farm crops along similar lines. Judge Lobdell does not attempt to speak for any group or organization, but merely expresses his own ideas on the subject in an address recently given before the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

Judge Lobdell thinks that a great grain distributing association could be organized, capitalized in the beginning by the government, put in capable hands with a fair amount of farmer participation with a service fee in the form of stock subscription which would ultimately retire the government investment, perpetuating itself as a farmers' grain corporation, under government supervision and control, and rendering not only its own individual service, but serving as a regulator by which charges for service and price for grain distribution could be fairly measured.

As a basis for the suggestion he points out that the Federal Land banks were started with an original capital of \$9,000,000, nearly all subscribed by the government. Now the farmer participation has increased to above \$54,000,000, while the proportionate retirement has reduced the government interest to about \$1,000,000. The operation of the entire Federal Farm Loan system does not today cost the government a cent. Western Farm Life.

TOO MUCH KING

There has been enough energy exhausted trying to influence farmers to plant less cotton to have turned the Rocky Mountains, built the Galveston Jetties, or to have induced a Wall Street gambler to vote for free coinage of silver; but the result is that the last season's crop will reach more than 8,000,000 bales—largely more than the world's demand, insuring a large surplus to be carried over and rendering still lower prices for the crop now being planted, doubly sure. If this will cause cotton planters to reflect upon the suicidal policy they have followed so long and influence them to inaugurate such a change as will fill their barns with forage and grain and convert a large area of their cotton into pasture, it will be a blessing, no matter how disguised. In most of the cotton growing regions corn is 75 cents to \$1 per bushel, oats 50 cents to 75c, and meat and bread and butter to be bought in the West and paid for from the proceeds of a depreciated cotton market. But this is a small matter when we see carloads of fruits and vegetables and canned goods which daily roll into all our Southern towns to supply the market with food, all of which can be produced at home. If the Southern farmers would pursue a wise course and provide first of all an abundance of food for man and beast, and an abundant supply of beasts also, all this vast outlay of money which every year and every day flows in a never-ceasing stream northward would cease, and the cotton States would prosper as they never have—as no country ever did. King Cotton is becoming a tyrant, as all absolute monarchs do. Limit his power and surround him with a parliament of corn, wheat, oats and grass, fruits and vegetables, cattle, sheep and swine, to divide power and responsibility with him. Then his reign will be benign and his subjects prosperous and happy and himself honored.—Farm & Ranch in 1891.

—Advertising Pays—

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Home Cooking Served From the Best the Market Affords.

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One Hundred and Fifty Dresses
All Told!

Crepe Prints, Dotted Crepes, Frost Crepes, Fancy Georgettes, Polka Dots Crepes, Chiffon Prints, Plain Crepes, Plain Georgettes, Plain Radiums, Heavy de Chines, Lace Combinations
STRONG TALK—We have never offered better values, but we will back it up Price for Price and Value for Value. We believe you will agree with us. One hundred and Fifty Garments, Styles almost without number, sizes and colors to meet the demands of every miss and woman in Spur. Frankly, we must admit that we want to clear up stocks within the next week, and we have taken drastic measures to accomplish our purpose. You will have a full 60 days to wear them, and here are opportunities to fill that need.

DRESSES FOR STREET, FOR SPORTS, FOR AFTERNOON AND HIGH TYPE GARMENTS FOR THE SUMMER EVENINGS

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No Exchanges, no Refunds, no Mail Orders, Every Sale Must be Final.

Just a little better, just a little faster, just a little cheaper, and just a little more pleasant to you; that's the kind of service we give. You'll want to come back.—City Drug Store

Dave Taylor and family returned this week from a vacation trip and visit to relatives and friends at Glenrose, Stephenville, Comanche and other points in that part of the state.

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Spur, Texas

The Landlord and Tenant Problems
(CONTINUED)

Our last little article on this subject could not, for obvious reasons, cover all the ground, nor, in fact, can two articles do so.

We would, first, like to correct several typographical errors in our first article. In the third paragraph I was made to say, "The best was provided," instead of "feed." In the fifth paragraph, "progression" was used instead of "exodus" in the sixth paragraph substitute "progressive" for "progression." In the eighth paragraph, substitute "farms," for "farmers." In the tenth, say one who pins his faith, not 'the' faith, "Emblazoned" in the last paragraph should not be spelled, e-m-b-l-a-z-o-n-e-d. Now, Mr. Mac accept thanks for the corrections.

In our last article we sought to show that diversification could be brought about only by a closer cooperation of land lord and tenant.

Our interests, of necessity, are mutual, whether we recognize it or not. If the tenant makes money, manifestly the land lord should, providing some system is used by the tenant, that will not cause depreciation in the land.

We are prone to go to the North to get many ideas of progressiveness, so let's look into those ideas a little: They long since learned that wheat or corn alone was a very unsafe bet, and the banks were the first to find it out.

Again, they say their land gradually slipping from them, through erosion and the constant burning out of humus and the leaching out of plant food.

If rotation of crops become necessary in such states as Illinois, what should we expect in the South?

Read any good farm paper, and you will see that the once very rich black lands back east are assuming a "whitish" appearance.

Why?: Because the humus content is being depleted. No rotation, no live stock, and no manure hauled out.

Mr. W. B. Lee, in his series of articles last fall gave some very valuable advice gleaned from his visit to the dairy sections of the north, but the advice did not go far enough.

With more than half of the Dickens County farms being worked by tenants, there will have to be a very radical change in lease systems, and a closer cooperation between land lord and tenant.

Taking a shortsighted view of the situation, the land lord would seem to be justified in demanding seventy-five to ninety per cent cotton, but in so doing he is sending his valuable land to the Gulf in exchange for present gain.

Let us study this question in a fair, broadminded way, and try to get the other man's view point, thus broadening ours.

Do you know of any land around Spur, that doesn't produce as well as it did a few years ago? Do you know of any that has been run continuously in cotton for several years? And do you ever notice that such land during an extremely dry year doesn't hold up like that planted to feed the previous year.

Now, friends, let's study this question in a way to derive mutual benefit from it. Let's have more three and five year leases, provide a definite rotation of crops, build up the soil and with them the character of the improvements.

Let's be more business-like in our dealings, and land lord, know some of the tenants past reputation before renting to him, and let us get away from the practice of renting to the highest bidder.

Like the rule of logic, "Anything that proves too much proves nothing," so any man that promises too much should be watched.

Let us work together to improve Dickens County lands; let us follow up the good work of planting alfalfa, buying good dairy stock, introducing Standard-bred poultry, by making some of these things possible to the

IN MEMORY OF D. R. HARKEY

"Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow. They are as a sleep; in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up, and withereth; if by reason of strength our days be threescore years and ten, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Such is life. Sometimes we linger along upon the beds of affliction, and monster death creeps upon us gradually. Sometimes we are rapidly snapped away without a moment's warning, leaving behind us our loved ones and friends with bleeding hearts soon to follow after. One by one we are walking through the valley of the shadow of death. While time is swiftly passing by and we think of a year only as yesterday, yet humanity is passing too. We know not what tomorrow may bring. When we leave our homes in the morning and kiss loved ones goodbye, sometimes we return to greet again the happy waiting facts; sometimes the death knell is sounded out that life has been suddenly taken from us. Life is very uncertain; death is sure. Sometimes a bud is plucked, never to come forth a full grown bloom, just as it begins to blossom into its fullest fragrance is cut down; sometimes just at the meridian, when the sun casts its rays toward both the rising and setting horizon and the whole earth is illuminated because of its brightness, a shadow is cast by a dark cloud, and sometimes just as the sun is almost ready to sink beneath the western horizon doth the dark cloud of obscurity come and close the brightness of the day.

D. R. was suddenly, rudely, without a moment's warning, snapped away, in the youth of life, being sixteen years, ten months and twenty days old, with seemingly many days of strength ahead of him. On Saturday night, July 24th, about 12:30 A. M. he started from Dickens to take a boy friend home. Odie Lusk, who lives at the "y" south of town, and after he had been gone only a short time, the sad message came that he was very badly hurt in a collision with W. B. Arthur, who was coming from Spur. He was carried to his home in town and everything that loving hands could do was done to save his life. About 2:30 o'clock he was being carried to the Sanitarium the Death Angel relieved him of his suffering. A deep gloom of sorrow and sadness was cast over the whole town and country for many miles around; hearts were bleeding and wreaking with pain and anguish because of the sudden shock, the loss of a devoted son, brother and companion. His many friends are sorrowing, weeping and sympathizing and extending a helping hand to lighten the grief and sadness of the bereaved hearts left behind.

On Sunday, July 25th at 5 o'clock his body was laid to rest in the Dickens cemetery. At the cemetery were gathered together friends and loved ones to render whatever assistance they could and to pay their last tribute of respect to a dear one. One of the most beautiful floral offerings I have ever seen was given by those who loved him. Beautiful flowers, coupled with kindly deeds, and acts, often speak louder and more impressively and effectively than words. It is so fitting that flowers should be given in the memory of the dead. Jesus was the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley. How much like a flower is the life of beauty seen in one of God's children here as flowers wither and die, so has his life closed, thus ending one of the most beautiful careers. But reading, thinking, working tenant, who, after all, has intelligence, emotion, and ideas almost like a human being.—J. L. Jenkins.

LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

CHARLESTON CONTEST!

THURSDAY NITE

August 12, at the

LYRIC THEATRE

This contest is being given for the Boys and Girls of Spur and its Trade Territory. A cash prize given to the 1st and 2nd best Charleston steppers, judged by the audience. Contest starts after the first show. Also good music to dance by. Any one wishing to enter this contest please leave name at Box Office.

Show Starts at 7:45 Sharp
Contest Starts at 9 Sharp

Complete Show after the Contest, so Every Body Come and Lets Have a Good Time!

OUR SLOGAN:

"BETTER SHOWS FOR PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE!"

God will one day pluck this flower of immortality and cause it to bloom in the garden of heaven with glory and honor.

D. R. cannot come back to us but we can go to him, if we live faithful unto death. That pleasant smile will be missed, yes, indeed, and we cannot help but weep, but let us not weep nor sorrow but look to our Heavenly Father who doeth all things well. His friend.—Fred Arrington.

Advertising Pays
STATIONERY SPECIAL
50c Stationery, 25c; \$1.50 stationery, 75c.—Spur Drug Co.

Frank Walker, of the Highway community, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week. He says everything is as fine as it can be in that section at this time.

Advertising Pays
Our drinks are just a little better, and will help to make the hot day just a little more pleasant.—City Drug Store, Spur, Texas.

Advertising Pays
Aubrey and James Cross, of Cross Plains, are here this week visiting with their uncle. Bob Cross and family of west of Dickens.

Watch For the Name of King & Sample's New Filling Station

All names have been submitted and the \$25 prize will be awarded next week. The selection will be made in time to appear in next week's issue of the paper so watch for our new name.

5 GALLONS OIL FREE!

We will continue giving away 5 gallons of Sinclair Opaline Oil Free Every Week to the customer having the lucky number. Numbers are given with every purchase during the week. Last week M. H. Blakely was given the five gallons of oil and he says that Sinclair oil is Real Good Oil. Try it.

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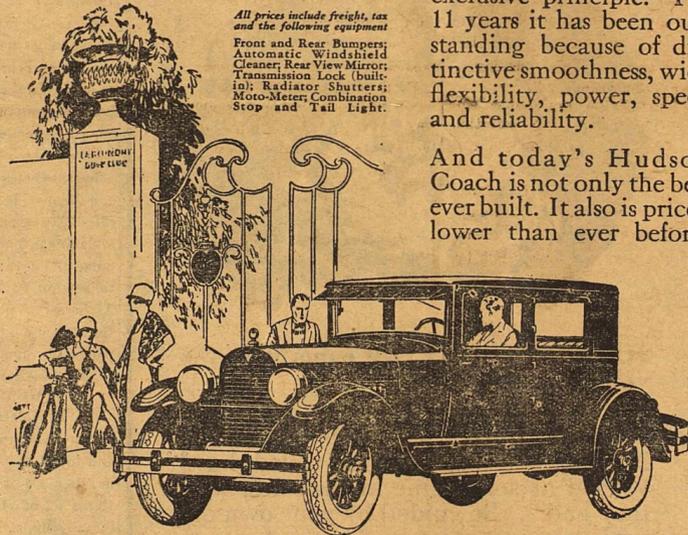
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MEXICAN OFFICIAL EXPLAINS CONTROVERSY

Washington, August 1.—In a formal statement explaining the Mexican religious policy which has brought the Government into conflict with the Catholic Church, Dr. Antonio Castro Leal, Charge d'Affaires of the Mexican Embassy, asserted here Saturday night that a time when the church exercised a powerful political sway in Mexico, it never represented in fact a constructive power for the people.

"It is an unavoidable fact that Catholic foreign public opinion be erroneous in regard to the so-called religious question in Mexico," he said, "since it is natural for the American people, for instance to judge the church in Mexico by the standards of the church in the United States without taking into consideration that that race and methods of government have been additional factors which have diversified the role of the religious institutions in both countries.

"Without possessing an exact knowledge at least of our political history of the nineteenth century, there cannot be appreciated the causes which gave rise to the Constitution of 1857 and the reform laws of 1859, which are the bases of the Mexican legislation dealing with religious matters. To judge the church in Mexico by what the church has done in

the United States is as erroneous as to judge the conservative parties in Argentina by what the Tories have done in England.

Church and State Separated.

"The church exercised a complete dominion over the country during three centuries without being able to launch a movement of progress that would when independence was achieved, place Mexico among the countries enjoying modern standards of life. After the war of Independence, at the beginning of the nineteenth century, the church in Mexico exercised a great political sway, but it never represented in fact a constructive power for the people. The struggles for reform put an end to a continuous state of political friction between the Liberal and Conservative Parties, the latter having the decisive support of the church. Upon the triumph of the Liberal Party it was possible to separate the church from the State, limiting the religious institutions to the spiritual action, the only one which belongs to them.

"The reform movement gave to the country a magna charta in which there were embodied liberal principles which no other country had yet established, in the middle of the nineteenth century. These principles have been gradually adopted in the constitutions of several European and Latin-American countries.

A CHURCH WAR IN MEXICO

The City of Mexico—A religious crisis impends in Mexico, with the Catholic church locking horns with the government of President Calles. Regulations prepared by the government for enforcing old clauses in the constitution regarding religious instruction go into force July 31. These regulations provide among other things, that only Mexican priests may officiate at religious services, that all church property shall be confiscated and that religious instruction may not be given in schools.

The church charges that the regulations are a body blow. Counter action taken by the Catholic hierarchy include instructions that all participation by priests in religious services must cease after July 31. Is the letter transmitting the order Archbishop Mora y Del Rio intimated that persons who issue orders against the liberty of the church or usurp ecclesiastical authority may be excommunicated. The letter was signed by 7 other archbishops and twenty nine bishops.

Prominent laymen in the church have banded together in a league for the Defense of Religious Freedom and have called upon the country to institute a social and economic boycott as protest against the government's regulations. Two sets of directors of the league have since been arrested and sent to jail, and when a third director was arrested the league appointed a fourth directorate with the names kept secret.

President Calles announces the new regulations will be enforced rigidly. It was reported semi-officially that the secretary of war had ordered all federal troops to be under arms, ready for action August 1.

One immediate result of the action against the church has been the outpouring of large crowds for services. All the Catholic churches were crowded Sunday, the last day Catholics in Mexico will have regular services until the situation clears.

President Herber J. Grant of the Utah Mormon church announced this week that all the American missionaries of his church had been ordered out of Mexico. The church and school ban applies against Protestants as well as against Catholics, with this difference, however. By renouncing allegiance to their foreign church head and becoming Mexican citizens missionaries, priests and others may remain in Mexico. This would mean Protestants generally would merely be obliged to become Mexican citizens. Catholics, however, would have to renounce fealty to the pope and Mormons to the Mormon church president. That they will not do.

—Advertising Pays—
Read the Texas Spur and be happy.

Mexico is Quiet Under New Religious Regime

Mexico City, August 1.—Police, men standing guard outside the great Catholic Cathedral in Mexico City and other churches of the country, and the sullen face of worshippers who streamed throughout the day into the holy edifices to pray, despite the absence of officiating clergymen, were the only outward signs that the Government's new religious regulations had gone into effect.

Apparently the Catholics were obeying the admonition of the pastoral letter issued by the Mexican episcopacy to remain calm and continue their religious devotions. It was in accordance with their pastoral letter, signed by the eight archbishops and 29 bishops of Mexico, as a protest to the religious regulations, that the priests withdrew from their churches Saturday.

All the churches were comfortably crowded with thousands at prayer, while here and there outside quiet groups stood talking.

But no large assemblies could be seen, no congestion, nothing remotely approaching the scenes of the past fortnight when anxious crowds pressed about the churches and shrines eager to perform their devotions before the priests withdrew, to have their children baptized or confirmed, or to go through the marriage ceremony.

With rare exceptions, no priests were seen Saturday.

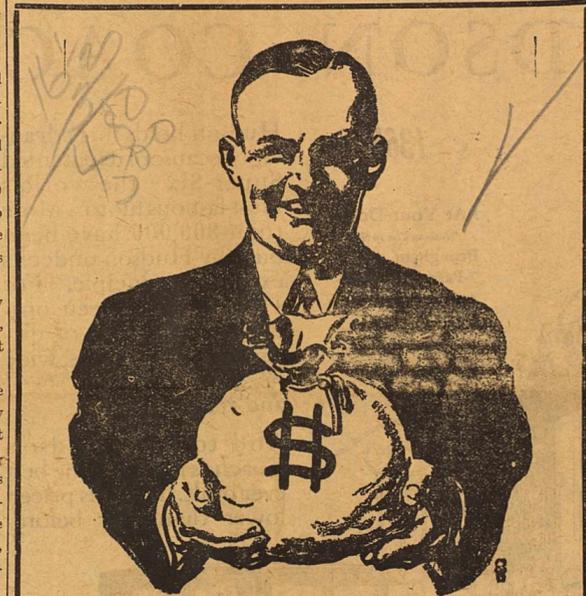
A great number of the churches outside the city of Mexico already are in the hands of municipal committees, notwithstanding that the priests charge of the place of worship.

Thus far no difficulties have been reported, but in most cases each committee is claiming authority.

The only trouble reported was that which took place Friday night when the officials by order of the Department of Justice, began placing under Government seal church property with the exception of the places of worship. Disorders broke out at the time in half a dozen places and about ten persons were wounded when the excited crowds began hurling stones at the officials.

Thus far the business life of Mexico City gives no evidence of a reduction of activity, although the economic boycott of the League for the Defense of Religious Liberty was supposed to take effect Saturday.

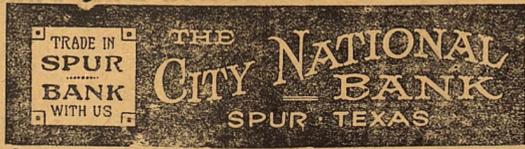
The regional confederation of labor has completed preparations for a labor parade Sunday in which, it declares 500,000 workers in the federal districts will participate in a demonstration of support to the Government's religious policy. Government



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employees likewise intend to parade, while the Labor and Socialist congressional parties and some senatorial groups will co-operate with the labor demonstration.

No counter demonstration is intended by the Catholics.

—Advertising Pays—
Ernest Lee and wife, of Lubbock, spent Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee.

Johnson Hunter returned the past week from Oklahoma and Berger where he has been engaged in varied occupations the past several weeks. He says everything is booming not only in the oil fields but also thruout Oklahoma.

—Advertising Pays—
New style Stationery, glassware, sherbets, goblets, and salad sets at Red Front Drug Store.

Simpson's Barber and Beauty Shop

THE BEST EQUIPPED SHOP IN THE WEST FOR BOTH LADIES AND GENTS

Ladies Desiring Work of Any Character in This Line Should Phone 117 for Appointments with Miss Lindsay. The 'Frederick System' of Permanent Wave is Used.

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AT RED FRONT DRUG STORE SPUR, TEXAS

A NEW MENACE TO COTTON

Atlanta, Ga.—A new insect pest threatens to rival the boll weevil in ravaging the cotton crop of the southern states, and may play an important part in determining the price of 1926 crop, according to information collected by governmental and other agencies.

The new pest is the "cotton hopper," sometimes called the "cotton flea." It derives its name from its extraordinary ability to "hop" or jump one hundred times its own length while in the early stages. Later it develops wings and flies from stalk to stalk, puncturing unmaturing cotton bolls or squares just as the fruit is beginning to develop. It sucks the sap from the boll, and also deposits some kind of poison, the nature of which experts have not yet determined, which effectively kills the fruit.

The hopper made its first appearance according to government experts attached to the United States bureau of entomology station at Tallulah, La., in Texas, apparently having crossed the border from Mexico. It was confined for several years to Southern Texas counties, but this year has spread over virtually every cotton producing state, doing immense damage.

Reports to the Tallulah station and other agencies indicate that the cotton hopper is prevalent in virtually all of Texas, Southern and Eastern Oklahoma, northern half of Louisiana, all of the Yazoo-Mississippi delta section of Mississippi, Northern Alabama, Southern Georgia and S. Carolina and scattered sections of North Carolina.

—Advertising Pays—
INTOLERANCE

To be tolerant is to grant other people the right to their own opinion and to act their own way just so long as they do not interfere with the rights of others. A man is not necessarily unpatriotic or a fool because he does not agree with you. On the contrary, he may be better read and a deeper thinker than the one who criticizes him. He may think differently from you on political matters and yet be a good citizen. His religion may not be yours, but he can be just as sincere in his belief and just as nearly right as you. His ideas of Government may appear to be radical, and yet he is not an anarchist. Ideas on Government which appear revolutionary twenty years ago are accepted as commonplace today.

Intolerance has been the curse of the world. It has broken up families, made enemies out of friends, disrupted nations and caused the bloodiest wars in history. Why be intolerant? You are liberal with yourself. Be liberal with others.—Farm & Ranch.

—Advertising Pays—

Mrs. W. P. Marshall was marketing home produce here Wednesday.

BOY KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Gordon Jarry of Petersburg, was instantly killed Tuesday of last week when struck by lightning. The young man with several others was hoeing cotton on the J. T. Vaughn place four and one-half miles west of Petersburg when the bolt struck him. Two of the other workers were knocked to the ground but did not suffer any injuries other than the severe shock. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.—Floydada Hesperian.

—Advertising Pays—

Joe T. Salem left Wednesday for the Dallas and Fort Worth markets. He will be joined there later by Mrs. Birl Hight who will accompany him to the Saint Louis, Chicago and New York markets with the view of buying large stocks of goods for the fall business. Mrs. Hight has accepted a position with Salems and will meet the trade there throughout the fall months. Salems is now conducting a "Remodeling Sale" of one week to clear out stock for new goods and will also occupy the full floor space of the building hereafter, thus being in a position to carry larger stocks and to better care for the trade through the busy fall season. Before leaving Mr. Salem informed us that he would buy extensively for every department of his business in anticipation of an exceedingly large business this fall.

—Ads Save You Money—

W. P. Foster, of twelve miles to the southwest of Spur, was among the business visitors here during the week. He reports that his crops are now growing nicely and promising abundant yields this fall. He is another of the citizens who forsook the town for the country to advantage and financial advancement.

—Advertising Pays—

D. I. McCombs, of Claremont, was in Spur Tuesday, visiting with Roscoe McCombs and family, and also looking after business matters, incidentally talking politics with friends and acquaintances. D. I. McCombs served as sheriff of Kent county for many years, or until he retired to a more peaceable vocation of his own accord and choice. It was further recognized by all that while in office he was the sheriff and performed the duties without favoritism or fear.

—Advertising Pays—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leavett, of Stamford, are in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Y. Twaddell, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Twaddell and other friends of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Leavett formerly lived in Spur, he being engaged in the jewelry repair business, and have many friends and acquaintances here who are always glad to meet them.

—Advertising Pays—

Miss Nina Grace, who has been employed in Dallas the past year, is now in Spur visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace.

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Mr. and Mrs. Will Garner were in the city Saturday shopping. Will informed us that he had the best crops he ever produced in the country, and he has been farming here all his life.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Duke Daniels are in Iredell visiting with relatives and friends.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Clancy and children left the past week for Cisco and other points.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Wells is reported quite ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston returned the first of the week from Memphis where they had been called on account of the serious illness of his mother.

—Advertising Pays—
John Randall was in town the other day. He said since the election he is almost persuaded to turn republican.

—Advertising Pays—
A. W. Jordan, of Duck Creek, was here Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
J. H. Farmer, of northeast of the city, was here Monday.

—Advertising Pays—
J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was trading and transacting business in Spur the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
C. C. Cornelius was in Spur the latter part of the past week from his farm and ranch home in Kent county.

—Advertising Pays—
R. A. Willis, constable of Antelope, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
J. A. Brown and wife, of the Afton country, were shopping in Spur Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Buel McDaniel, of southwest of Spur, was the guest of friends in Spur one day the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
T. S. Lambert, of Draper, was in the city Monday. He reports every thing now in the finest possible shape in that part of the county.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caple, of the McAdoo country, recently enjoyed a reunion of the family at their home on the Plains, the occasion being the first time all the children were together in the home within the past ten years. Mrs. Louis Broom, a daughter of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. John Meacham of Dallas, were here and spent several days with them.

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S. L. DAVIS

Mrs. J. E. Morris and little Miss Francis returned Saturday from a visit of several days to Haskell and other points in that part of the great West.

—Advertising Pays—
W. J. Clark, of near Dickens, was among the number in Spur Tuesday of this week. He reports everything continuing in fine shape in the Dickens country with respect to crops and general prospects.

—Advertising Pays—
A. Biggs, of just north of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday, and in meeting with him he stated that his crops could not be better, having an ideal season in the ground, big fine stalks loaded to the limit with bolls, blooms and squares, no pests of any character and prospects for a bale and even more to the acre.

—Advertising Pays—
Buster Bural, of the Gilpin section of country, was in town Tuesday, talking good times and bumper crops.

—Advertising Pays—
Al Sullivan, of Garza county, was in Spur Tuesday of this week transacting business matters.

—Advertising Pays—
County Commissioners Newberry, Chas. Perrin and G. A. Sloan were all in town Tuesday of this week. Their coming together possibly indicates some contemplated public improvement for this section.

—Advertising Pays—
Dusty Rhodes, of the Cat Fish section, was in town recently.

—Advertising Pays—
T. A. Randleman, of southwest of town a few miles, was here Saturday with the crowds.

—Advertising Pays—
D. I. Simmons, of the Duck Creek country, was here Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
W. F. Foreman, of Foreman's Chapel, was here Saturday trading and meeting with friends.

—Advertising Pays—
Comie Foreman, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
Robert Reynolds, nominee for the clerk's office, was in Spur Saturday meeting with friends.

—Advertising Pays—
They say Constable Nichols was seen Friday night with two cases of fancy colored "home brew," for "medical use only."

—Advertising Pays—
Rev. A. L. McClellan has gone to Wellington to see, it is said, a "lady is waiting."

—Advertising Pays—
J. R. Morrison, of the Espuela section of country, was among the large number in Spur Saturday trading and on other business.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson, of the Paddle Ranch, were shopping and visiting in Spur Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
Bill McArthur was on the streets meeting with friends Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
S. C. Thomason, of near Girard, was here Saturday trading and on other business.

—Advertising Pays—
M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was here Saturday.

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T. H. Tallant of Gilpin was in Spur Wednesday.

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SPUR, TEXAS

W. D. Blair, of two miles east of Spur, brought in a large box of grapes Tuesday from his orchard, leaving them with convalescing patients at the Nichols Sanitarium. Mr. Blair has one of the finest orchards and vineyards of the country and no doubt later will have lots of fruit for others as well as himself.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mrs. Bryce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Moore, underwent an operation Tuesday morning at the Nichols Sanitarium. Mrs. Bryce is in a critical condition, suffering of blood poisoning, and the success of the operation is yet undetermined.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Linnie Martin, sister of Mrs. Clem Harkey, arrived in Spur Tuesday from Dublin, having accepted a position here with the Western Union Telegraph Company.

—Ads Save You Money—
Clem Harkey is leaving the latter part of the week for San Antonio, being called by the government aviation department for two weeks service and training. Clem is enlisted with the government air service, and very probably will later be called for regular service.

—Advertising Pays—
Jim Davenport, of the Girard section of the country, was in Spur last Saturday. Jim has invested in lands further West with the view of profiting by increase of values if not on production.

—Advertising Pays—
John T. F. Tallant, of Gilpin, was in Spur Saturday. John stated that he had been staying in close, giving his crops close attention with the result that he now has prospects of harvesting the biggest crops since the war.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gipson, Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy, Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and Freeman Edmonds returned Tuesday from Junction where they have been fishing the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Reed and children left Tuesday of this week for McKinney where they will spend a summer vacation visiting with relatives.

—Advertising Pays—
O. B. Simms, of the Espuela community, was on the streets one day the first of the week, greeting acquaintances.

—Advertising Pays—
Dr. Lyons, of Afton, came down one day the past week, spending a short time in Spur on business and meeting his acquaintances.

Prof. R. P. Bell, of the Dry Lake school district, was on the streets Monday. During the school vacation period Mr. Bell has been selling school furniture and supplies throughout the country.

—Advertising Pays—
S. C. Rawlings, of the Highway community, was meeting with friends in Spur the first of the week.

—Advertising Pays—
H. C. Cravey, of Red Mud, was in Spur the past week, marketing a load of water melons grown on his place. Mr. Cravey stated that later he would have worlds of melons, and that all his crops at this time are most promising of abundant yields.

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MAIN STREET SPUR, TEXAS

As it will be impossible for me to see all of my friends personally, I am using the columns of the paper, the best means by which to reach you, to show you my appreciation, by thanking you for your very liberal support which you gave me in my struggle for the Sheriff and tax-collectors office, in the July Primary. Now I want to say to my friend Mr. Jones the successful one, of we three candidates that I wish him the very best success possible—Walter Malone
—Advertising Pays—
Young Mr. Reynolds, cousin of Robert Reynolds, and who has been in Dickens county the past year, returned last week to his home in Tennessee.

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G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley community, was here Saturday. He informed us that Mrs. Dodson is critically ill and has been confined to her bed some time. Several surgical operations and radium treatments have been given Mrs. Dodson without giving relief, but Mr. Dodson states that when she regains sufficient strength Mrs. Dodson will be brought to the Nichols Sanitarium for an operation in the persistent hope of giving her relief.

—Advertising Pays—
In talking with Will Garner the other day, he stated that his crop now promised a bale of cotton to the acre and two tons of maize to the acre. The Spur country never produced better crops than are now maturing. The prospect is that cotton will be ginned here during the month, since bolls are already beginning to pop open.

—Advertising Pays—
Gene Smith, formerly of near Spur but farming this year near Girard, brought in a four and one-half pound beet last week, produced on his place this year. Truck, and varied diversified products, are in evidence from all sections, and these varied crops are all produced in abundance and high quality.

—Advertising Pays—
Lewis Lee, Leslie Roberts, Horace Gipson and C. W. Dortch returned last week from Junction where they spent several days fishing. They report good success, having caught more fish than they eat. Junction is said to be one of the finest fishing places in the state.

—Advertising Pays—
H. L. Pullen, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Monday. He reports having good crops and is optimistic of good prices and prosperity this fall.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Martin Neeb and daughters, Misses Kathleen, Marie and Fanora, returned last week to their home in Cross Plains, after spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Oran McClure. After years of hoping, dreaming and speculating to the limit of our surplus earnings in the prospect of becoming an "oil baron", we have at last been at least fortunate in claiming kinship ties to oil producing royalties—since Mrs. Neeb now has a producing well in her back yard—and therefore by ties of consanguinity we claim relationship to real oil resources. However, the long debatable question of whether there is more pleasure in pursuit or possession remains unsolved to us—but we are still hoping.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of the city of Dickens, were shoppers and visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Ads Save You Money—
Wilbur Perry has been serving as "assistant postmaster" several days the past week, during a rush of business in the postal departments.

—Advertising Pays—
W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in Spur one day the past week, greeting his friends.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson were shopping and visiting in the city the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
Frank Goodson and wife, of several miles southwest of Spur, were shopping and visiting in town the past week.

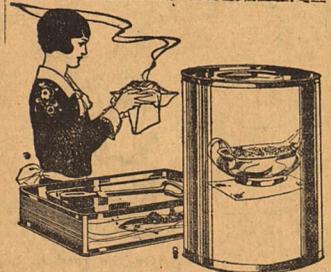
—Advertising Pays—
Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was here the first of the week transacting business.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, of the Spur Ranch, were in the city Monday.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Zell Ellis has been spending the past week the guest of her sisters, Mesdames Al Bingham and Bill Davis, at Spur Ranch headquarters.

—Advertising Pays—
John Sparks and family left Tuesday for a vacation in the snow capped mountains of Arizona and Colorado. Put a snow ball in your hat for all the boys.

—Advertising Pays—
Clarence Bilberry, who is employed at Borger, spent the week end in Spur, returning Tuesday to resume his work.



HANDY ITEMS OF FOOD

Keeping in your home at all times a goodly assortment of canned Fish, Vegetables and Fruits adds a welcome zest and variety to your meals.

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GRIND FEED AND ALFALFA

I will grind feed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of Next Week, August 19, 20 and 21st. Prices for grinding Corn, Maize and Kaffir, 25c per 100 lbs; Alfalfa 50cts per hundred.

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State Convention Call Issued by Eidson

Houston, Aug. 10.—Arthur R. Eidson, of Hamilton, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, Tuesday issued the official notice of publication of the place of meeting of the Democratic State Convention which he asks all Texas newspapers to publish in compliance with the law.

The official notice said: "I Arthur R. Eidson, chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee, in behalf of said committee do hereby publish that the State Convention of the Democratic Party in the State of Texas will be held on the Tuesday after the second Monday after the fourth Saturday in August, 1926, to wit: September 7, 1926, in the municipal auditorium of San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

(Signed) "Arthur R. Eidson. Chairman State Democratic Executive Committee."

—Advertising Pays—
Vernon Powell and little son were in the city Thursday.

5-ACRE COTTON CONTEST

Fifty Dickens County names are on the roll of the Semi-Weekly Farm News for the "More bales on fewer Acres" contest. However, only a limited number of these are intending to really keep the records and comply with all the regulations of the contest.

The five acres to be in the contest should be selected and measured under the supervision of three men not later than September 1st.

Each man in the contest may select any three men, preferably his neighbors, to measure the land. Affidavits are to be made. Blanks for this are in the report book. These affidavits are to be left in the book and sent in with the report at the end of the season.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. W. T. Andrews returned Sunday from a visit to her mother and other relatives and friends at Iredell. Mr. Andrews met her at Stamford, accompanying her home from that point.

Official Returns of Republican Primary Dickens County

Official returns of the first Republican primary election ever held in Dickens county, made to Co. Chairman Wilbur Perry, on July 24, showed that there were fourteen votes polled in the two voting precincts, Spur and McAdoo, in which elections were held.

The vote was as follows:
For Governor: H. H. Haines 13; E. P. Scott, none. For Associate Judge Supreme Court: G. N. Harrison, 14. For Lieutenant Governor: W. H. Holmes, 14. For Attorney General: Caswell K. McDowell 14. For R. R. Commissioner: Wood Durrett 14. For Judge Court Criminal Appeals: J. D. Dodson 14. For Land Commissioner: Helen M. Reynolds 14. For State Treasurer: J. A. Keelman 14. For Supt. Public Instruction: C. Garrett 1, A. A. Lindsey 13. For Commissioner of Agriculture: Robt. H. Coston 14. For Comptroller of Public Accounts: Ripley A. Manrick, 14. For Congress, 18th Dist.: S. E. Fish 14.

Only the names of state and district candidates appeared on the ballots, and no effort was made in Dickens or other counties to nominate candidates for local offices. The factional fights in the Democratic party encourages the hope on the part of Republicans to at least poll a big vote for state officers, notwithstanding the fact that the republican party is also indulging a factional fight within its party proceedings. There is no doubt but that if Texas had two political parties more evenly divided in voting strength that it would have a more wholesome effect and bring about better administration of governmental affairs.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. L. N. Stevens returned this week from Rochester where she has been spending several days with her father. Mrs. Stevens will be with J. P. Wilkes & Son throughout the fall months.

Poultry and Cream Industry Growing In Dickens Co.

The poultry and cream industries of Dickens county are becoming important factors in the development and prosperity of the country.

There are several cream stations outside of Spur, one at McAdoo, Afton and Dickens, and possibly other points. Figures are not available from all these stations. However, shipments of both poultry and cream made by the Spur Produce Company is conclusive evidence not only of the growth of these industries but the resulting prosperity of the community.

Since the first of January, this year, The Spur Produce Company has purchased and shipped out of Spur 58,000 pounds of chickens, and 80,000 pounds of turkeys during the turkey season. The average price paid for chickens was seventeen cents a pound, the total income to farmers being around twenty five thousand dollars for poultry alone.

345 cans of cream have been shipped out during the year bringing an average price of six to seven dollars per can.

In addition to this 500 cases of eggs have been shipped by the Spur Produce Company, the average price of 17 cents a dozen being paid.

With cream at 30 cents, chickens 17 cents and eggs 17 cents a dozen, and considering the amounts purchased in the market by the one produce house, it is very evident that these products are becoming important factors in the prosperity of the country. In fact Mr. Blenden, manager of the Spur Produce Company, stated that numbers of instances had come under his observation wherein farmers had practically made the living for the family by selling cream, chickens and eggs. He further attributed much of the growth of this industry to the fact that many farmers were restricted in borrowing funds, therefore restored more readily to saving and marketing these products to meet immediate demands.

FALL SEEDING OF ALFALFA

(By Fred S. Reynolds, County Agt.)

It will soon be time to sow alfalfa again. R. E. Dickson has found September 1st to 15th to be the best dates for fall sowing on his type of land. The idea is to get the advantage of fall rains and to sow late enough to avoid the extreme heat of the summer and also danger of choking out by weed growth. Alfalfa planted in September should have plenty of growth to avoid being winter killed by our coldest winters.

The writer has seen a dozen or more men in the last few weeks who are keeping land clean for alfalfa seeding this fall. It is a mighty good idea to have the seed on hand in plenty of time so that the planting can be done immediately after a good rain in September. Ten pounds of seed per acre should be plenty. Fifteen pounds per acre would not hurt. It is doubtful if there is such a thing as planting it too thick. No one has ever been known to complain of having a too thick stand of alfalfa. The ideal thing to do is to get a good stand as cheaply as possible.

Early feed chopped land that has been cleared of the crop will be used for fall seeding by some. This land should be plowed as soon as possible and allowed to settle to a firm condition for several weeks before planting.

The majority of the spring sown alfalfa has been mowed twice but has not furnished a cutting of hay. These will probably give a cutting later.

Mr. Hindman, near Spur, planted March 16th, and has saved two cuttings. His field had very few weeds.

An easy and quick way to test the germination of alfalfa seed is to plant a tablespoonful in a box or the garden and keep well watered. In case of buying seed from someone unknown to the purchaser this precaution is especially desirable.

The Espuela Girls Club Meets With Mrs. Murphey Wednesday

The Espuela Club Girls met at the home of Mrs. J. A. Murphey Wednesday, July 21st, at ten-thirty a. m.

The girls prepared dinner with the help of Mrs. Murphey, and Miss Gordon, our Home Demonstration Agent. All club members and others who wish to come meet at the home of Mrs. J. A. Murphey on Wednesday, August 18th, at 10:00 a. m.—Reporter.

Mrs. Jas. B. Reed Entertains With Bridge

One of the enjoyable social events of the week was the morning bridge party Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Reed. Thirteen tables were attractively arranged for the games. Mrs. Edmonds was awarded high score favor, a bottle of imported toilet water. Mrs. McClure received a lovely box of powder and powder puff as consolation. Mrs. Dan Zachry received high guest prize, a beautiful hand painted mustard pot. Other guests and club members present were Mesdames F. W. Jennings, C. B. Jones, C. L. Love, Nellie Davis, W. D. Wilson, Fred D. Reynolds, Faust Collier, Cooper, and Paul Johnston. A delicious salad with iced tea, pecan cake, olives and wafers was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Roy Harkey Hosts at Morning Bridge Party Thursday

Mrs. Roy Harkey was a most charming hostess to her bridge club and a number of other guests Thursday morning. Five tables were arranged for the games and at the conclusion of the fourth game, high score prize, a beautiful bourdor pillow was awarded Mrs. Jim Edd Hall. Mrs. E. C. Edmonds received as high score prize a beautiful set of opal tinted ice tea glasses.

A delicious pineapple sherbet with raisin cookies and candy was served to the following guests: Mesdames W. T. Andrews, Paul Johnston, E. C. Edmonds, Oran McClure, Floyd Barnett, Dan Zachry, Alvis Hull, F. W. Jennings, Nellie Davis, Jim Edd Hall, Chas. Powell, Cecil Fox, Willis King, Jack Rector, Thomas Morrison, Bill Putman, W. E. Flint, Murray Lea, and Miss White of Baird.

MUSIC CLASS

I will open my class in music the first week in September in the residence of Mrs. Potts, across street from Spur High School. I hope to have all my last year pupils begin with the opening of the term, and will be glad to see all others who are interested in studying music. I am at the home of my sister, Mrs. Webber Williams, telephone 162.—Lena Bell Scudder.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Flournoy are spending a week or ten days, camping, fishing and outing on the river near Junction.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mrs. Hopkins returned this week from Jayton where she visited with J. C. Miller and family, and while there was sick several days. Last week the Texas Spur stated that Mrs. Hopkins had gone to Seymour to attend court as a witness in the Denson case, while as a matter of fact she was sick at Jayton.

—Advertising Pays—
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15,621,000 Bale Crop Government Forecasts

Washington, Aug. 9.—A gain of 253,000 bales in the prospective cotton crop this year as compared with a forecast made a fortnight ago was shown Monday in the Government's semimonthly cotton report which placed the indicated production at 15,621,000 bales of 500 pounds gross.

The condition of the crop declined from 70.7 per cent of normal to 69.3 per cent between July 16 and Aug. 1, but as the decline was less than usual, the indicated production showed an increase over that forecast July 16.

The improvement in prospects occurred chiefly during the last week in July and was due largely to the fact that the number of leaf hoppers decreased and the cotton began squaring and blooming much more freely the crop reporting board announced.

"At this time the crop is in a critical stage of its development," the board said, "and fruiting will be materially affected by weather conditions during the next month or six weeks. Almost everywhere throughout the cotton belt, the crop is reported as being from a week to ten days late, so that it will need ample time in the fall for maturing. There is menace of material damage by the boll weevil should rainy weather come during the remainder of the season."

"Weather conditions and damage caused by the hopper interfered seriously with the setting of early bolls.

"In Texas the number of bolls reported as safe averages about the same as the number reported last year and about half the number reported safe at this time two years ago. Outside of Texas the number of bolls reported as safe averaged only about half as many as were reported safe at this time last year. On the other hand the plants are in most areas larger than they were last year at this time and throughout most of the belt excepting portions of the Piedmont area of South Carolina and adjoining States the plant were either blooming freely or were showing an increased number of forms on the first of August.

Boll weevils are increasing."

—Advertising Pays—
N. N. Morris, who has been making a crop this year on his farm near Ralls, returned this week to Spur and will remain here throughout the summer months. He states that he has fine crop prospects, having done all his farming with a tractor which he thinks discounts horses in both land preparation and crop cultivation on the Plains.



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