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The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

May happiness and prosperity attend every Texas Spur reader in 1926.

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Car Load of Cotton Worm Poison for Farmers Ordered by Spur C. of C.

In view of the reports coming in from the various surrounding communities, of the numerous if not wholesale appearance of worms in cotton crops, a call meeting of the Spur Chamber of Commerce was held Tuesday morning for the purpose of adopting plans to render aid to farmers in this emergency.

At the meeting it was decided to order a minimum car load of poison for the immediate use of farmers in combating the threatened worm pest menace, and this car load of poison is expected to arrive in Spur on the first train to arrive following the repair of the railway bridge washed out over Double Mountain River by the heavy rains of Saturday night and Sunday, and expected not later than Friday of this week.

From the reports emanating from all quarters of the trade territory of the appearance of cotton worms in great numbers, business interests concluded that the situation was developing into an emergency, therefore the commercial organization was called upon to meet the emergency in lending immediate aid to farmers in combating the menace.

The poison, we understand, will be distributed to farmers at cost and carriage of the car lot, which will amount to approximately twelve cents per pound, and will be accessible to all regardless of ready cash with suitable arrangements, upon its arrival in Spur Friday.

Cotton is the staple and money crop of the country, and its protection and salvage from menacing worm pests is of almost if not as much concern to commercial interests as to the individual farmer. While the country is adopting and extending diversified farming interests and has other limited resources, yet the failure of a cotton crop would be a calamity to merchant and banker as well as farmer, therefore in meeting this emergency and overcoming a threatened menace to the cotton crops of the country a community of interests is served, and by cooperation on the part of all a calamity may be avoided and prosperity saved to both agricultural and commercial interests.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

A Bale to the Acre Now On Cotton At Steel Hill

A. M. Karr, of the Steel Hill community, while in the city Tuesday, was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. In speaking of his crop Mr. Karr said that his cotton crop now had a bale to the acre. He noticed a few leaf worms but thought they would do it good rather than harm in that the stalks were rank and the removal of leaves would permit the sun to get down and mature the bottom bolls. From all reports, if cotton can hold what it now has on the Spur country will harvest the biggest crop in its history.

Valentino, the Movie Star, Is Dead in New York City

New York, Aug. 23.—Rudolph Valentino, original 'sheik' of the movies, died Monday.

Death occurred at 12:10 o'clock Eastern daylight time, at the Poly clinic Hospital.

The cause of death was given officially as septic endocarditis, resulting from the double operation.

The Texas Spur a Most Appropriate Graduating Gift.

Mrs. J. H. Hooper, of the Twin Wells community, was a very pleasant caller Tuesday at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Hooper said that she had been all over Spur in quest of a suitable graduating present for her daughter, Miss Lena, who is attending high school in Fort Worth, and after viewing many gifts decided that she would mail the Texas Spur to her daughter each week as the most appropriate remembrance gift possible. We consider this a very high compliment, and it is one which we appreciate and will remember.

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Spur Merchants Buy Heavily for Extensive Fall Business

The several dry goods merchants of Spur who have returned and are now in the Eastern and Northern markets, have bought and are still buying heavily of stocks for the varied dry goods departments with the expectation of an extensive business this fall from a wide territory.

The general crop conditions and prospects up to the past week have warranted and encouraged the anticipation of a large volume of business, and should the threatened pest damage at the present time to cotton be averted, there is no question but that this fall's business in Spur will far exceed that of any year in the past.

Spur has some of the most handsomely arranged and modernly furnished and equipped department and large dry goods stores of any town its size in all of Western Texas.

Large and varied stocks, not only in dry goods but general merchandise, hardware, farm implements and groceries, are carried and the trade will find here not only superior shopping advantages in all lines, but prices to compete with other trading points and even the larger city and commercial centers. The fact is that Spur has become a real commercial center with trade advantages and offerings not discounted by the largest cities of the state, and there are merchants here who invite customers to bring their "mail order catalogues" for comparison in the offer of better goods and better prices in the home town of Spur.

Spur is one of the best towns and most metropolitan little cities in America. Her citizenship, with rare exceptions, is broad-guarded, liberal and live for others as well as self, and the merchants and business men on the whole seek to serve and promote a saving to customers and the country of hard earned dollars thru open competition rather than in forming combinations to thwart competition in establishing and maintaining higher prices. Real trade inducements are here offered, and the people of the country will make savings in keeping posted upon such inducements and taking advantage of the advertised offerings each week by merchants for the benefit of shoppers and the trade in general.

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Willie Bell Critically Cut in an Affray Last Tuesday Evening

Willie Bell, of Bell's Cafe, was cut with a pocket knife Tuesday evening in an affray, and is now in the Nichols Sanitarium in a critical condition. The affray occurred at the cafe, Mr. Bell being cut on the wrist and in the side, bleeding profusely from the wounds, and carried immediately to the Sanitarium. Earnest Mayfield and Mr. Kelley, of Jayton, are charged with the affray and the cutting.

Worm Depredations Now Prevalent in Spur Country

Following the rains of Saturday and Sunday the cotton leaf worms have made their appearance in great numbers in many fields, and in some instances the boll worm has shown up in smaller numbers.

Whether or not extensive damage is done remains to be seen, and depends a great deal upon promptness and effectiveness of poisoning activities, and the weather conditions of the immediate future. Should the weather remain clear and hot, combined with prompt poisoning activities, the worm menace will probably be averted. On the other hand, if cloudy, rainy weather prevails the worm menace is expected to increase.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce is cooperating with farmers in promptly and fully meeting the situation in that a car load of poison has been ordered and will be at the disposal of farmers at once.

The preservation of the cotton crop is of material concern to every individual, the commercial as well as agricultural interests, and all farmers are urged to watch crops closely and upon the first evidence of damage by worms begin fighting them, and avail themselves of the necessary poisons now available through the Chamber of Commerce which is cooperating with farmers in every way possible to avoid a crop calamity which will affect materially the entire country as well as the individual farmer.

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J. J. Martin Brings in 50 Pound Water Melon to Texas Spur Office

Wednesday of this week J. J. Martin brought in and complimented the Texas Spur with the largest water melon of the season. The melon was of the long "Halbert Honey" variety, combined with the choicest West Texas flavor and weighed fifty pounds. The melon was grown by Mr. Martin on his farm in the Red Mud country to the southwest of Spur, and is uncontrovertible evidence that as fine fruit can be grown here as in any other point in America.

It has been our custom for seventeen years to give a year's subscription to the Texas Spur for the largest melon brought in, and thus far Mr. Martin holds the winning hand as champion melon producer of the country.

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Dr. Nichols and Family on Vacation Trip to Oklahoma City

The first of the week Dr. Nichols laid aside his worries and personal professional cares, turned over to the competent nurses, the care of patients now in the Nichols Sanitarium, and with his family departed for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for a vacation and much needed rest and recuperation.

Throughout the past several months the Nichols Sanitarium has been taxed to its capacity with patients, and Dr. Nichols has been called upon to perform numerous surgical operations, some of which demanded the greatest professional skill in surgery, and all of which were successful.

It is hoped that the family will enjoy the trip and vacation, and that Dr. Nichols will return refreshed and recuperated fully in resuming his duties as head of an institution which is recognized as one of the greatest assets to town and country and indispensable and dependable to those in need of surgery.

Railroad Bridge is Washed Out and No Trains in Spur All This Week

The railway bridge over Double Mountain River near Sagerton on the Stamford & Northwestern line of railway extending from Stamford to Spur, was washed out by the excessive rains of Saturday night and Sunday morning, and as a result neither railway nor mail service has been extended to Spur and other points this side of the river during the week.

Some five or six spans of the bridge are said to have gone out, and the work of replacement and reconstruction of the bridge is now in progress and being rushed on the part of workmen. It is expected that the reconstruction work will be sufficiently advanced to permit passage of trains by today, Friday.

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First Bale of Cotton of the Season Was Ginned Thursday Bringing \$191.66

The first bale of cotton of the 1926 season was brought to Spur Thursday morning of this week by O. E. Prior of Twin Wells, ginned by M. Hargrove and sold at auction to Mayor John King for 19 1/4c per pound. The bale weighed 411 pounds from 1090 pounds of seed cotton. A premium of \$104.00 was made up from the business men of Spur, making a total of \$191.66 received by Mr. Prior in the premium and sale of the first bale ginned and marketed in Spur this year.

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"M" System Grocery Purchased by B. L. Jamison and O. C. Arthur

A sale was consummated this week whereby Bert L. Jamison of Spur and Olen C. Arthur of Dickens purchased the "M" System Grocery which will hereafter be conducted under the same system by the new management.

Mr. Jamison, who is well known to the people and the trade of this territory, having been identified with grocery interests in Spur a number of years, is now personally identified with the business as manager. Mr. Arthur, we understand, will move to Spur with his family at the expiration of his present term of office as county clerk, and thereafter also be personally identified with the business.

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McAdoo Farmer Pessimistic at the Good Crop Prospects

While in Spur Tuesday and in speaking of his crops, A. V. Womack of McAdoo was very pessimistic, so much so that he is probably beginning to lose sleep. His crops are so heavily loaded, and everything now looks so promising that he feels it in his bones that something is going to happen to prevent crops fully maturing. However, the fact that his cotton now has fruitage to the extent of a bale to the acre should be of some satisfaction now if not fully realized later.

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RAILWAY INTEREST BEING REVIVED AT DICKENS CITY
A meeting was held at Dickens to consider a bonus proposition in securing a railroad. It can be secured.

GOVERNMENT COTTON ESTIMATE PUTS PRICES UP

New York, Aug. 23.—Sensational statistics in the government cotton crop estimated today, entirely out of proportion with what had been anticipated, brought a flood of buying orders into the New York cotton market, which shot prices up about \$5 a bale before the day's transaction ended, and slightly more than \$8 a bale above the low point after the previous official report.

The government report, placing the condition at only 63.5, with an indicated yield of 15,248,000 bales, in face of a yield of more than half a million bales in excess of this total forecast by various private estimates, started a widespread buying movement with "shorts" who had sold heavily on the theory that crop damage had been over estimated, scrambling to cover in competition with trade buying from Europe and the United States.

This sudden buying movement, which carried prices up \$3 a bale, was given impetus later by reports of stormy weather and rains in Texas and prices continued to advance.

October contracts touched 17.74c and January 17.84c, some of later months again rising above the 18c mark.

Kent County Will Hold Run-off Primary Saturday

Constable Bob Willis, of Antelope, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday. He informed us that notwithstanding the purity system adopted by Kent county in the democratic primaries, that a second primary would be held Saturday, the 28th, for state officers. The Attorney General recently ruled that every county in the state must hold a second primary, and that here executive committees had failed to make assessments against candidates to bear the election expenses that the committee members must bear that expense themselves. In the July 24th primary, Kent county polled a majority vote for Ferguson for Governor.

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MRS. JIM EDD HALL ENTER TAINS JOI DE VOI CLUB

Mrs. Jim Edd Hall was a charming hostess Wednesday afternoon to the Joi de Voi Club membership and a number of other guests. Very attractive were the appointment of the four tables, and at the conclusion of the fifth game Mrs. Dan H. Zachry was awarded high score club prize, a Dorothy Perkins puff box. Mrs. Carl Wester received consolation, a dainty handkerchief corsage. Mrs. Nellie Davis was presented high score guest prize, a lovely sewing bouquet. During the games the hostess served a refreshing lemonade and at the conclusion a delicious ice course consisting of ice cream with caramel sauce, caramel cake and candy.

Those present and enjoying the party were Mesdames Dan H. Zachry, Alvis Hull, Murray Lea, Flint, Floyd, Barnett, Jack Rector, Nellie Davis, Oran McClure, W. D. Wilson, W. E. Putman, Cecil Fox, Homer Schrimpsher, Charley Powell, Thomas Morrison, Carl Wester, and C. L. Love.

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Friday Afternoon Club Enjoys Chicken Barbecue at Fair Park

Members of the Friday Afternoon Club and a few guests enjoyed a Chicken barbecue Friday evening at the fair park. The menu consisted of barbecued chicken, bread, pickles, coffee, soda pop and iced water melons.

Heavy Rains Fall in Spur Country Saturday Night and Sunday Morning

Heavy rains fell Saturday night and Sunday morning throughout the Spur country, and extending over the greater portion of West Texas.

These rains were needed in some communities and will result in great benefit to crops of these sections as well as to other communities which have been more fortunate heretofore in abundant rainfall.

From the very beginning of the crop year the Spur country has been favored with rains when needed, an ideal season has prevailed at all times, and with these favorable conditions we now have the best and most promising crop prospects ever known, and in avoiding and overcoming insect pests the biggest yields of our farming history in harvests will be realized.

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Saturday Will be Run-Off Primary Election Day

Saturday will be run-off primary election day throughout Texas.

On the ticket are contestants for three state offices, governor, attorney general and treasurer, the governor's race between Ma and Moody being given greatest consideration in the red hot campaign being waged.

There is also a contest for county office, that of judge between Brummett and Gipson; and two contests for public weigher in precincts two and three. J. A. Akin and Wat Holly in precinct 2, and Fred Hisey and A. M. Shepherd in precinct 3.

The Texas Spur last week published the campaign speeches of both Ferguson and Moody, which fully covered the issues advanced by each in the run-off election.

It is the duty of every voter to cast a ballot, and it is very probable that as many if not more votes will be polled in the Saturday's election than was polled July 24th.

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School Per Capita Is Fixed at \$11.50

Austin, Aug. 17.—The per capita scholastic apportionment for the 1926-27 school season Saturday was fixed at \$11.50 by the state board of education. This is the lowest since 1919, 20 season apportionment of \$8.50.

S. M. N. Marrs, state superintendent of public instruction, and secretary of the board said the legislature would ask to make a supplementary apportionment of more than \$4,000,000 to raise the apportionment to \$15.

The apportionment for the 1925-26 session was \$14. Mr. Marrs said this apportionment was made possible by a large balance from the preceding session and by savings on text book purchases.

The \$11.50 apportionment is based on 1,352,500 scholastics.

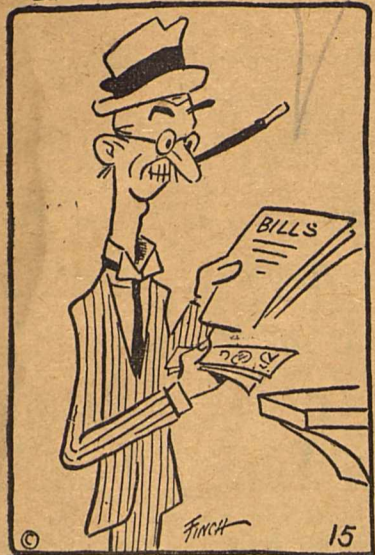
Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, Comptroller S. H. Terrell, and Mrs. Emma Grigsby Meharg, secretary of state, all members of the board were present as well as James E. Ferguson.

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Revival Meetings Close and Others Begin at Steel Hill Church

C. R. Graves, of Lockney, closed a successful revival meeting Sunday night at Steel Hill, and returned to his home.

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Fresh Meats and Cured Meats
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—Everything you want to buy at prices you want to pay.

Central Market
WE DELIVER

J. E. Arthur, of the Midway community north of Spur, was in Spur the past week doing some trading and also marketing home grown garden truck.

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Mrs. Horn, of the Red Hill community, was in the city Wednesday marketing a surplus of garden truck and other home products.

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J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was on the streets one day the first of the week, meeting with his friends and also trading with merchants.

Look Over Our House Plans

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Pains disappeared

"SEVERAL years ago I was badly run-down," says Mrs. John Bunch, R. F. D. 3, Columbia, S. C. "I could not do any of my work. I was so weak I could not wash a dish. My back and sides hurt me at times dreadfully. I dragged around until I finally got down in bed." Then, explains Mrs. Bunch, she happened to read about Cardui, the woman's tonic, and decided to give it a thorough trial, the results of which she describes below:
"It seemed to reach the cause of my trouble at once. I did not take it long before my appetite began to improve. I gained in weight from 114 pounds until now I weigh 125 pounds. I soon was able to be up around the house. I took up my household duties and was delighted with my returning strength."
"I now do all my own work. The pains in my sides and back have disappeared and I feel like a different person."
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A MODEL FARM
Texas Spur: It was the good pleasure of Rev. A. L. McClellan, F. N. Oliver and wife and daughter, to take a one day vacation last Friday at the beautifully appointed home and farm of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlisle, 6 miles East of Spur. Here we found a commodious new home on the highest ground overlooking a 400 acre farm on both sides of Duck Creek, as rich as the Brazos Valley with full 100 per cent crops growing of Corn, Alfalfa, Sorghum, Maize, and Cotton, a scene simply superb to look upon; a fact to make us proud of Dickens County; a fact to consider that the well appointed farm home is the crowning glory of life, the basis of governments, peace, independence and happiness.

It should be the chief aim of all men to establish and beautify home, sweet home.—F. N. Oliver.

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J. B. Morrison and family returned Tuesday from an extended trip through New Mexico and into Arizona where they visited with his parents. In returning, Bud stated that they had dry roads through Arizona and New Mexico, but that from the Texas line on home they encountered wet, heavy roads, the rains of Saturday and Sunday having covered this entire section of Northwest Texas. Bud and family spent three or four weeks on the trip.

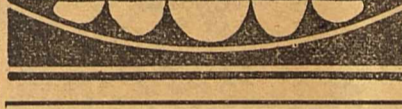
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H. B. Lewis, of Draper, was in Spur Monday. He and Alec Winkler had just returned from a fishing trip on the river toward Wichita Falls, and he stated that they had extraordinary luck, catching twelve big cat fish on the first run of the line. Alec Winkler, however, happened to the usual fisherman's luck, in that he let the biggest one of the entire catch get away, it being a five or six pound channel cat. They had packed a dozen or more and brought them safely home. C. R. Edwards started on the trip with them but became alarmed at heavy roads and threatening weather and turned back.

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L. B. McMeans was on the streets greeting friends and acquaintances Monday.



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If your dealer can't supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for free booklet, "It Kills Them," a guide for killing house and garden pests.
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Ox Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wili Watson returned home the past week from California. Ox had been gone several years, and his family here being unable to get in communication with him have been uneasy and feared something serious had happened to him. They sought to find him through newspaper advertising, over the radio and through peace officers, but all failed to locate him until he made his appearance at home.

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Mr. Witt, of the Watson community, was here Wednesday. He says the worms are working out that way, and that the big disappointment is that they have no oil to pour on them

Making War on Home Brew Now in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Aug. 16.—Federal prohibition officers have made the first move in what they say will be a state wide campaign against the sale of malt syrups and other compounds used in the manufacture of home brew.

John Crowford, manager of a grocery store was at liberty on bond of \$500 Monday after having been arrested Saturday on a charge of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition laws.

The prohibition agents, under the direction of T. E. Brents, director for Western Oklahoma, are understood to have purchased not only malt extract, but capping machines, special thermometers and other material said to be sold in violation of the federal prohibition law.

Brents said home brew is being made in thousands of Oklahoma City homes from extracts sold openly in city stores.
Brents decided upon court action only after he had made a personal test of the compound. Chemists in his office said the beverage he mixed had an alcoholic content of 5.8 per cent.

Ben Reddell, of McAadoo, came down Wednesday. He had been uneasy of worm depredations, but after sitting up with them and observing closely their movements, he has about decided they are helping his crop in that they eat only the leaves and thus permit the sun to get down into the middle of the stalks to mature the bolls there. There may be great numbers of leaf worms now over the country, but the consensus of opinion is that they will do little damage at this time—the fear being that the second crop may come in such numbers that they may eat stalk and all.

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Clem Harkey is now in San Antonio for a few weeks service in the airplane department. It may be possible that Clem will be called upon to serve regularly on one of the number of air mail services now being established over the country.

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Miss Jewell Barnett, of Girard, was shopping in Spur and the guest of friends here the past week.

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SOCIAL CLUB
The Social Club will meet September 2, 1926 at the home of Mrs. J. A. Murphy. All members and visitors are invited to be present.—Rep.

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John Thomason, of the Soldier Mound community, was here Saturday. He says that fully six or seven inches of rain fell on his place the past week and the water came up higher than ever before, being at least two feet deep inside the nearby church building.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Powell, of the Dry Lake community, were shopping and visiting in Spur Wednesday of this week.

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W. T. Wilson was here Monday, smiling and gratified at the big crop prospects on his places. He depends on alfalfa, hogs and dairy cows as much as upon cotton for prosperity—and all of these now promise the biggest returns.

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R. S. Harkey and family are arranging to move back to Spur during September and making their home here during the fall months. Mr. Harkey will again buy cotton on the Spur market this fall.

PIANO AND EXPRESSION
I wish to begin my class in Piano and Expression, September 1st. All pupils desiring to take, call 93.—Nell Higgins.

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A. C. Petty and wife, of Hico, spent one night this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, in passing thru to the plains country looking after their farming and ranching interests.

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Mrs. Ellis, of Hamilton county, is here spending the fall and winter months with her daughter, Mrs. A. Lollar.

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Mrs. Eleanor Ruoff, of Abilene, was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar at their home east of Spur. Mr. Ruoff went from here to Grand Rapids, Philadelphia, New York and other Eastern and Northern cities, and will also visit Yellow Stone Park before returning to her home at Abilene.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wade McDaniel, of Southwest of Spur, were in the city Wednesday. They are arranging to move to Spur for school advantages, and in time for the beginning of the term on September 13th.

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Bill McArthur, of west of Spur several miles, was here Tuesday meeting with his friends.

The Resources of Diplomacy
By H. IRVING KING

ISRAEL VANDERBURG and Phillip Scarsdale were highly respectable gentlemen of good financial standing. They cherished a thorough detestation of each other. It had sprung from a trifling disagreement ten years before and, watered and nourished by self-will, had reached its present proportions.

Israel had a daughter, Gladys, and Phillip had a son, Thomas; and the young couple were so far from partaking of the paternal animosities that they considered each other about as nearly perfect as it is given to mortals to be. Both parents got wind of the fact and fulminated and dogmatized upon the subject to their degenerate children.

"I had an awful row with dad today about you," said Gladys one evening to Tom when they met upon the neutral ground of one of Mrs. Stuyvesent Mulgrove's dinner dances.

"Having them offend me than usual lately?" inquired Tom.

"Yes, I think so," replied Gladys, "and I'm tired of them. Yet I'm awfully fond of dad, too."

"I had a bit of a run-in with the governor, myself, yesterday about you," replied Tom. "The governor is an old tramp in other respects; but when it comes to the question of our getting married he's the limit. What say, Gladys, let's go off and get married anyway. Neither of our respected parents shows any symptoms of recovering from what ails them."

Gladys was silent and thoughtful for fully two minutes—then she said: "We are going to be married, of course—that is settled. But it would be so much nicer if we could do so with the consent of our parents. Before we take the step I think we should exhaust all the resources of diplomacy. It sounds immoral, I know, but the easiest way to rule a man is through his pet weaknesses. Now you just listen to me"—and she proceeded to formulate a plan of action.

"Tom," said Mr. Scarsdale suddenly at breakfast next morning, "I hope you are not still dangleing after the daughter of that old thief, Israel Vanderburg?"

"Well," replied Tom slowly, "you see, it is this way. Mr. Vanderburg has announced his intention of casting Gladys off and cutting her out of his will if she marries your son."

"Oh, he has, has he?" growled Phillip.

"Yes, sir," said Tom, "and he is really violent about the matter—declares such an alliance would break his heart and be a disgrace to his family. And as you are set against the marriage also, and have threatened to cut me off if it takes place—why, there you are!"

"Israel Vanderburg is an old ruffian and always was," said Mr. Scarsdale, and flung away from the table. But his son's statement of the case kept recurring to him all that day. He would go to almost any length to spite old Vanderburg.

Meantime Gladys was having a session with her paternal ancestor. "I suppose you will be hard-hearted enough to be glad of it," said she, trying to squeeze a tear or two into her bright blue eyes, "but Tom and I are up against it." First you objected; and now Mr. Scarsdale is furious at the idea of his son marrying your daughter—says it would disgrace him."

"Disgrace him!" cried Israel; "does that old ruffian have the cheek to talk that way?" And Israel departed, turning matters over in the gloomy and vindictive chambers of his mind.

For ten years now the former friends had been seeking for an opportunity to do each other a mischief, and had found none. Now, at last, was an opportunity presented.

"Tom," said Mr. Scarsdale that night at dinner, "does that Vanderburg girl take after her father?"

"Oh, no," replied Tom; "everybody says she is her mother over again."

"You go and marry the girl," cried Mr. Scarsdale. "How Israel will rave, I'd like to hear him."

And Mr. Vanderburg said unto Gladys, "So Scarsdale thinks he would be disgraced if Tom and you got married, does he? Nothing would give me greater satisfaction. You marry Tom just as soon as you can."

The marriage was hasty, the flight abroad on the wedding tour immediate. Phillip and Israel, passing to the street, were each surprised to see upon the face of the other a smirk of malignant satisfaction. What could it mean? They were shrewd men and after profound consideration arrived at the true solution of the case. But they were also proud men, unwilling to admit that they had been outwitted, and so held their peace. A year later meeting each other one morning on the street Israel, with beaming face, accosted his old enemy for the first time in many years.

"It's a boy, Phillip," said he. "I have just come from the house. Both doing fine."

"I was on my way there," replied Phillip; "come along back with me. I suppose we have been two old fools. What are they going to name him?"

Great City Closed
"Well, Thomas," said the squire to one of the villagers who had just returned from a visit to London, "what did you think of the metropolis?"

"Twarn't open, zur," was the reply, "but we went to th' Tppodrome."

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POWER FARMING INCREASES

The general trend toward power farming in the preparation of land for crops is indicated by the report of department of Commerce. There was a loss of 32,054 horse drawn plows manufactured in 1925 as compared with the year of 1924. The manufacture of tractor drawn plows was 23,331 greater than 1924. The tendency toward power farming is shown further by the remarkable increase in tractor production and sales, amounting to 40 per cent, as compared with the preceding year.

A report from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago indicates that the tractor sales in 1926 were greater than in 1925. The increased use of combines and other heavy type machinery shows the tendency of farmers to utilize labor saving machinery to the greatest possible extent in the production and harvesting of crops. Their purchases are not confined wholly to machinery urged for crop production purposes. Milking machines and cream separators have been materially increased, while the house water supply systems were increased by nearly 50 per cent in 1925 over 1924 and more than 100 per cent in 1924 over 1923.

This report shows clearly the tendency of farmers not only to make use of efficient machinery on the farm but to improve the standard of living whenever the farm income permits.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

W. D. Thacker, who is now engaged in road building work on the highway to the south of Spur in the Twin Wells community, was in town Tuesday. He stated that on account of the recent big rains the newly graded portions of the roadway were in poor traveling condition at this time. However, this roadway will eventually be made one among the best of the county.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

W. C. Garrett, of west of Spur, was on the streets Monday.

FAIR DATES

Northwest Texas Fair, Spur, Sept. 16 to 18.
Garza County Fair, Sept. 24 and 25.
Hardeman County Fair, Quanah, Sept. 8 to 11.
Childress State Fair, Childress, Sept. 14, to 18.
Mitchell County Fair, Colorado, Sept. 23 to 25.
Crosby County Fair, Crosbyton, Sept. 15 to 18.
Abernathy Community Fair, Abernathy, Sept. 24 to 25.
Chaves County Cotton Carnival, Roswell, N. M., Oct. 14, 15, and 16.
Las Vegas Fall Fair and Festival, Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 23, 24, 25.
Muleshoe Annual Fair, Muleshoe, Texas, September 17 and 18.
Castro County Fair, Dimmitt, Texas, Sept. 18.
Panhandle South Plains Fair, Lubbock, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1st.
The Hall County District Fair, Memphis, Sept. 14 to 17.
McLean Fair, McLean, Oct. 8, 9.
Graham Fair, Graham, Oct. 7, 8 and 9.
Deaf Smith County Fair, Hereford, Sept. 16, 17 and 18.
Amarillo Tri-State Fair, Amarillo, Sept. 21-27.
Curry County Fair, Clovis, N. M., Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2.
Harding County Fair, Mosquero, N. M., Sept. 28 and 29.
Floyd County Fair, Floydada, Sept. 24 and 25.
—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Wiley Stafford who has been farming at Afton was intown last week.

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IT PAYS TO STOP

It seems impossible to keep a certain number of people from perishing by the automobile route when they are so lacking of horse sense as to run broadside into a moving train, with nothing to obstruct a full view either way. Seldom do we hear of two railroad trains colliding at a crossing. When a train approaches a crossing it comes to a full stop, whistle, and then proceeds. It takes twice as long to start and stop a train as it does an automobile. Railroad men practice the rule of safety first but the auto driver always seems obsessed with a spirit of haste, whether he is in a hurry or not. Wasting a minute or two for safety is better than eternal sleep.

—Advertising Pays—
INTOLERANCE

To be tolerant is to grant other people the right to their own opinion and to act their 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 a better and 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 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 appeared revolutionary 20 years ago are accepted as commonplace today.

Intolerance has been the curse of the world. It has broken up families and 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 and Ranch.

S. W. Vernon, of Highway, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week.

COTTON PRICE GOING UP
GEO. B. TERRELL PREDICTS

Austin Texas.—Cotton should go higher because of the ravages of the leaf worm, boll weevil and boll worm. George B. Terrell, Commissioner of Agriculture, said Wednesday.

Terrell's report of July 25 showed prospects more than 5,000,000 bales, but the Texas production is certain to be much lower than that figure, he said.

His statement: When we made our last crop report, based on conditions of July 25, we had a prospect for more than 5,000,000 bales of cotton in Texas. Reports reaching the office for the past 10 days show great deterioration in the cotton crop caused by leaf worm, boll weevil and boll worm. Unless the ravages of these insects are stopped by poisoning, all late cotton will produce very little and the crop is very late in North Central Texas and Northwest Texas.

It is impossible to estimate at this time what the production will be, but it will be materially below our last estimate and that of the Federal Government.

If conditions in the other cotton-producing states are similar to those in Texas, the total cotton crop will fall below 15,000,000 bales, and the price should advance, as present prices are based upon a crop of more than 15,000,000 bales.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

J. A. Brown and family, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday of this week, coming in to accompany their son, J. C., who had his tonsils removed by Dr. Blackwell who is now making such operations a specialty.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Bud Scott was here Tuesday from the Afton section of country, spending several hours here trading and meeting with friends an acquaintance.



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

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3: A. M. SHEPHERD FRED HISEY

Democratic Nominees. For The November Election

For District Attorney, 50th Dist.: WM. B. COMBEST, of Paducah (Re-election, 2nd term)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: M. L. JONES (2nd term)

For County and District Clerk: ROBT. REYNOLDS

For County Treasurer: MRS. OLLIE M. COLE (2nd term)

For Tax Assessor: W. F. MCCARTY (2nd term)

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

For Public Weigher, Precinct 2: GEO. P. SIMMS

For County Commissioner, Pre. 1: AUSTIN C. ROSE

For County Commissioner, Pre. 2: O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-election)

For County Commissioner, Pre. 3: H. O. ALBIN

For County Commissioner, Pre. 4: CHAS. PERRIN (Re-election)

For Justice of the Peace, Pre. 3: F. N. OLIVER

For Constable, Precinct 3: M. L. NICHOLS

KENT COUNTY Democratic Nominees

For Commissioner, Precinct 2: M. F. HAGAR

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Advertising Pays
C. E. Thomason, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur recently trading and meeting with his former acquaintances and friends. He informed us that he had the best crops he had ever made, and aside from a big surplus of feed, he expects to have a hundred or more bales of cotton to place on the market when the prices get right.

Rev. R. A. Stewart, wife and children who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings the past several days, returned this week to their home in Stamford. Rev. Stewart was formerly pastor of the Methodist church in Spur, and he and Mrs. Stewart have many loyal friends here who are always glad to meet them.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
J. E. White, of Espuela, was here Thursday. He says the worms are in his cotton but are doing it good.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
T. E. Rucker, of west of Spur, was here one day this week showing stalks of cotton from his crop. A bale of cotton to the acre is now on it, being grown on sod land. No worms have yet appeared.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
J. P. Goen was in town Saturday and opened up the fall for us by showing another dollar and half in our till for the Texas Spur.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
M. B. Wilson, of east of Spur, was here again this week with garden truck for the market.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Joe Day, of Floydada, also closed a successful meeting at Red Mud and commenced another at Steel Hill Monday, under the auspices of the Christian Church. The meeting will continue over Sunday and every body is cordially invited to attend.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
E. A. Bailey, of Steel Hill, was greeting friends here this week.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Charlie Black returned Tuesday from Fort Worth.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Morris Vernon, of Abilene, is in Spur this week having just completed his courses at Simmons College and obtained an A. B. degree. Morris will teach school the coming year at Grand Saline.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mrs. J. F. Hunter, of Clairmont, was shopping in Spur and the guest of friends here Wednesday of this week.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
J. C. Brown, of the Afton country, came in Tuesday and had Dr. Blackwell perform an operation in the removal of his tonsils.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
W. S. Hunter returned this week from Wichita Falls where he spent the past week visiting with his son, Chas. Hunter and family. Mr. Hunter states that politics is red hot in Wichita, general discussions of the fitness of both Ferguson and Moody occurring frequently, and in some instances fights following.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mack Gilbert returned last week from the Panhandle oil fields where he had been some time seeking some of the easy money attributed to the oil belt. However, Mack has decided that life is more pleasant if not profitable in Spur, and he is now arranging to establish an amusement business here, in the form of a skating rink, for the fall months.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Harry Patton, of Scott Bros. Grocery and Market, is now taking his vacation and apparently enjoying it.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Lon Fuquay and wife, of the Red Mud community, were among the shoppers and visitors to Spur during the week.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Roy Higgs, a young business man of Roby, and his bride passed through Spur Thursday of last week in returning home from a wedding trip over the plains country. The bride was Miss Ora McCrary, daughter of an old and highly respected family of Roby. Their wedding was unannounced and will be a surprise to their many friends of the home town and community.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mr. Gollihar, an extensive farmer of the plains country near McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
FOR SALE—My farm 2 miles Southwest of Spur; or will trade for land in Crosby or adjoining counties.—T. A. Randleman. 43-4tp

Commission Still Considering Railroad Construction

It is now more than a year since railroad hearings were held at Plainview relative to the construction of a number of new lines in this section but the commission is still "considering" the matter. Every one of the railroads asking permission to build, was needed and had they been in operation at the present, would have greatly relieved the congestion in transportation which has been so acute during harvest.

Of course they could not have been completed in time even had they received approbation at the hands of the Commission but the apparent indifference of the Commission to the needs of this section is most irritating, to say the least. Only two of the roads have been allowed to build and neither of them will be in operation before the first of the year, if then. No decision as regards the others can be expected now until January, which means that construction will be held up another year.

In the mean time, the heavy demands for transportation are making it impossible for the railroads to give either service to which shippers are entitled or the service that they would like to give. Hundreds of thousands of feet of lumber are being consumed throughout this territory in building. Great quantities of brick and stone, cement, hardware, paint, plumbing materials and everything used in building modern homes and business houses, constructing of roads laying paving, water and gas lines and putting in electric lights and telephones is in large demand. Hundreds of carloads of supplies are needed in the oil field as well as transportation of the oil. Add to these, the emergency brought about by the record breaking wheat crop and the necessity of providing food and clothing for the rapidly increasing population of this region and you have a situation that is certainly formidable.

But it doesn't matter a bit to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The members thereof are taking their hard earned vacation and they can't be bothered.

Nobody knows what they are waiting for but of course everybody suspects that wires are being pulled. Its a long ways from Washington to the Panhandle of Texas and it makes mighty little difference to the folks down there whether or not we ever get a railroad.

The fact of the matter is, the better acquainted the citizens become with the ways of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the more they are convinced that that body is neither helpful nor necessary. The state is a much better judge of whether or not projected railroads are needed and it is certainly more interested in the progress of the people within its borders. This is another function that should have remained in the hands of the commonwealth but it is a question whether the people will ever be able to rid themselves of this incubus. It is so much easier to create bureaus and commissions than to get them off the pay roll.—Southwest Plainsman.

Mace Hunter was on the streets Saturday. He had just returned from Mineral Wells where he had bathed and boiled himself in the mineral waters a week or two, and was looking ten years younger and fit as a fiddle. In fact, he said that he never felt better, cared nothing more for cigarettes, coffee nor any other bad habits.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Albert Clements, wife and two daughters, of Cisco, spent the night Tuesday with Oran McClure and family, in passing through on a trip to New Mexico. They intend to see the Elephant Butte Dam and very probably cross over into Old Mexico before returning home. We have an urgent invitation and almost irresistible desire to join them along the way after going to press with this issue of the moral weekly—and the only thing to prevent will be the lack of funds to get into Mexico and out again.

Farmers Advised to Go Slow in Marketing Cotton Crop

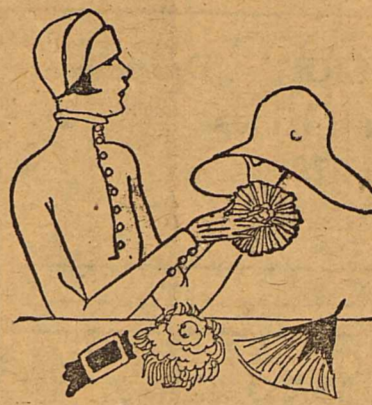
What was forecast as a bumper cotton crop on Aug. 10 when the Government report placed the condition of the crop at 69 and that of Texas at 73, with a total indicated yield of 15,620,000 bales, may turn out to be no more than an average crop or a really short crop. Deterioration, particularly in Texas and Oklahoma, which produces half of the American cotton, has been so great that no reliable cotton authority can safely predict the outcome. Estimates run all the way from total failure to the possibility of a bumper crop, through favorable weather conditions during the remainder of the season.

Whatever the yield may be, it is certain that the crop has suffered terrific deterioration since the last Government report and so great has this deterioration been and so short the period of it that it is doubtful that the cotton report due Monday morning will show its effect. However, reports from correspondents in every section of the cotton belt, expressions of cotton men themselves and private advices to them show that the estimated yield in nearly every cotton producing county in Texas has been greatly reduced within the past 10 days. Rains that have helped the cotton in one locality are reported to have damaged it seriously in another. The boll weevil, the boll worm and the cotton flea are at work. In addition to this the evidence that the heavy rains during the early growing season produced a rank growth and a large stalk, but little fruit and few bolls. The insect damage is reported from South Texas and North Texas and a large number of the counties in East Texas, and in many parts of Oklahoma. The cotton growing region of Fort Worth own territory—West Texas—is the only section in the State that apparently has not suffered greatly from the ravages of insects, and even in it there are some instances where they have made their appearance.

The Star Telegram does not care to present a gloomy picture or to forecast a crop failure. But the situation is such that the farmers of Texas can take advantage of it and profit by it if they will. It seems to us a situation in which they have much to gain and little if anything, to lose. Present prices are largely based upon the last Government report and upon expectations of a large crop. They are not based upon the rapid and widespread deterioration that has taken place in a short time and that is growing more widespread. Thus if the crop turns out much better than present deterioration indicates there is not much likelihood that the prices later on will be any less than they are now. If on the other hand, deterioration continues unchecked, there is certain to be an average or short crop and an equal certainty of higher prices than those now prevailing. The farmer, therefore, can afford to hold his cotton; not necessarily for a given price, but he can afford to hold it until the size of the crop or the probable size can be determined with more accuracy than is now possible. There are reliable cotton men who insist that cotton will bring 20 cents by November. Such prices may or may not be realized but it is certain that the price of cotton will not be helped by rushing it to market when the price of that market is now governed by expectations of greatly increased yield, but not a record breaking crop. As soon as the present deterioration begins to have its effect and show up in the Government report, the price should advance. A week or 10 days may tell an entirely different story and a few weeks' delay in the marketing of the cotton may mean an enormous difference in the money the farmer will obtain for his crop.—Let the farmers of Texas, let the merchants of Texas and the bankers as well, who are interested in the cotton farmer and the marketing of his cotton, go slowly in the matter of selling. Let them hold it wherever it is possible and Texas should prosper

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A first son and heir was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott Jr. The Texas Spur extends congratulations and predicts that S. B. the 3rd will develop into one of the biggest and best men of the West.
—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
P. R. Boothe returned Sunday from Lubbock.
—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
H. L. Pullen, of Steel Hill, was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Fred D. Whiting and child ren, Anna Mae and Troy, of Dallas, are visiting Mrs. C. L. Love and family and other friends in Spur.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mrs. Vernon Whiting, of Dallas, is the guest of Mrs. C. L. Love.
—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mrs. Tracy Gorham and Miss Ruby Love returned this week to Panhandle where they are now making their home.

A. M. SHEPHERD FOR PUBLIC WEIGHER

Bad weather has kept me from making a house to house canvas as I would like to have done.

If you will give me your support Saturday, August 28th, I assure you service in return.

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SATURDAY SPECIALS

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SEEING IS BELIEVING!

T. H. Tallent of the Gilpin section of country, was in the city the first of the week, reporting a two inch rain in that part of the country. The Gilpin and Duck Creek sections of the Spur country have not had excessive rains during the year, and at this time the rain was of great benefit to the growing crops which are now loaded with fruitage, and but little fear of worm damage is anticipated.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Mrs Anna Black returned last week from an extended visit with her sons in Arkansas, Louisiana and East Texas, spending about six weeks on the trip. She reports a very enjoyable trip and visit among her children and other relatives, but was glad to get back home.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Al Sullivan, of Garza county, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

S. W. Stephenson, of the McAdoo country, was among the traders in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mr. Stephenson was elated at his crop prospects, stating that his feed stuff is as fine as can be and that his cotton is loaded from top to bottom with no damaging signs of worms or other crop pests.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Ned Hogan made a trip up to Wake Tuesday, looking after his farming interests in that section. Heretofore small grain has been the principal crop of that section. However, this year only row crops are being cultivated, the Hogan & Patton farm having some four hundred acres of cotton now loaded to the guards.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
M. E. Tree and family and Eric Ousley and family returned the past week from Junction where they spent several days fishing, reporting a nice time and plenty fish.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Three Killed Thursday Truck Wreck at Hico

Two Hico boys, Albert Cunningham and Bennie Sears, and a Fairy boy, Blaine Gann, were instantly killed just after noon last Thursday when a heavy truck in which they were riding overturned, falling on them and crushing them to death.—Hico Review.

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS AND DRIVERS IN DICKENS COUNTY

All automobile owners and drivers are hereby given notice that the laws pertaining to automobiles and highways will be hereafter strictly enforced. Cars are required to have license and plate numbers on both front and back, two headlights properly adjusted, one tail light. Trucks are not to be loaded above weight capacity. In view of the approaching fair and expected traffic congestion, all automobile owners and drivers are urged and expected to cooperate with the officers in observing speed limit laws, headlight adjustment and all other regulatory laws pertaining to automobiles and highways, and those failing to observe such laws and regulations will meet with strict law enforcement.—W. W. Waldrup, Deputy Sheriff and State Highway Officer. 43-11

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
John O. Gilbert, is here from the Clairemont country to spend the summer vacation period with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert. John O. is making a crop this year near the town of Clairemont, stating that he has a fine crop and expects to have Christmas money from his harvests this fall.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
COTTLE COUNTY WILL HAVE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT
An appropriation has been made by the Cottle County Commissioners Court for the employment of a Home Economics Agent, and she will be selected and commence her work in January, 1927.—Paducah Post.

Another Side of the War Debt Picture Is Painted

Washington—Here's a brief, as the lawyers would say, for your "Uncle Shylock"—a few facts that may be worth noting in view of the torrents of propaganda from Europe describing the United States as a harsh and greedy creditor.

When figured down in terms of actuality—not propaganda—the payments required on the aggregate war debts, including France's (should the latter ratify the Mellon-Berenger pact), represent only 2 per cent of the incomes of the governments involved. The most exacting settlement, that with Great Britain, takes only a little more than 4 per cent of her governmental income.

The payments represent less than one-third the present military budgets of the various governments. The payments required represent less than the increase in military expenditures of the various nations from the pre-war basis. Of course, the United States cannot and does not attempt to otell the various nations how to run their own affairs. But, when by slicing down a bit their present expenditures for armament the full debt requirements could be met without an additional cent of taxes, is, there any wonder that officialdom in Washington refuses to get excited at the indignant talk from abroad of the United States crushing Europe by her debt demands?

One of the pet arguments for cancellation is the present prosperity of the United States and the comparative poverty of Europe. Often the suggestion is thrown out that unless the United States does remit the war debts the debtor nations will engage in a trade war of discriminations, and in the end it will cost this country more than the debts amount to. All of which would be important if true. Europe needs its trade with the United States as badly or worse than the United States needs European markets. But except for that prosperity and the fact that the United States offers the greatest market in world history, Europe would be flat on her back today.

From 1921 to 1926, European or European colonial sales to the United states have increased more than 80 per cent, or more than a billion dollars annually.

If the American tourists stayed out home only one year it would give the continent the worst setback imaginable. It is declared here that the increase in tourist expenditures—not the expenditures, but the increase since the war—is enough to cover the annual debt requirements and then leave a good margin for Europe.

The debt settlements represent to all intents, cancellation of loans made during the war and only the payment of post-armistice loans is provided. Cold cash has been advanced payable at 5 per cent.

Messrs. Lope and families, of Ft. Worth, are visiting relatives in the Gilpin section and looking over the country with a possible view of locating here. They were very favorably impressed with the country and remarked about the wonderful crops now maturing throughout the Spur country. We now have the most promising crops within the history of farming here, and if the threatened damage by worms can be averted the biggest crop yields in our history will be harvested this fall.

—Advertising Pays—
H. Mings, of Loop, Texas, was a visitor in the Spur country recently. Mr. Mings formerly lived at Spur, and there are a number who were again glad to meet him.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
H. C. Eldredge, of McAdoo, was here Tuesday. The rain Saturday night and Sunday covered the entire McAdoo territory, giving all the season needed now to fully mature all crops.

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The girl is to be selected by her community (Spur not eligible). The girl receiving the largest number votes that day will get the Gold. Every man, woman and child entering the Fair Ground is entitled to vote. Four boxes will be arranged on the ground for convenience of voters. Polls are to close at 6:30 P. M.

After passing through the Fair gate you will be handed a ticket, and all you have to do is write the name of the girl you prefer and drop the ticket in one of the boxes. No extra cost to vote. We want a girl from each community to enter. If you have not sent in your girl's name, do so at once and boost her from the very start. Each girl is expected to get votes wherever she can, and the town of Spur will be open to all because no Spur girl will be in the contest.

The following names have been turned in: Iris Howell, Espuela; Essie Denson, Highway; Iris Borden, Dickens. Eleven other communities to hear from. Please let us hear from these at once, and let the papers help boost them.

REMEMBER THE FAIR DATES
SEPTEMBER 16, 17 and 18th.

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale and daughter, Miss Helen, and his brother, Loyd Hale of Greenville, returned Tuesday from an extended trip thru California and up into Canada. Dr. Hale states that the people even up in Canada know "Ma" Ferguson, and when a Texan stops at filling stations along the way, inquiries are made as to "Ma's" welfare.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Rev. Victor Crabtree, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

SERVICES AT 1ST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY, THE 29TH
Mr. Abbott will preach at the First Christian Church both Sunday morning and at night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the services.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Miss Margaret Elliot, who has been spending the summer months here with her brother, W. J. Elliot and family, left Wednesday on her return to Johannesburg, South Africa. She was accompanied to Fort Worth by Mr. Elliot and daughter, Miss Dollie. This was Miss Elliot's first visit to America, and while here Mr. and Mrs. Elliot accompanied on a tour of West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, thus giving her a fair view of the great Western country.

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WASHINGTON'S DREAM

The following interesting article taken from the American Banner, published at Pittsburg in 1871, was handed to us by A. W. Arehart of near Center, with the request that it be published in the register:

The last time I saw Anthony Sherman was on the Fourth of July, 1859 in Independence Square. He was 99 and very feeble. Together we went into Independence Hall. Seating our selves on one of the wooden benches, my aged companion said:

"I want to tell you an incident of Washington's life—one which no man knows except myself, and, if you live, you will, before long, see it verified. Mark the prediction! You will see it verified!"

I give the following narrative as near as possible in his own words:

When the bold action of our Congress in asserting the independence of the colonies, became known in the Old World, we were laughed and scoffed, at as silly, presumptuous rebels, whom British grenadiers would very soon tame into submission, but undaunted, we prepared to make good what we had said. The keen encounter came, and the world knows the result. It is easy and pleasant for those of the present generation to talk and write of the days of '76, but they little know, neither can they imagine, the trials and sufferings of those fearful days. And there is one thing that I much fear, and that is the American people do not appreciate the boon of freedom. Party spirit is yearly becoming stronger and stronger, and without it is checked will, at no distant day, undermine and tumble into ruins the noble structure of the Republic. But let me hasten to my narrative.

From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious another time conquered. The darkest period we had however, I think, when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777. Ah! I have often seen the tears coursing down our dear commander's careworn cheeks as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington going to the thicket to pray; well, it is not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from that God, the inter-position of whose providence alone brought us safely through those dark days of tribulation.

One day, I remember well the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, and the sky was cloudless, the sun shining brightly. He remained in his quarters nearly all af

ternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was paler than usual and that there seemed to be something upon his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I have mentioned, who was presently in attendance. After a preliminary conversation which lasted about half an hour, Washington, gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said to the latter:

"I do not know whether it is owing to anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this very table, engaged in preparing a dispatch, something in the room seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld, standing opposite to me, a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moment, before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence. A second, a third and even a fourth time did I repeat the question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor, except a slight raising of the eyes. By this time I felt a strange sensation speeding through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I essayed for the fifth time to address her, but my tongue had become powerless. Even thought itself suddenly become paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was gaze steadily and vacantly at my companion. Presently I heard a voice saying, "Son of the Republic, look and learn!" while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance, rising fold upon fold. This gradually faded away and I beheld a strange scene before me lay spread out, in one vast plain, Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw the Atlantic rolling and tossing between Europe and America and the Pacific law between America and Asia.

"Son of the Republic," said the same voice, "look and learn!" At the same moment I beheld a dark shadowy being, like an angel in midair between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some on America with his right hand, while he cast up on Europe some with his left. Immediately a dark cloud rose from each of these continents and joined in midocean. For awhile it remained stationary and then moved slowly westward, until it envelopes America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American peo

ple. "A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean in whose heaving waves it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying.

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

"I cast my eyes upon America and beheld the vilages, towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from Atlantic to Pacific was dotted with them. Again I heard the mysterious voice saying:

"Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh; look and learn."

"At this, the dark, shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approaching our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city in the later, the inhabitants of which presently set themselves in battle array against each other. I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, an which was traced the word 'Union,' bearing the American flag, which he placed between the divided Nation, and said 'Remember, ye are brethern.' Instantly the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons, became friends once more, uniting around the Stars and Stripes. And again I heard the mysterious voice, saying:

"Son of the Republic the end of a century cometh: look and learn."

At this, the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts and taking some water from the ocean, sprinkled it out upon Europe, Asia and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of the continents arose thick, black clouds, which soon joined in one, and throughout this mags there gleamed a dark red light, by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was presently enveloped in the volume of the

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cloud. I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn villages, towns and cities that I had beheld springing up. As my ears listened to the thundering of cannon, clashing of swords and shouts and cries of the millions in mortal combat the shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth and blew a long, fearful blast. Instantly a light as from a thousand suns shown down from above me and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud that enveloped America. At the same moment I saw an angel upon whose head still shone the word 'Union,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descend from heaven attended by legions of bright spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who, I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. Again, amid the fearful noise of conflict, I heard:

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

"As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it over America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back with, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious. Then once more I beheld towns and cities springing up where they had been before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried aloud:

"While the stars remain and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Republic last. And taking from his brow the crown on which blazed the word 'Union,' he placed it upon the standard, while the people, kneeling down, said 'Amen.'

"The scene now faded away, and I could myself once more gazing upon my mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said: "Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted; Three perils shall come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the second, passing which the world united shall never be able to prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and the 'Union.' With these words my visitor vanished and I started from seat feeling that I had seen a vision where in had been shown me the birth, progress and destiny of the United-States. In Union she will have strength; in disunion her destruction."

"Such my friend," concluded the venerable Anthony Sherman, "were the words I heard from Washington's own lips."

—Advertising Pays—
W. D. Blair, of east of Spur two miles, was on the streets Wednesday of this week.

THE FUNDAMENTAL NEED IS KINDNESS

The older I grow the more convinced of the validity of one of my earlier beliefs.

Namely, that the fundamental need of this world is kindness.

"Everyone is thirsting for understanding, for sympathy, for the refreshing touch of a kindly heart.

The yearning may be covered up by a show of cleverness, sophistry or cynicism, but sooner or later, as Amiel so beautifully describes it, 'just when one has succeeded in deadening feeling by work or amusement all of a sudden the heart, solitary captive that it is, sends a cry from its prison depths, a cry which shakes to its foundations the whole surrounding edifice.'

It is the cry for sympathy and kindness.

Those who are justly kind have their place in the world.

The other evening I was reading again the story of those turbulent times of Charles I, in England.

Out of the mass of picturesque self seekers an unknown private soldier stands out in my memory.

As the King was led to his death a private soldier standing near the door said in pity, "God bless you, Sir. An officer knocked him down.

No matter how black the crimes of the condemned man, nor how just the decree, that private soldier showed a kindness of nature in the face of popular disapproval that raised him high above the ruck of his surroundings.

I have often wondered what his name was.

Men of the kindly heart have included some of the greatest names of history.

Leonard da Vinci, the universal genius of Italy, was in the habit of buying caged birds to have the pleasure of giving them their freedom.

Pythagoras, the noble-minded Greek teacher, is said to have one day purchased from the fishermen the fish in their nets in order to have the joy of freeing them.

Companionship for the unfortunate however humble, is the mark of a superior soul.

Kindness is the core of character. It is the power of the Golden Rule applied to every day.

When Lincoln's mother was dying in her frontier cabin she put her hand on little Abe's head and told him always to be kind to his father and sister.

There is more than an accidental relationship between the character of the greatest man of our age and the fact that 'being kind' was the only request of his dying mother.— Dr. Frank Crane.

—Advertising Pays—
J. D. Powell made a business trip Friday of last week to the Panhandle oil fields.



THE JUDGE SAYS—

"You can usually tell a lot about a person's ability and stability by looking at the balance of his Thrift Account."

If you want to be known in this community as a person of dependability and worth, drop in and start a Thrift Account, saving a certain part of your earnings each payday.



YOUTHFUL ELOPERS FROM CROSBYTON ARE DETAINED

Kansas City, Aug 8.—A pair of youthful elopers from Crosbyton, Texas, are being held today by the police awaiting word from their parents. The boy is 16 and the girl 19.

At police headquarters the boy related a tale of thwarted love, hard labor in the cotton gin and the decision to elope.

A week ago, he said, he took his father's car, stole his sweetheart from under the very noses of her parents, and started. They had \$28 in cash when they started but by the time they reached Kansas they were wiches, and sleeping in the car. reduced to occasional "hot dog" sandwiches, and sleeping in the car.

J. B. Morrow, of Elton, was here Tuesday. He informed us that the hail storm of last week came only within two miles of his place, a few scattering hail stones only falling at his place. His crop, he further stated, was in fine shape and promised a big harvest, no worms bothering his cotton, and the season now warranting more fruitage than it could possibly hold. This country can feed the worms a few hundred bales and then make more than can be gathered with the prospect of limited pick-erg this fall.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Will Tallent and wife returned the past week from Waurika, Oklahoma, where they were called on account of the illness of his brother who suffered a stroke of paralysis Thursday of last week.

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The Borrowed Shoes

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS

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"I DO think you might!" Felicia whined. "Seeing you're not going—not even invited—besides, the shoes are too long for you."

"All which, though true, has nothing to do with the case," Sandy retorted, her nose very high. "I would have been invited but for your lie—you told the Clarks I didn't dance."

"I—I didn't! Who told you? They lied," Felicia cried weakly, her voice betraying terror. "All I said was your mother never wanted you to dance—"

"But not a word that she died five years back—and told me at the very last how sorry she was she'd been so hard and narrow. Poor dear. She couldn't help it, an orphan ward in your family that thought wickedness into every pleasant thing, and ate up half she had, after eating up all their own. Finding them out I do believe hurt her worse than being so plundered—" Sandy burst out, sparks in her eyes. "But we're wastin' breath that can be better spent. Mine in saying you shan't wear my black satin pumps—now nor ever—burn 'em up first."

Sandy—properly Alexandria Semmes—was semi-private secretary to Banker Lawrence, going in and out eight miles daily by help of the trolley. She loved to dance, better than to dream of a possible Prince Charming. And she did often alone, timed by a neighbor's radio, in the dusk of her big room with all the windows wide. If she had said so, folks would have looked askance—even without that they were given to saying behind the hand how queer she was. How very queer. Yet, oddly, she was better liked than Felicia, who by influences not generally named out loud—being ecclesiastical or political—fed in public pastures, seeking always the most money for the least work.

In their small-girlhood Sandy had disliked her tepidly. Now that they were rising twenty, dislike had changed into blazing contempt. The affair of the dance and the shoes was typical—she determined to wear the pumps to rags, as soon as she knew of Sandy's misfitting gift. It might better have come to her. The sender, an old teacher gone higher in the school machine, had written with the parcel: "Too long, I know, dear Sandy—but so slim and soft, they deserve to be seen on your beautiful feet."

Felicia went to the party—in borrowed shoes, rather than miss it. Too narrow, too long, her heels were blistered by their slipping up. But that didn't hurt half so much as the fact that they split up and down the middle—which meant putting a new pair in place of them. Fifteen dollars was an awful price to pay, even for dancing with all the best partners. Sandy should pay much more than that—else Felicia would know the reason why. She began sedulously to cultivate Mrs. Lawrence, who was as good as she was beautiful, and guileless to the edge of imbecility. Presently she was hearing—of course told regretfully—the tale of Sandy's wickedness. Did Mrs. Lawrence feel it right to have her husband subjected to such influences? Mrs. Lawrence sighed deeply, blushed and said vaguely she trusted Elbridge as she did her God. But next week, Felicia danced for joy—for Sandy's desk in the bank had a new occupant—and Sandy herself had vanished.

Also and further Mrs. Lawrence had been more than kind—taking Felicia in her car all about the county, on her speaking tours. Sandy wasn't mentioned. So time, ambling withal, brought another holiday imminent. Felicia somehow felt that the feast would mark a climax in her affairs. Banker Lawrence had said rather pointedly that there needed to be changes in county affairs. She had never managed to get really acquainted with him—but his wife's kindness more than made up for that. Of course they might ask her to the holiday dinner—Mrs. Lawrence had spoken vaguely of a possible absence. But nothing was settled—it was a happy hopeful Felicia that breezed into the county offices bright but not too early the Monday morning of that week. She found the men there twittering, the women gasping. The friendliest of them fought with the unfriendliest to tell the news. Willard Lawrence, sole heir to the banker, was fetching home a wife—and who should that wife be but Sandy Semmes!

Luck! Pure, blind, bull luck! Nothing else. Son Willard had a scientific complex—a very robust one—he had taxed his eyes till blindness threatened just when there was required, the most difficult, the most accurate, the most tedious calculation—for which his father had chosen Sandy, sending them away to a seaside home where, in a darkened room, young Willard could listen to the results Sandy read him. Outside, a noted mathematician checked them—and found never a flaw. She had made the tedious job a labor of love—in result she had won the love of her employer. They had been married a month—with full parental approval—of course she'd never go back to the bank—but think of her queening it there at the Lawrence house. Felicia waited to hear no more. Instead she made haste to write her resignation, ask an invitation to visit a distant cousin—and there to decide that another state and county gave better scope for her abilities—a decision never challenged by those she left behind.

C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek country to the south of Spur six or eight miles, was on the streets Monday meeting with his friends. He reports a fine rain Sunday, just the amount needed, and crops are now in fine shape and most promising of big harvests.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Dud Jones was down Tuesday from Afton, spending some time here on business.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
H. J. Parks, of west of Spur ten or twelve miles, was on the streets Monday. He reports everything in fine shape in his section, there being no damage at this time from worms which are reported appearing in the cotton crops throughout the country. The state department of agriculture for some time has been advising the country that worms in great numbers would probably appear later, and throughout the entire cotton area of the country now comes reports of worm depredations and damages.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
J. B. Reed, of the Watson community, was here Tuesday transacting business affairs.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Buster Bural, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur trading the past week. Buster states that he has fine crops and nothing bothering him in the least.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Attorney B. G. Worswick was in the city Saturday greeting friends and incidentally transacting official business.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Judge H. A. C. Brummett was here Saturday campaigning with the large number of voters here also that day. Next Saturday, however, will end the campaigning for two more years.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
Sheriff Jones was transacting business in Spur the first of the week. Sheriff Jones has instituted a worldwide search for Emmett Gladish who recently escaped from the Dickens jail, and with the methods being employed it is expected that he will soon be captured.

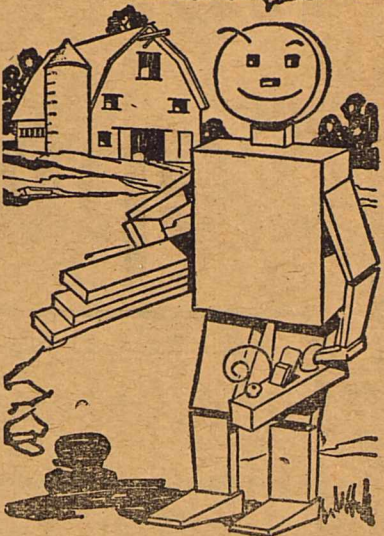
—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

J. W. Jennings was in the city Tuesday. Last week he was here showing a stalk of cotton from his crop which gave promise of a bale to the acre. If the worm threat can be overcome without damage, this country will make the biggest cotton crop ever before known.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was here during the week, stating that everything is progressing very well notwithstanding the talk of fleas and possibilities of worms later. He knows how to handle the worm situation, especially the "careless" variety, since each year he always provides and preserves their choicest food.

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Clerk O. C. Arthur, came over the first of the week from Dickens, He and family just recently returned from a vacation trip to the mountains of Colorado where they spent an enjoyable week. We understand that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are considering moving to Spur and making their home here, and where he will engage in business, at the expiration of his present term of office. Olen Arthur has been serving the people of Dickens county well and faithfully the past six or eight years, is known, respected and liked by practically every citizen of the county, and will find a welcome as a resident citizen of the city of Spur.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
County Treasurer, Mrs. Cole, was visiting and shopping in Spur Saturday of the past week.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
S. B. Boykin, of north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday, trading a little and talking politics a whole lot. It will be only a few days now until all political talk will end, and it ought to be permissible to "make hay while the sun shines."

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
John Aston was here Wednesday meeting his friends.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—
J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, was on the streets Monday meeting with his friends.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS BARGAIN

For Sale at Bill Presley house 1 block East of School Building on corner: 2 Beds and Springs, 1 Buffet, 2 Batchelor Stoves, 1 Heater, 1 Kitchen Cabinet, 1 4burner Oil Stove, 2 Rocking Chairs, 1 1/4 Bedstead, 1 Dresser, 1 Library Table, 1 Dining Table and chairs.

These goods are to be sold at bargain prices. Call for inspection.—Joe Christal.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Ned Bowers, of the Jones ranch headquarters, was here during the week hobnobbing with his friends, and lamenting the fact that Shorty Rorie had forsaken him in the ways of single blessedness.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

H. J. Parks, of west of Spur several miles, was on the streets Monday. He reports everything in good shape in that part of the great Spur country.

—Advertising Pays—

D. I. McCombs, of Clairemont, was in Spur Monday. He states that everything is peacable, prosperous and plentiful throughout Kent county.

W. G. Mayfield, of Girard, was a business visitor Tuesday in Spur. Mr. Mayfield recently sowed a forty acre block of land near Girard in alfalfa. The rains of the past week no doubt will bring up this alfalfa to a good stand, and since it is sub-irrigated land the crop is expected to grow and develop into one of the best alfalfa crops of the entire country.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

J. C. Davis recently returned from Oklahoma where he had been spending several weeks recuperating and regaining his health. He made wonderful improvement. In fact he has the appearance of one who has had not only rest and recuperation but other invigorating stimulants.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

M. F. Hagar, democratic nominee for county commissioner of precinct two in Kent county, was in Spur last Monday. He reports good rains in the Antelope community, where he lives, and that crops are most promising of abundant yields, there being little signs and indications at this time of worms in damaging numbers.

—Advertising Pays—

Newt Cravey was here Wednesday.

R. J. Hairgrove was on the streets Monday. He was accompanied by his little grandson who is here from Canyon visiting with the family. The little boy was walking on a crutch, the result of having cut his foot with a piece of glass, and which had been giving him much trouble.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

J. H. Farmer, of four miles to the northeast of Spur, was a very pleasant caller Tuesday at our sanctum. He was optimistic of bumper yields of cotton, stating that while a few worms were in the cotton, yet he anticipated little damage. Worms appear every year, more or less, in the cotton, and can be controlled by the timely application of poison.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

W. S. Perry and family and E. J. Cowan and family left Saturday for Junction where they will spend a few days fishing.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

J. M. and Oscar Marrs, two leading citizens of the Afton country, were among the business visitors, Tuesday to Spur. While here Mr. Marrs was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. We recalled several years ago upon the arrival here of Mr. Marrs from his old home in Tennessee, The Texas Spur office was the first place he landed upon his arrival. At that time he had the paper sent to other parties in Tennessee who later also came to the Spur country and are now recognized as among our best citizenship, and prospering. The Texas Spur has been the medium of guiding a number of good citizens here, and we are always glad to see them and to know that they are prospering and contented.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Jake Ballard was among the Spur visitors, Tuesday from Dickens.

—The Fair, Sept. 16, 17, 18—

Albert Hodges, wife and children returned last week from a trip and visit to Pueblo, and Colorado Springs, where they spent several days enjoying that cooler climate.

WE HAVE MOVED INTO OUR NEW PLACE OF
Crockett's Barber Shop

BUSINESS ONE DOOR NORTH OF PENNANT SERVICE STATION ON EAST SIDE OF THE MAIN STREET. WE INVITE YOU TO CALL ON US.

We Will be Glad to Serve You.

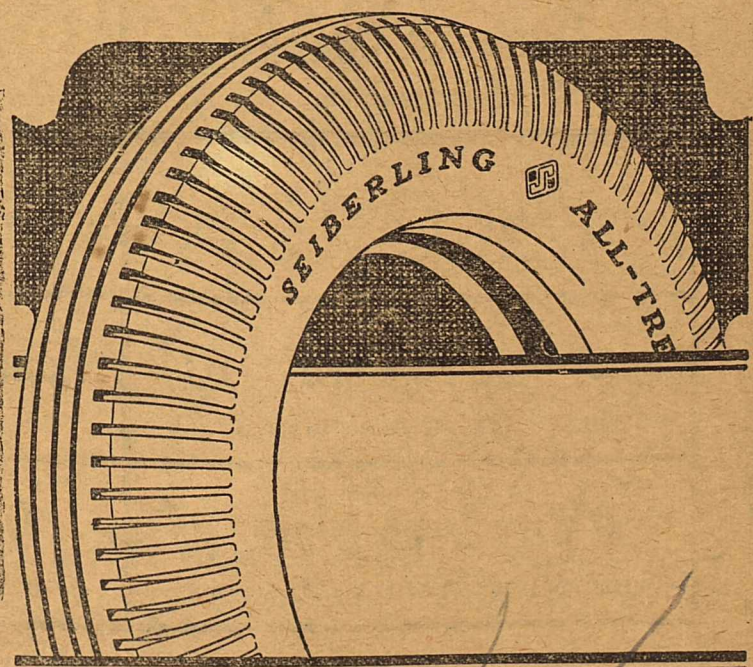
Barbecue With Lots of Gravy!

WE HAVE THE BEST COOKED BARBECUE EVERY DAY! BRING YOUR BUCKET AND GET THE GRAVEY TOO!

Regular Meals and Short Orders Served

The Highway Cafe

BELL & FOX, Proprietors



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J. P. SIMMONS, Prop.

THE Dixie Beauty Shoppe at Home

SOL DAVIS BUILDING
Phone 252 and 20

NORTHWEST TEXAS FAIR, AT SPUR, September 16, 17, and 18th--Come!

A GOOD SAFE PLACE TO TRADE
B. Schwarz & Son
THE STORE OF LITTLE PROFIT

Layne-Yates Co.
"SPUR'S PROGRESSIVE STORE
NUFF SAID"

Spur Hdw. & Furniture Co.
"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"
Make Our Store Headquarters at the Fair

Ramsey's Garage
Let Us Take Care of Your Car
During the Fair—Storage

Spur Chevrolet Co.
SEE THE NEW CHEVROLETS
DURING THE FAIR

BEST OF THINGS TO EAT
Cozy Lunch Room
EVERYTHING PURE AND CLEAN

Gruben Brothers
WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY
"Known the World Over"

Western Hotel
FAIR VISITORS WELCOME

"M" System Grocery
"PAY CASH AND PAY LESS"

The Mission
WELCOME! FAIR VISITORS

Spur Drug Company
"THAT REAL GOOD DRUG STORE"

Get what you go after—First comes Health
and health depends upon backbone; get yours
right. See me Today and you've made the
start—
Lavina B. Conklin
CHIROPRACTOR

Howe's Garage
AND WE KNOW HOW

Bell's Cafe
BEST CAFE IN SPUR—VISIT US

City Drug Store
WHAT YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT IT

MEET US AT THE FAIR!

The business firms whose names appear on this page are not only desirous of serving the trade in their various lines, but extend a hearty welcome for all to visit places of business and affording the pleasure of a social as well as business meeting during the Fair.

We are cooperating with the people of the entire community to the end that the three days fair will be full of fun, pleasure and amusement, and of real profit and benefit in a social, moral, commercial and agricultural way to all who attend.

The following program has been arranged for each of the three days:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 A. M.—Band parade, up-town.
10:00 A. M.—Band Concert at Fair Grounds, by Spur Municipal Band.
2:00 P. M.—Band Concert at Fair Grounds.
4:00 P. M.—Boys Mile Relay Race.
5:00 P. M.—Concert by Spur Orchestra.
Big Indian War Dance by real Indians, and other attractive features during the day.
Rodeo, Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking and Relay Races for men and women, Calf Roping, etc., will be held throughout each day of the fair.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.

9:00 A. M.—Band Parade, up-town.
10:00 A. M.—Band Concert at Fair Grounds.
2:00 P. M.—Band Concert.
4:00 P. M.—Girls 400-Yard Relay Race.
5:00 P. M.—Concert by Spur Orchestra.
5:15 P. M.—Vocal Solo by Miss Nell Higgins.
5:30 P. M.—Award of \$75 in Gold to the Young Lady receiving the highest number of votes as the most attractive girl of any rural community.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

9:00 A. M.—Band Parade over streets of Spur.
10:00 A. M.—Singing Class Contest throughout a large portion of the day.
Rodeos, Bronc Riding, Wild Cow Milking, Running and Relay Races, Calf Roping, Big Indian War Dances by real Indians, each day of the fair.

Salem's Dry Goods NEW DRY GOODS—YES COME SEE!	Campbell & Campbell "UP TO DATE FURNITURE"	Spur Cream & Bottling Wks. Coco Cola — Soda Water — Ice Cream
Lone Star Service Station We Mean SERVICE Too	Musser Lumber Co. "BOOSTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY"	Sanitary Cafe FAIR VISITORS CORDIALLY WELCOME
Davis Insurance Co. GET INSURANCE FOR THE FAIR	Spur National Bank "WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS"	Red Front Drug Store BEST PLACE TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS

During the Fair Visit the
Lyric Theatre
A SUPER-SPECIAL RUN OF PICTURES

Spur Paint & Top Shop
Paint up and be noticed—All work guaranteed
SEAT COVERS, TOPS & UPHOLSTRY

Hokus-Pokus Groceries
"PAY CASH AND SMILE"
"We Want Your Trade" — Spur Gro. Co.

This Fair is Insured Against Rain by
Clemmons Insurance Agc.
"ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE"

PLENTY OR FREE ICE WATER
Central Market
VISIT US DURING THE FAIR

Highway Cafe
WE INVITE YOU TO EAT WITH US
DURING THE FAIR

C. Hogan & Company
We Welcome You to Visit Our Store
DURING THE FAIR

C. R. Edwards & Co
"Plenty of Ice Water and a Cool Place to Rest"

Tri County Lumber Co.
"EVERYTHING TO BUILD ANYTHING"

Spur Tailor Shop
WE DON'T WANT TO CROW BUT—

City National Bank
WE'RE HOT AS A FIRE CRACKER
FOR THE FAIR

Maple's Garage
Store your car with us during the Fair—A
full line of tires, oils, Magnolia and Gulf
Gasoline—No-Nox

BOOST THE FAIR!