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Disbarred



Judge Ben B. Lindsey, famous court judge of Denver, admitted to "companionate marriage," was disbarred from practice for taking a fee of \$30,000 while still on the bench.

Horace Gibson Retires From City National Bank and Engages in Insurance Business

On the first of the year, Horace Gibson, who has been with the City National Bank as assistant cashier, for a number of years, resigned his position with this institution and has engaged in the insurance and land business, establishing an office at the Palace Theatre building.

T. W. Whigham Engages in the Radio Business in Floyd

T. W. Whigham and family this week moved to Florida where Mr. Whigham has purchased an interest in a radio sales business.

A. Gunn Died Sunday at His Home in Lockney

L. A. Gunn, father of Chas. Gunn of Houston Gunn of Spur, died Sunday, December 29th, at his home in Lockney in Floyd county, following an illness of some time.

O'Donnell Farmer Is Killed With Shotgun

Larasa, Dec. 31.—Robert Durham, 22, is being held in the county jail here following the fatal shooting of his father this afternoon, about four o'clock at the latter's home four miles south of O'Donnell and is miles northeast of here in Dawson county.

Donnamae B. Lairsen Killed In Auto Wreck Sunday Morning

One of the most shocking accidents in the history of Spur occurred Saturday night when Miss Donnamae B. Lairsen, of the Foley Motor Company, was almost instantly killed in an automobile accident which occurred on the highway east of Spur and near Gilpin.

Miss Donnamae, with Miss Louise Collier and Charlie Fox had driven down the highway with a member of the Henry Cato Orchestra which had been playing for a dance in Spur, and while returning home the car in which the party were riding struck a cow in the road, causing the car to overturn, Miss Lairsen being caught underneath the car.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. F. Rogers at the Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, young business men of the city acting as pall bearers.

Miss Lairsen's mother, Mrs. P. C. Lairsen, also suffered an accidental death, being killed several years ago by a run-away team on the old George Ranch in Stonewall county.

Billie Koon Shot Accidentally While Playing Saturday With Other Boys

Billie Koon, young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon, was accidentally shot with a twenty-two target rifle Saturday afternoon while playing with a number of other boys.

Mrs. R. R. Wooten Hostess To The Delphian Club

The Delphian Club met at the home of Mrs. R. R. Wooten on December 17th with the following members present:

Virgil Smith and Miss Stewart Married in Spur December 22

Virgil Smith, of the Virgil Smith Grocery of Spur, and Miss Fannie Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart of east of Spur, were united in marriage Sunday, December 22nd, at the Baptist parsonage in Spur.

M. W. Overfelt, of near Girard, was recently trading and transacting other business affairs in Spur.

Mrs. R. J. Bateman's Mother Died Suddenly in Wood County

On December 26th Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of north of Spur, received a message informing them of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. Bateman's mother, Mrs. W. F. Ingram, at her home in Whitman, Wood county.

Miss Mary Lena Hooper Married To J. E. Culpepper

The following was taken from a Beaumont paper, and records the marriage of Miss Hooper, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hooper of the Twin Wells community.

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American Legion Enjoys Banquet at K. P. Hall New Year's Night

The Spur American Legion members enjoyed a banquet at the K. P. Hall Tuesday night, as they watched the Old Year out and the New Year in.

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Evolutionist Recants



Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, Director of the American Museum of Natural History, who says recent discoveries indicate that man is not descended from tree-living apes but always walked upright.

Meeting of Ferguson Supporters for Governor is Called to be Held in Spur Sat.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a meeting of the supporters of James E. Ferguson for Governor in the primary election this year, is called to be held in Spur Saturday, January 11th, for the purpose of organizing a Ferguson Club for Dickens county, and organize for the campaign which is now opening.

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Celebrate Christmas and Wedding Anniversary

On December 25th the day was made happy for Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall in celebration of Christmas and their 45th wedding anniversary.

Hollywood Borrowws Psychologist's Idea



Dr. Thaddeus Bolton, head of the Department of Psychology of Temple University, has given Hollywood a new idea. Chorus girls who do the cabaret and dancing scenes for the "talkies", read recently how the doctor had provided tired stenographers with a new supply of pep by feeding them a mid-afternoon lunch of cake, candy and sweetened orangeade. Dr. Bolton picked foods having a high sugar content because sugar is a quick-acting energy food. The girls decided to try it out themselves and the photograph above shows a group stealing a snack between "shots" in one of the studios.

"long distance" reduced

THE fourth reduction in "long distance" rates within three years is effective January 1.

Day "station-to-station" calls to points 60 to 300 miles away will cost 10 cents less in most cases; 5 cents less in the few remaining cases.

Annual saving to U. S. telephone users—5 million dollars.

A Policy at Work

Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, recently declared this policy for the Bell System: "... a telephone service for the nation more and more free from imperfections, errors or delays, and always at a cost as low as is consistent with financial safety."

Here you see a policy at work!

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



Inherits a Million



Josephine Barth, eleven years old, of Denver, to whom the courts have awarded the million-dollar estate of her grandmother. Josephine says she is going to have a "big, snappy roadster" as soon as she is old enough to get a driving license.

What Makes Us What We Are?

By Bruce Barton

Recently there came into my possession the photographs of five brothers whom I have known very well all of my life. The pictures were taken when the eldest of the five was only eight years old.

The first that impressed me was the resemblance of each one to all the others. Anybody, looking at them, would have known at once that they are children of the same father and mother.

Even more striking was the fact that today, when their average age is forty, they seem to have changed very little. I had no difficulty in laying the baby pictures on the desk and saying: "This is Joe, and this is John."

One might almost jump to the conclusion, from such an exhibit, that experience and will power have very little to do with character.

Yet I know that each of these five boys has been changed, and by the exercise of his own free will.

The hot temper of the eldest has been cooled by self control; he has become far sweeter and more tolerant.

The impatience of another, which made him quick to start new things and quick to leave them half finished, has been transformed into a steady staying power.

By exercise and self discipline the physical weakness of another has been built up into solid health.

Another told me that he and his wife went to an orphan asylum to adopt a little boy. For a couple of hours they watched two hundred youngsters playing on the floor. One of them was trying to fit the cover onto a tin can. Time after time he struggled to push it into place, only to take it off and start all over again.

"We'll take that baby," said the man. "He will be a worker."

I discussed the subject once with a shrewd observer of the human race. He mentioned the man who had been the leader of his class at college and had never been heard of since.

"Perhaps he had some hidden illness," I said. "Perhaps he just couldn't amount to anything."

My friend disagreed vigorously. "He could have changed himself," he said. "Deep down in his heart that man knows why he has failed."

Personally, I believe this. The pictures of my five friends tend to confirm this belief. They are what they were as children. But they are also different.

Each has moulded himself, and not merely been moulded. Not birth alone, but will power, has made them what they are.

L. S. Putman, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

A. K. McAllister, of Afton, was among those who came down to see Santa Claus.

W. P. Fretwell, of the northern part of the county, was among the recent business visitors and traders in Spur.

S. W. Stephenson, of the Plains section of country, was among the business visitors in Spur during the holidays.

FAIRM STOCK

MINERAL MIXTURE NEEDED BY SWINE

Grain and Forage Rations Must Be Supplemented.

That the ordinary grain and forage rations used for feeding our hogs must be supplemented with a mineral mixture is a fact upon which all investigators agree. A typical statement relating to this subject was recently made by A. Severson of the North Dakota experiment station, as follows:

"The ordinary grain ration does not contain the variety nor a proper amount of mineral matter required to rapidly develop a large frame for early maturing hogs. One can expect a considerable percentage of weak, undersized or unfertile pigs when no mineral mixture is used. Without mineral matter sows are apt to go down in the back, become weak in their pasterns and many times become so weak they cannot get up when nursing a large litter of pigs. The milk drains heavily on the skeleton of the sow to supply the proper amount of mineral to the milk. The constant addition of mineral matter to the sow's ration will avoid this ailment. Hogs are more apt to suffer from mineral deficiency than other classes of live stock."

Such products as tankage and skim milk are rich in mineral matter, but under average farm conditions they are seldom, if ever, fed in large enough quantities to supply the amount needed. Those who have been carrying their pigs on a light grain ration with perhaps a rather skimpy pasture should not overlook the feeding of a liberal supply of minerals.

Swine Grading Proves Valuable in Marketing

Hog grading data is a reliable agency for showing up many of the leaks which are prone to creep into the marketing end of our swine industry. For example, it has been pointed out that the percentage of heavy hogs has decreased since the inception of hog grading. The percentage of select bacon hogs, which was below 12 per cent for the whole of Canada at the commencement of hog grading, has risen gradually to 17 per cent. This improvement has been accomplished through closer attention to breeding and feeding; because of the data revealed to farmers through this policy, and also because the policy provided for payment on a quality basis.

Agriculture Improves

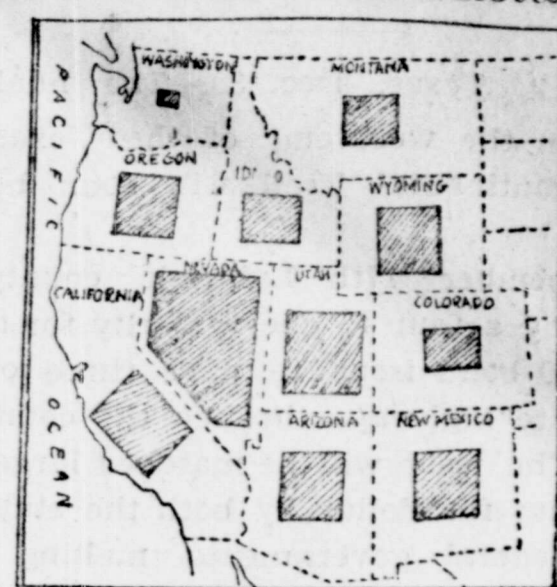
The condition of agriculture seems to be a subject of controversy. Chairman Legge of the Federal Farm Board recently declared before the American Farm Bureau Convention that agriculture is showing a marked economic improvement. Former Governor Frank O. Lowden challenged that statement, asserting that agriculture as an industry is in a serious plight and that nothing to remedy the situation will be accomplished until that fact is realized. The majority of farmers will be inclined to agree with Mr. Lowden. Still every observer must agree that some improvement in the financial status of agriculture has taken place since the depression of 1921. Prices of livestock, cash crops, and of some dairy products are better than they were at that time, but of greater significance is the general decline in commodity prices that has taken place during the past five or six years.

The farmer pays less today for his car, his radio, his shoes, and his clothing in terms of potatoes, corn or livestock than he paid seven or eight years ago. And that unquestionably spells improvement in his financial status.

In thinking on such economic problems we must forget the dollar as the sole measure of value and price. It is what the farmer or laborer gets in return for his work that really counts.

And we all know that the car that sold for fifteen or eighteen hundred dollars in 1921 or 1922 could be replaced with a much better machine

Uncle Sam's Real Estate



Shaded areas show the area of public land, which President Hoover would turn over to the states. The total acreage is as large as the thirteen original states.

today for much less than \$1,000. Many other commodities have made equally sensational price declines and of as much significance is the fact that this lower price level in industry has been accomplished with but slight decline in the worker's wages. This is evidence of the rapidly developing efficiency of American industry.

A Poet-Prophet

Dr. John Joseph Gaines. Tennyson, I mean. Take your copy of Tennyson's Poems, and turn to "Locksley Hall." Wander down the first words in lines, until you come to this:

"For I dipt into the future, far as human eye could see."

Then read attentively the eighteen or twenty lines following; a prophecy is there that is being fulfilled to-day—and it is wonderfully beautiful. He saw the age of flying. He visualized the era of commercial aviation, now being transformed into reality. He saw the world clash of arms; heard the heaven filled with shouting, sensed the rain of "ghastly dew" from the poison-gas bombs; the conflicts of "the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue."

He foretold the termination of the fearful thing, in "the Parliament of man, the federation of the world." After that—"The common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe—And, the kindly earth shall slumber—lapt in universal law."

Almost—almost—but not quite. It is coming—the time when "the common sense" of most shall prevail, even unto the reign of "universal law." One of our own great statesmen believed with all his might in a league of nations; other great statesmen declared an association of nations to be the need; still others, equally noted, wanted nothing of the sort. Confusion, uproar, hard words came to our national family councils; the people arose, and swept the whole mess aside.

If I discern the signs of the times aright, world-effort is straining toward the point wherein the common sense of most shall hold the fretful few in awe. It will take universal law to bring peace and tranquility to the peoples of earth—and, the universal law is none other than God's law.

The laws of man can never transcend the laws of God. May heaven forbid that I should ever descend to the level of partisan politics.

KILL THE PRAIRIE DOGS

The Commissioners' Court has secured the service of Mr. Hill of the Federal Department of Agriculture who will be in Dickens on January 13th, 1930, to assist those desiring poison for the poisoning of prairie dogs. Mr. Hill will be prepared to furnish poison ready to put out for 7 cents per pound. See Mr. Hill on that date or your County Commissioner as to the amount of poison you will need.

Dickens county has been complimented by the Department of Agriculture on the efforts that have been put forth in exterminating the prairie dog, but a few remain and while we have the service of an expert let us complete the work. O. C. Newberry.

G. W. Allen, of McAdoo, was in Spur recently trading and transacting business affairs. He reported the Plains country in good shape at this season, and everybody optimistic of the New Year.

Twenty New Years have passed, and yet we are at the same corner on the same lot in the same business.

We thank you for keeping us here this long, and we want your business continuously.

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

"Spur's Oldest Store"

Bonds Voted for Paving Links of Transcontinental Trail

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 30.—The final link on the west end of the Texas Transcontinental Trail will soon be paved.

December 17th Lubbock county voted by a four to one majority for a \$901,000 bond issue to pave three of the state highways through the county. The issue will be matched largely dollar for dollar by both the state and federal governments, making a total of approximately \$2,500,000 to be spent on paved roads round the "Hub City of the Plains."

Included in this program is highway 53 which enters the county just west of Lorenzo and comes through Idalou into Lubbock. This is the west end of the Texas Transcontinental Trail that runs from Fort Worth to Weatherford, Millsap, Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto, Metcalf Gap, Caddo, Breckenridge, Albany, Leuders, Avoca, Stamford, Sagerton, Old Glory, Aspermont, Swenson, Peacock, Jayton, Girard, Spur, Dickens, Crosbyton, Ralls, Lorenzo, Idalou and Lubbock.

Clifford B. Jones of Spur, president of the highway association, has been directing the organization in encouraging the counties where the unpaved links are located to pave. Several counties have complied with the requests and Lubbock county has now fell in line in a big way. With the arrangements made for the paving of the west end of the highway, only a few scattered links will be left when the program here is completed.

Some time ago, Crosby county, just east of Lubbock, voted bonds to pave the east half of the road in their county from Crosbyton to the Dickens county line. Dickens county now is paved and with the exception of a few counties just southwest of Dickens, the highway is paved now all the way to Fort Worth.

When the program here in Lubbock county is completed, the highway will have 225 miles paved from Lubbock to Fort Worth over the 336 mile route.

Other counties up and down the line where the unpaved links now exist are talking of paving and within a very few years officials of the Texas Transcontinental Trail expect to have the entire route paved.

For a Better Year

With all of our good New Year resolutions soon to be relegated to the limbo of forgotten things, and with an ability being gained to write 1930 without a sudden start over the rapid passage of times, we may rationally look ahead and see just what we can do to make the coming twelve months more satisfactory in the way of better living.

Let us first come to the realization that the coming year can be one of the best in the history of our community if we will all set aside our petty grievances, our envious impulses and our unreasoning dislike for our competitors and colleagues here in Spur, and work together for the purpose of making our city a finer place in which to live.

Let us realize that we'll get out of our town nothing more than we put into it—that if we carry a grudge against our fellow citizens, if we harbor the feeling that Spur is a poor town in which to live, if we think life here is a bit dull and uninteresting, then we shall see reflected in the community our own sentiments exactly. But if we go about our work in the faith that we can help to make our city more desirable, more prosperous, and a more congenial environment, then we will find it one of the most delightful spots in the world.

Let us also come to the realization that there is an abundance of opportunity here for the man or woman with vision and the capacity for hard work. No person's career need be limited by the size of the community in which he lives, as the success of two doctors in a little Minnesota town, as the achievements of a big merchant in a small North Dakota city, and hundreds of other phenomenal small town careers can testify.

When we go to the big city and note the vast amount of wealth exhibited on every hand we are sometimes misled into the notion that "Here is where one must live in order to achieve real success." We forget that competition has a way of balancing up this matter of opportunity.

In other words we mean to say that the opportunity for a Happy and Prosperous New Year lies very largely in your own point of view and can be found right here in one of the finest little towns in the nation.

County Commissioner M. F. Hagar of Kent county, was transacting business matters in Spur the first of the week.

POULTRY

WINTER QUARTERS NEED RIGHT CARE

Great Drawback Is Keeping Fowls Free of Vermin.

More interest among poultry raisers and "small flock" owners center around the fall and winter season than at any other time of the year. Many flocks of chickens are ruined by lack of knowledge in caring for their winter quarters, picking out the right fowls and keeping them in shape for the long winter season to follow.

One of the greatest drawbacks of the small raiser is keeping their birds free from vermin, lice and different parasites which infest the chicken quarters. The owner is besieged with different kinds of literature on this subject, some too expensive to try and others not practical for their use.

In order to raise chickens profitably one must have "building" material that will not use up all the income received. In the feeding line your feed man can, in most cases, sell you feed of the right kind at the right price. In the disinfectant line everybody has a different method and generally too expensive for the average small raiser. In this line perhaps the best is none too high, but several have been tried and proved successful.

Take a full handful of tobacco stems and soak in luke warm water for one hour, drain and use the water—adding one-half pint of kerosene and one gallon of water. Spray just before chickens go to roost. If tobacco stems are not obtainable, use smoking tobacco, a small package the same way. If too bothersome to soak tobacco get nicotine at the drug store or nursery and use two teaspoonfuls to the same proportions as tobacco.

To be sure you are getting results, place a sheet of paper on the dropping board after spraying and if the chickens have vermin you will see them drop off onto the paper.

Hens Are Tempted by Eggs Broken in Nest

One of the most common vices is egg eating, of which most poultry keepers have had some experience.

Although the habit may be formed at any period of the year there is no doubt that a large number of the outbreaks are recorded during the summer.

This is partly due to the fact that large numbers of eggs are produced, and many of them are deposited in nests devoid of litter, thus creating a tendency for the eggs to become damaged.

The habit is often the result of a broken one being left in the nest or on the manure board, to be devoured by some bird later.

Very few, if any, hens can resist the temptation, and the habit quickly spreads from one to another, developing into an epidemic which frequently proves costly for the owners. Unless the nests are kept well covered with soft material the shells are certain to get damaged. Later on other hens frequent the nests, and broken eggs follow.

Poultry Hints

Cleanliness is the best preventive of poultry diseases.

Old hens are the most common spreaders of poultry tuberculosis.

Canker is a sore throat similar to diphtheria. Remove a sick hen at once.

Generally speaking, the hens with white shanks, big red combs, and old, dirty, and ragged plumage are the ones to keep, according to the specialist.

If eggs are found in stolen nests, in the litter or otherwise, so that their condition is not absolutely known, candle such eggs before taking them to market.

A hen that is laying will have a big, red, waxy comb, but as soon as she quits, the comb will begin to shrivel.

New corn can be fed in the ear if the birds are started on it gradually, with the amount increased from day to day.

Muslin curtains, if used in ventilating poultry houses, should be clean and in good condition. The old muslin area which is clogged with dust is not an effective medium for the diffusion of the air.

In addition to mash and scratch grain hens should have free access to grit, oyster shell and water. Green feed such as cabbage or mangles is also helpful.

For winter feeding yellow corn is superior to white. The yellow types are rich in vitamine A, which is necessary to keep the birds in good health and particularly to prevent eye trouble. This vitamine is also found in green feeds, but little of it in white corn, wheat, oats, buckwheat, barley and other common feeds.

Heads of Big Firms Predict High Records

New York, December 30.—American prosperity in 1930 will equal and in some instances surpass the record year just closed, according to forecasts received by the United Press from business leaders, railroad executives and correspondents in all sections of the country.

Among the leaders queried were officials of the United States Steel Corporation, General Electric Company, Montgomery Ward & Company, F. W. Woolworth Company, New York Central Railroad, Canadian Pacific Railroad, Atchison Railroad, and others in the nation's business.

In commenting upon results of 1929, these same leaders intimated that records were broken despite the stock market break. In nearly every line of business, new records were hung up and 1930 business will be considered exceedingly good if the 1929 record is only equalled.

During 1929, new high records were made in aggregate individual incomes, corporate earnings, iron and steel production, automobile production, railroad earnings, bank clearings, and various phases of retail trade. Toward the latter part of the year, some recession was felt in the leading lines as a natural result of unprecedented summer activity. This recession was partly stimulated by the stock market break but was certainly not due to the break in the stock values.

On the contrary, the stock market break left American banking institutions, individual investors and business leaders in a position where sound conditions could be built for the future. As a result, 1930 business appears to be headed for higher levels

after a few months of readjustment in the first half.

Toward the latter part of the past year, some diminution was noted in lines like steel and automobile production, both of which eased off to their lowest levels of the year.

Retail lines have suffered mostly from the decline in public purchasing power coincident to the stock market break, but even this line of business has held up to the 1928 levels and promise to make new records in 1930.

From various sections of the country a feeling of confidence is apparent and the usual keynote is "business as usual." Following are extracts from statements of a number of business and other leaders forecasting next year's trend:

James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation: "There has been no inflation in prices, inventories, nor in capacity. There is no apparent reason why 1930 should not be a good average year, with stable prices and stable wages."

Gerald Swope, president of the General Electric Company: "We look with confidence to a satisfactory business throughout 1930 with adequate earnings, and steady employment for labor."

A. W. Robertson, chairman of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company: "The general economic situation is thoroughly sound and the movement to stabilize business being carried out by American industries under the leadership of President Hoover will probably tend to prevent any great recession."

George B. Averitt, president of Montgomery Ward & Co.: "We are confident that as the year progresses and particularly during the last quarter we will see a restoration of

confidence in the fundamental soundness of the nation's business."

H. T. Parson, president of the F. W. Woolworth Company: "We should have prosperity in the year 1930."

Roger Babson: "The collapse of stock values has brought to all of us the realization that the days of old-fashioned hard work are not over yet."

Samuel P. Arnot, president of the Chicago Board of Trade: "American finance and industry are more strongly entrenched than ever before."

A Blessing

Just a small, glittering, razor-edged fragment of cold steel. There is a hint of creepiness at its mere mention. It is such a stern little thing, after all; its business is to make wounds—most feared of all, wounds upon the bodies of our dear ones; wounds upon and within the bodies of the ones we sympathize with most—the ones stricken, with death just around the bend ahead. The one that mother is praying over in the little room where nobody can hear but God—ah, this little sharp fragment of steel called merciless by the unthinking—what a blessing!

Yes, it's the surgeon's knife that I am talking about. And so few speak of it as a blessing; some crate from the house-tops that it is a villain—a murderer! They try to inflame us against this little benefactor, too often for their own personal financial ends.

No incantation, mesmeric hocus-pocus, or sleight-of-hand juggling on the surface ever removed a deadly tumor from the suffering woman—never did—and never can. Thousands of invalids put their trust in these subterfuges until too late because they dread the "knife." I do not

blame the poor timid creatures—they are not to be blamed. They are to be pitied in their mental torture, their suffering unrest and indecision, they do not know. They will espouse any measure that promises relief—any measure except that little sharp glittering fragment of steel.

A deep seated focus of deadly poison involving a vital unit within the human structure—it can't be charmed out, rubbed out, medicined out, dieted out—it will kill—kill! The little silvery looking piece of cold steel—quick! There may death in delay.

Yes, the surgeon's knife is a blessing, one of the very greatest, used in time, by competent hands. I do not mean the butcher's knife—no, no! I refer to the one that has given my dear ones to me, sound and well! —Dr. John Joseph Gaines.

M. E. Beaver, of Girard, was in Spur the past week, transacting business affairs and trading with merchants of the city.

Wayne VanLeer was down from McAdoo during the holiday season, trading and meeting with his old time friends.

Among the many here during the week was Willie Eldredge, of McAdoo, who stated that Santa Claus had come and gone from that section, leaving the usual "Christmas joy" in his wake.

M. E. Beaver, of Girard, was a business visitor the past week in Spur. Mr. Beaver is one among the most prominent and leading citizens of that section of Kent county, and at the present time is serving as tax collector for Girard Independent School District.



Aesop Said:

"He is wise who is warned by the mistakes of other."

The world is littered with the ruins of public works which have been abandoned.

The misfortune is the taxpayers'. Governments do not create wealth—that is peculiarly the business of the individual who creates it, preserves it and passes it along to the next generation free of debt.

Beware of those who would capitalize on the prejudices that can be stirred up in others.

West Texas Utilities Company

Handwritten notes: 48, 283, 384, 966, 1360

YOU WILL FIND US

IN OUR PRESENT LOCATION UP TO AND INCLUDING

Saturday, January 4th,

AFTER THAT DATE YOU WILL FIND US IN OUR NEW LOCATION IN

The Building 1 Door South of Hokus Pokus Grocery Store

FOR SATURDAY WE WILL FURNISH YOU WITH SOME "RED HOT PRICES" ON ALL MENS AND BOYS SUITS

All Ready-to-Wear and Other Lines that we are now Closing for the Season

Give us a Call and Help us Move the Goods into Cash, and Make a Saving for Yourself!

Many Good Values in SCHOOL SHOES for the Boys that will stand Hard Wear, MENS GOOD UNIONS for only 93c, MENS OVERALLS for only 93 cents,

WE HAVE PLENTY OF GOOD BARGAINS!

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

SPUR— A Quality Store —TEXAS

To Establish an Electrical Test Farm Near Lubbock Soon

An electrical test farm near Lubbock will be established within the year, according to the present plans of the Texas Committee on Relations of Electricity and Agriculture. The purpose of such a farm, according to Dean A. H. Leidigh of the school of agriculture and Dean Wm. J. Miller of the school of engineering of Texas Technological College, will be to do research work in connection with the application of electricity and electrical appliances to dairy and poultry farming.

Deans Leidigh and Miller have just returned from a meeting of the committee in Dallas, where the plans were discussed. This committee has 32 designated farms over the different sections of Texas which have been equipped with electricity through the cooperation of farmers, power and light companies and colleges of the state. Each of the cooperative industries has an equal number of representatives on the committee and has a full time research engineer, P. T. Montford at Texas A. & M., who is general supervisor of the work.

The local test farm, when established, will be under the direct supervision of Deans Leidigh and Miller and the equipment will be installed upon a privately owned farm near a power line, through the cooperation of the power company, the farmer and the local college men.

There are about six thousand farms in Texas now supplied with electrical equipment at practically the same cost as it is supplied to the city homes, according to a recent report to Mr. Montford, the research engineer of the committee. Electricity is used in the farm homes for heating, lighting, cooking, milking, milk refrigeration and cooling, and for lighting and heating poultry houses for increased egg production.

No Hard Times Here

There is no need to camouflage facts. From one end of our country to another there is fear that business may take a decided slump during the next few months.

The automotive and the radio industries have given us evidence of overproduction and a threat of possible under-employment during the next few months. Other industries are likewise facing difficulties.

But we seriously doubt if the depression will have any great influence on business locally. Our community is rather fortunately situated and has been entirely without that inflation that comes with boom industrial growth. Hence while we may find business a bit slow, we will not find any actual suffering here in our midst. No armies of unemployed will surge through our streets, no long lines will stand waiting for a turn at the soup kitchen, no one will know serious suffering and want, who really desires to work.

Records show that our community is remarkably stable. We do not ride high during a period of prosperity and consequently we do not sink low during a depression.

The next few months will tell, but we will hazard our reputation as a prophet on the statement that the citizens of Spur are not even going to discover the meaning of hard times.

2 GLASSES WATER, NOT TOO COLD, HELP CONSTIPATION

One glass water is not enough—take 2 glasses a half hour before breakfast. You get quicker and better results by adding a little simple glycerin, saline, etc., (known as Adlerika) to one glass.

Unlike other remedies, Adlerika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowels and removes old poisons you never thought were in your system. Adlerika stops GAS and sour stomach in 10 minutes! Relieves constipation in 2 hours. Spur Drug Co.

J. T. Rose, of near McAdoo, was among the many business visitors in Spur during the closing of the holidays.

Shorty Reynolds was over Monday from Dickens, stating that Santa Claus had come and gone—leaving him somewhat dilapidated but very high spirited, nevertheless.

Willie Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday of this week. Willie said that Christmas was somewhat dull this year, but that every body is now in good spirits in the anticipation of a prosperous year of 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lester, of the Afton country, were recent visitors and shoppers in Spur. Long years ago Mr. and Mrs. Lester lived in the Spur country, and still have many friends here who are always glad to meet them.

FARM POULTRY

FEEDING PULETS FOR WINTER EGGS

To Be Good Producers Fowls Should Be Well Developed.

The profit or loss in winter egg production of pullets depends upon the care and feeding they receive. For pullets to be good producers during the winter months they should be uniformly developed, have good frames, and be in good flesh before they begin to lay. It is therefore necessary that they receive a good ration which will fill them out and also store up an abundance of fat, according to H. M. Wells of the Colorado Agricultural college.

Feed a good growing mash or a laying mash that is supplemented with a grain mixture of two parts by weight of corn and one part of wheat, advises Wells. A laying pullet during the winter months will draw upon her reserve supply of fat and the feed she eats will go toward the development of eggs; otherwise if she does not have this fat reserve she will utilize the feed she consumes to supply her body wants and keep her warm, and only the surplus will go toward the production of eggs.

It would be profitable, if one has the room, to grade the pullets according to size. Make two or three grades of pullets, namely, those that are coming into bloom (comb becoming red) and are laying well developed, would be put in the laying house and fed a laying mash with the grain ration recommended above. The next smaller grade of pullets should be given all the growing mash they will consume, and this should be supplemented with a moist mash at noon. This moist mash consists of the growing mash moistened with milk to a crumbly consistency. By following this method, the more backward pullets will be brought into production before extreme cold weather sets in.

To secure the maximum results in production from pullets, it is advisable to keep them housed separately from the hens.

Air Outlets Prevent Colds and Diseases

All poultry houses should have an air outlet from the highest point in the house, for without this air-vent moisture collects. The fresh air that enters the house becomes warm and rises, and as warm air holds more moisture than cold air can hold, it will cause dampness in the poultry house unless it has a chance to go out. Otherwise it condenses under the roof and drops to make the litter moist and to cause a damp hen-house, which leads to colds and other troubles for the birds and a gradual loss of vigor on their part and loss of money on the part of their owners.

These facts, and many others, on ways to house poultry at low cost are given in a Cornell bulletin, written by H. E. Botsford and sent free to poultrymen of New York. It tells how to remodel old buildings—even large disused barns—and how to construct new houses.

Plan Poultry Houses With Eye to Future

Save dissatisfaction, regrets, many useless miles of walking and finally the sale of an unhandy place, by planning over and over the proposed placing of the buildings.

Try to plan out the ranch as it will be at the end of five to ten years' development, and put the first building where it should be at the end of that time.

Every building that must be moved is a dead load of effort, time and temper.

Figure to save steps by having tasks that can be done going and coming, driveways that save using carts, wheelbarrows and man power—and locate feed room centrally.

If water must be carried, try to cut down the distance and plan on running water as a part of the progression of plant.

Use Lice Powder

Body lice on hens are best treated by some good louse powder such as sodium fluoride, Persian insect powder, and a dozen more or less, good commercial powders. The main point is to get the powder clear to the skin.

To do this, hold the hen in the left hand, head downward. Force a small handful of powder, about the equivalent of a level teaspoonful in measure, through the long, soft feathers that cover the abdomen and clear down to the skin.

Needed Minerals

The Ohio experiment station has been doing some work of late years with minerals for poultry, with a very simple mineral mixture composed of raw bone meal finely ground, 60 parts, ground limestone 20 parts, containing 95 per cent calcium carbonate, sodium chloride or salt, 20 parts.

The above named experiment station concludes that these are the mineral elements that are most needed for the most profitable production of eggs and health of the hen.

Best Health I Have Had In 12 Months, He Says

WALL, TEXAS, FARMER STATES THAT HE KNOWS ORGATONE IS "BEST MEDICINE ON EARTH"—FOR ITS BENEFITS.

Mr. H. F. Eckerman, a well known farmer residing at Wall, Texas, while in the Lone Star Drug Store a few days ago, said:

"I was troubled with my stomach and ab adly disordered liver for over a year and my condition was such that the least little noise would upset me so completely that I could hardly do my work. I was highly bilious and in a general rundown condition and didn't know what to do, but Orgatone has changed it all now."

"In fact, I am feeling in a one hundred per cent better condition and want all my friends to know that although I have tried different doctors and treatments that this Orgatone is one real remedy which has been recommended to me that is a genuine meritorious preparation."

Genuine Orgatone may be bought in Spur at the Spur Drug Store.

J. H. Miller, of McAdoo, was in Spur during the holidays.

J. W. Davis, of Soldier Mound, was on the streets Tuesday, meeting with friends.

L. E. Bass, a prominent citizen of McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur the past week.

LOST—One bunch of keys with large metal disk with No. 16 cut in face. M. Hargrove.

Lee Watson was in Spur during the holidays from the Plains section of country near McAdoo. He reports conditions at least promising at this time, and the country as a whole optimistic of the prospects for the New Year.

County Commissioner Austin Rose, of the Plains country, was among the recent business visitors in Spur. Mr. Rose sowed a considerable acreage to wheat, the crop being reported in excellent growing condition at this time, and having furnished pasturage for many stock.

A. M. Lay, of the McAdoo Mercantile Company, was among the recent business visitors in Spur. Mr. Lay states that the company is again selling goods after an intermission of several weeks following the fire which destroyed stocks of goods together with the buildings. In the fire the company books and accounts were also destroyed, causing much more worry and trouble as well as the loss entailed.

Hatching Season Is Now On!

See Us for your wants in Chickens, Custom Hatching or anything in the hatchery line. We also Buy Your POULTRY Crockett Produce and Hatchery Next Door to Fire Sta.



Eyes Tested! Glasses Fitted!

We have just received an assortment of the LATEST STYLES in Spectacle Frames.

Gruben Bros. Spur, Texas

The New Palace Theatre Entertainment

FRIDAY,

Last Day

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With Comrs Talking. Talking "C" ing Serial.

SATUR-

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with Ken "SENOR" Western. as Friday.

MONDAY

"Bishop Murder Case"

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Talking Special With News and Comedy. It will keep you guessing to the end. WHO?

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, 8TH and 9TH:

"On the Trail"

with Bert Lytell, Lois Wilson, and Pauline Frederick. Rich widow held for murder; is she guilty? Broadway's greatest thriller. Was her honor worth a man's life and family's happiness? Is there any excuse for a woman who is one man's wife and another man's darling? It's new, it's different, it's sensational. With talking comedy.

COMING, JANUARY 11-14:

"DYNAMITE"

J. L. Jenkins, of the Prairie Chapel community east of Afton, was a recent business visitor in Spur. Mr. Jenkins informed us that he would again farm in the Prairie Chapel community, having the past year not made what would be called a "bumper crop," but much better than the average of the country as a whole—being in position to meet his financial obligations—and that is doing something out of the ordinary for such a year as was 1929.

Tariff Tangles

tage over other sections. The Penn- Mr. Grundy, representing the Pennsylvania manufacturers, tells a Senate committee that he regards other states as "backward" and regrets that they have equal representation in the Senate. Senator Moses of New Hampshire lowers his dignity enough to term the Western Senators who disagreed with him "sons of the wild jackass."

The present tariff law provides a tariff commission and gives it and the President ample power to revise tariff rates whenever and however national interests require such revision. Some simple-minded folk had the thought that was going to end the spectacle of the suspension of other business in Congress while localities and local groups fought each other for the extra dollars.

No intelligent politician ever had any such idea. That is not the way politics operates. National interests are one thing, getting reelected by local votes is something else again. In a controversy of this kind it is always the national—that is to say the public's—interest that suffers in precise proportion to the degree in which a given locality or industry profits.

Geo. F. Harris and family, of McAdoo, passed through Spur this week on their return home from a visit with his aged mother at Abilene. George stated that he realized his mother could be with them only a few more years, and that every opportunity he paid her a visit.



DAN J. THOMPSON

everything else I tried put together.

"My stomach was out of order and my digestion was so bad that often I had to get rid of undigested food through a rubber tube down my throat. For a long time had to practically live on milk. My color was bad, and I was weak, rundown and nervous. I had taken six bottles of Sargon, eat anything I want, my digestion is perfect and all my stomach trouble is over. I am well and strong and full of new strength and energy. Sargon Pills stimulated my liver and cleansed my system of all poisons."—Dan J. Thompson, 903 Waverley Ave., principal of the Reon-Waverley Ave., principal of the Rein-Red Front Drug Store, Agents.

E. T. Varnell, of the Afton section of country, was among those trading in Spur the past week.

J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was in town during the past week. Mr. Smith is among those who expect something to be doing in 'politics' as well as 'production' throughout the New Year. We, too, anticipate a warm political year and campaign, as well as bountiful production.

Out of Party



United States Senator Thomas J. Heflin of Alabama, who was declared "Pro Democrat" by the State Executive Committee, because he supported Hoover for the Presidency.

Artificial Brooding for Bigger Poultry Profits

A hen can act as foster mother for from 10 to 20 chicks while a small brooder can take care of 100 and one of moderate size can accommodate up to 500 or more. But little more attention is required for a single brooder than for a hen and her tiny family. The fuel cost for brooder operation is negligible in comparison with the labor cost required in caring for an equivalent number of chicks with hens. It is self-evident, therefore, that where profit is the primary requirement in the handling of large numbers of chicks, artificial brooding is the only method worthy of consideration.

Thousands of chicks can be raised successfully by artificial means where hens would be handled with difficulty if hens were used. This is a fact so well known to professional poultrymen that they would probably question the need of discussing the problem at all. I have found, however, that many to whom poultry raising is merely incidental to other occupations, are still inclined to mistrust any substitute for the time tested method of nature's own devising.

They are deterred, for the most part, by a belief that artificial brooding is unreliable unless supplemented by constant care. This may have been true some years ago, but today, many moderately priced brooders are available which are absolutely dependable to operate, economical, and which require relatively little attention to insure satisfactory results.

Another factor which no doubt keeps many smaller operators from adopting artificial brooding is the multitude of conflicting claims made by the adherents of various methods. This tends to make a really simple matter appear quite complicated. As a matter of fact, there is no one method of outstanding superiority and no single device that is decidedly better than all others.

The thing to be considered first of all is the size of your flock as a whole, and next the size of individual broods which you can handle with the greatest ease. Then, buy as many brooders as you need, install and operate them according to the manufacturer's instructions. You will find that it is really a simple matter after all and a labor saver of decided value even for comparatively small numbers of chicks.

The principle used in brooders is the same for all: some artificial means of furnishing heat as a substitute for the hen's natural body heat. The heating unit may use gas, kerosene, water, coal or electricity. Whatever is used, the general arrangement remains the same. The unit is centrally located under a circular metal hood so arranged that the heat is directed downward from the hood onto the backs of the chicks. Around the hood is usually a slit curtain to partially confine the heat. This unit with hood and curtain is called the hover unit.

The hover unit is the central feature of any system of artificial brooding. Space is lacking in an article of this kind to discuss the various types of brooders, all of which have their uses. They will be discussed in a later article.

Artificial brooding offers you the opportunity to bring into poultry raising the same sort of mass production methods which make possible

the gigantic commercial enterprises of our time. Without such methods, no business can ever progress beyond the "one horse" stage. If you raise chickens only for the needs of your own family, profit is a secondary consideration, and the system employed is of no great moment. If, however, you are aiming for profits, you cannot afford to ignore the efficiency of modern devices for artificial brooding.

As a parting word of advice, let me counsel those who hesitate to adopt the modern method of brooding not to regard it as something surrounded by mystery or hedged about by difficulties demanding professional skill. Quite the reverse is true, for, while it is true that artificial brooding has its problems, they are much the same as those of natural brooding, and no more difficult of solution. There are, moreover, many compensating factors in favor of artificial brooding which make it the inescapable choice of all who want to realize the greatest possible profit from their chicken raising, whether it is their sole source of income or merely a side issue.—Dr. L. D. LeGear.

Girard News and Notes

The people of Girard had a big Christmas and hope everyone else did. School has started again and everyone is at work. Everyone seems to like the new teacher, Miss Wimberly.

C. L. Boland had a family reunion during the Christmas holidays.

Most of the people who came to visit during the holidays are now gone home again.

The teachers have all reported a most excellent Christmas.

Last Thursday Misses Idell Cooper, Elsie Clark, Grace and Lois Langford, and Mr. Sanford Cooper and Alton Clark went on a fifteen mile hike. Also Saturday, Elsie and Alton Clark, Lois and Grace Langford, Sanderford Cooper, Edith Horwell, Iona, Beaver and Wallis Barnett went on a ten mile hike.

Mrs. Eskie Beckler visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kerley, Christmas.

Mrs. Lela Cooper and children of Oklahoma City were visiting parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clark and friends during Christmas.

Red Cooper of Lockney was in Girard Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilbert and sons visited parents, friends and relatives here Christmas.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Thompson of Flomot were in Girard Christmas day and again Sunday.

Misses Grace and Lois Langford and Arel Kerley went to Flomot on Christmas Eve and back that night.

Mr. Hugh Turner was with his parents, Christmas Day, from Flomot.

Miss Edith Horwell and Fred Horwell spent Christmas Day in Spur with the Hargroves. Miss Lucille Hargroves came with them back to Girard and spent three days here visiting.

Mr. Geo. Graves from Seminole was in this part of the country during Christmas.

Mrs. Fuqua, son and daughter are now back in Girard to stay.

J. C. Bittaman and Terrell Marcus of Swenson were here visiting the Yenk Cooper boys Christmas night.

Raymond Turner's parents, sister and brother visited him and wife during Christmas.

A crowd of young folks had Christmas dinner with Miss Idell Cooper. They declared her a very charming hostess.

Sunday night there was singing at the home of Ben Spradling. There was a large crowd and lots of singing. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waggoner and children spent Christmas at Clairmont.

Miss Pearl Edwards was in Girard during the holidays.

Sam Baxter was here from Afton during the holidays.

H. E. Bennett of the north part of the county, was among the holiday visitors in Spur.

W. W. Darden, of Girard, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week, stating that Girard had quieted down to normal pursuits following the holiday season.

Wants no More



"Uncle" Tommy Kemp of Poplar Bluffs, Mo., who is 118 years old and still intends to live another 20 years but doesn't want to be burdened with another woman. His second wife, a sister of his first died forty years ago.

Concerning Farm and City Relations

One of the greatest jobs before the citizens of Tullia, and of countless other communities similarly situated, is the establishment and maintenance of better farm and city relations. Everyone should come to realize that a community consists of far more than the homes, businesses and people living within the corporate limits of the city. The farmers whose business is located in the city are as much a part of the community as its bankers or department store owners.

All residents of the community have many problems and interests in common. The farmer sends his children to schools in town—he markets his produce in town—he secures the necessities of life and the equipment for his business in town—he seeks much of his entertainment in town. The very value of his farm is determined in some degree by the character of the town or city near which he is located.

Conversely the merchant or resident within the city's corporate limits is largely dependent upon the well being of the farmers of the surrounding territory for his own prosperity. The farmer creates the basic wealth that supports the community and his trade maintains local business and thereby helps to support the town indirectly.

Anything, therefore, that can be done to develop a better understanding is worthy of support. One of the planks in our platform is the promotion of better farm and city relations.—Tullia Herald.

West Texas Progressing Regardless of the Late Financial Crash

Despite the recent stock market crash, West Texas is continuing its progressive march of prosperity, according to the recent two months' sale of more than 2,000 shares of the West Texas Utilities Company \$6 preferred stock.

The stock offering which began last October 1st had a quota of 2,000 shares placed over the various districts of the company and this quota was broken when five shares more than that figure were sold at the last minute. During the month of October a total of 810 shares were sold—then came the disastrous stock market crash. Industry was to be altered and general business conditions affected, it was pointed out, but the crash, showing its worst nationwide effect during November, seemed only to stimulate sales in West Texas, for in that month 1,195 shares were sold to bring the grand stock offering total to 2,005 and the total number of shares held by West Texans to approximately 10,000. It was thought at the beginning of the stock offering that the quota set was rather high.

Five of the eight districts representing 33 of the 45 counties served by the West Texas Utilities Company responded by breaking 100 per cent of their quotas by a goodly margin. This two months' stock sales is considered one of the most successful ever conducted by the company, and in the face of the stock market failure and its supposed curtailment of prosperity, the results are considered exceptionally good. It is evident that West Texans have placed little

faith in the pessimistic outlook pictured for the near future. Knowing the value of and believing in West Texas makes it a "Land of Opportunity."

LOST DOLLARS

The most rudimentary intelligence should be able to grasp the fact that every fire represents an irretrievable and unnecessary economic and social waste.

A dollar spent in purchasing a commodity multiplies itself many-fold. It is never inactive and the entire nation is benefited by its service. A dollar lost because of fire can never be replaced. It has gone out of circulation and a black mark is placed against our record of prosperity.

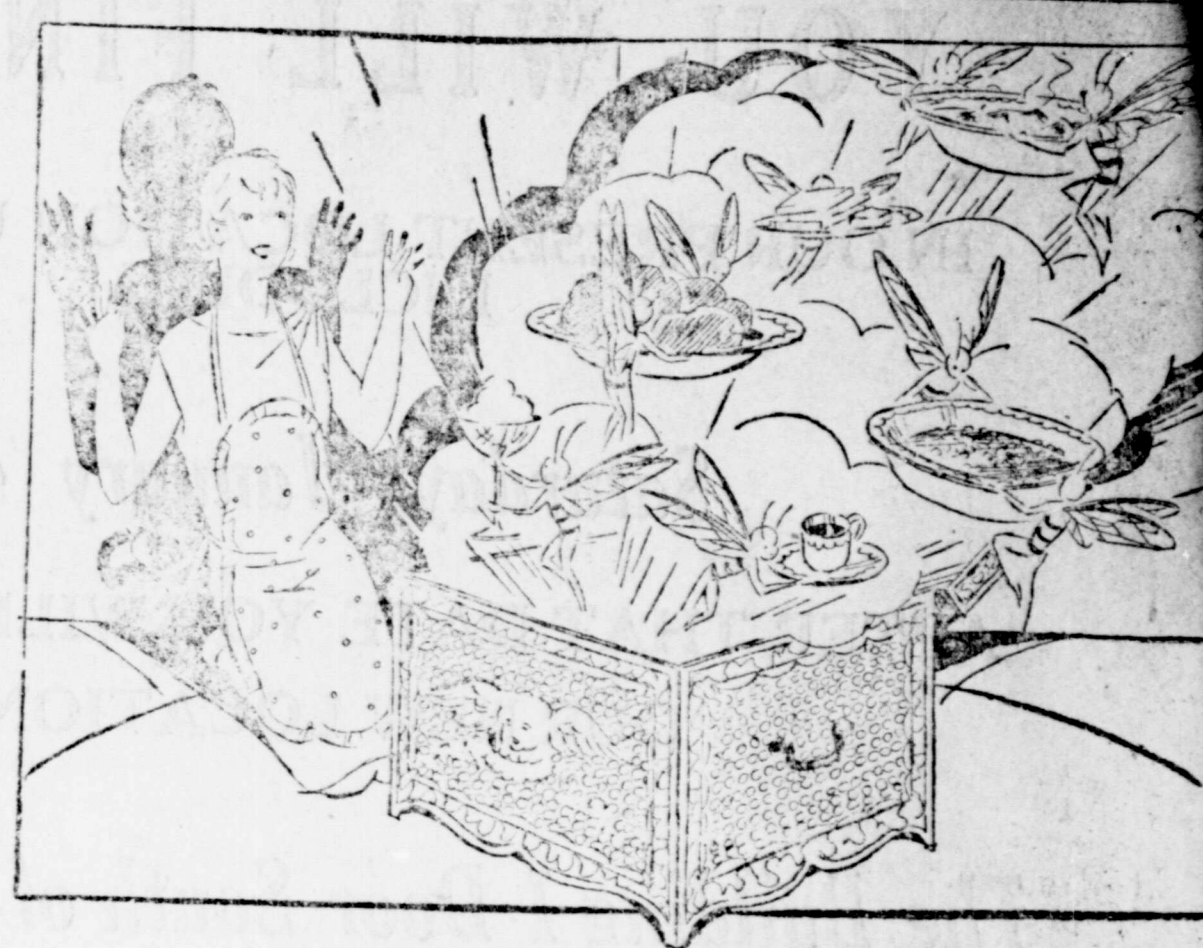
It is a common fallacy to believe that insurance "pays" for a fire. As a matter of fact, insurance can do nothing to offset the loss. It can merely recompense the few with funds collected from the nation at large. For every dollar paid in losses an insurance company must take in at least a dollar in premiums.

Our gigantic record of fire waste belies our intelligence as a nation. Part of the income of every citizen is, directly or indirectly, destroyed by fire. Every fire, whether it consumes a great factory or a dog house, acts as a drag on progress.

H. C. Eldredge was on the streets one day the past week from the McAdoo territory.

Jake Scott was down from the Afton country the other day, spending some time here trading and meeting with his old time friends of this part of the county.

G. A. Willis of the Antelope section of holiday shoppers and of country, was among the number to Spur.



A Dollar Dinner for Four

- Creamed Dried Beef.....36¢
- Baked Potatoes.....10¢
- English Peas.....11¢
- Bread and Butter.....8¢
- Apricot Tapioca.....23¢
- Coffee with Cream.....10¢

If you could lift the lid of a Pandora-box and find that good spirits instead of evil ones were swarming out and showing you the dishes you could use in preparing a dinner for your family of four for a dollar, wouldn't you be pleased? Here in type is a description of such a dinner, with prices and recipes indicated.

Creamed Dried Beef: Frizzle contents of a 3½-ounce jar of dried beef in three tablespoons of butter for about five minutes. Add three tablespoons of flour and stir until smooth. Mix one and one-fourth cups evaporated milk with one and one-fourth cups of water and add slowly,

stirring constantly until creamy. Serve hot with the baked potatoes. English Peas: Add one and one-half tablespoons of vinegar, one and one-half tablespoons of sugar and two tablespoons of crushed fresh mint to the peas and juice from an eleven-ounce can. Simmer gently for ten minutes.

Apricot Tapioca: Scald one and one-fourth cups of milk in a double boiler, add two tablespoons of minute tapioca mixed with three tablespoons of sugar. Remove from fire, add one-half of a beaten egg and the syrup from an eight-ounce can of apricots. Return to the fire and cook until thick and creamy, stirring frequently. Then pour over the apricots, arranged in a serving dish, and cool. To measure one-half of an egg, beat the egg, measure the amount in tablespoons and then use half that number.*

Principal of School Praises New Sarge

With the Range

You are sure to appreciate the many advantages of the New Model 1930 Hotpoint Electric Range. Modern housewives who want freedom, leisure, and the time to enjoy the better things of life, have enthusiastically endorsed and recommended the "Phantom Maid."

All you do is to place your complete meal in the oven, set the automatic timer and heat control, and let Hotpoint do the rest. Your delicious, perfectly cooked meal will be ready to serve when desired.

Investigate this remarkable Kitchen Aid Convenient Terms

West Texas Utilities Company



Ad for the Business Man

laud the splendid efforts of these leaders of industry," Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary, Commerce, speaking of the references in Washington, those sight of the unnamed thousands of 'little fellows' business world—the corner, the small town druggist, the dealer in a modest woman selling notions, the proprietor with a neighborhood trade. These smaller merchants, with their innumerable stores, where business, in whatever volume, constantly proceeds, form the backbone of our American business organization.

That was a splendid tribute to a class of citizens among whom are many who have been feeling lately as if they and their kind did not count for much in the scheme of things. What with chain stores opening up everywhere to compete with the local merchant and the attention of the public centered on what the 'big fellows' are doing, no wonder many a small grocer or druggist has felt as if it were no use to try to keep on going, that there wasn't room in the world any more for his kind of business, or at least for him as a business man.

It is one of the most encouraging

Government recognizes the importance of the local merchant and that a man of Dr. Klein's ability and influence should stand out as the spokesman for the small business establishment. The Department of Commerce has been making a study of the reasons for the failure of local merchants in several communities, as the first step toward helping independent business men to hold their trade and share in the nation's prosperity. "Facts and their efficient application," says Dr. Klein, "are the indispensable road workers on the highway of success." And he and his assistants have discovered that most of the failures are due to ignorance of the facts about their own business. Only about five or six per cent of the failures of neighborhood stores are traceable to chain store competition; many more are due to carelessness in credits and collections, to inaccurate bookkeeping, to inability to grasp the essential points of good merchandise and to inexperience.

This is a great work and the facts discovered and their implications are available to everybody who will ask the Department of Commerce for them.

Pointing out that the United States has managed to get into at least one important war during every generation since the Republic was established, he said that his knowledge of European nations convinced him that each of them honestly thinks, as we do, its people love peace more than any other.

If something of that understanding of the peace loving nature of humanity in general, and some measure of belief in the good intentions of other nations towards us, gets into the spirit of the Disarmament Conference, there is hope that our delegates may come back with a program agreed upon by all, which will reduce our naval burden and that of the rest of the world, and provide tangible evidence that we—and the other countries—do actually desire peace.

Dr. A. T. Reed, of Girard, was a recent business and professional visitor to Spur.

Sam Hinton, of near Girard, was trading in Spur during the holidays, stating that a big Christmas and lots of Santa Claus was scheduled for the season's pleasures.

M. W. Edwards, of Girard, was looking after Santa Claus matters in Spur during the holidays, and we are confident that he played Santa very handsomely to one or more parties.

C. W. Fincher, of near Girard, was greeting both his Kent and Dickens county friends in Spur the past week-end. He reports everything all o.k. in his section of Kent county at this time.

W. K. Harvey, of near Dickens, was greeting friends and trading in Spur one day the first of the week. Year had already commenced out his way. Farmers generally are preparing their lands earlier for this year's crops than ever before, and it is hoped that the seasons will be ideal and the biggest crops in our history will be produced in 1930.



SHORTS SLOP NOT AID IN FATTENING

Kansas College Makes Instructive Experiments.

Wheat shorts slop does not improve the ration for fattening pigs, experiments made at the Kansas State Agricultural college and reported on at the hog raisers' meeting at Manhattan recently show. The results of the tests show that the gains were greater and the costs less where no shorts or slop were fed.

Two lots of pigs were used in this test. Their average weight was approximately 114 pounds each when the experiment started. They were uniform in size and quality. All were pure-bred Durocs. There were ten pigs in each lot and they were fed for a period of 80 days. Lot 1 was fed corn and tankage in a self-feeder and given free access to alfalfa hay and salt. Lot 2 was self-fed corn, alfalfa, and salt in the same manner as lot 1, but received one pound of wheat shorts and .4 pound of tankage per pig once a day in the form of slop made with water.

The pigs in lot 1 that received no shorts or slop gained 2.15 pounds per head per day, whereas the pigs fed shorts in the form of a slop gained only 1.94 pounds per head per day. The pigs receiving no slop required 373.37 pounds of corn to produce 100 pounds of gain in addition to 35.23 pounds of tankage. The pigs receiving slop consumed 348.84 pounds of corn, 20.05 pounds of tankage, and 51.65 pounds of shorts to produce 100 pounds of gain. The consumption of alfalfa was about the same. The cost of 100 pounds gain where corn and tankage were fed free choice was \$6.50 per 100; where corn plus shorts and tankage in the form of slop was fed the cost was \$6.55 per 100.

The pigs receiving no slop were fatter at the close of the experiment and were valued at slightly more per 100 pounds than those receiving slop in their ration. In addition to the larger gains, the cheaper gains, and the better finished condition of the pigs fed no slop, the slop-fed pigs required a great deal of extra labor in feeding.

Alfalfa Is Excellent Roughage for Horses

Alfalfa hay is an excellent roughage for horses, being more palatable than timothy or prairie hay and richer in protein and lime. For those reasons, it is particularly valuable for balancing grain rations that are poor in those respects, such as corn, says A. L. Harvey, horse expert of the animal husbandry division, university farm, St. Paul.

Many horse owners do not use alfalfa at all for their work horses, because they think it affects the kidney, causes the horses to sweat excessively and is apt to cause heaves. Experiments have proved that no bad effects are obtained if alfalfa hay is not fed in excessive amounts. Not more than one and one-fourth pounds of alfalfa per one hundred pounds live weight should be fed, and even that amount may be too much for some horses.

Many farmers report that they have obtained best results when they replaced about one-half of the usual ration of timothy or prairie hay with alfalfa hay. This method is to be recommended to beginners when the second or third cuttings of alfalfa are fed.

Profits Made by Swine Following Beef Cattle

The gains made by hogs following fattening cattle from the feed salvaged often constitute an important part of the profits in the enterprise. In discussing this phase of cattle fattening, Prof. E. F. Ferrin of the Minnesota animal husbandry department cited experimental results showing that where cattle are being fed whole shelled corn or ear corn, it is common for the hogs following to make from \$3 to \$4 worth of pork per steer from the feed salvaged during an ordinary steer-fattening period.

To get best results, active, thrifty pigs should be used. The pigs should weigh 100 to 150 pounds when put with the steers. They should then be marketed when they reach 200 to 250 pounds in weight, and other lighter pigs put in. About one pig per steer following two-year-old steers and about one pig for each two steers following yearlings and calves is the proper number.

To give the most efficient help in making cattle feeding profitable, pigs should gain about one pound each per day.

Feeding for Beef

Just as a pig makes more economical gains when it is given access to grain as soon as it can be taught to eat and is then full-fed till finished for the market, so also does a calf make more beef from a given amount of feed if it is full-fed from birth to block. It should be mentioned in this connection, however, that the ration must always be well balanced with reference to protein and mineral matter, otherwise economical returns will not be secured.

Does the World Really Want Peace?

The Naval Disarmament Conference which is about to meet in London is of immense importance to the whole world but of more immediate importance to the United States than to any other country. We pride ourselves on being the most peace-loving people in the world, yet we spend more money today on military and naval preparations for war than any other nation!

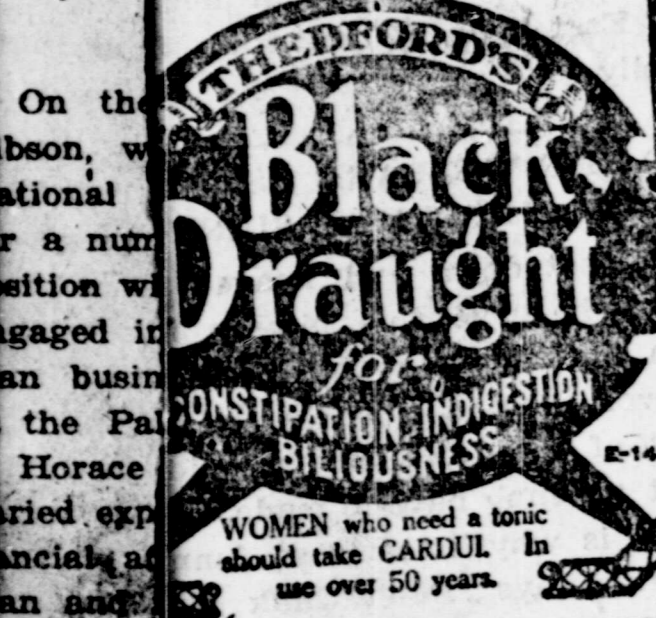
Perhaps we are wrong in believing that we love peace more than other people do. Hon. Alanson Houghton, former ambassador to Berlin and then to London, suggested as much in his address on assuming the position of Chairman of the Commission on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches.

Pointing out that the United States has managed to get into at least one important war during every generation since the Republic was established, he said that his knowledge of European nations convinced him that each of them honestly thinks, as we do, its people love peace more than any other.

If something of that understanding of the peace loving nature of humanity in general, and some measure of belief in the good intentions of other nations towards us, gets into the spirit of the Disarmament Conference, there is hope that our delegates may come back with a program agreed upon by all, which will reduce our naval burden and that of the rest of the world, and provide tangible evidence that we—and the other countries—do actually desire peace.

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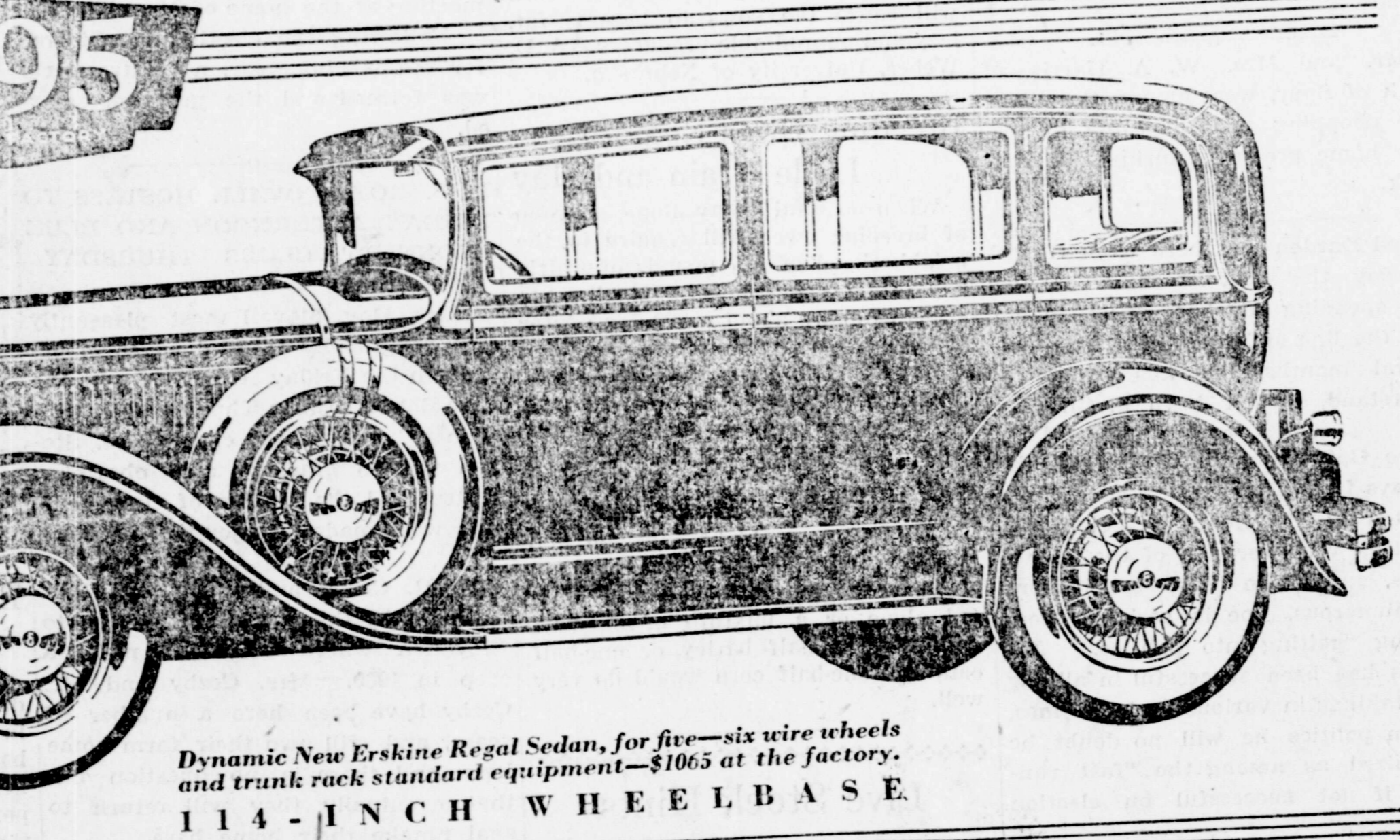
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