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SAM TANNER IS KILLED IN STONEWALL

Aspermont, Feb. 25.—Sam Tanner, 58, pioneer of Stonewall county and one of the most widely known characters of West Texas was shot dead this afternoon on his farm 18 miles southwest of Aspermont.

A former tenant of Tanner's is sought tonight in a sheriff's dragnet covering every county west of Stonewall and across the New Mexico border. After the

(Thursday) Sheriff Bailly Bingham was notified here at 1 o'clock this morning that Homer Altman and his brother, Jim, had been arrested by officers in Lovington, New Mexico.

shooting Altman left the Tanner place in a Whippet coupe, 1928 model, accompanied by an elder brother. The car was registered in Fisher county and was highway number D62837.

Killing of Tanner occurred as he stood in his hog pen, several hundred yards from his house. The other man was outside. The locality is in the shadow of the Double Mountain and in the same vicinity where the B. C. Cochrane "empty grave" case originated in 1920. There were no witnesses. Sidney Tanner, was working in a nearby field and heard a shot. He looked up to see a man leaving and carrying a rifle.

The younger Tanner hurried to the hog pen to find his father lying face down, the top of his head blown away. The hogs were mauling and tearing at the body as he arrived. Tanner hastened into Aspermont and notified Bailly Bingham, sheriff of Stonewall county.

Bingham, after questioning Mrs. P. R. Allen, who lives on the Tanner place, notified sheriffs of other West Texas counties to arrest the man.

The former tenant who had spent the past three months at Willard, New Mexico, returned to Aspermont last week. At three o'clock this afternoon, Mrs. Allen said, he appeared at Tanner's armed with a rifle, asked for a drink of water and inquired who was there. She told him Tanner was at the hog pen. He went in that direction, she said, and in a few minutes she heard the shot.

After the shooting he went to the home of his father, a half-mile from Tanner's, made no statement as to what had happened, but immediately left with his brother, driving west.

It was said here tonight that trouble between Tanner and the man was of long standing. Tanner had lived in Stonewall county 40 years, and his 1,000-acre farm is one of the finest in this section of the country. In his early days he was an outstanding citizen. Then there was a period in which he had trouble with the law. For the past few years, however, he had been living quietly on his farm.

The victim leaves his wife, the son, Sidney and two daughters, all living in Dallas. Sidney, employed in a Dallas bank, came to his father's farm two weeks ago on his vacation.

G. W. Peek Died Monday at Clairemont

Mr. G. W. Peek died Monday Feb. 9, after a long lingering illness and was buried at Clairemont the 10th. Mr. Peek had been in poor health for a long time suffering from tuberculosis. He leaves two sons, one daughter one brother and other relatives to mourn his going. Funeral services were conducted at the Clairemont Cemetery by S. A. Sifford, pastor of the Methodist church at that place. Jayton Chronicle.

Mrs. Forbis Suffers Painful Burns On Arm Last Week

Mrs. R. C. Forbis suffered severe and painful burns on the arm and face last week. Mrs. Forbis had a pan of grease on the stove, the grease catching on fire and in attempting to throw the blazing pan out the doorway the burning grease was spilled on her arm and splashed over her face. Dr. Blackwell was called in, treated and bandaged the burns which are now healing satisfactorily.

A Second Car of Vegetables and Provisions Re- ceived in Spur

Tuesday of this week a second full car load of vegetables and other provisions was received in Spur for the aid of drouth sufferers, having been donated and shipped from the Rio Grande Valley by the generous and more fortunate farmers and truck growers of that part of the state.

The car load of provisions included cabbage, turnips, greens, beets, potatoes and other vegetables and truck grown in the Valley is being issued to the needy people of this territory under the supervision and direction of the local Red Cross organization. We understand that another car load of truck is being shipped to this county from another point.

These provision shipments are appreciated by the people and contribute materially to the relief of the drouth situation in supplying food to the distressed and needy.

Oil Tests Being Made on Forbis and Matador Ranches

Geological oil tests are being made on the Forbis ranch lands and also the Matadors in the north part of Dickens county and in Motley county.

Small pore test holes are being drilled to depths ranging from five hundred to fifteen hundred feet, thus securing accurate geological formations. A considerable acreage has been leased for these tests in view of later drilling several deep wells for oil and other minerals which may be encountered.

While the several test wells heretofore drilled within this territory have been declared "dry holes," yet there is no doubt but that oil will some day be developed here, and these tests now under way may open up one of the biggest pools yet uncovered in West Texas. In fact it has been predicted by geologists as well as individuals of the oil fraternity that the "mother oil pool" probably would be found in this territory.

L. H. Perry Favored With Nomination as Spur Postmaster

Information has come to Spur that L. H. Perry of Spur Hardware and Furniture company has been nominated for the place of postmaster of Spur, and it is presumed that his nomination will be confirmed by Congress before adjournment on March 4th.

There were a number of other applicants for the Spur postmastership, Mr. Perry being favored above others for the presidential nomination.

W. R. Stafford is dividing his time between Spur and Afton. He is looking after his farming interests at Afton.

RED CROSS IS AIDING 3,000 PEOPLE HERE

In conversation with Mrs. Blackwell, County Chairman of the American Red Cross, we were informed that the local Red Cross is now rendering aid to three thousand or more people of the county, including six hundred needy families. In meeting the emergency in supplying the actual needs and necessities of the people the Red Cross is expending thousands of dollars in cash each month, in addition to the car load shipments of provisions and other contributions being made from other sections as well as locally.

There is no question but that a majority of those accepting Red Cross aid would have much preferred loans from other sources in tiding over the drouth depression crisis, but since this could not be done, the Red Cross is meeting the emergency and rendering a great service. The Red Cross is one of the greatest organizations in the world. It is maintained and supported solely by generous American people, and its services are given freely and without thought of "charge," and any man who would take advantage of the situation by applying for aid except as a last resort could not be classed among the loyal citizenship of any community.

The local Red Cross rooms are open only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week.

Oil Co. Sees 'Texas' Turned to 'Taxes'

New York, Feb. 24.—It would not be strange, comments the Lamp, publication of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey if an oil man in Texas absent mindedly transposed the A and E and called his state 'Taxes.'

"For the petroleum industry, directly and indirectly, pays the tax collector well over half the cost of government of the Lone Star State," says the Lamp.

It cites figures supplied by the North Texas Oil and Gas association estimating taxes of the Texas oil industry in 1930, including the charge on gasoline paid by consumers, at \$44,184,756 of the total state revenue from taxation of \$77,642,721, or approximately 56 per cent.

County Loans for Feed, Seed, Etc. Is Provided For

Austin, Feb. 23.—The Senate today voted 30 to 0 to allow commissioners courts in counties in drouth areas to buy up to \$50,000 in feed, planting seed for citizens of their respective counties. The bill was introduced and was sponsored by Senator Cunningham of Abilene.

Under the bill citizens thus aided would be allowed to give their personal notes in exchange. Each person would be sold enough seed to plant sixty acres, and feed for enough stock to cultivate the land.

Eighty Per Cent of Taxes In Motley County Collected

Matador, Feb. 18.—Approximately 80 per cent of the 1930 taxes for Motley county have been collected, Sterling Price, tax collector, reports. Total so far is 75,328.52.

Poll tax payments were 715, compared to 2,100 for the previous year.

Less than half of the number of auto licenses issued in 1930 were renewed in 1931. Number issued so far is 729, of a total of 1,570 issued in 1930.

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Federal Loans Being Received in This County

After many anxious days of waiting on the part of applicants for federal farm loans, the first loan checks were received Tuesday of this week through the county committee, the checks being made to three of the loan applicants, and amounting to approximately \$230.00 each.

There have been around 270 applications for loans through the federal farm loan act, averaging \$230.00 each or a total of sixty odd thousand dollars in loans applied for in Dickens county.

The loans are being made on the crop mortgage plan at five per cent interest. These loans will be of inestimable benefit and relief to the financial depression, and the five per cent interest charge is the lowest farmers of this territory have ever been able to secure money in financing farm operations.

These first loans only permit the purchase of seed, feed and gas and oil for tractor farming. However, a twenty million dollar appropriation was recently made for "farm rehabilitation" in combination with this loan, thus permitting the purchase of groceries and other necessities.

The local agricultural credit corporation, aside from the federal loans, has also made loans in the county amounting to more than fifty thousand dollars, thus giving the county total loans of more than a hundred thousand dollars as a drouth relief measure.

These loans, with the Red Cross and other sources of aid, is bringing the county back to normalcy, and with the most promising of crop prospects now prevailing we may expect the great West to "come back into its own quickly."

Supreme Court Upholds Dry Law

Washington, Feb. 24.—With vigor and emphasis, the supreme court today upheld the constitutionality of the Eighteenth amendment.

In a clearly worded and unanimous opinion, it sustained the validity of the amendment against the contention of Federal Judge William Clark of New Jersey who ruled it had been improperly ratified.

Veteran's Loan Bill Passed Overwhelm- ingly By the House

Washington, Feb. 16.—Striking hard at administration opposition, the house today passed the veteran's loan bill by the overwhelming vote of 363 to 39.

It provides for an increase from 22 1-2 to 50 per cent in the loan value of the adjusted compensation certificates which were approved by the house, 255 to 54 in 1924.

Amid dramatic intensity, the measure was sent to the senate within an hour after Speaker Longworth opened the way for consideration. It carried with it more than enough votes to override a presidential veto. Similar quick action is expected in the other branch.

200,000,000 Bond For Highways is Favored; Senate

Austin, Feb. 25.—The proposed \$200,000,000 state highway bond issue survived its first test today when the senate constitution amendment committee voted five to two to give it a favorable report.

The bond issue was one of the chief planks in Governor Sterling's platform in his first campaign last summer.

The resolution reported favorably by the senate committee was one agreed upon by the various bond issue proponents; under its terms \$100,000,000 or as much thereof as necessary would go to the counties for the amounts they have spent on state roads, and the remainder would be used for construction. Not more than \$20,000,000 in construction bonds could be authorized by the legislature in one year.

New Mexico Would Distill and Dis- pense Liquors

Santa Fe, N. M. Feb. 12.—Some members of the New Mexico Legislature want to put the State in the liquor business.

Introduced today is a measure to circumvent the 18th Amendment, a bill proposing a State liquor dispensary apparently occasioned such surprise that official comment was lacking.

Newspapers delineating the nature sold like hot cakes on the floor of the Legislature and in the corridors of the Capitol.

The bill seeks not only to get around the national amendment but the State amendments as well, New Mexico having adopted constitutional prohibition. Its backers assert the State and national laws apply only to persons associations and corporations and do not in any way prohibit a sovereign State from manufacturing and selling liquor.

The bill provides \$50,000 to build a brewery or distillery, creates a commission of three to be appointed by the Governor to control the work, permits the commission to set up dispensaries in charge of superintendents wherever necessary "for the convenience of the people."

Sale of liquor, "not for beverage purposes," would be governed by provisions of the law resembling those in effect in some provinces in Canada. Sale of liquor for beverage purposes would be prohibited "under presumption of the law."

In a joint statement the sponsors of the bill said "our sole purpose has been to prevent the continuance of flagrant violations of and disrespect for law which have grown out of the ineffective enforcement of prohibition."

Mrs. F. W. Jennings returned the past week from a trip to Dallas, Temple, Mineral Wells and other points.

Jim Hahn was in town Wednesday from Highway.

Nearly 2 Inches Of Rain January And February

The rainfall for January 1931 was .79 inches and up to date for February 1.19 inches.

The normal rainfall as shown by 20 years records at the Experiment Station is 21.54 inches, the last four years all being below normal. In 1927 it was 16.3 inches, 1928, 19.99 inches, 1929, 14.86 inches and 1930, 18.00 inches. The rainfall during 1930, although very unfavorable for the growing summer crops was of such nature as to store an abnormal amount of moisture in the soil which now available for crop growth. 1931, 9.84 inches falling during the months of October, November and December.

For the past few years so moisture determinations have been at foot intervals down to depth of three feet at 48 different places on the Experiment Station. These soil moisture determinations show that on February 20, 1930 that there was less than one-half inch of rainfall that was available for plant use stored in unturfed land while land has been terraced so as to hold all of the water contained 2 1/2 inches of water that would be available for plant use. The yields of cotton on these two areas in 1930 were at the rate of 1.4 bales to 100 acres on unturfed land and on a well terraced field where runoff was prevented the yield was at the rate of 2 bales per 100 acres. The yield from all the field areas, totaling 140 acres was 21 bales which was not bad for the extremely dry year.

At the present time the upper three feet of soil is only a little short of being saturated, containing approximately 27 pounds of water in every 100 pounds of soil, while the total holding capacity of the soil on the Station is 32 pounds in 100 pounds of soil. At the present time unturfed land has 4.1 inches of water stored in the upper three feet and well terraced land has 6.8 inches of water stored.

Borings taken on sloping land on the Station that has not been terraced, and also on a number of other places about Spur has revealed that much of the tight land is not wet to a depth of 3 feet.

From a large number of readings taken the amount of available moisture in the soil of February 20th, 1931, is about five times what it was on February 20, 1930.

294 Families Apply For Red Cross Aid In Crosby County

Approximately 294 families are being served by the American Red Cross in Crosby county, according to local officials who stated Wednesday that the number was being swelled every day. This report was made to headquarters of the Red Cross on February 13. At that time \$1,399.56 had been checked against the apportionment to Crosby county. Mrs. Troy Noel is in charge of the books of the local committee.

Besides this about 45 men are now at work in the city. Donations have been received by the Red Cross from local people such as vegetables, butter, etc. The city has deposited \$25 in the local fund.

Another picture show will be staged here Saturday and the proceeds will go into the Red Cross fund. The last show here netted better than \$40.—Crosbyton Review.

Mike Lairsen, who is now a traveling salesman for auto accessories, batteries, etc., spent the past week end in Spur with his friends, while on his regular rounds.



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W. H. Deuval, of south of the
city, was on the streets Wednes-
day afternoon of this week. Mr.
Deuval was among the number
who spent the fall season in the
eastern part of the state, return-
ing at the end of the season. He
said that no one made more
than expenses by going east, since
the unemployment period was be-
ing experienced everywhere thru
out the country.

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Grow a Longer and
Better Staple Cotton

Grow a longer and better staple
of cotton, seems to be the
most popular topic at the pres-
ent time. To my mind this is a
wise step. I concur whole-heart-
edly in this move. Good seed, to
but there is still more of vast
importance to be done before we
can hope to put out a good staple
high grade cotton. Cotton is
not in prime condition, when first
picked, to make the best staple.
It should by all means be stored
in a house, packed down, and let
get in a slight heat so the fibre
can absorb a little of the oil from
the seed which gives the fibre
strength and durability. When
cotton has gone thru this process
the mills can put out an article
of merchandise that is worth the
money. If gin men will buy cot-
ton in the seed, it must be free
from burrs and linters, put thru
this process, ship to some reliable
cotton factory, I am reasonably
sure they will get a favorable re-
port from the factory. In my
younger days we picked cotton,
built cotton houses on the farm,
picked dry cotton, kept it dry,
and ginned it dry. But times
have changed—that's so—we have
lost our reputation—have you
noticed that? How did we lose
it? We don't pick cotton, we
snap it, we boll it, we don't house
it, we put it on the ground so it
can draw the moisture out of
the ground, let it take the rain,
no time to cover it; gin it wet,
bale it wet or damp—what can
we expect a factory to make out
of cotton treated in this way. If
we put it on him, he is going to
make cloth out of it and we are
going to pay the same price for
it we would have to for the very
best grade of cotton.

We remember in 1927 when we
started harvesting our cotton, the
price was 20 to 23 cents and stay-
ed around that price until the
balley and snapping machine was
started, then what did it do; it
went down and kept going down
—and that in face of the most
bullish agricultural reports. Every
report sent out showed a
short cotton crop—yet the price
went lower, and has remained low
since. Farmers, if we continue
to gather our cotton in the rough
manner we are now gathering it
it won't be ten years until the
mills will be buying cotton grown
in foreign countries, shipping it
into this nation and manufactur-
ing it into cloth. They can and
do produce crops much cheaper
than we can. If I know of any
crop besides cotton that I could
get money out of, I certainly
would not try to grow it. I do
not like to grow cotton, but it is
the only cash crop I know of. If
better staple, better handling, gin-
ning etc. will not give a better
price and restore a foreign de-
mand, we are going to have to

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springer or has young calf. Re-
ward for return to F. B. Crockett
at Crockett Produce & Hatch-
ery, Spur, Texas.

T. E. Gregory, of Duck Creek,
was in the city Thursday, report-
ing everything in fine shape thru-
out that part of the Spur country
in so far as crop seasons and pros-
pects are concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patton are
in Pecos visiting with Jess Fletch-
er and wife.

surrender. We cannot pay the
cost that we are having to pay
and support our families at prices
now given. When I have any-
thing to sell I can sell it to a
good advantage provided the buy-
er can not find some defect or
fault, but should he see something
to object to, he shows me that
defect and tells me it's not worth
that much—he cannot pay the
price; and so I have to sell at a
reduced price. If the low grade
was all that had to suffer the
slump in price it would only hurt
the seller of the low grade. But
such is not the case. The higher
grade comes down with it and it
costs more to produce a high
grade article than it does a low
grade and the difference in the
price paid has in the past few
years been very little—not enough
to justify the producer to take
extra steps to produce any high
grade product.

If it is the truth we are hear-
ing about so much complaint on
short staple, low grade cotton not
being wanted, all conditions be-
ing favorable, we are going to put
on the market this fall a high
grade staple cotton. But if the
market expect a low price to be
acceptable to the producer, it is
going to be disappointed. The
better grade will disappear as
suddenly as it came. Not only
will they have to pay extra cost
but a premium will have to be
paid to stop this quick and cheap
way of gathering cotton. It has
been practiced too long. I may
claim I have a legal right to har-
vest my crop for the market in
any way I see fit and it is no-
body's business but mine—which I
do—but I do not have a moral
right to prepare and put on the
market a commodity in a con-
dition that I know will eventually
work to my disadvantage and in-
jury, and to all others injury who
are engaged in the same calling.
I owe to those who are depend-
ing on me, my very best service. I
do not like to be swindled in any
way, therefore, I should not do so
nor cheat any man—I owe it to
those who use what I produce, the
very best I can produce. When I
have produced and put on the
market a high grade product and
they fail or refuse to pay me the
cost of such a product and force
me to take a low grade price,
then there is nothing left for me
to do but quit or put out the
quickest and cheapest product I
can produce, regardless of its real
worth. It is to be hoped those
in control of the cotton market
will take cognizance of the facts
and reward the producer for the
best, when it is the best, and
quit giving him the lowest grade
price on all.

What can we do farmers, with
a bumper cotton crop should we
happen to grow one this year? By
way of illustration, in the year of
1887 it was very dry, no rain to
sprout crops or start the grass in
West Texas. That winter and in
the early spring of 1928 the cat-
tle men suffered a heavy loss in
a die-out. They did not all die
but the loss was close to if not
quite 50 per cent. Cattle men
thought they were ruined, but it
so turned out they were benefitted.
The price was so much bet-
ter the next few years; the range
was soon well stocked again and
in three years time they were in
better shape than before the big
loss. Again in 1893 there came
another drouth, and in the winter
of 1894 there was another die
out. A big percent of the cattle
died. I saw stout hearted men
shed tears because of their heavy
losses. But in reality it was not
a loss but a gain to the owners
as before. The prices of cattle
went much higher, the range was
soon stocked again.

Now let us take a look at the
drouth of 1917 and 1918; we did
not let the stock die. We bor-
rowed money, bought feed, fed
the stock thru two winters and
what happened—the price went
lower and lower and is still down
—and the cattle men are broke.

Cotton farmer, from this
sketch of history before you, this
qualifies you to know what to do
with a bumper cotton crop should
the alarm be sounded over-pro-
duction. Yes, I am for better
staple, better handling, and better
grades in all lines of agricultural
products. And when we have
met the demand we, as farmers,
have a right to claim a better
price for our higher grade prod-
ucts.—E. B. Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Sanders
and Mrs. R. L. Robinson, of Hub-
bard spent the weekend in Spur
the guests of their brother, Ray
Sanders.

True Type of
Rugged Men
of Frontier

Lincoln was a patriot given
the country by the frontier. The
Americans of today, might have
trouble in understanding how and
from what hands or conditions
the frontier families received the
torch of patriotism which they
passed on burning from carrier to
carrier, from generation to gen-
eration. Here was something
finer than noblesse oblige, fine
as that is. These frontiersmen
were not responding to the aristo-
cratic principle that he who has
the most from the land shall re-
turn to it the greatest service,
that he shall be the first into the
breach, the last to leave a field
and the first to attempt its recov-
ery.

That nobility is one of com-
pensations, of rewards and mer-
its, of privileges honorably paid
for. The great American pioneer
families did not have the best of
it. They seemed to get little
from their country. It could have
been to them as much of an ab-
straction as it was a reality. It
frequently was indifferent to them
and just as often it was obstruct-
ive and hostile. Sometimes it failed to protect
them and sometimes it restrained
them from defending themselves.
At times the frontier was restless
and even rebellious when govern-
ment seemed hostile or careless,
but it gave the country Jackson,
a great Unionist, and Lincoln, a
greater. Americans in favored
circumstances now and earlier
have been found pallid in their
allegiance to the country which
gave them opportunity, but at
need the frontier has been staunch.
Washington's devotion to his
country is heightened by the fact
that his natural inclination to
established order and the allegi-
ance inherent in his aristocratic
position could very well have at-
tached him to the home govern-
ment. He gave his complete loy-
alty to a new concept called his
country, putting at hazard all the
advantages a high place in life
contained for him.

Lincoln in his youth represent-
ed the frontier hopelessness of a
family which had receded genera-
tion by generation from compe-
tence to what may be regarded as
incompetence, from opportunity
to the lack of it, from good land
to poor. Various generations of
the family had found themselves
progressively less capable of get-
ting much from the country and
found it offering less and less to
them. Then from the retrogress-
ing stoic the great Unionist came
when he was most needed. He
was a humanitarian. He hated
slavery. He wanted to improve
the common lot, but his inspira-
tion was not found in any of
these qualities or in like emotions
and sentiments. They were sub-
ordinated to his devotion to the
country. He never considered
satisfying his altruistic desires at
the expense of the nation. There
were many Americans who would
have done so. He had much
trouble with them.

Lincoln accepted war not to
free the slaves but to save the na-
tion. He freed the slaves by the
emancipation proclamation, not to
abolish slavery but to preserve
the Union. He answered the hos-
tile aristocracy of Great Britain
by his appeal to the British com-
moner. It was strategy of the
statesman and not the declara-
tion of the humanitarian. The
South had misunderstood him,
thinking that he would nullify the
Constitution and destroy the na-
tion to attack slavery. Abolition-
ists in the North tried to
force him to extreme measures.
Papists tried to make him com-
promise. Traitors tried to de-
stroy confidence in him and to
persuade the people of the hope-
lessness of his purpose. Defeat-
ists, who were timid but not dis-
loyal urged the abandonment of
the costly effort to preserve the
Union.

There was only one considera-
tion which prevailed in Lincoln's
intention and that was the invol-
untability of his country. It was
impregnable and could not be
modified by pressure at home or
from abroad. It was proof
against foreign dissension and dis-
loyalty at home. It resisted al-
truists, weaklings and traitors.
Lincoln was a nationalist. His
humanitarianism was subordinat-
ed to his country's good.—Chicago
Tribune.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler,
at Sander's Pharmacy.

Three Kinds of
Farmers

One of the drawbacks to any
discussion of the farmer and his
problems is the uncertainty as
to what sort of farming is under
discussion. There are three dif-
ferent types of farmer, and in
almost every part of the United
States all three are to be found
side by side.

The most widely distributed
type is what may be called the
"non-commercial" farmer, the big
group with whom farming is not
so much a business as a mode of
living. The type raises no con-
siderable amount of any "money
crop," but grows on his own land
the means of subsistence for his
family and counting out the eggs,
butter or other marketable pro-
duce traded in town for store
goods, handles very little cash in
the course of a year.

The group of farmers who are
specialists, "one-crop farmers", is
probably the largest numerically
and in acreage under fence. They
are business men in the broad
sense, producing nothing but a
single commodity which they sell
or hope to sell for money, and
growing nothing, or almost noth-
ing, which they themselves con-
sume. The single crop may be
cotton, tobacco, wheat, corn, cel-
ery, apples, oranges or potatoes,
depending upon location. Depen-
dent upon their money returns
from the single cash crop for
everything which they eat and
wear these are the first to feel
the effects of a general business
depression and are constantly at
the mercy of competition and
over production in the staple
crops. This is the type of farm-
er at whose relief most of the
political remedies for agricultur-
al ills are aimed.

The happiest farmers are the
third class whose farming opera-
tions combine those of the other
two. They live of the soil and
will continue to live independ-
ently and comfortably year in and
year out, except for natural cat-
astrophes such as flood or
drouth. They grow enough of
one or more crops to figure as
important factors in the produce
markets, but failure in any one
year to cash in on such crops or
livestock does not reduce them to
penury or plunge them into debt.

For forty years and more the
United States and the various
State departments of Agriculture
as well as the agricultural col-
leges, have been preaching the
gospel of diversified farming in
the one-crop regions. Every once
in a while some natural or eco-
nomic disaster drives the one-crop
farmers of a district into diver-
sification, and the result is al-
ways greater prosperity and sta-
bility, not only for the farmer but
for all the people of his district
or state.—Ex.

NOTICE TO THOSE BUTCHER-
ING ANIMALS FOR SALE

Because of the complaints
made to me of stolen cattle I am
advising that anyone violating
chapter eleven of 1925 Criminal
Statutes of this state in regard to
butchering will be prosecuted to
the full extent of the law.

This chapter provides that any-
one slaughtering and sheltering
animals for the market must first
register his name with the county
clerk indicating his purpose to
engage in such business, must
make bond as provided by law,
must not kill or cause to be killed
any animal, without having taken
a bill of sale or written transfer
from the party selling the same,
unless said animal was raised by
the person slaughtering the same;
must report to the Commissioners
Court of the county in which he
transacts such business, at each
regular term thereof, the number,
color, age, sex, marks and brands
of every animal slaughtered by
him accompanied with a bill of
sale or written transfer to him
of every animal slaughtered, save
such as were raised by himself,
which shall be specified.

There are other requirements
in the above named chapter in ad-
dition to those set out above that
must be complied with in butcher-
ing animals for sale and anyone
violating any of the provisions of
this chapter of the criminal sta-
tutes will be prosecuted as pro-
vided in said chapter. (Signed.)
W. B. ARTHUR,
Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas.

COTTON SEED—100 bushels
of Harper Mebane seed to sell at
\$1.00.—Tom Andrews, 2 miles
north and 2 west of Dobbs gin. 3p

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At "Hard Times" Prices!

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Spur, Texas

J. T. BILBERRY, TRANSFER

PHONE 169

The next time you have anything to move
give us a trial.

County Clerk Robt. Reynolds,
of Dickens, was in Spur Wednes-
day, meeting with constituents
and friends and also trading with
merchants.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot and Miss El-
liot, of the Spring Creek farm
and ranch, were shopping in the
city Wednesday afternoon of this
week.

Levi Ponder, wife and child-
ren of P. A. Pruett, of Fort Wor-
th were in Spur Tuesday and Wed-
nesday, visiting with Levi's pa-
rents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Pond.
Levi and family had been call-
ing to Mitchell county because of the
death of a child. Levi inform-
ed us that he had been attend-
ing school the past year, having com-
pleted his course and is now a
registered pharmacist. He
employed in a drug business
Fort Worth where he and fam-
ily have resided a number of years
since leaving Spur.

B. M. Blackmon, of west of Spur
was on the streets Wednesday.
Mr. Blackmon has been batching
the past several weeks while Mr.
Blackmon has been with relative
in Amarillo.

Frank E. Walker, of the High-
way community, was among the
business visitors Wednesday in
the city.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler
at Sander's Pharmacy.

How have you been?
Rented your house yet?
How's Tom's business?
Is Billy over his cold?

When are you
coming to see us?

—Fair samples of the questions
you can ask or answer in a
friendly, fast, cheap long dis-
tance telephone call.

BARGAINS OFFERED
IN USED CARS

We have sold a number of used
cars to satisfied customers. Other
good values remain on the floor
which will be sold at real bargain
prices, among them are:

1 Erskine Coupe.

1 Erskine Sedan

1 Studebaker Sedan

See our cars before buying.
We will save you money.

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Studebakers and Erskines

THE SPUR INN

OFFERS REDUCED AND ATTRACTIVE RATES FOR ITS ROOMS BY THE MONTH, WITH OR WITHOUT MEALS.

CARD OF THANKS

It is with sincere thanks we acknowledge the kind expressions of sympathy given us since the death of our father, James Stafford, by friends and neighbors of long standing.

Though our father passed away in Spur, we found his friends awaiting our arrival to help lay his body away in Fargo cemetery by the side of our mother.

The throng of people at the church conveyed to us the sincere friendship existing between our loved one and the community in which he lived so long. It was a symbol that in life he had been appreciated and in death was not forgotten.

Especially do we appreciate the kindness and consideration shown by Mack Wilson and the West Texas Utilities Co., and Rev. Vaughn, who conveyed the body and accompanied us to the Fargo cemetery.

Gratefully, His Children and Family.
MRS. F. R. HARRINGTON,
MRS. H. A. HOOD,
FRANK STAFFORD,
MRS. DAN COFFEE,
GEORGE STAFFORD,
OSCAR STAFFORD,
MRS. J. B. EDWARDS,
T. E. STAFFORD.

Poley Williams, of the Twin Wells section of country, was in town Wednesday. He stated that he had not yet done any planting, and while it was too wet to do plowing, he had his lands all ready for the planting season and intends to push the season.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday school each Sunday morning at 9:45.

Preaching service, morning at 10:55, evening at 7:30.

B. Y. P. U. Sunday evening at 6:30.

Regular prayer meeting Wednesday night, 7:30.

Our revival meeting will begin March 15th. We want you to feel that this is your meeting, and be with us. We are praying God to bring the revival with Bro. W. Y. Pond doing the preaching. Bro. Pond is a State evangelist, and we are expecting some good gospel sermons to be far reaching.—Reporter.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO BEAUTIFY PARK

In a regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary the ladies decided to adopt the Park across the street west of the Kelley Ward School.

This park has already been assigned to the Auxiliary and plans are being completed for the construction of a water fountain and flower beds.

This work is to be done by Chas. Whitener and his crowd.

Freeman Edmonds came up from Sweetwater the first of the week and spent a day or two in Spur with his father, J. C. Edmonds. Freeman is now managing a dry goods business in Sweetwater, and states that a comparatively good business is being had at this time.

OLD TIME QUILTING BEE

As a means of having her friends meet together in a social way, Mrs. J. W. Carlisle invited quite a number to meet with her in her lovely farm home in an old time quilting bee on Wednesday, February 19th.

At ten o'clock a number of ladies had arrived and at the click of needle and thimble, merry chatter of friend with friend could be heard around two quilts. By noon others had arrived to join in the fun, and at twelve thirty the hostess, assisted by Mrs. F. E. Vernon, invited the party to the kitchen where a table was loaded with deliciously prepared, home grown foods. Each lady selected the food to her liking, and retired to tables in the living room where talk subsided for awhile. The hostess then called for jokes and again merriment prevailed.

About five o'clock the quilts were finished, and reluctantly the guests departed for home, declaring the day a great one, the hostess charming in her hospitality, and the Carlisle home an ideal farm home. Those present were Mesdames W. M. Hunter, T. E. Stafford, Chas. Applegate, Samantha Smith, Rex Carlisle, Monk Rucker, S. C. Rawlings, W. S. Carlisle, G. W. Justice, Nattie McKay, P. E. Hagins, W. C. Ramsey, F. N. Oliver, Tom Price, Hattie Turvan, Dalton Johnson, G. T. Snodgrass, F. E. Vernon, Orville Booth and Miss Jennie Shields.

THE MIDWAY HOME

The Midway Home Demonstration Club ladies met with Mrs. C. T. Burns on Feb 20, and a cheese demonstration was given by Miss Jennie Osborne.

There were 15 present and 3 new members enrolled.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. John Brown on March 6th. Miss Osborne will give a demonstration on transplanting berry vines.—Reporter.

MESDAMES LEA AND TWADDELL ENTERTAIN

Mesdames M. A. Lea and S. H. Twaddell entertained with a series of "42" parties Friday, February 20 at the home of Mrs. Lea. The George Washington motif was used in the appointments and refreshment plate, with miniature hatchets as plate favors.

Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames Lawis Lee, J. M. Foster, C. B. Jones, H. P. Gipson, E. L. Caraway, J. H. Grace, Newman, Edgar McGee, W. C. Gruben, S. L. Davis, W. F. Godfrey, Cal Martin, V. C. Smart, G. M. Williams, T. E. Abernathy, J. B. Reed, Sol Davis, Forbis, S. C. Rawling, Ralph Jackson, J. L. Bowman, Sam Z. Hall, W. R. Lewis, M. E. Manning, Ray Sanders and Miss Julia Hickman.

Guests for the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames G. L. Barber, Roy Stovall, W. D. Wilson, W. B. Lee, J. W. Henry, J. R. Laine, D. L. Granberry, J. P. Carson, B. F. Hale, W. S. Campbell, Chas. Whitener, J. O. Kellam, G. R. Elkins, Tom McArthur and Mrs. Kate Senning.

PROGRAM OF ASSOCIATED B. Y. P. U. TO MEET AT SPUR CHURCH MARCH 8.

2:15—Song service by Mr. Fry.
2:25—Devotional by Robert Reynolds.
2:35—Special music. 2:40—Business and awarding the banner by President and Secretary.
2:50—Junior memory verse demonstration by the Spur Juniors.
3:00—When and what is the mobilization day by Mrs. Cap Ellison of Crosbyton.
3:10—Special song by treasurer from Calvary church.
3:15—B. Y. P. U. lecture. 3:30—Preparing for Christian living through study by Mr. R. E. Key, of Tahoka.
4:00—Adjournment.

A 1931 Farmers Daily Prayer

By request of a Spur reader we pass this prayer on for what it is worth:

Lord, I am only a farmer. Thou knowest that when wheat was \$2.00 per bushel and I had flour and sugar in the house and cakes and pies and everything I voted for a change, for Hoover. Thou knowest that I wore a Hoover Badge and was faithful in all thing to the G. O. P. Even so! Thou knowest that I believed in the dawn of a new day.

That wool would advance in price, that I would get \$3.00 for wheat and 20 cents for pork.

Lord, two years have gone, never to return. I am too poor to buy necessities and I still wear the Hoover badge on the seat of my overalls.

Oh, Lord I am thankful for one thing—that Hoover has been able to make the Jack Rabbit taste good in the summer time. I pray that Thou wilt keep the rabbits replenished so that I shall not go hungry; that I may use the hides for clothing.

I am glad, Oh Lord, that Thou hast prospered the great trucking systems and that they and also the railroads have been able to keep their high freight rates and my corn will not pay the expenses for husking.

I pray that Thou wilt continue to uphold Wall Street, that Big Business will be able to collect the year's interest on the funds of my own bank account for it is a righteous cause. Teach me to pray: Our father, who art in Washington, Hoover be thy name, his kingdom come, his will be done even to denying drought sufferers relief and beating the soldier boys out of their bonus. Give each our daily corn bread that Hoover tried to make us eat for two years and that Harding had us eating in three months. Lead us not into temptation to vote for a Democratic president. For Hoover has all the power, Wall Street all the money, Rockefeller the oil, the manufacturers all the protection and I have the patched overalls, forever and ever, AMEN.—Exchange.

C. A. Brinnell, of the Spur ranch headquarters, was among the business visitors on the street Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart and Mrs. Roy Arrington, of east of Spur, were shopping in the city Wednesday.

Roy Harkey made a business trip Thursday of this week to Big Spring.

Mrs. Cliff Byrd, of west of the city, was here Thursday, shopping and visiting with friends of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hunter, of east of Spur, were in the city Thursday, shopping and visiting among friends.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was among the shoppers and visitors in the city Thursday.

Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, of north of Spur, was shopping and visiting in Spur Wednesday afternoon.

W. J. Owens, of the Elton section of country, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday. He reports the north part of the county in fine shape for farming with ideal seasons, and everybody optimistic of bumper crop yields for the year. We are pretty sure of making good crops—regardless of what the speculators may allow for prices on the fall markets.



Yes, Sir, I can back up what I say about Germ-Processed Oil with actual proof, O.K'd by A.A.A.



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THREE stock cars from three price classes went through six weeks of testing on Pike's Peak. Three nationally known oils were used in comparison with Conoco Germ-Processed Motor Oil. All of the testing was directly supervised by the American Automobile Association.

At the end of six weeks the AAA took the more than ten thousand observations, then issued a report of the outcome. The report stated that in the Pike's Peak Tests Conoco Motor Oil had shown a reduction of 76.4% in the rate of motor wear... that it had shown greater stability... had lowered frictional temperatures... increased compression pressures... reduced oil consumption... added to gasoline mileage... reduced crankcase dilution... lengthened motor life.

No higher authority could have been called upon to prove the merits of Germ-Processed oil. No more sweeping commendation could have been asked for. The complete story of the Pike's Peak tests is told in an attractive booklet. We'll gladly send you a copy upon your request mailed to "Conoco, Ponca City, Oklahoma"... or you can obtain it at stations showing the sign of the Conoco Red Triangle when you go there to change to Germ-Processed oil, as thousands of other motorists are doing every day.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas To all persons interested in the estate of B. F. Yeates, deceased, W. F. Ragland was by the County court of Dickens County, Texas, on the 7th day of February A. D. 1931 duly appointed Temporary Administrator of the estate of said decedent, which appointment will be made permanent should the court be of the opinion that a permanent Administrator is necessary, unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in April A. D. 1931 the same being the 20th day of April A. D. 1931, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens at which time all persons interested in the welfare of the estate of said decedent may appear and contest such appointment if they so desire.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas this 18th day of February A. D. 1931.

ROBT. REYNOLDS, Clerk, County Court Dickens County, Texas.

Mrs. Will Garner, of just east of the city, was among the shoppers here Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Phone 32 for good, clean coal. Swafford & Hill.

E. D. Chambers, of north of Atton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week, transacting business affairs.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler, at Sander's Pharmacy. 1931

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Our lenses and frames are made with scrupulous care, in the size and shape best suited to your features. The natural result is glasses that will add to rather than detract from your appearance.

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SUITS Cleaned and Pressed 75c
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MODEL TAILORS

"TROUBLE"

Trouble is just part o' th' scheme o' life an' no home seems to be complete without its errin' son or daughter, its mortgage, its poverty, or calamity o' some sort. Trouble softens us. It disturbs that feelin' o' selfish security that's all to likely t' develop with a little easy money. Trouble is a great leveler an' a wonderful conceit diminisher an' it seems t' make a specialty o' hittin' the high places. Fer how often we see folks readin' th' help wanted ads t'day that we're frowning down on us from th' dazy peaks o' prosperity yesterday.—Abe Martin.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler, at Sander's Pharmacy. 18tf

J. W. Vandiver, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday, trading and transacting business affairs.

Miss Strickland and Jim Cade Married at Jayton, Feb. 7

February 7th, Miss Stella Mae Strickland and Mr. Jim Cade, two prominent young people of Kent county, were united in marriage at Jayton. Jim Cade is a son of Cal Cade of Luzon and one of the leading citizens of Kent county. The newly wedded couple will make their home in the Luzon community.

FOR RENT—5-Room furnished apartment, furnished with garage, bills paid, for \$18 per month. Also 2-room furnished apartment with garage for \$12.50 per month.—Mrs. Kate Buchanan, phone 2573. 1tc

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Dr. Wylie and Family Moving to Spur From Bridgeport

Dr. John Wylie and family, of Bridgeport, are moving to Spur where they will make their home in the future, and where Dr. Wylie will engage in the practice of medicine, assuming the practice of the late lamented Dr. Morris, maintaining his office with the Red Front Drug Store. Dr. Wylie comes to Spur highly recommended as a physician and citizen, and he and family will find a welcome as citizens among us.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler, at Sander's Pharmacy. 18tf

Watson Community Will Plant Aquala Cottonseed Only

W. B. Ford, of Watson, was in town Saturday. He informed us that the farmers of the Watson community would this year plant Aquala cotton seed on every farm. This cotton is said to be one of the best, having an inch and better staple, adapted to this section.

Mr. Abernathy, of the McAdoo Mercantile Company of McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday afternoon of this week transacting business affairs. Mr. Abernathy stated that they were selling numbers of Farmalls in the Plains territory at this time, and that everything considered business was good. A good rain covered that section Monday and the past week.

M. S. Paver, of the Prairie Chapel community east of Afton, is now in Mineral Wells, partaking of the health giving qualities of that resort. His friends join us in the hope that he may regain perfect health.

O. D. Blanton, who has been ill and confined to his room and bed for some time, is now able to be up and occasionally attend his place of business.

DRY LAKE

A nice shower fell over this community Sunday night and Monday.

The junior boys basketball team went to Dickens and played in the tournament. They lost their first game being defeated by Dickens 19 to 6.

Everyone enjoyed the party given by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith Friday night. Several were there from Highway.

Two games of basket ball were played at the school house between Dry Lake and Espuela, Sunday. Espuela won the first game but Dry Lake won the second game.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delwood Stanley Saturday night. Everyone reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Stanley of Antelope, visited their parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Stanley, Sunday.

Misses Kittie Marie Hull and Esther Harrot were shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Misses Lorine Stanley, Lois Smith, and Gladys Hindman, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Turner Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hindman visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Crump and little daughter, Norma June, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Aston this weekend.

Miss Zeina Aston spent Sunday with Miss Nelda Pritchett.

Miss Ollie Hairgrove visited her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Crouch, of Spur, Saturday.

A large crowd attended the singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith were in Spur Saturday.

Misses Leona Mae and Eula Smith were in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. R. F. Rogers visited Mrs. Coy Denson Sunday. Mrs. Denson and sons, Junior and Kenneth, returned home with her and spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. James, of Lubbock, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Bass.

Miss Violet Delisle, a 4-H club member, had a tray of eggs set at the hatchery Saturday.

Little Misses Iva and Cleo Smith spent Saturday with Elizabeth Louis Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Elza Armstrong and Glyneth Armene visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. C. N. Kidd, Sunday.

Mr. John Bass, of Brownsfield, was a guest of Lon Bass, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hutto, son and daughter, J. L. Jr. and Pauline, were visitors in Olney, Texas, this weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Buren Smith had supper with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barnes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sandlin visited Mr. and Mrs. Elza Armstrong Saturday night.

Messrs. Lee Snodgrass and Gene Roberts were visiting in our community this weekend.

Mr. Doc Slaton went to Jayton Saturday night. Miss Vivyan, who has been visiting there, accompanied him back to Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Stacy visited Mr. W. D. York and other relatives of this community, Sunday.

Misses Kittie Marie Hull and Esther Harrot spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Smith and family.

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Uncle Dick Holly was greeting Thursday.

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Highway Contracts To Be Let Feb. 28 For Home Projects

The State Highway Commission of Texas has been called by W. P. Ely of Abilene, chairman to meet in Austin February 27, 28, and March 2 and 3.

The state's highway department's record breaking letting of contracts amounting to \$7,400,000 will include West Texas projects in Crosby, Coke, Ford, Hall, Haskell, Montague, Pecos, Reeves, Upton, Wheeler, Lubbock, Gray, Randall and Runtell counties.

The Crosby county project, the grading of highway 24 from a point in the canyon east of town to four miles west to the precinct line, carries special interest for this section of the county. Right-of-way for the entire six miles or more has just about been secured, officials stated here Wednesday.

In case this contract is let at the next setting of the commission it will furnish construction work that will last for several months.

It is reported that the present cap, coming up out of the canyon, will be used for the present and only temporarily. The present route west of town will be used and the extra road bed necessary will come off the north side of the highway.—Crosbytown Review.

New Kind of Compass Points to Oil, Diamonds and Gold Engineers Told

(By Howard W. Blakeslee)

New York, Feb. 16.—A new kind of compass points to diamonds, gold, oil. The American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers was told about it today.

It is a prospector's tool, replacing pack mule, pick and pan. But the prospector must know geology and the results are no more certain than the old plan although on a far bigger scale.

The new prospecting was explained by Noel H. Stearn, a consulting geologist of St. Louis. A needle called the hotchkiss super-dip is balanced between gravitation and the same magnetic lines which guide the mariner's compass.

It is set to swerve wherever the earth's lines are disturbed.

Such disturbing zones hang in the air above many sorts of buried minerals. Mr. Stearn said the needle had identified eight different natural resources in 7 states.

In Arkansas it is the kind of volcanic rock that bears diamonds. There, above three known diamond deposits in Pike county, where several thousand gems have been found, the needle's track when plotted on paper looks as if it is trying to climb a mountain. The deflection is not due to diamonds, but to the volcanic rock.

It has located indications of 7 other volcanic deposits hitherto unknown, which Mr. Stearn said may in the course of exploration be found to bear diamonds.

The other formation identified by the compass are copper, iron, oil, gas, lead, gold and bauxite. They are scattered through the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arizona.

In the Texas Panhandle the needle indicates a range of buried mountains, which seems to be an extension of the Wichita Mountains for about 160 miles north-westward. Knowledge of the existence of this range, said Mr. Stearn, is likely to be useful in exploration for petroleum and gas.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Early, of McAdoo, are in Mineral Wells where he is undergoing treatment. For some time Mr. Early has been in ill health, having made several trips to Marlin for treatments in the past year. It is hoped that in Mineral Wells he may find complete health and relief from his present condition.

Leb Wolborne and family recently moved back to Spur from Dougherty where he has been employed in the ginning business the past two or three seasons.

A. C. George, of Highway, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on business.

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New Bill Favors Convention Nomination Plan

Austin, Feb. 12.—Modification of the State primary laws and a return to the Democratic convention system of selecting candidates for State offices and United States Senators are sought by Senator W. K. Hopkins of Gonzales in a bill which he introduced today.

The bill provides for election on the second Saturday in July of delegates to a State convention. This convention would meet the second Tuesday after the second Saturday in July and would then name two candidates for United States Senator as well as two for nominees for all State-wide offices.

At the second primary, on the fourth Saturday in August, one of two candidates for United States Senator, as well as the convention's nominees for State offices would be voted on, and necessary runoffs in the county and district races would be decided.

The proposed act would leave to the various counties and districts the rights they now have to elect by popular vote all precinct, county and district officers, including district judges, district attorneys and candidates for Congress, except congressmen-at-large, these to be voted on the second Saturday in July.

Number of delegates from each county to the State convention would be based on the voting strength, one being allowed for each 500 votes cast in the preceding August primary election.

DISTRICT MGR. OWSELEY OF W. T. U. Co. CRITICALLY ILL OF PNEUMONIA

W. G. Owsley, district manager of the West Texas Utilities Co., is critically ill of pneumonia at his home in Stamford.

Mr. Owsley's father died Friday of last week at his home in Haskell, he being unable to attend the funeral.

The Owsley family has resided in that section of West Texas since the very early days, being among the most highly respected citizens of the country.

O. L. HALE UNDERGOING TREATMENT AT GEARY, OK.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho L. Hale are now in Geary, Oklahoma, where Mr. Hale is undergoing treatment at the hands of a noted specialist.

A letter just received from him states that he was in a general run-down condition and is now improving under the treatment. He requests the Texas Spur to mail them while in Geary in order to keep informed of the happenings at home.

H. C. Eldredge, of McAdoo, was transacting business affairs in Spur Wednesday. It is said that the Plains country is also wet to the bottom, following the rains of January and February.

A fine rain covered the country Monday of this week, amounting to nearly an inch in some sections.

Lee Watson, of McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

McAdoo Students Study in Court on Proceedings

The civics class of the McAdoo high school came to Crosbytown Monday to study court procedure from first hand by seeing the court in action.

W. O. Cherry is instructor of the class and they spent several hours in the court rooms as a jury case was in progress.

The following are the names of the students who were in the party and who belong to the civics class.

Archie McDonald, Hazel Harris, Gordon Miller, Eddie Szydoski, Johnnie Cherry, Ralph Barton, Aline Allen, Marjorie Van Meter, Vera Roberson, Jack Deer, Lucile Rose, Katherine Rose, Lucile Morris, Raymond Eldredge, Oric Burrow, Frances Eldredge, Annie T. Stephenson, Irene Embury, John Hammons, Hugh Smith, Arthus Laney, Leatrice Sparkman, Helen McDonald, and the instructor, W. O. Cherry.—Crosbytown Review.

See Henry Gruben the Jeweler, at Sander's Pharmacy. 18tf

THE SPUR COUNTRY NOW WET TO THE BOTTOM

We have been informed that parties digging a water well near Spur the past week ascertained the fact that the ground is now wet down to a depth of eight feet, from the recent rains. The country has an ideal crop season, both top and bottom, and only worms or hail can prevent the harvesting of bumper crops during the year.

MRS. DAVIS ENTERTAINED CAKE AND COFFEE CLUB

Mrs. Nellie Davis was hostess Thursday evening of last week at her home in the city to members of the Cake and Coffee Club and other guests. The entertaining program was so pleasant and enjoyable that guests remained until a late hour, the hostess serving refreshments of cake and coffee at the midnight hour. Mrs. Davis was so pleasing and gracious as hostess on this occasion that it was with reluctance that guests departed in the wee small hours of the morning, each looking forward to another entertainment in her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Curd, arrived in the city Tuesday from their home in California, and will spend some time in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stafford, and other relatives and friends of the town and country. Mrs. Lonnie Harris of California, also accompanied them to Spur for a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey, of Croton, were in Spur Wednesday of this week.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak farm and ranch to the west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week. He stated that he did not know whether or not he was 'farming' but that he employed two hours of his time each day grubbing, and the balance of the day in taking things easy.

Major Industries Demand Transmission Line Service

In this modern day, when industries are turning more and more to the dependable transmission line as a source of power supply, the small city being served in this manner enjoys a distinct advantage over those towns, which—in spite of progress—still retain the old fashioned isolated plant method. A dependable power supply is absolutely essential to the successful operation of major industries, and it is particularly gratifying that executives of those industries insist on transmission line service.

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