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White persons found in the Negro section of Spur at unusual hours may be charged with vagrancy.

Vagrancy and loafing by able bodied persons in the towns of Dickens County will be given special attention in line with recommendations of the County and City authorities, who are now prepared to work prisoners on the highways if necessary.

W. E. ARTHUR, Sheriff. W. M. MALONE, City Marshal of Spur. JNO. A. BELL, Constable 47-4tc of Spur.

Padlocked Minds

(By BRUCE BARTON)

We were discussing Russia at the dinner table of a banker. None of us knew anything about the subject but that did not prevent a long and animated conversation.

The general opinion, forcibly expressed, was that Stalin and his associates represent the great menace to the present day world. It was even urged that all capitalistic powers ought to combine to overthrow the Bolshevistic Russians out of hand, wouldn't it gime.

Finally I made a timid suggestion.

I said that it seemed to me probable that the Russian experiment will have to be very much modified or it will fail. It appears to run contrary to too many human instincts.

Man is moved by the ambition to acquire opportunity and security for his children. The Bolshevics deny him the right of acquisition. Man is "incurably religious;" the Bolshevics have attempted to abolish God. Sooner or later, man his always revolted against unbridled auto-tracy under whatever guise or name.

"But," I continued, waxing a little bolder, "any one who looks over the capitalistic countries today must admit that our economic organization leaves a lot to be desired. Think of the tragedy of wheat selling below the cost of production at a time when thousands are standing in bread-lines. What a frightful thing it is for factories to be shut down for lack of orders while a large percentage of the human race still lacks adequate clothing and shelter.

"Instead of condemning the be more sensible to see whether they discover anything, no matter how small anything, no matter to make our own decrepit economic machine a little better?"

Recently I read an article by Professor Harold J. Laski in which he pointed out how every new idea that ever came into the world has been opposed by the "experts."

"Not even so great a surgeon as Simpson could see merit in Lister's discovery of antiseptic treatment. The opposition to Pasteur was so vehement that he declared regretfully that he did not know he had so many enemies."

Napoleon scoffed at the steam ship. Wellington was never persuaded that the breech-loading rifle was any good. Vanderbilt refused to entertain the crazy notion that Westinghouse could stop his trains by "jamming air against the wheels."

If we keep our minds open to new ideas we are bound to be misled often, and sometimes to be ridiculous.

But the surest way of all to be wrong is to assume that God has completed His process of revelation and that the world tomorrow will be exactly like the world today.

J. T. Rasco was here Tuesday from his farm home a few miles north of town. He states that there is entirely too great a difference between the price the farmer receives for raw materials and the price the consumer pays for the manufactured products and proposes to write an article for the paper explaining how this could be remedied.

Kalgary Happenings

The farmers of this community are busy cutting feed and pulling bales.

Mrs. Howard Reed and baby, Virginia Joan, Misses Ivory Ford and Ora Livingston were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Richard Self and baby, Ramona, Mrs. Wright Hinson and Miss Belle Witt were shopping in Spur, Saturday.

Mr. Wright Hinson Jr. is visiting relatives and friends in Abilene since last week.

Mr. Howard Reed was a business visitor in Crosbyton Wednesday.

Mr. Nelson Springer and children have returned from a weeks stay on their farm at Canyon Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Hinson and baby spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Hinson's mother, Mrs. Howell.

Miss Maxine Lynch, who has been visiting her sister in New Mexico for the past three months has returned home.

Mrs. Lynn Rankin of the White River community, has been canning corn with Mrs. Nelson Springer this week.

There was no church here Sunday morning and Sunday night on account of the rain that fell Sunday.

W. I. Scott jumped off a fence at the home of Mr. Everitt Davis last Thursday afternoon and threw his arm out of place. He is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Morris and family were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Grizzle Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Grizzle and Miss Billie Robinson were shopping in Spur, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Witt and baby, Dona Lee, who have been in New Mexico several months, have returned to their home south of Kalgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Seward of Los Angeles, who have been visiting Mrs. Seward's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Springer, have returned to their home.

Amon English has returned from a trip to New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Scott and family visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Livingston and family Sunday.

Jim Cross and Howard Witt were among the Spur visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pinkerton have returned from a visit in Ft. Worth.

Howard Rankin spent Saturday night with Jimmie Cross.

Misses Novelle and Estelle Witt visited Miss Ora Livingston Friday night.

Mrs. L. W. Tucker had as her weekend guests her mother, Mrs. Jordan, and sister, Mrs. Greenwood and little daughter, Eleanor.

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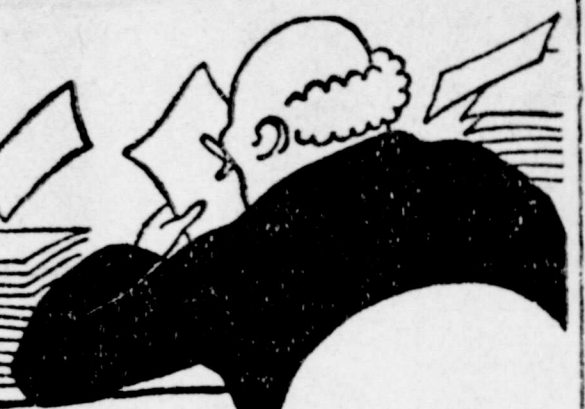
Before me a Notary in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared W. C. McClure, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is a publisher of the Texas Spur, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 411, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

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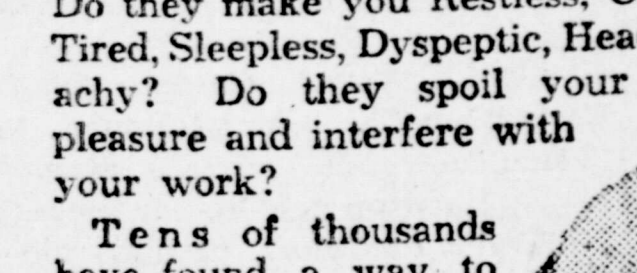
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**KOLONIAL KARD KLUB**

Miss Alice Brashear entertained the Kolonial Kard Klub at the residence of Mrs. T. A. Johnson on Thursday evening of the past week.

Chicken Salad Sandwiches and tea were served to Mesdames Pat Watson, Elza Watson, Wylie Stafford, Eral Scott, Cash Wilmon, David Burns and Misses Pauline Brown, Louise Collier, Sybil McDaniel, Lenora Liseby, Mildred Williams, Nell Albin, Zell Ellis, and Dorothy Carson. Miss Williams won high score.

El Paso newspapers are promoting a "use-more-cotton" campaign, and College of Mines athletes will wear cotton uniforms this season.

Pecos recently held its first annual cantaloupe fiesta advertising the fine quality cantaloupe produced there in commercial quantities.

Twenty thousand visitors went through Carlsbad Covers in the month of August.

A \$10,000 school building for the exclusive use of its three hundred Mexican children, is being built at Big Spring.

Jake McBroom was here Saturday from Clovis, N. M.

Elois Nickels, of McAdoo, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

S. B. Scott was here Wednesday from his farm and ranch home near Calgary.

Sim Moss, a prominent farmer of Afton, was down Monday and sold a couple of bales on the 6c plan. He states that farmers should at least consider the benefits offered by the co-ops whether they join up or not.

Chas. Perrin was down Tuesday from his farm and ranch home on Croton.

S. and Hughes Butler were here Saturday from their farm and ranch home on Cat Fish.

Tom Cross was here Saturday from his farm home down on the river.

ORANGE juice as a substitute for vinegar will give a new and deliciously piquant flavor to French dressing. Select the thin-skinned yellow oranges when, as here, the amount of juice is the first consideration. These are always the juicier.

An ice cream carton makes an excellent mould for ice-box cookies. Press the mixture in firmly and put on the cover. Then, when wanted, just tear away the cardboard and you have a perfectly shaped cylinder all ready to be sliced.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Slack were here Wednesday from their home on the west line of the county.

Mrs. R. W. Richards of McAdoo who was operated at the Nichols Sanitarium here the past week is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Pence, of McAdoo were here Wednesday to visit her mother, who is in the Nichols Sanitarium.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Granberry Sunday of this week. The young lady has been named Jean. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

J. M. Hahn was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Highway community. He reports a two inch rain there this week with some little damage to cotton. However, wheat will be greatly benefitted as well as winter pasturages.

Walter Thomason was here Tuesday from his home on the west line of the county. He states that the rains of the week will total three inches in his section.

T. C. Carter was in Spur Tuesday from his farm home on upper Dockum. He reports a fine "wheat" rain and no damage to cotton.

T. C. and R. O. Wallace, of McAdoo, were business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

M. F. Hagar was here Wednesday from his home just over in Kent. He states that his section received around an inch and a half of rain which will be of benefit not only to wheat but to the large acreage of late feed.

Nig Marshall of Dumas, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall, and his many friends in this section of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Frazier, of a few miles west of the city were shoppers and visitors here Wednesday.

Cebe Lambert, of Croton, was a business visitor in Spur, Tuesday.

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This is not a bargain offer that will last only a short time, but will be the permanent price of the paper hereafter.

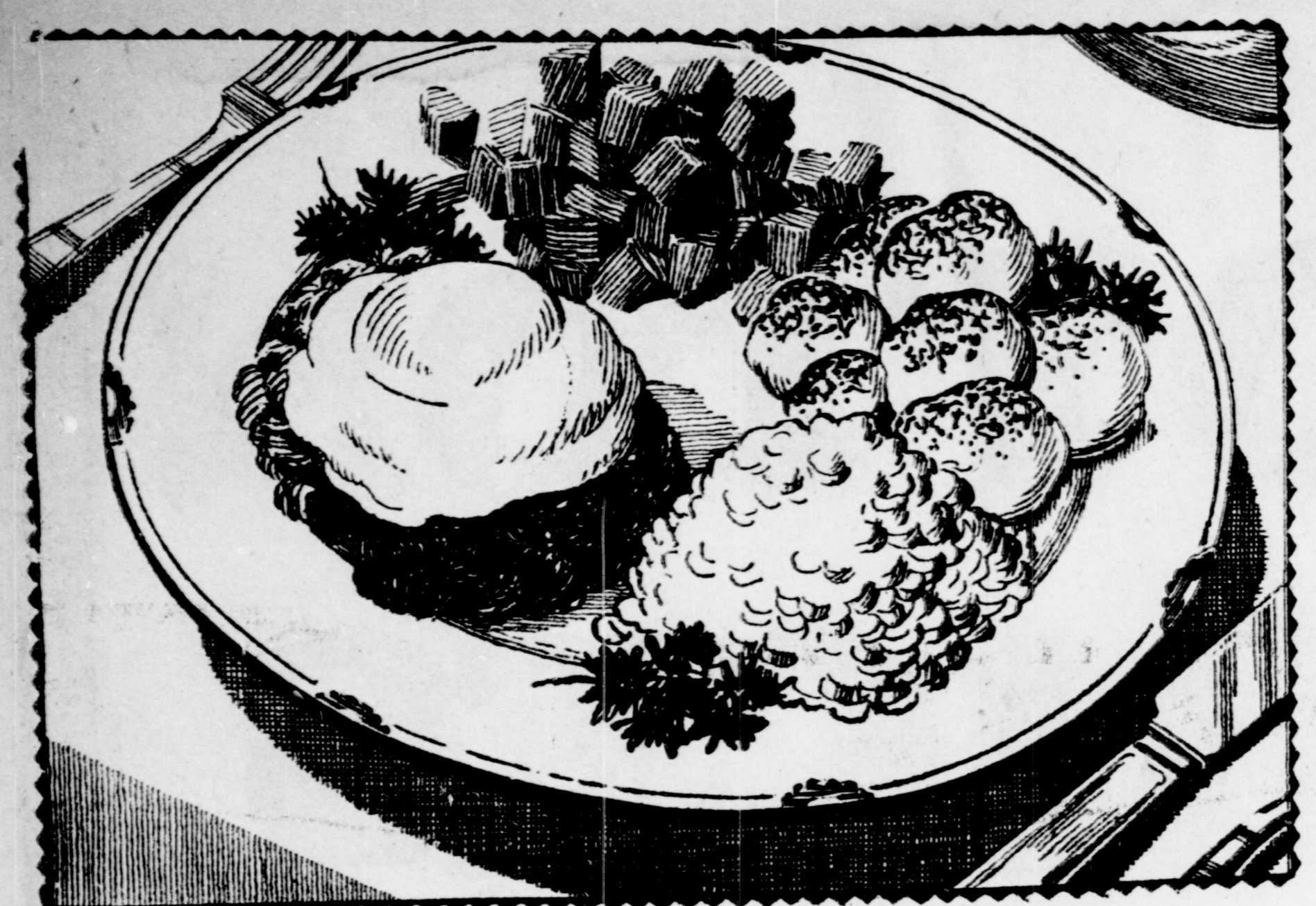
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## VALUABLE VEGETABLES

The vegetable plate, always a pleasing variation in the diet, takes on added importance now that thrift has become the watchword for housewives. The Bureau of Home Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, has this to say of the value of vegetables in the diet:

CANNED VEGETABLES		
Artichokes, Heads	Carrots	Peas
Artichokes, Hearts	Carrots, Diced, Sliced	Peppers, Green
Asparagus, Stalks	Carrots and Peas	Peppers, Sweet
Asparagus, Tips	Cauliflower	Pimientos
Beans, Baked	Celery	Potatoes, Irish, New
Beans, Kosher	Corn on Cob	Pumpkin
Beans, Lima	Corn, Cream Style	Rice
Beans with Pork	Corn, Kernel Style	Sauerkraut
Beans, Red Kidney	Corn, Whole Grain	Spinach
Beans, Refugee	Tomatoes	Squash
Beans with Tomato Sauce	Kale	Strained Vegetables
Beans, Wax	Leeks	Succotash
Beets, Diced	Mixed Vegetables for Soup	Tomatoes
Beets, Pieces	Mushrooms	Tomato Soup
Beets, Sliced	Okra	Turkey
Beets, Whole	Okra with Tomatoes	Turkey Greens
Brussels Sprouts	Onions	Vegetable Salad
Cabbage	Parsnips	Wholewheat

sixty minutes at 245 degrees. This all sounds marvelously efficient, you say, in the preparation of a food which costs so little as a can of beans — but has not something been lost in the process? Dr. Walter H. Eddy, Ph. D., professor of physiological chemistry in Columbia University, answers this question with the following statement:

"Aside from the flavor, color and variety which vegetables bring to a meal and which in themselves are important, they are regarded from the standpoint of nutrition as excellent sources of minerals and vitamins. The minerals belong to a group of substances which regulate the functions of the body and help to build tissues. Throughout life, and particularly so during the growing period, the minerals are essential to good health. Calcium, phosphorus and iron are some of the minerals that are found in vegetables and which are most likely to be lacking in the average American diet."

retain excellently the flavor, texture, color and food value due to scientific cooking and packing. Take beets, for example. Beets require soaking in water and thorough washing under sprays to remove adhering soil. To permit peeling, washed beets are steamed at 220 degrees for twenty to twenty-five minutes. Boiling water, such as the housewife uses to loosen the skins remove considerable of the sugar and other soluble components. At the cannery, the steamed beets are then chilled in water, trimmed and peeled by hand. They are filled into gold enamel-lined cans by hand—this lining retains perfectly the color of fruits and vegetables—and a very dilute brine or water is added. The canned beets are then sterilized for approximately

"It would be a very serious matter if, with our extensive use of canned foods, the canning process deprived us of the vitamin values of these foods. Fortunately the actual measurement of the vitamin content of such foods in my laboratory has not only shown that such danger does not exist, but that often canned foods are actually richer in vitamin C value than is the same product purchased in the open market and cooked in kettles on the family stove. The commercial canning process actually conserves vitamin values!"

### Why Money Scarce And Taxes High In State of Texas

Statistics gathered by citizens working for a modification of the Robertson insurance law show clearly enough why loans on real estate are not obtainable in Texas and why interest rates are high in Texas.

The crux of the whole matter is that but one-sixth of the assets of the nation's big insurance companies is available as loans in Texas. The other five-sixths are not accessible for loans because of the Robertson law. In brief, millions and millions of dollars which would be available as new money to develop the state, to finance and refinance farmers, ranchers and home-owners and for municipal bonds, and at especially low rates, are denied the people of Texas because of a law on our statute books.

Little wonder then that business men and others who are interested in seeing conditions made more attractive to general development, have launched the campaign to have the Robertson law modified. There can be no argument in favor of a law which keeps out of Texas such companies as the Metropolitan Life, the Prudential, the Equitable and the other great insurance organizations.

The companies admitted to do business in Texas have assets of 2 1/4 billion dollars; the companies not permitted to do business in this state have assets of 12 billion dollars.

The situation has become trying one for property-owners because of the curtailment of loans by companies doing business in Texas.

Statistics for 1930 show that the companies operating today in Texas decreased their real estate

mortgage investments last year by 8 million dollars, while during the same period of time the companies not operating in this state increased their real estate loans by more than 256 million dollars. All of which goes to show that there would be plenty of money available as loans on real estate if the Robertson law did not close the gate to the big companies which have billions in assets and which gladly would do business in Texas if given the legal right.

If Governor Sterling and the lawmakers at Austin really want to do something constructive for Texas they should look into the advisability of amending the Robertson law without further delay. —Abilene Reporter.

### A Good Platform

Rather than continuing with more and more legislation at more and more expense in an effort to remedy the economic ills of the county, a retrenchment program would reflect more benefit to the public than any theories proposed to legislate us into prosperity.

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A fresh, smooth shave is the Best Tonic to start the day.

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governing, and thus allay the fear of heavy tax increases that kill industrial development and employment.

Officeholders give their constituents assurance of tax reduction and economy in government—during their campaigns. Once they are safely established in office they customarily forget their pledge. The result is a constant increase in the number of government bureaus and employees, more paternalism and higher taxes.

We face a gigantic federal tax deficit that cannot be made up by prayer. Only the most stringent economy, the most rigid restriction of governmental activities, can prevent taxes from rising to intolerably high levels in the next few years. The public must demand that officeholders stand for tax reduction and fulfill their pledges when they are given their offices.

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### DICKENS ITEMS

This section was visited with a fine rain Sunday night which extended to the plains country and will be very beneficial to wheat.

A small fire started in the Citizens Gin at this place Friday. However it was extinguished before doing serious damage.

E. Y. Love of Ft. Worth, was in Dickens on business the past week and was called from here to attend the funeral of his brother at Wichita Falls.

Mr. Fred Slough and daughter, Mrs. Wingo, were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Grandpa Ball, of the Espuela community has been on the sick list but is better at this writing.

A crowd of young people went on a weiner roast on Rock Creek Saturday night.

E. M. Bersett closed the deal for the Farmers Cooperative Gin and assumed control, Monday.

Mrs. John Gay and little son, Mursy and Jerry, visited Mrs. Gay's mother, Mrs. Fred Solugh, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gregston were hosts to a party of young folks Saturday night. Everyone reports a nice time.

Mr. Bob Cross says he knew there was something wrong with his head but didn't know what it was until he went to Spur Saturday. He said it was this way, "My old hat had become so small or my head so large I couldn't get the old thing on my head, so I had been going bareheaded around the house and was puzzled. I couldn't believe my head was swelled because of the high price of cotton.

"I decided to go to Spur Saturday, forgetting I wasn't wearing a hat. I was standing on Bryant and Link's corner when I noticed everyone who passed stared at me, then grinned. I became embarrassed and noticing a friend standing near, approached him and said, 'Say pard, what is wrong with my appearance?' The man peered at me and said, 'Why, it's old Bob, isn't it?' and I said, 'Yes, this is me alright, but what's wrong?' My friend said, 'Not a thing only your hair resembles the long bob the ladies are wearing and you are minus a hat.'"

Mr. Cross clapped both hands to his head and said, "Oh, so that's it. Sure enough I didn't wear my hat." And immediately started for home.

That night he dreamed he was riding three bales of cotton to town to trade for a hair cut, and about daylight he had a bright idea. Arising and quickly donning his clothing he started for Frank Duggins' home and on arriving, said, "Say, Frank, I want

to make a trade with you. If you'll do me a real barber job, you may keep all this hair, yes, honest, every bit of it." Frank said, "But, Mr. Cross, what could I do with it?" Mr. Cross said, "You can stuff a couple of sofa pillows with it." Frank stepped back, scrutinizing him, and said, "Why, Bob, I believe there's enough for three. By George I'll do it."

The job finished, Mr. Cross gazed at his reflection in the mirror and said, "Fine, I'll tell you what, when Mr. Hoover puts all that money he's been talking about into circulation, I'm going to have this hair cut a year." So both are happy. Frank has his pillows and Bob is once more wearing his hat.

The Mars brothers and E. W. Duggins, of Croton, passed thru Dickens Tuesday enroute to the Plains where they will attend to business matters.

Until the recent rains, farmers were very busy gathering their cotton and feed crops which are bountiful in this part of Dickens county.

Charlie Hendrix, Roy Francis and Cleveland Pursley all of Chillicothe were pleasant visitors in the E. Duggins home Tue. and Wed. of this week. The boys report a fine rain at Chillicothe, covering all the territory between here and that place.

Harry Hollis was in Spur Tuesday.

### Mason's Observation

Aesop tells of how a peasant, walking down a frozen lane, saw a snake—a sight unpleasing—and it gave the good man pain. For the snake was lying senseless in the bitter cold, unprotected and defenseless, something grievous to behold. "This is sad," the man reflected, "this poor snake's in evil case, and its death may be expected if it finds no warming place." So he gathered up the varmint and bestowed it in his vest, thinking that the all-wool garment would restore its pep and zest. Then the snake revived and bit him; came the undertaker wise with a coffin made to fit him and a shroud of proper size. There's no error that is sadder than the kindly man's mistake, when he gathers up an adder thinking it a garter snake. There's no folly that is riper than the folly of a gent who will try to help a viper when its on destruction bent. There's a sort of moral blindness that admits of no defense; even in our deeds of kindness we should learn to use horse sense. There is little sense in aiding men of instincts low and base, who are gleefully parading to the social

dumping place. We may hand them out a weiner when we find them tired and sore, but the village will be cleaner when we shoo them from the door. There are many who are drifting heedlessly the downward way, who'll respond to things uplifting, and to rescue them will pay. For the right I'd be a battler, giving vice a swat and biff, but I wouldn't thaw a rattle snake if I found it frozen stiff—Walt Mason.

### Laments of N. M.

Industries, oh, I beg your pardon, of course we have industries out here in New Mexico—Livestock, farming, oil, and a few more (plain and fancy)—but what's the use? All they mean to us right now is a lot of grief. After we raise our cattle, nine times out of ten it doesn't justify our efforts to scrape enough shekles together to ship them to market. If we do ship them, and are lucky, we may break even—if we aren't lucky, the bank breaks us.

Yes, it is true that we do have plenty of corn and other feed to fatten our hogs, but the sons-of-guns adopt a high-hat manner

and shout forth with disdainful snorts at being fed cheap feed. Yes-sir-ree, you can tell how they got it all figured out that its bad enough to end in the slaughter pens, but they ain't gonna be hurried there by eating cheap fodder. And then there's our oil—oh, we've got it and plenty of it—that's the whole trouble, too darn much. Instead of getting a decent price for it, sometimes it looks as though we'll end up by paying somebody a bonus just for hauling it away.

Well, anyway, we're sticking by the old adage, "It's always darkest just before dawn," and I don't believe it will get any darker—in fact, if imagination isn't putting a fast one over, the sun has already started breakin' thru those old clouds, and better times are just about to burst forth—and then watch New Mexico.

John Goodall, a prominent citizen of the Girard community, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. P. Marshall of a few miles east of the city was a business visitor here Wednesday.

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