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Installed New Machinery

J. I. Hayes informs us that the Swift gin has installed a new hull and boll extractor which will enable the farmers to get a much better sample of cotton. This new machine is a John E. Mitchell Double saw Boll extractor, and prepares the cotton to such an extent that before it reaches the gins it has the appearance of picked cotton. All burrs, stems, dirt and bolls are separated before the ginning process begins.

The sample made by the use of this new machine is a very nice one, clean and free from foreign particles. This should enhance the value of the cotton during the season when bolls have to be ginned.

Miss Minnie Scott, of Lubbock, and Miss Marie Griffith, of Winters, visited their friend, Miss Lera Harris, last week. Also they called on Mr. Speer, of the Western Union Telegraph Office while in town.

C. B. Cook Goes to Florida

C. B. Cook, who has been head of the local Cotton Exchange for the past two years, left Sunday for Miami, Florida, where he assumes the management of a very large cotton exchange. While Mr. Cook was in our city he proved himself to be a very live wire in all community interests. It was through his efforts that the local Cotton Exchange continued business. Also it was largely through his influence that Spur's live little band was organized, and there are many other things that he gladly assisted and supported. We have lost a valuable citizen.

WHY NOT A DAIRY ASSOCIATION HERE

It would be a great thing if the farmers of Dickens County would organize a Dairy Association for marketing cream and other products. Such an association would at least stabilize a good market and secure the farmers a better price for their butter fat.

Dickens County is destined to be a great dairy country, and will be necessary to secure the best means of marketing these products. Farmers in Hale County have such an organization and are receiving around ten cents per pound more for butter fat than farmers in other sections are receiving. This would mean a great deal to the farmers of this section, and would be a great inducement to the dairy business.

In next week's issue of the Times we expect to give something of the plans upon which a Dairy Association could be organized to be profitable. We just mention this now in order for people to begin thinking about the movement.

Mrs. Joe Lambert is reported to be ill this week.

Love Dry Goods Co. Reports Prosperous Business During Year

The Love Dry Goods Company, of Spur, has just closed their great December Sale, and report the largest business in the history of the firm. Not alone, however, was the sale beyond their fondest expectations, but their business for the year 1925 surpasses and stands as a tower above other years.

Since Spur was established the Love Dry Goods Company has been a part of the town. C. L. Love, its enterprising and progressive manager, being among the first that recognized the vast possibilities of the Spur country and cast his lot among our people and staked his all on the future. And since his arrival and establishment of the business, he has been behind every move that has had for its aim the betterment of our town and country, and has established a reputation for square and honest dealing that is known far and wide, people knowing that when a dollar is spent at C. L. Love's store that more than value was received in return.

Mr. Love has been here during the lean and the fat years, and although the time has been when the future looked dark indeed, his confidence in this great section has never wavered and from year to year he has contributed his bit to the growth of Spur and the Spur trade territory.

Into the midst of great cattle ranches he came and has remained to see the "steer" pushed farther westward, and the plow, that great forerunner of civilization, take their place and break the virgin soil of the richest land on all of God's footstool. He has seen the vast stretches of prairie land denuded of the mosquito and fields of waving grain and stalks of fruit laden cotton taken their place.

It is such men as Mr. Love that builds cities; 'tis such as he that has made the west what it is today, and Spur is indeed lucky to have him for a citizen and his firm for a business institution.

New Oil Well Spudded In Near Spur

Last Tuesday the Deep Rock Oil Company, of Fort Worth, spudded in their No. 1, on block No. 2 of survey 36. This well is located in the north east portion of Garza county about twenty-five miles southwest of Spur.

The rig and machinery are practically new. The Deep Rock Oil Company is asking nothing of anyone no more than the privilege of making the test. They expect to prove this territory which is one of the most favorable to strata.

H. L. Skinner, District Agent for the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, is here this week working with G. W. Mills for his company.

Misses Clarice Laine and Ella Mae Hogan left Monday for Abilene, where they are students in the McMurry College.

Why We Favor A Municipally Supported Band—And Why You Should

THE CITY SUPPORTED BAND OPENS THE DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY TO YOUR BOY FOR A CLASSICAL EDUCATION—THINK IT OVER

There never has been a question of community interest and progress where every one in that community were a unit for it, it matter not how near right the question should be. We feel sure there are people in Spur who do not agree with us in favoring our Band being supported by city tax.

There are numerous reasons why we favor this movement. We believe that a band is necessary for any town and that it denotes progressiveness. A band that is publically supported is democratic in principle. There was a time when the people permitted a few to rule them, but that is history now from a practical standpoint. People thought it was wrong because they had no part in their government. We feel that is equally wrong for a few people who can see the need of any project for the benefit of a community to have to support that project financially when every body is benefited by it.

There is another reason why we favor a city supported band. It throws open a vast educational field for the young people of our town. There are numerous boys who would like to be a member of Spur's band, but they would require a certain amount of training to be eligible. Many of these boys are not financially able to pay tuition for this training. After they have purchased an instrument costing possibly \$100.00 or more and paying for it on installments, they cannot pay an additional sum for training. If we had a municipally supported band, every boy in the community would be eligible to attend the band practice and receive training from an expert band instructor. Any parent would be glad to see his boy playing in the band when the different programs are given. It would introduce a great number of our boys to the public on many occasions that otherwise they would never be known.

Another reason we favor the city supported band is because it places in reach of every boy in our town a classical education. We have few boys who take interest in music in any form. Very few boys of our town play the piano or take interest in singing. Playing the piano is generally conceded as belonging to the girls, and there is no other field of music open to the boys. The band gives the boys an opportunity with the girls to learn much about music by playing instruments that boys all over the world play. They get a "kick" from playing a trombone, baritone, cornet, etc. because they know they are in line with thousands of boys everywhere.

Another reason we favor the city supported band is that it places a greater responsibility upon the band director. As it is most any person, regardless of his moral standing, can come in to our town, start a band and conduct it in most any manner he pleases. If the city supports the band the instructor is employed by a Board of Directors who can discharge him any time he fails to make good. He must be morally straight and honest. He cannot afford to set any bad examples before his band boys; he must produce results or lose his position. Your child will get value received for the time and money spent on him. The director would have to be of the highest type of manhood, and no other type should ever be permitted to instruct our boys.

Another reason for the city supported band is that many boys would use their time practicing and attending the band concerts instead of loafing on the streets. We have seen this demonstrated in a number of instances. Boys will have employment or amusement of some kind, and when they do not find the good they select what they can get. The boys tuition is paid, and he naturally enjoys doing something that he thinks is worth while.

Next Tuesday we vote whether or not we shall give our boys these great opportunities. Are we going to be prejudiced and unconcerned about them, or are we going to weigh the question and give the boys a chance? It might pay to think on these lines.

Train Schedule Is Changed J. D. Powell Starts Building

The Stamford & Northwestern Railroad Company have changed the schedule of the train between Spur and Stamford. The regular passenger train, No. 3, arrives at 11:35, a. m., and leaves at 12:30. The train remains here just 55 minutes.

We are advised by the postmaster that mail must be in the postoffice by 11:00 o'clock each morning in order to be sent out that day. This will cause most of us to hurry up our letters in order to get the proper service, but if we will cooperate in this work we will soon become adjusted to the time.

NICHOLS SANITARIUM

Ruby McKeever underwent a very serious operation the last of the week and is still very ill. However, she is getting along as well as could be expected.

Miss Ruby Phillips, of Afton, who underwent an operation a few days ago is getting along nicely.

S. C. Thomas, of Girard, who underwent an appendectomy, is getting along nicely.

Milton Foreman was able to return home Friday after having been here several days as a result of a car wreck.

Mrs. D. Y. Twaddle who underwent an operation some time ago, was able to return home the last of the week.

Mrs. Willie Fite, of Afton, after a very serious operation is able to be up again and will return home before many days.

Work on the J. D. Powell building has been begun and is being pushed rapidly. Mr. Powell is erecting this building adjacent to his other buildings on the east side of Burlington Avenue. The old wooden structure which was occupied by the Quick Service Cafe has been moved out and the foundation for the new building is about completed.

Mr. Powell has a number of buildings in our city now and the erection of this one proves to people what he thinks of the future of Spur. When the Midway hotel is replaced by a new brick (and it will be soon) that block will be a solid line of good substantial buildings.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday is the first Sunday in the new year that we have preaching. You cannot start the new year better than by going to church. At the morning service we are to have our regularly quarterly communion. Every member of the church should be present at communion service. At the night service the pastor wishes to speak to the young people of the Presbyterian church.

Services for the day, January 10. Sunday school—10 a. m.

Preaching and communion 11 a. m. Song service and preaching 7 p. m. Everyone is cordially invited and welcomed to worship with us.—James M. McLean, pastor.

Solon Caple, of McAdoo, was a business visitor in our city Monday.

Mrs. Doss Undergoes Operation while On Visit

While Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Doss were visiting friends in Brownwood, Mrs. Doss was taken very ill, and was forced to undergo an operation. She is getting along very nicely according to latest reports, and it is thought she will be able to be back at her school work within a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss were enjoying their holidays and getting some rest from the school room. However, this illness naturally distracted their pleasures as well as making the hour a very grave one. Mr. Doss is still with his wife.

Mrs. M. H. Brannen is teaching this week for Mrs. Doss. They are getting along nicely with the work and the school is progressing.

It is hoped that Mr. and Mrs. Doss will be able to be back with us before long.

Goodfellows Fund Did Much Good

The Goodfellows fund, which was obtained largely through the efforts of Dr. J. H. Grace, did much good and brought much happiness during the Christmas festivities. There was \$135.00 collected. Many persons who were in need were visited and helped, and there is still \$61.00 in the treasury. This a very commendable movement, and we are glad Dr. Grace started it.

GIVES 5-MILLION COINS

The mints of the north have produced five million coins to be used in memory of the South in the work of the Stone Mountain Memorial which is now being carved. This movement has reached Texas, and the people are being asked to assist in this work which is being dedicated to the honor of Confederate Soldiers who fought for Southern principles. Mrs. R. E. Dickson has charge of the work for this community, and will see you in the near future. Be ready to assist with the work all that you can and get at least one of the Southern Memorial Coins.

Hon. Lon A. Smith is state chairman of the work. Mr. Smith is a West Texas citizen, and would foster nothing but the highest and most noble movements.

DENSON CASE CONTINUED

The Pat Denson case, which was to be tried at Seymour next Monday, was continued until the July term of District Court. Witnesses are being notified not to appear Monday.

Spur Inn Under New Management

Miss Bessie Barber, of Chickasha, Okla., has assumed the management of the Spur Inn, taking charge January 1st. Miss Barber is a graduate of the Woman's College of Oklahoma and comes to us highly recommended.

Miss Bessie Raby, who is a niece of Miss Barber, will assist her with the work. She will make her home with Miss Barber at the Spur Inn and cooperate with her in the management.

The Spur Inn is worthy of any one's patronage, and we feel that under its new management it will continue to be the greatest little hostelry in the State. People ever where commend the Spur Inn, and it is ever heard from strangers visiting our town that we have a fine hotel. When you come to Spur you get the best, it matter not whether it is dry goods or living accommodations.

AFTER MARRIAGE LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA

Miss Willie Gilbert and Ralph C. Seale were married December 26th at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Gilbert.

The ceremony was read by Rev. M. B. Harris, pastor of the First Christian Church, Stamford, Texas.

Holly Wreath, Smilax and softly glowing candles decorated the rooms.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was lovely in Lanvin model of gold lace over black Satin and pink Chiffon. Her hat was of rose velvet and gold lace and she carried a bouquet of roses geraniums and lillies.

Miss Bonnie Gilbert, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Her dress was of brown satin.

Mrs. R. E. Dickson sang, "I Love You Truly."

The groom was attended by Mr. Jack Slaton.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Seale left for their home in California.

The brides traveling dress was of black satin eton, trimmed in red and red velvet hat, black shoes, hose, gloves and purse.

Only the immediate members of both families and a few friends were present at the ceremony.

A New Year party was enjoyed by a large number of young people at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett, of Duck Creek community, last Friday evening. A great time is reported.

W. P. Cybert, of McAdoo, was transacting business in Spur Monday.

GREETINGS

I'd like to be the sort of a friend you have been to me.
I'd like to be the help that you have always been glad to be,
I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day,
As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.
I'd like to do the big thing and the splendid things for you,
To brush the gray from your sky and leave them only blue,
I'd like to say the kind things that I so oft have heard,
And feel that I could rose your soul the way that mine you've stirred.
You've made my business what it today,
I'm wishing this year that I could but repay,
A portion of the gladness that you have strewn along my way,
And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be,
I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hail
Secretary of Spur Mutual Insurance

WERE YOU BORN IN

JANUARY

If January is the birthday month—look for a thinker—a teacher—a natural orator. Persons born in this month are book worms and great students. They are good entertainers—kind hearted, loyal and jolly, quick to attract friends and happy with friends. They are particular about their appearance, value greatly the opinions of others. Gems are moonstones and white onyx. Colors are silver and gray, black brown and garnett.

JANUARY PEOPLE WOULD LIKE . . .

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Mr. and Mrs. Sallie

—being the Confessions of a new wife—
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What was the colour? Black or red? For the briefest part of a second I closed my eyes.

If I won, how thrilling it would be telling of my good fortune at home. If I lost it would be more or less awkward admitting to Curtiss that I had thrown away three times the amount that I had declared would be my limit at the wheel.

The croupier was announcing the result of the play, I looked quickly at the ball. Number 17.

"Noir," avowed the woman on the right who had urged me on.

I smiled sheepishly for by some vague intuition I had known along that was not red.

"See, I have lost, assui," she continued lapsing into her own tongue.

"Yes, but how much? Combien?" I inquired.

"Cent francs," she replied.

About five dollars. Rather less than two hundred." I could not help but wonder why she had encouraged me to state my entire pile. "Oh, well, c'est ne fait rien," I added, preparing to leave.

Instantly new bets were made and my loss was utterly forgotten by the other players whose attention was given to the next turn of the wheel.

I had never in my life been treated with such absolute indifference, and indignantly I pushed back my chair.

"Sallie," I heard my name called in a familiar voice. I looked up.

"Ellie, darling," I exclaimed, and regardless of the unbroken quiet of the room we continued our exclamations of delight as we greeted each other in a fond embrace.

"Where on earth did you come from? How long are you going to stay? Where are you stopping? And where's Curtiss?" All in one breath Ellie asked. Only the last question

brought me back to my every day mind.

"Over there!" I answered, "and secretly I think he frightfully bored. He doesn't approve of all this," nodding toward the playe and the roulette wheel. "Come along, you'll pep him up. Oh, here he is."

Curtiss had made his way across the room to meet us and we stood still for a moment to chat.

"This is luck," Ellie declared, "We are just dashing over to Ciro's for a little frisk. So, of course, you will come along. Get your capes, Sallie, and we will meet you outside." She was gone.

"Well,?" Curtiss inquired with his enigmatic smile, "as far as the rest of the evening is concerned it doesn't seem that we have much choice."

"Mine would be to go anyway. I adore Ellie you know and we haven't had half a chance to talk. What's the matter. Aren't you happy, dear? Noticing the unmistakable look of disappointment in his eyes.

"Naturally, except I had rather hoped we'd have a little party all by ourselves, out three." He pointed to the Cafe de Paris with its many little tables gleaming white under the stars, "it's too lovely a night to stay in doors."

"But, honey, you don't seem to realize that I am seeing Ellie, my very best friend in all the world."

"I'm sorry, I don't mean to crab the party," he apologized, "my wanting you to myself is the penalty you pay for making me love you so," he explained.

And then Ellie arrived with a party of friends.

"Mr. and Mrs. Lowell DeWright," she introduced a stunning couple whom she explained originally lived in Boston but had resided long enough in Paris to live it down.

Mrs. DeWright was prematurely gray, the sort of a snowy grayness caused by a terrific and sudden shock. Her faultless coiffure framed a young and interesting face.

She was gowned in tones of amethyst with earrings and other precious stones to match her costume. Mr. DeWright, a typical cosmopolite, was bending low over my hand.

"And this—this is Barrington Pierce."

In the flickering light of the open door way, I looked up to greet the newcomer and as his gaze met mine I found myself stumbling over the polite sentence I had mechanically framed. As his hand met mine in a firm handclasp I merely smiled.

I think the reason for my sudden embarrassment that I was conscious of looking into the face of a man whose features and expression were of such unearthly beauty that they were almost Byronic.

"He's marvelous," whispered Ellie, walking by my side, "You know he is just thirty and is already headed toward international fame."

"American," I asked.

"Yes, at one time, but he's lived on the continent so long—that is, for ten years—that he has absorbed a lot of foreign poise. Speaks five languages my dear and is a slave to his career. But he's a lamb-pie, really, and thoroughly unspoiled."

There was no further chance to ask her the nature of his absorbing career. We reached Ciro's and found a table in the smart supper room, where romances, tragedies, adventures, bold robberies and even suicides are concocted over it famous hors d'ouvers.

Mr. DeWright ordered wine. But when it was served Barrington Pierce silently pushed his glass aside.

"One could tell you were not recently from the States," I said, "We do not often have a chance to refuse champagne."

"I prefer Evian," he replied, raising his water goblet and quaffing half the glass.

"What are you two finding in common?" demanded Ellie who was having her second glass of wine.

"There are only two things Americans discuss over here. Prohibition and more prohibition," I declared. They all laughed.

"Some friends of mine were saying the other day in Paris that if I should return to the States it would be impossible for me to go out and take a drink. That absurd," Mr. Pierce affirmed. "I don't here where he can have fine cognac and wine—then why should I where the favorite cocktail is made of orange juice and alcohol."

"But you would, Barry! moncher, Ellie laughingly replied, "because if you went on parties over there and ordered water they would say you were a sad bird and never ask you again."

"Well, you'll see Ellie, because I am coming to America next year. I won't drink though because I couldn't and work."

Work! There's a wealth of meaning in the word. The way he said it made it perfectly clear that his was no ordinary job. One of the arts perhaps. I was consumed with curiosity. I wanted to ask more about this extraordinary handsome youth with his clear olive complexion, and quiet unassuming air.

I gave him a swift glance. Ellie evidently saw approval in my eyes.

"Uh-huh, I think so too," she said out loud.

"Shall we dance?" he asked suddenly raising his eyes and meeting my gaze. I hesitated for a moment.

Curtiss and I had a sort of an unwritten agreement that we should always dance the first dance together when out at a supper dance.

But there was a strange unfathomable demand in the dark, luminous of the man at my side.

Why shouldn't I teas Curtiss a little? He had been most negligent about complimenting my gown and I remembered my little threat that I would make him jealous before the night at Monte Carlo was gone. Besides I recalled the reasoning of some of my friends that it was necessary for one's husband to know that his wife was desirable in the eyes of other men.

Curtiss was looking across the table from where he sat signaling for me to rise. I did, but it was to accept the invitation of Barrington Pierce.

NEXT WEEK.—Read what Curtiss did!

HAVE YOU ENROLLED IN THE KITCHEN CONTEST YET?

January 15th is the last day on which women may enroll in the Improved Kitchen Contest being conducted by the Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Laura Hollingsworth, working under the direction of the Extension Service of A. & M. College, cooperating with the Dallas Semi-weekly Farm News, in an effort to make the workshop of the country women more convenient, so that the least amount of time and energy may

be expended in performing kitchen duties. A number of recruits have been reported from various parts of the county and a substantial enrollment is expected.

Don't hesitate about entering on account of the expense. The contest aim to bring to the attention of the housewife things that can be done in the way of arranging the furniture to save steps, correcting heights of working surfaces to save backs, utilizing waste materials around the place, and adding small kitchen conveniences that will involve very little outlay of funds.

Any woman who wishes the help of the County Home Demonstration in suggestions that will lighten her housework, should telephone, write or otherwise get in touch with her at Spur, Telephone 288, before the contest opens. All enrollment cards must be in the State office by January 15th.

What About the Light and Ventilation of Your Kitchen

Is your kitchen lighted so that the worker can see clearly in all parts of the room? If the glass is not sufficient for this (about 20 per cent of the floor space) increase the amount by adding more windows or painting the walls light tan, cream, ivory or white, or by adding glass panels to the doors. If the lamps are not sufficient, purchase two or three cheap bracket lamps, with good reflectors, and place one at the stove, one at the work table and one at the kitchen sink, so that the worker may see clearly at each of the working centers. This will save the labor and danger of carrying lamps, and will save nerve and eye strain for the worker.

Does your kitchen have at least two exposures so as to permit cross ventilation, carry away steams and odors, and supply fresh air for the worker? Many women work in a kitchen in the summer where the temperature is far above the temperature in the fields, where the men think it is too hot to work. A transom or window lowered from the top will let out the hot air, another window raised from the bottom will let in the cold air.

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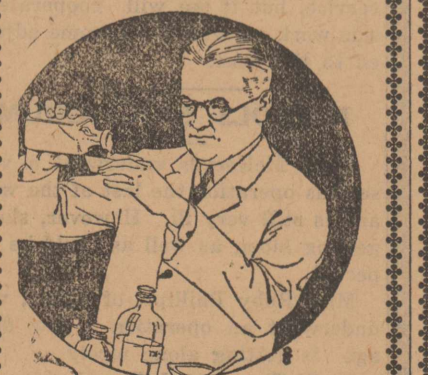
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—WHAT—

is the name of the dry good store that has **ALL WINTER MERCHANDISE AT A BIG REDUCTION.** Ladies and Misses Coats and dresses at

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"A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE"

—WHO—

are the owners of the Spur Grocery Store. They handle everything in staple and fancy groceries. All standard brands of coffee. (The Housewife's Delight.) They pay Mr. Farmer all possible for his chickens, butter and eggs, make prompt deliveries. Give quality and service. Everything in table supplies.

—WHAT—

is the name of the popular variety store south of the Riter Hardware Store? Where **ALL STOCK** is reduced. They carry a complete stock of goods. Where the special is on until January 9th and where you can buy good farm spades for 38c. Always have bargains of some kind. The price where quality and price counts. Come and visit with us. We are adding to our dry goods every day. If its in the variety line we have it. Try our Wear-TEX hose.

EVERYBODY'S FRIEND

—WHO—

is the owner of the Sunshine Filling Station? Storage, all kinds of accessories, repair work, gas and oil. Drain and refill your crank case with Mobile oil. Exclusive dealers for Federal tires and tubes. A good business in a good town. Service you will like. Come and see for yourself.

THE HOME OF GOOD OILS

—WHEN—

Will these pictures be shown at the Lyric.

1. The Midnight Alarm
2. Richard Talmadge in "Tearing Through."
3. Betty Bronson in "The Golden Princess."
4. Adventure.
5. Milton Sills in "The Making of O'Mally."
6. Bebe Daniels in "Miss Bluebeard."

W—H—O

Is the owner of the Spur Grain and Coal Co? **BEST COLORADO COAL AND PURINA CHOWS**

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Cow Feed a Speciality

MOTTO: "SERVICE AND QUALITY"

—WHERE—

is the office of the Spur Mutual Life Insurance Co. located. Buy your life insurance there and meet your dollars again. We operate on basis of \$10.00 per year on \$1000.00 policies. Also have city property farms and ranches listed for sale. Come here and buy. Insurance like you buy groceries. See C. C. Hale, Secretary-Manager.

—WHERE—

can you hitch your wagon to real insurance service and complete protection in strong companies.

—WHO—

ARE WE

The STORE by the POSTOFFICE
CHEAPER THAN CATALOGUE PRICES

If you are not satisfied bring it back and get your money.

QUALITY AND SERVICE

—WHAT—

Is the name of the popular paint shop that can make that old car top look new. The place that is in position to paint your car for less money.

Come in your old car and lets make it look new.

MOTTO: "PRICE AND SERVICE"

—WHERE—

is Blanton's Electric Shoe and Harness Shop located. He saves your sole, and heels you too. All kinds of Harness and shoe repair work guaranteed.

MOTTO: "If Your Sole is Old See Blanton."

SERVICE AND QUALITY

—WHO—

is the owner of the Highway Cafe, the home of good eats. The only cafe in town where you get hot biscuits for dinner, and supper. Give the family a treat and eat with the cafe on the convenient corner.

—WHO—

is the owner of the **ECONOMY STORE?** He handles everything in staple and fancy groceries. He sells Marshall Neils and Kimbel's best flour. If its good to eat we have it. He pays Mr. Farmer a handsome price for his poultry. **"QUALITY"** is our motto.

PHONE 28

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What is the name of the popular dry goods store where the new year finds new fashions coming from the center in New York so you are close to the great market of style can buy them at a big reduction and the weights are good now. We are moving all winter stock, it will pay you to through January. **CASH ONLY.** Our store is large and our customers our friends. We are preparing to make it big about 1925.

—WHAT—

is the name of the drug store on the east side of main street that is just large enough to meet all your wants. Just small enough to appreciate your business.

COME AND SEE US

—WHAT—

is the name of the popular tailor shop near Bryant-Link Co. that gives prompt deliveries. They appreciate your business and clean anything but a reputation.

—WHAT—

is the name of the popular cafe and the main cafe on main street? They render a very courteous service, appreciate your business and serve you both day and night.

FOR REAL EATS TRY THE

"Come on With the C...

JANUARY 1926

New Years Greetings to our Customers and friends. With the close of 1925 our 16 years services to this section has closed. We have served you all these years, and we are justly proud of the success we have made, Inspired by the great idea of service we have been rewarded and we are happy. But in our pride of achievement we are not unmindful of the part you, and our customers and friends, who have made our success possible. To you we owe a debt of deepest gratitude for your support. Your good will is our greatest asset and it shall lead us on to greater things in years to come.

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY "SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

EDWIN J. CLAPP FARM FOR SALE
 Acres choice land in Duck Creek, fully equipped. Modern Home completely furnished, five renter houses, seed and feed for a year. See Mrs. Clapp on premises.

Herbert Beavers, of Girard, was greeting friends on our streets Sunday.
 D. A. Davis, of Roaring Springs, was greeting his many friends on our streets Monday.
 Mrs. G. G. Tharp left yesterday for Abilene, where she joins her husband to make that place their future home.

THE BAND TAX SHOULD BE VOTED

On January 12th the people of the incorporated city of Spur will be called on to decide whether or not they shall have a municipally supported band, the City Commission having called an election for that purpose, and the notice of said election has appeared in this paper the legal number of times. This is a question where all bias and prejudice should be laid aside and the proposition studied in an impartial manner; this is a thing that every public spirited citizen should weigh carefully before making out his ballot. This is an election that should carry unanimously for—this is a step forward—to carry it means that we progress and not retrograde. While it may not seem so it is a thing of vital import to our city and its future growth. Since time immemorial Spur has ever climbed upward, has moved forward toward greater things, and now, when everything is moving so satisfactorily toward the ultimate end—West Texas' greatest metropolis—it is no time for us to pitch a monkey wrench into the machinery.

A band is what we want, and one that will be a credit to the town. It is not for the amusement feature that you are voting, but for the actual intrinsic value of the thing; not for the music it would make on the streets of your own town, but for the advertising feature, the value of which would be hard to estimate in dollars and cents. And not alone would it benefit the town, but the county as a whole. Take for example, the annual meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, an event that is heard of to the very border of this vast domain, and note the towns and cities that receive the most publicity—'tis those with bands. Remember the meeting last year at Mineral Wells and the press reports—remember the big cartoon on the front page—and chief among them was a town much smaller than Spur, and the publicity it received through its band was worth thousands of dollars. Spur was hardly mentioned, but those represented by the "boys who made the music" "hogged" the front pages of the big dailies and turned the eyes of the world in their direction.

"This does not interest me," you may say, but let us insist that it does. As an individual, not so much, but collectively it showers untold benefits and assists in the growth of the town and community. At our own fair and on various other occasions its music and attracting feature would be of untold benefit. Take the concerts, where had at regular intervals, as was seen worked out in East Texas not so many months ago, people come from remote distances, and as time passes, coming to Spur becomes a habit. What we want is to make our town more attractive for the rural folk and with a band another feature would be added that would be of great value.

Too, when it comes to the cost of the thing, it would mean only a few cents on the thousand dollars valuation, not enough to be noticed by any citizen, but when brought together and pooled, sufficient to give Spur one of the best Bands in West Texas. And, then, the burden would be distributed evenly, each and every property holder paying his prorata, not a few bearing the burden alone.

Now, folks, we want you to consider this matter seriously; we want you to turn it over and view it from every angle—see its advantages and disadvantages, then on the side that the scales balance we want you to vote, and let your conscience be your guide. Personally and as a newspaper, we are for it. We believe it is a paying proposition, and feel that in "putting it over" we are helping the town and country. We have studied and investigated it—we have noted towns—Matador and others—that have taken the step and we believe in every instance they have been materially benefited by voting

the tax. Now, it is up to you, the matter rests in your hands. Shall we or shall we not have a band in keeping with our growth and progress.—A Reader.

Sunshine Service Station, the home of good Oils. 58th

Lyric Theatre Program

The Lyric Theatre of our city is still giving the people the best in its line to be obtained. Tonight will be shown a strictly American picture entitled "The Midnight Alarm," and in addition a big vaudeville company will give a six act play. Saturday night Richard Talmadge will be featured in the great drama, "Tearing Through", which will be of much interest. Also there will be a good vaudeville.

Monday and Tuesday night the people will have the privilege of a big Paramount play called "The Golden Princess." In this picture Betty Bronson will feature. Betty Bronson is one of the greatest performers of today.

Wednesday night Milton Sill will feature in the "Making of O'Mally." This is a National program that has met approval everywhere.

Thursday night will be a Paramount picture, one of Victor Flemmings production, entitle "Adventure. Here will get to see great stars like Tom Moore, Pauline Stark and Wallace Beery.

When you go to the Lyric you may count on seeing a good show for those are the ones they endeavor to give the public.

Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of Elton, was doing some shopping in our city Monday.

Mrs. Paul Johnson is visiting friends at Ralls, Slaton and other points this week.

C. Hogan, manager of C. Hogan & Company, is reported on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Minnie Lewis, manager of the Spur Laundry, is reported on the sick list this week.

Ralph Jackson, who has been with Layne-Yates Co. here for some time, is now with the company in their big store at Stamford.

Quick Service Cafe Moving This Week

C. C. Skeleton is moving the Quick Service Cafe into the building occupied by the Adams Studio. He says he will be ready for business next week and will be in a condition to give his customers first class service. Mr. Skeleton is one among the best cafe men in our town.

First Class Studio Being Installed

The Adams Studio is being moved from the building on the corner of Fifth Street and Burlington Avenue to the second story of the Wendall building. This building will afford much more room, and Mr. Adams says he is going to install a first class studio not to be excelled by any town in the west.

Mr. Adams has been in our city for a number of years and has made a good record as a photographer, having made some of the best work in his line to be found in the United States. He believes in the future of Spur and is making preparations to meet the demands that will soon come in his line.

Steve Carlisle, of Steel Hill, was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

R. I. Wallace, the congenial druggist of McAdoo, was transacting business in Spur Monday.

M. D. Ivy, of the Spur National Bank, made a business trip to Roaring Springs last Friday.

Mrs. L. L. F. Parker is at Milano, Texas, this week, visiting her people. She will return home about Sunday.

Chalk Brown is reported on the sick list this week.

Miss Cleo Fullingame, who has been with the Citizens National Bank for the past year, left Monday for Childress.

Elmer Speer and Misses Lerla Blakley and Mary Stovall were the guests of friends in Roaring Springs and Matador Monday.

Miss Merline Seale has just returned home from Vernon where she has been visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Paulie Green. Jack Slaton says time is a funny thing—weeks seem like years sometimes.



IF NEW YORK HAD A BOOM. CANCER STILL GAINS. UNCLE SAM WHEAT SALESMAN. \$400 FOR ONE CHILD.

Changes are slow or they are violently rapid. For thousands of years men were content to travel on animals or slowly moving clumsy, vehicles. And in less than one century came the change to the steam railroads, automobile, flying machine, the submarine, and from the messenger on foot to wireless. What will the race do in the next 1000,000 years?

For real deals in real estate observe New York City. Millions upon millions are poured out; no one notices it.

One man, F. F. French, announces a building project to supply living quarters for 800,000 people, in itself "one of the great cities of America." What would happen if New York ever had a real real estate boom?

Cancer, steadily increasing for 75 years, is still on the increase. The highest cancer death rate in the United States is found in Massachusetts and doctors do not know why. South Carolina has the lowest death rate. Investigation of diet, number of unmarried women, and other social statistics might enlighten the profession.

All records are broken in freight traffic. In October railroads carried more than FORTY-FOUR BILLION of tons, about a billion tons more than October, 1924.

The growth of California fruit business is reflected in order for more than 5000 new refrigerator cars for the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

Before long, unless a prominent automobile manufacturer fails in his undertaking, flying machines will do a great deal of this refrigerator business, swiftly and much more cheaply, making cold cars unnecessary.

The fruit will be taken on board and carried to a height supplying natural refrigeration, the plane going up or down in accordance with the thermometer, and arriving at its destination with the fruit naturally refrigerated to just the right point for storage.

Young men now making a living with independent passenger buses will make a better living with independent refrigerator flying cars.

Senator Capper, of Kansas, one of the ablest friends the American farmers have in Washington, says Uncle Sam might well cooperate with farmers by actually helping them sell their grain. High spirited financiers say this is close to anarchy, but this doesn't worry Capper.

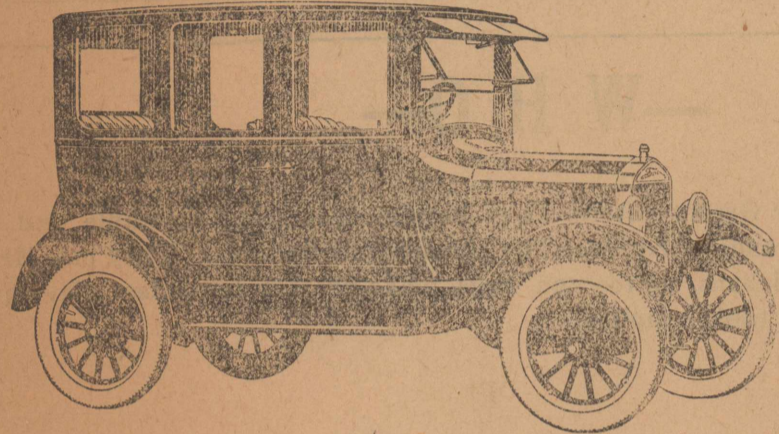
The Government helps railroads by raising rates and compelling the people to pay. If Uncle Sam can act as ticket salesman and price booster for the railroads, why not as wheat salesman for the farmers?

Two million five hundred thousand American income tax payers will welcome one change in the proposed in-tion of single persons to \$1,500, and come tax law, it increases the exemption of married people to \$3,500.

Why not increase the exemption of each child? You can't bring up a child for \$400 a year. Parents who are raising children are working for the State without charge, and ought not to be taxed for their trouble.

W. R. Cammack a daughter, Miss Lora, of Matador, were guests in our city Tuesday. Miss Lora was en route to Abilene where she is attending school.

Mr. Miller, of Cross Plains, has purchased the D. J. Gilbert home southwest of town and has moved to it. Also he has purchased a tract of land north of town, and expects to build a nice home on it in the near future. We are glad to have Mr. Miller in our community. We need more good people here.



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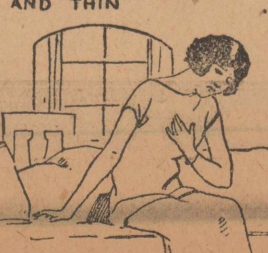
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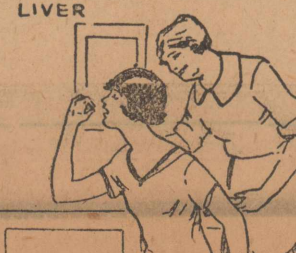
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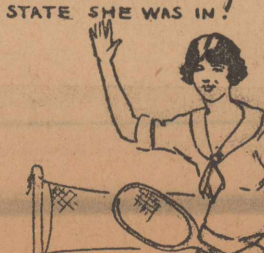
HER MOTHER WOULD GIVE HER



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THEY'D RELIEVE THE BAD STATE SHE WAS IN!



Men Lifted For 1926 SO Let's Who's who In Spur Texas?

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Who Are The Merchants That Are Helping Build Spur?

DO YOU KNOW SPUR MERCHANTS?

THE ONE SENDING IN THE FIRST CORRECT SHEET WILL RECEIVE FIRST PRIZE \$10 IN LYRIC THEATRE
PAGE IN THE DICKENS COUNTY TIMES OFFICE BY JANUARY 13TH, 1926.

WELL - YOU - KNOW

Get what you go after. First comes health, and health depends on the backbone. Get yours right. See me today and you have made the start.

—SEE WHO?—

—WHAT—

is the name of the popular grocery store that always carries a complete line of fancy groceries. The only store in Spur where you help yourself. We pay Mr. Farmer all possible for his chickens, butter and eggs. We thank our many customers for past patronage, and will strive to render all better service for the year 1926.

MOTTO: QUALITY AND SERVICE."

—WHAT—

What is the name of the popular drug store that carries a complete line of Drugs and Drug Sundries. Features—

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W—H—O

is it that sells everything

WE—Sell Shoes for Less.
WE—Thank you for your past business.
WE—Expect you to keep coming.
WE—Have bargains for everybody.
WE—Like you and want you to like us.
WE—Ask that you

GIVE US A TRIAL

—WHAT—

is the name of the dry goods store south of the Dicken County Times office that carries a complete line of Dry Goods, Gents Furnishings and Ladies Ready-to-Wear. They carry Beacon shoes and many other brands. they sell the best and sell for less. Come around on a cold day and figure with us, probably our prices will keep you warm. Will strive to give better service for 1926 as 1925.

—WHO—

is the owner of the City Drug Store. He heals your wants sick or well. He handles the Rexall Brand of Drugs and Kings Chocolates exclusive. The store who appreciates your trade. Motto: "SAVE WITH SAFETY."

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—WHERE—

Is the location of Howe's Auto Repair Shop who does general auto repairing, Battery work and Welding. Radator work a speciality. All work guaranteed.

"QUALITY AND SERVICE", HIS MOTTO

WHO WHO WHO

Sympathizes with you in your sorrow? Rejoices with you in your happiness? Extends a comforting word? Boosts for your town and country, and stands for progressive movements?

—WHO—

is the owner of the Pennant Filling Station, Pennant products exclusive? He handles all kinds of accessories for the car, Pennant Gas and oil. Drain and refill your crank case. Exclusive dealer for Seiberling and Kelly Springfield Casings. He gives instant service.

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your child can buy as cheaply as yourself. Whereers of the fashion world. Our resident buyer is now in this store. A few winter coats left and you need for spring wear. Dresses too, extra special values investigate. Mens and Boys Clothing Extra Special and warm, and offers a warm welcome to all. We count 1926 a better year than 1925, and we are not complain

—WHAT—

is the name of the power house where Spur gets REAL SERVICE. The company that strives to please the people and will try to give as good or better service for the year 1926 as that of 1925.

—WHAT—

is the name of the popular dry goods and gents furnishing store that carries a full stock of high grade dry goods, ladies ready-to-wear and shoes at lowest prices. The place that sells EVER FAST GINGHAMS and SUITINGS, Manhattan Shirts, Society Brand and Curlee clothes.

The place that is everybody's friend and appreciates your visits.

—WHAT—

is that that assures Quality in baking.

—WHO—

is it that saves the housewife labor

YOUR FRIEND

Bring the Children."

—WHAT—

is the name of the furniture store that are outfitters to the home. That has the RED STAR OIL STOVE and music supreme (Phonograph and Radio in one) Many new showings of bed room pieces.

W-H-A-T

Swift as the wind and as quiet as the breeze—who is the dealer for the Chrysler Motor car? There Motto is: "Far Ahead in Power, Speed, Fuel, Milage, Beauty, Safety, Ease, Complete and Perfect Road Ability. First car of the price with the option of hydrolic four wheel breaks. you will appreciate the advantage of the workmanship in this car when you see it. See the new Chrysler today. You dealer has a special built car for your purpose.

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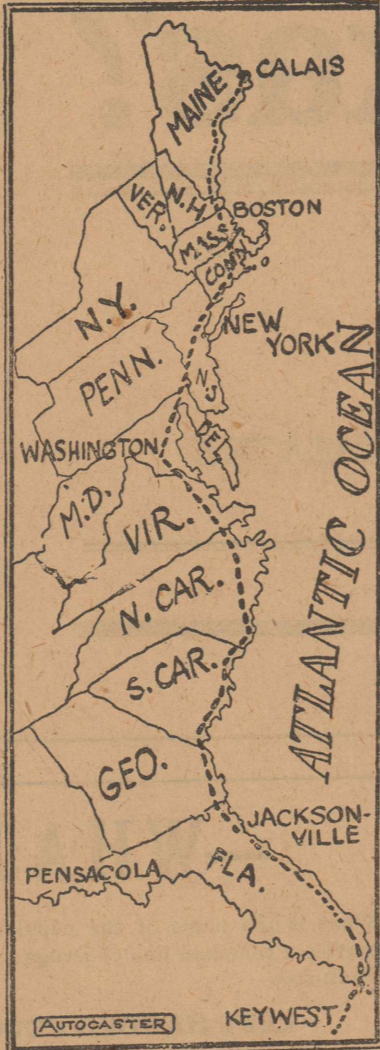
There is a saying that "knowledge is power," but experience with knowledge makes it a jewel beyond price. Common sense means seeing the right thing with which betterment can be had which are at hand ready for the grasping. Mitchell should apply to the Governor of the State of Texas for a pardon from the court martial—Mitchells mistake was stating for facts here-say talk, without the necessary foundation in facts. They will be selling us Christmas Presents after the holidays at half price, DARN 'EM. What is the soul? The heart of all things, invisible and all powerful. To preserve the fundamental foundation of our country under our constitution our acts and laws must be open to criticism. The Government in stocking up the Jicarill Apaches of Arizona with sheep is doing a wise thing. If we become members of the WORLD COURT it must be with many reservations so that we come only in an advisory capacity thereby avoiding foreign complications—WE BEST STAY OUT. Better make the Christmas spirit last throughout the new year.

The Bank of Life

Sam Slick, the sneak, he beat his bills And honest obligations; He "copped the coin" from good men's tills. And robbed his own relations. He dodged his debts, and ran accounts, With ne'er a thought to pay 'em, And borrowed small and large amount From friends—but to betray 'em. He'd take a "chance" on anything With other people's money, And gamble it on fortune's fling And live on "milk an' honey." He'd sneak up side streets when he saw His muled victims nearing, And shudder when they mentioned "law"— The "sheep" he'd been "shearing," But one day this "smooth-slipping" skate Reaped all that he'd been sowing— Out reached the unseen "hand of fate" And "called him" for a showing. He'd "gotten by," with stealth and strife, But now his wires were "grounded;" He now had to pay "the bank of life" With interest rate compounded. —James Edward Hungerford.

Atlantic Coastal Highway Now Open From Maine to Miami

By Samuel Ellis
The Atlantic Coastal Highway, Maine to Miami, Florida, is now virtually completed—a great ribbon of highway which threads the Atlantic starboard as does the Pacific Coastal Highway Seattle to San Diego and Tia Juana.



The early completion of the Atlantic Highway is due, in a great measure, to the unusual development in Florida during the past two years, that commonwealth living up to her reputation of progressiveness by spending more than \$10,000,000 on this highway during 1925. Practically all of the Florida portion of the new highway is now ready for the army of sun-hunters, which will wend its way palmward during the next three months. Eventually the Coastal Highway will not end at Miami, Florida, but will bend in a graceful curve over the Connors Highway and Tamiami trail through the Everglades, and to the west coast, thence it will join with the Gulf Coast Highway and proceed up the Gulf coast to Pensacola, the metropolis of Western Florida and terminus of the Frisco lines southern branch. This highway will join with the old Spanish trail at Pensacola. Another extension of the Coastal Highway will be the Highways over the keys from Miami to Key West. Another year will see work started.

While the upper end of the Coastal Highway passes through the territory which made the first history of the United States, touching at Salem, staid old Boston, New York, Washington, Fredericksburg and the cities made prominent in the war between the states, it has nothing to offer of more prehistoric value than Florida. Duval county, of which Jacksonville is the seat and gateway to the South, has just spent two million dollars on its roads, and is spending another \$1,500,000 and is considering bonding itself for \$50,000,000 more. The Atlantic Coastal Highway will have an optimal route through Duval County with the completion of the proposed ocean side highway from Jacksonville beach to the St. Johns County line. This highway allows travel on the ocean beach for thirty miles. It affords south bound tourist their first opportunity to drive upon a beach, which at low tide is more than 700 feet wide. Jacksonville is the first point at which access is given to the only beach of its kind in the world. Then the Coastal Highway enters into the land of Ponce de Leon, and approaching St. Augustine, passes what is advertised as the Fountain of Youth. It is at about this point where the Spanish explorers landed on the peninsula. A little further on the Coastal Highway passes the historic gates of St. Augustine, swings to the left and the tourist finds himself gazing upon Ft. Marion, the oldest fort in America. This stronghold was completed by the Spanish in about 1750. A distinction of Ft. Marion is that it was never taken by the enemy. In St. Augustine is also found the oldest house in the United States. Going into Flagler County the Coastal Highway tourist strikes at Bunnell, one of the finest roads in the State. And through the first densely growing semi-tropical vegetation, passing the home of John D. Rockefeller, and the residences of many other kings of industry and finance. Daytona, Seabreeze, Ormond lying within a few miles of each other, recently combined themselves into one municipality which has taken the name of Daytona Beach where the world speed records for automobile have been made since automotive vehicles were first manufactured. After passing through New Smyrna where the Atlantic Coastal highway is swept by ocean breezes until it reaches Miami, the tourist is

well into the Blue Goose, or Indian River, county, from where comes the famous Blue Goose orange, the pineapple, and fruit. Melbourn is equidistance between Jacksonville and Miami, because of this it is known as the Midway City. It is the Atlantic Coast terminus of the cross state highway from Tampa and furnishes a junction point for those who wish to leave the Coastal Highway for points on the West Coast. Long before he reaches Stuart the Motorist will sight the lighthouse at Jupiter Inlet the scenery becomes more and more pleasing and 15 more mile of it carries the car into West Palm Beach. West Palm Beach and Palm Beach are separated by Lake Worth, a body of water almost surrounded by parks, lagoons and hostleries. The winter tourist traveling in search of pleasure will be in the center of activities here. From West Palm Beach on down to Miami tourists on the Atlantic Coastal Highway finds themselves traveling through a series of little towns. Dade County, at the extremity of the Atlantic Coastal Highway, is one of the chief contributors to good roads in Florida, having spent a million two hundred and forty thousand dollars during the past year. Although the Atlantic Coastal Highway will be the main thoroughfare of the east coast of Florida, there are many lateral roads which provide for side trips from the main highway. One of these junction points is Jacksonville, where the old Spanish Trail may be taken to the Western part of the state. The trail extends all the way to Pensacola in Florida and on to New Orleans.

TRUISMS
When a plumber makes a mistake he charges twice for it.
When a carpenter makes a mistake, it is just what he expected.
When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it.
When a judge makes a mistake he becomes the law of the land.
When a preacher makes a mistake nobody knows the difference.
When an electrician makes a mistake he blames it on induction. Nobody knows what that means.
But when an editor makes a mistake—Good night!—
Sunshine Service Station, the home of good Oils. 58th
G. W. Mills, a former resident of our city, but now of Amarillo, is here this week looking after business affairs and greeting old friends.

Virgle Smith, of Gilpin, was a business visitor in Spur Monday.
Ben Redell, of McAdoo, was looking after business affairs here Monday.
Mrs. J. S. Ousley, who has been very ill for the past week, is slowly improving.
Price Brownlow, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.
Huie Ousley, has been a student of the Trenity University will, not return to take up his work there until his mother's health is improved more.
Rev. and Mrs. E. E. White, pastor of the M. E. Church at Lubbock, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Whitner the last of the week.
W. F. Woods, of McAdoo, was greeting friends on our streets the last of the week.
W. E. Gates, a business man, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Monday.
Fred Hail, who has been attending business college at Fort Worth for sometime, is home.
W. A. McAlpine, of the Clemmons Insurance Agency, made a hurried trip to Abilene Sunday.
A. V. Womack, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Monday.
J. E. Brown, of Littlefield, was transacting business in Spur Friday. Mr. Brown thinks it is great to be in Spur and meet old friends, but yet he thinks his home town is the best ever.
Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and two sons, Roy and Freeman, who have been visiting Mrs. Edmonds parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell, at Fort Worth, returned home Sunday evening.
Harold C. Jones, of Roaring Springs, is now at the prescription case of the City Drug Store. Mr. Jones was with the City Drug Store last year until about October, when he had to go on to Roaring Springs to assist with his store there. People will be glad to know he is with our store again and hope he can be here.
Judge Brummet, of Dickens, was over Monday and said everything is progressing nicely at the capital.

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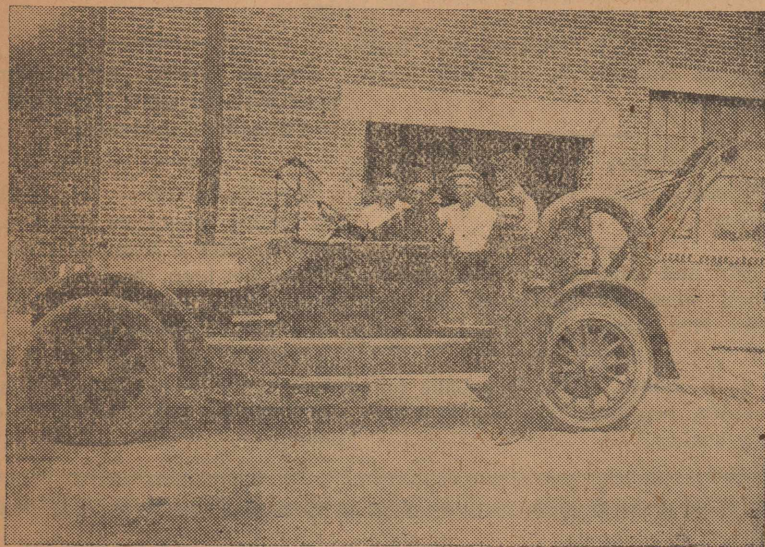
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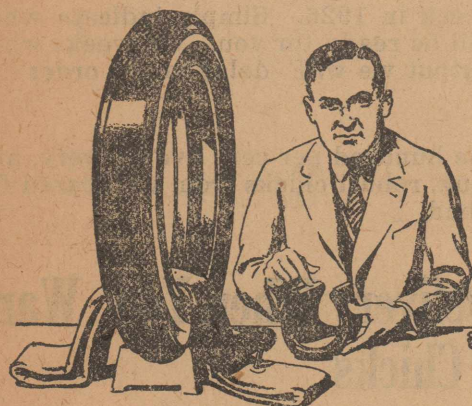
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**WHAT MAKES GOVERN-
MENTS TREMBLE AND
FALL**

President Coolidge recently gave utterance to a thought which proved that he delves beneath the surface of things in his thinking. He was pondering on fundamentals when he said, "The utmost ingenuity on the part of the police powers will be substantially wasted in an effort to enforce the law if there does not exist a strong and vigorous determination on the part of the people to observe the law. Such a determination can not be produced by the Government. My opinion is that it is furnished by religion."

The observation of the President quoted followed a remark he had just made to the effect that lawlessness is altogether "to prevent." Certainly we all agree with him as to this statement, and those who think deeply, fundamentally, analytically, will agree with his statement that a determination on the part of the people to observe the law "can not be produced by the Government."

While this remark of the President was being incorporated into this article a copy of The Dallas Journal was brought in containing an account of another of the many crimes which have of late challenged the thoughtful consideration of every good citizen. It was one of those crimes committed by young men, or boys, which have been more numerous in the recent past than ever before—murder! A 19-year-old boy had killed his friend of about the same age because as he himself expressed it, according to the press dispatches, he "got the notion" to do so. Then he took \$5.00 from his dead friend "which he spent playing pool, going to a movie and buying ice cream sodas for three girl friends."

It probably will not be disputed by those who love their country and mankind, and who watch with deep interest social and governmental conditions, that there is a great interest in things that "amuse" than ever before in the history of our country. Such a condition has always in the history of governments portended decadence. It recalls to mind the remark by the Apostle in predicting conditions which were to obtain at a certain period in the world's history wherein alluring to the worldly-mindedness of the people he said they would be "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

Surely when one surveys social conditions at the present time he must concede that the time and thought and effort devoted to the attainment of happiness through material pleasures is greater than ever before in America. And yet it never was and never can be attained in that way.

The hurry and confusion of everyday life and the never-ending search for amusement accounts in large measure for the appalling indifference so manifest on the part of millions to spiritual and moral and patriotic things.

It has been proved by the experience of the ages with regard to nations as well as individuals, that the less they regard God the sooner they come to grief!

Also as with individuals, nations must be established on the Rock of Truth, on the eternal laws of God, and adhere to them, or go down in disintegration and decay. It is inevitable, else He and His laws would not be either eternal or all-wise. This is so because righteousness is the basis of economics as well as a spiritual necessity.

It has been remarked in these columns before as now that when the higher things of life, spiritual growth, culture, refinement, mind cultivation, ethical aspiration, are made to give place to the frivolous, the superficial, it is a sure index to the trend of the times.

When more attention is given to sports and amusement; when the public eye is fixed most upon those whose doings are not productive of constructive achievement; when the pursuit of material wealth supersedes all thought of spiritual well-being, and patriotic zeal becomes diminished to a degree that makes it practically negligible, then indeed have we come to the place where Hope has cause of fold her wings, Faith to tremble, and Peace and Contentment to shudder with anticipations of despair and desolation.

Often it requires the cohesive strength resident in a common danger to bring a people to a realization of their imperative need. This need is unity of interest and co-operative endeavor. Common cause makes unified effort.

In proportion as God is NOT forgotten in the daily life of the people will be the guarantee of the permanence of their government.

There needs to be an infusion of new patriotic blood, a new sense of individual responsibility, and therefore need of individual action, regardless of personal cost and discomfort. This can come only from awakened consciences, revival of acknowledged

duty to State and Nation—religious influence.

He is a poor patriot indeed who is willing to see party or persons win at the expenses of the commonweal of State or Nation.

Governments disintegrate because of internal, rather than external, causes.

Indifference of the people, neglect of patriotic duty, resulting in corruption in office and maladministration of government, have destroyed more governments than have the armies and navies of their enemies.

No government can endure longer than its laws are respected by its own people.

This fact is at once seen when it is admitted, as it must be, that government is maintained by law. To disobey a law means to attempt to destroy its usefulness. He who encourages another, either directly or indirectly, in disobeying a law of the land, is in no sense a patriot. He is not a good citizen; and it doesn't matter what law it is.

A true patriot is one who not only obeys the laws—all of them—of his country, but aids in every way he can in the promotion of its machinery of government by fulfilling the duties of a citizen. He votes when election day comes around. He takes the right sort of interest in its politics. He advocates measures more than men and concerns himself more about principles than about persons.

Partisanship and patriotism are seldom linked together in the true sense. About the most worthwhile utterance credited to Rutherford B. Hayes was this, "He serves his party best who serves his country best." And the doughty and sturdy Grover Cleveland said, "Party honesty is party expediency." These are utterances worthy of true patriots.

The indifferent citizen may be likened to the worm which strips the tree of its leaves; the lawbreaking citizen to the one which destroys its fruit; while he who does both of these things and supplements them with open condemnation of the Government, although not openly in rebellion against it is the worm which is at work at the root of the tree and will sooner or later destroy it. The unchecked depredations of these insects must ultimate in destruction.

The worms and other insects which denude the tree of its foliage do not kill it nearly so soon as does the worm working at its roots.

The tree of Government needs to be sprayed from time to time with a solution composed of honesty and patriotism, if it would be all the time rid of insect pests consisting of reckless law-breakers and corrupt law-makers.

Religion is needed in government because it exalts the right.

It is needed in business and society for the same reason. Religion is not only spiritual, but economic.

It seeks to arouse and maintain the best that is in men. Its purpose is to exalt the true and denounce the false.

It conserves mental, moral and physical strength and uses its best effort in applying them to things that are good and true and beautiful.

Its influence on the individual is necessarily for his uplift and establishment on the sure foundation, and when the individual is so influenced his efforts in turn are devoted less to cause which make for the betterment of men and nations, which means their greater permanence.

It increases the capacity of the individual, which means increased production of life's necessities, and this means placing them within closer reach of those who are in need.

It preserves peace and harmony among workers, which means happier conditions for those who labor.

It means greater love of country and its institutions, which impels respect for its laws and the machinery of government.

It means above all reverence for and love of the Almighty Father all this is. This alone will bring about all those things just enumerated.

The motto of too many citizens in the matter of public duty is, "Let George do it." The result is that the Government's business is sadly neglected.

The cat wants to eat fish without getting her feet wet. Men want the benefits of government without doing their part in maintaining it.

If the demagogue gets into office, he does so by the consent and votes of those who claim to be good citizens.

Bribery WITH office is always succeeded by corruption IN office. Man's duty and responsibility never stop with himself. The selfishness of one compels the sacrifice of another.

Man has always known better than he acted. He has always been wiser than his behavior has indicated.

The peace of the world is not dependent upon World Courts nor on Leagues of Nations, but upon the righteous conduct of the people of the nations and the faithful performance of duty by governmental ex-

cutives.

Now as of old, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.—Psalms.

Mr. Naye's Seat

The senate elections committee heard arguments the other day on the seating of Gerald P. Nye, the country newspaper editor who was appointed to fill the vacancy left in the senate by the death of Senator Ladd of North Dakota.

Nye's right to seat is being contested by the old-guard republicans, not because they are solicitous about the manner in which the senator was appointed, but because Nye happens to be progressive and might throw the majority party off balance in closely-contested balloting.

The opposition claims the governor has no right to appoint a senator, as such action contravenes the seventeenth constitutional amendment. Several senators have received appointments at the hands of various governors since that amendment was enacted, including the first woman ever to take her seat as a senator—Mrs. Felton of Georgia. Yet no opposition to a governor's appointee developed until one governor happened to name a man out of sympathy with the majority leadership. You call to mind the appointment of Mr. Williams from Missouri and Mr. Robinson of Indiana. Presumably they are both "regular," as nobody has questioned their right to a seat.

In light of past experience it would seem that the senate leaders would cast off their childishness and get down to business, but they have shown

no disposition to do so as yet.—The Abilene Reporter.

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NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The regular Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of The Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors Room of The Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, Tuesday, January 12, 1926, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting.

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THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED

Remember to be steadfast in the truth.
Remember that the truth is that God is good, that God is everywhere present and all-powerful, and that spiritual man is made in God's image and likeness.
Remember that by steadfastly abiding in the truth and planning your life this standard, you will prosper in all your ways.
Remember that while you are poised in the understanding of Truth, you will remain calm and you will be master of outside circumstances. No trial can take away your joy if you have established yourself in absolute Truth.
Remember that if you place your ideals in material and intellectual things you will be disappointed. Put your trust in God and let God help you to live in comfort and happiness.
Remember that so long as you are steadfast in your belief in and faith in Truth, you cannot be troubled by the storms of the world of affairs; you will see the truth back of every condition and will rejoice in the silver lining of every cloud.
Remember that you become more perfect in health, happiness, and prosperity as you acknowledge your spiri-

tual source.
Remember to be not deceived by outward appearances.
Remember that whatsoever a man believes with his whole heart and soul will surely dominate his life, whether or not he utters one word it. The kindhearted man will broadcast kindness, even though he be dumb.
Remember that the material world is a world of relative things. The world of Spirit is a realm of absolute Truth. It can be known only through the highest realms of the mind. We build the realities of Spirit into our daily lives by steadfastly and faithfully thinking about Truth as reality.
Miss Lerla Blakely, who has been employed as manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company here for the past year, has accepted a position as manager for that Company at Mulberry, Florida. She left Wednesday to take up her new duties. Miss Blakely has been a very efficient manager here and leaves many friends who regret to see her leave.
R. J. Bateman, of Afton, was greeting friends on our streets Tuesday.

Society

JOI DE VOI CLUB

One of the prettiest parties of the season was that given by Mrs. Cecil Fox at her home on Harris Street. Decoration of red and green added to the Christmas spirit of the occasion.
After a few games of bridge were played where Mrs. Roy Harkey won high score and Mrs. William Manning low, the guests were ushered into the living room suite where they found a beautifully decorated Christmas tree. Their exclamations of joy were interrupted by the entrance of "Santa Claus", who after being told that all the guests had been "good girls" distributed lovely gifts.
Those present at the delightful party were, Santa Claus, Mesdames Roy Harkey, William Manning, Tracy Graham, Elma Brown, Bill Putman, M. H. Brannen, Murray Lea, J. E. Hall, Alvis Hull, Dan H. Zachry, H. P. Schrimsher and Jack Rector.

JOI DE VOI

Mrs. E. L. Brown entertained in a most charming way guests and member of the Joi de Voi Club on Tuesday evening.
Radio music was enjoyed during the bridge games, where Mrs. Dan Zachry made high score, receiving a lovely bonoir pillow. Mrs. James B. Reed made high score for the guests, a beautiful green glass compote, while Mrs. M. H. Brannen won consolation, a box of dainty "kerchiefs."
Delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames J. E. Hall, Cecil Fox, M. H. Brannen, Bill Putman, Rob Davis, James B. Reed, Forrest Collier, A. P. Schrimsher, Dan H. Zachry, E. A. Russell, Murray Lea and Jack Rector.

PIRATE GOSSIP

Mrs. R. Who is very particular about color scheme and individuality in gifts, bought gifts and tallies for her party this week at the "Treasure Chest."
Verna assisted at the Treasure Chest in decorating Christmas gifts. She spent her idle moments there absorbing atmosphere—so she says.
Verna says she visits the Treasure Chest every time she comes to town, to see what new things are displayed.
Flora bought a gorgeous brass fire set for her mother at the Treasure Chest, but liked it so well she kept it for herself.
Mrs. "Mac" came to the Treasure Chest for her Christmas Gift for a very fastidious New York friend.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY IS ENTERTAINED

The young ladies Missionary Society entertained at the home of Mrs. Geo. S. Link on Monday evening, honoring Miss Ruby Pierce.
Miss Nell Higgins, Miss Lena Bell Scudder, Mrs. C. B. Jones and Mrs. W. B. Williams gave a delightful musical program.
A "Forget-Me-Not" book filled with wishes was given the honoree, also a number of travel letters.
A pretty set of lineries were presented to Mrs. Pierce by the Society.
After a few games delicious refreshments were served.

O. E. S. FAREWELL

Mrs. Lela Evans, Worthy Matron, entertained the Past Matrons honoring Mrs. Ruby Pierce Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., parlors of Masonic Hall.
Mrs. Ruby Pierce is leaving Spur to make her home in Dallas; she was assistant Deputy Grand Matron of this District last year and always active in the Spur Chapter. After several games of "42" Mrs. Evans presented Mrs. Pierce with a beautiful parting gift. Those wishing Mrs. Pierce all kinds of success and happiness were Mesdames C. L. Love, Willie Davis, Geo. S. Link, Tracy Graham, J. H. Busby, M. E. Manning, Weldon Williams, Chalk Brown, Roy D. Russell, Ire Joplin, Leonard Joplin, H. P. Gibson, Louise Lee, Miss Pauline Ramsey, Mrs. Kate Senning and Mrs. Lela Evans.

MISS GILBERT SHOWERED

Thursday afternoon the Ladies Aid Society of the First Christian Church honored Miss Willie Lee Gilbert with a shower at the home of Mrs. W. H. Putman.
The house was decorated in Christmas colors of red and green. In the dining room a small Christmas tree in a bank of snow was laden with beautiful gifts for Miss Gilbert, whose marriage to Ralph E. Seale took place December 26th.
The guests were ask to fill a lovely cook book with favorite recipes and good advice.
About forty guests were present.

XXV BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. James B. Reed was a most charming hostess when on Tuesday afternoon she was hostess to her Bridge Club.
Three tables were lovely appointed for the game hour. Mrs. F. W. Jennings had high score for the club members and received a lovely swinging Parrot.
Mrs. Joe Grace, of New Orleans received high score for the guest and received a pretty box of imported handkerchiefs. Consolation went to Mrs. W. D. Wilson, a pretty pair of candles.
A lovely salad plate was served.
The guests were: Mesdames Joe Grace, New Orleans, R. E. Dickson, C. L. Love, Nellie Davis, F. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, Elma Brown, C. B. Jones, Laverty, Hill Perry, Reynolds, Schrimsher.

D. Lilly and son, of Throckmorton; Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hindman, of Meadow were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lilly, north of town, during the holidays.

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WANTED—Honest work that a woman can do. Cooking or ironing preferred but will do any kind of work. Would like to have a home with a good Christian family where I can support myself and child. Call at Times office or write Mrs. Pearl Franklin, Spur, Texas 58-3tpd

Dr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed, of Lockney, were greeting friends while in route to Girard.
Miss Pauline Stovall and Richard Stovall, of Floydada, were the guests of Ruby Love Christmas week.
Mrs. J. J. Lilly left the last of the week for Meadow to visit her children and to recuperate from a broken rib.
U. B. Cook, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson spent Christmas with friends in Marshall, Texas.
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton, of Lubbock, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan Sunday.
C. S. James, of the Dry Lake community, was here Tuesday transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Pearson visited relatives and friends in Archer City Christmas week.
The Rotary Club, of Spur, enjoyed very interesting meeting at twelve o'clock noon yesterday.
Tom Harvey, of McAdoo, was looking after business affairs here Monday.
Brittan Forbis spent Christmas week with his aunt, Mrs. Duff Green, of Chandler Community.
Mrs. Ruby Pierce left Wednesday for Dallas, where she has accepted a position with a business firm. Mrs. Pierce has been chief bookkeeper for Bryant-Link Company, having been with the Company some six years, and has a great number of friends. We regret losing Mrs. Pierce from our town, as she is a very fine character.

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RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	\$538,811.74
2. Overdrafts	208.13
4. United States Government securities owned and deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	9,214.30
6. Banking House, 18,500.00; Furniture and Fixtures \$4,500.00	23,000.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	21,048.08
8. Lawful reserve in Federal Reserve Bank	42,312.69
10. Cash in vaults and amount due from national banks	36,718.71
13. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting Bank	784.16
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	\$37,502.87
14. Checks and drafts on banks (including Federal Reserve Bank) located outside of city or town of reporting bank	8,771.63
(b) Miscellaneous cash items	9,387.76
15. Redemption fund with the U. S. Treasurer and due from the U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
TOTAL	\$707,735.57

LIABILITIES

17. Capital Stock Paid in	\$100,000.00
18. Surplus Fund	25,000.00
19. Undivided profits	931.06
21. Circulating notes outstanding	24,600.00
23. Amount due to National Banks	21,970.07
26. Cashier's checks outstanding	52.23
Total of items 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26	\$22,022.30
27. In dividend deposit subject to check	474,261.77
Total demand deposit (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and 32	\$474,261.77
35. Other time deposits	60,920.44
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, Items 33, 34, 35, and 36	\$60,920.42
TOTAL	\$707,735.57

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:

I, W. T. Andrews, Jr., cashier of the above named bank, do swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
W. T. ANDREWS, Jr., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1926.
JULIA M. HICKMAN, Notary Public.

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