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NEWSPAPER MEN COMING.

The Press Association Will Meet The Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh at Stamford.

The Newspaper men of Texas will meet at Stamford on the above mentioned dates, the occasion being the regular annual meeting of the West Texas Press Association.

The most elaborate plans are being made by Stamford for the entertainment of the visitors, and one of the features of the meeting will be a visit of the members of the association to Spur. A special train will be provided and the newspaper men will spend one day here. It is arranged here to take the visitors out to the cattle roundup and provide a banquet at the cowboy camps.

The eleventh of June is the day the visitors are coming to Spur and we want to give the visitors a welcome and greeting that will be long remembered by every newspaper man in the crowd. It is seldom that a town will be honored with a visit of such a crowd of newspaper men, and it will be an opportunity to show and let the outside world know what we have done, are doing and intend to do in the future.

For Sale.—A nicely finished six room frame house, with hall and porch, east front, three blocks from Bank. Best part of city. Will sell for \$850.00. A bargain. Call on D. D. Adams.

Bascom Thomas, candidate for lieutenant governor, made a speech on the streets of Spur in front of the Godfrey-Tyler real estate office Tuesday. Mr. Thomas is the gentleman who was expelled from the State Senate and reelected by his constituents with an overwhelming majority. His talk on the street explained the charges made against him in the Senate and also outlined the platform of his campaign for the office of lieutenant governor. We did not hear his talk, but are informed that Mr. Thomas made a good impression on his audience. There are three or four candidates for lieutenant governor, among them being Thomas, Davidson, Hawkins and Hammonds.

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For one white and black spotted, pointer bitch, with E. V. Sellers' name on collar. Return to Y. L. Jones, Spur, for reward

Nice firm country butter on ice at Spur market.

EVERLASTING PEACE

Universal and perpetual peace is the hope and aspiration of

Christian civilization today. We are continually hearing about the plans and probabilities of nations so arranging their affairs and their governments that quarrels and misunderstandings of whatsoever nature may be settled without resorting to force of arms. It is claimed by many that the time is coming when spears shall be beaten into plow-shares and swords into pruning hooks and when the nations shall know war no more. The claim is further made by those who have made themselves familiar with the facts that so much has been accomplished by the Court of Arbitration at the city called The Hague, in Holland that many international disputes have already been settled by arbitration. President Taft recently made a speech before the Peace and Arbitration League in New York that is significant. He declares that he sees no reason why questions of honor, or any disputes between nations, should be settled in any other manner than by arbitration. He also hints that possibly before the opening of the Panama Canal Great and wise men are telling that the time is near at hand when national revenues shall be more largely used for international improvements than for purposes of war. This is a consumption devoutly to be wished

What a splendid thing it would be to know that nations could meet, as gentlemen of the highest type meet, and settle their difficulties peacefully and understandingly. How fine to know that the millions of dollars that go to the building of battleships and the making of powerful guns to destroy lives, would be employed in advancing industrial pursuits! War is as wicked as it is foolish, and civilization has taught us that better methods serve better ends. The barbarian fought for his rights, but we of today are far from being barbarians. We know that just as it is disgusting and disgraceful for men to get mad and fight with their fists or go out and shoot one another for trivial reasons, so it is unnecessary and un-Christian for nations to pick quarrels and then send armies of human souls to fight it out on battlefields. Let us hope that not only our own National Congress, but the governing bodies of other leading nations, will speedily introduce resolutions favoring the world's peace and seeing to it that all quarrels be submitted to The Hague tribunal. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given a million dollars for the construction of the building at The Hague which shall be the meeting place of the world's peace conferences.

THE CONTEST.

The Piano, Gold Watch and Diamond Ring Contest Now Open and Nominations Coming In.

Last week The Texas Spur received a nomination blank giving 500 votes to the Middle Red Mud School for the organ in the contest put on by a number of the business men of Spur. Also 500 votes for Miss Cordie Harrell, of Red Mud.

Tickets will be given with ten cent purchases at the places mentioned in the advertisement on another page of the paper.

What Others Think.

The Texas Spur, Spur, Texas, Gentlemen:—

Have just been favored with a copy of your paper of May 20.

The town of Spur is to be congratulated in possessing such an up to date newspaper.

I have traveled extensively over all parts of Texas and its my belief that the Spur farm lands are the best in Texas. There is no doubt but that in a short time all the land within ten miles of Spur will be in a high state of cultivation. The various large cotton firms in Dallas and Ft. Worth inform me that cotton grown on the Spur lands is of excellent quality. I note in the Dallas News Almanac it gives Dickens, Dallas, Delta and Williamson counties as the heaviest cotton producing counties per acre in Texas.

The general opinion is that the city of Spur will have ten thousand population within the next five years.

Enclosed please find my check for \$1. Kindly place me on your list as a subscriber.

Yours very truly,
F. T. Rennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jennings, W. F. Godfrey, C. C. Tyler and A. J. Tyler were among those who attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at the Duck Creek school house Sunday.

SURPRISED AT RAPID GROWTH.

Mr. Wiggins, formerly of Stephenville, but now of San Antonio, was among the visitors to Spur this week. Mr. Wiggins, as all visitors to Spur, was surprised at the rapid and substantial growth of the town since its creation in November. He said that in his opinion the growth of Spur was equal to the Oklahoma rush several years ago, and that its equal in the state has yet to make its appearance. There is no question but that Spur "is the biggest little city and fastest growing town in Texas."

Mystery Tea.

On Tuesday evening the Misses Brown entertained a few of their friends from town. The invited guests present were: Misses Burnett, Reed, Roberts, Humphrey, Little, Denton, Reed, Messrs. W. S. Campbell, G. Russell, M. H. Herring, A. J. Tyler, Dr. Morris, Dr. and Mrs. Standifer, Mr and Mrs. Leatherwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hazlewood, Mr. Randolph.

The entertaining features of the evening caused much merriment.

Miss Jennie Reed was given the prize for the demonstration of political powers. With the simple words little, riddle, squibble, metal, she composed a poem quite romantic. Miss Grace Roberts received the booby prize, but we must consider the material for her subject, which was hearing, smearing, teasing, tearing. After the excitement was over, cards bearing only a part of a verse, were passed to be matched, the lucky couples were allowed to talk together twenty minutes. Then more cards were distributed, the ones on which a state was written were given to the men and the capital to the ladies and the couples with the corresponding cards went in to supper together.

The dining room was beautifully decorated. In the center of the table was a large white cake in basket shape. The menu cards were given to the guests and each were allowed to select three articles.

Menu:

Products of the desert.—Salmon and Crackers.

Wry Winkler.—Pickles.

Eue-De-vie.—Water.

Eye openers.—Coffee.

Carl Stew.—Chocolate.

Toothache Generator—Candy. After dinner delicacies.—toothpick.

Fall of man.—Apple.

Sacchorine Compound.—Cake, Oriental Square.—Napkin

Miss Lillian Denton is considered a member of a temperance society but she ordered coffee, chocolate and water. Dr. Morris ordered an apple, water and a tooth pick but a mistake was made in serving and received cake instead of a tooth pick, for which the doctor was grateful.

At a late hour the guests took their departure after expressing to the hostess their thanks for the delightful evening they had spent.—Contributed.

G. L. Dalton and son, Bob, of Stephenville, were in Spur this week. They bought land west of town and will move here at an early date and make this their home. We extend them a cordial welcome to the Spur country.

STRAW VOTE

A Straw Vote on the Governor's Race Taken in Spur and 130 Votes Polled.

One day last week Dr. Standifer and M. H. Herring prepared a ballot box and canvassed the town for votes on the Governor's race. The result is reported as follows:

Poindexter 56, Colquitt, 38, Johnson 16, Davidson, 13, and no preference 7.

There were a total of 130 votes cast and while the result of this straw balloting cannot be considered conclusive as to the final result, it does show that Poindexter will probably lead in the town vote of Spur.

Straw votes are being taken in numbers of places with various results, and such voting is considered more of a campaign boost than in determining the outcome in the Primary election.

As said heretofore, we believe that either of the four candidates in the race would make a governor who would not seriously injure the affairs of our government nor discredit the executive position, yet the writer, as well as other voters, has selected one of the number for whom we expect to vote, and in making this selection we consider that it is to the very best interests of the state and the democratic party. In our humble judgment we believe that R. V. Davidson is eminently fitted for the position, that he will make a governor in fact as well as name, that in the executive chair his acts will be guided by the wishes and demands of constituents and party platforms rather than lobbyists and machinery rulers, that his official acts will be wisely considered and that he has the back-bone to perform all duties of the office regardless of all impediments. The Davidson campaign platform is good enough for me and broad enough for all.

The Cutler's Theatre Company has been entertaining the towns people throughout the week in their big tents. We acknowledge the favor of a season ticket to the entertainments but on account of moving our office we have been unable to attend. However, we are informed that the Company gives first-class entertainments in every respect and the attendance each night is evidence of the appreciation of the plays, vaudevilles and operas.

J. A. Murchison, farmer and candidate for tax assessor, of Wichita community, was in the city Wednesday night. Mr. Murchison reports crops in good condition in his neighborhood.

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WAGON YARD IN CONNECTION. SPUR, TEXAS

A WISE SUGGESTION.

Texas stands seriously in need of a state highway commissioner. It is a matter that should have attention at the hands of the coming legislature. All over the state permanent roads are being built. In many counties the wherewithal is being provided with which to build roads, and in others the subject is being agitated with the probability that it will not be long until something is done. In each and every county undertaking the construction of permanent roads the work is commenced in ignorance and the services of an engineer must be secured. Unfortunately, every engineer is not an honest man, and the county suffers or will suffer when the character of the work shows up. All this could be done away with if the state had an experienced man in charge of the highways who could give the necessary advice, compile statistics regarding road making and material, and be ready at all times to supervise construction. It is a most important matter. —Dennison Herald.

S. Bachelor and wife, Dr. Morris, Miss Morris, and Miss Lemmon, of Haskell, spent two days on the plains last week.

NOTICE.

If it is good milk cows and Poland China pigs of the best breeding you want, come to the Docum Valley Stock Farm, 3 miles northwest of Spur, will sell for cash or on six months time. W. A. Johnson.

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The majority of stock in this bank is owned by residents of Dickens and Kent Counties.

Mrs. Allie Monteith of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday.

HOPE SURVIVED

The little spark of hope that a few of Dickens people have hung to so long in regard to the railroad proposition, is beginning to brighten again. The surveyors for the Quanah: Acme & Pacific are in this vicinity surveying a route from Paducah to Spur, and the maneuvers of things and a few remarks that have been made by some interested, make us believe that in order to get to Spur, the road will run through Dickens. At any rate a survey will be made through the town perhaps this week. Of course it will be some time before it will be given out just what route will be traveled by this line, but if the people of Dickens will pull together and do what they can, and do what they can, and cooperate with our neighboring city, Spur, we think it will be an easy matter to secure this road. Now, we suggest that the citizens call a mass meeting and see what can be done in the way of bonuses and right of way. We have been informed that Swenson will hold the town get the road, and with his assistance and the cooperation of the citizens, Dickens has a fair show to secure this road.

The citizens of Dickens once looked forward to great things but these great things come so

slow, some have almost lost hope but the Dickens Item has never lost hope in the future of the town and the forthcoming of a railroad from somewhere. So let's get busy and boost Dickens again. —Dickens Item.

MAN, QUEER MAN.

The more we study man the more peculiarities we find in him. If a biscuit is dropped on the spotlessly clean floor at breakfast, he won't think of eating it—if he drops his plug of tobacco on the street he will pick it up and take as big a chew as ever. If one of his children drinks out of a glass of milk, he will set it a side—but he will ram the neck of a quart bottle half way down his throat after every sort in town has had a pull at it. —Dickens Item

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MEN WANTED.

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Notice To Bankers.

The National Surety Co. of New York now writes Forgery Bonds, protecting banks against loss due to payment on forged instruments.

M. H. Herring, Agent.

SUICIDE.

A message to The Herald from Silverton conveys the information of the tragic death of Roy Ragland, a young man seven-

teen years of age, who, by means of a target rifle, committed suicide on last Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

The rash act was committed in his room, and no one witnessed the accomplishment of self-destruction, but circumstances indicated that death was premeditated and the unfortunate stood before a mirror and sent a target rifle ball through his brain, the bullet entering the right temple and passing directly through his head, causing instantaneous death.

The deceased was a brother of W. F. Ragland, at whose home the tragedy occurred. The family had only recently moved to Silverton from Roby, Texas.

The boy who sought such a terrible and untimely end had been in bad health for some time and the ensuing despondency is supposed to have been the motive for the deed. He was of a studious disposition, and was considered quite intelligent for his years.

The tragedy created considerable excitement in the town, and much sympathy was expressed for the family, who were greatly shocked by the wholly unexpected occurrence.

The unfortunate was buried at Silverton on Tuesday. —Hale Co. Herald.

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BOYISH FEAT WON GENERAL

Exhibition of Courage Determined Youngster's Vocation to Be the Army.

In his "Memoirs of Eighty Years," Dr. Gordon Hake, who was a nephew of Gen. Charles Gordon, tells how he won the approbation of his uncle, later celebrated as the hero of Khartoum. It was by a boyish feat which he learned in his school days. Most boys feel a vaulting ambition at that age, but too few of them in later years fulfill its aims.

I may mention here, in taking leave of my boyhood, that there was a bath at Islington called Peerless pool, to which in summer the boys of the school were sent to bathe.

It was a large mass of water, oblong in shape, with a wide promenade. There we would spend a whole afternoon, sent there by the authorities when the half-holiday was at hand.

There, to excite the wonder and applause of the other boys, I punished myself by taking the longest run to the water's edge that was obtainable within the inclosure, and by leaping somersault-fashion into the air to a great height and reaching the water in a seated posture.

In doing this I inflicted on myself a punishment equal to that of being flogged.

Being somewhat sheepish at the age of 15, I did not stand very high in the estimation of my uncle, Gen. Gordon, while staying with him at Woolwich; but one day he took me down to the Thames to bathe.

There was a platform, probably for the soldiers to jump from into the water. This afforded me a long run, and I resolved on performing my feat.

My uncle was perfectly amazed at it, and often alluded to it with surprise in later years. After this display of my pluck, he was much in favor of my going into the army.—Youth's Companion.

PROUD JAMES BROUGHT LOW

Amusing and at Times Painful Collisions That Have Taken Place in Ballrooms.

Quite unpleasant contrefemps can occur in a London ballroom, says the Gentlewoman, as witness the adventures of two ladies one evening not long ago. The cotillon was being danced and in one figure the object was to jump through a paper hoop.

This a well-known lady succeeded in doing, only to come violently into collision with another who was prepared to precipitate herself through the other side. At least one black eye and other disagreeable results have followed this inopportune meeting between two fair but overhasty leaders of fashion.

Apparently the ballroom is becoming second only to the athletic field. It was during the season just closed that no less a personage than Mrs. George Keppel, a favorite with King Edward, came to grief in dancing the cotillon.

One of the figures demanded that the lady jump the rope, and in essaying this return to her somewhat disagreeable Mrs. Keppel had what the papers call "a fall" which

PROPER WAY TO DRIVE NAIL

Expert Carpenter Gives Some Points as to This Seemingly Simple Proceeding.

"It takes an apprentice a full year to learn that he does not know how to drive a nail," said an expert carpenter. "When once he has realized this it is only a matter of a few minutes to learn how it should be done. The commonest mistake is the belief that a hard blow with the hammer is more effective than several little taps, and the learner is inclined to admire the man who drives a nail all the way in with but one blow. This is where he is wrong; four or five blows are much better than one. The reason is that one hard blow inevitably makes the nail rebound, ever so slightly, it is true, but enough to make it hold less firmly than it would if driven in gradually. The nail may be driven almost all the way with one blow, but several lighter taps are necessary to finish the job.

"Another thing," continued the old carpenter, "the beginner generally tries to drive his nails as perpendicularly as possible. This is another error, for a nail driven a little diagonally holds the parts together much more firmly than one driven perpendicularly. And in driving a nail diagonally it is even more necessary to proceed with gentle taps, for hard blows inevitably displace the surfaces that are to be held together."

EXTINCT VOLCANO THEIR HOME

Remarkable Abode and Still More Remarkable Industry of People of Saba.

Saba, in the West Indies, is one of the most extraordinary places in the world.

By courtesy it is called an island, but it is really nothing more than the summit of an extinct volcano sticking up out of the sea. Inside the crater live the only inhabitants of Saba. They live there because there is nowhere else for them to live, the outside slopes being nearly as steep as the sides of a house.

The place belongs to Holland, and the people are all Dutch. Nevertheless, they speak English as their native tongue. They call their crater town Bottom, because it is situated on top of a mountain.

Although surrounded on all sides by the sea, they often spend weeks without seeing it, for that involves a long climb up to the rim of the crater. Still less frequently do they touch salt water, because to do so they must, in addition, climb downward for a distance of 1,500 feet by a precipitous rock-hewn path, known as the Ladder.

It is, however, in regard to their staple industry that these Dutch people who speak English, and who live aloft in a volcano in a summit city called Bottom, reach the extreme of topsy-turvydom. One might imagine them making balloons or kites, or, in fact, anything but what they make, which is ships.

Not ocean-going liners, of course, but good, serviceable schooners and luggers, whose repute is great all over the Windward Islands. The ships, when finished, have to be hauled up to the rim of the crater and then lowered over a precipice into the sea.—Stray Stories.

SEWED UP FOR THE WINTER

Good Reason Why Boy Didn't Desire to Interfere with Mother's Arrangements.

Miss Elizabeth C. Sprague, who teaches in the Chicago public schools, attempted the role of missionary to the grimy boys in her charge.

There is a shower bath in the basement of the school building and Miss Sprague endeavored to induce some of the dirtiest pupils to make acquaintance with it.

She was pleased when one of the boys expressed a desire to try the experiment. The janitor told the rest of the story to the teacher:

"Say, that boy you sent down here wanted to take a bath and I fixed things for him. Pretty soon he stuck his head out of the room and said he couldn't get off his clothes. 'Why can't you?' I said to him. 'My mother sewed them on when I came to school last September,' says he. 'Why did she do that?' I asked him. 'So I wouldn't catch cold,' he told me. I ripped out the stitches and he took the bath. Then he called me again. 'Will you sew them up?' he says. 'What for?' I asked him. 'So my mother won't know I took a bath,' he replied.

ONE CERTAIN LINE OF SAFETY

Avoidance of Loss of Life Through Snake Bite Reduced to the Minimum.

In the handling of snakes both natives of India, in spite of all the chicanery which is mixed up with snake-charming, and, even more conspicuously, perhaps, the Moqui Indians of North America, acquire a dexterity and apparent immunity from danger which seem unattainable by white men; and perplexing tales are told of the magical efficacy of snake-stones, as used by Indian snake-catchers, in the cure of the bites of both cobra and krait, on authority so distinguished that science, with all its superciliousness, cannot altogether disregard them. But as a general rule it may be laid down that, for man or mongoose, the only certain safety lies in keeping outside the range of being bitten. Fortunately a snake, "more subtil than any beast of the field," rarely goes out of its way to attack.

UNVEILED THE MONUMENT.

Gertrude Gahrman was the little girl of seven years who pulled the cord that unveiled the monument to Giovanni de Verrazano, the Italian rival of Hudson in the discovery of the Hudson river. The little lady is said to have made a very pretty little speech as she gave the signal for the unveiling of the veil.

NOTES ABSENCE OF HONESTY

Few Articles Forgotten in Cars Turned in by Passengers, Declares Conductor.

The man in the rabbit hutch was talking.

"It's wonderful what a difference the pay-as-you-enter makes with lost articles," he said. "I guess we turn in about one-tenth the stuff we used to pick up in the cars before we were confined to this box. You see, we used to walk through the car for fares, and if there was an umbrella or a grip, or anything of that sort, left in one of the seats we ran a good chance of seeing it and restoring it to the owner. Now we can't do that. We have to stay here at the rear, and we have hardly any chance at all to pick up anything left on the car."

"But the passengers turn in some of the things they find, don't they?" I asked.

There was a great and sad knowledge of human nature in the conductor's smile.

"Do they? Not much," he said. "Ask the man who has charge of lost articles over at the De Baliviere station. He'll tell you that we handle almost nothing there now, whereas we restored quantities of stuff to the owners under the pay-when-discovered system."

My eye but what thieves we are! "Why, I used to pick up an umbrella or two on my car every day, and now there is not one handed over to me in seven days," he resumed.

Here, then, is a valid objection to the pay-as-you-enter—one, we have never thought of: It is making all of us thieves!—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

THE THRESHOLD OF THE YEAR

Solemn Thoughts That Arise as One Faces the Coming Twelve Months of Good or Ill.

I have passed the door which opens to another year. The latch of the door was lifted for me by hands not my own. I could not stay in the old year any more, even if I tried. I loved its suns and snows and even its storms and darkness were good for me. I do not mind now the sting of the pain dart which struck me, nor am I ashamed of the reluctant scar. And then, sometimes, there was the touch of gentle hands and the kinship of understanding hearts! These were my wine in weariness. All that is past—all save the memory of it and the effect of it; these abide—a part of the fiber of my latest self. But for his other year—the strange, now one—what? I ought not to ask. A veil is over its days, mercifully. I only know that I have essayed it—that it is but a little bit of the whole span of life, an annual unit in the sum of time; and that in it lie my further adventure and opportunity I shall go on. From their height the stars will see me, the earth will prove itself my friend all over again, and I shall meet my brothers on the way.—Richard Wightman, in Success Magazine.

FORCE NEEDED.

Youngwed—I always crack up my wife's biscuits.

Mr. Bachelor—Heavens! Are they as hard as that?

THIS IN THE SUMMER DAYS

When They Played Poker on the Housetops in the Metropolis of the Country.

It was so warm that the flat dweller who lives among the weather vanes couldn't sleep. She got up and began prowling about in search of a breath of fresh air, going finally into the kitchen to see if she couldn't find one there and at the same time get a drink of water. She was amazed at the liveliness of the scene which met her view from that window. In the first place the roof across the area was hung with white clothes, straight and still, without the breeze that should have blown but didn't. Then these clothes were partly lighted by the flicker of a candle that made them very picturesque. The candle was set flat on the roof and around it was grouped a party of four, playing cards.

It was a gypsy-like scene that really should have been out on the green grass in the daytime. The dark starlit night back of the white, still hanging clothes, the faces, some of them picked out by the light of the candle, some in shadow, all intent on the game; the quiet, as if they were four spirits out there playing cards in the night, instead of four absorbed people.

The flat dweller stood looking at them awhile, then went back into her den, picked up the little clock there and looked at the time. Three! "It must be poker they are playing," she said, as she went back to bed.—New York Press.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the July Democratic primary.

For District Attorney:

ISAAC O. NEWTON

B. D. GLASGOW, (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:

CEPHUS HOGAN

For County Judge

F. C. GIPSON

O. S. FERGUSON

For Tax Assessor

E. L. HARKEY

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For Sheriff

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A well rounded man ought to roll well.

The old adage has it that a rolling stone never gathers any moss, well there must be a lot of stones in this old world that never made a turn.

We noticed a magazine article recently by an English scientist, who claims that the color, red, has a clarifying effect on book-keepers, and quotes a long list of statistics to prove his theory. We won't take issue with the gentlemen because of his contentions for we know nothing of the Psychological effects of any color on the human mind, but we do know some of the Physiological effects red or black, or blue, will have on the eyes of the man or woman who bends over a desk in a half lighted office for twelve hours a day poring over a list of figures the very monotony of which would be bad enough surrounded by the most favorable conditions, and we suspect if the gentleman would try the cause for a short while, he would find the effect he claims for to be a mental condition caused by a physical strain rather than a moral condition caused by any color reflections on the vision.

Don't heat your room to cook meat. The Spur Market keeps cooked meat and fresh bread.

FROM DICKENS ITEM.

Mrs. O. K. Flowers and Miss Edyth Crego made the city of Spur a visit Monday, making the trip on horseback.

Geo. M. Williams and family moved last Saturday to Spur where they will make their home in the future. The people of Dickens regret to lose this family from the town, but wish them happiness and many friends in their new home.

The Luzon Telephone Company is having their line from Dickens to Spur put on the public road and are otherwise improving their lines.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman and two little girls of Afton were in town visiting Wednesday night and made the city of Spur a visit Thursday. They were accompanied to Spur by Misses Annie Ola Halman and Pearl Stradley, Miss Holman leaving on the train for her home at Seymour.

The farmers of Dickens county have learned one lesson they should not forget soon, and that is it pays to raise plenty of feed stuff. This year the farmers have contributed quite a neat sum to the milling companies and grain dealers of Texas and other states that could and should have stayed in the farmers' pockets. Some, perhaps, have even borrowed money to

send out of the county in this way. It never pays to raise cotton to buy feed. Raise more feed and less fuss.

J. H. Pew went to Spur Monday where he has a position with J. B. Conner in his grain and feed store.

Rev. D. Trammel of Sweetwater assisted by Rev. Mark Hardin of Spur is conducting a series of meetings at the Methodist church this week.

The Methodist meeting which has been in progress since last Friday night closed Wednesday night and the ministers who were conducting the meeting left Thursday for their respective homes.

R. S. Holly of Liberty was seriously injured Monday by being kicked in the stomach by a horse. It was first thought that his injuries would prove fatal, but later developments show a chance for his recovery.

Mr. Builder, don't be misled. Buy "OVB" hardware which is backed up by a guarantee.

Barber, Hancock & New.

Prof. C. B. Whitten, Superintendent of the Windham High School, visited J. P. Horton and family last week. Mr. Whitten left with lots to tell his easy going East Texas friends concerning the magic growth of some of our West Texas towns.

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A town is nothing else than one large family drawn together by mutual interests. The citizen who habitually shirks his part of a public load is lacking just that much in good citizenship. He may be ever so pious, ever so harmless in his walk in life, ever so exemplary in his conduct, but to the extent that he is indifferent to community interests, to that extent he is failing to measure up to a high standard of duty, just as the parent would fail to be a good parent who manifests no interest in his family's welfare. There are many people who do not feel this way about it, some who think that the man who lives and thrives with a people without giving back anything is merely a smarter man than the fellow who gives his money and his time to the general good. The public does not agree with you. It regards you as close, as selfish and miserly. No man should feel it a matter of no concern whether he helps or not, that the people are not watching his conduct. They do watch every man's actions and should do it. In times when a supreme effort is being made for a town the people talk whenever they meet about those who help, and the talk is not at all times complimentary to those who refuse. A man ought to pride himself on being among the progressives. If he fails to get in that class he is almost certain in time to feel the effect of his indifference upon his business and his life. There are conditions under which some can aid in things they would like to see accomplished, but some are disposed to magnify their inabilities. The man who does his best usually knows it, and the public generally forms a pretty correct estimate of every one. —Brownwood Bulletin.

A BEAUTIFUL DIAMOND RING

A Gold Watch and Valuable Organ and Other Handsome Presents

GIVEN AWAY

BY CERTAIN BUSINESS FIRMS OF SPUR, TEXAS

A number of the business firms of Spur have interested themselves in giving away, absolutely free, a beautiful Diamond Ring, a Gold Watch, and other valuable presents.

The Organ is to be given to the organization receiving the greatest number of votes, the Diamond Ring to the young lady having the largest number of votes at the close and the Gold Watch and other presents to the young lady making the largest gains from time to time, which will be announced as the contest progresses.

The plan is a novel one and at once commends itself to the public, there being no outlay on the part of anyone other than the people who are doing this to stimulate cash trade, and at the same time, bestow valuable gifts that will be permanent advertising for them.

Briefly stated, the plan is this: Each firm that is interested in the contest is provided with voting tickets, and for every ten cents' worth of goods purchased or work done issues a ticket entitling the holder to one vote. The ticket can be voted for the church, school, lodge or club, or individual of the purchasers' preference.

A 10 cent purchase entitles to one vote, 20 cents to two votes, \$1 to ten votes, \$5 to fifty votes, and so on. Tickets can be had only from the firms who have secured an interest in the contest and on cash purchases; the number of votes on each ticket should be marked with ink or indelible pencil.

No charge whatever is made for tickets. You vote free for the organization and individual of your choice on each ticket. Each week the vote will be counted and the standing of the contestants announced in the Texas Spur. A disinterested committee will be selected to count the votes. The closing date of the contest will be announced later.

The following firms will supply tickets free of charge, on lines of goods indicated, and will take pleasure in explaining all about the contest.

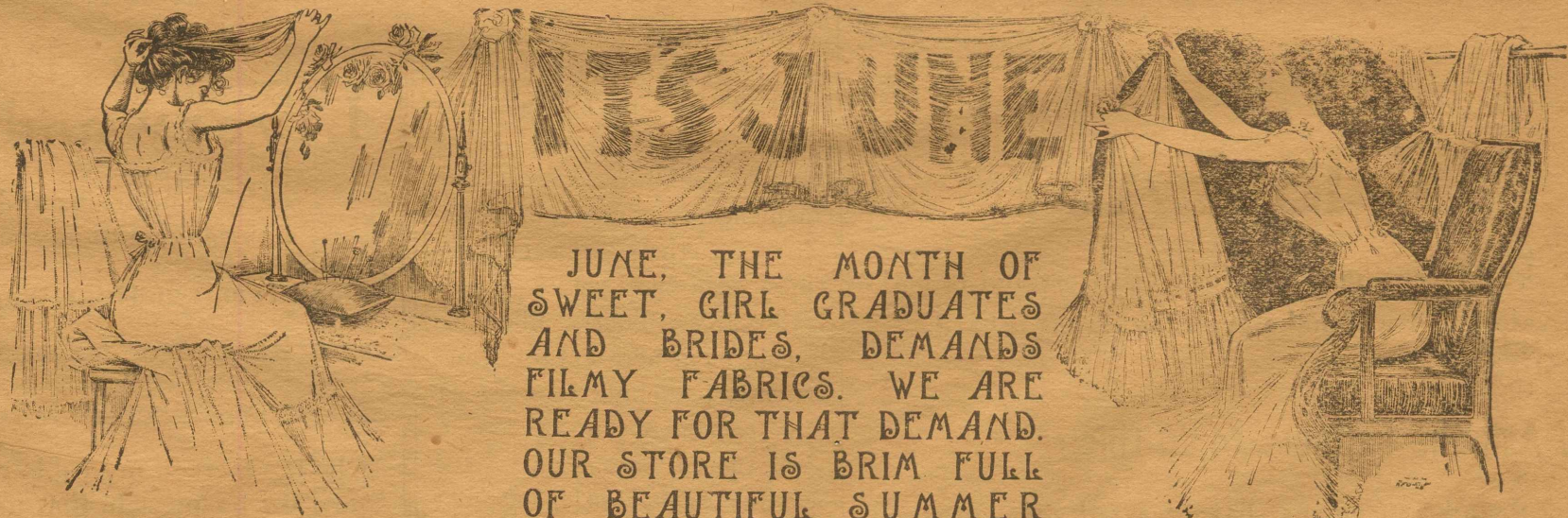
LADIES BAZAAR—Mrs. Nellie Roberson, Prop., millinery, ladies furnishings, novelty goods.
RED FRONT DRUG STORE—Drugs, jewelry, toilet articles, paints and wall paper.
SPUR FURNITURE STORE—Furniture, pianos, rugs, art squares, etc.
SPUR HARDWARE STORE—Hardware, implements, windmills, etc.
THE DIXIE STORE—Dry goods, notions, shoes, clothing.
HISEY GROCERY COMPANY—Staple and fancy groceries.
SPUR SHEET IRON METAL WORKS—Tank builders, makers of everything in sheet metal.
R. W. SCURRY—Confectioner, cold drinks, candies, cigars.
R. B. SPENCER & COMPANY—Lumber and building material.
THE SPUR MARKET, Fresh meats and always the best to be had; phone.
THE VARIETY STORE—Everything, anything, novelties of all description.
MACK, THE TAILOR, cleaning, pressing, repairing, at the Variety Store.
THE TEXAS SPUR—Tickets issued on all cash subscriptions.
J. B. CONNER—Grain, hay, chops, and all kinds of feed stuff; wagon yard in connection.

REMEMBER That you can get tickets only at places above mentioned, that all tickets voted will be kept until close of contest and will be subject to investigation at any time, insuring an honest and fair contest. No lady connected with any firm in contest will be permitted to enter contest as a candidate.

SPECIAL GIFTS Ten Dollars in gold will be given to the lady having the greatest number of votes on June 18th, 6 p. m. A magnificent Umbrella will also be given to the lady making the greatest gain of votes from June 18th to July 23, 6 p. m. The handsome gold watch for greatest gain from July 23rd to September 3rd. The lady or ladies securing the special gifts will continue in contest until close.

Diamond Ring, Watch and Umbrella on Exhibition at Red Front Drug Store. Organ at Spur Furniture Co. Voting box at Red Front Drug Store.

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SWEET, GIRL GRADUATES
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TAP TELLENGS

We have had varied conditions in the weather the past week there being very warm days and some rain but as twenty minutes sand storm yesterday morning surpassed anything yet in clouding the sky and then quietly subsiding. Fruit was damaged by the wind much being shaken from the trees.

Crops are in fine shape as our dilligent farmers have kept up with their work. Peaches have grown to ripening and mulberries are in season. Plums, tame, and wild, are plentiful.

We visited the ranch of G. S. Greenwade yesterday eve. The Ranchero was not at home but from the looks of the paraphernalia thereabout we can recommend Mr. Greenwade to any young lady, old maid or widow as an excellent housekeeper.

Grass along the way is fine, stock is in excellent condition, and there are rabbits galore; any of the Spur nimrods who want to get rodents by the dozen will only have to go to the pasture north of Mr. S. S. Allcorn's field and there he can secure that specimen to his utmost desire.

We passed in sight of the Tap school room, around which many pleasant memories cluster of our teaching there since it was by far the best school we have had for twenty two years, as each student in attendance was willing to come up with the work assigned him or her without murmur or complaint, such we like to teach, and such will always learn, and to all whom it was our privilege to instruct there we wish unbounded success in life and happiness after death. As we returned we noticed in the upper part of the valley, real systematic farming. A farmer seemed to have too



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BRYANT-LINK-COMPANY WHERE QUALITY TELLS AND PRICE SELLS

June 3-10

much cultivated land to do justice to in a crop so one part was assigned to cultivatable vegetation while the other part was left for sunflower and other weeds. We think this to be a better plan however this writer is not a stipulated farmer.

Mr. Baird, agent for the Denton nursery has been canvassing our community this week taking orders for fruit and ornamental trees to be delivered this coming autumn. Several have availed themselves with the opportunity presented and signed for bills of trees which will enhance the value of their property.

Mrs. John Luce and Mrs. S. S. Allcorn are the best chicken raisers in west Texas. We believe Mrs. Allcorn is a little ahead as she has trained one old hen to direct a covey of thirty one chickens to search for food and it surely is interesting to go to either place and behold these young bipeds as they follow the mother hen over hill and dale.

Dr. G. M. Bachelor, Jayton,

Dickens, Spur dentist, accompanied by his wife dined at the home of Mr. J. E. Sparks last Monday. Mr. Bachelor will do some work for Mrs. Sparks in the near future.

Mr. Davis of Spur Meat Market was in our community this week looking after fat cattle for his market.

Roy Bledsoe and W. B. Bonner, representing the Spur furniture and Music Company, came out Tuesday evening to see plover and sell instruments which we understand will be placed later in the homes of those who purchased. They report two sales in Tap commnity.

Sherdie Smith made a pleasant call at our school room Monday as he passed up the country going after some corn which he found at Mr. Garrett's. As he returned he was in a hurrah to get home, eat dinner, and plant his corn. Success to you Sherdie.

S. T. Lambert called at our school room Tuesday morning as he was going to get June corn. He gave us quite a little talk in the way of advice, which we gladly received.

S. T. Owens, a fructified shinnery farm, clear of encumbrance and a bank account to pay his way. Such substantial citizens we are always ready to listen to. Thanks, Brother Lambert, for your worthy deliberation.

Brother Sam Smith and others here will attend the Stone-wall Association which will convene with the Duck Creek church tonight. A real old-fashioned, spiritual uplift is desirous of those who convene there. May it be so.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry filled his appointment here Saturday and Sunday, preaching four excellent sermons to fair sized congregations considering the weather being inclement. At the close of Sunday night's service Mrs. Oattie Payne made a profession of a changed life and joined the church. She is to be baptized next month.

W. C. McArthur and wife visited Uncle Jimmie Sparks and wife last Tuesday. Mr. McArthur is an old time staunch citi-

zen who knows the intrinsic value of commodities and inaugurates the "pay as you go policy," which is creditable to any man or nation.

Grandma Sparks, while getting from a wagon last Saturday, missed her footing and fell on the ground, causing her pain but declared she was all right by Wednesday morning and to prove it went and prepared dinner by 10:30 a. m. That sure was an early dinner, Grandma.

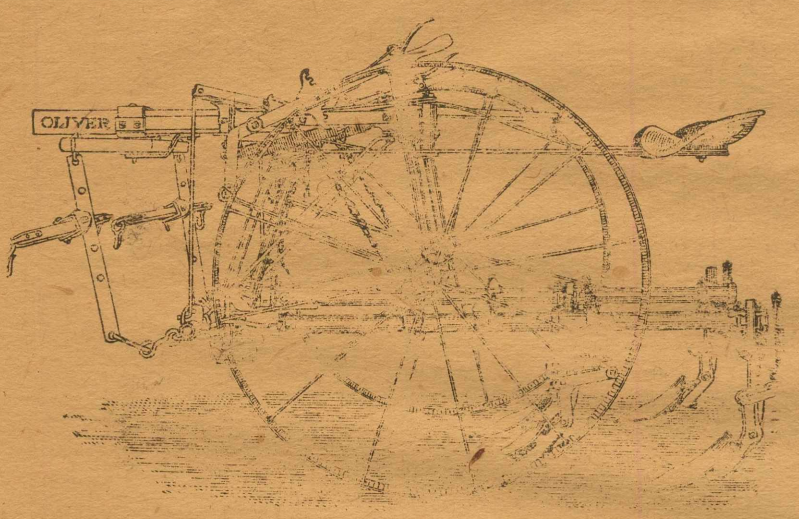
Mrs. Pleas Copeland of Garza county, is visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Copeland, of our settlement. She reports old Garza all right with rank vegetation for this time of year.

Frank Harrell and D. C. Abney, two best looking farmers of our country have gone extensively into the fruit business having subscribed for good large bills of trees to the Denton county man. Tom says he hopes this will be an inducement

to some of the fair damsels as he would like one to join in copartnership with him to gather the fruit. May you have abundant success, Mr. Harrell.

This writer acted as an Amanuensis for the best looking young lady (Miss Minnie Smith) of Kent county, while she got up the program for next literary society. Ye editor is solicited to attend as the program guarantees a superb exhibition Friday night June 3d.

With this issue of the Tap Telling we sever our connection with the same. We have tried to be fair in our reports and sincerely hope that no one has taken umbrage at anything we have written for publication. We have given the news as best we gathered it and we thank all who have contributed to the items we have sent in. If we ever joked any any too harsh, we beg pardon and part with each in good cheer. Our home is in Matador to which we now return and should any one with whom we have formed an acquaintance pass that way we will be glad to see you and cordially welcome you to our home. A friendly farewell to home to all. PENCIL PUSHER.



IT IS EASY

to make advertising claims for cultivators, but to make cultivators that will make good the claims is hard.

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Meets all trains and prepared to haul passengers to any part of the country

Good Teams and Rigs, Wagon Yard & Camp House

I have received my rubber tire machine and ready now for business in that line. I will have an expert workman in that line and will have plenty tires to accomodate all who desire work at

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Southeast part of Spur, Near Blue Front Livery Stable
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Walker's Bakery for fresh bread, cakes, buns, rolls, pies, barbecue. All goods baked fresh every day. Three doors east of postoffice.

W. A. Newman, prominent stockman of Motley county, was in Spur Monday receiving some cattle he purchased last fall.

J. R. Kerlin, one of Dickens county's prominent cattle men, was in the city last Monday.

The Fifth Sunday meeting at Duck Creek last Sunday was a fine meeting. There was dinner on the ground Sunday and the attendance large. It was a good old time meeting.

Mr. Kate Sandlin and little daughter, Mae, of Matador, visited her father, A. Kanzler, a few days ago.

C. G. Chandler, cashier of the Spur National Bank, left Monday on a business trip to Kansas City.

A Mr. Parish of Petersburg, was in Spur last Menday night.

Going to keep your wife standing over that old hot stove this summer? Better use a New Perfection oil stove.—Barber, Hancock & New.

O. S. Ferguson of Dickens, one of the popular candidates for County Judge, spent two or three days in Spur the first of the week in the interest of his candidacy.

D. C. Sparks, of Croton Flat, was trading in Spur last Monday. He was accompanied by his father, T. K. Sparks.

Judge Will Andrews of Stamford, had business in Spur this week. Mr. Andrews owns property in Spur and has great hopes for the future of our little city.

Rev. Enslee of Abilene, preached at the Baptist church Sunday in Bro. Robinson's stead Bro. Robinson having been sick for several days was unable to preach.

Several of the young people of Spur attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Duck Creek Sunday.

Mr. R. M. Self of the Duck Creek community, spent Sunday night in town.

Wanted—A capable man and wife for ranch work. Good wages and a good home for the right people. J. T. George, Jayton, Texas, 2t

Rev. W. A. Wilson, pastor of the Baptist church at Dickens, was down at Spur on last Tuesday.

Mrs. Nilburn Rose, of Jayton, is visiting Mrs. H. R. Stevens this.

J. J. Nolen of north of Dickens, was transacting business in Spur Tuesday of this week.

J. H. Stradley, one of Dickens' popular business men, was in Spur Tuesday.

Sheriff Cole was over from Dickens last Tuesday.

DUCK CREEK BRIDGE

Appropriation was made by Commissioners' Court this week to put a good, substantial bridge across Duck Creek between Dickens and Spur, construction work to begin at once. This is a move in the right direction, Spur is the market town for the county north and east of Dickens and a bridge across Duck Creek will benefit the county as well as the traveling public.—Dickens Item

See us for Posts, Sash, Doors, Lime, Cement

AND HIGH GRADE LUMBER

Richardson Lumber Com'y

J. V. McCORMICK, Manager

Short orders at all hours at City Restaurant.

Mrs. J. R. Leonard of Port Austin, Michigan, who has been visiting her son, W. L. Leonard, for several days past, left Sunday for Tulsa, Okla., to visit relatives. Mrs. Leonard was highly charmed with the hospitality of the many acquaintances she made in Spur and expressed a regret at having to leave so soon.

Don't heat your room to cook meat. The Spur Market keeps cooked meat and fresh bread.

Rev. J. M. Rankin of Post City, preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned Monday from Stonewall county with a man charged with theft, whose name we did not learn. The man made bond and was released to await the action of the grand jury.

F. C. Gipson, the popular druggist of Dickens, and Dr. T. H. Blackwell, passed through Spur Monday enroute to Sager-ton to see Mr. Gipson's sister who has been quite sick for some time.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER Co.

A New Grocery Store

WE have just opened up a grocery business first door east of post office on Fifth street and will carry a complete line of Staple Fancy groceries. Call in to see us, we will treat you right, and solicit a share of your patronage.

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Grain, Hay and All Kinds of Feed and Fuel

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Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Ladies' Home Mission Society of the Methodist Church will give a home talent entertainment at the

Methodist Tabernacle, June 9th, at 8:30

"IN DAYS OF YORE"

A merry entertainment by ye Ancient Maids and Bachelors of this borough, will come to pass at ye Methodist Meeting House, on the 9th day of June, 1910. At which ancient tunes and worldly ditties will be sung by men and women whose fame are only provided with strong lungs and good musical training. Ye trouble will begin at early candle-lyting.

PROGRAM.

Solo: "A Teacher Born"	Mr. Herring
Opening Chorus: "Medley"	By Class
Solo: "Mother Says I Musn't"	Mr. Jennings
Recitation: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"	Mrs. Senning
Solo: "Coming Through the Rye"	Miss Burnett
Recitation: "Boy Stood on the Burning Deck"	Dr. Bachelor
Solo: "Guess What he Wrote"	Erma Baker
Recitation: Selected	Miss Box
Piano Solo: "Old Folks at Home"	Mrs. O'Reilly
Recitation: Selected	Mr. Link
Solo: "Annie Laurie"	Mr. Tyler
Recitation: "So Pesky Slow"	Hansom Womack
Piano Duett: Selected	Mr. and Mrs. O'Reilly
Song: "Do, Re, Me, Fa, Sol."	By Class
Recitation: Maud Muller	Miss Little
Solo: "Blue Alsatian Mountain"	Mr. O'Reilly
Recitation: "Twinkle Little Star"	Mrs. Simmons
Piano Solo: "The Mocking Bird"	Mrs. Bachelor
Rec.: "You'd Scarce Expect One of My Age"	R. P. Cole
Recitation: "Come, Come, Come."	Mrs. Richburn
Solo: Selected	Mrs. Womack
Chorus: "Home Sweet Home"	By Class

ADMISSION: Adults 15c, Children 10c.

MONEY.

Money to loan on your improved ranch lands. Quick inspection. We especially desire to make a few large loans in Dickens and adjoining counties.

Duggan & Duggan,
Stamford, Texas.

Prof. Nat Patton of Cottonwood community was in Spur last Wednesday.

W. L. Hyatt, liverman at Dickens was in Spur on business Wednesday.

J. V. Leatherwood and lady, of Wake, spent Tuesday night in Spur.

Charlie Applegate, the Dickens carpenter, came down to Spur Tuesday. He took the train Wednesday evening for points in Missouri and Illinois to visit two or three months.

The Spur market has fresh country butter on ice.

M. L. Hale and Miss Gussie Stafford, of Afton, boarded the train here Wednesday for Hood county where Miss Gussie will spend some time visiting.

Aubrey Loyd, one of Afton's merchants, was in Spur Wednesday.

Miss Lee Wilson returned to her home near Dickens Tuesday after spending several days in Spur with Mrs. Laura Taylor.

J. H. Sparks of Red Mud, was in Spur this week.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip the first of the week to Lockney and other points on the plains.

Prof. W. H. Lain, of New Hope community, spent Wednesday night in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis, of twenty miles south of Spur, were in the city this week trading.

Mr. Merriweather, a citizen of Lockney, had business in Spur one day this week.

T. O. Shelton returned this week to Spur from Brownfield where he has been several months.

Mrs. Smith and children are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle, of near Gilpin.

You can get fresh country butter on ice at the Spur market.

Doc Ellis, candidate for sheriff of Kent county, was a visitor in the city Thursday.

W. P. Sampson of Gilpin, was transacting business in Spur one day this week.

P. Hinson was in this week from his place near Tap and extended the Texas Spur force an invitation to attend the meeting Sunday week at Red Mud. They intend to have a big time, have dinner on the ground and everybody is invited to come out and enjoy the day.

The little son of Jeff Harkey, of Dickens, while riding a larger brother, fell and broke an arm. The little fellow is reported doing nicely.

Oscar Davis, son of Luke Davis, of Dickens, climbed a tree one day this week and in jumping out his foot hung in a fork of a limb with the result that a leg was broken.

We have been moving into our new concrete building this week and as a consequence we are all torn up and have a short paper.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following list of advertised letters in Spur post-office ending May 31st.

Gentlemen;
Bingham All.
Barclay, D. M.
Barrow, J. L.
Barrett, W. T.
Carter, S.
Denny, Chas.
Doyle, T. M.
Fort, Rev. G. R.
Gamble, A.
Griffin, R. J.
Harrison, Leonard
Henderson, H. B.
Henderson, Joe
Johnson, J. G.
Johnson, Tom
Jones, Otto
Morrison, Brownie
Roberts, Charlie
Rushing, G. I.
Roe, Russel
Snortwell, W. M.
Selvin, Alien
Tousner, B.
Thomas, Dr. W. M.
West, Samuel T.
Wilson, W. A.
Widmore, Earl
West, J. W.
Gates, Geo. E.

Ladies:

Brooks, Miss Zala
Bryan, Mrs. N.
Hail, Miss Girtrude
Howard, Miss Murle
Owens, Mrs. Dora
Owens, Miss Beatrice
Sanders, Miss Viola
Smithart, Mrs. N. E.
Wilson, Rosa
Williamson, Miss Robbie
Crawford, Mrs. J. W.
Spur—Emma or Plainview Auto Line.

When calling for the above letters please say advertised.
N. A. Baker, P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Horton and little son, Mrs. Oran McClure and children and the writer drove out to Duck Creek school house Sunday afternoon to attend the Fifth Sunday meeting of the Stonewall Association. The Association was in progress from Thursday to Sunday night and was attended by Baptists from every section of the country. Rev. J. V. Bilberry reports the meeting one of the most successful in the history of the association.

Montelle Gaus, representing the Farm and Ranch of Dallas, was here this week soliciting subscriptions to that paper. He was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and expressed surprise at the growth of the town, and said that he expected to find a very small village here. All who visit Spur are surprised to find that we have grown to a city within six months since the creation of the town.

G. C. Pass, of the Spur Realty Company, returned Wednesday from a trip of several days to Lubbock, Emma, Crosbyton, and other Plains towns. He reports having had a pleasant trip, but that he found nothing that looked better to him than Spur and the Spur country.

We received a card from Oscar Jackson this week. He is at Palestine and says he is longing for the cool breezes of the "good old west" but that he gets three good meals per day and is enjoying life in the quiet east. Mr. Jackson was in Spur in the real estate business at the beginning of the town and has many friends here who wish him well in his eastern home.

An eight-pound boy was born Wednesday night to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle in the city. Mr. Lyle says that he hasn't named the young man yet and that he will probably have to wait until after the election to be sure of an appropriate name.

J. P. Higgins and wife and Bat Scoggins and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were visitors in the city Tuesday. Mr. Higgins reports everything in the Cat Fish country in fine shape.

Mrs. J. F. Vernon and children came in this week from Haskell and will make Spur their home in the future.

The Merchants & Farmers State Bank received their furniture and fixtures this week and are now prepared to do business.

George Greenwade had business in town Thursday from his place west of Spur.

Alvis Hancock, of Dickens, was a visitor in the city Saturday and Sunday.

Sheriff Cole was here Thursday on official business.

The building I now occupy is for rent at reasonable price, possession given about June 15h.
B. SHACKLETT.

Mrs. Dr. Cromwell, of Dallas, is in the city visiting her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle

Mark Hardin, Jr., came over from Dickens and spent several days with his parents near town.

S. S. Allcorn, a prominent citizen of Dickens had business in the city Thursday.

Mrs. T. A. Ham and children, of northeast of Dickens, were visitors in the city Thursday.

Mrs. R. L. Collier and Miss Della Pierce were visitors in the city Thursday from their home northeast of Dickens.

Nat Patton was a visitor in the city Saturday from the Afton country.

O. O. and A. G. Love, prominent business men of Dickens, had business here Thursday.

Willis and Norman Rogers, of Clairemont, were here Thursday on business.

A. M. Sowell and family will move to Post City the latter part of this week where Mr. Sowell has secured a job.

Mr. Bartley moved his feed store this week to his building next door to the one heretofore occupied by him.

Mrs. Leatherwood of the Plains country is here visiting Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

King Edward's Favorite Horses.
The report that Lord Marcus Beresford, who has long had charge of the king's racing stud, will shortly retire from that position recalls the fact when a favorite horse of the king or queen dies its hoofs are cut off and polished and the horse's name is inscribed on each hoof.

These are placed in a row in one of the harness rooms at Sandringham. Their majesties have their favorite dogs, as well as their favorite horses. Against a wall at the back of their residence at Sandringham may be seen a stone: "To the memory of dear old Rover"—Tit-Bits.

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WE'LL MAKE A SMILE
GROW WHERE THERE
WAS A FROWN
BEFORE**



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Do you know who I am?

Well if you don't, ask somebody.

I've come here to stay a few years and tell you where to buy Hardware and things.

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