

RESIDENCE BURNED TUESDAY NIGHT

The W. G. Broyles Residence
And Contents Totally Des-
troyed by Fire.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Broyles, in the northwest part of the city was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday night, nothing being saved but a sewing machine and feather pillow.

The fire alarm sounded about ten o'clock and a large number of men, women and children responded to the call, but upon their arrival the house was a mass of flames and the fire fighters devoted all work to saving nearby buildings, and it was with much effort and endurance on the part of the fire brigade that the Hinson residence was prevented from burning, the prospects of successfully combatting the flames being so discouraging at the beginning that all household goods were removed from the building.

The Broyles residence was insured by E. J. Cowan to the extent of eight hundred dollars, while the contents were insured for nine hundred dollars. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have originated from faulty electric wiring. At the time of the fire Mr. and Mrs. Broyles were attending an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart.

COUNTRY DEVELOPING.

Uncle Tom Gilmore, of the Spur Ranch, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Gilmore is one of the old timers of this section, having been with the Spur Ranch people during the past twenty or more years. He has unbounded faith in Spur and the Spur country and no doubt in the years to come will see as great transformation as has been the case during the past two years. From a wild cattle range two years ago has developed a city of fifteen hundred people and more than thirty thousand acres of the surrounding range is now under cultivation and growing crops of every character. Considering what has been done in the past two years, we expect even more substantial progress and rapid development within the next two years.

FISHING PARTY RETURNED

The following party of fishermen betook themselves to the Blanco Canyon Tuesday morning: T. G. Harkey and family, S. B. Cannon and family, W. N. Hughes and family, Mrs. Waldrop and children and Mr. Roland of Dickens. The party had the old fashion chuck wagon for bedding and provisions and were fixed with all kinds of good things to eat. They returned Friday and report a fine time and about two hundred fish caught.

BEGINNING TO NEED RAIN

Dave Sparks, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Sparks reports everything moving along nicely in his section of

the country but says they are beginning to need rain at this time. However he says that they are not yet suffering. Mr. Sparks is one of the leading men of that section and one of the most prosperous farmers of the country. We hope that he will soon get the desired rain and make a bumper crop this year.

SPUR COUNTRY FAVORED

J. W. Hodges returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Oklahoma where he spent several days on business. On his way to Oklahoma Mr. Hodges went one route and returned another and reports that in the northeast section of Texas and part of Oklahoma the country is in hard shape on account of the continued dry weather, the result being that the fields are as bare of produce as the streets of Spur, and the grass along the railway was dry enough to burn from the sparks of the engine. It seems that the Spur country and Dickens county will again be favored above other sections this year in the matter of rain and good crops.

PROHIBITION MEETING

A prohibition mass meeting will be had Sunday night at the Baptist tabernacle, W. G. Etchelberger District Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League will be present and address the audience. A meeting will also be had at Dickens Sunday afternoon at half past three o'clock. Everybody is respectfully invited to attend the meeting at both places.

STEEL HILL

The farmers are about up with their work. The crops are holding up fairly well considering the dry weather.

Brother Ingle, of Abilene, filled his regular appointment at the school house Saturday and Sunday.

There was a large crowd at Sunday school Sunday morning; also, at the singing Sunday evening and Sunday night.

There was a large crowd attended the ball game Saturday evening. There were women and children from Duck Creek to Spur present; all seemed to enjoy the game. Rev. Davis umpired the game; J. P. Gibson kept the score.

Young people attended an ice cream supper at Herman Marshall's Tuesday night, given especially for the dog poisoning crew camped at W. D. Evans.

Mike Edwards returned home Tuesday, getting the news that his wife was sick. Mr. Edwards has been working for the dog poisoners while his wife has been employed in a conversation company in Dallas.

The well man at J. P. Gipson's lost his bit in the well, so far he has been unable to get it out.

M. A. Jordan has just completed the job of painting his house.

J. P. Gibson and W. D. Evans are painting and papering their houses this week.

Ross and Horace Gibson returned home this week after attending school at Stephenville. We are glad to have the boys back among us again.

Rip-Saw.

GOOD RAIN IN SPUR COUNTRY

Nearly One Half Inch Rainfall
Registered in Spur
Sunday.

The rain in Spur Sunday registered exactly .47 inches and will be of great benefit to garden truck and crops of this section. The rain extended but a short distance to the north, east and west, while south of Spur the rain fall is reported much more than in the town, extending as far south as Rotan.

A good, general rain over the entire country would be appreciated and is needed at this time, and we are expecting such a rain within a short time. The clouds are drifting around threateningly, and the rain indications, even in West Texas, are not always disregarded nor unreliable as some are disposed to believe.

SPUR BUILDING CONTINUES

A Number of Buildings Now
Under Construction in
The City.

From the beginning of Spur the building progress has continued uninterruptedly, and even at this season of the year the building spirit is evidenced by a number of buildings now under construction.

In the north part of the city the Presbyterian church is being built and is now nearing completion. In the west part of town Mr. Hisey is having a fine residence erected on the lots between the Miller and Morris residences, and T. G. Harkey is having a fine residence built on a twenty acre block adjoining the townsite. W. H. Teague is making an addition to his blacksmith shop, and the two-story brick Standifer Sanitarium on Burlington Avenue is now nearing completion. The Baptist church has already collected money with which to build a church structure and the contract has been let for the construction of an eighteen thousand dollar school building in the city.

Taking everything into consideration Spur is not only keeping in the progressive procession but is leading in progress and substantial town building. The business men are holding their own, the people prospering and the country at this time promises an unprecedented harvest in agriculture and country produce.

WEST TEXAS RAIN

It is reported that an eight inch rain fell within two hours Sunday at Childress. We consider that some rain considering that Childress is also in West Texas.

ICE CREAM PARTY

Tom McArthur was in Monday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports having had a most pleasant time at his home Sunday. He said a number of the women of the country came in and brought cakes and cookies and with the ice cream manufactured by himself and batchelor companion, Mr. Ross, the day

passed all too quickly. The Texas Spur has done everything possible in the past to assist Tom in securing a "help-mate" but all efforts in that direction have been unavailing. However, we are still hoping that Tom will secure a life partner, settle down and contribute a large family to the country.

STUDY CLUB

The Spur High School Study Club has ended its first monthly session, and in hopes of finding more members, and letting the parents know that we exist we insert this item. We have had three interesting and profitable study nights and one greatly enjoyed entertainment night.

The purpose of this club is to make up for the 9th month of school. We would be glad to have anybody in the 8th or 9th grades that feels that they need help, join us. Our secretary, Ruby Reagan, or our president, Earyl Senning would be glad to take your name.

Earyl Senning.

PROSPECTING IN SPUR COUNTRY

Mr. Cash, of Merkel, was in Spur last week looking over the town and country with a view of the possibility of securing a home in this section. In coming to Spur through the country he said that most of the intervening country was in need of rain and the grain and crops beginning to suffer somewhat as a result of continued dry weather. We would be glad to have Mr. Cash locate with us and feel confident that he would not find a better country or one which offers more inducements to farmers.

LIVE RELIGION

Somehow we can't dovetail intolerance into any scheme of religion and we are suspicious of the man who is ready to give wholesale condemnation to all who do not subscribe to his particular creed. The man who is a sincere believer recognizes that charity is essential and charity must be all embracing in order to be effective. Your religion may not be mine, but just as long as you are doing your full duty as husband, father and citizen, as long as you are living up to the laws laid down by God and man, why should any blame be given to you because we travel on different roads? The religion which makes bigots has something lacking and the worshipers who mistake the form of real religion for the substance do not understand the meaning of real Christianity. The great thing is the religion you live on the streets, in your home and in the ordinary walks of life. Are you honest? Do you appreciate what brotherhood means? Is your charity so deep that it is a part of your being and not something to be put on for parade? If you are all that and the life that you are living is such that youth can take you as a model to advantage then your creed is of little moment and you are doing a thousand more good than the bigot who feels that his is the only road and that all are damned who are not journeying on it.—Graham Leader.

WORK COMMENCED SCHOOL BUILDING

Work Commenced Monday on
\$18,000 School Building
in Spur.

The School Board let the contract Saturday to Albert Wirz for the construction of the eighteen thousand dollar school building for Spur Independent School District and work was commenced Monday morning. The bid for the contract was \$15,922.00, which was the lowest of the several bids received. The remaining three thousand seven hundred eighty dollars of the eighteen thousand dollar bonds voted will be used in installing steam heating equipments and paying architect fees, etc.

The building as planned will be a two-story structure of white pressed brick with sub-basement of solid concrete, containing eleven rooms with a large auditorium with a seating capacity of seven hundred and fifty people. The basement will remain incomplete for the present on account of lack of funds with which to complete from the bond issue. However, since the valuation of property is much more than estimated at the time of voting the bonds, it is planned by the school board to order an election to vote additional bonds to complete and equip the building according to architect plans adopted, and by so doing the tax rate will not exceed the twenty-five cent tax limit for school bond issues.

The building is to be completed within four months and will be in readiness for the next term of school.

R. W. WALKER HURT

Thursday morning while adjusting a scaffold in the construction of the Hisey residence R. W. Walker stepped on the end of a projecting plank and fell from the top of the building to the floor joists, falling across one of the joists with the result that his hip and side was severely injured. He was carried home and Dr. Morris called to treat his wounds. Although severely injured the doctor thinks it is not necessarily fatal and it is hoped that Mr. Walker will soon be able to get about.

CROPS LOOKING GOOD.

Ed Teague and family visited friends in the Afton country last week. Ed reports that crops are looking good at present in that part of the country.

ALL TREATED ALIKE

To publish a newspaper with out occasionally publishing an item that is incorrect is like running a railroad without accidents, it cannot be done. Few, if any, newspaper men publish items of news for spite or to get even with some one, or from other sinister motives. Friends and enemies are treated alike by the sensible newspaper man in his business of publishing the news, and items are not left out or put in the paper because of friendship or enmity for or against any citizen, but purely as a matter of business, because it is his business to publish all the news that is fit to print.

AMITY GLEANINGS

If you want to see real genuine happy smiles just come out and look at our farmers.

Replanting where made necessary by the floods and hail storms on the 12 and 13 inst. is about completed, other crops are about worked out and "we're going a fishing."

A mistake of thirty was made in the recent Gleanings. The enrollment at Amity this year was fifty four. The scholastic census just completed shows a total of fifty seven scholastics in the district.

School closed at Amity May 17. While we have worked under many inconveniences we believe our school has been one of the most successful in the county, which is but saying it was one of the most successful in the state.

The next term will begin at the earliest convenience of the patrons. We will have new furnishings for our room and we hope, and expect to make the session 1911-1912 one long to be remembered in Amity history as a successful and influential period.

Prayer meeting at Midway Church house every Sunday night.

Mr. Clark and family, recently of Roswell New Mexico, visited at the home of Mrs. John Law a few days last week. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are ex-citizens of Dickens county, leaving this country about ten year ago. Mrs. Clark is a sister of Mrs. Laws, which fact is sufficient to secure for her the best wishes of our entire neighborhood.

The picnic at Browning Springs 19 inst., was much enjoyed by all who attended. The crowd consisted of the pupils, patrons, teachers and friends of Amity and Liberty schools.

Among the most interesting and entertaining features of the program at Liberty on the night of the 19 was "The Persecuted Dutchman" a play well rendered by Liberty talent.

Mr. James Foster and Miss Erie Ham are cordially invited to visit our community often enough to learn the road to Midway. Really dear friends, next time let us know and we'll furnish you a guide.

Several of our young people attended an ice cream supper at the home of Mr. Ned Richards Saturday night. Every one reports a happy time.

The party at Mrs. Elmores Friday was much enjoyed by us all.

Did you ever stop to think how many really good opportunities to make some one else happy you let your selfishness and conceit make you miss? And do you remember how awful miserable you felt afterwards? Now really don't you think it is time to get some of this blest sunshine into your souls and remember that kind words cost nothing.

Are you living for yourself alone? If so remember the recording angel is making a blank on that book that will meet you at the end of life's journey.

Mr. Editor water melons are just a "growin'" you never saw the like.

Pioneer.

Many thanks Pioneer for Amity Gleanings. Come every week.

Mr. Rone, formerly of Spur but who has been doing some painting, canvassing, papering and farm work in the Wake country the past several months, is again in Spur. We welcome him back home.

"Treat The Boy" TO A PAIR OF SHOES.

In doing so guard your interest with the best shoes for the least price. Come to us for snaps.

One Lot of boys shoes sizes 2 1-2 to 4 regular price \$3.00 for - \$2.25
One Lot of boys shoes sizes 3 to 5 1-2 regular price 2.50 for - 2.00
One Lot of boys shoes sizes 3 to 5 1-2 regular price 2.25 for - 1.70
Many other snaps in boys shoes. Can you use a 2,2 1-2,3, 3 1-2 or 4 in Ladies Oxfords. If so we will give you some snaps. Big cuts in mens and boys clothing and hats. Prices are for cash.

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

SPUR,

TEXAS

Get the best cigars at Westerfeldt's Confectioneries.

A fine boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Pike at their home in the city.

Dr. Burnum was over Tuesday from Dickens on business and spent several hours in Spur.

Sheriff Tom McClure, of Jones county, was in Spur Tuesday on official business and spent some time here.

If you smoke get your cigars at the Spur Drug Company. They keep a fine selection and also serve cold drinks.

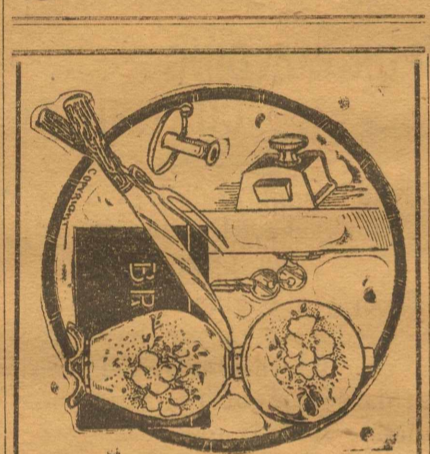
The Spur Drug Company for cigars, cold drinks and medicines of all kinds. Cook will greet you with a smile.

When you want a prescription filled see Cook at the Spur Drug Company. He knows how and has the drugs with which to do the work.

The ladies of the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches will give an Operetta, Cinderella in Flowerland at Electric Theatre Tuesday night, June 6th. Prices 25c and 15c. Something that will interest both young and old.

Willis Smith was in Monday from the Tap country and spent some time here looking after business matters and trading with Spur merchants. He said everything is lovely and the "goose honks high."

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart entertained a number of guests at their home in the city Tuesday night.



Useful and Ornamental

things are both found in our stock. From a ten-penny nail to a wheel barrow you will find the

Riter Hardware Store

can supply your wants. Carvers, keys and locks, agate and tinware, carpenters supplies, etc. We keep all, and sell all of them at a very low figure. They are best quality goods, too. Don't forget us.

RITER HARDWARE Co

Ben Roy, a prominent citizen of Rotan and an old time ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Saturday and spent a few hours here on business.

For the finest cream, go to Westerfeldt's Confectionery.

Dave Pickett passed through Spur Tuesday on his way from Rotan to Floydada.

Mr. Edwards, a prominent citizen of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday.

An Eastern Star Lodge of the Masonic Order was organized with fourteen members recently in Spur.

The County Attorney of Stone-wall county was in Spur Monday on business and spent several hours here.

Mark Cave, of Rotan recently bought a bunch of cattle and is now pasturing his herd in the Cat Fish country. He came up the first of the week looking after his interests.

County Attorney Taylor Daniel, of Aspermont, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business and pleasure. During his stay here he says he killed seventeen young rabbits one afternoon.

Mrs. Hawkins and daughter, of the Duck Creek country, were in the city Tuesday trading. Mrs. Hawkins reported that they had received but little of the rains which fell recently in the several sections of the country, however that the crops were not suffering since the light shower Sunday.

COMMERCIAL CLUB MEMBERS

The following is a correct list of the members of the Commercial Club to date:

Bryant-Link Co., Brazelton Pryor & Co., Barber & Hancock. E. J. Cowan, B. F. Craig, S. T. Clemmons, Campbell & Campbell, Perry Fite, First State Bank, Godfrey-Tyler Realty Co., White Front Grocery Co., Hisey Grocery Co., J. A. Lambdin & Co., Luzon Telephone Co., R. R. Morrison, E. E. Patterson, Red Front Drug Store, Richardson Lumber Co., Riter Hardware Co., Spur National Bank, Dr. T. E. Standifer, Spur Grain Co., J. P. Simmons, Tidwell & Haines, West Side Barber Shop, T. M. Verner, W. C. Bowman Lumber Co., Western Grocery Co., The Texas Spur, Farmers & Merchants State Bank, Spur Drug Co., Southwestern Telephone Co., W. G. Sherrard, J. W. Meadows, O. J. Weaver, C. H. Senning, F. A. Prideaux, John E. Shelton, T. G. Harkey, C. F. Cates, J. M. Neely, C. C. Tyler, J. V. McCormick, H. R. Stephens, E. C. Edmonds, W. T. Wilson, C. W. Lowery, W. F. Godfrey, W. H. Stephens, S. R. Davis, D. E. Parten, A. J. Tyler, Jr., Chas. A. Jones, Jackson Realty Co., Dr. J. E. Morris.

Jeff D. Reagan,
Secretary.

Dr. Orville W. Owen, who is digging diligently in the mud of the River Wye in England for manuscripts he believes were hidden there by Lord Francis Bacon, is digging for more game than has been supposed.

He declares that the cipher which is guiding his operations and reveals that Bacon killed Shakespeare and buried the bard Avon's head in the box which is now being reclaimed from the river bottom.

Mr. and Mrs. Riter made a trip through the country the latter part of last week to Hamlin to visit friends and relatives. Mr. Riter returned alone Tuesday on the morning train, the rains having flooded the creeks thus preventing his returning through the country. Mrs. Riter will remain in Hamlin several days with her daughter.

It is every man's duty to see that the home is conveniently and comfortably furnished, and there is no one thing that will contribute more to that end than an oil cook stove. Barber & Hancock sell them with or without an oven.

Messrs. Link, Patton, Senning, Sol Davis, Cliff Lovelace, W. A. Hamilton and W. S. Taylor of Spur and B. F. Huntsman of Aspermont, attended the Masonic Lodge meeting Saturday night at Dickens.

Mr. Allcorn of the Tap country was in Spur Monday and spent some time here looking after business matters.

George Barnes, one of the leading citizens of Rising Star, was in spur Wednesday visitng Mrs. P. H. Miller. Mr. Barnes will teach the Noview school during the next session and has both town property and farm lands in Eastland county which he desires to trade for property in the Spur country. We have known George Barnes from our early youth and we are glad to know that he will locate with us in this section. We need such citizens as he and we wish him much succes and property in the Spur country. Mr. Burnes rsturned home Wednesday afternoon to return in the early fall.

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Saturday, January 14

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POSTOFFICE AT RED MUD

N. B. Fuqua and Mrs. Audrey Shultz of the Red Mud community, were in Clairmont Friday. Mr. Fuqua stated that a new postoffice had been recently created in the Red Mud country and mail service would be begun at an early date.

Mrs. Shultz has been appointed postmistress of the new office and was here Friday for the purpose of making bond. The office will, we understand, be at the residence of Mr. Fuqua, and the mail will be received through the Spur office.—Kent County News.

FIRST CROP YEAR.

C. D. Copeland and sons, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday. Mr. Copeland says that he has failed to get any of the rains which have recently come to the various sections of Dickens county. However we hope that the Saturday night and Sunday rains which fell in Spur also reached his place and that a bumper crop yield will be the result. Mr. Copeland has several hundred acres of new land under cultivation this year, this being his first crop year in this section of country, and notwithstanding these disadvantages we are hoping and expecting him to make a bumper crop.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

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VISIT NEW TOWN.

J. J. Cloud and J. F. Goodwin returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Slayden, the new town on the Plains and to be opened up soon. They made the trip for the purpose of hauling the household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman, who will probably locate in the new place when it is opened to the public. Messrs. Cloud and Goodwin reports that at the present time the railroad people are constructing a round house, the Santa Fe Railway expecting to put in shops and have Slayden as a terminus and shop headquarters.

LASTING LESSONS.

Men Win Out by Directing Their Youth.

Ask most men of ripened worldly experience the one thing in their lives which they regret. Somewhere you will discover that most of them are nursing consciousness that they did not "find themselves" soon enough as young men. They let too many young years run away from them.

Youth is disposed to have its fling. It would need another estate wholly to escape the promptings which come to the young head on the young shoulders. But in these later years especially when so much of the world's work is in the hands of the young man, it is more than ever devolving upon him to get a line on himself. So many of the world's ways and means are new—so many of the world's arts are to be learned in the scientific and technological schools—that the young man must be both student and worker.

Time was when the educated young man took his classical course in college as a student and become a worker when he became an apprentice to his work. Before he was fitted to master his calling he might expect to be middle aged. Today in many special lines of effort he leaves school prepared to take up his work.

Not long ago I was sitting in the inner offices of a corporation while two young specialists in the organization were talking to the veteran head of the establishment. One of these young men already had done more than anyone to make the business possible. Perhaps he felt his position in the house. Certain things to his point of view had gone wrong in the business and he was making a formidable list of them to his veteran manager.

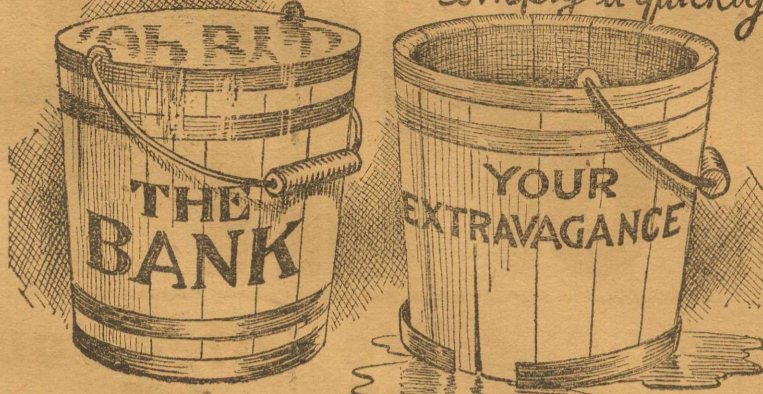
Never have I seen a more striking example of how much experience and judgement count against the promptings of inexperienced youth than in this little business session. Out of half a marked criticisms on the part of the younger, more active man scarcely one of them was left for further consideration when they had been canvassed by the man of thirty year's experience in the ways of men and things. How and why such conditions existed were as clear to him as were his explanations of these conditions. Yet this young man had received all the advantages of college and technical education; the other had none of it. The larger world of men and things had been his university and he had been a star student of it.

It is this necessity for the schooling of the world which needs to be pressed to the young man. He must mix acceptably with it if he shall hope for results.

The young man cannot be too alert to the significance of all that he comes in touch with in life of the outside world. There is no phase of life which may not yield to him under observation something by which his after course may be directed and shaped. He cannot too soon learn the face of opportunity. He cannot too quickly cast the non-essentials which would clog his progress.

But youth, inherently, has no greater capacity than always. It is by curbing youth and directing it that the young man conserves it to his ends.—By John A. Howland.

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The home is the place to teach high ideals and lofty actions. The home should be considered sacred and unkind words and selfish act should not be permitted there. Children should be required to respect their parents and their brothers and sisters in the home and it should be understood that the threshold of home must be guarded against everything that is selfish, low and degrading.—Peacock Signal.

The past decade has witnessed a marvelous improvement in the condition of the Texas farmer and he has passed from a life of toil and hard ship to one of influence and luxury. His products are sought after by the markets of the world and prices are all he could ask. He has become a leader in society, business and business affairs.

The farmer who once hooked up his pants with a nail, now wears silk suspenders, and where he once drove ox teams, he now rides in an automobile and problems of Texas development which were once in the hands of the politicians are now being discussed across the fireside. Black to the soil with our economic problems where they will be settled and settled right.—Clairmont Enterprise.

GOOD CROP PROSPECTS

E. Haase, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving with us a silver dollar for the paper another year for which he has our thanks. Mr. Haase reports everything in his section in pretty good shape with respect to crops and crop conditions.

DICKENS COUNTY AHEAD.

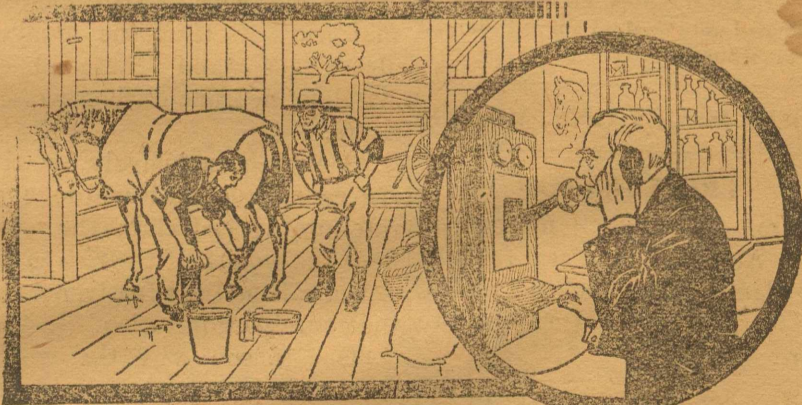
W. T. Wilson and wife, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur. This is the first time Mr. Wilson has been in town for some time, and he says he has been very busy farming and that the prospects are very good for a bumper crop yield of both cotton and feed stuff. Every section of Dickens county has the very best prospects for crops and it is very probable that this year's crop will be the biggest and best in the history of the county. Keep your eyes on Dickens county. We are growing, developing and prospering and we extend a cordial welcome to all good citizens to come and prosper with us.

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\$12 to \$17.50
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To Secure a
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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

FROM JAYTON

Mrs. Whittaker, mother of Mrs. Anderson, and two friends, Mesdames A. H. Jackson and G. C. Guthrie, from Dickens, are here visiting.

Mr. Jennings, Manager of the Brazelton Pryor lumber yard at Spur, came down Monday, and will have charge of the yard at this place until Mr. Callicoatte recovers from an attack of the mumps.

Andy Hutchinson, a prominent farmer living near Clairemont, was here Saturday buying supplies. The attractive prices offered by our merchants are trade winners for our town, and people come from Stonewall, Fisher, Dickens and other nearby counties and do their trading in Jayton.—Jayton Herald.

The Central Meat Market is now doing business in the old Dixie Store stand and will be glad for you to call in and see them when you want anything in the meat line.

WHY MENDO NOT ATTEND CHURCH

In his sermon on "Why Men Do Not Attend Church," Sunday morning, Rev. J. E. Dinger, pastor of the First Christian, made a strong plea for fellowship among church members, and for the democracy that puts all, both poor and rich, on an equal basis.

"The humble mission for the poor and the \$100,000 edifice for the rich is all wrong," the pastor said, "and woe to that church that prides itself on the number of carriages and automobiles standing in front during service hours.

"A church exclusively for the rich cannot succeed it will degenerate into a social club; the poor need the wealth of the rich to assist in raising the effectiveness of the church organization.

"One reason why the world does not join the church is because the church has already joined the world.

"When there is no difference between Christians and the Bible, then all of our churches will be crowded. The average man counts more on the earnestness and zeal of the preacher than on gems of rhetoric."

As a means of making church-going attractive, Dr. Dinger emphasized sociability and lighting and ventilation, routine forms in worship and inhospitality were mentioned as some of the reasons why men do not attend church.

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THE WOMENS' PROHIBITION CLUB.

This Column is Edited in Behalf of Our Country, Our State and Our Homes

This column has been given us by the editor and we hope to keep it filled with wide-awake prohibition matter, so watch for it and read it from week to week. The prohibition fight in Texas is a fight between 4,000 saloons and 650,000 homes. Which should win?—Comanche Pioneer Exponent.

Whiskey is the enemy of everything good and pure. It has no respect for anything or anybody. It would debauch and ruin the purest and happiest homes and then laugh in the face of those it had ruined. It is the friend, the ally and associate of everything that is low, dirty and degrading. The state and saloons have been united for a long time, and we have never seen any good as the result. We favor killing the saloons, thus freeing the state from their domination. On with the battle.—Winfield Record.

You know as well as we know that whiskey makes you a weak man. You have experienced this truth a thousand times. You know that every time you get drunk you were ashamed of the act afterward and afraid to look your wife squarely in the face. In response to her sorrowful appeal you told her you would never do it again, but you did! Why? Because you were weak. Your resolution was sincere enough,

but you were not strong enough to resist temptation and association, and the prohibitionists want to help you to resist both, help you to your own rescue. They would remove the temptation from before you, they would destroy the associations and evil influences that are dragging you and your wife and children down into hopeless abject poverty. Will you vote to save yourself and them? You assumed a fearful obligation when you brought children into this world. Are you prepared at last to live up to this obligation? Are you?

The saloon men say prohibition cannot be enforced, yet they are doing their dingdest to defeat the measure. There's inconsistency for you. They should quit the argument or quit fighting prohibition. If it will not prohibit, why do they tremble every time it is proposed?—Wise County Messenger.

THE SALOON BAR

A bar to heaven, a door to hell; Whoever named it, named it well, A bar to manliness and wealth; A door to want and broken health A bar to honor, pride and fame, A door to sin, grief and shame, A bar to hope, a bar to prayer, A door to darkness and despair. A bar to honored useful life; A door to brawling senseless strife A bar to all that's true and brave A door to every drunkard's grave A bar to joy that home imparts, A door to tears and aching hearts A bar to heaven, a door to hell, Whoever named it, named it well G. G. Muenzler.

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ABOUT SOUTH AMERICA

In regard to my travels in South America I wish to say that I was mostly in the Argentine Republic, although I made short trips through Brazil on my way to Argentine; also I was in the Republic of Uruguay in connection with our tour of Argentine.

The Argentine Republic consists of fourteen provinces and nine national territories, similar to our states and territories, each with its own provincial government. It is bounded on the north by the Republic of Bolivia and Paraguay, on the east by Brazil, Uruguay and Atlantic Ocean, on the west by Chili.

Argentine is approximately, 800 miles wide east and west on the northern half, and tapers to nothing at southern extremity or at Cape Horn.

Buenos Aires, the capital, has 1,200,000 inhabitants, is situated on the east side at the mouth of the LaPlatt river, and as it is only 34 degrees south has a most excellent climate, has all the modern conveniences with the exception of the fire department which is inferior. The buildings are usually only 2 to 4 floors, although all the present building is higher and of American steel construction.

The Y. M. C. A. is erecting a building 13 stories which is the tallest building in the city by 6 stories. The building is all done with brick, most of which is of inferior quality.

Each village and Estancia has its brickyard. The mud is mixed by putting animals, horses, mules, cattle, burros or anything handy in a small corral and milling them until the mud is of the proper consistency.

The ground work of the population is European although there are mingled all the civilized nations of the world.

There are no racial or religious antipathies, although Catholic is the prevailing religion, and Spanish the language.

Argentine may be divided into three distinct agricultural zones. The northern region produces rice, sugar cane and the like, owing to its warm climate and regular rainfall.

The central is the corn and potato belt, although Irish potatoes are a natural growth over the entire country. Then comes the flax, alfalfa and wheat belt, which extends south and west as far as there are sufficient rainfall.

The western portion is adapted to vine and olive growing,

mostly by irrigation.

Together with agricultural, live stock is the great source of wealth in Argentina, also she possesses other industries, among which may be mentioned the freezing establishments, which prepare meat for export. These have grown enormously of late, adding greatly to the material wealth and the sugar planting and refining.

Buenos Aires, you might say, is the centre of distribution of the Republic, all the business, foreign and local, is done through her. All the land owners live there.

So bidding you good night, I'll come again on the price of land, opportunities and so forth. Any one wanting to know of any special thing, I will be glad to tell what I know of it.

A. E. McClain.

will have broken hearts and bowed down heads in the awakening years that will inevitably follow. — Plainview Herald.

CELEBRATION AT CROSBYTON, TEXAS

On June the 8-9, will be held the annual celebration, at Crosbyton, Texas, celebrating the third birthday of the town. On these two days we will have a grand barbecue and picnic, will have band music, all kinds of attractions, and will have with us some of the most prominent officials of the State.

You are cordially invited to attend this celebration and will have the opportunity of seeing the best little city on the south plains as well as seeing the most beautiful canyon in the state, the Blanco. Here you will see the Silver Falls in the White River and will meet your many friends. Excursion rates on all railroads, and ample accommodations for any number of people. Come one, come all, you will be welcome and will have a good time. If you would like to get any concessions, you can address, Crosbyton Commercial Club, and they will do all for you they can.

We had 2,500 people in attendance at our last celebration and we want this crowd doubled this year. We have the most beautiful grounds in the State and plenty room for every one.

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intelligence is required in the farm as well as any other business. They have pointed out to him the needs of a trained brain as well as a trained hand. They have made of him a patron of thought, introduced into his home libraries, agricultural journals, home conveniences and a higher estimate of his importance as a factor in the permanent prosperity of the country.

The farmers have been made to think and to think along correct lines. And this alone is a wonderful achievement. Not that the farmer is less accustomed to think than other people. They are not, but whenever a people are trained or led to think there is a hope for advancement and for better results from their work. The modern farmer is an intelligent thinker and an intelligent worker compared to our forefathers, and this has

where we haven't proper sewerage facilities, the closets are the worst harbors for them. We have ordinances requiring every citizen to use lime in their closets and the city has gone so far as to offer to furnish lime free to any who feel unable to buy it, yet some of our people through carelessness are failing to comply with this important ordinance and we want to call your attention to this and ask that you do all in your power to assist in the sanitary work of our town. We should not only think of our own good but the welfare of our neighbor. The flies that raise in our filth may go to the home of our neighbor and carry with them disease germs that may cause the death of our neighbors child, then are we not in a sense murderers by our carelessness? I write this to get our people to think; not that I consider Spur a filthy town, for I think it is the cleanest town in the west, but let's not be satisfied what other towns may do, but make ours a model. So let us fight the flies.

Geo. S. Link, Mayor

LADIES AID ORGANIZED.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1911, the members of the Christian Church met and organized. This organization came as a result of the meeting held by the Reverend William Pearn. Knowing that the church would need to be aided in many ways the ladies present also organized an Aid Society. The temporary organization become the permanent organization and the following officers were elected.

Mrs. Reagan, President.
Mrs. Morrison, 1st Vice Pres.
Mrs. Cates, 2nd Vice Pres.
Mrs. Griffin, Secretary.
Mrs. Pass, Treasurer.

It was then decided to have our first meeting on Tuesday May 25. It was the voice of the Aid to meet every week, until better organized, any way. Being an organization without a home Mrs. Stewart kindly offered the Methodist tabernacle which was accepted for the following meeting. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the Aid. Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Henson were appointed on this committee. Reverend Pearn suggested that the Aid have some definite work in view such as furnishing seats for the Church. The President asked the Aid to consider this and also to be able to express themselves on any plan they might think of. No other business was transacted at this meeting.

Mrs. W. B. Griffin, Secretary.

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day will be a Blue Rock shoot given by the Crosbyton gun club and all shooters are invited, some special prizes to the best shooters.

THE FARMER A THINKER.

Never in the history of our country has there been such an awakening along agricultural lines as exists today. Every agency that offers any assistance in promoting a better agriculture has been enlisted to push along the good work. The farmer in his efforts to broaden the field of usefulness as a developer of a better system of agriculture, The Federal government is at his backing. The States are vying with each other in assisting him along specific lines of improvement. The experiment stations, the farmers' institutes and the encouragement the States are giving to county, district and state agricultural fairs have had a wonderful influence in stimulating a friendly rivalry among the American farmers to excel in crop production and the rearing of better grades of live stock.

These agencies have put the farmer on his mettle and made a thinker of him as well as a laborer. They have taught him that

made of him a better farmer, a more conservative citizen and a leader in the progress that distinguishes this age.—Houston Post.

THE FILTHY FLY

Though innocent in appearance, how murderous in reality is the little creature known as the house fly, and yet how few of our people seem to consider the death dealing power he carries with him on his hairy wings and feet. The temporary unpleasantness of having a fly light on your face is not all. Think of where he may have just come, you should realize that they go from the vilest filth into your homes and light on your food and poison it with disease germs. They raise in filth, they live in filth and in a town like Spur,

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Luther Jones, of several miles north of Spur, was in recently on business.

J. H. Fox was in last week from his place several miles south of Spur.

F. W. West, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

Mat Howell was in Saturday from his place near Spur and says that everything continues to look good.

Frank Smith, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business.

Judge F. C. Gipson returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth where he had been for the treatment of his eyes.

Mrs. Dennis Harkey, of Dickens, was a visitor in the city Saturday, spending the day here with relatives and friends.

Mr. Rush, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen of several miles northwest of Spur, was in the city recently on business and trading with the merchants.

Chas. Windham and daughter, of ten miles northeast of Dickens, were in Spur Friday and spent the day and night here with friends.

Miss Edith Crego, daughter of B. A. Crego of Dickens, was a visitor in Spur Saturday. Miss Crego had just returned from an extended visit to Oklahoma and Dallas where she visited relatives since last December.

J. C. McNeill, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman of several miles west of Spur, was in the city last week on business and reports everything in his section in good shape at this time.

Will Walker was in Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur and says that everything is all right in his section. Will is one of the most successful farmers of the country and we expect him to maintain that reputation during this year.

Mrs. E. H. Anderson and children returned the latter part of last week from the Tap country where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith.

Uncle Buck Hardin returned the latter part of last week from Jayton and other points where he had spent several days looking after business matters.

A fine boy was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fite at their home in the city. We had noticed that Mr. Fite looked more pleasant than usual and on inquiry were informed of the cause. We extend congratulations and wish young Mr. Fite many years and all the pleasures and much prosperity that abounds in the western life.

Joe Clay was in the city Saturday from the Red Mud country.

YOU get what you BUY at RICHARDSON LUMBER CO.

W. M. Randall was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill community.

L. W. Davis and wife visited relatives and friends Sunday in Dickens, returning Monday to their home in Spur.

Baxter Scoggin was in Spur Monday from his ranch several miles southwest and reports everything in fine shape.

W. F. Walker was in town Saturday from his place near Spur and says everything continues most promising of a bumper crop.

Ben Hagin, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

J. C. Alston and wife, of several miles southwest of Spur, were in the city trading Saturday. Mr. Alston reports everything lovely in his part of the country.

Saturday while playing ball in Spur Wayne Van Leer was severely injured. In batting Mr. Van Leer struck a foul ball which hit him on the eye with the result that he was disabled in playing out the game.

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M. A. Jordan, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Milt Trout, of several miles southeast of Spur, was here Saturday and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section.

F. W. Jennings returned the latter part of last week from Aspermont where he has been assisting in the lumber yard at that place.

Mr. Neighbors, a prominent citizen of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur Saturday and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section of the country.

If you want to please your wife get a Perfection Oil Stove sold with or without an oven by Barber & Hancock, guaranteed to do good cooking and give satisfaction.

The building formerly occupied by the Bijou Cafe is now for rent. Also a 5-room residence desirably located and with good cistern. Apply at Richardson Lumber Yard.

BOYS DON'T

Don't forget that you are to be men and husbands.

Don't smoke in the presence of ladies. It is never respectful.

Don't measure your respect to a person by the clothes he wears.

Don't try to make your fortune by easier means than hard work.

Don't speak carelessly of a lady's character. It is her only anchor.

Don't forget that the best and greatest man that ever walked the earth was a boy.

Don't haunt the lady of your choice at a ball, party or picnic. She has certain civilities to pay elsewhere.

Don't fix your stare on the fair ones who pass along the streets. To stare at any one is not manly.

Don't neglect your business. Take pains to do your work well. Good workmen are always in demand.

Don't sneer at the opinions of others. You may learn wisdom from those far less pretentious than yourself.

Don't swear. It is not necessary and does no good. It is neither wise, manly or polite, nor agreeable to others.

Don't grow up to be a soured old bachelor, when there are so many true and lovely girls that will make such excellent wives.

Don't flirt with a young lady with whom you are a perfect stranger. It looks most ridiculous; and you may get a thrashing for it some day.

Don't unnecessarily make enemies. The good will of a dog is better than his ill will. But don't cripple your independence and your individuality to please friends.

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Dock Edwards, of the northeast part of the county, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to his sister, Mrs. Van Geem of Eastland, for which he has our thanks.

Judge McClain and son, Eldridge McClain, were in Spur the latter part of last and were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Eldridge recently returned from a trip over South America and relates most interesting incidents of his trip and also gives much information concerning the country visited, and we call your attention to an article from Mr. McClain with reference to South America in this issue of the Texas Spur.

Mesdames. Ray. Cooksy and Fields, of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, who have been visiting Dr. Standifer and family, returned the latter part of last week to their homes.

A. L. Foy, a prominent citizen of Rotan, was in Spur last week and while here sold his confectionery business to Dennis Westerfeld who will continue the business at the same stand. We wish Mr. Westerfeld a successful business in Spur.

Dr. Bachelor, who has been doing dental work the past several weeks in Matador, came home Monday and spent the day here with his family, returning Tuesday to Matador. He says he has had considerable work to do at that place and that it will take him several days to finish up the work already in hand.

We appreciate the correspondents for the Texas Spur from Tap, Steel Hill, New Hope because they are newsy, interesting and come regularly. We would like to have correspondents from every community in the surrounding country and we will make it to your individual interest as well as to the interest of your community if some one in the several communities will send in each week local items of news and personal mention of the citizens. Come in and help us make the Texas Spur the newsiest paper in western Texas.

J. D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

W. D. Evans, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of a mile or two northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Davis says that prospects continue bright for good crops in his section and while the country is beginning to need rain he feels confident we will get it in plenty time to make good crops.

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SUCCESS IN DRY FARMING

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He has traveled thousands of miles from Mexico to Nebraska investigating the methods and results secured from dry land farming in the different sections.

The settler of limited means should start his work on a dry land farm with a dairy herd of ten or more cows. These cows will give him a regular cash income beginning with his first day in his new home. The native buffalo grass, where the range is sufficient, is a good milk producing feed summer and winter. The dry land farmer should raise to feed his cows, maize for grain, sorghum sown broadcast for hay, and stock melons for the succulent feed. It is very rarely that these three crops fail, even in the driest season, if good seed are properly put in. In an average season one and a half acres of this feed is sufficient to feed a dairy cow through the winter if she has some range.

Careful farmers in the dry land sections with well selected cows get an average yearly income of \$30 to \$50 per cow. Careless farmers with poor cows get as low as \$12 a year a cow.

A hand separator should be used and the cream sold to a creamery. The skim milk should be fed to the calves and pigs that are also fed milo. A fair hog pasture can be made by sowing wheat and sorghum. An acre of maize will yield sufficient grain to make 400 pounds of good pork.

Maize, sorghum and other dry land crops make good poultry feed. The dry land climate is particularly favorable for poultry, and hens selected from laying strains will each produce eggs worth \$2 a year if rigidly taken care of. Good houses can be made of sod straw or lumber. The hens should be cared for and the houses cleaned daily. The dry land farmer who is willing to spend a little time each day with his hens can keep from 100 to 200 hens and add from \$200 to \$400 a year to his cash income.

From one-fourth to one-half an acre close to the well should be plowed deeply and worked and reworked until it is thoroughly pulverized. This should be planted with garden seeds and potatoes in rows far enough apart to be cultivated with a horse.

If a large tank is used for watering the stock, it can be used to irrigate. Open a narrow furrow the entire length of the row and close to it, pull a straight, round post through this furrow to smooth the ground and then run a ditch full of water. Apply the water after sundown and next morning cultivate thoroughly to make a mulch that will hold the water.

The dry land farmer who follows this plan will have a steady cash income from his cows, hens and his garden will supply his table. His chickens and hogs will furnish him eggs and meat to use and sell. Wet or dry, he will have a good living and cash to pay. Then for surplus funds he can grow wheat.

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ures; and sometimes for two or three seasons in succession good crops. The dry land farmer whose living expenses are met from his cows, hens and garden, lives well and has no debts in the dry years. Then in good years his wheat brings him several thousand dollars that he is free to use for improvement or for buying more stock or land.—H. M. Cottrell, Agricultural Commissioner, Rock Island.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of thanking the good people of Spur for their timely assistance in saving our home from the flames Tuesday night. We feel that we cannot thank you enough. To each and every one that handed a bucket of water or handed a piece of furniture, or assisted in any way, again we say thank you and should the occasion ever arise we will try to return the favor.

A. D. Henson and wife.

Miss Jennie Shields is visiting relatives in Rising Star.

Mr. Leonard, of the White Front Grocery, has been on the sick list this week, but we are glad to note that he is able to attend to business matters at this time.

Walkers Bread Cakes and pies at Cental Meat Market, J. D. Walker.

S. P. Odam, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Neal, who has been quite sick, is now reported improving rapidly.

Luther Ashburn, a prominent citizen of Stamford, was a visitor this week in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herndon.

Mrs. Baker and daughter, Miss Irma, left Sunday for Greenville in response to a message informing them of the death of Mrs. Baker's sister at that place. The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to Mrs. Baker in this bereavement.

S. P. Odom, of several miles south of Spur, was in town Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and has our thanks for a cash renewal of his subscription. Mrs. Odam, he reports, returned Monday from a three weeks visit to a daughter in Oklahoma and says the grain crops in the section visited are good. Mr. Odam has several acres of grain which he says is growing nicely since the rain Sunday.

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W. A. Johnson, Spur, Tex.

T. M. Shugart a prosperous citizen of several miles east of Spur was in the city Monday on business.

W. T. Duke, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday on business.

Walter Greer, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

LIVING EASY

H. F. Murray, who is making a crop this year on a place several miles northeast of Spur, was in Saturday and says he is living easy. Mr. Murray is a concrete man and during the dull season in his line of business he thought it profitable to cultivate a few acres of corn and cotton. He says he has good prospects of making a fine crop and is perfectly satisfied with the present outlook. We hope he will make not less than a bale of cotton to the acre and enough feed, potatoes and other garden truck to run him all through another year.

TAP TELLINGS

We are getting a little dry but crops look fairly well. Farm work is well advanced. Some are chopping cotton and everybody has a job.

C. A. Jones and H. T. Garner were here last week looking out the location for a road through this settlement for the convenience of Garza and Crosby county people in going to Spur.

Thomas Box, of Stamford, is here on an extended visit with J. T. Perkins and family.

C. J. Smith made a trip over on Dockum a few days ago looking out a new location. Mr. Smith is thinking of selling his holdings here and investing in Spur land. We hate to lose a good neighbor and hope when neighbor Smith leave us he will put another good family in his place.

Eldridge McLain says the worms destroyed his cotton and now needs a severe hail storm to destroy the worms.

C. W. Hinson went a fishing, so did W. A. McKay. They have not met since they returned, but when they do we will hear some big ones.

H. C. Parsons, of White River, was here last week transacting business.

J. J. Rodgers, from up the river, was here Saturday.

Judge McClain has a fine wheat crop ready to harvest. Oats will be good but the straw is short.

Rev. Bilberry filled his appointment here Sunday, preaching to a crowded house.

S. S. Allcorn made a business trip to the county capitol Monday, going by the way of Spur.

The graveyard working will be next Tuesday, the 6th. Everybody come. Dinner on the ground and speakers to entertain the crowd. Rev. Berryman of Spur and Judge Furguson of Dickens are expected among others. Come Mr. Editor and spend a pleasant day with us. Gadabout.

FROM NEAR SPUR.

Vance Greer, who has been working with the dog boys, says that he prefers farm work where he will not have to keep up with the liner, and as a result he is now employed by J. A. Alston on his farm near Spur.

Mr. Alston came in Monday smiling after having a nice rain on his crops Sunday and says that everything looks fine in his section and that everybody will now get busy out his way. Mr. Alston said that some of his neighbors think farming is a mere chance in the west, and if such is the case his chance is good.

Some say trust in the Lord when you farm in the West, but I believe you had better put the most of your trust in elbow grease and you are more sure to secure results in farm work. However, I believe in trusting in the Lord, but not altogether, for if you do your cotton will soon get snaky. I find snakes are bad here in the west, so let us proceed to keep down weeds and snakes.

GOOD RAIN REPORTED

T. M. Cain, a prosperous farmer of a few miles south of Spur, was in the city Monday and reports everything all right in his section. A good rain is reported in the country south of Spur and as a result all the farmers in that direction are smiling and contented with the crop prospects.

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Leroy Johnson, a prominent citizen of Snyder, was in Spur Thursday.

James Leatherwood, a prominent citizen of the Wake country, had business in Spur Thursday.

W. J. Duncan, postmaster at Draper, was in Spur Thursday on business and spent several hours here.

J. J. Jones and wife, of Clairemont, were in the city Thursday and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Sterrett was in the city Thursday from her home in the Wake country and spent several hours here trading with Spur merchants.

Jessie Shields, of Dickens, spent several hours in Spur Thursday and while in the city was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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Mr. Minnihan reports that he is about 2065 feet deep on the artesian well and the drill continues to go down in the same old hard, flinty rock.

Otho Hale, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, had business in Spur Wednesday.

W. J. Elliot was in Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and said that everything is in good shape.

Miss Deba Cross, of Tap, was in the city Wednesday and was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Messrs. Greer, of the Tap country, were in Spur Wednesday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society will serve ice cream and cake on the lawn of the Baptist tabernacle Friday evening June 9th. Everybody is invited.

E. Luce, of Tap, returned Wednesday from Mississippi where he has been to visit his old home friends and relatives. He reports a most pleasant visit and says this country is ahead of Mississippi in crops this year.

Editor Allison, of the Dickens Item, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his return from Eastland and Carbon where he spent several days on business and visiting relatives and old time friends.

A mistake was made in another part of this issue of the paper in stating that a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fite. The birth referred to Mr. and Mrs. Pike, and the name having a similar pronunciation we misunderstood the party who reported the birth.

L. L. Barron and S. A. Gilmore, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Wednesday and Thursday trading with the Spur merchants. They report their section of country in good shape, crops growing nicely and farmers expecting to make bumper crops this fall. Mr. Gilmore has our thanks for a subscription to The Texas Spur, he having the paper sent to J. F. Gilmore, Graham, Texas.

Rev. J. V. Billberry, of the Afton country, passed through Spur Thursday on his way to Jayton to attend the B. Y. P. U. Rally which begins at that place Thursday night and continues over Sunday. Brother Billberry reports that recently his fruit crop was nearly completely destroyed by hail and that he will not now have more than enough fruit to supply his family needs. However, he is optimistic and says that he thanks the Lord that it is no worse.

Mrs. Alec Edgar is sick of the measles this week. We are glad to report that she is doing nicely.

Baxter Scoggin and Mr. Smith of Cat Fish, were in Wednesday and Thursday, spending the night in Spur.

W. L. Boerner, a prominent citizen of Floydada, came to Spur Thursday to meet J. M. Baggett and wife of Ozona, who will visit at Floydada.

Oscar Jackson has been up on the Plains during this week looking over the country and especially at the new town of Slayden which is to be opened soon to the public.

INDICATIONS.

"John," said Mrs. Binks, uneasily, the other night, "I am very much afraid that my bank is in a bad way."

"Oh, nonsense! my dear Maria—nonsense!" said Binks. "Why, it's one of the strongest financial institutions in the country. Whatever put that notion into your dear old head?"

"Well, it's very funny," said Mrs. Binks, still unconvinced. "They've just returned a check of mine for \$25 marked no funds."—Harper's Weekly.

Mr. Chisholm, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday.

Uncle Tom Harkey made a business trip this week to Kent county.

W. T. Duke, of several miles south of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business.

J. A. Zinn, of Oklahoma, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way to the Afton country to visit relatives.

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J. T. Harrison and daughters, of the Afton country, were in the city Tuesday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Gentlemen.

S. M. Looper, Master Bernice, Walker, Mr. Claude Solomon, Mr. Lee Peterson.

Ladies.

Mrs. L. M. Looper.

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