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MOST PROGRESSIVE COUNTRY IN AMERICA

H. F. Murray left Monday for the old Scoggins & Brown ranch headquarters in Kent county where he will be engaged several weeks in the improvement work of the ranch. We understand that the Brown boys are having the old ranch house remodeled and improved and are also building another fine residence, the whole amounting to several thousand dollars in improvements. In every section of the country improvements are being made, and which is substantial evidence not only of progress but of prosperity on the part of the citizenship. The day is rapidly approaching when this section of western Texas will be recognized as among the richest and most progressive country of America.

BOSS RULE vs. RULE OF PEOPLE

In refusing to provide for a primary for the election of delegates to represent Texas in the Democratic convention at Baltimore the Executive Committee placed itself on record as favoring boss rule against the rule of the people. Of course the Committee claimed that it could not be done under the provisions of the Terrell Election Law, but that is a favorite resort of politicians when something objectionable to them is proposed.

Nobody was fooled by their quotations from the law and constitution because it was done only to conceal the real reason for refusing to let the Democrats of Texas express their choice for President. The truth is, most of the men who voted to have the delegates to Baltimore selected by bosses instead of the people are supporting candidates for the nomination whose only hope of ever capturing the Texas delegation lies in star chamber conferences. It is significant that the men who opposed the presidential primary are to a man opposed to the nomination of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, who is apparently the strongest candidate in Texas. — Crosbyton Review.

A LASTING SEASON

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday, and he reports everything in the finest condition in his community with respect to crop prospects. They have had big, ground-soaking rains and as a result now have a lasting and most promising season.

FINE GRAIN CROPS

Will Walker was in the city Monday from his place several miles east of Spur. Will says that the wheat and oat crops of his section of the country are as fine as could be wished for, and that although the acreage in these crops may be limited considering the acreage of other crops, yet plenty small grain will undoubtedly be harvested in the Spur country.

Great is Spur and the Spur country.

GOING TO HASKELL

D. J. Dunn informs us that he has purchased an interest in a drug business at Haskell and will leave soon for that place to become personally and actively identified with the business. Mr. Dunn is an experienced and expert registered pharmacist, knows how to make friends and hold them, knows how to get business and hold it and he has many friends here who regret to see him leave Spur. We recommend him to the people of Haskell as an honest, conscientious, capable man, and we wish him the success he deserves in his new home and place of business.

STAIID OLD MARRIED MAN

Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish country and he says that he expects to make the biggest crop this year ever made in this country. However, Tom is not a one-crop farmer since he has a bunch of steers, horses and possibly a few hogs and expects to raise plenty feed as well as cotton on his farm. Tom has always been a successful young man, but now since he has become a staid, old married man we expect and wish him even more success in the future than in the past.

ENGAGEMENT RING

Editor Morris, of the Jayton Herald, was in Spur Saturday on business, remaining here only a short time between trains. While Editor Morris denies the charge, yet it was intimated that he came up specially to see the jewelers of Spur for the purpose of securing an "engagement" ring. No doubt he was supplied with the necessary requirements in that line, and there is further no doubt but that Editor Morris knows how to successfully terminate such an "engagement" and in the end become a model husband and a generous and indulgent father.

TO CONTRIBUTORS

Lately we have received a number of letters for publication from members of political parties of the country. As stated heretofore, we are not publishing a political paper, but will publish anything of or for any party when the subject matter is either of general interest as news or of educational value to the general public. Otherwise our regular advertising rates will be charged, and of course we will reserve the right to determine the news or educational value of any article sent in to the paper. We respectfully ask our friends of any party to observe these rules when preparing a contribution to the paper.

FARMING CONDITIONS FINE

Willis Smith was in last week from his place in the Tap country and reports farming conditions as fine as could be expected or wished for at any time. There is no question but that the Spur country will make the biggest crops this year within the history of farming in this section.

Keep your prospective eye on the Spur country.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

Since Dickens county has no Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, and since other surrounding county Democratic organizations have ordered Presidential Preference Primary elections to be held in various counties on next Saturday, May 4th, it has been suggested and the Texas Spur takes it upon itself to announce that the Democratic voters of Dickens county meet Saturday, May 4th, at 2 o'clock, at some public place within their Voting Precinct for the purpose of selecting delegates to a county convention to be held in Dickens at 2 o'clock Tuesday, May 7th. At the precinct conventions on Saturday it is proposed to discuss the preferences of Democratic voters for the Presidential nomination at the State Convention to be held later, and also to instruct the delegates sent to the County Convention as to who will be selected to fill the vacancy now existing in the Chairmanship of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens county, and such other matters as may be of interest to the Democratic Party.

The Convention to be held in Dickens at 2 o'clock Tuesday May 7th, is for the purpose of selecting a Chairman and to fill such other offices as are now vacant in the Democratic Executive Committee. And further to ascertain from various delegates in attendance from the several voting precincts whom they desire to be nominated as President of the United States.

We, personally, would have preferred a primary election in determining the preference of Dickens county for all candidates, but since the Democratic party at this time is apparently unorganized and without a head to authoritatively act upon any matter or question of importance to the party or further party interests in any manner, we think it not only right and proper, but very expedient at this time that all Democrats meet at this appointed time, both in the proposed Precinct Conventions Saturday, and at the general County Convention to be held in Dickens Tuesday, May 7th.

This is a most important year in politics, since we are to elect officers from President of the United States down to Justices of the Peace in every county and precinct, therefore, being a Democrat we feel not only an interest in the success of the party nationally but are desirous of having the party secure the very best men as nominees to government offices, and to that end every county should become thoroughly organized in party work and be prepared to take part in the state and national conventions, expressing the wishes in every instance of those whom they represent. And to this end we urge again that every Democrat in every voting precinct of Dickens county attend both the precinct and county conventions as proposed, Saturday, May 4th, in each precinct and Tuesday, May 7th, at Dickens, for the purpose of effecting a Democratic organization prepared to act in all matters of interest to the party and with respect to the wishes of a majority of the party as a whole.

PROMPT PAYERS

J. T. Perkins, of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and caused us to smile by handing in another dollar to extend his subscription up another notch. We notice many other papers of the country continuously grumbling at subscribers for not coming in and contributing more promptly to their subscription account, while this is not the case with the Texas Spur. While the Texas Spur is not running strictly on a cash basis with reference to subscriptions, yet we have no cause to grumble. Our subscribers are the most prompt payers and best people of the country.

MUCH IMPROVED

J. V. McCormick is again able to be on the streets and at his place of business after an illness of several days in which it is said he came near surrendering to the mumps. However, we are glad to note that he is on the road to recovery and is now able to move about by the aid of a stick.

A CYCLONE

J. M. Chumley, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and reports that a cyclone struck his section of the country Saturday night and did considerable damage. It is said that the cyclone was one of the real "twisters" and was about one hundred and fifty or two hundred yards wide and traveled in a north or northeasterly direction. Mr. Chumley said that he and others were camped out in a pasture, saw the twister coming and ran out of its path, thus avoiding the danger personally, but that their camp and equipments were carried away. The twister carried away fences, trees, etc., in its path, striking Mr. Chumley's barn and lots which were blown down and scattered over the country.

We note from the Dallas News that a similar cyclone struck through the Childress country, killing a number of people and destroying thousands of dollars' worth of property.

COUNTY SEAT CONTEST

Hon. J. W. Burton goes Friday to Austin where he is to appear before the Supreme Court of Texas to argue the County Seat contest case on the first day of May. Judge Burton will be assisted by Judge Rogan, of Austin. This is the last chapter in the Crosby County Seat matter, and it is with confidence that the people of Crosbyton await the decision. "Crosbyton wins." — Crosbyton Review.

WILL SURPRISE PUBLIC

D. C. Sparks, of the Croton Flats country, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with his many friends and meeting the voters of this section in the interest of his candidacy for the Sheriff's office. Old timers here tell us that Dave Sparks will surprise the public in that he will probably get an enormous vote at the primary election to be held July 27th.

A TYPICAL WESTERNER FOR REPRESENTATIVE

Friends of Judge A. J. Hagins are prevailing upon him to enter the campaign for State Representative from this, the 105th Representative District, composed of the counties of Dickens, King, Kent, Stonewall and Scurry. Judge Hagins was one of the first men of the country to serve Dickens county as County Judge, later moving to Kent county where he now lives and has served the people as County Commissioner for many years. Judge Hagins was among the first settlers of this western country, is a typical western citizen, familiar with the conditions and capable of promoting legislation which will result in benefit to the people and this section of the country. He is well informed not only as to the prevailing conditions but as to our legislative needs, and being an able and capable man will contribute more to the advancement of our interests and the progress of this section of the country than any other man whom we could elect to represent this district in the legislative halls.

BOUGHT SUPPLIES

Uncle Wash Robertson came in late Saturday afternoon from his place in the Afton country and loaded out with supplies. Uncle Wash is one of the most substantial citizens of the country and we are glad to see him as often as he will come to Spur.

EXPECT TO RETIRE

W. A. Copeland, of six miles east, was in the city Saturday trading and looking after other business matters. The Copeland boys say they expect to make enough out of their crops this year to retire and enjoy the fruits of their labors for many years.

SMALL GRAIN GOOD

C. D. Copeland was in Saturday from his place several miles east of Spur and said he could not wish for better crop conditions than now prevails in every section of this country. The wheat, oats and small grain crops of the country are growing fine and will make a bumper yield.

THE RIGHT PLACE

A colored woman who was called before the local health authorities, was informed that she must be vaccinated, and told to roll up her sleeve.

"Lawd a massy, don't vaccinate me on de ahm. I has tu work for a livin' wid my ahms, cried the darkey. Then the health officer suggested that she better be vaccinated on the calf of her leg.

"No, sah. How's you sponse I'se gwine ter get around to work wif a sore laig?

"But you must be vaccinated today. Where shall we do it?"

"Well" replied the darkey, seriously, "Lawd knows I don't neva get much chance to sit down." — Exchange.

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WHO ARE THE REAL, TYPICAL AMERICANS?

The following article conveys the sentiments and "Ideas of a Plain Country Woman" in the Ladies' Home Journal, and contains food for the thoughts of all classes of peoples and readers:

So much of our standing these days depends upon money that it really is difficult always to preserve that self-respect which belongs by right to every man or woman who is living a decent life.

There is no denying the fact that people in automobiles are treated with more respect than people in street cars. When you are afoot with "the herd" you are hustled like cattle, and about your only means of commanding respect is money.

I once lived three months in a Western city, in the home of my children, who were poor. At the end of that time a local newspaper declared in a stinging editorial that I had no right to discuss life in Western city because I had visited poor people and did not know the "best class" of society. The inference here is plain: that "life" in large cities is only enjoyed by the rich and prominent.

We must admit that this snobishness permeates our literature and dominates our "society." The idea is that there is a certain standard of wealth and ways of living which marks "the people who count," and that if your dwelling, your equipage, your dress and your social acquaintance do not come up to this standard you are a nobody! You may then expect to receive the contempt even of the servants of the "people who count."

We used to hear the expression "there is safety in numbers," yet if this be true I wonder why the vast majority of people—for certainly there is a vast majority—cringe to the minority, and allow them to assume superiority by mere reason of being able to live in a certain way.

In a recent magazine appeared an article entitled: "Reflections of a Grandfather." It was meant for a satire on the times, yet it was really a very snobbish thing, because throughout it referred to automobiling, playing golf and tennis, yatching, week-end parties and fashionable life generally as being the usual things for the representative young persons of America to engage in.

Now I insist that the young folks who live in automobiles and devote themselves to bridge and dances and week-end parties at country houses are not representative young Americans.

A few years ago I went West in a tourist sleeper. On the train were four civil engineers, all in hard luck, all contemplating changing their vocation, and all worried dreadfully over their wives and children who were housed in the homes of relatives or in cheap apartments, while these men—the husbands and fathers—who had started out with bright prospects and unlimited ambition, now were seeking work with hearts heavy with the dread of failure.

In the regular Pullman car were a well-known writer of fiction and a young fellow—another civil engineer—who was going out to take a big position. This young fellow was full of the "Westy" feeling, and he so inspired the fiction writer that she wove a pretty story with him for hero. The whole tone of the

story voiced success and the inspiration of great things to be accomplished.

This story was liked by Western people, and was also accepted by Eastern leaders as a typical Western story. Now why should that young fellow, whose money and influence had procured him a big-paying job in an overcrowded profession, be taken as typical, and the four honest fellows in the tourist sleeper be ignored? And why should the four hundred or more of their profession who were stranded on the Coast, carrying chains, going into forests, taking any work they could get to earn bread, be shrugged at as being among the "people who do not count"? If success is the thing which lifts one man and lowers a thousand, let us abolish success!

I know a young man who built a beautiful piece of railroad in the Southwest. He left home and friends, lived in a life of exile and worked with his whole soul, because that he believed in free America these are all a man has to do to win success. Shortly before the work was completed another young fellow, fresh from college, was sent out to displace the faithful engineer, and the latter was actually retained till the job was done to show the man who was to supersede him how to do the work!

That young whippersnapper is now listed in the annals of success, while the man who actually built the road, encountering difficulties his successor never could have overcome, is unknown.

I know a girl who in her young days followed a career of actual immorality. She was a beauty and a rich man married her. She is now a "person who counts," and if she were to meet my daughter, who is a plain wife doing her own work, she would patronize her if she did not snub her. Is she a typical American girl? Or is my daughter, who does her own housework and lives plainly, a typical American girl?

Who is she Typical American? Must he be a man who has made a "money success"? If so, why should there be such a vast majority of people who are not typical? I always thought that "typical" referred to the sort of folks there were the most of.

I do not think much of grammar of the last sentence, but somehow I like its sound. Once in a while a crude expression comes nearer to the meaning of the speaker than any clever collection of polished words. When Abraham Lincoln said he insisted on being the "plain doodle" he meant to convey something for which there wasn't any polite language. I really become almost inarticulate when I try to talk about the idiocy of a people sworn to freedom, who will allow money so to hamper and dominate them.

I get dreadfully out of patience with men of my own circle when they sit around the campfire or the sitting room grate in the evening and agree that a man has a right to be worth a billion, and that the chance to become a millionaire had been open to each and all of them, only they hadn't known how to take it. In this they are as bumptious as the school trustee who makes a speech and tells the simple little country urchins that any one of them may possibly become President of the United States. This is a cruel and wicked untruth. The thing which the man should tell them is that each has the opportunity to become a good and honest man—and even this may

not be strictly true, but we must not make too many admissions.

Of course no man has a right to be worth a billion or anything like it. He couldn't earn it honestly. He might be personally an honest man, but the conditions that favored this accumulation of money, that should have been divided into simple wages for work, are so unjust, so intrinsically dishonest, that its mere existence in the shape of an individual fortune is a monument to fraud and an iniquitous state of affairs.

It is not success that crowns the life of the billionaire. It is the simple working out of a human diabolism that the stupid majority haven't brains enough to check. Men may be too patient, too generous, too free from envy, too childlike in their admiration of "the fellow who succeeds," just as a loving family may sit back and allow one spoiled member of it to "hog the patch," as we used to say in Hoosierdom.

A very brilliant writer of homely epigram said the other day: "Poverty is no disgrace, but it might as well be." This, too, is a snobbish expression, because even in its satire it makes the old, foolish admission which has brought us where we are in National and social life; the admission that if we can't have the thing that money can buy we may as well be dead.

So long as the American people or any other people agree in this we shall have a money aristocracy, which is by far the worst sort of aristocracy, destroying, as it does, the real aristocracy of blood and breeding, and substituting the demoralizing regime of a set of people lacking in taste, which is equivalent to saying inferior in everything, from morals to a sense of humor.

In later years I have grown thoroughly tired of the rich man's twaddle about "success." I have wearied of the rich woman's air of conscious superiority and her presumption to patronize people who have more brains in their little fingers than she has in all her brain cells. I have rebelled against the assumption of "Society" that its candle shades and vases are more typical of success than the figure of a patient girl daily waiting on idle shoppers in a great hive of business or washing dishes in her own kitchen.

And I repudiate the rich man's assumption that where one succeeds a thousand fail, and that the plain men who go daily about their simple work for moderate wages are all failures. God did not make a world to fill it with failures; it was never His purpose that men should strive for the same thing—and most of them miss it. We poor folks are much to blame for the vainglorious attitude of the "successful," we submit to it, we hang our heads and slink in the presence of it. I admit I am a poltroon in the company of a very rich person who says "I have saw" and flashes his diamond ring at me. I'll go around a block to avoid meeting him or his wife. His loud, self-satisfied laugh does disturb me. But when it comes to his being interviewed, and he leans complacently back, with a statement that money is the only real mark of success, I become as brave as a lion and long for a chance to snicker in his face (if lions snicker, which I fear they don't!), or otherwise express my contempt for him and the idiotic conditions that make him

possible. The people of the future must learn how to abolish him and his kind of "success."

We poor people have set before us the difficult task of preserving our self-respect in the face of the total indifference or the open scorn of our rich neighbors. We needn't say it doesn't pinch the heart a little—we are gregarious folks by nature, we like the genial smile and hand-clasp of our fellowmen.

We have set up a system of worship who "do things," and so blind have we become that we do not stop to consider whether or not the things they are doing are of real benefit to the world; we just go ahead and let them typify success for us anyway. The more fools we!

Success is a Way of Thinking, it is a personal attitude. If you are going to whine around the feet of the rich man, admitting that he has secured what you were trying for, and that, failing in this, life means nothing to you, then you do come very near being a failure.

I can get pretty "mad" at rich people who arrogate themselves on their riches, but no "madder" than I get at poor people who abjectly accept the idea that there is nothing left for them since they haven't "succeeded."

The truth is, life is a great, big, hard, responsible job for any man, rich or poor, who "goes up against it" single-handed. Our success is measured by our cheerfulness, by the uplift we

give the man who works beside us, by the joy we bring to the household we belong to by the love we have inspired and given, by the friendships we have known, by the sweet, earnest, patient beliefs we have cherished.

We have not failed because we haven't made money. Throw back such a blatant assertion into the bland, complacent countenances of him who makes it!

Let your own life read like some enthralling piece of great, immortal literature that maybe never touches the life of the rich and "smart," but yet may still sound the depths of human experience and voice all that we know and feel in our common trial of living.

But above all, let us who have a little penetration refuse to look at life through the narrow vision of those who see as their typification of success only the crude money standard. Some day, when men become truly enlightened, labor and its simplest products will rank far ahead of money.

This, I believe, is the only salvation for the human race. Instead of joining in a pitched battle to determine which of us may enslave our brethren and live without work we shall all joyously share in the work of the world, looking back with shudders of disgust at the old ideals of idleness and greed, the attainment of which some unspeakably misguided people deemed "the only real success." —The Country Contributor.

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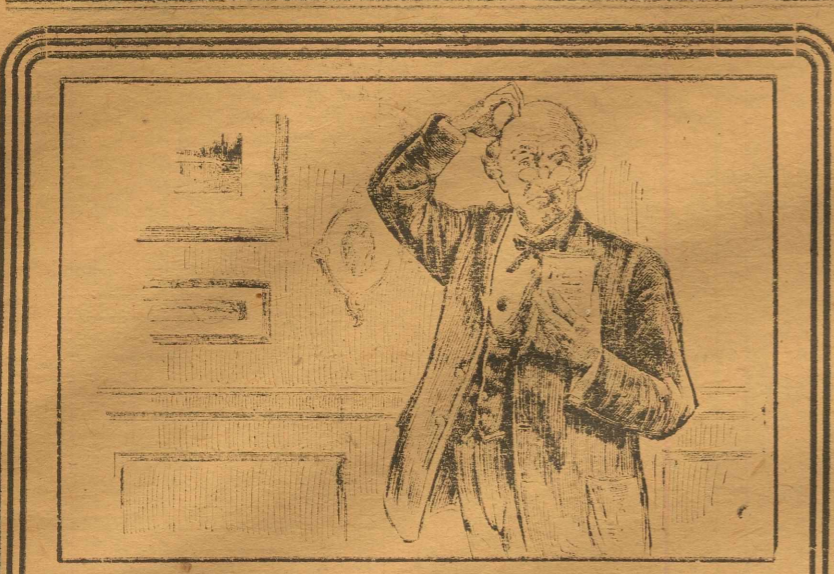
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Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, were in Spur this week visiting friends and relatives. While here Mr. Taylor called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us a one dollar bill to be credited to his subscription account, saving, everything looks good in his part of the country.

Bill McArthur came in Tuesday from his place in the Tap country and reports everything flourishing in that section.

G. T. Brandon left Wednesday to attend and participate in a three days session of the State Dental Association to convene in Abilene this week.

Texas Spur for good advertising

NOTICE

I desire to thank the citizens of Spur for the many favors and kindnesses shown me in my work, and wish each to know that I appreciate any and all favors, and will be at your service at all times for any kind of scavenger work.

Yours respectfully,
J. H. McMichael.

The punch set given away Saturday at the Wonder was awarded to Mrs. Jones, of the Plains country, she holding ticket number 38 which drew the set. The punch set comprised a large bowl and twelve cups and was a most handsome gift to any of the patrons of The Wonder.

The Spur Ice & Bottling Works are installing their ice cream machinery.

BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the First State Bank at Spur, Texas, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 18th day of April, 1912, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, Texas, State of Texas, on the 3d day of May, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, personal or collateral	\$62,630.84
Loans and Real Estate	1,733.52
Overdrafts	64.69
Real Estate (banking house)	7,750.00
Other Real Estate	2,688.85
Furniture and Fixtures	2,150.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agent net	\$6,107.77
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check, net	96.05
Cash Items	72.25
Currency	1,540.00
Specie	1,565.65
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund	304.79
Other Resources as follows:	
Assessment for Guar. Fund	183.76
Warrant Account	2,006.70
Total	\$88,894.87

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	4,343.39
Individual Deposits sub. to check	28,338.40
Cashier's Checks	213.08
Certificates of dep. for money bor.	5,000.00
Total	\$88,894.87

State of Texas, County of Dickens: We, G. H. Connell as president, and E. C. Edmonds as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. H. CONNELL, President.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to before me by E. C. Edmonds, Cash., this 27th day of April A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid

L. W. DAVIS, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:

J. T. George,
S. R. Davis,
T. E. Standifer

Directors.
State of Texas, County of Tarrant:

Sworn and subscribed to by G. H. Connell, before me this 29th day of May, A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

NORMAN E. NELSON, Notary Public,
Tarrant County, Texas.

ADJUDGED INSANE

At a trial Wednesday before the City Court W. B. Gilpin was adjudged insane and he will be sent to the State Asylum for treatment just as soon as a vacancy is made for him in the institution.

W. B. Gilpin is one of the old timers of this country and in the years past was one among our most prominent citizens. He was one of the first County Judges elected to serve in Motley county and he was prominent and influential in public affairs.

His misfortune is deplorable and his friends wish for him a speedy recovery and effective treatment at the asylum.

J. A. Moore is again in Spur this week from Lubbock, spending several days here with relatives and also looking after business matters.

A CORRECTION

Since publishing an article on the first page of this issue of the paper, headed "Democratic Convention to be Held Saturday," we are informed that we had been misinformed and that some time ago the Democratic Executive Committeemen met in Dickens and perfected a re-organization, electing L. G. Crabtree County Chairman with Committeemen to fill vacancies existing in each voting precinct of the county, A. S. Jackson being committeeman of the Dickens precinct and Dr. Standifer Committeeman of the Spur precinct. The names of other committeemen from other voting precincts have not been given us.

We desire it understood that in taking the initiative in "calling" the proposed conventions Saturday and Tuesday, we did so with the understanding that no county Democratic organization existed at the present time, and also upon the suggestion of other democrats who were under the same impression, and we assure each member of the Dickens County Democratic Executive Committee that it was not done with the idea or intention of not recognizing the present organization, but wholly for the purpose of effecting such organization since we were informed that the Democrats were unorganized in the county, and this being Presidential election year we were interested to the extent that the Democrats of Dickens county should be organized and prepared to attend matters of importance now and to be looked after at an early date.

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Gentlemen.

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Ladies.

Mrs. Mamie Acuff, Mrs. Jno A. Green, Mrs. Minnie Haile, Mrs. D. A. Pursley.

When calling for the above please say advertised.—Norton A. Baber Postmaster.

J. D. Martin was in the city Wednesday after supplies, and since he is farming this year he says that his feed crops are up and growing nicely while his cotton is just beginning to come up. For many years Mr. Martin was one of the Spur Ranchmen and he has many friends here who wish him much success in his new occupation as farmer.

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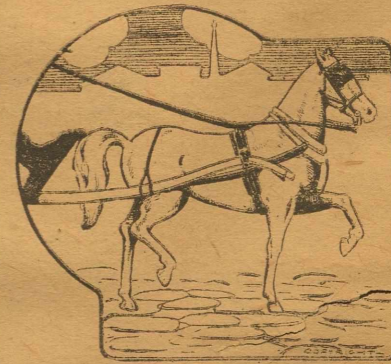
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10.00 " " "	8.60
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6.50 " " "	5.40
3.75 Combination Mattress	3.25
3.25 Cotton Top	2.75
5.00 All Cotton 3-4 "	4.00
3.00 Comb'n 3-4 "	2.50
2.25 Cotton Top 3-4 "	1.90
25.00 9x12 Axm. Art Sq.	21.75
17. " Brus'l "	13.00
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\$5.00 36x72 Rug Axm'ster	\$3.95
3.00 24x60 " "	2.25
2.50 24x60 " Velvet	1.85

Baby Sulkeys & Go-Carts

\$3.00 Geneva Sulkey	\$2.40
2.25 Teddy R. Sulkey	1.70
15. Go-Cart	12.95
12. " "	9.90
8.50 " "	7.25
6.50 " "	5.25
4.50 " "	3.60

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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

For County and District Clerk:
J. B. Conner
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):
H. T. Garner
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

Governor Harmon is in Texas to contest with Governor Wilson for the Democratic nomination from this state. However, since we are to have no presidential preference primary election the candidates are wasting time fooling with the people. The time to work is in the conventions.

The National campaign is waxing warm, especially with reference to the candidacy of Taft and Roosevelt. It looks now to us as it did at first, that notwithstanding the disadvantages of a third-term candidate, Roosevelt will not miss the nomination by a large majority if the nomination be left to the Republican voters. There is no question but that Roosevelt is a big man, and his campaign for the office on the "People's Rule" policy is acceptable to the masses of the Republican party at least.

The Titanic disaster was among the most noted calamities of the day in that nearly fifteen hundred lives were lost, the majority of whom were prominent men in the financial world and numbered among the millionaire class. The Titanic was the largest and most handsomely and costly furnished ship afloat, and it is very probable that its sinking will cause adequate legislation to the end that better life-preserving facilities be furnished ships and crews and wireless operation be more systematically managed in future.

KILL THE FLIES

"Flies are wisely ordained, but we ought not to need their services. Where filth and waste are allowed to accumulate, flies are needed to aid in their decomposition and disposal. If filth and waste are removed the necessity for the fly is removed."

Flies are a dangerous nuisance. They carry disease. People are just beginning to wake to this fact.

There are many kinds of flies; but it is the ordinary house fly that especially concerns us. It is unnecessary to name the others. All flies are dangerous. House

flies are especially so, because they are numerous and because they come in contact with people and foods.

Flies lay eggs. A single female fly lays an average of one hundred and twenty eggs at a time. Four deposits of eggs may be made by one fly. Under favorable conditions the eggs become flies in about ten days. It takes about ten days more before these flies also lay eggs.

In general, flies rest at night, but during daylight they never seem to show fatigue—of flying almost continuously. They prefer shade to sunlight, and so prefer the inside of the house if not too dark.

Flies do not travel far from their food unless transported in cars or other vehicles. They cannot eat solid food. Such food they moisten before eating. They prefer semi-liquid food. They seem to have little choice as to whether food has been freshly prepared in the cleanest kitchen or whether it is in the garbage can, or in unmentionable filth.

The house fly carries the germs of disease on its legs and feet, and in its alimentary canal (intestine). Actual experiments with many kinds of germs prove this.

Flies may infect foods with such disease germs, and may in this way affect human beings, and may also infect each other.

Flies spread typhoid fever. Typhoid fever is a germ disease. It comes from the introduction of the typhoid germ into the system. This is done in three ways—by fingers, by food and drinks, and by flies.

Certain persons are chronic typhoid germ carriers, and from their waste (excrement or urine) flies carry the germs.

These typhoid germs may live under favorable conditions in soil or on troweling for many days after pollution.

It has been shown that typhoid germs live in butter several months and in milk from twenty to thirty days. It must not be understood that all typhoid cases come from flies. The greater number come from polluted water and milk, but cases coming from flies are numerous.

If a fly gets into milk, the germs left by the fly will increase very rapidly at the ordinary temperature of the room in summer.

Besides typhoid, flies are also carriers of germs which cause dysentery and diarrhoea of infants (summer complaint—cholera infantum).

Increased prevalence of summer diarrhoea in certain localities has frequently been traced to flies.

Flies feed on sputum from persons suffering from consumption (tuberculosis) and excrete the germs which cause that disease.

Flies like to feed around the eyes of sleeping children and in so doing may cause ophthalmia, a serious eye disease.

Flies carry disease germs from privies, pig pens, stables and garbage cans. From these places and receptacles they are attracted by the odor of cooking at meal time and fly into the kitchen and dining room and alight and walk on our food.

Experiments show that the number of disease germs on a single fly may amount to over 6,000,000.

Many germs are excreted. A fresh fly spect contains many living germs.

A well-fed fly passes excre-

ment more than twenty times a day.

Flies must be kept from entering dwellings. For the protection of the house all windows and doors should be screened.

There are many devices for catching or killing flies. One of the most effective is sticky fly paper. Certain patent wire cage traps are also useful. Burning pure Persian Insect (pyrethrum) powder is effective.

To prevent the propagation of flies, all their breeding places must be found and all rotten material and filth must be removed and disinfected.

People should not throw the household waste and garbage around the back door or into the yard, but should put all such waste that will rot into a covered galvanized iron can.

Garbage should not be mixed with ashes.

Stables and pig pens should not be built in back yards but should be removed as far as possible from the dwelling house or dairy.

Stable manure must not be permitted to accumulate on premises but should be removed daily from the stable or kept in covered pits or bins. These pits should be screened and the manure should be disinfected.

Especial care should be given to privies. Open privies should be abolished.

For disinfection of privies, stables, etc., kerosene, chloride of lime or a solution of sulphate of iron (1 pound to the gallon) may be used.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

P. E. Hagins made a flying trip to Dickens Monday.

W. P. Sampson went to Spur Tuesday.

Paul Hagins, of Sayton, was here on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carlisle passed through Gilpin Monday. Mrs. Carlisle stepped on a nail several days ago which disabled

her for several days and caused her a great deal of pain and anxiety.

W. A. Hawkins and family attended church at Girard Sunday morning.

W. B. Bennett and D. D. Hagins attended church at Spur Monday night.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Bonds school house Sunday.

Mother's Day will be celebrated at the Duck Creek school house the second Sunday in May. Everybody is invited to attend.

It isn't Johnny Jump-Up's fault that the waste basket got part of the Gilpin Happenings last week, but probably it isn't too late yet to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Roy Butts are the proud parents of a fine girl born April the 19.

The farmers of Gilpin are pretty well up with their work. Some of the boys have already been fishing with the usual results.—Johnny-Jump-Up.

TAP TELLINGS

J. H. Sparks has returned from a short visit to Rule.

Joe Allison, the Rawleigh man, was here this week in the interest of his business.

B. S. Scott and family, of Watson, visited L. S. Scott Sunday.

J. S. Neal was on the sick list first of the week, but is going again.

H. C. Parsons was here Saturday from White River community.

Bonny Scott's mother, who resides at Anson, is here on an extended visit to relatives.

Rev. Medlin preached here Sunday but attendance was small due to the extreme high wind.

We are having real summer weather this week and farmers are busy planting. We are get-

BANKS

Official statement of the financial condition of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank at Spur, Texas, at the close of business on the 18th day of April, 1912, published in the Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 3rd day of May, 1912.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral	\$13,547.05
Loans, real estate	3,266.20
Overdrafts	27.29
Real estate (banking house)	2,897.41
Other real estate	2,934.75
Furniture and Fixtures	1,825.00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	\$3,829.08
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net	63.04
Cash Items	693.00
Currency	2,301.00
Specie	509.50
Int. in Depositors Guar. Fund	7,395.68
Other resources as follows:	215.98
Claims account	37.50
Assessment of Guaranty Fund	59.86
Total	\$32,206.72

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund	300.00
Undivided profits, net	804.11
Due to banks and bankers subject to check, net	689.12
Individual deposits, subject to check	10,237.59
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	175.95
Certificates of Deposit, issued for money borrowed	5,000.00
Total	\$32,206.72

State of Texas, County of Dickens: We, H. P. Cole as president, and J. F. Vernon as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. P. COLE, President.
J. F. VERNON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of April, A. D. 1912.

Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid.

B. D. GLASGOW, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

F. A. Prideaux,
W. A. Wilkinson,
Directors.

ting a little dry but we are pro's anyway, so it is all right.

Craig Parsons and sister, Miss Lottie, were here Sunday, the guests of Miss Clara Hinson.

Geo. Martin has got behind with his board bill at Mrs. Hood's and cuts wood for her on Saturdays to even up.—Gad-about.

NOTICE

I will drill you a well for 40 cts. foot.—Luther Hindman. 23-tr

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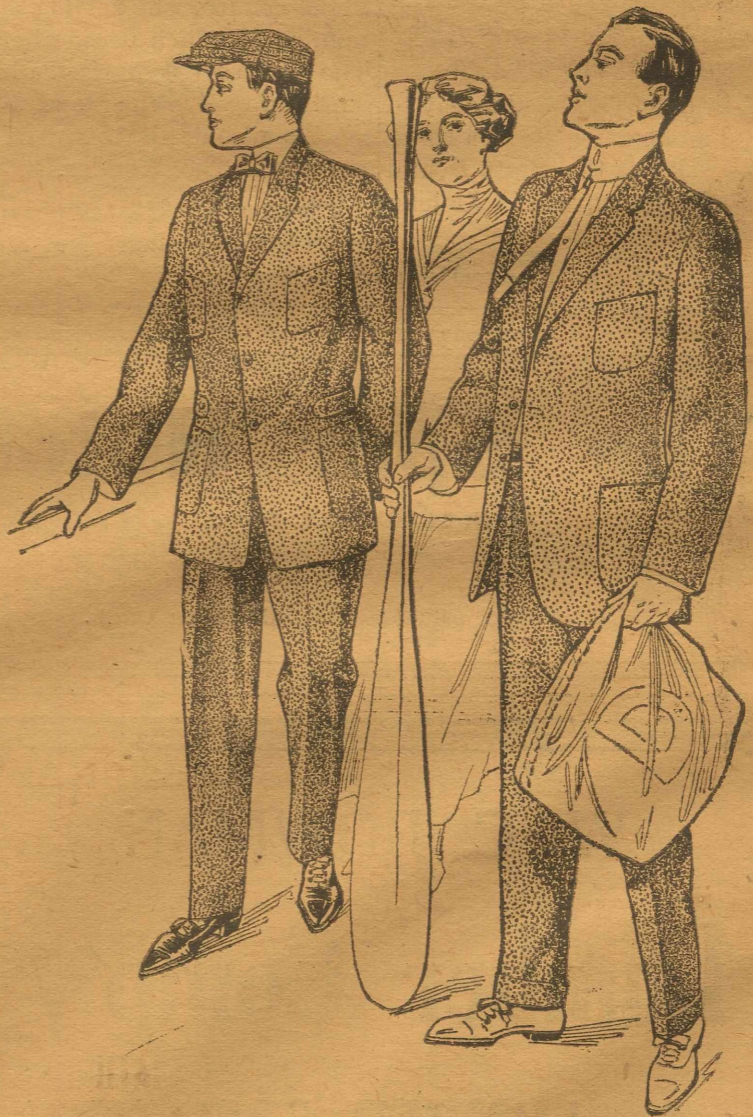
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SATURDAY,
APRIL 27TH
TO SATUR-
DAY, MAY
18TH

Price-Smashing Spring Sale

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, TO SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 1912

THIS great Merchandise-Moving, Price-Smashing Sale is launched just at the time you have to buy Spring Goods. We have just the goods you want, and take our word for it, we are going to make prices that the people of Spur and Dickens County can't afford to overlook. You have fashions latest to select from at a fraction of its regular value. No matter what you wish to buy, Dress Goods, Novelties, Hats, Shoes or Clothing, we will save you money.

WE PROPOSE TO MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST SALE IN OUR HISTORY--Nothing but low prices on High Class Goods will accomplish this end. WHY PAY REGULAR PRICES WHEN YOU HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE MONEY.

If you haven't the money, borrow it. \$15.00 will buy as much at this sale as \$25.00 will in a regular way. Come expecting Bargains. You can have all the comforts and some of the luxuries of life at a small cost by attending this Great Sale.

OUR ENTIRE STORE IS ONE GIGANTIC ARRAY OF BARGAINS

\$1.00 Grade
Long Black
Lisle Gloves
50c

\$1.25 Grade
Long Black
Silk Gloves
98c

10c
Black Elastic
5c

\$1.00
Overalls
89c

Best 10c
Bleaching
8c

10c Brown
Domestic
6c

15c
Ladies' Vests
8c

15c
Ladies' Hose
8c

15c
Men's Hose
8c

We Are
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Cheap Prices
On
Groceries

25c
Oil Cloth
15c

56-Inch
Table Linen
33c

Best Calico
4c the
Yard

Best
Cotton Checks
5c

Ladies'
Parasols
59c

Gents'
Umbrellas
59c

Best
Calico
4c

Small Notions at a Small Price.

6 spools Clark's O N T Thread 25c
Best Pins paper 4c
10c Black Elastic 5c
Needles, paper 4c
San Silk, spool 4c
Hooks and Eyes, paper 4c
Good Pearl Buttons, dozen 8c
Metal Back Horn Combs 8c
10c Handkerchiefs 7c
5c 5c
Bunch Shoe Strings 8c
Thimbles 4c
Many other articles too numerous to mention at a big discount.

All Goods Strictly Cash

Novelties---Novelties

35c Ribbons go in this sale 23c
25c " " " " 18c
20c " " " " 14c
15c " " " " 12c
15c " " " " 8c
7 1-2c " " " " 5c
Spool Ribbons No. 1, at yard 1c
50c Ladies' Belts, go at 39c
75c " Hand Bags 48c
\$1.00 " " " " 79c
35c Ladies' Collars go at 23c
50c & 75c Ladies' Collars go at 44c
Big Line Laces and Embroideries at a saving.
See our 5c Lace Assortment.
" " 10c Embroidery Assortment

Positively No Goods Charged

Clothing---Clothing

Big stock men's and boys' suits, odd pants for both men and boys, overalls and jumpers at a big saving.

All Goods Strictly Cash

Staple Cotton Goods

Go in this sale at about half price.
36-inch Soft Bleached Domestic worth 12 1-2 goes at 8c
10c 36 inch Brown Domestic 7c
Standard Calico goes in sale at 4c
Good Cotton Checks go at 5c
12 1-2 Shirting, very best at 9c
15c Fancy Shirting 11c
Best Table Oil Cloth goes at 15c
54-inch White Table Linen 33c
10-4 Pepperel Sheets 25c
Don't miss this opportunity to save money on staples.

Positively No Goods Charged

Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!!

\$5.00 Men's Shoes, all styles at \$3.98
4.00 " " " " 3.49
3.00 " " " " 2.45
2.50 " " " " 1.98
4.00 Ladies' " " " 3.45
3.50 " " " " 2.98
3.00 " " " " 2.48
2.50 " " " " 1.98
2.00 " " " " 1.59

Children's shoes in proportion. Both low cut and high shoes go in the sale.

All Goods Strictly Cash

Hosiery

15c Hose all kinds go at 8c
25c " " " " 18c
35c " " " " 23c
75c " " " " 48c

Positively No Goods Charged

Gents' Furnishings.

75c Soft Shirts go at 48c
\$1.00 " " " " 79c
\$1.25 " " " " 98c
\$2.00 " " " " \$1.48
50c Underwear goes at 44c
50c Elastic Seam Drawers 44c
25c Suspenders go at 18c
35c " " " " 23c
35c Hose " " " 23c
25c " " " " 18c
15c " " " " 8c
50c Sheets go at 39c
\$1.00 Overalls and Jumpers 89c
Lay in your summer supply while the price is right.

Positively No Goods Charged

Summer Dress Goods

15c Ginghams on Sale at 11c
12 1-2 " " " " 9c
15c Lawns " " " " 11c
12 1-2 " " " " 9c
7 1-2c " " " " 5c
25c Figured Flaxons at 18c
20c Solid Colored Lawns 12c
65c Summer Silks on sale 44c
\$1.25 Silks on sale 98c
35c White Goods on sale at 23c
25c " " " " 18c
15c " " " " 11c
12 1-2 " " " " 9c
All summer Dress Goods at money saving prices.

All Goods Strictly Cash

Men's Hats

\$3.50 Beaver & Buckskin Hats \$2.85
2.00 All America Hats 1.48
2.00 Boys' Hats 1.48
1.25 " " " " .98
.75 " " " " .48
5.00 Stetson Hats go at 3.98

All Goods Strictly Cash

Come early before the stock is broken, while we have an immense stock, but our friends and customers will eagerly snap up these Bargains, and our volume of business will be immense. So don't delay, but come at once.

THE BIG SALE BEGINS SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, AND CONTINUES UNTIL SATURDAY, MAY 18TH.

R. R. MORRISON Spur, Texas

We Have a Confession To Make!

OUR confession is this: We are selfish—selfish in wanting more of your business; we try to merit a liberal share of it, however, by keeping good clean merchandise, and giving you the best values possible for us to do, and be honest in our dealing with you. We have been buying goods a long time, yet we do not claim to know very much about values of merchandise, we to a great extent have to trust to the honor of those from whom we buy. We want you to trust us, as many of you are doing. Remember: "It is not always gold that glitters." Good goods are the cheapest; we strive to keep the best merchandise that can be handled in a town of this size, and we are begging you to spend your cash at home, and we ourselves are selfish enough to want you to give us not the lion's share, but a liberal part of it. We have no leaders, no catches of any kind, just straightforward, fair dealing; we don't know any other way, and don't want to learn. We know as to prices that as a whole they are as good as goods can be sold legitimately. We buy right, as we have several stores to buy for, which enables us to buy in quantities, and get the quantity price. Our expenses are not above an average; our net profits are small on amount of goods sold; we know we are giving our customers a fair deal, and on this basis we are confessing to you that we want more of your business.

Your Friends,

Bryant-Link Comp'y

H. P. Cole was in the city the latter part of last week on official business and probably incidentally looking after his interests for re-election to the office of Sheriff.

I. S. York said that he sheared one of his sheep this week and after finishing the job he had 165 pounds of sheep and nine pounds of wool. How is that for sheep and wool in the Spur country?

Hodges Haile, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday.

J. L. Lair was in the city Monday from the Croton Camp and spent the day here trading and meeting his friends.

WE CAN'T FORCE YOU TO TRADE WITH US

But if courteous treatment and Good Goods appeal to you, we think we will get you yet. Largest line of Toilet Articles ever shown in Spur. Baseball Goods, Croquet Sets. We serve the most delicious Ice Cream and Cold Drinks at our fountain.

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Fifteen Years in the Drug Business

J. C. McNeill was in the city Tuesday from his farm and ranch several miles west of Spur.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. —C. H. Senning.

Dock Edwards, a prominent citizen of the Croton Flats, was in Spur Monday.

Mrs. A. S. Jackson, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday visiting friends.

J. S. Neal, of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday.

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PHONES 25. CALL AND SEE US

FOR COUNTY JUDGE

We are authorized this week to announce O. S. Ferguson as a candidate for County Judge of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July. Mr. Ferguson is well known to a majority of the voters of Dickens county, having served the county two terms as Judge and for three years has been superintendent of the Dickens school. He is eminently qualified to fill the office in every department and is making his campaign more especially with reference to his ability and qualification to cope with school matters of the county as well as to despatch matters of law coming before the county courts. Judge Ferguson is well informed both in law and dealing with school matters, and since the County Judge is also County School Superintendent, it is well that voters consider these qualifications in selecting a man to fill the office of County Judge.

We respectfully ask the voters of Dickens county to give O. S. Ferguson's candidacy due consideration before casting a ballot in the Democratic Primary, July 27th.

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GONE TO STATE UNIVERSITY

Prof. Adams left this week for the State University at Austin where he will spend the summer months in study and preparation for better school work in the future. He told us that in route he would visit his brother at San Angelo and spend a week fishing on the Concho. We wish the Professor a pleasant outing as well as a profitable course of study at the University. Professor Adams has demonstrated to us that he is a capable and progressive teacher and we are glad to understand that he will return to Spur and superintend the Spur School another term.

Misses Kaleta Wooten and Maggie Jones, of the Wake country, spent Tuesday night in the city with Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Lewis Sanders Taylor, little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, has been quite sick of pneumonia, but is now reported convalescent.

Sunday, a party of young people composed of Leonard Joplin and Mabel Young, Lonnie Ruckler and Creola Richburg, Charley Yates and Miss Johns enjoyed an outing in the surrounding country and reports having spent a most pleasant day.

WHITE GOODS

THIS is a White Goods season. Not in years has White Predominated so extensively as this season. We are showing Linens and Sheer White Fabrics in a splendid range, also Flouncings and Bands. Just in, Ladies' White Buck Shoes and Sandals, also Duck in Ladies', Misses' and Children's.

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We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases—they will have the first opportunity to do so.

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Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL

Jesus Christ is the most wonderful character in the history of the world. He entered upon his public career at the age of 30, and when he was a trifle past 33 he was crucified as a malefactor. During his activities he wrote no book, published no sermon, built no synagogue, organized no army, headed no revolution, and left no material monument to his memory. His was a life of poverty and of wanderings. He had no permanent home. He belonged to the common people. He was simply a teacher of men. In him was truth and he imparted it for the good of others. He was the most unpopular man of his day. He was despised and rejected of men. He put himself into antagonism with the established order of things; he cut crosswise the grain of human nature; exposed the hollow shams and pretensions of the leading classes, and demanded the humiliation of pride and self-righteousness. He taught the Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man, and this truth applied itself to the world as well as the narrow confines of Palestine.

Because of his truth his fellow-countrymen in high places condemned him to death and he died between two thieves on the cross. In this way they thought to dispose of him as a troublesome factor in society. And from a human point of view it looked like that when the curtain fell upon him on Calvary, his career was at an end.

But down in this twentieth

century after his death he still lives and is worshiped by multiplied millions of the race. He enters into the great civilizations of the world, inspires their institutions and laws, and is a great part and parcel of their literature, their art, their history, their science and their manner of life. In the palaces of the rich, in the substantial homes of the middle classes and in the hovels of the poor his praises are sung and his name is revered. He is the hope of the penitent, the healer of the broken-hearted, the helper of the down-trodden, the redeemer of the outcast, the comforter of the afflicted and the dying. He teaches men to love and not hate, to build and not destroy, to give joy and not pain. He regenerates manhood; sanctifies womanhood, and he gives intrinsic value to childhood. He breaks the shackles of ignorance from the human intellect; pierces the cloud of superstition that shrouds the human spirit, and he turns the eye of humanity toward the coming of a brighter morning.

Why is all this true? Simply because he is born of eternity; the gift of the everlasting Father the Prince of Peace, whose name is called wonderful. He is Emanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. His birth, the great event which Christendom commemorates, was the inauguration of a world movement, pregnant with the possibilities of which the generations are the beneficiaries. The manger in which he was born, when the angels announced his advent, and to which the wise

men came to worship him, is redolent with sacred memories, because it witnessed the coming of the King. Since then he has traveled through the centuries, the fairest among ten thousand and altogether lovely, and today the world of civilized humanity bows before him and crowns him Lord of all. The coming ages will not be able to outlive him and all future generations will rise up and call him blessed. And in heaven redeemed humanity will be the fruit of his saving love and the eternities will be vocal with his praises.—Christian Advocate.

HONOR IN BUSINESS

In business there is an honor that is the cream of it; that seeks justice and clings to it; that rises above gain; that loves light and regards human rights. It is the heart joy, love and that complete satisfaction that sweetens life, ennobles thought and makes men strong and great. It gains friends and keeps them, strengthens a rising admiration and wins the approval of a good conscience. It means playing the game fair.

It is the reality of the thing, and without it dangers and pitfalls honeycomb business existence. Honor in business is the thing itself, not the applause.

It is the simple beauty and the towering strength that peers like the star spangled banner through the mists of morn.—Industrial Record.

And yet, alas, there are men who think nothing of doing little business tricks that are not honest nor praiseworthy, because

there may be a few dollars in it. Business honor is indeed a beautiful thing. But dishonest business methods, graft and trickery are base, low, degrading. Look yourself square in the face, Mr. Business Man, and consider your business honor. Is it good? Are you dealing fairly with your neighbor and yourself?—Higgins News.

DICKENS ITEM

T. H. Talent and son of Spur were in town Monday.

T. N. Dodson, of Dutchman, passed through the city Monday on his way home from Spur. Tom was once one of Dickens' good citizens.

Two State rangers arrived in Dickens last Saturday. One arrest has been made and more are expected to follow.

Jacob Scott and C. M. Buchanan passed through Dickens Monday en route to Spur. Jake says he is looking for a gold mine. Mr. Buchanan is one of our best stock farmers and fruit and melon growers.

Mr. Minor Wilson was in town Wednesday. As usual Mr. Wilson called at The Item plant for a short chat with the editor. He informed us that Mrs. Wilson was not doing so well since returning from the sanitarium at Spur. However, The Item wishes for her a speedy return to health and that we may yet get to partake of another wedding feast similar to the one we had the pleasure of attending last winter.

RAILWAY SURVEYORS IN FIELD

A corps of railroad surveyors are now about 15 miles west of Benjamin, having completed a survey that far from Crosbyton on their way to this place.

The route surveyed was through Dickens City and on east to a point a little south of Guthrie. The chief engineer says that they found a much better way over the cap rock than they expected, and that no part of the survey has exceeded a one per cent grade.

The surveyors expect to reach Benjamin some time the first of next week, which is the terminus of their work, the road having been surveyed from Seymour to this place.

We understand the engineers' report will be entirely satisfactory to the company, and we may expect grading on the road to begin in the very near future.—Benjamin Post.

Yes, the line has been surveyed through Dickens and the citizens of the town and county stand ready to meet the demands of the company in the way of bonus money and right-of-way.—Dickens Item.

LOANS ON REAL ESTATE

I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate.—E. C. Edmonds.

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J. B. CONNER

Jeff Smith, Jr., was in the city Saturday and says that everything is all o. k. in his section of the country.

Mrs. T. A. Tidwell and children left Tuesday for O'Brien where they will visit with Mrs. Tidwell's mother, Mrs. T. Link.

Rev. Mike M. Young will fill the pulpit at the church of Christ Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone cordially invited to hear him.

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan returned the latter part of last week from a trip to Stamford, Dallas and other cities where he went on business.

SHIPPING CATTLE

Mr. Lewis, the Spur cattle man, shipped 3,100 head of cattle from Crosbyton Sunday, the cattle going to Grass in Kansas. —Crosbyton Review.

Uncle Pink Higgins came in Saturday from his Cat Fish ranch and reports everything in first-class shape. However, we are sorry to note that Uncle Pink has not entirely regained his usual good health and hope soon that he will be sound as in his younger days.

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SOCIALIST NOMINATE COUNTY CANDIDATES

The members of the Socialist Party of Dickens county assembled in mass meeting in the Court House at Dickens, Saturday, April 27th 1912, for the purpose of organizing the County Socialist Party. W. D. Clay was elected County Chairman, and W. W. Selder, County Secretary. For County Centralized Committeemen, L. C. Holly, Dickens, Texas, John Day, Spur, Texas, L. M. Johnston, Tap, Texas, J. H. Edwards, Dumont, Texas, R. L. Overstreet, Liberty, Texas, were elected.

The following names were submitted to the mass meeting for the various county offices to be nominated at the final convention to be held at Dickens on the 27th day of July 1912:

For County Judge, R. D. Shields; Sheriff and Tax Collector, J. W. Carlisle; Clerk, Jack Garrett; Tax Assessor, L. M. Johnston; Treasurer, Clint Garrett; Surveyor, Minor Wilson.

The officers for County Attorney and Commissioners will be elected at the July Convention.

We propose to fight to this end:

First, we want to socialize the machinery of production and distribution. This includes railroads, telegraphs, mills, factories, mines and enough land to break the force of unemployment and landlordism.

What do we mean by socializing these things? Making them public or collective property. You can understand the relationship of socialized property by thinking of the schools, public roads, courthouses, parks, post-offices and other things that have already been socialized.

Socialized property is not divided and cannot be divided; therefore, that talk of Socialism wanting to divide things up is nonsense.

When things are socialized they are conducted for service rather than profit; it is so with schools, roads and the mail; it will be with manufactories and transportation when they are socialized; therefore, Socialism will destroy profit, interest and rent.

But Socialism does not propose to socialize all things, only the large tools that are privately used; therefore, the claim that it is against private property is false; indeed its chief aim is to make it possible for all people to have private property, the private property that they need for their comfort, welfare and happiness.

Socialism proposes to give woman the ballot and absolute equality with man before the law; therefore, it would not make woman property and could not promote "community of women," such as exist today in

bawdy houses, or free love, as it is falsely charged with doing.

But Socialism does propose something more than the socialization of the means of production and distribution. It proposes also the democratic control of them. This means an extension of popular rule both in politics and industry. It includes the initiative, referendum and recall. It includes the power of the worker to employ himself, fix the hours and condition of labor, and select his own foremen. Under such conditions there could not be the bossism or bueraucracy that exists today, and the claim that Socialism favors these things falls to the ground.

It means also that Socialism is not a cut and dried thing that we are trying to force down your throat, but is rather merely a proposition to put all power into the hands of the people and trust them to do what they think is right.

It means that the talk of Socialism destroying religion or the home is necessarily nonsense, seeing that it cannot override the will and wishes of the whole people.

But certain things will follow the socialization of the big tools of production and distribution. The people will be able to employ themselves, and retain their full social product. Landlordism and profit-taking will pass. As all will always have jobs and get all they produce, poverty will end. As poverty ends ignorance will go and nine-tenths of the quarrels and crimes, nine-tenths of the prostitution, and practically all the wars that disgrace modern civilization will disappear.

Remember, however, that Socialism is not a scheme that a few have devised; it is not all due to agitation. It has evolved out of conditions growing out from the development of ma-

chinery, and follows in logic that which has gone before, it is not going to be ended by either schemes or abuse or trickery.

It is simply a new awakening of the workers of the world, looking toward a higher and juster civilization and an end of mastery and exploitation.—W. D. Clay, County Chairman; W. W. Selder, County Secretary.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

A prominent citizen and farmer of the Spur country called on us this week and requested that the Texas Spur suggest to the people of the Spur Independent School District that the name of I. S. York, of the Spur Experimental Farm, be included on the ticket to be voted in electing members to the school board. He said that he was a farmer and had a number of children to attend the Spur School and that he and others desired to have the farming class represented upon the school board. Stating further that I. S. York was level-headed, conservative and progressive and that no better man could be selected for the place either in the town or country.

We agree with our farmer citizen in that no better man than I. S. York could be selected as one of the school board, and while we do not wish nor intend to cause any friction nor encourage factions in school matters, yet we presume that the selection of school board members is a public matter and that the ticket will be open to any name desired to be entered upon the ticket as a candidate, therefore we call the attention of the public and those in authority in school matters to the nomination of I. S. York as a desired candidate for a membership on the Spur School Board.

A good second-hand buggy for sale at a bargain. See Dr. Grace at the Spur Drug Company.

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