

AN ELECTION TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION

An election will be held in every county of the state on the nineteenth day of July for the purpose of adopting or rejecting three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Texas.

One amendment proposes that more than one judge can be elected in each judicial district, and instead of holding two regular terms of court each year in the several districts the Legislature shall be given power to regulate according to their views the time of holding said courts.

Another of the amendments proposes that all state, district, county and precinct officers elected by the people shall not hereafter receive any fees as compensation for services but that a stipulated salary shall be fixed, and in this instance, too, the amount of salary, etc. shall be left to the will and discretion of the Legislature.

The other proposed amendment is known as the bond amendment, and since it is being discussed by prominent men and practical politicians of the state, and possibly many claims made on either side of the question which are unfounded by a reading of the proposed amendment, we are publishing the amendment in full on another page of this issue of the Texas Spur. There are about seven propositions contained in this proposed bond amendment, and while the voter may be in favor of some of the proposed changes he is forced to either vote for all propositions or against all of the proposed changes.

The proposed bond amendment authorizes the Legislature to increase the state indebtedness to one half million dollars above the current revenues, this amount being an increase of three hundred thousand dollars above the amount of indebtedness now permitted by the Constitution. The proposed amendment does not state the amount of bonds desired for the improvement of the University of Texas, including a medical department, agricultural and mechanical college and other departments, nor for purchasing additional grounds, but leaves the amount to the discretion of the Legislature, and while it states that the revenue received from the permanent University fund shall be available for the payment of interest and creation of a sinking fund, it does not prohibit the levy of a tax on the people should the revenue from the University fund be insufficient to provide the necessary interest and sinking fund on the amount of bonds which the Legislature might issue. The amendment further authorizes the Legislature to issue bonds in unstated sums for the construction of buildings for state institutions; also bonds for constructing and making permanent improvements for the penitentiary system. The necessary expense of bond issues now proposed or to be proposed in the years to come will be met by the levy of taxes in sums sufficient to meet the in-

debtedness, except with reference to the State University as above stated.

The Texas Spur would not presume to advise voters, and while we favor public improvements, educational advancement and progress in all lines, we cannot consistently see our way clear to support the amendment to the Constitution as proposed. We have an old foggy idea that we should have a government "for the people, by the people and of the people," in reality, and we will have to scratch any proposition which has the appearance or intention of delegating more power to politicians and less power to the people. If, at the present time, it is unconstitutional to issue bonds as is now proposed by the amendment, those interested should have proposed to amend the Constitution by allowing the Legislature to issue the bonds in a stated sum and upon the authority of a majority vote of the people, as is the case in the enumerated propositions in section fifty two of this proposed amendment, and we would all vote unamously for such an amendment. The principal change to be made by section fifty two of the proposed amendment is that bonds may be issued by a majority vote of the people rather than the two-thirds majority vote now required by the Constitution, and that bonds may be issued for other purposes than has heretofore been authorized. We believe in the majority rule even in bond issue matters, but since the Constitution has heretofore operated under the extremely safe plan of requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the people in issuing bonds we are of the opinion that the politicians and political powers in this instance are taking a long stride from safe and sane rule of the people in bond issues, and under the guise of promoting the educational advancement of state institutions are persuading the many people to delegate their powers in money matters to the very few. The proposed amendment affects the fundamental principles of our government and every voter should study seriously the proposed changes before voting on the nineteenth of July.

THE SILO IS COMING.

W. A. Pelfrey, representing a silo company in the sale of silos over this section of the state, was in Spur several days of this week and made trips out into the west of Spur and the Wake country in an effort to sell silos to men of this section. While we have no idea of the cost of silos we are convinced that they are the things in storing and preserving feed and will be a great saving in the feed and feeding.

CALLED TO PADUCAH.

W. F. Godfrey was called Monday to Paducah on account of the serious illness of his father. Mr. Godfrey returned Wednesday to Spur and reports that his father was removed to a Dallas sanitarium for treatment and a more thorough diagnosis of the illness and its cause.

"I'LL PAY YOU WHAT YOU ARE WORTH."

A farmer in great need of extra hands finally asked Si Warren, who was accounted the fool of the town, if he could help him. "What'll ye pay?" asked Si. "I'll pay you what you are worth," answered the farmer. Si scratched his head a minute and answered decidedly, "I'll be durned if I work for that!"

Now we are not like Si about our groceries. We are selling Light Crust Flour as cheap as inferior grades are being sold so you can't afford not to have the best when it doesn't cost any more. We have eight stores associated together and by bulking our buying we are enabled to get quantity prices on groceries, so we are in position to easily meet all competition. We also do some carrying business which gives us volume and cuts down the average expense. It is especially easy for us to compete with the so-called cash houses, so do not forget to tell us your wants in the grocery line. Some people think they can buy groceries cheaper from some Chicago grocery company. Investigate before you get bit again. Remember you pay the freight—not "Jones"—when you buy from a foreign house. We are after a liberal share of your grocery business and know our prices are right, and the quality we have is never questioned by our customers.

Traveler (hastily).—"Porter, have I time to kiss my wife good bye?"

Porter.—"How long have you been married?"

We are expecting a car of Baker Perfect wire this week. Send in your wagons for wire, and remember—nails and staples at \$3.

We have told you lots about our buggies. Well, we are like the young couple was over the baby's first tooth, but we are ready for a show-down. People are finding out where to get buggies, and our buggy business is growing and we feel like we have a right to crow just a little. Come and look over our line, whether or not you are in the market. Jennings, the buggy man, wants to show you.

We overheard a farmer say the other day that he had corn with two big ears to the stalk and a nubbin or two about a foot long. Now we can't vouch for this gentleman, but things are looking better and we should all be thankful. Let's cut out all our grumbling and smile, smile, smile. And while you are smiling come around to our store and spend your kale, drink ice water and have a good time.

Well, we forgot and let the Star get on the bottom of this add again, but that won't hurt, you can't keep a good thing down. Some of us may not have even one star in our crown at last—that's a serious thought—and it is bad not to have one star around your home here. Let us put one there.

CLEAN HANDS AND PURE HEART

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul into vanity, nor sworn deceitfully."—Psalms 24: 3-4.

Are your hands clean? Do they ever handle things that they should not touch? Do they ever knowingly take things that do not belong to them? Are they ever maliciously lifted up against a brother or sister? Do they lightly throw away the things which they should treasure, and hold onto the things which they should spurn? Do they ever close the door in the face of the needy, or set traps for the rich? Do they spurn or neglect to perform their duty? If you can truthfully answer "no" to these questions your hands are clean.

Is your heart pure? Do you harbor evil thoughts in your heart? Do you secretly revel in thoughts which you would not dare to speak aloud? Do you lust after things that you should not even think of, and pretend that you are living a pure life? Would you be willing for anybody in the world to read your secret thoughts? If you can truthfully answer "no" to these questions your heart is true.

Have you lifted your soul into vanity? What is vanity? Webster defines it thus:

"Emptiness; want of substance to satisfy desire; uncertainty; inanity. Fruitless desire or endeavor. Trifling labor that produces no good. Emptiness, untruth. Empty pleasure; vain pursuit; idle show; unsubstantial enjoyment. Ostentation, arrogance. Inflation of mind upon slight grounds, empty pride, inspired by an overruling conceit of ones personal attainments or decorations."

If you have never done so, it will help you to guard against this universal sin; for all are afflicted with it more or less. Remember Solomon's heart-breaking cry: "All is vanity, all is vanity," and guard against lifting your soul into this great sin.

Do you swear deceitfully? Do you do things that you wilfully deny doing? Do you think one way and act another? Are you wilfully deceiving the people? Does your inner life and outer life contradict each other? If you can answer "no" to all the above questions according to David you will surely ascend into the hill of the Lord and stand in His holy place.

TREND OF THE TIMES IN WESTERN TEXAS

C. F. Cates reports the sale of several sections of land recently in the West Pasture. While the sale of land in Western Texas may be somewhat slow at this time, it is surely going and eventually unimproved agricultural lands will be a thing of the past and the price will be prohibitive to all except the moneyed men and capitalists. The poor man today has an opportunity to take advantage of land owning inducements, but in the years to come he will recognize the lost opportunities and cuss those who took advantage of the trend of the times. Within the years of our time we can recall occasions when we were tempted to buy a tract of land for two and a half dollars an acre, but since others in the same country had bought land of the state for one and one and a half dollars per acre, we concluded that two and a half was too much to pay and the price of land would probably never go above that figure. Later the price of the same tract of land advanced to five dollars an acre and again we were almost persuaded to buy, seeing the trend of the times and the advancing prices of land. The land was later sold the first time for ten dollars an acre and we with many others of that section thought and predicted that the purchaser would lose money. After a few years this same land sold for fifteen dollars and continued to change ownership at advanced prices until only a few years ago it sold for one hundred dollars an acre. Last Sunday we met one of the old time settlers of that section of Central Western Texas and he informed us that the same tract of land referred to could not now be purchased for one hundred and fifty dollars an acre. We make mention of these facts in passing only to show the "trend of the times" which we have experienced and observed within the past twenty years, and in the light of the past the young man will be wise who comes west and secures a home.

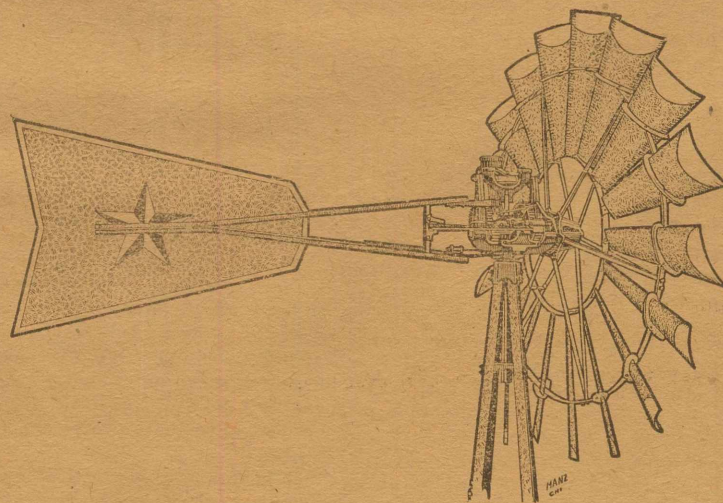
IN FINE SHAPE

J. H. Boothe, a prosperous farmer of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and reports his crops more promising than they were at this time last year. The Spur country will harvest bumper crops in every section this year.

MAIZE FOR SALE

I have fifteen tons of sound, well matured maize for sale at market price. Both phones No. 90.—Clifford B. Jones. 35-1tp

Does any of us measure up to the standard? Where is the man, or woman, or child, who can truthfully say: "I do not indulge in any of the sins named above." What then are we to do? Put your trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep self on the cross and Christ on the throne, and he will one day present you to the Father with clean hands and a pure heart.—Mrs. W. B. Bennett,



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CLOCKS OF QUEER DESIGN

Locomotive, Schoolmaster and Indictment in Strong Liquor Have Been Depicted.

A Grenoble clockmaker, Antony Jacques, is responsible for the ingenious clock which he has named "Les Heures Bacchiques" ("The Hours of Bacchus"). One of the two drunken individuals is drowning in a glass of colored water simulating wine, while his equally helpless companion is barely able to hold out to him, by way of stupid drunken greeting, the bottle which they have emptied between them. In the body of this figure is secreted a magnet which is attracted by the steel hand of the drowning disciple of Bacchus.

The two figures remain stationary, but the wineglass, with the hours painted in black upon it, revolves so that while the floating figure remains suspended in the water, but motionless, the hours and quarters are marked off by the revolution of the glass, which is made to turn of a circular place actuated by the mechanism secreted in the base of this strange but attractive clock.

"The School" clock, by M. A. Poitel, constitutes a particularly attractive object for the shop window. It is made to represent the old type of schoolmaster, who, with his stick in hand, used equally for teaching and chastisement, is instructing an urchin in what appears to be a sum in arithmetic, but the figures really represent the hours, to which the teacher automatically points as the movement impels his arm to indicate the passage of time.

La Mappemonde (the map of the world) is the name of another ingenious mechanical device, the invention of a modern French clockmaker of Bethune. The movement is in the interior of the globe, and causes it to revolve, and so mark off the hours on the equatorial band by means of a locomotive, which, by the way, has a separate mechanism of its own whereby, if the globe is made stationary, it may make a circuit on its own rails of the equator in 12 hours.

If the clock is used for show purposes the stationary locomotive with revolving globe is possibly the best method to employ, as the locomotive may then be kept always in view of the public; but as an ingenious and useful clock for private use the circuit made by the locomotive is more interesting.—From the Watchmaker, Jeweler, Silversmith and Optician.

Actor He Wanted.

Reinhardt, the producer, was asked by a friend to interest himself in a young man with histrionic intentions. "Is he tall?" he inquired sharply. "Yes," was the assuring response. "Handsome?" "Very." "Dress well?" "Exceptionally so." "Good voice?" "Voice like a bell."

"Then I don't want him," replied Reinhardt, with a decision which left no room for further pleading. Then he is said to have found Joseph Kainz—small, shabby, unprepossessing, with no volume of voice—and gave Germany one of its greatest actors.

Submarine Dreadnought.

The Russian government is about to build a submarine dreadnought. It is to be of 5,400 tons burden, more than ten times as big as the biggest American submarine; 400 feet long, 18,000 horsepower, with a radius of action, submerged, of 275 miles and on the surface 18,500 miles. She will be armed with thirty-six torpedo tubes and with rapid-firing cannon for use when fighting on the surface.

Auto Route Across Alps.

An electric automobile service has been established across the Alps, at a cost of approximately \$500,000. The line, which is about twenty-five miles in length, extends from Airolo, Switzerland, through the Bedretto valley and the Nufenen pass, and ends at Ulrichen, in the Valais region, on the Italian side of the Alps.

The automobiles have a capacity for twenty-two passengers and make the trip in one and three-quarters hours on express service, running at the rate of twelve to twenty-two miles an hour.

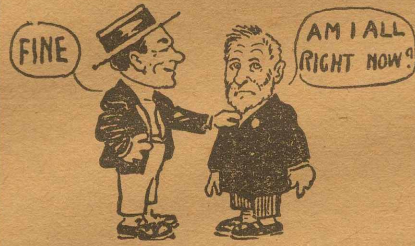
The company has ten stations along the route, and three trips are made daily in each direction when there is no snow on the road to interfere with the passage of the vehicles.

Advice for Mother.

The small girl had been exasperating all day, and at last her mother lost patience and administered corporal punishment. The child had scarcely recovered from her sobs when she looked up and said: "Mother, you must try and control that temper of yours."

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Tables Were Turned for U. S. Senator Luke Lea



WASHINGTON.—Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee is congratulating himself upon having turned the tables on his colleague, Senator William R. Webb. When Mr. Webb found himself suddenly lifted from the presidency of a disciplining school for boys to a seat in the greatest legislative body in the world he sent for Mr. Lea, who, while still a young man, already is a veteran in legislation. He wanted advice from the man of Washington experience as to how he should conduct himself upon his first appearance in the senate.

Mr. Lea complied most willingly, telling the professor-senator that he should wear a Prince Albert coat, fasten his necktie down in the back,

allow himself to be escorted to the presiding officer's desk by his colleague, and how, then, he must shake hands with the president pro tempore.

"That," said Mr. Lea by way of final remark, "is the formula for becoming a senator—after you get to Washington."

Mr. Webb was profuse in his thanks. Indeed his thanks partook of the nature of an apology.

"You would not apologize to me if you only knew what delight you have given me," responded the younger man. Then he told his new colleague how during all the years of his school life he had lived in dread of being sent to the Webb school.

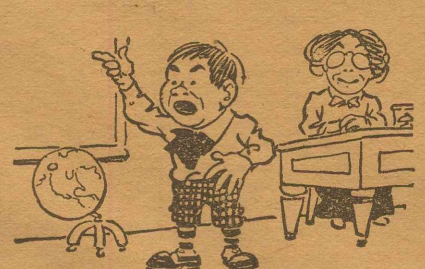
"It is one of the best schools in the south," he said in explanation, "and the professor has the reputation of being the finest disciplinarian in the country for boys. When I was a youngster I was not looking especially for discipline, but my father had different views, and many times was on the verge of sending me to Professor Webb to be straightened out. My fate was the dread of my life."

Rolls of the Immortal Orators Are Still Uncloded

Do the boys still "speak pieces" Friday afternoons in school? Do they still shatter the atmosphere with such diabolical oratorical dynamics as are created when the schoolboy mind grasps the full power of "Somebody or the Gladiators"? Do they still recite "Abou Ben Adhem"?

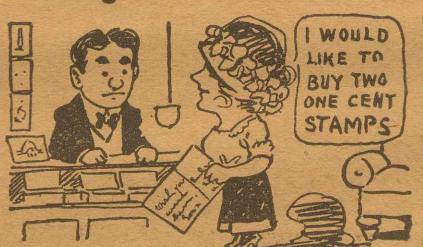
Because if they do—here's a piece from a real orator. It fell from the lips of one of the most interesting men in congress, Judge Adamson of Georgia. Try it.

"If maledictions mean hatred the fierce denunciations of the dual and clamorous minority in this house would destroy every patriot here and permit the return to power of that horde which has held high carnival of misrule discrimination and robbery with short intermissions and slight hindrance for fifty years. That gallant old king, warrior, priest and poet, the Psalmist David, said in his wrath, 'All men are liars.' As it was easy for him to get forgiveness, I have no doubt he was forgiven for that unkind remark, but if he had lived in



this day and familiarized himself with the jargon of protection apologists he would have been able to conclude in his sober judgment that some men in high places are careless about their information and reckless about their statements. He might have been tempted to sing in the sweetest strains of sacred verse his religious opinions about the heterophemy of discredited politicians, the dissensions of divided political camps quarreling over the method of their destruction while railing at the victors and indulging in the wildest flights of hyperbolic language, Selah."

Seeing the Wheels of the Government Go Round



ONE of the big hotels was crowded with women and girls. It was one of the numerous excursions which sweep down on Washington in the spring, in the summer, in the autumn and in the winter. These excursions are a great educational aid to the excursionist. They see the wheels of government go round, they exercise their proprietary rights in the national city, they get a better balanced idea of the magnitude of the American government and of the machinery of government, and they strengthen their pride in Washington.

But, while one, and also many, of the hotels were packed tight with these woman excursionists, and while the clerks behind the office counter wore boutonnières and happy smiles,

talked their sweetest and showed their best manners and their best clothes, the young man at the cigar and newsstand looked pensive and unoccupied.

"You don't seem to be selling many nickel cigars for 10 cents this evening?" said the Rambler.

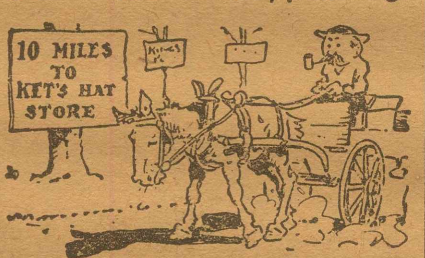
"Man, the ladies may have adopted many manly traits and notions, but they have not yet as a class become heavy smokers. I have some sensational newspapers on my stand which publish Sunday articles about how women have become enslaved to the cigarette and to Lady Nicotine and all that, but if I depended on their trade I would be as hard up as those gentlemen who sit around this hotel office every evening and discuss million-dollar deals. With this house full of fair guests my trade is confined to the sale of United States postage stamps—and one-cent stamps, at that. You perhaps know that the profit on the sale of postage stamps is not large.

"The ladies—God bless 'em—do not even buy from me the post cards on which they put the stamps. These excursionists get loaded up with Washington post cards on the trains."

Capital Wayside Signs Are Fast Disappearing

ONE of the changes that has come over the roads around Washington is the decline in the number of wayside signs—the advertisements of tobacco, clothing, lumber, etc., which it was once the custom to tack on fences and trees. Once upon a time roadside trees were tagged with tin signs announcing that it was ten miles to John Doe's store, the best place to buy hats, caps, shoes, shawls, overalls, lumber, lime and hardware. Coming into the city a mile farther on you would see the same character of sign announcing that it was now nine miles to John Doe's store. Of course John Doe's store was not the only store advertised by these mile signs on the trees and fences. Many other stores were thus advertised, and then a great deal of general advertising—that is, of non-local establishments—occupied the trees and fences, and urged investment in many kinds of patent medicines, chewing and smoking tobacco and red liquors.

It used to be quite a business, the tacking up of these signs. Men and



wagons traveled up and down the country roads carrying on this work. They not only tacked up signs for one business concern, but would carry "side lines," as it were, or a wagon load of tin signs advertising other, though not competing, wares. This work is going on today, but in a much smaller way. In the far backwoods districts these old-fashioned sign stickers may be still busy, but they are becoming rare in the environs of Washington.

It is the practice still of certain advertisers to stick up signs at country stores and on the sides of blacksmith shops.

FOR THE LITTLE ONES

FASHION'S DICTATES OF THE SEASON PERMIT DISPLAY.

Accordion-pleated Crepe de Chine Model, Shown Here, is One of the Prettiest That Has Been Evolved This Year.

This is an age when elaborate and expensive clothes are not only permissible but essential to the small child who is dressed according to fashion's word. To be sure, play clothes and street frocks are simple, even if they are expensive, but afternoon clothes are not only expensive—they are elaborate as well.

The frock illustrated is one of the charming accordion-pleated crepe de chine models made for little girls. The dress is simple enough in outline, but the yoke is of real baby Irish lace, and the crepe de chine, to be durable and yet soft and thin, must be expensive.

Some of the frocks for very little girls, like the one described, have high waist lines, but many of them have the belt fastened well below the knees. Ribbon belts are almost exclusively used for little girls. Sometimes the crushed and folded ribbon is fastened about the frock with invisible stitches, sometimes it is run through embroidered beading, sometimes through buttonholed slits in the skirt of the frock.

Hand tucking and hand embroidery are combined with expensive lace to make children's clothes elaborate. One lovely frock shows a band of tiny pink



roses embroidered just above the hem of the fine lawn skirt, another band about the neck, and others about the edge of the elbow sleeves. Fine val lace is set in below the embroidery on the waist in elaborate design, and the skirt is finished with hemstitching.

Shepherd checks in black and white wool are popular for street frocks for small girls. These frocks are simply made, sometimes in Norfolk coat style, with black patent leather belts and flat linen collars, sometimes in Russian blouse style with collars of Irish lace.

Leather handbags for children are sold to match any conceivable colored frock. They are carefully made of good leather and are simpler as well as smaller than full-sized bags.

Handkerchief linen is used for some of the daintiest of the small girls' frocks. Fine India and linen lawn are also used. Marquisette and voile are used, too, and prove serviceable as well as dainty. It should be made up rather simply, as it is itself decorative, and rather heavy for children. It is especially pretty for children if it is trimmed only with heavy cluny lace. Tucks, too, look well in voile, and a model child's frock of the material is made with three tucks about an inch and a half deep running around the skirt just above the three-inch hem. They are machine stitched.

MADE HAPPY BRIDAL TABLE

Novel Ideas, a Feature of Recent Dinner, May Be Worth Keeping in the Memory.

At a dinner given by some college lads and lassies to a couple who had been very popular and whose engagement was made during their college days, the following were some of the novel features: For a centerpiece there was a good-sized sailboat afloat on real water, which was supposed to represent the "Sea of Matrimony" and the name on the boat's side was "Just Launched." The two college colors were flying and the cargo consisted of white roses and red carnations, the two class flowers. When the clear soup was served, a tiny bark made of thin bit of toast with toothpickmast and paper sail floated in it and the lads at the end were in the shape of ships, the bonbons were in tiny canoes. The two class colors were also in evidence in great bows of red and white tulle, which adorned the chairs occupied by the honored guests. The guests acted as sponsors for the happy pair, and all gave toasts in honor of the newly launched craft, which was aptly called "We Two" in a rhyme read by one of the guests.

HEALTH AND GOOD LOOKS

Proper Fitting of Corset Means Appropriate Care of Both Those Important Items.

Various doctors and artists have been once again discussing the vexed question as to whether women should wear corsets, and they have once again come to the inevitable conclusion that if they wear the right corsets they are considerably improved by them. If ever the wasp waist asserts itself again among us it will be something to grumble at, but the corset of today is really beneficial rather than harmful, if it is properly made and properly worn. It may be that we ought not to require the support of corsets, but life in these days is artificial, and surely it is better to have a good figure by means of a good corset than to have a bad figure without it.

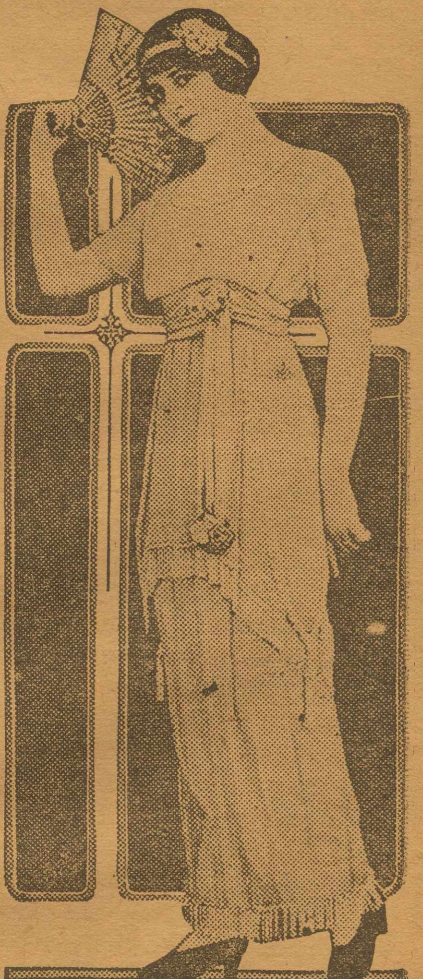
Just the same, a good many women are not sufficiently careful about their corset, and then they wonder why their gowns never look well. Better a cheap, ready-made blouse robe on a good corset than an elaborate frock over a shapeless one. It will not only be better from the point of view of health and carriage, but it will even give an air to the gown. French women have built up their reputation for dressing well, not on their taste in gowns, but by their attention to the corset.

KIMONOS IN ALL DESIGNS

Dainty Neglige Garment May Be Had in Practically Any Form That Can Be Required.

Despite the pronounced vogue of Chinese modes in formal garb, the Japanese kimono remains the intimate friend of the woman who has a collection of dainty lounging robes. For those cold mornings when the wind howls outside and the furnace is in sulky mood, there are comforting robes of quilted Japanese silk, daintily hand-worked with light and dark floss. For milder weather there are adorable kimonos of flowered satin with borders of satin or Japanese silk, and some of these have the shirtings at the elevated waist line which slightly suggest a blending of the Empire with the Oriental style. Still more fascinating are the cotton and silk crepes in white, sprinkled over with pink cherry blossoms and in blue or rose printed with graceful sprays of white wistaria. To wear the kimono there should be a clinging loose slip of satin in a solid tone matching either the grounding or the figuring of the robe. Many women, however, prefer to wear the ordinary princess garment of Seco silk trimmed with lace ruffles or the one in white lingerie carrying muslin embroidery Van Dyck point insertions, and edgings of Valenciennes lace.

PARTY DRESS.



Model of pink charmeuse and silver beaded net.

Prize Cleansing Fluid.

A society of arts in England some years ago offered a prize for the best process of cleansing silk, woolen and cotton fabrics—one that would not change their color or injure them in any way. The winning recipe was as follows: Grate two good-sized potatoes into a pint of clear, clean, soft water. Strain through a coarse sieve into a gallon of water and let the liquid settle. Pour the starchy fluid from the sediment and it is ready for use. Rub the article gently in the liquid, rinse thoroughly in clear water, dry and press.

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C. C. WEST RETURNS HOME

C. C. West, of the Lee County neighborhood, in Dickens county, who was shot and wounded near his home Sunday, June 8th, returned from Amarillo Monday afternoon. He went to a sanitarium at that place to have the bullet removed from his side where it lodged.

He is almost wholly recovered from the effects of the wound.

Young Clark who did the shooting was released from the Dickens county jail following the affray on \$1,000 bail. The matter will come up for investigation in that county when the Grand Jury convenes.—Floydada Hesperian.

L. C. Arrington, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday after supplies. Mr. Arrington reports the Afton country in the best of shape with respect to ideal crop conditions and prospects.

Mrs. P. Bumgardner, who has been visiting her daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. W. A. North of the city, returned last week to her home in Jayton.

J. Anderson Davis, a prosperous farmer of five miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

Mr. Roland, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week and spent several hours here on business.

Mrs. C. E. Brannen returned the first of the week from Peacock where she spent several days with her parents.

Our alterations and cleaning and pressing pleases particular people.—Spur Tailoring Co.

APPROVES MATADOR RAIL ROAD CHARTER

Austin, Texas, July 4.—The charter for the Motley County Railroad Company has been recently approved by the Attorney General's department and filed in the office of the Secretary of State. The company has a capital stock of \$100,000, and is organized for the purpose of constructing a line of railroad from a point three and a half miles northeast of Roaring Springs on the Quanah, Acme and Pacific Railroad to Memphis on the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad, traversing the counties of Motley, Hall and Childress.

The principal place of business will be at Matador, Motley county. The incorporators are J. N. Gaines, R. P. Moore, J. E. Russell, T. E. Leckie and A. C. Trawick, all of Matador.

Mrs. Johnson and son, Scott, left this week for an extended visit to relatives and friends at Peacock, Eastland and other points. Mrs. Johnson is a member of the faculty of the Spur Public School and will return to Spur before the opening of the 1913-14 session in September.

CALOMEL IS UNSAFE

Local Druggist Who Sells Dodson's Liver Tone Guarantees It to Take the Place of Calomel

If your liver is not working just right you do not need to take a chance on getting knocked out by a dose of calomel. Go to the Red Front Drug Store, who sells Dodson's Liver Tone, and pay 50 cents for a large bottle. You will get a harmless vegetable remedy that will start your liver without violence, and if it does not give complete satisfaction the druggist will refund your money with a smile.

If you buy a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for yourself or for your children, you have insured your family relief from attacks of constipation, biliousness, lazy liver and headache. It is as beneficial and safe for children as for adults. A bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone is something every man or woman should keep in the house. Your money is safe because you can return the bottle if unsatisfactory.

C. D. Copeland was in the city Sunday to take out to his place a number of hands whom he has employed chopping cotton. Mr. Copeland stated that he has three hundred and twenty acres in cotton and that with the exception of about twenty acres the crop is up to a perfect stand and doing as well as could be desired.

We have opened a first-class garage in the building formerly occupied by the Spur Auto Supply Company. Leave your cars with us and buy your oil, gas and supplies from us. Bring us your repair work, we have a skilled mechanic in-charge.—Gilbert & Bonds. 35-1f.

Mrs. J. B. Morrison and children, of the Red Mud country, were in the city Monday and left over the Stamford & Northwestern for Canada where they will spend some time visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owen.

Tom Bond, a prominent citizen of the Girard country, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here.

Lee Gilbert, of Jayton, was in Spur Friday and spent several hours in the city on business.

Report of the Condition of The Spur National Bank

Made To the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$198,631.21
Overdrafts	321.01
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Five Per Cent Fund	1,250.00
Banking House and Fixtures	32,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,274.42
Total	\$341,476.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	7,014.71
Circulation	24,500.00
Individual Deposits	169,961.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,000.00
Total	\$341,476.64

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
R. V. COLBERT, President

GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Wednesday evening, June 25, at dusk, Roy Thomas of near Jayton, and Miss Mamie Bilberry of Gilpin, were united in marriage by Rev. Bennett. Mr. Thomas is a young man of character, well bred and industrious, and we feel sure that his bride will never have cause to regret the step she has taken. The bride is a young lady of unblemished character, and Mr. Thomas is to be congratulated upon winning the hand of such a beautiful and accomplished girl. We join their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Thomas a long and prosperous life together. Mr. Thomas has purchased a crop near Gilpin and he and wife will live in our community the remainder of the year.

Mesdames P. E. Hagins and W. B. Bennett were shopping in Spur last week.

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

P. E. Hagins and family attended the picnic at Dickens and report a nice time.

D. D. Hagins and wife were the guests Sunday of P. E. Hagins and family.

Mrs. Smith and children, of Spur, were the guests of J. Carlisle and family last week.

L. W. Bilberry and family visited Rev. Vincent Bilberry, of near Afton, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks, who have been visiting at the home of W. P. Sampson and family, returned last week to

their home near Afton.

Of course everybody knows of the washout, but none but the Gilpin folk knew how lonesome it was when the train failed to pass. There were some smiling faces when the train whistled at last, and perhaps you can imagine how fast they all beat it to the post office. May be you can guess how fast our crops are growing since the fine rains, but it is doubtful.—A. Farmer.

Regular train service into Spur was resumed Sunday after a week's delay, occasioned by heavy washouts between Spur and Stamford.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and spent several hours here on business.

J. P. Gibson was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday from his farm home four miles east of Spur and spent several hours here.

J. A. Neighbors, one of the most prominent citizens of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday.

We guarantee a saving to you on that new suit. See our new samples.—Spur Tailoring Co.

A baby girl was born Sunday to Rev. and Mrs. W. A. North at their home in the city.

C. A. Jones returned Monday from a business trip to Stamford.

RITER HARDWARE CO.

DEALERS IN

Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Star Leader and Samson Windmills Buggies, Wagons and Implements, Pipe and Pipe Fittings

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS

JACKSON REALTY CO.

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.

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Come to

P. H. Miller's

For Lumber and Coal

Paint Posts, Lime
Cement and Brick

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

For the LITTLE ONES



WRITING ON A SOFT PILLOW

Found Possible to Write Legibly and With Comfort on Train Flying at Top Speed.

Everyone who has had occasion to write while riding in a railway train will be interested in the fact that the disagreeable effects of the jarring of the carriage are greatly mitigated by writing on a pillow. The pillow may be either held on the lap or placed on a table. The pad of paper, and the arm which guides the pen or pencil should both rest on the pillow.

In this manner it will be found possible to write legibly and with comfort in a train flying at full speed.

The explanation depends upon the fact that the pillow tends to equalize the motion of the fast moving carriage the pen is driven in every direction except the desired one, because the constant jarring does not produce the same motions simultaneously in the table, or the knee, or hand and the pen.

But the pillow, through its great pliability and moderate degree of elasticity, not only deadens the shocks communicated from the carriage, but brings the inevitable motions of the paper and the hand holding the pen into accord.

SMALL BOY WAS INTERESTED

Not in Sombre Shakespearean Drama, as His Mother Supposed, but in Counting Bald Heads.

The play was one of Shakespeare's tragedies. Mrs. Simmons and her little boy, having been unable to secure seats in the parquet, were well located in the front row of the first balcony, where they could see better and hear almost as well as if they had been farther forward on the main floor.

Mrs. Simmons was agreeably surprised at the interest that Bobby appeared to take in the sombre drama. He sat leaning forward, with his elbows on the cushioned railing in front of him, resting his head on his hands, deeply absorbed. As the curtain went down on the first act he straightened up.

"Well, dear, how do you like Shakespeare?" asked his mother. "Are you enjoying the play?"

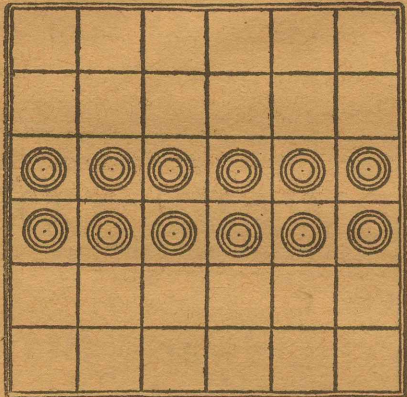
"Mamma," said Bobby, with the air of one who has made a great discovery, "there are sixty-nine men here that have got bald spots on top of their heads! I've counted 'em five times!"—Youth's Companion.

ARRANGE COUNTERS IN ROWS

Simple and Symmetrical Problem Illustrated and Explained for Placing Objects on Line.

Can you rearrange the 12 counters on this board of 36 squares, so that there are two counters on each row, column, and diagonal?

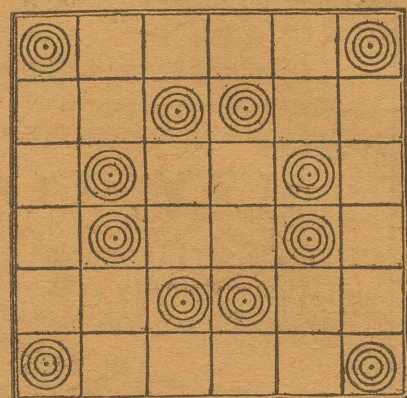
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Arrangement of Counters.

two counters in the same straight line.

Here is a simple and symmetrical arrangement, by which on a board of 36 squares 12 counters are so placed



Two in Each Row.

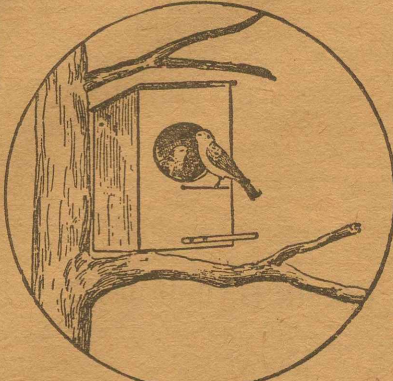
that there are two, and two only, on each line, column and diagonal.

There are other arrangements which fulfill the conditions.

HOW TO ATTRACT BLUEBIRDS

Pennsylvania Lad Explains How He Induced Little Songsters to Build Their Nests.

I have attracted bluebirds by simply making a one-roomed bird-house. To make this bird-house I took boards that were of dull color so as to more closely resemble the trunk of a tree, writes Ruple J. Mitchell of Pennsylvania in the National Stockman and Farmer. I made the house 8 inches high and gave it five inches square of floor space, and put on a slanting roof. The roof projected over the edge in front so as to prevent the rain from entering. I made the bird-house to lean in the direction of the opening, which should face the southeast. The entrance was a round hole 2 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches from the top. I made a small hole 1 inch below the entrance and put in it a small perch



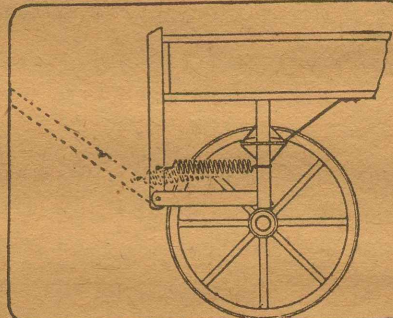
Bluebirds' Home.

5 inches long. On the bottom I nailed another limb of a tree one-half inch in diameter and 6 inches long. I put it in an apple tree 10 feet above the ground in the apple orchard. The birds began their nest on Friday, April 11, 1913. I hung on the tree bits of string, yarn, flax, etc., for the birds to make their nest with. The bluebirds came about the last of March. I now have six bird-houses, and four of them were not up two weeks until the birds had nested in them. There were 18 barn-swallow nests in the barn last year.

TONGUE HOLDER FOR WAGONS

Method Illustrated and Explained for Preventing Accidents While Coasting a Hill.

To prevent any mishap when coasting in a boy's play wagon, fasten the tongue with a coil spring so that it will be kept in a vertical position. The tongue is always out of the way when it is not used for drawing the wagon, writes William F. Benson of Brockton,



Holds Tongue in Position.

Mass., in the Popular Mechanics. The spring is only strong enough to hold the tongue, so that when this is used for pulling there is little or no tendency of the spring to draw the tongue upward. The coil spring is fastened with one screw eye in the tongue and one in the front axle.

RIDDLES.

When does a tailor serve his customers both well and ill? When he gives them fits.

What is that which never uses its teeth for eating purposes? A comb.

Why is the letter E like death? Because it is at the end of life.

Why is a lady in a cotton dress like anything published? Because she appears in print.

What herb is most injurious to a lady's beauty? Thyme.

When is a man like the letter B? When he is in bed.

What grows less tired the more it is worked? A carriage wheel.

When is a sailor like a corpse? When he is in the shrouds.

When may a man be said to break-fast before he gets up? When he takes a roll in bed.

What is more foolish than sending coal to Newcastle? Sending milk to Cowes.

What chasm often separates friends? Sar-casm.

BACK YARD FARMER

Interesting Pointers on Gardening for the City Man or Suburbanite.

WHAT TO PLANT AND WHEN

Advice by an Expert on Agricultural Matters—Strain Counts in Chickens—The Tree Surgeon—Small Fruit Pests.

By PROF. JOHN WILLARD BOLTE.

What is the best breed of chickens? Easiest question in the world. Ask your friends and every one of them can answer right off hand, but each one will name a different breed or variety and when you ask their reasons for their choice, mighty few of said reasons would hold in court.

The fact of the matter is that there is no one "best breed" of chickens. There are four or five "best breeds," with from two to seven "best varieties" in each breed. If you don't believe it, glance through the files of any poultry journal and see the number of "best breeds" mentioned in their free reading notices.

One man proves that the White Orpingtons are the "best breed," because he got Mme. Paderewski to admit she paid \$5,000 for five of his chickens. Another man clinches the pennant for the White Plymouth Rocks by saying that a pen of 30 hens earned \$3,500 for him last year, their eggs selling for \$30 a setting. And so it goes. Asking a poultry man to name the best kind of chickens is like asking an automobile man to name the best automobile.

As far as the city or suburban poultry keeper is concerned, he can make his choice of chickens entirely upon sentimental grounds.

Remember that the breed determines the size and shape of the fowl, and the variety determines the color—choose the shape and color that you think is prettiest and you will have the best breed for you.

Now, however, comes the really important problem of the individual strain of blood within the variety. The difference between profit and loss, eggs and no eggs lies in the individual and not in the breed or variety. There is no marked difference in the production, growth and hardiness of five or six of the principal breeds, and there is the same similarity between their established varieties, but there is a tremendous difference between different flocks or individuals of the same variety. A poultry man who understands his business can take an ordinary flock of any standard variety and he can beat any similar flock of the same or any other variety, which is handled by an inexperienced or careless person.

Inheritance of profitable qualities is of the greatest importance. For this reason scrub or cross-bred fowls are worthless for breeding, because their offspring cannot possibly improve in size or productivity for any length of time and practically never hold their own. Never use anything but pure-bred chickens. Get a setting of eggs or a pair of young birds from the heaviest laying hen you can find in the variety you elect to keep, and build up your flock from the start. We have known two pullets of the White Wyandottes, one of which laid 17 eggs in a year and the other laid 243. You could not tell them apart by looks, either. Three of the good hen's daughters laid over 200 eggs each in a year. That's why strain counts more than breed.

The Tree Surgeon.

A new profession has recently come into being. We refer to the profession of operating on sick trees in order to save their life and beauty. This is a much more serious problem than it seems to be, offhand, and the various state and federal authorities are spending a great deal of time and money devising ways of preventing and curing tree ills. Private citizens and public officials have long been awake to these problems in the eastern states, but widespread interest in the west is of more recent manifestation. This is largely due to the fact that practically all of the diseases and pests which infest our ornamental shade trees have first shown themselves upon the eastern coast. Nearly all have been imported from foreign countries on nursery stock, etc.

At the present time large areas in the east are practically denuded of trees through the devastations of the Gipsy and Brown Tailed moths, San Jose, Elm Tree and Oyster Shell scale, chestnut bark diseases, and other serious pests. These pests are moving steadily westward and every inch of their advance must be stubbornly contested if the trees are to be saved.

One of the best and easiest ways to help our trees combat these and other ills, is to prune them properly, so as to conserve their strength, and

at the same time get the best possible artistic results.

Most of the readers of this column have to consider trees which are already planted, rather than newly planted ones. Generally speaking, then, your trees should be pruned at least once in two years and preferably every year.

The tools to be used are a thin bladed pruning saw and a pair of pruning shears. Cut off all suckers or water sprouts, close to the branch.

Remove dead wood wherever found, cutting with a smooth cut as close as possible to the live branch or trunk. If the end of a branch is dead or broken, cut it off with a smooth, slanting cut, well back in the good wood.

To avoid tearing down the bark, always make an under cut before cutting through a heavy branch from above. By cutting off a limb as close as possible and parallel to the trunk, the bark will heal over it. It is a good plan to paint all fresh wounds with white lead to prevent decay setting in during the healing over process. If decay has already set in, cut away the decayed wood as far as possible and fill the cavity with a good rich mixture of cement.

No branches should be permitted to grow low enough to obstruct the view on deciduous trees. Crossed, deformed and interfering branches should be cut as early as possible.

Small Fruit Pests.

Garden vegetables are remarkably free from diseases and insect pests.

This is due to the fact that they are nearly all annuals and they are grown in small quantities and on different locations every year or so.

Small bush fruits, on the other hand, are almost certain to be seriously damaged by a number of parasites unless they receive the necessary care to protect them. The conditions under which this class of back yard crops grows is favorable to the development of these pests.

The plants are long lived and frequently carry the larvae or the spores of their respective parasites over from season to season. As handled by most people, the diseased stems, leaves and fruits are left on the ground about the bushes, and parasites propagate in such rubbish with vigor.

Probably the most general and the most destructive pest encountered on the bush fruits is some form of foliage eating worm, like the larvae of the saw-fly. These worms appear almost as soon as the leaves are out and they will soon strip the entire bush of its foliage unless they are promptly exterminated. It is fortunate that they can be killed very easily if properly treated, and the treatment will apply equally well with any leaf-eating worm.

The saw-fly's eggs are laid on the under side of the leaves, especially those leaves located well down in the center of the plant. Watch your berry bushes closely and get busy as soon as you notice little holes in any of the lower leaves, as that means that the worms are there and are getting in their work of destruction. If taken in hand now, there will be little trouble or expense involved, so act promptly. Get some powdered white hellebore and dust it on all of the foliage in the region where the worms have begun work. Scatter it thickly and get it on both sides of the leaves. Do the dusting early in the morning, before the dew is off the leaves. The powder will then stick fast and will remain until the next heavy rain.

If it should rain immediately, powder again. The whole bush should be treated if the worms have got a good start, and if you allow these worms to strip the foliage the fruit will be small, shriveled and tasteless. Remember that the leaves are both the digestive and respiratory organs of the plant, and without them it can neither eat nor breathe.

If large numbers of ants appear on the bushes, investigate the under surface of the leaves for tiny green aphids, or plant lice. A good spraying with tobacco water will fix them.

Cane borers, gall beetles, tree crickets, etc., kill individual canes and the only remedy is to cut out and burn all infested canes and clean up all rubbish.

Red rust is prevalent in some sections and it is very deadly and especially contagious. It is a parasitic disease which causes spots of rusty-looking fungi to appear on the stems. Cutting out and burning diseased canes and spraying the rest frequently with Bordeaux mixture is the only means of combating it. This mixture is hard to handle in a small garden.

Anthraco-nose is another deadly disease and is indicated by the presence of purple patches on stems and foliage. Treat as for rust.

Certain varieties are more resistant to these diseases, and these should be planted in localities known to be infested. For mildew on currants and gooseberries, use powdered sulphur and apply it in the form of dust while the dew is on the leaves.

Winter Cow Care.

The winter cow deserves good feed and care for she is a sure revenue producer.

A Rush Day.

"Had a terrible rush day at the office," said the man who is always overworked.

"What was the matter?"

"Oh, all sorts of things. Four boys, agents, two or three friends from out of town, two men to fix the electric wiring, two more to hang awnings, and any number of other details. I had hard work to get away in time to see the ball game."

HEAD A MASS OF PIMPLES

Hyattsville, Md.—"My little boy was taken with an itching on the scalp. There was an ashy place on his head about the size of a ten-cent piece, and the hair was falling from this place by the roots. In about ten days all over his head were these ashy spots which looked like ringworm, but were porous-like. The itching and burning made him scratch a great deal. His head had gotten so that it was just a mass of matterly little pimples all heaped on each other, and when I took off his night-cap, the hair and flesh came off at the same time. I really thought he would lose his whole scalp. He couldn't sleep for five weeks. He would itch and burn until I thought he would go into convulsions.

"I used different soaps and salves to no satisfaction. Then I decided to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Finally I noticed he began to sleep all night. I used one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment and he was entirely cured. He has a better growth of hair now than he had at first." (Signed) Mrs. Ida S. Johnson, Mar. 26, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Adv.

No Time to Lose.

They had been married just two months and they still loved each other devotedly. He was in the back yard blacking his shoes.

"Jack!" she called at the top of her voice. "Jack, come here, quick!"

He knew at once that she was in imminent danger. He grasped a stick and rushed up two flights of stairs to the rescue. He entered the room breathlessly, and found her looking out of the window.

"Look," said she, "that's the kind of bonnet I want you to get me."—Harper's Magazine.

Planning for Summer.

If you are planning to take a pleasure or business trip during the summer, try getting pillow and "knapsack" ready now. Cravenetted material is a good choice for the pillow, as it is impervious to occasional wettings, and can be laundered. Or the pillow may have an extra cover of smooth linen or silk, to be slipped over and fastened securely with buttons or snap fasteners. This should be about half a yard square, with strong straps at the upper corners by which to hang it over the chair top, preventing it from slipping down. The knapsack is just a fit bag, with a stout strap to hold or hang it by, and can be made to sling over the shoulder, if desired. It should have a few small pockets on the inside and a flap to fasten down. In this one can carry small necessities, a book, or other articles, which a traveler always finds a use for.

Please the Home Folks

By serving

Post Toasties

They are among the good things to eat, but not in the cook book, because they require no cooking.

Toasties are always crisp and appetizing—ready to eat direct from the package. You save heaps of time and avoid hot work in the kitchen.

Some rich cream—sugar if you want it—or cool fruit juice, with these fluffy bits of corn and you have a dish that is fascinating for any meal of the day.

Toasties are sold by grocers everywhere.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT (Senate Joint Resolution No. 18)

Section 1. That sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas be amended so as to hereafter read as follows, to wit:

Section 49. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection and defend the State in war or pay existing debts, and no debt created to supply deficiencies in current revenues shall ever exceed in the aggregate at any one time five hundred thousand dollars. The Legislature, however, shall have power to authorize the issuance of bonds to be approved by the Governor, for the purpose of purchasing additional ground and erect necessary buildings for the University of Texas, including a medical department, an Agricultural and Mechanical College and all departments and activities of a complete university of the first class. Revenue received from the permanent University fund shall be available for the payment of interest on these bonds and for the creation of a sinking fund for their redemption at maturity, and the Legislature shall also have authority to issue bonds for the construction of necessary buildings for State institutions. The Legislature also shall have the power to authorize the issuance of bonds secured by lien on the real property of the penitentiary system, to be approved by the Governor, for the purpose of constructing buildings and making permanent improvements.

Section 52. The Legislature shall have no power to authorize any county, city, town or other political corporation or subdivision of the State to lend its credit or to grant public money or thing of value in aid of or to any individual, association or corporation whatsoever, or to become a stockholder in such corporation, association or company; provided, however, that under Legislature provisions any county, any political subdivision of a county, any member of adjoining counties or any political subdivision of the State or any defined district now or hereinafter to be described and defined within the State of Texas, and which may or may not include towns, villages or municipal corporation, upon a vote of a majority of the resident property taxpayers voting thereon who are qualified electors of such district or territory to be affected thereby, in addition to such other debts may issue bonds or other wise lend its credit in any sum not to exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such district or territory, except in case of improvement of rivers, creeks and streams, in building of levees to prevent overflows, in which case

the bonded indebtedness may be for any amount not to exceed one half of the assessed valuation of the lands to be reclaimed, and, except, further, that the total bonded indebtedness of a city or town shall never exceed the limits imposed by other provisions of this Constitution, and levy and collect such taxes to pay the interest thereon and provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof as the Legislature may authorize and in such manner as it may authorize the same for the following purposes, to wit:

(a) The improvement of rivers, creeks and streams to prevent overflows, and to permit of navigation thereof or irrigation therefrom or in aid of such purposes.

(b) The construction and maintenance of pools, lakes reservoirs, dams, canals and waterways for the purpose of irrigation, drainage or navigation or in aid thereof.

(c) The construction, maintenance and operation of bridges and macadamized, graveled, sandy clay or clayed sand or paved roads or turnpikes or in aid thereof.

(d) The construction, maintenance and operation of public warehouses, or in aid thereof.

Sec. The foregoing amendment to Sections 49 and 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution of Texas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this state for adoption or rejection at a special election hereby ordered for the third Saturday in July 1913.

W. F. Cathey, one of the most prominent citizens of the Dickens country, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

- STRICT CONFIDENCE -

THE strictest confidence is maintained, whatever your relations with The First State Bank. You may discuss with the utmost freedom with the officers of this bank any matters pertaining to your financial affairs, with the assurance that your confidences will not be abused, and that you will receive the counsel which, in the best judgement of our officers, is for your best interests.

THE FIRST STATE BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS Cashier
C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.
J. D. HARKEY, Vice-Pres.

CITY BUILDING NOTES

Commercial activity breeds prosperity.

Transportation facilities are trade extenders.

Factory smoke improves the eyesight of investors.

Dissention is hydrophobia to progress and development.

Shade trees and flowers are as cosmetics to the city beautiful.

Improved streets and sidewalks pave the way to future prosperity.

The press is the power that releases the clogs in the wheels of progress.

The commercial organization represents the progressive spirit of a community.

The standpat delegation is usually the one that accomplishes the most good in town building.

Civic development and improved highways are short cuts in the chase for commercial supremacy.

No city can grow that does not possess resources. Co-operation is the greatest resource

known to modern science.

It's a long way back to the days when business competitors passed each other on the public thoroughfare without speaking.

No matter how large a membership a commercial organization may have the active work will always be accomplished by the live ones.

Gene Sellars, of Aspermont, is a patient in the Standifer Hospital recovering from an operation performed last week. Mrs. Sellars and children are also in the city visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Y. L. Jones.

R. L. Jones was in Spur Friday from his home in the Steel Hill country and spent some time in the city on business and greeting his friends.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Saturday from his home in the Cat Fish country and reported fine crop conditions in that section.

Sheriff Conner was here from Dickens Friday and spent some time in Spur on business.

F. L. Allcorn, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Allcorn reports that the crops on his place are in the very best of shape and prospects for a bumper yield were never better.

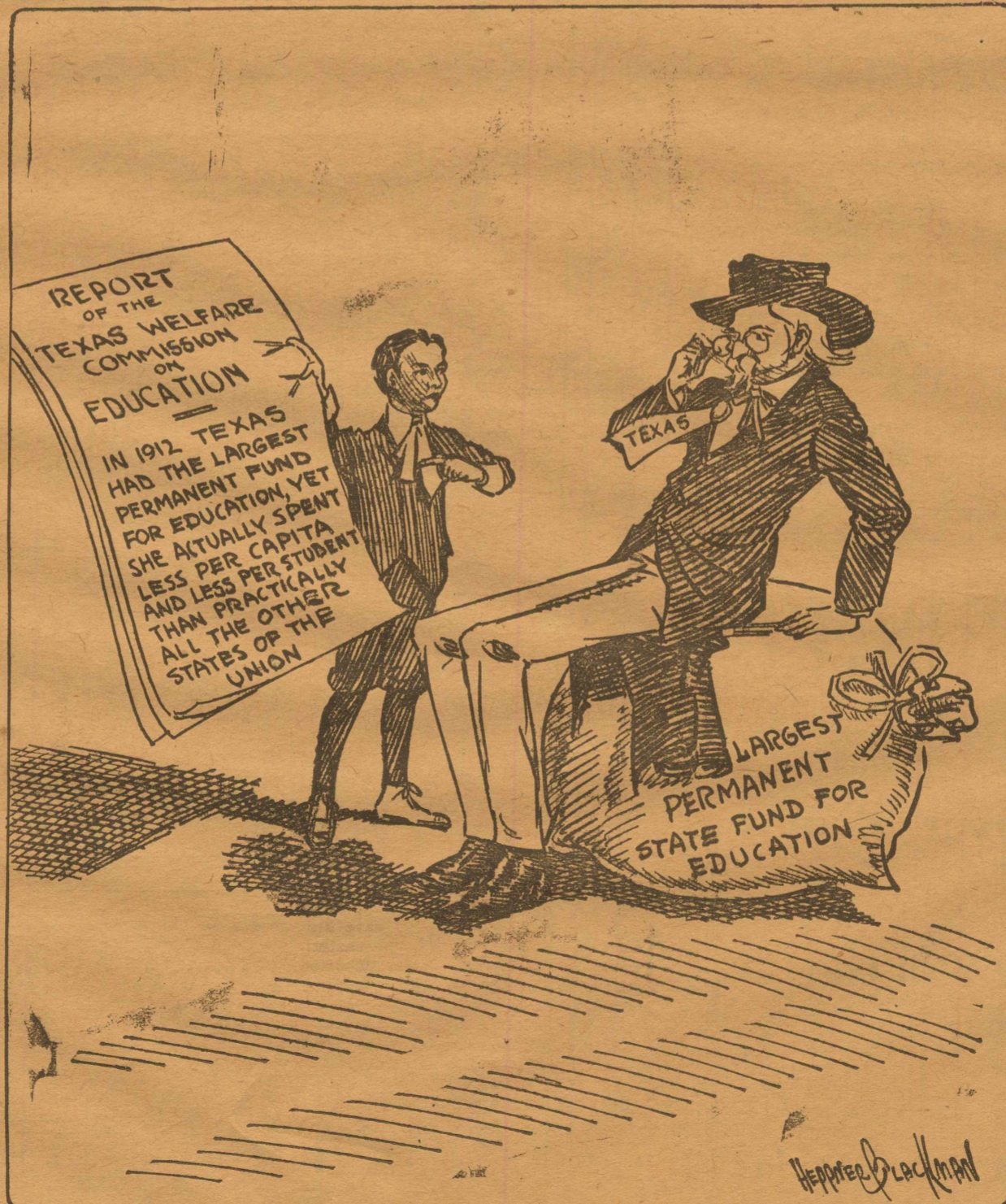
WANTED—60 Farm Hands, Hashers, Dish Washers, Housekeepers, Harvest Hands and help of all kinds. Come at once if you want work at good pay.—Plainview Employment Agency, Box 682, Plainview, Texas.

Mrs. Claud Nations returned last week to her home in Rule after spending several days in Spur with her father, T. M. Cain and family.

Ellis Scogin, who has been under treatment at the Standifer Hospital, returned Saturday to his home in Clairemont.

W. F. Godfrey attended the barbecue at Peacock Saturday.

FATHER, WHY IS THIS?

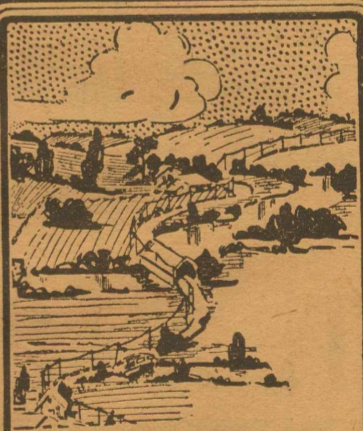


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FARM FACTS

(By Peter Radford, President of Farmers Union.)

'Tis a wise farmer that knows his own soil.

Mortgages are far too popular as cover crop.

Because a bad habit exists is no sign it is right.

Farmers succeed only through ability, energy, co-operation and useful effort.

The know-it-all in agriculture is like fruit—the soonest ripe the soonest spoiled.

Reduced to its lowest terms, good farming is good reading, good thinking and good work.

The biggest obstacles in the way of the Texas farmer is our present system of rural credit.

The problem to deal with is not the high cost of living but the high cost of marketing.

The farmer's problem is every one's problem. What affects the farmer also affects the consuming public.

Give the farmer a square deal and a chance to prosper and our rural problems will solve themselves.

The average market basket has 54 cents worth of leaks in it. The producer gets only 46 cents of the consumer's dollar.

The rise and fall of prices is dependent upon market conditions. A prosperous agriculture depends on a good market.

The drudgery of old-line farming has embittered many a farmer with his calling and induced him to give up the fight and move to town.

There is no nobler task in civilization than building a home.

Farm peasantry is the most alarming spectre that confronts the public of Texas today.

Two-thirds of our farmers are tenants and fifty-one per cent of them move every day.

F. W. Jennings and wife returned Thursday from Missouri where they spent two or three weeks visiting at their former home. Mr. Jennings reports prosperous conditions in that section of the country.

V. H. Grubbs was a business visitor in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country.

A. Q. Smelser was in the city Saturday selling vegetables to the townspeople.

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N. Q. BRANNEN, Manager.

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A. W. Jordan, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur recently and spent several hours here. Mr. Jordan contemplates harvesting a bumper yield this crop year from his entire acreage in cultivation and in consequence is wearing a prosperity smile.

J. B. Cade, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur Friday and purchased supplies of the merchants. Mr. Cade reports his section in fine shape with respect to ideal crop conditions and prospects.

J. O. Wooten, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur last week and spent several days here on business.

John Weatherby was in Spur last week from the ranch and spent several hours here on business.

Ed Ellis, of Dallas, is in the city visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Ellis.

HOW THEY MARRY

The Bedouin marriage does not take much time. The bridegroom cuts the throat of a sheep and spills the blood on the sand of his father-in-law's threshold and the wedding is over.

In Japan, land of flowers, they hold funeral services at the home of the bride's parents the night she is married. This is to show that the young lady is dead to her father and mother.

Among the Mezeyn Arabs the bride runs away and hides in the mountains. The bridegroom hunts until he finds her or dies in the attempt. If he is lucky he will lead her to her father's tent and proclaim they are married.

The Swedish girl prays for a rainy day on which to get married. Then before she goes to the ceremony attired in her wedding clothes she milks the cow, feeds the calf and steals a breast feather from the hen. This is to bring her the necessities and luxuries of life.

In Borneo the bride and bridegroom sit on metal logs before the priest who gives them cigars and betel while he blesses them. He waves above them two fowls bound together. The bridegroom then places the betel in his bride's mouth and a cigar between her lips. They are married.

STRAYED—Sorrel horse, 15 hands high, foretop cut, branded 3 on left thigh, also brand on shoulder. Liberal reward for information leading to his recovery. — A. Stiffler, Dickens, Texas. 35-1tp.

Geo. A. Bankert, of Stamford, arrived in Spur last week and is superintending the work of overhauling the plant of the Spur Light & Power Company.

J. D. Martin, a prominent citizen of north of Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Mesdames VanLeer and J. C. Hindman, of the Dry Lake community, were shopping in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Jas. F. Williams has returned to her home in the city from a visit to Mrs. Woody of Girard.

Mrs. C. C. Tyler returned last week from Oklahoma where she spent several days with relatives and friends.

W. P. T. Smith was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles northwest.

H. T. Burgoon was a business visitor to Roaring Springs last week.

PRINTER'S INK

Printer's ink is a great salesman, and it is the cheapest drummer a merchant can employ. It carries the message of the bargain counter to the people, brings the show window to the home and teaches all our citizens important lessons in economy.

The local paper is the best salesman a merchant can engage. Its services are always available, and through it opportunity continually knocks at the merchant's door.

No merchant can become a power in business unless he advertises. He cannot hope to draw trade unless he illuminates the pathway to his store with the shining light of publicity. Success does not search for men in dark places.

I do not believe that an arbitrary rule could be laid down for expenditures that would fit every case, but no yearly budget is well balanced that does not contain a heavy item for advertising. Many successful merchants set aside three and one half per cent of their annual sales for advertising, and the results prove it to be their best investment.

Some merchants depend upon their personality, business influence and their acceptance in the community to draw trade, and these are desirable factors that every merchant needs, but the quality and price of the merchandise set forth in the local paper in convincing language and attractive style is far more overpowering and far reaching and is the greatest asset a store can possess.

The merchant should make his local paper the right arm of his business and he who fails to do neglects a great opportunity. — W. Holt Harris.

Ex-Sheriff H. P. Cole was a business visitor in the city Friday from his farm eight miles north of Spur.

Roy Zinn attended the two days picnic and barbecue at Peacock last week with his moving picture show.

W. H. Stephens made a business trip to Roaring Springs the latter part of last week.

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A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



By
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SYNOPSIS.

Major McDonald, commanding an army post near Fort Dodge, seeks a man to intercept his daughter, Molly, who is headed for the post. An Indian outbreak is threatened. "Brick" Hamlin, sergeant who has just arrived with messages to McDonald, volunteers for the mission. Molly arrives at Fort Ripley two days ahead of schedule. She decides to push on to Fort Dodge by stage in company with "Sutler Bill" Moylan, Gonzales, a gambler, is also a passenger. Hamlin meets the stage with stories of depredations committed by the Indians. The driver deserts the stage when Indians appear. The Indians are repulsed in attacks on the stage. Moylan and Gonzales are killed. Hamlin and Molly plan to escape in the darkness by way of a gully. Molly is wounded and Hamlin carries her. They cross a river and go into hiding. The Indians discover their escape and start pursuit, but go in the wrong direction. Hamlin is much excited at finding a haversack marked C. S. A. He explains to Molly that he was in the Confederate service and dismissed in disgrace under charges of cowardice. At the close of the war he enlisted in the regular service. He says the haversack was the property of one Capt. LeFevre, who he suspects of being responsible for his disgrace and for whom he has been hunting ever since. Troops appear on the scene. Under escort of Lieut. Gaskins Molly starts to join her father. Hamlin leaves to rejoin his regiment.

CHAPTER XIII—Continued.

Thirty minutes later in the great barn-like barracks, he hung his accoutrements over the bed assigned him in the far corner, and, revolver belt still buckled about his waist, stood at the open window, striving to determine which of those winking lights shone from the house where he had seen her. There had been something in the eagerness of her voice which he could not forget, nor escape from. She had seemed to care, to feel an interest deeper than mere curiosity. The Sergeant's heart beat rapidly, even while he sternly told himself he was a fool. A hand touched his shoulder, and he wheeled about to grip Wasson's hand.

"Well, 'Brick,' old boy," said the scout genially, although his thin face was as solemn as ever; "so you fellows have come back to be in the shindy?"

"We've been in it all summer, Sam," was the reply. "It's been lively enough south of the Cimarron, the Lord knows. I've been riding patrol for months now. But what's up? No one seems to know why we were ordered in."

"It's all guess-work here," and Wasson sat down on the narrow bed and lit his pipe. "But the 'old man' is getting something under way, consolidating troops. Your regiment is going to be used, that's certain. I've been carryin' orders between here an' Wallace for three weeks now, an' I've heard Sheridan explode once or twice. He's tired of this guerilla business, an' wants to have one good fight."

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"That's the way he figures it out, accordin' to my notion. We've always set those fellows alone during the bad weather, an' they've got so they expect it. The 'old man' figures he'll give 'em a surprise."

"A winter campaign?"

"Why not? We can stand it if they can. O' course, I'm just guessin'; there's no leak at headquarters. But Custer's up there," with a wave of the hand to the north, "and they've got the maps out."

"What maps?"

"I only got a glimpse of them out of the tail of my eye, but I reckon they was of the kintry south of the Arkansas, along the Canadian."

Hamlin sat down beside him, staring across the big room.

"Then it's Black Kettle; his band is down on the Washita," he announced. "I hope it's true."

"They're arrangin' supply depots, anyhow; six companies of infantry are on Monument Creek, and five troops of cavalry on the North Canadian a'ready. Wagon trains have been haulin' supplies. There's some stiff work ahead when the snow flies, or I miss my guess."

Hamlin sat silent, thinking, and the scout smoked quietly, occasionally glancing toward his companion. Finally he spoke again, his voice barely audible.

"That little girl you sent in with us is here yet?"

The Sergeant was conscious that his cheeks flamed, but he never looked up.

"Yes, I saw her as we came in."

"She's asked me about you once or twice; don't seem to forget what you did for her."

"Sorry to hear that."

"No, yer not; couldn't no man be sorry to have a girl like that take an interest in him. 'Tain't in human nature. What did yer tell her about me?"

"Tell her!" surprised. "Why, I only advised her to hang close to you if anything happened. I didn't exactly like the style of the Lieutenant."

"That's wat I thought. Well, she's done it, though that hasn't pried her loose from Gaskins. He's hauntin' her like a shadow. It's garrison talk they're engaged, but I ain't so sure 'bout that. She an' I hev got to be pretty good friends, though o' course, it's strictly on the quiet. I ain't got no invite to officers' row yet. She's asked me a lot 'bout you."

"Interesting topic."

"Well, I reckon as how she thinks it is, anyhow. Yesterday she asked me 'bout that scrimmage yer had down on the Canadian. She'd heard 'bout it somehow, an' wanted the story straight. So I told her all I knowed, an' yer oughter seed her eyes shine while I was sorter paintin' it up."

"Oh, hell; let's drop it," disgustedly. "The Lieutenant here yet?"

"Sure; his Company is down on Monument, but he got special detail. He's got a pull, Gaskins has."

"How is that?"

"His old man is Senator, or something, an' they say, has scads o' money. Enyway, the kid finds the army a soft snap. First scoutin' detail he ever had when you met him. Didn't hunt no danger then, so fur as I could see. Nice little dude, with a swelled head, but popular with the ladies. I reckon McDonald ain't objectin' none to his chasin' after Miss Molly; that's why he's let her stay in this God-forsaken place so long. Well, 'Brick,' I reckon I've told all the news, and hed better move 'long."

"Hold on a minute, Sam," and Hamlin, suddenly recalled to earth, reached for the haversack hanging on the iron bedpost. "Moylan, the fellow who was killed in the coach with us, had this bag. According to Miss McDonald, he bought it here just before starting on the trip. See this inscription; those are the initials of an old acquaintance of mine I'd like to trace. Any idea where Moylan found it?"

Wasson held the bag to the light studying the letters.

"Fourth Texas—hey? That your regiment?"

The Sergeant nodded, his lips tightly pressed together.

"Must hev come from Dutch Charlie's outfit," the scout went on slowly. "He picks up all that sorter truck."

"Where is that?"

"In town thar, under the bluff. We'll look it up tomorrow."

CHAPTER XIV.

Under Arrest.

One by one the barrack lights went out as the tired troopers sought their beds. Hamlin extinguished his also, and only one remained burning, left for emergency near the door, which flung a faint glow over the big room. But the Sergeant's reflections kept him awake, as he sat on the foot of his bed, and stared out of the open window into the darkness. There was little upon which to focus his eyes, a few yellow gleams along officers' row, where callers still lingered, and the glow of a fire in front of the distant guard-house, revealing occasionally the black silhouette of a passing sentinel. Few noises broke the silence, except the strains of some distant musical instrument, and a voice far away saying good-night. Once he awoke from reverie to listen to the call of the guards, as it echoed from post to post, ceasing with "All well, Number Nine," far out beyond the stables.

The familiar sound served to recall him to the reality of his position. What was the use? What business had he to dream? For months now he had kept that girl's face before him, in memory of a few hours of happiness when he had looked into her dark eyes and heard her pleasant speech. Yet from the first he had known the foolishness of it all. He was nothing to her, and could never become anything. Even if he cleared his past record and stepped out of the ranks into his old social position, the chances were she would never overlook what he had been. Her gratitude meant little, nor her passing interest in his army career. All that was the natural result of his having saved her life. He possessed no egotism which permitted him to think otherwise. Years of discipline had drilled into him a consciousness of the impassable gulf between the private and the officer's daughter. The latter might be courteous, kindly disposed, even grate-

ful for services rendered, but it must end there. The Major would see that it did, would resent bitterly any presumption. No, there was nothing else possible. If they met—as meet they must in that contracted post—it would be most formal, a mere exchange of reminiscence, gratitude expressed by a smile and pleasant word. He could expect no more; might esteem himself fortunate, indeed, to receive even that recognition. Meanwhile he would endeavor to strike Le Fevre's trail. There were other interests in the world to consider besides Molly McDonald, and his memory drifted away to a home he had not visited in years. But thought would not concentrate there, and there arose before him, as he lay there, the face of Lieutenant Gaskins, wearing the same expression of insolent superiority as when they had parted out yonder on the Santa Fe trail.

"The cowardly little fool," he muttered bitterly under his breath, gripping the window frame. "It will require more than his money to bring her happiness, and I'll never stand for that. Lord! She's too sensible ever to love him. Good God—what's that!"

It leaped out of the black night—three flashes, followed instantly by the sharp reports. Then a fourth—this time unmistakably a musket—barked from behind officers' row. In the flare, Hamlin thought he saw two black shadows running. A voice yelled excitedly: "Post Six! Post Six!"

With a single leap the Sergeant was across the sill, and dropped silently to the ground. Still blinded by the light he ran forward, jerking his revolver from the belt. As he passed the corner of the barracks the sentry fired again, the red flash cleaving the night in an instant's ghastly vividness. It revealed a woman shrinking against the yellow stone wall, lighted up her face, then plunged her again into obscurity.

The Sergeant caught the glimpse, half believing the vision a phantasm of the brain; he had seen her face, white, frightened, agonized, yet it could not have been real. He tripped over the stone wall and half fell, but ran on, his mind in a turmoil, but certain some one was racing before him down the dark ravine. There had been a woman there! He could not quite blot that out—but not she; not Molly McDonald. If—if it were she; if he had really seen her face in the flare, if it was no dream, then what? Why, he must screen her from discovery, give her opportunity to slip away. This was the one vague, dim thought which took possession of the man. It obscured all else; it sent him blindly crashing over the edge of the ravine. He heard the sentry at his right cry hoarsely, he heard excited shouts from the open windows of the barracks; then his feet struck a man's body, and he went down headlong.

Almost at the instant the sentry was upon him, a gun-muzzle pressing him back as he attempted to rise.

"Be still, ye hell hound," was the gruff order, "or I'll blow yer to kingdom come! Sergeant of the guard, quick here! Post Number Six!"

Hamlin lay still, half stunned by the shock of his fall, yet conscious that the delay, this mistake of the sentry, would afford her ample chance for escape. He could hear men running toward them, and his eyes caught the yellow, bobbing light of a lantern. His hand reached out and touched the body over which he had fallen, feeling a military button, and the clasp of a belt—it was a soldier then who had been shot. Could she have done it? Or did she know who did? Whatever the truth might be, he would hold his



It Revealed a Woman Shrieking Against the Yellow Stone Wall.

tongue; let them suppose him guilty for the time being; he could establish innocence easily enough when it came to trial. These thoughts flashed through his mind swiftly; then the light of the lantern gleamed in his eyes, and he saw the faces clustered about.

"All right, Mapes," commanded the man with the light. "Let the fellow up until I get a look at him. Who the hell are you?"

"Sergeant Hamlin, Seventh Cavalry."

"Darned if it ain't. Say, what does all this mean, anyhow? Who's shot? Turn the body over, somebody. By God! It's Lieutenant Gaskins!"

Hamlin's heart seemed to leap into his throat and choke him; for an instant he felt faint, dazed, staring down into the still face ghastly under the rays of the lantern. Gaskins! Then she was concerned in the affair; he really had seen her hiding there against the wall. And the man's eyes were open, were staring in bewilderment at the faces. The Sergeant of the Guard thrust the lantern closer.

"Lift his head, some o' yer, the man's alive. Copley, get some water, an' two of yer run for the stretcher—leg it now. We'll have yer out o' here in a minute, Lieutenant. What happened, sir? Who shot yer?"

Gaskins' dulled eyes strayed from the speaker's face until he saw Hamlin, still firmly gripped by the sentry. His lips drew back revealing his teeth, his eyes narrowing.

"That's the one," he said faintly. "You've got him!"

One hand went to his side in a spasm of pain, and he fainted. The Sergeant laid him back limp on the grass, and stood up.

"Where is your gun, Hamlin?"

"I dropped it when I fell over the Lieutenant's body. It must be back of you."

Some one picked the weapon up, and held it to the light, turning the chambers.

"Two shots gone, Sergeant."

"We heard three; likely the Lieutenant got in one of them. Sentry, what do you know about this?"

Mapes scratched his head, the fingers of his other hand gripping the prisoner's shoulder.

"Not so awful much," he replied, haltingly, "now I come ter think 'bout it. 'T was a mighty dark night, an' I never saw, ner heard, nuthin' till the shootin' begun. I was back o' officers' row, an' them pistols popped up yer, by the corner o' the barracks. I jumped an' yelled; thought I heard somebody runnin' an' let drive. Then just as I got up yer, this feller come tearnin' 'long, an' I naturally grabbed him. That's the whole of it."

"What have you got to say, Hamlin?"

"Nothing."

"Well, yer better. Yer in a mighty bad box, let me tell yer," angered by the other's indifference. "What was the row about?"

The cavalryman stood straight, his face showing white in the glow of the lantern.

"I told you before I had nothing to say. I will talk tomorrow," he returned quietly. "I submit to arrest."

"I reckon yer will talk tomorrow, and be damn glad o' the chance. Corporal, take this fellow to the guard-house, an' stay there with him. Here comes the stretcher, an' the doctor."

Hamlin marched off silently through the black night, surrounded by a detail of the guard. It had all occurred so suddenly that he was bewildered yet, merely retaining sufficient consciousness of the circumstances to keep still. If they were assured he was guilty, then no effort would be made to trace any others connected with the affair. Why Gaskins should have identified him as the assassin was a mystery—probably it was merely the delirium of a sorely wounded man, although the fellow may have disliked him sufficiently for that kind of revenge, or have mistaken him for another in the poor light. At any rate the unexpected identification helped him to play his part, and, if the Lieutenant lived, he would later acknowledge his mistake. There was no occasion to worry; he could clear himself of the charge whenever the time came; half his company would know he was in barracks when the firing began. There were women out on the walk, their skirts fluttering as they waited anxiously to learn the news, but he could not determine if she was among them. Voices asked questions, but the corporal hurried him along, without making any reply. Then he was thrust roughly into a stone-lined cell, and left alone. Outside in the corridor two guards were stationed. Hamlin sat down on the iron bed, dazed by the silence, endeavoring to collect his thoughts. The nearest guard, leaning on his gun, watched carefully.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Sponge as an Animal.

Nothing is less like a living creature than the common bath sponge, yet the fact remains that sponges do form a very important species of the animal kingdom, eating their food and living their lives much as any other animal would do.

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At the very commencement, with some species of the sponge family, the baby sponges feed upon yolk cells, in which are stored food supplies. By-and-by, as the youngster develops, the currents in the water sweep into a kind of bag the minute particles of food required, and the same currents carry off undigested matter.

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"Step in," interrupted the weary woman, with a deep sigh of relief. "I have been waiting for you for the last ten years. Step in—I don't care what you're selling, whether it's horn combs or clothes wringers, I'll buy. And if you'd like a cup of coffee or a glass of good, hard cider, just say so. Step in—don't bother to wipe your feet!"—Puck.

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NEW FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The President insists upon Congress giving the country a panicleless financial system and those whose vision is sufficiently acute to penetrate the dense fog surrounding our currency plans are framing up their bills, and chieftians who have grown gray in the service of the dollar will now be in the spotlights of publicity.

Many of us who are unable to make money faster than others can take it away from us would like to see a system evolved that would make two dollars grow where one grew before and a currency system adopted that would keep us out of the net of the get-rich-quick fisherman. There are so few people that can work these financial systems. We need to get them down where the common people can turn the combination.

All the local news in the Texas Spur—subscribe.

N. B. Fuquay and wife were in Spur Monday from their farm home in the Red Mud country and spent some time here trading. Mr. Fuquay reports that his cotton is now full of blooms and is doing as well as could be desired. His feed crops are also good and Mr. Fuquay is contemplating a large production from his entire acreage in cultivation.

Bob Goodall, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Girard country, was in the city Monday and purchased supplies of the merchants. Mr. Goodall reports everything in fine shape in his section.

George A. Bankert, who was in Spur several days of last week overhauling the light plant, returned Monday to his home in Stamford.

Miss Nora Matthews, a very charming and accomplished young lady of Avoca, is in the city visiting Miss Jennie Shields.

IDEAL CROP CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS PREVAIL

J. E. Wright, one of the most prominent citizens of the Draper country, was in Spur the first of this week and reports that the crop conditions in his section are as good as could be wished for and that the farmers in general are expecting this to be one of the most prosperous years for some time. Almost every section of Spur country is now in fine shape with respect to ideal crop conditions and prospects, and with the usual amount of rainfall during the remainder of the growing season a bumper production will be harvested this fall. In several localities the crops are late, occasioned by the dry weather during the early spring months, but these crops are now growing off rapidly and promise to yield an acreage equal to that of the earlier crops.

J. B. Morrison, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

J. J. Martin was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country and reported everything in fine shape in that part of the country.

Captain J. A. Lambdin, of Stamford, was in Spur and spent several days of this week here on business.

For quality work and quick service leave your laundry with the Spur Tailoring Company.

M. S. Reavis returned Monday from Rule where he spent several days on business.

Bud Broyles, who is operating an automobile line out of Lockney, was in Spur the first of this week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Broyles stated that one of the heaviest oat crops ever known will be harvested this year in his section of the Plains country.

Mr. and Mrs. Nyles N. Morris, of Jayton, passed through Spur Sunday on their way to Ralls. Mr. Morris is publisher of the Jyaton Herald.

Dr. Guest and family, of Lockney, were in Spur Sunday and left over the Stamford & Northwestern for points further east.

B. D. Dye, of Sherman, is in the city visiting his half-brother, Carl Patton, and Ned Hogan and family.

W. E. Broyles, of Lockney, was in Spur this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Williams.

For Sale or Rent—The Teague blacksmith shop. For terms see W. H. Teague. 32-4t

TO MINERAL WELLS

Otho L. Hale and wife, of Afton, were in Spur Monday and left over the Stamford & Northwestern for Mineral Wells where they will spend several days for the benefit of Mr. Hale's health. Mr. Hale has been suffering of paralysis for some time and we trust that the medicinal water at Mineral Wells will be effective in restoring him to good health.

George Renfroe and family, of the Girard country, were in Spur Monday. They came up in a new Buick touring car recently purchased by Mr. Renfroe.

County Judge W. J. Arrington, of Stonewall county, was in the city the first of the week and spent some time here on legal business.

C. P. Poole and family left Tuesday for points in the east on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. Black is in the city the guest of R. L. Collier and family.

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GARDEN FOR DRY FARM

Land Should Be Plowed Deeply in Strips Five Feet Wide.

Before Planting, Dead Furrows Should Be Given Extra Plowing and Some Leaf Mold or Humus From Cattle or Sheep Corral.

The correct principle in this domestic branch of dry farming is: To provide moisture for the rows of vegetables in the dry farm garden by drainage from the adjoining soil surfaces. We all know how easy it is even on the dry farm to raise flowers, plants, creepers, etc., in little beds around the house and under the drip from the roof; this drainage from the roof provides precipitation from a larger area than the plant could otherwise receive, hence it gets more than its share—more than its share would be in the field.

This is the principle we apply to the garden; for a few feet of space more or less made little difference, and more space means more moisture, especially when we show how all the water which falls on this space can be drained directly to the roots of the plants.

The land for the garden should be plowed as deeply as possible in strips five feet wide, which will leave a dead-furrow every five feet, and a ridge or back furrow between every two dead furrows; in other words, alternate hollows and ridges.

The rows of vegetables are, of course, in the hollows and get the run-off or drainage from the ridges, which gives them about three times as much water as the crops in the field receive.

Before planting, however, the dead furrows should be given an extra plowing to allow plenty of depth for rooting, and some leaf mold or corral humus mixed in with the soil.

For the garden there is nothing like leaf mold if you can get it, but failing that, the next best thing is humus from some old cattle or sheep corral, writes E. R. Parsons in the Dakota Farmer.

It will pay well to haul a few loads of leaf mold and distribute it up and down the dead furrows before plowing under.

It may seem a good deal of work, but one good fertilizing will last for several years and green peas, fresh beans, cabbages, carrots, turnips, beets, asparagus, etc., with nearly every meal are surely worth while.

The garden should be kept well cultivated or hoed and no crusts allowed to form, and if all these details are properly attended to will prove a material addition to the resources of the farm.

In planting in the row, plenty of space also is necessary; a good rule being to give everything twice as much room as usual.

Cabbage planted two feet apart in the row and the rows five feet apart have 2x5=10 square feet to exploit for moisture; with a precipitation of 12 inches, ten square feet will receive 625 pounds of water; now we can raise a very good cabbage on 300 pounds, and a fine cauliflower on 400 pounds, so that if the precipitation is conserved in the soil the year around we can allow nearly half for waste by evaporation and then raise a fine garden.

Asparagus and pie plant do particularly well without irrigation, while peas, lettuce and radishes should be planted as early as possible to avoid the heat. Beans always do well, also melons, cucumbers and squashes when deep rooted, otherwise they will wilt easily and become stunted.

The lettuce bed should be shaded in summer with a board or two. Strawberries should be planted two feet apart in the row and no runners allowed.

Turnips should be planted late to avoid the little hoppers which eat

Beauty of Petunias.

There was once a time when no flower lover would have planted a garden without having petunias in it, and now that the plant experts have evolved many wonderful new forms, this flower is regaining its old-time popularity. Sow the seeds in a warm and sunny spot and see to it that the plants never suffer from lack of water.

Reclaiming Old Orchard.

Cutting out the dead wood and superfluous branches, cultivating and enriching the ground, spraying the trees at the proper season, are the principal methods of rejuvenating an old orchard.

Watch the Goose.

Watch to make sure that the goose does not steal her nest and lay her eggs where the rats or other animals can get them.

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When clover can be grown at all, profitable crops can be grown, and the land kept up by clover and lime.

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She Waited.

George was famous for being late at his appointments. He was engaged to be married to a young lady in a neighboring city, and when the day of the ceremony arrived, George, as usual, did not put in an appearance. The bride was on the verge of nervous prostration when the following telegram was received from the missing bridegroom:

"Dear Helen—Missed the early train. Will arrive on the 4:31. Don't get married until I get there. George."
—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Spring Deluge.

"Why do you avoid your friends of late, old man? Anything gone wrong?"
"No; but about this time of year everybody you know wants to sell you a ticket for something or other."

MILLIONS PRAISE Hot Springs Liver Buttons

The best remedy for liver, stomach or bowel troubles and especially constipation is the famous HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS.

Don't miss getting a box to-day—they tone up the liver, drive out the poisonous waste in the bowels and make you feel simply splendid in a few hours.

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The man who doesn't get all that's coming to him is generally lucky.

ALARM BOX LOCATES FIRE

New Signal System Flashes Message to All Parts of the Building.

A fire alarm box which indicates the floor on which the fire is located, and also in what part, designed particularly for factory buildings in which a large number of women are employed, has been brought out by a Brooklyn inventor.

Boxes are placed on each floor. In case of fire, the alarm is sounded by pushing the button indicating the part of the floor where it has started. If the fire is at the east end, for instance, the button marked "east" is pushed. This sets off an alarm bell on all the boxes in the building and illuminates a number and letter to indicate the fire's position. If, for example, the fire is near the center of the third floor, "3C" will be illuminated on every box. This tells every person in the building the location of the fire and enables them to determine the safest way to take to reach a place of safety.—Popular Mechanics.

Stolen Hair Means Death.

In many parts of the modern world the believer in witchcraft still gets hold of hair, nail parings and so forth from an enemy's head and hands, and burns, buries or does something else with them in order to entail unpleasant consequences upon that enemy. And universal folklore reveals the concern of savages to dispose of their own hair and nail clippings to prevent an enemy from getting at them. Australian native girls who have had a lock of hair stolen from them expect speedy death as a certainty.

Eats 'Em Alive.

"I understand it takes four years of education to prepare a lion for circus life," said the visitor to the trainer standing beside the lion's cage.

"Yes, that is true," replied the trainer.

"You must get very tired after four years?"

"Oh, I haven't been training this one four years. I am the eight hundred and forty-second trainer they've tried on this one. I've only been here two hours!"

Must Be Reckless.

"Women like a brave man," remarked the first chappie.

"That's right," assented the other chappie. "A feller's got to be reckless where women are concerned. If a girl offers you a kiss, wade right in. Don't stop to ascertain if her lips have been sterilized."

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You can obtain instant relief by using Tetterine, also the best remedy known for Chafes, Bites of Insects, Tetter, Itching Piles, Burns, Chills, old Itching Sores, etc. Because you have spent hundreds of dollars and experienced no relief for your itching skin troubles, besides devoting a great deal of energy scratching and pawing at the plague spot until the blood issued forth, don't despair. Nature wisely provides a remedy for every ill that flesh is heir to. Tetterine will cure you permanently, positively and completely, nothing else will.

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Every dog may have his day, but he is a wise canine who knows when.

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent., or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save a majority of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations. Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity, they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. Castoria operates exactly the reverse, but you must see that it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Castoria causes the blood to circulate properly, opens the pores of the skin and allays fever.

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Turn About.

"Mr. Wombat," said the boss, "you have been getting off to go to the baseball a good deal lately."

"I know it, sir."

"Then would you mind working at the office for a few extra innings tonight?"

Drowned in Kettle.
In a kettle a baby was drowned at Speeds, near Jeffersonville, Ind., a few days ago. The child, twelve months old, son of a man named Baxter, had toddled out on the back porch of the house when he fell head first into a ten-gallon kettle, in which there was about four inches of water. The child was found in a few minutes, but was already dead.

Rara Avis.

"A likeable fellow, Wigley. Everybody seems to have a good word for him. What do you suppose is the secret charm about him that attracts so?"

"Oh, I dunno. Maybe it's because he's one of the common people and is always so modest about it."

The Best Hot Weather Tonic

GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood and builds up the whole system, and it will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

Good Advice.

"I don't know how to kill time."
"Why don't you sing a bit? You know then you always murder it."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children soothing, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

A wise man has his hand on the door knob when opportunity knocks.

Most of the entries in the human race are also-rans.



LIQUID SUNSHINE

Scientists tell us that all space is an ocean of ether in which our solar system swims, and that all life, animal and vegetable, is derived from the sun's energy, transmitted to our planet by this ether. Plant life organizes this energy for us in nature's laboratory. As animals we then partake of nature's bountiful store and the sun's energy. Certain fruits, nuts and sugar cane represent this energy and vitality best. We have found this great natural law, and we combine these substances with distilled water. The name we give our combination is Dr. Pepper.

Dr. Pepper is liquid sunlight. As the sun rules and governs the day, so should you govern your appetite. Eat and drink to build up the cells that are broken down by fatigue, mental or physical. Drink a beverage that promotes cell building, not one that simply deadens the sensory nerves. Drink Dr. Pepper. Solar energy—liquid sunshine. Vim, vigor, vitality—that is what Dr. Pepper means. Try it. On sale at all fountains and in bottles. It's made in Texas. It's profits are spent in Texas to promote Texas industries.

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He Settled.

"Really," said Charley Cashgo to his tailor, "I feel that I owe you—"

"You do," interrupted the tailor.

"An apology for having kept you waiting for your money so long. So I thought I would drop around and pay you—"

"Thanks."

"And pay you the apology. Good-day."

Most Appropriate.

"What color is best for an aviation gown?"

"Skyblue, of course."

Appropriate Loss.
"The farmer who came in with me this morning lost all his money on a shell game."
"Did he?"
"Yes, and it was his wife's eye money, too."

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NEW HOPE

N. A. Baker and daughter, Miss Erma, and W. H. Stephens and wife, all of Spur, have been in our midst.

George Scott, of Cleburne, is in our community visiting relatives and friends.

The protracted meeting at Midway will begin the third Sunday in this month.

There is considerable sickness in this country at this time.

E. H. Blakeley was elected teacher of the Bible class at Midway Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Harrison will return home from Tyler Wednesday. She has been under treatment of a doctor at that place for some time and we hope that her health is much improved.

Since the last rains cotton choppers are in demand and the farmers are paying good wages. —Oat Meal.

Mrs. Brandon will entertain her Sunday School class and members of the Buckner's Orphan Home Club at the Baptist tabernacle Saturday night. A free will offering will be accepted and everybody is invited to attend.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Tuesday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his country.

Perry Fite at the Central Meat Market has any amount of pure hog lard for sale at twelve and a half cents a pound. If you want any pure hog lard at this price you had better get it today 31-tf

J. B. Glaze and wife, of Bartow, and Ross Glaze, of Bovina, who have been spending a week or ten days in the city with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier, left this week for their homes.

J. A. Suits, W. A. Featherston, Mr. Sprowls and Mrs. Green Harrison returned through Spur Tuesday returning from the Plains to their homes in Jayton.

Judge Bryant and family, of Haskell, and Dr. Guest, of Lockney, passed through Spur the first of the week on their way to Lockney.

For Sale—All my furniture. Call at Luther Hindman residence. Will make prices right. —Mrs. H. K. Parks. 35-1tp.

Bruce Zinn and family, of Afton, were in the city Monday and spent the night here with Mrs. Roy Zinn and children.

Mrs. Oran McClure and children left Spur Saturday to visit her mother and other relatives in Cross Plains.

Miss Lillian Grace left this week for Stamford and Hico where she will visit relatives and friends.

J. J. Martin was in the city the latter part of last week from his home southwest of Spur.

When you come to town come to Harkey's Horse Hotel. Meals at all hours. 31tf

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COMMISSION SUGGESTS WORK MAN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Present Method Wasteful—Elimination of Middlemen Suggested As Solution.

Houston, Texas.—A workman's compensation act along the lines suggested by the Texas Welfare Commission contemplates the practical elimination of the middlemen, who are largely the cause of mulcting the employer and defeating the injured employe of his just dues. This it does by accepting the broad principle that all workmen injured in the course of employment shall be compensated by the industry in which they were engaged when injured.

The extent of the waste resulting from our present system is indicated by a statement by the committee of the Wisconsin Legislature. It said that for an employer to pay about \$18 to an injured employe on account of injury, it requires \$82 to carry the \$18 to him.

Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, in discussing this subject, said in part:

"A man suffers an injury that may justify perhaps a verdict for twenty or thirty thousand dollars. The lawyer makes a contract with him, usually by which the lawyer gets fifty per cent of the recovery and by which the injured person is precluded from settling his own claim. This is money out of pocket for the railroad and it is not money in the pocket of the injured employe. For that reason the system is vicious and it can be, and ought to be, remedied. My own judgment is that the best remedy would be a statute that would prohibit lawyer's fees in any personal injury case of more than five hundred dollars. I think that would be ample compensation. Having practiced law myself, I know something of the value of legal services and I hope I do not depreciate them; but railroad companies employ lawyers to defend such suits and at the time I lived in Texas—I do not know what the scale is now—the very best lawyers in the state would take and defend such cases for \$250 or \$300 per case."

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe, said in part:

"Our loss and damage claims per mile were about three times as much as the average of our entire railroad in fourteen states. I suppose everybody knows about the loss and damage industry in Texas; it is an industry; that is the correct name to give it. It may be felonious, but it is an industry."

Houston, Texas.—There is no more important subject confronting the people of Texas today than the improvement of our transportation facilities. We need more mileage, better roadbeds, heavier steel and in some instances double track; increasing and improving our equipment, better terminal facilities, depots, etc. The railroads in some instances stand ready to give the needed relief and the people would rejoice in securing the improvements provided it did not result in making it necessary to raise the rates. This feature of the subject was carefully investigated by the Texas Welfare Commission and a negative conclusion reached. Mr. R. S. Lovett, executive head of the Harriman lines, in discussing the subject, said in part:

"I would not think of applying to the Railroad Commission for an increase in rates, based on the issue of additional bonds. It would be a question of investment always—what the expenditure would do. We would not make it unless we thought the business would make the investment good."

"The Union Pacific in the nine years ending June 30th last, put new money into its property—that is, it double track and in betterments and in other improvements, the construction of new lines, branches, etc. \$148,748,000. Now it has not raised any rates. The rates are the same as they were before."

"The Southern Pacific system west of El Paso during the last nine years has expended in betterments and additions in buying some electric lines and extending them and the construction of new lines—that is to say, in what we call "capita expenditures," or new money, \$214,224,000. We have not raised the rates; the rates in many instances have been reduced."

"During the time we spent \$214,224,000 west of El Paso we spent \$19,440,000 in Texas."

SELL HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH FURNITURE

Saturday of last week the cost sale of furniture by the Texas Furniture Company closed as advertised, and the twenty dollar china closet was awarded to Mrs. Leatherwood of the Plains country, the lucky ticket being number 128, there being only one ticket drawn from the box. During the short period of the sale hundreds of dollars worth of furniture was sold, and the large volume of business in the furniture business at this time when business in this line was practically on a stand-still is uncontradictable evidence of the effectiveness of advertising. It is absolutely beyond question that if merchants will offer inducements to the trade and advertise the fact it will not only encourage but create business. The man who thinks everybody knows he is in business and has goods to sell may sell a bill occasionally, but the man who is wide-awake, offers the trade inducements and judiciously advertises the fact will sell goods while others wonder how it is done.

Since closing the cost sale of furniture Mr. Stephens has been to several towns with a view of locating his furniture business at another point, but since the big rains over the Spur country he has about decided to remain in Spur and will probably leave at an early date to buy several full cars of furniture and continue in the business at Spur.

If you OPPOSE taking from the people the right to vote on State bond issues and giving to the Legislature full power to issue bonds in unlimited amounts—from One Million to a Hundred Million Dollars' worth without a vote of the Tax-Payers—scratch your ballot like this:

FOR AMENDMENT to Sections 49 and 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, State Penitentiary System, and other public improvements and building of warehouses for agricultural products.

AGAINST AMENDMENT to Sections 49 and 52, of Article 3, of the Constitution, authorizing the issuance of bonds for the University of Texas, Agricultural and Mechanical College, State Penitentiary System, and other public improvements and building of warehouses for agricultural products.

STATE TAX-PAYERS' ASSOCIATION
A. M. KENNEDY, Sec.
(Advertisement.)

Tax Assessor T. J. Harrison and son, of the Wichita country, were in Spur Wednesday to meet Mrs. Harrison who was coming home from Tyler where she has been under the treatment of a doctor the past six weeks.

Dr. Grace left this week for Dallas where he will assist in the diagnosis of the ailment of Mrs. D. B. Jay of Clairemont, who left her home this week for treatment in a sanitarium of that city.

Mrs. Boley Brown and son, Ivan Brown and family, of Kent county, passed through Spur this week on their way to Colorado Springs where they will spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Parks left this week for the Jayton country where they will probably make their home in the future. Mr. Parks having disposed of his interest in the automobile garage in Spur which is now being managed by Lee Gilbert formerly of Jayton.

J. C. Bryant, a member of the firm of Bryant-Link Company, came up Monday from his home in Stamford and spent Monday and Tuesday in Spur looking after his business interests here.

Wyatt Taylor, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Plains country, was in Spur this week and reports everything in fine shape in his section.

E. B. Shaw, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday after supplies. Mr. Shaw reports everything in fine shape in his section.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jay, of Clairemont, were in Spur this week and spent some time here, Mrs. Jay being under the treatment of Dr. Grace.

The Methodist Ladies will give a "Mysterious Tea" Friday evening on Burlington Ave. Good things to eat from 1 cent to 10 cents. Music.

George Renfroe and family passed through Spur Tuesday returning to their home in Jayton from a trip to Floydada and Roaring Springs.

Mrs. W. S. Cooper and children returned Monday from Clairemont where they have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith are visiting friends in Stamford and will spend several days in that city before returning to their home in Spur.

Mr. Rodgers, manager for the P. H. Miller Lumber Company at Jayton, was in the city Tuesday and spent some time here on business.

Luther Jones was in Spur Saturday from his farm home six or seven miles north of the city and spent several hours here on business.

C. E. Brannen returned Sunday from Peacock where he had gone to attend the two days picnic at that place last week.

W. F. Godfrey returned Monday from Peacock where he attended the picnic and barbecue Friday and Saturday.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in the city Tuesday from the ranch and spent some time in Spur on business.

The best car in the world for the money is the Ford. See J. L. Gilbert, sub-agent, at garage. 35tf

W. F. Shugart was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home east of Spur.

W. S. Taylor will preach Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Soldier Mound school house.

AFTER MANY YEARS

I thought I would forget you, dear,
And closed my heart's door with a clang
I ignored the past and gaily sang
Of future hopes and present cheer.

Another suitor came; but O!
He was so silent and so prim
My heart refused to care for him.
Without a sigh I bade him go.

Then came another suitor, and
He was more genial than the other.
I learned to love him like a brother.
It grieved me to refuse his hand.

I thought I had forgotten you,
As silently the years sped by.
I had no time to sit and sigh,
There were so many things to do.

I thought my love for you was dead
Until one day a little bird
Sat and warbled every word
Of love to me you ever said.

Past memories almost smote me dumb—
My love for you had never died.
I found it safely locked inside
My heart. O, I'm so glad you've come.
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett

L. W. Davis returned Wednesday from Roaring Springs where he spent several days. He reports that building operations is being somewhat delayed in the new town on account of lack of material and workmen and insufficient railroad service, the railroad being incomplete and furnishing only three trains and one local each week.

Howard Monteith is in Roaring Springs this week making arrangements to establish a barber shop and business. We understand that the fixtures of the old Westside Barber Shop have been purchased and will be moved to Roaring Springs and that Howard Monteith and Alec Edgar will form a co-partnership in the business.

The City Commissioners are having the streets repaired and reworked this week. Mayor Link is supervising the work, and the indications are that the streets will be in a much better condition for the accommodation of city traffic. Let the good work go on.

The latter part of last week Geo. S. Link, W. S. Taylor, H. W. Jennings, Geo. Bennett and their families, and W. K. Perry and Mack Brown spent one day outing and fishing on Duck Creek. They report a "big fish fry" and a very pleasant outing.

Carl Lowery left this week for Waco and other eastern points where he will spend some time buying stock for the Red Front Drug store and looking after other business matters.

Dr. Morris and E. C. Edmonds made a trip up on the Plains one day this week. They report the plains country in the most promising crop condition since the recent rains.

T. L. Higginbotham made a business trip this week to Jayton and other towns along the railroad.

H. P. Cole was in the city last Wednesday from his new farm home north of Spur.

A. Stiffer and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Wednesday and spent some time in the city.

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