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## BUMPER CROP PROSPECTS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY.

Wednesday night and throughout Thursday a slow, ground-soaking rain fell in Spur and the surrounding country, and as a result the entire Spur territory is in ideal condition and bumper crop prospects prevail in every community. Good rains are reported at Dickens, Girard, Jayton, Crosbyton, and at Afton a light shower is reported. In Spur the rainfall amounted to thirty five-one hundredths of an inch.

Should no calamity befall the crops of this country twenty thousand bales of cotton will be marketed in Spur this fall, and the farmers will have not only enough feed stuff for home consumption but plenty to supply all new-comers who may settle within the Spur country.

### GRAND JURY.

The following have been summoned as Grand Jurors during the June term of the District Court: G. Brown, Bob Brown, G. L. Barber, C. F. Cates, Sam J. Blair, W. S. Campbell, J. P. Goen, E. L. Harkey, M. C. Hopper, J. J. Hickman, W. A. Hawkins, G. W. Jackson, M. L. Jones, J. J. Martin, W. G. Sherrod, W. L. Hvatt.

## A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL MEETING IN PROGRESS.

The protracted meeting now in progress in Spur under the auspices of the Church of Christ and conducted by Evangelist Foy E. Wallace, assisted by Singer Austin Taylor, is meeting with success in every particular. Up to the present time there have been twelve additions to the church, seven of which were by baptism, and five by reclamation and transferred membership.

Evangelist Wallace has demonstrated superior ability as a preacher. He is a fluent speaker and propounds the gospel in an attractive and inviting manner, and the singing by Austin Taylor contributes much to the success and effectiveness of each service.

The revival services are being conducted under a large tent in the west part of the city, and since the beginning on the first day of May the attendance has been exceptionally large, people from many miles surrounding being in attendance. The meeting will continue until Sunday, May 17.

### A BOOK OF POEMS.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett and daughter, of Gilpin, were visitors in the city Monday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Bennett is now preparing a book of poems which she will have published at an early date. Mrs. Bennett is a writer of exceptional and noteworthy ability, and no doubt her book will be appreciated by the public and prove a success in a financial way as well as in elevating the ideas and lives of men.

### IDEAL CONDITIONS.

Mace Hunter came in from his farm home four miles east of Spur the latter part of last week and spent several hours in the city on business. Mr. Hunter was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while here and reports crop conditions ideal out his way. He says he will have one hundred and fifty acres in cotton this year seventy-five of which is planted, besides a large acreage of peanuts and other crops.

## MOST IMPORTANT OFFICE IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

We hear the name of E. Luce prominently mentioned in connection with the race for the office of County Commissioner from this precinct. Mr. Luce was one of the first settlers of this country and is one of the longest headed and most successful business men of the whole country. Should he enter this race this precinct will have three of the very best men from which to select a Commissioner, and this is as it should be since the office of County Commissioner is the most important office in the county. The Commissioners deal with the finances, taxes and the very heart and life of our county government, and upon their ability and actions depend the success and prosperity of our public county affairs. Give us able and trustworthy Commissioners and Dickens county will progress substantially and rapidly and prosper continuously.

### COUNTY TRUSTEES MEET.

The Board of County School Trustees met in regular session Monday with the following members present: Minor Wilson, Fred O. McFall, M. L. Hale, L. G. Crabtree, O. S. Ferguson, Ex-Officio Secretary. The regular biennial organization of said board resulted in the election of Minor Wilson as Chairman.

A general discussion of the duties and scope of work before it was had. Each member pledged to the inauguration of an active campaign for the betterment of the educational interests of the county and especially to work for the extension and application of the benefits of Rural High School Law wherever practical. — Dickens Item.

### FINE PROSPECTS.

J. G. Currie came in last week from the Archer county settlement, several miles west of Spur, and spent some time here on business. While here Mr. Currie called and had the Texas Spur sent to Mrs. E. B. Owen at Graham, Texas, for which he has our thanks. He reports good rains and the finest of prospects for bumper crops of all kinds.

### AFTER PENNANT

The Spur ball team went out Sunday to Red Mud and played a match game with the team at that place. The score was 20 to 2 in favor of Spur. The Spur ball team is getting in fine trim and expect to win the pennant of this section this season.

## ALL TOGETHER.

"If America discourages the locality, the community, the self-contained town, she will kill the nation. The vitality of America does not lie in New York, nor in Chicago; it will never be sapped up by anything that happens in St. Louis. A nation is as rich as her free communities; she is not as rich as her Capitol City or her Metropolis." — Wilson.

Say folks, how do you feel anyway? We've had rain. The prairies are covered with wavering grass and nodding flowers, in fact, all nature seems happy; and so are you if you appreciate the opportunities and blessings that come your way. Forget your grumbling; quit finding fault. There's lots of good in this old world if we but look for it. Now folks, while we want to say all we can to encourage you to be happy, we also have some merchandise to sell you.

Remember that John Deere, Hammock Seat Cultivators can be run by your little boy or girl, and your wife will enjoy a rest from the drudgery of household duties if you will allow her to run one of these best of all cultivators. We are well prepared for the weeds. All sizes of sweeps and chopping hoes, so don't forget us. Yes, we have Hog Fence, Poultry Netting, Barbed Wire, Windmills, the Star line, and everything in the general Hardware line. We are after some of your hardware business. And Buggies, we know we are right in that line, and want to fit you up in a rig that will make you proud.

We are making a special price of Red Seal Gingham, so now is the time to buy that gingham dress that won't fade. See the new things in flowered Crepes and Voils at prices from 15 cents to \$1.50.

The season for White Shoes is here and we have a nice stock for you to select from, also White Hosiery, the Iron Clad kind. Come on let us fix your feet.

Yes, Bennett is still offering some Style Plus Suits at the same old price—\$17.00. Why pay \$20.00 to \$25.00 when you can get Style Plus at \$17.00? Extra Pants—We are headquarters for Loth Hofman make. Look for the label. \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.00.

You all come to see us last Saturday and we want you to come again. We can't wait on you as well as we would like, but we will do the best for you we can. So come on and make headquarters with us. We need your presence and cash. We have the goods. We're here to help build up town and country. We're old timers in the West, and feel that we know your needs and how to serve you. Can you catch on? We are asking for your business. Come on let's get together and make 1914 a year worth while. There's lots of things we'd like to say but we have to pay for space.

If it's merchandise you want to buy, Bryant-Link Co. is the PLACE.

### FARMERS ALL BUSY.

J. J. Noland, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the New Hope community, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports a fine season in the ground out his way and all farmers busy planting their crops. Mr. Noland is one of the old timers of this country and only finds time to come to town three or four times a year.

## ADDING GIN MACHINERY AND IMPROVING PLANT.

The Farmers Gin Company is now making preparations for a large volume of business this fall, and in order to handle the business to the best advantage new machinery and equipments are being installed.

At the present time a new boiler is being installed and four new gin stands are being put in for use in the fall ginning. When these improvements and additions are complete the Farmers Gin will be one of the best in all of Western Texas, and will be in a position to not only handle the business in a satisfactory manner but in much larger volume than heretofore.

The Spur business men can be depended upon to meet the demands of the trade territory in every line, and not the least in this respect is J. E. Johnson of the Farmers Gin Company.

### RAILWAY SOLD.

It is understood on recent information, considered to be from a reliable source, that the Katy system has secured a controlling interest in the Stamford & Northwestern railroad. This appears to be in line with the generally accepted idea that it has been the intention of the Katy to eventually extend the Texas Central line into New Mexico and finally make it a transcontinental line extended to the Pacific Coast. It is known that the Texas Central, even before it was acquired by the Katy, had made surveys into the west in a general way, paralleling what is now the Stamford & Northwestern, and the acquisition of this road would be directly in line with this generally understood policy. — Dublin Progress.

### BUY RESTAURANT.

Fred Hisey and J. A. Boothe last week bought the Poole Restaurant business, furniture and fixtures, moving the same to the Hisey restaurant where the two will be operated together in the future. Mr. Poole, we understand, has moved to his farm north of Spur where he will remain some time making improvements on the place and doing farm work.

### WONDERS OF ELECTRICITY

The last number on the Lyceum course in Spur had Tuesday night at the Lyric Theatre. A demonstration of the wonders of electricity was enjoyed and appreciated by a large number of people.

## DELEGATES RETURN FROM FARMERS CONVENTION.

The twelve delegates from Dickens and Kent counties to the District Convention of the Farmers Union held Thursday and Friday of last week at Houston returned Monday. Those who attended were Messrs. J. T. Carlisle, J. C. Stephens, E. B. Shaw, H. E. Grabener, W. P. Sampson, W. T. Lovell, R. L. Overstreet, of Dickens county; and Chas. Fincher, Donnie McDaniel, J. C. McDaniel, C. Phipps and Mrs. Mary Sudbury of Kent county. They report a most interesting meeting, and while in Houston a special train was run to Galveston for the entertainment of the delegates.

Among other declarations the Convention stated that the Farmers Union organization was not in politics and would lend its endorsement to no factional candidate for Governor or other state offices. Such a statement was made because of the fact that some politicians have stated that the Farmers Union would endorse Ferguson for Governor. The delegates stated that some of them would vote for Ferguson and that others would vote for Ball.

## MEETING OF AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT ASS'N.

Forty five of the best farmers of the county were out to attend the meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Experiment Station Association on last Saturday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Vice President J. D. Reagan, President Crabtree being unable to attend. Mr. Reagan made a short talk on the good the association was doing for the farmers of the county, and emphasized the point of closer cooperation in purchasing, producing and marketing. Mr. C. A. Jones was called for a speech and told in a brief way his hopes for the great good of the Association and his earnest desire for the farmers to avail themselves of every opportunity to improve the present conditions. R. E. Dickson, Supt. of the Experiment Station, made a short talk on the improvement of the present crops by selection, and the introduction of other crops that are adapted to this country. Other interesting talks were made by members of the Association.

The Experiment Station then distributed to the members present a large quantity of pure seed, including, Mebane cotton seed, Sudan grass, Feterita, Blue Goose and New Era cowpeas, Red Top sorghum, and white dwarf maize.

The meeting was adjourned by the chairman and a very interesting general discussion followed. Afterwards a large number visited the Experiment Station to see the splendid crops of alfalfa and wheat.

# Ireland's Fight and Men Behind It



1-SIR EDWARD CARSON, 2-A. J. BALFOUR, 3-PREMIER ASQUITH, 4-BONAR LAW, 5-LORD LONDONDERRY, 6-OUTLINE MAP OF IRELAND.

**The Home Rule Crisis, Which Has Caused England to Experience Its Most Bitter Trial of Recent Years—Champions Strong in Principle and Conviction Are Fighting on Both Sides of the Question.**

IRELAND has upset England. For the third and last time the Irish home rule bill reached the house of commons, and like a cyclone it found its way to the very center of the British governmental system and shook it on its foundation. A call to arms was issued to awe the Ulster volunteers, but a flaw was found in the imperial army; officers of the highest rank resigned as a result. Field Marshal Sir John French, who was virtually commander in chief of the British army, and Sir John Ewart, adjutant general to the forces, fell out of line and refused to be placated by advances made by the government. Even King George became embroiled in the affair and came in for a great deal of popular criticism. The shifting of the cabinet, Colonel Seely's resignation from the war portfolio and Premier Asquith's naming of himself to fill Seely's place gave England the stormiest time it has experienced in recent years, and it all developed through the refusal of Ulster citizens to accept the plans for giving Ireland home rule.

**What Home Rule Offers.**

When Asquith became premier of England, in fulfillment of the Liberal party's pledges to Ireland he framed the home rule bill, which he introduced in the house of commons in April, 1912. In its general structure the bill as it stands at present and without the amendment suggested by Mr. Asquith is shaped on liberal lines, with conciliation as its essential feature.

It is the intention of the Liberal government to provide Ireland with a senate and house of representatives, the former comprising forty members and the latter 164, of whom fifty-nine—or more than one-third—will be allotted to Ulster. The parliament thus created will make laws for the government of Ireland, but will absolutely have no voice in imperial affairs, or for the present in the matter of land purchase, old age pensions, national insurance, the Irish constabulary or the postal savings bank. Control of each of these, however, will revert to the Irish parliament after a period specified in the bill.

The Irish representation in the British house of commons, which now includes 103 members, will be reduced to forty-two, or one for every 100,000 of the population.

To those who argue on fear that the concession of home rule to Ireland will mean her complete independence complete reassurance is given. Plenary veto power over all legislation is vested in the lord lieutenant, who will continue to be the chief executive, and all authority or power to alter the home rule bill is denied the Irish parliament. For six years Ireland will not be required to contribute anything to the imperial exchequer, and during that period the English government will sustain the imperial credit guarantees for land purchase and old age pensions. For six years also the imperial government will have the appointment of the Irish judges.

**Ulster's Champion.**

Sir Edward Carson, who, with the Marquis of Londonderry, is regarded as the leader of the Ulster movement against home rule for Ireland, has been a law officer of the crown and is one of the most successful members of the British bar. An Ulster man by birth, he is a graduate of Trinity college, Dublin, and now represents it in parliament. He is sixty years old.

His first preferment under the government came in 1892, when he was made solicitor general for Ireland, and in the last Unionist ministry he served as solicitor general of England from 1900 to 1906. This meant that in the normal course of events he might look for still higher office.

Lord Londonderry is one of the great noblemen of the United Kingdom. He owns over 50,000 acres and is a Knight of the Garter and an aide-de-camp to the king. Tracing his descent from Sir Piers Tempest, who fought at Agincourt, through a family distinguished in English history, he has himself had an active official life. Outside the political career open almost as a matter of course to a man of his rank he served for two years, from 1895 to 1897, as chairman of the school board of London.

Before that he had been a member of parliament for County Down, from 1878 to 1884, and viceroy of Ireland from 1886 to 1889. Then, in the Balfour ministry, he held several offices, as postmaster general, president of the board of education and lord president of the council.

**A Clear Headed Scotchman.**

Andrew Bonar Law, parliamentary leader of the opposition, left Canada

when twelve years old. He was educated in Hamilton and Glasgow.

For thirty-two years he lived at Helensburgh, Scotland, before migrating two years ago to London. As Sunday school teacher at the Presbyterian church there, as lecturer up and down Scotland and as a champion of the doctrine that tariffs protect industries, he steadily won his way.

Round headed and dark, with a bristling mustache and bright, active eyes, he is a typical example of the clear headed Scottish business man.

John E. Redmond, the doughty leader of Ireland's fight for freedom, is a wonderful organizer. He has succeeded after long years of struggle, where Isaac Butt, who started the home rule movement, Daniel O'Connell and Parnell failed.

He is greater in some respects than those who preceded him, and in some ways his luck has been better. O'Connell was before his time, Butt was an idealist. Parnell, while greater in some respects than Redmond and also less lucky, lacked some of the qualities which have enabled Redmond to bring the hopes of his countrymen within measurable distance of realization.

**Parnell and Asquith.**

When Parnell was compelled to give up the leadership Redmond stuck to him. He became the leader of the Parnellite faction in the Irish party, he defended Parnell in parliament and out of it and all the time labored assiduously to bring about harmony among his countrymen. His first reward came in 1900, when he succeeded in uniting the party and was chosen its leader. Since then he has continued to fight doggedly to maintain harmony and to win home rule.

Brought into parliament under Gladstone's auspices, Herbert Henry Asquith, the English premier, at once made his mark as a debater, as almost indeed the only debater who could hold his own against Mr. Chamberlain.

Mr. Asquith had to face a parliament in which Liberals were in tremendous majority, but Liberals among whom the old pro-Boers were especially strong. Their suspicion he had to face. He had to face also the deeper suspicion of the Irish Nationalists, for he had been associated for some years with Lord Rosebery, and by that time Lord Rosebery had already vacated his place among the advocates of Irish liberty.

And yet Asquith succeeded where others had failed in convincing a great part of England that a policy of conciliation toward Ireland was the wisest policy.

## Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

It is a little bit early to print stories about what will happen in baseball this season, but one of the things that are pretty sure to happen is that Walter Johnson will pass the 1,500 mark in strikeouts unless he breaks his priceless arm or decides to abandon the national game.

The man who won the automobile for being the most valuable player in the American league last season has since he entered fast company claimed 1,458 strikeout victims. No other major league hurler has in the seven consecutive seasons from 1907 to 1913 amassed this total. In fact, only three other men have fanned over 1,000 ball players in this length of time. They are Ed Walsh, Nap Rucker and Christy Mathewson.

"Big Ed" Walsh, the spitball star of the White Sox, has been Johnson's closest rival for the title of strikeout king. The Chicagoan has sent 1,405 batters back to the bench since he has been a contemporary of the Senatorial star. Walsh twirled in only sixteen games last season, but from 1907 to 1913, inclusive, he took part in forty-eight more battles than the renowned Kansan.

Christy Mathewson has fanned 1,137 men in the last seven campaigns and Nap Rucker 1,128. Eddie Plank, Connie Mack's great southpaw, almost reached the 1,000 mark in that time, 997 of his adversaries taking the count. Chief Bender claimed 864 victims, Howard Camnitz 804, Jack Coombs 784, Mordecai Brown 747, Leon Ames 748, George Mullin 704, Harry White 628, Ed Reulbach 603 and George Wiltse 580.

Johnson's average of strikeouts a game from 1907 to 1913, inclusive, has been 5.41, Ed Walsh's figures being 4.38 and Chief Bender's 4.02. Only two of the men mentioned have averaged more than 200 strikeouts a campaign, the pair being Johnson and Walsh. The easterner's average is 208, the westerner's 201. Ranking third on this basis is Christy Mathewson, with 162. Walsh has been the busiest toiler from 1907 to 1913, inclusive, with "Big Six" next in line.

Otto Knabe is the manager of the Federal league team of Baltimore. He jumped from the Philadelphia Nation-



Photo by American Press Association.

Otto Knabe, Who Has Big Job on His Hands in Baltimore.

al league team with several others. One of his Philly teammates, Mike Doolan, now plays under him. Knabe will have to buck the International league team in Baltimore.

## In the Sunday School Class

SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

Golden Text.—He that is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and he that is unrighteous in a very little is unrighteous also in much (Luke xvi, 10).

The Lesson Explained.—Verses 1-7—Reckless devices.

Great confusion has been wrought in understanding the parable selected for this lesson because an attempt has been made to interpret and apply all the details. A distinction must be made between the drapery of the parable and its doctrine. Our Lord drew many of his lessons from the customs of the time. It is evident he did not imply that he approved them all. \* \* \* This parable was addressed to his disciples during some interval of quiet instruction, and his purpose was to urge them to become good and reliable stewards of the manifold grace of God (1 Pet. iv, 10). "A certain rich man." His possessions were so extensive that they were placed in charge of "a steward," whose position of trust and responsibility gave him the entire control of his master's estate. Charges were, however, preferred against him, doubtless by some of his enemies who wanted his place, that he "had wasted," "was wasting" (revision), as a settled practice, the estate by misappropriations. "Give an account." The representations demanded immediate investigation, accompanied by a threat of dismissal. \* \* \* "What shall I do?" The prospects were desperate, and the tricky steward had to think quickly and decide on a course of action that would secure him against hopeless disaster. "My lord taketh away." His dismissal was taken for granted. He then resolved to place his master's debtors under obligation to him, so that when he is thrown out of his position they may render him timely assistance. They were summoned separately, and a readjustment was made of their bonds. "A hundred measures of oil." Each measure contained between eight and nine gallons. This was probably olive oil, and it would be worth about \$50. The amount was quickly reduced by one-half, to the satisfaction of the tenant. "A hundred measures of wheat." This might be valued at about \$75. The number was then reduced to eighty measures. In this way considerable abatements were made, and the steward had probably given the tenants the impression that it had been made possible through his intervention. His clever scheme worked both ways. He placed the tenants under obligation to him, and he was

also able to submit a satisfactory report to his master.

Verses 8, 9.—Keen prudence.

The results were favorable for the steward. He was "commended" on his management of the estate. The verdict was secured by corruption. The man is plainly referred to as the "unjust steward" who was guilty of questionable conduct. His practices were not approved of by Jesus, but his astute foresight in providing for the future. \* \* \* "Make \* \* \* friends of the mammon"—"by means of" (revision). Mammon is used figuratively for money. It is here spoken of disparagingly not because riches are in themselves an evil, but because wealth has often been unlawfully used in the interest of "unrighteousness." Jesus, however, exhorts his disciples to use it for benevolence and by means of it "win the affection and gratitude of the poor." "Ye fail"—better, "it shall fail" (revision)—that is, wealth. "Everlasting habitations"—"Eternal tabernacles" (revision); heaven is conceived of as a home. Use perishable wealth during the fleeting opportunities of time to secure for yourself the imperishable rewards of eternity. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccl. xi, 1).

Verses 10-13.—Whole hearted fidelity.

This life is not an end in itself, but what is done for better or worse will bear fruit not only in time, but most decidedly in eternity. "In that which is least"—"in a very little" (revision). Fidelity in small matters and within limitations will not only qualify one for a larger sphere, but will also demonstrate his ability for it. "Unjust"—the same is true of the unreliable and the faithless. "Unrighteous mammon." This is the same as "the mammon of unrighteousness." Money has so frequently served corruption that it is regarded as tainted. If men are incapable of a righteous disposal of the treasure which rusts they surely cannot be entrusted with "the true riches," that which is genuine and eternal. \* \* \* "God and mammon." These are the two controlling influences of life, and it is impossible to be consistently devoted to both.

**Royal National Lifeboat Association.**

During the year 1913 the Royal National Lifeboat institution maintained a fleet of 274 lifeboats and saved forty vessels of various sizes. Since the institution was established in 1824 it has been granted rewards for the saving of over 51,400 lives from shipwreck on the coasts of the United Kingdom.

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Jim Smith and wife recently moved from west of Spur to the farm south of Spur and on which J. H. Fox recently lived. A baby girl was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and we extend congratulations to the parents and wish the young Miss all the happiness there is in this life.

Buff Orphingtons, chickens that won first prizes at Stamford, Merkel, Plainview and Abilene. Best pen in English class at Abilene; all this season. Mating list free.—Dr. P. C. Wray, Jayton, Texas. 20 8t-p

J. V. McCormick and family, of Afton, are spending the week in Spur with friends and attending the protracted meeting in progress and conducted by Rev. Wallace.

Rev. G. J. Irvin left this week for Oklahoma City to attend a National Conference of the Methodist church.

E. D. Jackson, a prominent citizen, farmer and ranchman of the Draper country, had business in Spur Tuesday.

Billy Waldrup, of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

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G. L. Barber and family moved this week to Iowa Park, near Wichita Falls, where he will be employed during the next several months. J. A. Koon and wife moved to the Barber residence where they will reside until the return of Mr. Barber and family.

Single Comb Mottled AnCona Eggs for Sale. Winter layers as well as summer. First setting \$2.25, second \$1.25, from trap nested layer; 15 eggs setting.—Mrs. Jasper N. Porter, 607 East Reynold Street, Stamford, Texas.

Editor Suits, of Roaring Springs, was in the city Sunday and spent several hours here greeting his friends. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time in his city.

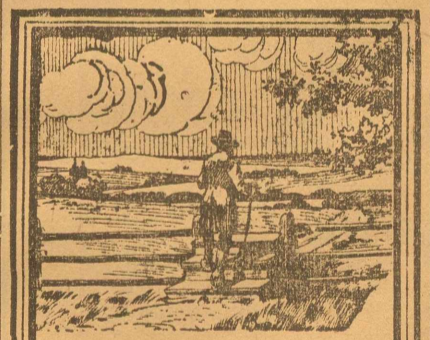
Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of near Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

W. L. Osborn left Sunday for Peacock where he will engage in carpenter work in rebuilding the houses destroyed by the recent cyclone.

Mrs. G. J. Irvin and children are visiting relatives and friends this week in Waco and other places.

G. T. Snodgrass, candidate for Sheriff, was in the city Saturday shaking hands with the voters.

For Pure White Indian Runner Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen—See Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas.



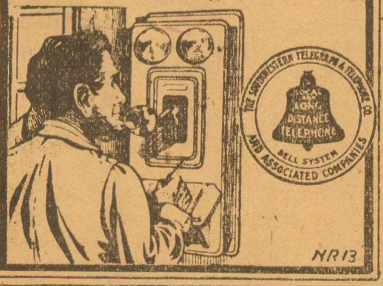
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Thorough bred Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn eggs, \$1 for 15.—L. B. Haile, Afton, Texas.

W. A. Johnson came in Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and spent several hours in town on business and greeting his friends. At the solicitation of friends Mr. Johnson is a candidate for Commissioner of this precinct. He is a progressive and successful farmer, a solid and well informed citizen and if elected will make this precinct and the county one of its very best officers.

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, was in the city several days last week looking after his business interests in connection with the Spur Hardware Company. While here Mr. Perry called in and renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks.

Lee Duncan and wife passed through Spur Monday on their way to Crosbyton where they will make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan were married last week in Peacock. The Texas Spur extends to them very best wishes for a long, happy and prosperous married life.

Tax Assessor J. T. Harrison was in Spur the latter part of last week finishing up his work of assessing the taxes of this part of the county. He returned Saturday to the north part of the county and will complete his tax rolls Monday.

T. A. Edmondson, formerly of Spur but now of Post, spent several days of this week in the city looking after his property interests here. Mr. Edmondson owns a fine twenty acre block west of Spur and which is well improved and a very desirable home.

R. S. Holman and family left the first of the week for Roaring Springs where Mrs. Holman and the children will visit her daughter, Mrs. Luther Rucker, while the Judge attends court at Matador.

E Long, the bootmaker, left recently for Lubbock where he will reestablish his business at that point. However, he will continue to take bootmaking orders from this place.

R. P. Cole left this week for points down the Stamford & Northwestern. Mr. Cole is selling base-burner stoves.

Dr. Bachelor will return to Spur about the 25th and will be prepared to do all of your dental work. Wait for him. 2t.

G. E. Nicholson returned last week from Haskell where he was called on account of the illness of his sister at that place.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip this week to Matador where he spent Monday and Tuesday.



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—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

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R. L. Jones, of the Steel Hill community, had business in the city Monday and spent several hours here.

Mr. Dunn, who formerly cooked for the Poole restaurant, is now preparing to open up a new restaurant in the Keith building formerly occupied by the Poole restaurant.

Fred O. McFall, of several miles north of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

Miss Ruth Attebury is spending a week in Hico visiting Misses Lillian Grace and Mabel Cole.

Tom Wright, of Stamford, spent Monday in the city with Dr. Bachelor and wife.

Dr. Bachelor left this week for Post where he will remain several weeks doing dental work.

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# The Sowing of Alderson Cree

By MARGARET P. MONTAGUE

**A Strong Story of Character Building, With Scenes Laid In the West Virginia Mountains Among a Picturesque People**

## PROLOGUE.

Alderson Cree, a West Virginia mountaineer, ejects his boarder, Kip Ryerson. Alderson while hunting is shot from behind. He exacts a promise from his young son, David, to kill Ryerson, whom he suspects. After David goes for aid Alderson relents and prays to live long enough to relieve the son from the promise. Only Martha Lamfire, a character of the mountains, hidden behind the bushes, hears his appeal. Ryerson is arrested, tried, but acquitted. A forest fire is ravaging the mountains. The mountaineers, accused by David of cowardice, band together and order Ryerson out of town. Four years later, on his sixteenth birthday, David had gone out to a neighboring draft to fulfill his promise to his father, but learned that Kip Ryerson was already dead. At twenty-two David is the devoted slave of plain, charming, irresistible Mary Reddin, who returns his affection. Returning home one day, David meets and chats with Ellen Daw of Drupe mountain, the poor, beragged adopted daughter of Silas Daw.



Not Raising His Eyes, He Passed the Girl Unseeing, Muttering Under His Breath.

was in love, in the ordinary meaning of the expression. Never in her wildest dreams did she think of his loving her; her whole opinion of herself was too humble even if her long apprenticeship to indifference had failed to teach her her lesson.

At the head of the Draft, where it widens out for a moment before plunging into the side of Drupe mountain, Ellen rode splashing into the middle of Jumping creek, where one fords it for the last time on the way up the mountain, and, letting the mare's head down to drink, she turned herself a little in her curious high pommeled old saddle and looked with expectant eyes, as she always did here, across the golden thread of the stream to a little green knoll, peppered all over just now with dandelions, which rose with a gracious round slope out of the valley and swept back in ascending steep until it lost itself in the wooded heights of Peter's ridge. And on this grassy knoll in all its glory stood the marvel and admiration of the Jumping creek Draft.

A neat, four roomed brick cottage, with white porches at back and front, a paling fence around it and chicken coop and woodshed in the rear, may not seem a thing to excite intense curiosity and heated speculation. Nevertheless, its erection in the Draft gave good cause for surprise and comment.

In the first place, it was the only brick house that had ever appeared there; indeed, it was the only one in a radius of ten miles, all the other dwellings being for the most part log cabins, with an occasional more pretentious frame house.

In the second place, why should such finished elegance and luxury be tucked away from the general public in the obscurity of the head of the Draft, while, had it been placed in the lower and more populous part of the valley, it might daily have gladdened many an eye with mingled envy and admiration? In the third and last place and most of all to be wondered over, why had such a nest as this been built by Adrian Blair, an unmarried man, and one, moreover, who was not known to be paying particular attention to any of the pretty and attractive girls of the vicinity?

For six months it had been finished, and for six months it had stood empty and unfurnished here on its hilltop, looking down the widening expanse of the Draft and waiting for what?

From her perch on her old mare Ellen looked eagerly at it on this afternoon with the familiar delight with which a child regards a much admired toy in a shop window.

Every time she passed the house she paused in the stream, ostensibly to water her horse, but in reality that she might fill her eyes with all the charms of the little dwelling.

Across the creek Ellen Daw's way left the main road and struck into a steep and rocky path between two sharp ridges of Drupe mountain. It was nearly dark now, especially so in this narrow way between the ridges, and more than once Ellen adjoined her horse to "Git erlong, now, er I won't git my work done up 'til way in ther night."

So accustomed was she to the stillness and loneliness of the road it was with a quick start of surprise, as her horse came upon a grass grown stretch where the hoofbeats fell almost noiselessly, that she heard some one or something coming down the track ahead of her, still hidden by a sharp bend of the road. At the sound the girl straightened up and caught her

**The Life of a Willful Boy Who Set Upon Himself the Responsibility of Avenging His Father's Murder :: ::**

reins tighter with nervous dread, while she keyed herself to listen.

The sound was very close now and she could make out heavy feet clumping and blundering among the loose stones, and once a pebble, kicked from the road, went flying away into the undergrowth with a tiny crash.

She and the thing were very close to the bend now; in a moment they would round it simultaneously.

"Lord!" the girl breathed fearfully, and with the ejaculation made the turn. Out of the twilight there rode toward her the slouched figure of a rider. His head was sunk down low between his shoulders and a thick growth of beard covered most of his face. Not raising his eyes, he passed the girl unseeing, muttering under his breath, the horse slipping among the stones.

At the sudden appearance of his vague shape out of the gloom, Ellen's horse had given a surprisingly quick bound to one side and then stopped with a startled snort.

With a quivering word to the frightened animal, Ellen turned quickly in her saddle and looked after the unkenner figure, her heart beating unreasonably fast.

"Reckon hit must be one er Aleck Whitcomb's new hands at ther mill," she reassured herself under her breath, for she was surprised and a trifle ashamed that such an ordinary occurrence should have so startled her. But contemptuous as she was over her fright, she nevertheless quickened the mare's gait to such good purpose that it was not many minutes before she arrived at her own home barn at almost a trot.

It was the day after the planting of Robert Reddin's cornfield, and the long golden fingers of afternoon sunlight beckoned to Mary Reddin irresistibly with the sweet allurements of out of doors.

"Ef you don't need me no more right now," she said to her mother, "I believe I'll jest run over to A'nt Marthy Lamfire's an' git ther flower seeds she's bin er savin' fer me. She's got some er them red beans that brings these here little hummin' birds, an' some other seeds, too, an' looks like tomorrow's goin' ter be er nice day, an' I'd like ter git my garden planted."

"I don't need yer," Mrs. Reddin answered, "but Lor' me, Mary, I'd think you'd be skeered er that ole crazy woman."

"Mary ain't skeered er nuffin'," the next to the smallest Reddin suddenly piped up, regarding her with baby eyes of adoration.

"Oh, yes, sir, I am skeered er something," Mary returned.

He looked at her as one looks upon the shattering of a dearly loved idol.

"Is you skeered, Mary?" he said.

"What is you skeered of?"

"I'm skeered er you," she returned, looking down at him with mock eyes of terror.

A look of wonder and delight dawned in his small face and he even essayed a slight masculine swagger ill suited to his skirts, but his answer came with fine graciousness:

"You needn't be skeered er me, Mary; I won't do anything ter yer," he said.

"But I am skeered," she persisted.

"I'm skeered you'll eat me up!" And thereat she suddenly swooped upon him and, gathering him up in her arms, she proceeded herself to devour him in the orthodox manner of older sisters, and having presently reduced him to a perfectly limp state of breathless gurgles, she deposited him in a chair and, catching up her pinky sunbonnet, flitted out of the house and down the lane like a windblown streak of sunlight.

It was a couple of miles from the Reddins' place to the Mossy Hollow, and Mary walked quickly that she might be back in time to help with the evening chores.

There had been something of a tie between Martha Lamfire and Mary Reddin ever since a day five or six years ago when the old woman had noticed Mary for the first time.

"Yer pretty," she had said rather harshly; "so was my Ammy, but hit didn't help her none." And, loosing the girl's arm with a fling, she went on once more upon her lonely way.

And Mary sped home to question her mother about Ammy Lamfire. And after she heard the girl's tragic little story, child though she was, she felt an eager desire to be kind to the old woman, and with many little acts of friendliness she wooed her at length into something of an intimacy.

[To be continued.]

# A Glance at Current Topics

## Hermit Claims Millions.

New York, May 5.—Martin H. Melenger, the "Harlem Hermit," is fighting to gain possession of real estate in and about New York city valued at \$300,000,000. He is descended from colonial ancestors, and his claim to ownership of the land in question is based upon



Photo by American Press Association. Martin H. Melenger Says \$300,000,000 Worth of Real Estate Is His.

the will of his grandfather, made in 1812, which disposes of about a quarter of Manhattan island. He is "maintaining residence" in his lonely hut to preclude question of his title when he brings suit to dispossess some millionaires in the Spuyten Duyvil district.

## Confederate Shaft in Arlington.

Washington, May 5.—Announcement was made by Colonel Hilary A. Herbert, president of the Confederate Monument association, that the unveiling of the monument in the Confederate section of the Arlington National cemetery would be on June 4. The original date set for the ceremony was April 27. This change was made necessary by the inability of the Texas contractor to furnish the granite for the monument's base in time. A contract has been closed with a Maryland firm for Maryland granite, and the base and erection of the monument will be completed by May 22.

The April unveiling date had been set to accommodate many of the Daughters of the American Revolution and United Daughters of the Confederacy, who will be in session here at that time. Sir Moses Ezekiel, the noted sculptor of Rome, a graduate of the Virginia Military institute, designed the monument without cost to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who raised the money for the memorial.

Many men and women noted in official, social and patriotic circles all over the country will participate at the unveiling.

## Suffragists to Invade the Capitol.

Washington, May 5.—Preparations for the suffrage demonstration in this city May 9 are progressing rapidly. Suffragist leaders are redoubling their efforts to have it surpass anything ever held before.

Announcement is made of the creation of new divisions for the procession, the most important of which will be the cavalry section, which will lead the parade on its march to the capitol. In this section will be many prominent horsewomen. Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the former head of the federal bureau of chemistry, will marshal the "homemakers," and in addition to the already large number of divisions, there will be sections for dentists, business women, paper box factory girls and others.

The Maryland College Equal Suffrage league will be represented in the procession by a large delegation headed by Dr. Elinor Lord, dean of Goucher college, Baltimore.

## Brave Panama Police Going.

Panama, May 5.—The completion of the Panama canal, with the consequent dispersion of the army of 65,000 canal workers, will soon leave the canal zone police without anything to do. One hundred or more of the pick of that force would make an ideal nucleus for an Alaskan mounted police, it is suggested by Hamilton Foley and others on the isthmus, who are familiar with the work done there by the police and also know the requirements in Alaska.

Secretary of War Garrison is desirous, he has said, of reducing to a minimum the number of soldiers of the regular army on duty in Alaska. Should he take away the garrisons an Alaskan mounted police would be, zone officials say, a practical and timely substitute.

Captain C. W. Barber, U. S. A., is in command of the canal zone police. In the Spanish war he left college to go with his regiment. Afterward he entered the regular service and saw duty in the Philippines.

The canal zone police are composed of men who have served, nearly all of

them, one or more terms of enlistment in the army and have passed severe physical examinations. They have been trained by Chief Engineer G. W. Goethals to "get" every person they are sent for and they are accustomed to all kinds of dangerous assignments. Frequently they go miles in the jungle for an escaped prisoner.

## Few Summer Stops For Middies.

Annapolis, May 6.—Only two stops are to be made in foreign ports during the annual summer practice cruise of the midshipmen from the United States Naval academy, although the voyage will cover over 10,500 miles. Naples, Italy, and Gravesend, England, are the points where stops will be made.

Leaving Annapolis on June 7, the squadron will be composed of the battleships Missouri, Idaho and Illinois. They will reach Naples on June 25, and remain at that place until July 3, the middies being allowed to visit nearby points of interest in Italy. When Gravesend is reached they will stay for a period from July 13 to 17, on which date the return trip will be started.

The ships are due to reach the Chesapeake capes on Aug. 11, and the intervening time until Aug. 28 is to be spent in target practice.

## Put Soldiers and Sailors to Work.

Washington, May 6.—Warren W. Bailey of Pennsylvania has introduced in the house a bill directing the president to "put the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy to work." The president is directed to employ the officers and men in the construction of the Alaska railway, the reclamation of swamp lands, construction of Mississippi river levees, river and harbor improvements and is forbidden to hire manual labor outside of the services until the supply from within them is exhausted.

## Mr. Bailey said:

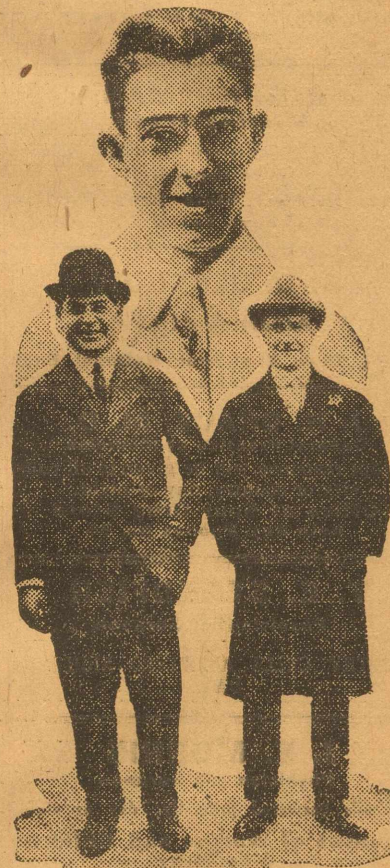
"If we must have a huge standing army and a big navy—and all the jingoes agree that we must in the interests of the world's peace—then let's put them to work."

## Hope For Jesse Pomeroy.

Boston, May 6.—Hope is dawning on the horizon of Jesse Pomeroy, boy murderer of other children, after thirty-eight years in solitary confinement. Pomeroy is not to be freed, but through the kindly interest of Frank L. Randall, who came from St. Cloud, Minn., last year to be commissioner of prisons, the most widely known of all American life prisoners probably will be taken out of solitary confinement soon and placed where he can have the companionship of his fellows.

## Golfers After English Honors.

London, May 5.—Three of the most notable American golf players are here looking for the English title and honors. These are Jerome D. Travers, the national, metropolitan and New Jersey amateur golf title holder; Francis Ouimet, the American open golf champion, and Frederick Herreshoff, the famous Garden City player and far driver, who



Photos by American Press Association. Ouimet, above; Herreshoff and Travers, left to right, below.

has been runner up in the national tournaments. They will compete in the tournament for the amateur championship of Great Britain, scheduled to start on May 18 at Sandwich. It is probable that the three will also take part in the French amateur contest at La Boulie.

Francis Ouimet is by far the youngest of the entrants, being only twenty years old. He is the boy wonder of the golf world. England is looking forward to see him play with great expectations, for never before has one so young in years competed for championship honors.

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## ITEMS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY.

BY CORRESPONDENTS

### NEW HOPE.

E. D. Chambers and family were in Dickens Sunday.

J. R. Rodgers, of Wichita, is at R. C. Forbis' on business.

Rev. Luther Bilberry filled his regular appointment at Midway Sunday.

Have had plenty of rain in our community and crops are in excellent condition.

M. L. Blakeley and James Robertson are gone to Matador as witnesses in the Chas. Cannon trial.

Amity and Midway Singing Classes met at Amity Sunday afternoon. Quite a large crowd was present and did some good singing.

Rambling Bill, your suggestion to call the correspondents together some time in July and have a jolly good time is a move in the right direction. Why not, Mr Editor, call us together and let us get acquainted?—Oat Meal.

### TAP TELLINGS.

T. L. Dozier plowed his corn this week.

Everything is lovely and the goose honks high.

Mrs. Mary Sparks and Susie Lambert made a flying trip to Spur this week.

Miss Mamie Hinson has returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives near Spur.

We are glad to state that W. E. Pirkle's children are improving from a severe case of scarlatina.

Rev. Oliver Smith filled his regular appointment here Sunday. A large crowd attended the services.

Our old time friend and neighbor Sam Presslar and family leave this week for New Mexico. We regret to see them leave but we believe Sam is going on a prospecting trip, and if so, he is likely to return this fall as he has one of the finest farms that can be found in Texas or Mexico either. We hope their stay will not be long.

Frank Parsons will accompany Mr. Presslar to New Mexico. He says he may go to Old Mexico before returning.—Kid-a-lude.

C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of town, was in Spur Saturday.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

A beautiful little child of seven years of age was carried away by the Death Angel Monday night. The little girl was a relative of L. W. Bilberry but the writer has not learned the name of the child yet. Death was caused by the bursting of a blood-vessel. The Gilpin people are doing all in their power to comfort the mother.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Duck Creek Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd attended Sunday.

Look out! The north wind is blowing in Gilpin this morning and the farmers are all watching their cotton shiver.

Our Educational Rally Program will be as follows at Duck Creek for Friday night, May 15th:

Address—Our School—C. C. Walden.

May Contest, By the Fifth Grade.

Presentation of Reward, Judge O. S. Ferguson.

Address, Judge O. S. Ferguson.

Round Table Discussion—The Factor in Successful School Work—O. S. Ferguson, Conductor.

Education—Its Work—Miss Jennie Adams.

Valedictory, Miss Allie Adams. We ask all to come and see what happens.

Oh yes, it would be fine to have that grand meeting at the Editor's office and let him have the pleasure of watching us eat. But let's invite him to dine with us. I feel as though it would have great effect upon our writers.—A School Chap.

C. D. Pullin came in Monday from his farm home on Cat Fish and reports everything in the very best condition for farming at this time.

Mayor George S. Link, accompanied by his son, George S. Jr., made a business trip to Jayton in their Krit, Friday of last week.

W. D. Wilson, left last week for Granbury, where he is employed as attorney in several cases in court at that place.

J. P. Gibson was among the number of business visitors in the city this week from his home in the Steel Hill community.

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## TEXAS FACTS

### COTTON.

In hauling the Texas cotton crop to market the services of 400,000 teams and wagons are required, which form a procession 2,400 miles long.

One year's cotton crop of Texas will clothe 300,000,000 people.

In Texas there are 4,670 gins, 113 compresses, 228 oil mills and 15 cotton mills.

Dallas, Texas, is the largest cotton gin machinery manufacturing center in the world.

Cotton constitutes 47 per cent of the agricultural production of Texas.

Twenty-five per cent of the cotton seed oil mills of the United States are located in Texas.

The cotton seed crushing establishments of Texas represent a capital investment of \$21,506,000. They furnish employment to 4,000 persons.

One seed of Texas cotton will produce one stalk of about 20 bolls. There are 80 cotton seeds in one boll.

It takes 25 pounds of cotton seed to plant one acre.

It takes 1,650 pounds of seed cotton to make a bale of 500 pounds lint, and 1,150 pounds of cotton seed.

The seed from a bale of cotton will yield 17 gallons of oil, 350 pounds of meal, 300 pounds of hulls and 25 pounds of linters.

The compress reduces the size of the cotton bale one-half.

Three-fourths of the Texas cotton crop is sold in Europe.

Texas has 26 per cent of all the land in the world, which is at the present time considered capable of growing cotton.

More new cotton gins were installed in Texas during the 1910-1911 ginning season than in any other state in the Union.

We have one gin to every 2,500 acres planted to cotton.

To manufacture all the cotton we produce in Texas will require an additional investment of a quarter of a billion dollars in cotton mills.

The importance of cotton as a necessity of life is made manifest when we consider that during the past century the world's population has increased 120 per cent, while the uses of cotton show an increase of 3,700 per cent.

The leading cotton-producing counties of Texas are Ellis, McLennan, Hill and Williamson.

The greater part of the Texas cotton crop is planted in April and matures in October, although some of the crop is marketed the latter part of August.

The largest cotton crop ever produced in Texas was in 1912 and amounted to 4,880,210 bales of 500 pounds each and sold for \$321,430,000, including the value of the seed.

The seed from the Texas cotton crop sell for \$39,690,000 annually, and weigh 2,171,000 tons.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Overstreet and little daughter were in the city Wednesday from their home in the Afton country and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Overstreet reports that he is well up with his farm work, most of his crops being planted, up and growing nicely. Mr. Overstreet is one of the best farmers of the country and has an ideal farm home.

W. M. Randall, a prosperous citizen and extensive farmer of the Steel Hill country, was among the business visitors in the city Wednesday.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business.

We have a few bushels of pure Mebane cotton seed for sale for planting purposes.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. It

W. M. Childress, a leading citizen of the Dickens country, was among the number of visitors in the city this week.

For Sale—Barred Plymouth Rock eggs. \$1.25 setting, two settings \$2.00.—G. C. Stork, Experiment Station. 2t-p.

Cecil Bennett, of Gilpin, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Lee Carpenter, a prominent citizen of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Edmonds entertained her Sunday School class Friday afternoon with a picnic over the hill.

H. T. Garner was in the city Wednesday from his home several miles northeast of Spur.

Mrs. L. W. Davis and children are spending this week in Dickens visiting relatives.

Mr. Shipa traveling man out of Stamford was in Spur the last of the week.

S. R. Davis and family spent Sunday in Dickens with relatives and friends.

Frank E. White, formerly editor of the Crosbyton Review, and his father were in Spur Wednesday and spent a short time here on business. Frank White recently sold out his newspaper business and is now engaged in farming. He is one of the best newspaper men of the country, and in our opinion it is only a question of a short time until he will again get in the pencil pushing game.

T. E. Rucker called in Wednesday and requested that we change the address of his paper from Matador to Dickens, he having recently moved with his family to the latter place. Mr. Rucker was formerly a citizen of Spur and the indications are that he is drifting back to his old home.

W. T. Duke, who has been spending some time in Aspermont and other places practicing his profession as Magnetic Healer, returned this week to Spur and is now spending some time here with his family.

Guy Elkins and wife, of Big Springs, are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Cephus Hogan and B. D. Glasgow. Mr. Elkins reports that the Big Springs country is in hard shape, not having had any rains.

George Dodson, a prominent citizen of the Roaring Springs country, was in Spur Wednesday buying supplies of the merchants and greeting his friends here.

J. B. Morrison and John Weathers left this week for New Mexico where they will spend a week or ten days prospecting and visiting friends and relatives.

Ike Cox and family and Towns Taylor came in Sunday from the Morrison ranch and spent the day here with relatives and friends.

Attorney W. D. Wilson returned the first of the week from Grandbury where he spent several days on legal business.

Mrs. I. G. VanLier spent several hours in the city Wednesday from her home north of Spur.

We have just received and unloaded a new car of

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## THE LYRIC THEATRE

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B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, MAY 17th.

Song.  
Prayer.  
Song, Here Am I Send Me.  
Subject, Men Called of God to Service.  
Short Talk by Leader, E. C. Edmonds.  
How Does God Call men to Service, G. E. Nicholson.  
Quartet.  
God's Call to Special Service, Harvey Lee.  
Recite Elisha's Call to be a Prophet (1 King 19: 15-21), Evelyn Burgoon.  
God's Call to Isajah, Ruth Attebury.  
Roll Call—Benediction.

M. C. West was in the city recently from his farm home south of Spur and reports everything in his section in the very finest shape with respect to crop conditions at this time. He is improving a new farm this year and the indications are that he will soon have one of the best improved places in the country.

Thomas H. Cravey was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Cravey returned last week from Arizona where he had been several months, and is now employed with Mr. Jones on his ranch west of Spur.

The Mollie Bailey show failed to come to Spur last week as advertised. We understand that on account of the rains and condition of the bridges along the railroad the show people were afraid to come to Spur.

Al Sullivan was in the city Tuesday from his farm home several miles southeast of Spur. He reports everything in good shape.

Bert N. Brown, manager of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and greeting his friends here.

J. D. Martin, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business.

Wyatt Taylor came down from Crosbyton the latter part of last week and spent some time in Spur.

John Wooten returned this week after spending several days in Crosbyton on business.

Mrs. Arbuckle, of Haskell, is in the city visiting her son, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Mrs. Williams, of Angleton, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

The B. Y. P. U. organization enjoyed an entertainment Thursday of last week.

Sheriff J. B. Conner was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday on business.



AUSTIN TAYLOR

A noted singer assisting in the revival meeting in Spur.

# "HOT WEATHER"

## Better Take Advantage of Our Special Low Prices and Buy Your Summer Needs Now!

**BEAUTIFUL 40 inch Fancy Voils, worth 50c, for 25c. 20 pieces Fancy Crepes on sale at 12 1-2c.** Many other Bargains will be shown throughout this month. Ladies, Children and Mens Silk Hose at 25c a pair. Ladies Vests at 5, 7 1-2, 8 1-3 and up. Misses Union Suits at 35c, Ladies at 50c. Childrens Wash Dresses at \$1, \$1.50 and up. Ladies Silk Dresses also for evening wear. These latter styles are good also for "other" occasions.

## Plenty Good Bargains Every Day!!

# LOVE DRY GOODS CO'Y.

Ask For Premium Tickets

SPUR, TEXAS

Joe Payne, of Jayton, was in Spur Tuesday on business in connection with the Bryant-Link Company stores. Mr. Payne is manager of the business at Jayton and is considered one of the best business men of the country.

Mrs. Bert N. Brown, of Kent county, underwent an operation Tuesday at the Standifer Hospital and at this time we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely.

Mrs. Jim Foster returned last week from a visit of several days to relatives in the eastern part of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are now making their home in Dickens.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, came in and spent Tuesday and Wednesday in the city looking after business matters. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

E. D. Chambers, wife and daughter, of the Alton country, were in Spur Sunday to attend the protracted meeting now in progress.

Milton Smith, who has been in the Standifer Hospital several weeks for an operation, was returned last week to his home in the Tap country.

Mike M. Young and family, of Matador, have been spending the week in Spur with friends and attending the protracted meeting now in progress.

Geo. S. Link left the first of the week for Rochester and other points to look after the interests of the Bryant-Link Company stores.

The ball game played in Spur Saturday between the Red Mud Shinnery Twigs and Spur town boys' team stands—in Spur's favor.

Chalk Brown was in the city Wednesday from the 24 Ranch in Kent county and spent some time here on business.

Mayor Link and wife and T. L. Higginbotham and wife made a pleasure trip to the Plains country Sunday.

### DIED.

The little eight years old daughter of Mrs. Ellie Smith died very unexpectedly Monday at the home of L. W. Billberry near Gilpin. Mrs. Smith and daughter were here from New Mexico on an extended visit to her Uncle, Mr. Billberry. The child had been playing around the place until a short time before her death, and it is supposed that a rupture of a blood-vessel was the cause of death. The remains were brought to Spur Tuesday and interred in the Spur Cemetery. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved mother and relatives.

Mrs. McDaniel died this week at the home of her son, Mr. Currie, of the Archer county settlement in the West Pasture. At the time of her death Mrs. McDaniel was here from the eastern part of the state visiting her sons. The remains were shipped to the eastern part of the state and interred in the cemetery at her home. The Texas Spur extends condolence to the relatives and friends in this bereavement.

The infant child of Mrs Springer, of Dallas, died Monday and the remains were shipped to Dallas for interment in the home cemetery. At the time Mrs. Springer was visiting relatives on Duck Creek several miles north of Spur.

We are pleased to state that we now have a complete stock of everything in the way of Coal and Feed, and will appreciate your business—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

H. F. Shepperd and family, of several miles southeast of Spur, moved recently to Goree where he will be employed with H. P. Minihan in sinking a well for the Swensons.

F. C. Gipson, Joe Clay, Frank and Blaine Speer, of Dickens, were among those who attended the meeting here Sunday.

### EVERYBODY COME.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Land Mark Missionary Baptists, which will convene with the First Baptist Church at Dry Lake schoolhouse, six miles northwest of Spur. All are invited to cooperate with us who are willing to work on scriptural grounds. We believe in Church Cooperation, subordination of Conventions and Associations, the sovereignty of the Churches and the Gospel for the destitute. We believe in perfect Equality in all church cooperation. Respt. —Geo. Beavers, Missionary of New Hope Association.

Mrs. F. W. West was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to her address. Mr. and Mrs. West recently moved from the city to their farm home north of Spur.

Mrs. Minnie Phillips, who has been here several weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith and other relatives, returned this week to her home in Fort Worth. Her sister, Miss Callie Smith, returned home with her for an extended visit in Fort Worth.

J. O. Yopp returned this week from King, New Mexico, where he spent several days visiting his mother and other relatives. Mr. Yopp had not visited his mother in a number of years and the trip was a great pleasure to him.

T. A. Smith and Frank Smith came in Monday from their home south of Spur and spent some time here on business. They report everything in fine shape at this time, and say that their cotton, feterita and other feed crops are growing nicely.

Tol Merriman was in the city Saturday from his place south of Spur and spent some time here greeting his friends and looking after business matters.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in the city recently from the Spur Ranch headquarters and reports everything in good shape.



FOY E. WALLACE

A noted Evangelist who is now conducting a revival meeting under the auspices of the Church of Christ in Spur.

# A Section Set Apart For the Farmer

## SOWING ALFALFA.

Manure Soil Well and Plow to Medium Depth.

## GOOD DRAINAGE NECESSARY.

Seed Should Be Drilled In About an Inch and a Half, Using at the Rate of Fifteen to Twenty Pounds to an Acre.

The question of whether to make the start with the patch of alfalfa in spring or late summer is likely to depend upon the moisture conditions, which are most likely to prevail immediately following seeding. Where conditions seem to warrant the spring

## THE SHEPHERD'S FLOCK.

The flock will not be disturbed by the visits of the regular attendant. Strangers should be kept away from the flock at lambing time.

As the lambs grow the ewes should be fed to keep up the flow of milk to meet the demands of the lusty lamb.

Improved sheep pay growers the most profit. There are more wool, more mutton and three times the satisfaction in the improved breeds.

The flock should be fed by the clock. Irregularity or confusion is most detrimental to success in handling sheep.

The lambs when two weeks old should begin to eat grain in a side pen, from which the ewes are excluded.

## CITRUS FRUIT IN DANGER.

Stands In Great Peril of Extermination From Mediterranean Fly.

The citrus fruit growing industry of the United States, and this applies at present chiefly to California and Florida, stands in great peril of extermination unless a rock ribbed quarantine is maintained against foreign fruit that is infested with the maggots of the Mediterranean fruit fly, known to entomologists as *Ceratitidis capitata*. The fly is about the size of the common housefly, yellow in color, with eyes of a reddish purple tint and with a blackish blotch in the center of the forehead, from which spring two bristles. The eggs of the insect are often laid at from six to twelve inches underground, and no liquid has been found that will kill the maggot that does not at the same time kill the foliage of the plant or tree upon which it happens to be feeding. The maggots have been known to survive a half hour bath in spirits and in kerosene oil. The most dreaded feature of this pest is that it works solely from the inside of the fruit, while the outside is apparently all right. While the fly is partial to citrus fruits, it also feeds on peaches and other fruits and also vegetables. The fly came originally from the fruit districts of the Mediterranean, but has spread to New Zealand, Australia, the Hawaiian Islands and even Bermuda. An illustration of the devastation which follows its coming is shown in case of one of the islands of the Hawaiian group, where the fruit growing industry was wrecked within a year after it put in an appearance.

## PLAY SAFE WITH BULL.

No matter how gentle the bull is, put a ring in his nose. Arrange a four foot stick with a snap on one end and a looped strap on the other. Snap this to the ring when taking the animal to and from his stall or lot for water or in handling him in any way. Play safe!—Farm and Fireside.

## Weight of Silage in Silo.

For all practical purposes a cubic foot of silage in the lower half of a silo will weigh about fifty pounds. Hence to ascertain the weight of silage remaining in the silo it is only necessary to get the number of cubic feet. This is determined by multiplying the diameter of the silo by itself and the result by .78, which will give the area in square feet of the surface, and multiplying this result by the depth in feet of the silage will give the cubic contents. The total weight of silage would be got by multiplying the cubic contents by the weight per foot—fifty pounds.

## ASHES GOOD FERTILIZER.

Will Make Soil Porous and Furnish Some Essential Chemicals.

While you are cleaning up ash pits and bins and distributing ash piles it is well to be reminded of the value of this product.

Coal ashes may be put upon the land if the coarsest portions are raked or sifted out, and these clinkers will serve as drainage or foundations for walks about the barnyard and poultry yard.

Fine coal ashes may be worked into a clay soil with very good effect of rendering it more porous as well as supplying some of the chemicals necessary to the growth of plants.

A moderate amount of ashes and soot worked into the soil around roses greatly increases the richness and brilliance of coloring in the blossoms and makes fine foliage. Care must be taken not to loosen the roots, as roses like rich, firm soil.

## Good Plowing.

Plowing may be straight so far as the furrow is concerned, yet be pretty poor work as regards the condition in which it leaves the soil. Good plowing not only means straight furrows, but that which is deep enough for the requirements of the crop to be raised, the character of the soil and the amount of moisture which will be available. Furthermore, good plowing should be such that it will cover all vegetable matter turned under so that subsequent disking or harrowing will not disturb it.

## Co-operative Laundry.

A community co-operative laundry is to be established in Polk county, Wis., in connection with the local co-operative creamery. This is the result of the offer of \$300 for such an enterprise by a local banker and a like prize by Professor Henry of the State Agricultural college. The laundry is to be organized along the same lines as the one at Chatfield, Minn., which has been in successful operation for the past year.

## Prizes For Boys' and Girls' Contests.

A new plan for rewarding the boys and girls who win prizes in the competitive contests among members of the agricultural clubs in several states has been proposed by officials of the department of agriculture. Instead of being given trips to Washington it is suggested that such winners be given a year's course in practical training in some agricultural school, their idea being that such a course would have a more practical as well as lasting value.

## DRUIDS LIVED IN CATACOMBS.

Eleven miles southeast of London, in Kent, not many years ago were discovered the catacombs of the ancient druids, which are now much visited by sightseers and are lighted, for a part at least, by electric lights. Over fifty miles of chambers, cut in the chalk cliffs, have already been explored. The druids lived in these catacombs when attacked by their northern enemies, and here they buried many of their

dead. The stone in which the human sacrifices were made is still to be seen, and also the well, from which water is drawn to this day.

## Temperature of Fish.

Using delicate electrical apparatus for his experiments, a German scientist has reached the conclusion that fish are of the same temperature as the water in which they live.

# Fighting Off the Pirates

By GRACE A. HEVENOR

I WAS at anchor in my yacht one night near the mouth of the great Yaqui river, in Santo Domingo. I had put in there in obedience to storm signals and was waiting for the storm to come and go. But it did not appear. The night I speak of was clear, and there was a full moon. Of course it was hot. It is always hot in that region.

There were rumors of negro insurrections and revolutions in Haiti, which is the western part of the island and not far from where I was lying, and I was not enjoying my stay, for, being at no great distance from either shore, I did not know when a party of lawless negroes would come aboard for murder and loot.

Unfortunately during the day we had heard of a dance that was to take place at the house of one of the small planters living in that region, and the whole crew asked me for leave to go. I preferred that none of them should leave the yacht, but reluctantly consented that half should go in charge of the quartermaster, leaving me the other half. They had not been gone long before I saw a boat coming with a single man in it, who told me that some negroes were looting his house and begged me to send a force to drive them off. I could not refuse such a request, and my men all wished to be permitted to go. I sent four of the five, retaining one man, Erickson, who was not very well and therefore perfectly willing to remain with me.

The second detachment had not been gone long when, pacing the stern deck dissatisfied with myself for letting my crew leave the yacht unprotected, I saw a boat evidently well loaded with human beings leave the north bank of the river and pull directly for me. I smelled danger at once and called to Erickson, who was in his bunk in the fore-castle, to bring up an armful of weapons and ammunition.

He soon came up the companionway staggering under his load and distributed them in different parts of the yacht. When the approaching boat came near enough to distinguish her crew and I could see that they were all blacks, it flashed across me that the information that had been given my men as to the dance and the story about the attack on my visitor's home were simply ruses to get my men away in order that a party might come out and loot the yacht. I took position with a repeating rifle astern and ordered Erickson to place himself further forward. If I fired I would pick a man in the bow, and he was to fire at a man in the stern.

When the boat came within range I ordered the men to keep off, but they paid no attention to the order, pulling

right along. All but the helmsman had their backs to me and every oarsman was busy with his oar; consequently I had the advantage of them, for they could not both row and fight, while I could pour lead into them ad lib. The boat was a yawl and there were eight oarsmen in her, each man pulling a single oar.

I gave a second order before firing, and still not being obeyed I took aim at the bow oarsman as near as I could distinguish him from the others and fired. My shot was followed by one from Erickson. We could not see just what damage we had done, but it was evident that we had thrown them into confusion. They stopped rowing and some of them were evidently ministering to wounded men, while others were jabbering at each other in a lingo we did not understand. At least we were not near enough to do so.

Not wishing to hurt any more men than necessary, I ordered them to turn about and pull away. But the steersman, who was evidently their leader, was yelling at them to pull for the yacht, for most of them gave way. I fired again and saw a man fall backward. Erickson duplicated my shot, but apparently did no damage. Seeing that our enemy was bent on rushing us, I dropped my rifle and picked up a couple of hand grenades, calling to Erickson to do the same.

I had scarcely changed my weapon when by a spurt the blacks came up and rounded alongside. Both Erickson and I met where they touched the yacht and each tossed a hand grenade into the boat. A terrible havoc was produced, but I did not stop to see just what damage was done, for I heard oars pulling with a quick stroke on the other side of the yacht. Shouting to Erickson to defend that side, I ran to the other side, carrying an armful of weapons with me.

I saw another boat coming which I did not doubt was an auxiliary force to the one I had been opposing. Without waiting to hail them, I fired a shot at them. I don't think I hit any one, but in another moment I heard a halloo and the sound of oars in another direction. This I knew to be some of my crew returning. The boat on my side changed its course and pulled away as fast as it had come. The boat on the other side in which most of the men had been disabled had already dropped off, seeing Erickson's arm raised with another grenade.

When I got my crew together again I put them in our small boats, with hawsers attached to the yacht, with orders to pull down the river. They did so, and when day broke we hoisted sail and put out to sea. I had had enough of that island, and I have never visited it since.

# A Minute or So With the Funny Man

## It's Likely.

"Yes, at first I didn't want a dog around the house, but now I've really become very much attached to him."

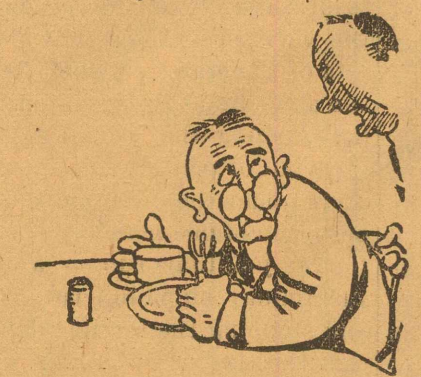
"That so?"  
"Yes. All my friends who keep dogs say the same thing. And I suppose people who have children really feel the same way about them too."—Detroit Free Press.

## Courage.

"Your wife says you have about the courage of a mouse," said the disagreeable relative.

"I wonder that she should make the comparison," replied Mr. Meekton. "Henrietta is afraid of a mouse."—Washington Star.

## Easy With the Whip.



"Try some of this horseradish."  
"No, thanks; I'm a vegetarian."—Philadelphia Press.

## The Whole Show.

"How's everything in your house?" asked Smith.  
"Oh," replied Brown, "she's all right."—Dope Book.

## As Some See It.

Bachelor—What is it a sign of to dream that you're married?  
Muehwed—Oh, that's a good sign—it signifies that you ain't.—Chicago News.

## Cause For Thanks.

"A very pleasant walk," remarked Mr. Rushy after a strenuous climb to the top of the mountain. And, as he mopped the perspiration that streamed from his smoking brow he added, "My wife couldn't speak a word all the way up."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## A Life Saver.

"I see they are shaving now by steam," said the loquacious barber to the man in the chair.

"Well," replied the victim, "that seems to be an improvement on 'hot air,' doesn't it?"—Youkers Statesman.

## No Occasion to Growl.

"Young Mrs. Lovey treats her husband like a dog."  
"And they just married! Poor fellow!"  
"Oh, he's satisfied. She's always petting him."—Baltimore American.

## A New Suffragist Argument.

"There is one way in which women's housekeeping experience will help them at the polls."  
"In what way?"  
"In folding blanket ballots."—Baltimore American.

## Thick With Flies Too.

"There's a very peculiar thing about baseball."  
"What?"  
"It's a business that cannot flourish without strikes."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Saving Time.

"I never take sides in a town row."  
"I always do. Then I don't have to listen to the grievances of both factions."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## He Was Game.

"Do you think it would be wrong if I should steal a kiss?"  
"Well, it's what I might call grand larceny."—Detroit Free Press.

## Adjusting Things.

"Do you think you can support my daughter in the style to which she has been accustomed?"

"Yes," replied the slangy young man after some hesitation. "But don't you think I'd better stick around with your family a few years so as to get accustomed to it?"—Washington Star.

## An Indian Uprising.

"Mother, you know the way me an' Johnny Smith play I'm Indians an' he's soldiers?"

"Yes, dear. What of it?"  
"Well, if I don't let him lick me every time we play he says I aren't patriotic."—Century.

## Looked Good to Him.



"My husband loved me at first sight."  
"I understand that you met at a masquerade ball."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

## Must Have Been.

"What a shocking looking dish this is, my dear!"  
"Perhaps, my love, that's because it is currant pie."—Baltimore American.

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land, not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

**For Representative, 105th District:**  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)  
T. F. Baker, Snyder, Texas

**For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:**  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah  
Isaac O. Newton (re-election)

**For District and County Clerk:**  
Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

**For Tax Assessor:**  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin  
E. L. Harkey

**For Sheriff and Tax Collector:**  
J. B. Conner  
T. Wylie Morgan  
G. T. Snodgrass

**For County Judge:**  
O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)  
Blaine Speer

**For County Treasurer:**  
B. A. Crego (re-election)  
J. B. Yantis

**For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:**  
S. R. Bowman  
W. A. Johnson

Sheriff Conner was in the city Saturday on official business and spent some time here greeting his friends and incidentally meeting the voters in the interest of his campaign for reelection to the next term.

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

As a citizen of Texas and of the 105th, representative district, you are interested in who shall represent you in the 34th. legislature.

Do you want a live, wide-awake, aggressive, progressive man, who is in harmony with the views and ideas of the progressive Democrats of the state and nation as advocated and practised by our illustrious president, Woodrow Wilson, and our junior senator Morris Sheppard? If you desire such a man for representative, without desiring to appear egotistic, I offer my candidacy, believing that I can make my services in your behalf of benefit to the entire district as well as to the state at large.

In offering myself as a candidate, I feel that it is due to you to state to you clearly my position on some of the more important matters that will demand attention of the 34th, legislature, believing that a man who has not given sufficient study to the public questions affecting your interests to have any ideas himself with reference to those questions, is unfit to act as your spokesman in the legislative halls. True, I recognize the right of the majority to rule and that all just powers of government are derived from the consent of the governed, and if elected it shall be my purpose to act in accord with the desire of the majority in so far as I am able to ascertain the wishes of the majority. However, if I have ideas and beliefs and policies contrary to the best interests of the district, unless I shall make them known, how are you to judge with reference to them and point out to me the errors of my position?

If elected, unless I am convinced that the majority of my constituents desire otherwise, I shall favor the creation of a system of Land Mortgage and Rural Credit Banks in this state, making it easier for money to be had to buy homes on such terms and at such rates of interest as the farmer can afford, and to supplement the present financial system with reference to financing the farmer to make a crop. I shall favor a system of state regulated warehouses, making the receipts issued against the products stored therein, collateral for loans and negotiable security, to the end that the farmer may handle the product of his labor to his own advantage. I shall favor the creation of a marketing bureau under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture to assist the farmer in marketing and distributing the products of the farm so that the farmer may get the most for his toil.

I shall favor a reasonable compulsory education or attendance law adapted as near as can be made possible, to the needs of the various sections and interests of the state. I shall favor the amending of our penitentiary laws, taking the penal institutions out of politics and placing them under the direction and supervision of one man big enough for the job, to be run on a self-sustaining, humanitarian basis and stopping the terrible deficits that the last few years have been piling up for the tax payers to meet. I shall favor the use of certain classes of convicts for the building of public highways of the various counties, that wish them for that purpose, after the manner of the "Tynan System" or what has come to be known

in this state as the "Lindale plan." I favor liberal appropriations for all our educational and eleemosinary institutions and desire to see the day when our system of education will be second to no state in the Union and not 35th. in rank as it now is. I favor amending the law governing the bringing of suits against railway corporations, taking from the Attorney General and the District Attorneys of the state the discretionary power to bring such suits and vesting that authority in the Railroad Commission.

Since the Railroad Commission has jurisdiction of all other matters with reference to railway regulation, we see no good reason why they should not also have the jurisdiction to direct the bringing of suits against the railroad that breaks the law and that no other person has as good a right to say when the law is broken as the Railroad Commission.

I shall favor all measures encouraging irrigation, which we believe will come to be largely practiced in many portions of this district. I shall favor every measure which I believe will be of interest to the general welfare of the citizens of the district first and of the state second. I invite an investigation of my qualifications and ability to represent you. I ask that you carefully read the endorsement of my home people—the people who know me best, and among whom I have lived for 17 years and if you can support me I shall appreciate it. If elected I promise that you will know that your district is represented and that I shall devote the very best that is in me to the enacting into law of wholesome measures for the common good. I might say in conclusion that I am 39 years old, a statewide prohibitionist in belief, a teetotaler in practice and a progressive Democrat all the time. Sincerely Yours,—T. F. Baker, Snyder, Texas.

# JACK

I will stand my Jack, BLACKHAWK, this season at my place 4 miles southeast of Spur.  
Terms: \$10.00 to Insure Living Colt.  
Mares pastured at \$1 cash a month

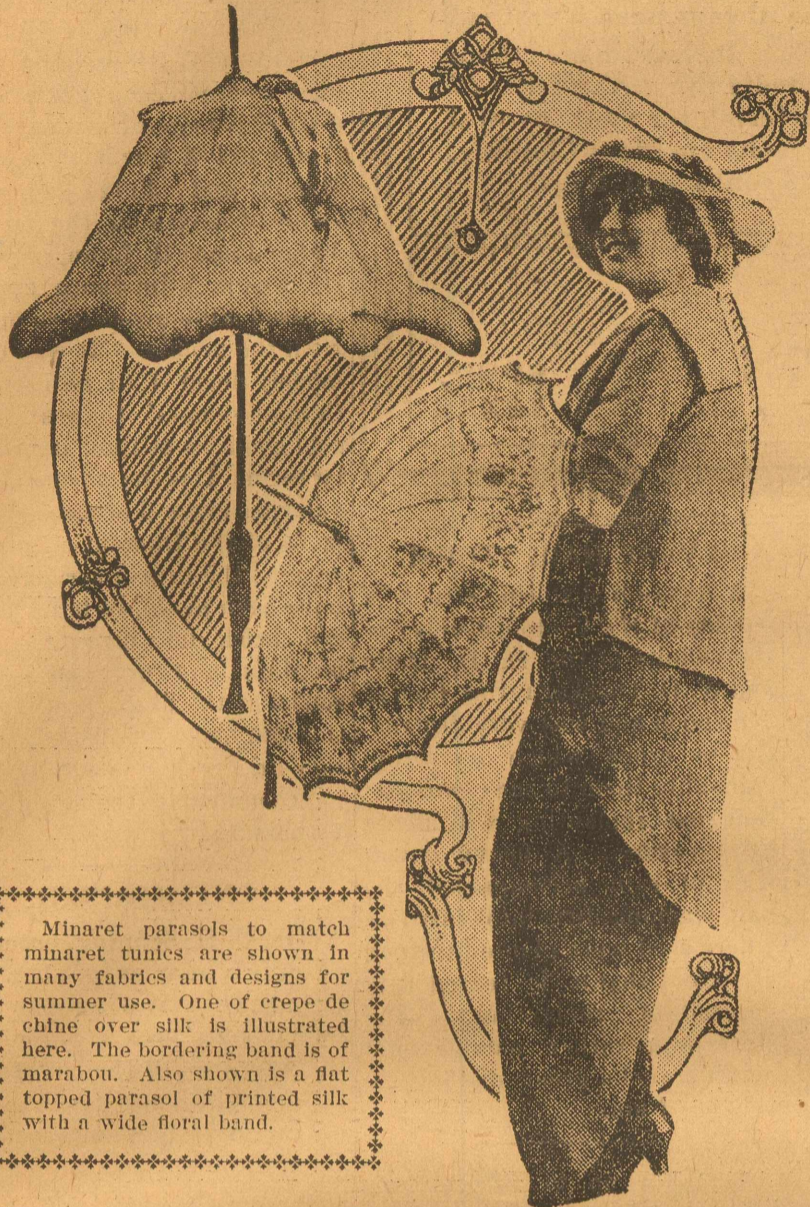
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## J. P. GIBSON



# Fashion Ideas and Household Hints

## Novelties In Summer Parasols Are Welcomed by Fashionable Women



Minaret parasols to match minaret tunics are shown in many fabrics and designs for summer use. One of crepe de chine over silk is illustrated here. The bordering band is of marabou. Also shown is a flat topped parasol of printed silk with a wide floral band.

### LAST WORD IN GLOVES.

They Are Seasonable In Color, Men's Preferably Being Green.

Gloves have finally caught the color infection, and one of the newest ideas is that kid gloves be of yellow chamois dye, with stitching across the back of heavy silk in rich shades of green, red and blue. The black stitching is also used on the chamois, but those in colors look freshest and most modish.

The latest note from gloveedom is the green glove for men, says the Dry Goods Economist, a dark green shade that will harmonize with the green felt hats. This glove is embroidery stitched on the back.

Suede gloves embroidered on the back in black are fashionable. So are those stitched with white or black thread along the finger lines. White or black buttons are used.

### THE LATEST COTTON FROCKS.

Many combinations are seen in the smart cotton frocks now on the market, says the Dry Goods Economist. Among the materials used in combination with plain crape, net, voile and silk are fancy cottons showing colored embroidery patterns or ratine stripes, the new honeycomb crapes, walrus crape and the novelty plaids and prints.

Very striking gowns have been worked out with fancy cottons for the entire dress, but by far the most effective summer models show the waist and pannier or the waist and tunic in novelty materials, with the skirt and the trimmings in plain weaves and usually in white.

### CRAPES ARE ADAPTABLE.

Just the Material to Take on Gracefully the Lines of New Models.

Crapes are just the materials to take on gracefully the lines of the new models which Paris has elected we shall follow. It is predicted that crape will be one of the most popular fabrics this spring and summer. One smart gown for afternoon wear which has a big following is carried out entirely in silk crape. The tunic drapery is what is known as the corkscrew, following in its lines the graceful spiral of this utensil. Colored buttons and bands of satin give a touch of color to the garment.

Something very new is the narrow plaited skirt which is held snugly to the figure by broad ribbon sashes in the form of tie backs. The new panniers or short tunics are used over the hips of these plaited dresses, while the sashes encircle the figure at a point just below the edge of the pannier.

They are adjusted to fit snugly to the figure, so that the plaits of the skirt are kept in place. Large bows finish the back, sometimes with loose falling ends and sometimes just ending in two big loops. Sometimes plaited tunics are worn with these plaited skirts in one or two tiers, with narrow ruffles at the edge to increase the width at the hips.

### FADS AND FRILLS.

Artificial silk will be much used with white voile.

White buckskin shoes have already appeared in the shops.

Nightgowns of pink and blue batiste are in favor.

Satins are retaining their vogue for spring.

One of the great spring novelties is plaids in pastel shades.

Soft, sheer organdies are being taken up for embroidering.

Cashmere shawl designs are coming back with printed tafeta.

One popular new blouse has the back, sleeves and front yoke all cut in one.

Baroque pearls ornamented with jeweled wreaths make charming hatpins.

Checked skirts with solid colored coats is much seen among spring suits.

The best tailored shirts for sports wear are those with an extra large armhole.

### FANCY FOOTWEAR.

Colored Shoes Favored For Fashionable Summer Dress.

After the pretty bronze colored shoe that was so fashionable last summer and autumn has come with spring a bronze colored button boot with a cloth upper of the same color.

Another new boot, to match the begonia and emerald green costumes so much worn, is made of a strong silk in these shades with a patent leather vamp appearing only in front and a narrow band of the patent leather sewed to the silk, which starts on each side of the instep and meets in the back halfway up the boot.

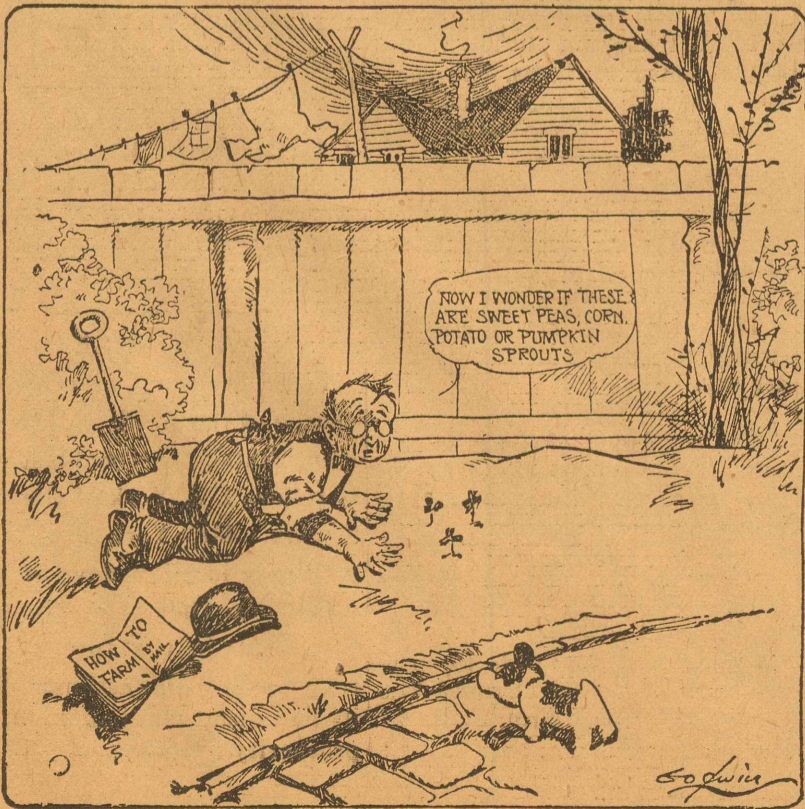
A very good evening shoe is of primrose colored brocade worked in gold thread. On each side of the shoe are three narrow bands of primrose colored suede, which, sewed close together at the sole on each side of the instep, gradually get farther apart toward the closing and are fastened with a fanlike arrangement of platinum and diamonds placed very flat. The straps give an open work effect to the shoe.

### RIBBONS ARE POPULAR.

Prominent among the favored ribbons are very thin, soft satin taffetas of very high luster, says the Dry Goods Economist. They appear chiefly in soft, delicate colors verging on the popular sweet pea shades.

A multitude of new designs are shown in velours. Among the more novel numbers are those in which field flower designs appear.

## Gardening For Pleasure



—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## Breaking Through the Lines

By ELISA R. BADGER

WE were hemmed in between two different Confederate forces, and if they should make a simultaneous attack upon us they would crush us. But communication between the two was difficult since we were in a valley, with high mountains on either side, and, realizing that we must keep our enemies apart, we threw out a line of pickets on either side of us extending as far up the mountain as a passage was possible.

I was in command of about 800 men. My information was that the force southwest of us consisted of about 600, and that on the northeast of us numbered about 1,000 men. It was evident that if compelled to fight one of these forces in our front and another in our rear there would be nothing left of us. If the Confederate commander south of us, Colonel B., had been as enterprising as he should have been and attacked us doubtless the force to the north, hearing his guns, would have joined in the fight. But the colonel seemed to prefer a certainty and sent one courier after another to Major L., ordering him to attack us on a specified day and hour. Every one of these couriers we captured. One bore a message in writing. The others carried no messages.

Finally we were reduced to our last ration—we had only three days' rations to start with—and even if not attacked we must soon surrender. When I was contemplating asking for terms my pickets sent in to me a negro who had been caught trying to steal through the lines far up on the mountain. He was as stupid looking a man as I ever saw, and my surmise that he was not shamming proved correct. Indeed, it was probable that he had been selected to do the work he was intrusted with because he was so stupid that he would not likely be taken for the bearer of an important message from one officer to another.

I directed that he be searched and anything found on him be brought to me. My orderly, who did the searching, brought me a pocketknife, a small piece of tobacco and a dirty piece of paper that proved to be a receipt for 27 cents paid for chicken feed. I threw the paper down as unworthy of attention, but took it up again and, getting more light on it, noticed certain marks on it in pencil that looked as if a newly hatched chicken had been walking over it. These tracks were on two lines on the back of the receipt, the one on the upper edge of the paper, the other lower down. I

confess I was much puzzled by them. I called in several of my officers and asked if they could make anything out of them. Lieutenant Budd suggested that they might be parts of letters. This view was soon voted correct by the rest of us. But of what letters they were parts we did not know and made no headway in discovering.

Budd said that if I would let him take the paper to his tent he would try to study the matter out. I gave him permission, and in an hour he returned with the puzzle solved. The paper had been wrapped about a round stick, probably a ruler for line making, and a message had been written where the upper edge had overlapped, half of each letter being on the edge and half on the paper over which the edge lapped. When adjusted on a stick like the one on which the message had been written it was perfectly plain. When the paper was unrolled the upper parts of the letters were separated from the lower parts. The message was addressed to Major L. and read thus:

Attack the force south of you at dawn on Tuesday next. When I hear your guns I will take the enemy in rear.

I was delighted with the information I had received, and it occurred to me that I might turn it to account. I resolved to send Major L. orders of my own choosing in Colonel B.'s name. Rolling the message on the stick, I wrote the following:

March on receipt of this southeastward through the pass directly in your rear and join me at R., whence our commands proceed to Richmond.

I signed the colonel's name to the message and sent for the negro. I asked him a number of questions as to where and why he was going north and why he didn't come to me for a pass instead of trying to steal through my lines. He told a pitiful story about a sick wife and starving children, and, pretending to be moved by it, I handed him back his knife, his tobacco and his receipt and told Budd to see him through the lines.

When the next morning my mountain pickets reported that the enemy to the north of us had moved through the pass as I had directed, I was delighted with the success of the scheme. I directed that a feint be made by a small part of my command on the Confederates south of us, and while it was going on marched the main force out of the trap, to be followed by the others. So by turning the enemy's trick on himself I saved my force and myself.

# A Space For Our Little Friends

### BENNY LOST HIS DONKEY.

The Good Fairy Came and Helped Him to Find It.

A man named Benny lost his donkey. He wept bitterly, and a fairy appeared to ask if she could in any way comfort him. Hearing the story of the loss, she told Benny that she would have several animals pass before him and he could choose his own from among them. Benny was greatly pleased.

The procession of beasts began. First came a handsome horse, strong, sound and beautiful. Benny shook his head, though the wish sprang in his heart that his beast were as valuable as the one before him. Next came an Arabian thoroughbred, a superb creature. Again Benny shook his head. Then followed a hunting horse, next a Russian trotter. A Shetland pony pranced behind his heels, and a great draft horse came next, his stately tread showing his strength and power. Last of all came a donkey. And such a poor, miserable donkey he looked in the aristocratic company of the others! Benny was tempted to claim one of the others as his own, but affection for the beast overcame his desire. He seized his donkey and patted his head so affectionately that the fairy knew he was a good master. To reward him for his honesty and fidelity she made him a present of all the others, and Benny no longer was poor.

### Curtailings.

- 1.—Triply curtail a hundred years and get a penny.
  - 2.—Triply curtail to make an offer of marriage and get a support.
  - 3.—Triply curtail that which a parent has over his children and get a writer of books.
  - 4.—Doubly curtail the name of a holy day and get one of the four points of the compass.
- Answers.—1, Cent-ury; 2, prop-ose; 3, author-ity; 4, East-er.

### The Lone Star State.

Texas is sometimes referred to as the Lone Star State. This is owing to the fact that for a brief period before the American civil war Texas was an independent state, and prominent on her national flag was one solitary star.

### BEAUTIFUL ESKIMO GIRL DOWN FROM ARCTIC REGIONS

During the winter just passed a family of Eskimos from the arctic regions have been living in New York city and learning the ways of civilization. Perhaps the most interesting members of the family are a girl and boy, named respectively Natuk and Eemootuk. In their home country the little Eskimos



Photo by American Press Association.

Natuk, With Her Happiest Smile, Faces the Camera Man Unafraid.

never saw any such trees as are to be seen in New York, and it has been their special delight to roam in the parks. The cold weather and snow that bothered New Yorkers this year was a source of joy to the arctic visitors, and nearly every day they were to be seen in Central park. They coasted and romped and altogether seemed to be having the jolliest kind of time. They quickly made friends with the white children. Natuk is a very pretty girl, as you can well see.

### MAKING AN AEOLIAN HARP.

Directions For the Boy Who Wants to Construct One.

An aeolian harp can be made by almost any ingenious boy. It consists of a long, narrow box of very thin wood, about five or six inches deep, with a circle in the middle of the upper side an inch and a half in diameter, in which are to be drilled small holes. In this side seven, ten or more strings of very fine gut are stretched over bridges at each end like the bridges of a fiddle and screwed up or relaxed with screw pins.

The strings should all be tuned to the same note and the instrument be placed in some current of air where the wind can pass over its strings with freedom. A window the width of which is equal to the length of the harp, with the sash just raised to give the air admission, is a proper situation. When the air blows upon the strings of the harp with different degrees of force it will excite different degrees of sound. Sometimes the blast brings out all the tones in full concert, and sometimes it sinks to the softest murmurs.

### Charade.

My first is something  
We all like to hear  
Each day of the week,  
Each week in the year.

My second is frail  
And will easily tear,  
But if made firm and strong  
For a long time will wear.

My two joined together  
The world travels round.  
In England and China  
It is sure to be found.

Answer.—News, paper—newspaper.

### Where the Butterfly Gets Its Name.

In Germany there is a large moth that infests dairies and subsists upon butter and milk. In Germany and Holland it is called the butterfliege (fleege, fly). Other names heard in Germany for the dairy moth are butterfly, butter bird; molkendieb, whey thief, and milchdieb, milk thief. Butterfly has become the general name for the whole race, though some people hold that the name is a corruption of the English phrase "flutter fly."

## NIGHT-MARE ILLUSIONS OF VERITABLE HEROISM

C. W. Lowery, L. W. Davis and Oran McClure of Spur, and R. H. McClure of Silverton, went out to Olton in Lamb county last week to attend court in answer to complaints filed upon information charging the commission of misdemeanors in that county on or about the fifteenth day of February. The party arrived in Olton Monday but on account of the court not being ready for the trial at that time the cases were set for Wednesday. The case of R. H. McClure was called first Wednesday and after securing a jury of six men the prosecuting witnesses were heard.

The main witness in the prosecution was Gordon Bales, a boy about fifteen years of age who alleged that while herding sheep Sunday, February 15th, on the range in Lamb county, the above mentioned party of men came by in an auto, stopped and attacked him, pulling out four quart bottles of whisky, each drinking out of his own bottle, and tried to pour it down him whereupon he promptly knocked down two of the party who had attacked him with two big stag knives with which one of them cut his clothing. The boy further alleges that after knocking the men down he used a rope in making them put up their knives, and that they then put two sheep in the car and drove away.

This boy is evidently inclined to day dreams or veritable nightmares of heroism, and being limited in opportunities to display his illusive qualities, no doubt this occasion presented itself at an opportune time. We advise that he secure a position as director of moving picture artists, or join the Rebel forces in Mexico where his dreams of heroism can be fully and in reality matured and executed. The facts of the case are that this party of men stopped and the writer tried to buy a sheep from this herder of sheep and illogical dreamer of the acts of heroism, and failing to agree upon the price to be paid we departed, and during the few minutes spent at the place there was not a word said or a thing done at which any human could take offense or any honorable man make the least complaint of misconduct much less the violation of any laws. However illogical may be the charges we will be forced to go back to Lamb county the first Monday in August to stand trial, the case of R. H. McClure resulting in a mistrial, the jury being four for acquittal and two for conviction, while the other three cases were continued to the next term. We will go out there without the least fear of being convicted by any fair-minded, intelligent jury, and we know the majority are of that class in Lamb county. While there we met a number of men who are broad and liberal and no doubt recognize the fallacy of such charges, and who extended to us every courtesy and consideration. Among those who have and deserve not only our undivided friendship but our heart-felt gratitude are Ben Rose, Luther Williams, Tom Keenen and brothers, Walter Sullivan and Herb Dickerson. These men are not only citizens of which any county should be proud but are real "Princes of Royal blood", and with such a citizenship we know the courts of Lamb county will not be diverted into prosecution of real cases.



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### ENTERTAINED.

On Friday evening of last week, Mrs. J. E. Morris entertained the Merry Wives and their husbands. Progressive forty-two was the feature of amusement, and a number of interesting games were enjoyed by all present. The hostess served a delicious ice course. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Reagan, Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Standifer, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davis, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Bobo, Mr. and Mrs. Sennings, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham.

I am now opening up a German Kitchen in the old Poole Restaurant building and will be prepared to serve the very best meals and short orders. I solicit and will appreciate the patronage of friends and the public and will at all times give the best there is in the market.—J. W. Dunn.

We are in receipt of a card from J. L. Hearn requesting that we hereafter send his paper to Amarillo, he having recently moved to that place.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Davis spent several days of this week in Spur with their sons, Sol and L. W. Davis and families.

L. A. Hindman came in Thursday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and reports plenty rain in that section.

Jay Byrd and family, of New Mexico, are in the city visiting Sol and Luke Davis and families this week.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in the city the first of this week.

Miss Ruth Attebury returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to friends in Hico.

Fine planting cotton seed for sale at 50c a bushel by T. L. Cowsert of the Steel Hill community.

Miss Nell Mahon left Monday for an extended visit to friends and relatives in Waco and Fort Worth.

Oscar Jackson made a business trip this week to points in Oklahoma where he spent some time.

Wanted—Hens with little Chickens.—G. E. Nicholson, at Sol Davis' store.

W. Neilon, of Wichita Falls, was here this week visiting his many friends.

Willis Smith, of the Tap country, was in the city Tuesday on business.

## TAPPING THE SOURCE OF CHEAP MONEY

EDITOR'S NOTE:—This is the third of a series of Articles on AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS prepared by Judge S. A. Lindsey, chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission.

There are land loan and trust companies throughout this nation. They operate in this way: they will take up land notes drawing 8, 9 and 10 per cent and sell them in the East at a rate which will net the investors 5 and 6 per cent. In this way they make from 2 to 5 per cent per annum on each note. This is legitimate. I only mention it to prove that our land securities can and do find cheaper money than the local market's offer.

The bill now before Congress proposes to authorize the organization of Land Mortgage Banks, with Federal supervision same as National Banks. These Land Mortgage Banks will make loans on land notes where the title is good, to the extent of half the appraised value of the land. The mortgage bank will see that the title is good and the value is there, just as banks usually do. They will file these notes with Uncle Sam who will authorize the bank to issue its own bonds or promises to pay in such denominations as are easiest sold, not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of the mortgages and notes held. On these Uncle Sam, who is known as a square man all over this and European countries, will affix some kind of stamp or sign which will mean that the bank issuing it is under his supervision, and that no fake methods have been used. The capital of the bank will be involved and will insure great care on the part of the bank taking the land note and mortgages, and Uncle Sam's supervision will give the investors confidence.

Uncle Sam requires that these banks must lend money on land notes and mortgages at not exceeding 1 per cent above what they can sell their bonds for. So if the bank pays 5 per cent on its bonds the borrower will pay the bank 6 per cent which is from 1 to 3 per cent less than other loan companies now make. You say no one would organize one of Uncle Sam's banks when he is allowed to make but 1 per cent on loans. But Uncle Sam is going to encourage his land banks. He now lends his Postal Savings funds to banks at 2 per cent, and that money is used in commerce. Henceforth he is going to lend it to the mortgage banks, who are to let the farmers have it. He is going to let his land banks take mortgages and land notes and sell

### SEVERE HAIL STORM.

A severe hail storm struck a portion of the Croton country in the vicinity of the D. H. Dunn and W. D. Thacker farms Sunday afternoon and was very destructive to crops which were up, damaging them to such an extent that replanting will likely be necessary. A heavy down-pour of rain accompanied the hail, washing dirt into furrows where seed were planted to such an extent that it is feared will necessitate replanting. The storm was rather narrow and didn't travel a great distance.—Dickens Item.

their bonds up to fifteen times their capital and surplus. You see these mortgage banks are nothing but a kind of note-broker concern for the farmers, and their compensation for finding the source of cheap money and keeping that class of securities in good standing is 1 per cent per annum to be paid by the farmers whom they serve. They can make over 15 per cent on their capital and surplus. That is pretty good.

But before one of these banks can be organized in Texas we will have to adopt the Torrens system of land title registration. We should have done this long ago. The money people pay to record titles would build up a fund ample to insure all land titles and leave an immense surplus besides.

But the land mortgage banks will not entirely enable the landless man to buy a home. In my next article I will suggest an easy and feasible method by which this can be done.

## TEXAS FACTS

### POPULATION.

There are 365,000 persons who were born in Texas and who reside in other States, while 830,000 persons born in other States live in Texas.

The center of Texas population is 5 miles Northwest of Waco, in McLennan county.

If all the people in the United States moved to Texas, our population per square mile would not exceed that of Massachusetts.

If Texas were as densely settled as the average State in the Union, we would have 8,000,000 instead of 4,500,000 people.

The population of Texas increases at the rate of 235 persons per day.

The population of Texas is 14.8 persons per square mile. In the rural districts the average is 11.3 persons per square mile.

Massachusetts has 419 persons to each square mile of area.

During the past decade the population of Texas has increased 27.8 percent and the United States 21 percent.

## AN EDUCATIONAL RALLY HELD AT DUMONT, TEXAS

Judge O. S. Ferguson went to Dumont last Saturday to attend an educational rally of the citizens of that place and community. The meeting was held to ascertain the feasibility of organizing a common county line school district between Dickens, King, Cottle and Motley counties. Rev. Martin and Judge Ferguson spoke at length on the subject. Judge James H. Lynn, of Guthrie, was in attendance and expressed willingness to co-operate with the people. It was unanimously decided to petition the Commissioners' Courts of the said counties at their next regular terms. It is the purpose of the enterprising and progressive citizens of the Dumont country, as soon as the proper arrangements have been made, to build a modern brick or concrete school building and organize a high school of the first class. Until this can be accomplished, temporary arrangements will be made to accommodate the new district.—Dickens Item.

### ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. C. H. Senning entertained quite a number of her lady friends Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock at her home in the west part of the city, the entertainment being novel and one of the most pleasant social affairs of the season.

Upon their arrival the guests were served with hot tea and wafers in the most delightful manner by the hostess. Place cards bearing five varieties of flowers were passed among the guests, the variety and number of flowers designating the partners and tables prepared for the fascinating game of progressive forty-two. Five tables were prepared and on each was a bowl of flowers to match those of the place cards. The score cards were dainty hand-crocheted baskets swung on a May-pole and from which they were presented to contestants. Six games were played and as each contestant progressed in the games a violet was placed in the basket, thus designating the successful players by the basket of flowers.

At the conclusion of the games refreshments of ice cream and Angel Food cake was served. The guests are in accord in acclaiming Mrs. Senning a most charming and entertaining hostess and this occasion is distinguished as one of the most pleasant, enjoyable and most elaborate social functions of the season in Spur.

Among the guests present were Mesdames E. C. Edmonds, Oran McClure, W. S. Dunn, F. W. Jennings, Y. L. Jones, Sol Davis, L. W. Davis, J. B. Richburg, N. A. Baker, George Bennett, H. T. Burgoon, R. P. Cole, J. D. Reagan, C. L. Love, S. T. Clemmons, Chas. Bobo, J. E. Morris, Arbuckle, T. L. Higginbotham, M. E. Manning, I. S. York.

### A CHANGE.

R. E. Dickson, who has had charge of the A. & M. Experiment Station, arrived last week to relieve I. S. York of the Spur Station. Mr. York and family will leave in a few days for Beeville where they expect to make their home in the future. We regret to lose this estimable family but wish them happiness and prosperity in their new home.