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ASPERMONT WINS TWO SERIES OF BALL GAMES

The series of base ball games played last week on the Fair Park diamond in Spur between Aspermont and Spur resulted in a victory for the visiting team, Aspermont having won two of the series of three games played.

The week before the Spur team went to Aspermont where a series of three games were played with Aspermont, the three games being won by Aspermont.

Spur has eight out of town players to make up the team, among whom are Shahan of Ladonia, Morrison of Ladonia, Erwin of Fort Worth, Nation of Paris, Monie of Amarillo, Blade of Sherman, McFarland of Sherman and another player of Dallas.

C. F. CATES RESIDENCE BURNED DOWN SUNDAY

Sunday morning about eleven o'clock the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates in the western suburbs of Spur was totally destroyed by fire, there being not a single item saved from the burning building. Mr. and Mrs. Cates had just started to preaching and had gone but a short distance when their attention was directed to the burning building. However, the flames had spread over the greater part of the building and nothing could be done but stand by and watch it burn completely. The origin of the fire is not known but is supposed to have originated from an oil cooking stove which had been used in baking light bread during the morning.

Mr. Cates and family are at present keeping house in the E. C. Edmonds home during the absence of Mrs. Edmonds and children who are visiting in Ft. Worth.

The building and contents were covered by insurance.

TWO DAYS PICNIC NOW IN PROGRESS AT MATADOR

A great number of Spur people are attending the two days picnic, Thursday and Friday, at Matador. The Matador people know how to entertain and a great time is expected by all who attend.

They will have automobile races Friday, this being only one feature of the entertainment program prepared for the occasion.

RETURNS FROM AN EXTENDED TRIP OVERLAND

J. H. Boothe and family, of near Spur, returned last week from an extended tour over the country in their automobile. While on the trip they visited relatives and friends in Roscoe, Colorado City, Sweetwater and other points in that section.

Mr. Boothe reports that other sections of the country are just as dry at this time as the Spur country, and the probability is that unless rains come within a very short time they will make almost a complete crop failure. However, in many communities of the Spur country rain is not needed at this time, there being plenty moisture in the ground to supply all present needs.

J. C. Sellman, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was in the city Monday and while here handed us a dollar for another year's subscription to the Texas Spur. John Sellman is one of the best "cowboys" of the country, and we appreciate his consideration of the Texas Spur.

IMPROVING GIN PLANT IN CITY OF DICKENS

B. Y. Love, of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week to unload a new boiler to be put in his gin plant at Dickens. We are informed that Mr. Love is making considerable improvements this year in his ginning plant and will have in operation this fall one of the best gins of the whole county. Mr. Love is a progressive citizen and business man and is keeping in touch with the development progress of the country.

J. W. McCLURE DIED AT CLOUDCROFT, N. M.

Last week we received the news of the death of J. W. McClure at Cloudfcroft, New Mexico. He had been in New Mexico only a short time, having moved there from Rising Star in Eastland county, Texas. He was working in a saw mill, and through carelessness of another employee in failing to nail down a plank, he was caught in a saw which almost completely riddled his left arm. The arm was corded and bandaged and he was removed from the saw mill camp to Cloudfcroft for medical and surgical attention. However, the loss of blood was too great and his constitution too weak to withstand the injury, and he passed on to that great unknown beyond from a life of trials, deprivations and hardships.

J. W. McClure was a younger brother of our own, and together we have labored both day and night to cancel an inherited indebtedness. Life for him was constant toil, deprivations and reverses. His early years were devoted to the care and assistance in providing for a widowed mother and family, and being reared in an atmosphere of poverty he had little opportunity to enjoy either educational advantages or worldly pleasures. Later, by thrift, economy and past experiences he saved and accumulated a small competence which was soon exhausted through overconfidence in the business character of men. By virtue of his life of toil, penury, and with all deeds of charity to others, John Warren McClure has earned a recognized place in that Long Home, whatever that may be.

He leaves a wife and four small children to feel his loss and with whom we join in the deepest sorrow, because of the fact that we feel we could have contributed somewhat to his advantages in later years and failed to do so.

CHAS. JAYE GONE TO COAST FOR HIS HEALTH

Chas. Jaye, a leading merchant of Dickens, passed through Spur Monday on his way to Rockport where he will spend some time for the benefit of his health. While in Spur Mr. Jaye was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and stated that he would spend a short time at Rockport and would then go on down to the coast and spend a time in hopes of benefiting his condition. He has been suffering of catarrh for a long time, and is advised that the salt breezes of the coast country will relieve his condition.

We hope that Mr. Jaye will soon be in a position to return to his home in good health and completely cured of his catarrh troubles.

During his absence County Treasurer J. B. Yantis will have charge of his mercantile business at Dickens.

KEEP THE BALANCE IN YOUR FAVOR

The present High Cost of Living has made it difficult for many of us to strike an even balance between our Incomes

Care in buying your daily needs will lighten the burden and by taking advantage of the following your dollars will tip the beam in your favor:

Light Crust Flour, the best made and as cheap as any in town.

Maxwell House Coffee, the best made.

Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup, Pure Texas Honey, fresh from the hive. Dried Beans of all Kinds, and all kinds of canned goods and in fact, just anything you want to eat and at the right price, and if you will get our prices on Groceries before you buy you will be sure to buy of us.

Ladies and Gentlemen, don't forget that we have Dry Goods at the best price of any town, quality considered, and Men if you need that Summer Suit we are making special prices on Summer Suits as well as Summer Dress Goods, so be sure and get our prices on anything in Dry Goods.

Say Men, that car of Windmills is going fast. If you want one you will have to hurry, for the price we have on these Mills they are going to sell, so come along and get that Mill that you need.

Say people, we are going to have that wedding on Saturday week. This will be Election Day and Wedding Day in Spur, so everybody come and remember to be in our store at 4 p. m., for that will be the hour. Now, we are not going to tell who it is, and if you want to know you will just have to be here and find out for yourself.

We are expecting our Mr. Link back this week from Cool Colorado, where he and family have been spending some time on their vacation, and we hope if they can't bring Cool Weather with them that they will bring with them a good rain on their return.

Now, don't forget the date of the wedding, and be sure to be on hand and help us celebrate the occasion by lending us your presence.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

J. F. GOODWIN DIED MONDAY AT HOME IN SPUR

J. F. Goodwin died Monday at his home in Spur and the remains were interred in the Spur Cemetery Monday afternoon at five o'clock, the funeral services being conducted at the home.

Mr. Goodwin had been sick only a short time, and his death was a shock to his friends and acquaintances. He leaves a wife and two little children.

J. F. Goodwin was among those who came to Spur at the beginning of the town, six years ago. All who knew him recognized him as a good man. He was a man who attended to his own business, interfered with the rights of no other man and provided for his household and "earned his bread by the sweat of his brow." He did what he thought was right in every instance.

Truly a good man has gone to his reward, and he has earned a bright place in that Great Beyond.

The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the wife and children in this great bereavement.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the First Christian Church of Spur the following officers were selected to serve during the year: Elders, C. A. Love, R. M. Hamby and I. G. VanLier. Deacons, Lilburn Standifer, C. H. Perry, W. H. Putman, Dr. T. E. Standifer. Deaconesses, Mesdames C. F. Cates and C. A. Love. Trustees, W. H. Putman, C. F. Cates, Dr. T. E. Standifer. Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Putman. Clerk, Mrs. Nellie Johnson.

THE GIRARD REPORTER TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS

On account of illness in the family, Editor Will S. Cooper, of the Girard Reporter, has temporarily suspended publication of that paper. Mrs. Cooper has been in a very critical condition during the past two weeks and she will be carried to Abilene for treatment. Her condition at this time requires the personal care and attention of Mr. Cooper and for this reason it was necessary to suspend the publication of the newspaper until Mrs. Cooper's present condition is somewhat relieved.

Bill Cooper has been publishing one of the best newspapers in this part of the country. He deserves the consideration of subscribers and advertisers in this time of trouble. His finances are limited and the income from the publication of his paper is not commensurate with the character of paper being published in the town. The people of the Girard country could not do a better deed than double the subscriptions to the Reporter, and the business men would make a good investment in doubling their advertising space. Unless some relief of this character is extended, it is our judgement that Bill Cooper will be forced to do something else in order to make a living for his family and meet his obligations. No better newspaper man will ever go to Girard than Bill Cooper. He has been worth ten times as much to Girard as he has made out of the newspaper business, and it is a business proposition that he be extended a more liberal business in the publication of a first-class newspaper.

MARRIED AT GIRARD

Saturday of last week Ab Wimberly and Miss Lillie Green, of near Girard, were married and now receiving the congratulations of friends.

Mr. Wimberly has been with Arch Barnard in the railroad-ing and dirt road construction work during the past year or two and is a young man of sterling worth and integrity.

Miss Green was a charming and accomplished young lady of that country, and the Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wimberly, and may they enjoy many years of happy and prosperous married life.

WILLIAM BOYCE IN SPUR IN INTEREST OF HIS RACE

William Boyce, of Amarillo, and candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals of the Seventh Supreme Judicial District, was in Spur last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office. Mr. Boyce has been practicing law at Amarillo during the past twenty years, devoting his attention exclusively to civil law practice. He has the endorsement of the legal bar in practically every county in the district. He is a man of the highest honor and integrity, an untiring student and worker in his profession and should he be elected to the place he will fill it intelligently, efficiently and with honor and credit to himself, the legal fraternity and constituents.

JOHN SMITH AND FAMILY RETURN FROM MEXICO

John Smith and family returned the latter part of last week from New Mexico where they had gone to seek a location. Mr. Smith recently sold his farm in the Tap country to Tom McArthur, leaving soon thereafter to locate another home in the mountains of New Mexico.

It was said that he stated before leaving that he would not return to Dickens county this time. However, he informed us that what he did say was that he never yet left a place to which he could not return.

At any rate he is back in the Spur country and The Texas Spur extends to him and his family a hearty welcome back home. He will probably buy another place here and again become permanently located.

There is no country which will beat the great Spur country, and this fact will be demonstrated by those who leave. They all come back.

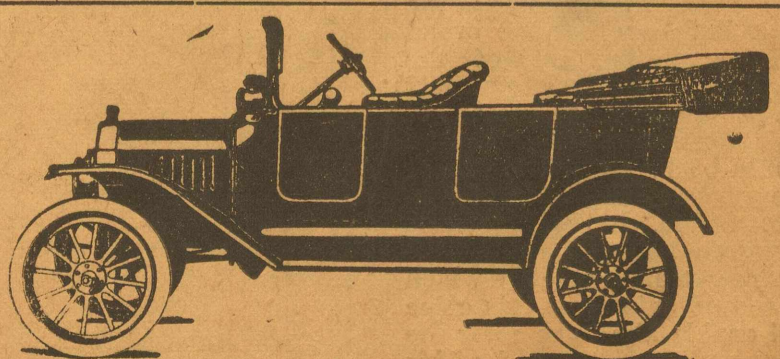
GOOD SHOWER OF RAIN FELL LAST WEDNESDAY

W. H. Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, was here Thursday and reported that a good shower of rain fell in that section Wednesday, there being enough rain to make the moisture meet in that country. A very nice shower fell in Spur and also Dickens, but the people would appreciate more rain at this time. However, the great majority of crops are not materially suffering and if rain falls within the next week or two bumper crops will be produced.

PARTY LEAVES SPUR FOR "COOL COLORADO."

Oscar Jackson and family and Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller left Monday for Colorado to spend a week or two enjoying the coolness and beauties of that country.

They will join N. Q. Brannen at the line of Colorado where he has been awaiting the arrival of the party for several days.



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Knives and Forks, per set..... 65c	Mens Gauntlets, leather palm, Gloves, per pr. 25c	Shoe Soles, per pair..... 20c
No. 2 Lamp Burners..... 10c	Good grade Mens Sox..... 15c	Shoe Nails, per box..... 5c
Large Granite Wash Basin..... 20c	Good grade, Ladies Hose, per pair..... 15c	J. B. Williams Shaving Soap, per bar..... 5c
Good quality Raw Hide Buggy Whip..... 75c	High grade Butcher Knives, each..... 35c	Spectacles, per pair..... 50c
Horse Shoe Nails, per pound..... 15c		Shoe Strings, 3 pairs for..... 5c

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JUDGE J. H. MILAM FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

A newspaper sketch given of a candidate for public office can at best be but a brief mention of his qualifications in chief for the place to which he offers, side lighted with a few remarks as to the candidate's early surroundings and training. Judge Milam's father was a well-to-do farmer in North Carolina, where J. H. grew to manhood, and had instilled into him from youth those sturdy and wholesome principles of clean living and honest dealings that are so characteristic of that great mass of American Citizenry who till the soil. And true to the ideal of a great number of American farmers, J. H. was sent by his father to the State University, where he took the degree in law. After practicing in his native state for several years, he moved to Benjamin in Knox county, Texas, in about 1903, where he was engaged in the practice of law up to the time he moved to Seymour some two years ago, since which time he has been the senior member of the law firm of Milam & Wheat. These gentlemen are enjoying quite an extensive law practice.

Judge Milam has reached that age, 45, when he should be at his best physically and mentally. Old enough to appreciate the serious sides of life and young enough to know that law is not only made for the punishment of those who violate the penal statutes of the state, but also that the broad and ultimate purpose of the law and the courts is to protect the people in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights. And should he be elected to one or two terms of the office of District Judge, he will yet be young enough that both the learning and the prestige which he should gain from this office will enable him to re-enter the law practice at the end of his

term, and be of invaluable service to his country as a private citizen.

Not only has Judge Milam had a wide experience in law practice but he also served Knox county eight years as County Judge, which not only equipped him for trying cases, but also acquainted him with the actual affairs of the people and the necessity of economical administration of the courts. During this term of office he established in Knox county some of the best county schools in the state.

While the candidate is not running entirely on his record, rather looking forward to a more developed life that the past could have afforded, yet his record as Judge of Knox county would be proof sufficient of his qualifications for District Judge. During his service there he disposed of 650 criminal cases and 220 civil cases. Of that number not over fifteen were appealed. Those who were his warmest friends knew that they could get nothing by Judge Milam on the ground of friendship. He is impartial in his rulings as to friend or foe, poor or rich, mighty or lowly. He is at all times a Christian gentleman, but he is a judge according to the law. And, while quiet and unassuming, the friends he has made over the district will as-

sure him the strongest kind of support in the coming primary.

Judge Milam is a man absolutely honest, with splendid executive ability. As a lawyer his opinions are regarded as highly as any lawyer in the district, all in all, he is splendidly equipped to fill the office of District Judge, and we say consider him carefully when you go to vote on the 22nd.—Baylor County Banner.

A YOUNG LADY STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

In the recent storm Monday afternoon about dark, lightning struck the home of Rev. J. Walter Hill, one mile south of Hamlin. His daughter, Miss Lillie May, was most severely burned. Two large places on her limbs and a streak down the back were blistered badly. Her clothes were set afire in two places, and she was for a long time unconscious and the family was fearful of her recovery. The other members of the family were shocked, except Rev. Hall. The lightning struck on the east side of the house, it is thought, and by some way conveyed to the clothes line that was fastened to the northeast corner and thence to a fence some distance away where two nice horses met their death by the stroke. The horses were young and very valuable. We

are glad to state that the daughter is recovering fast and from last reports it is thought that she will soon be up.—Hamlin Herald.

REMEDIES FOR "CHIGGERS"

If a bath in hot water, or in water containing salt or strong soap, is taken within a few hours after exposure in shrubbery and weeds infested with "chiggers," or "red bugs," no ill effects will be experienced. After a long exposure however, a bath has practically no effect and direct remedies are necessary.

After irritation has set in and small red spots appear the application of a moderately strong solution of ammonia to the affected parts is recommended by the department's entomologists. A supersaturated solution of bicarbonate of soda or common cooking soda or saleratus will afford relief. Liberal applications should be made until the irritation subsides. If the suffering is severe, a dilute tincture of iodine or collodion should be lightly applied.

J. A. Murchison was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Draper country. He was here on other business than to meet the voters in the interest of his campaign for the office of County Commissioner.

TWO FELONY INDICT- MENTS IN JONES CO.

A few hours after the grand jury qualified Monday two bills of indictment charging felony offenses were returned, and in the afternoon the body recessed until Wednesday morning, in order to celebrate the Fourth.

One of the indictments returned was against Wiley Norwood, charged with the murder of L. H. Becker. The defendant was arraigned before Judge Thomas Wednesday morning and the trial set for Monday, July 24, and bail fixed at \$7,000.00, which was immediately given. A special venire of seventy five men were ordered drawn for the case.

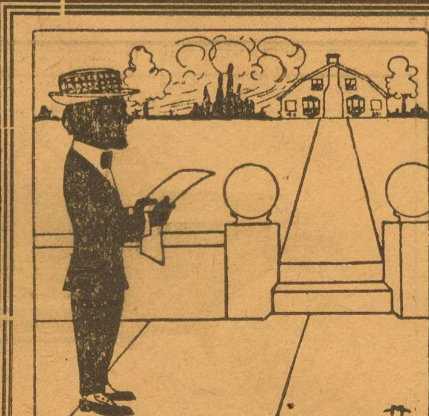
L. H. Becker was shot to death on the Norwood farm nine miles south of Anson on Thursday, February 14. Wiley Norwood surrendered to the officers after the tragedy and was released on bond to await the action of the grand jury.

The other indictment returned by the grand jury charged the unlawful selling of intoxicating liquor. J. Western Enterprise.

BOULTON-BOURLAND

Last Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, east of Mator, Miss Addie Bourland and Scott Boulton, of Turkey, were united in marriage, Rev. J. R. Balch officiating. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Stearns, Mary Kingery, Mr. Drace and family, Edwin Bourland and family, Verlin Reeves, Lena Garrison, Corda Russell, Robert Reeves, Bragg Cammack, Wilson Gunn, John Moore, Mrs. J. R. Balch.—Motley County News.

Mrs. W. R. Barley returned last week to her home at Tell, Texas, after spending some time in the Spur country visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barley of near Spur.



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TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS:

With reference to an article signed by Crawford Cobb and published in the Dickens County Courier, of date July 7th, 1916, wherein he stated "That a report from different parts of the county to the effect that he promised two years ago not to be a candidate for the office of Clerk at this time, and wherein he says he made no such promise and asked an investigation of the same."

I wish to say that I made this statement to a few voters of Dickens county, and I will say that it is true, and I stand ready to verify the same.

Friends, I have not made this statement with the view of riding into office on it, for I do not believe that this ought to be an issue in the campaign, but in defense to a report that I had worked for Mr. Cobb for some time and was now making the race against him without any understanding, and to show friends of both mine and Mr. Cobb's that I was not after doing him an injustice I have made this statement to show how I came to enter the race against him.

Two years ago I had some idea of entering the race for Tax Assessor and Mr. Cobb told me that if I would not enter the race, he only wanted the Clerk's office one more term and if successful he would like to see me succeed him and would support me in the race. After his election at various other times we had conversations in which he stated that he wanted me to make the race and I supposed, until September, 1915, that I was to make the race without his opposition. Yet, he hasn't seen it that way, and I have not a word of complaint to make, but I feel like that in justice to myself that it is necessary for you to know the truth of the matter, and, like him, I welcome an investigation of the same and stand ready to verify the above statements.

Since the publishing of the above article I have had a conversation with Mr. Cobb in which he states that if he made such promises he does not remember them. I am not responsible for this and he should have so stated instead of absolutely denying the same.

This being on the eve of the election and not wishing to take any undue advantage of my opponent I am presenting him with a copy of this article so that if he wishes to answer the same he has the privilege.

Respectfully,
M. GAY.

Mrs. M. L. Pierce returned last week from an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

FAMILY REUNION AT THE HOME OF J. CARLISLE

Monday of last week a family reunion was had at the home of J. Carlisle of the Gilpin country. Those present were Edgar Carlisle and family of near Girard, Poet Hagins and family of the Gilpin country, Alfred Carlisle and family of the Haskell country, Frank Stephens and family of Afton, Dow Hart and family of Lubbock, J. T. Carlisle and family of Gilpin and Jim Swearingen and family of Roaring Springs. All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle were present except the oldest, Jim Carlisle of California, and the youngest, Charley Carlisle of New Mexico.

The occasion of this family reunion was in celebration of the birthday anniversary of Mr. Carlisle. We were not informed of his age, but we know that he came to this country about twenty six years ago and settled the home where he now lives, and that he is well fixed and prosperous and no man of the country is held in higher esteem. May he enjoy many more family reunions and birthday celebrations.

Miss Gussie Love returned last week from a visit of one week at the Gose ranch home east of Spur.

J. D. Hufstedler, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week. He reports that his crops are doing well notwithstanding the continued dry weather.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Sunday. He reported that he had just returned from a trip with his family into New Mexico to visit his daughter and other relatives and friends in that country.

R. S. Holman and family, of Matador spent one day of this week in Spur with his son and daughter, Neal Holman and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rucker. The Judge is now seeking a new location, and it is very probable that he will decide to return to Spur and again make their home here. We extend them a welcome back to our little city.

W. H. Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur one day this week. He stated that he thought he would withdraw his former offer of three dollars to the party making the largest number of trades on any one trades day to be established in Spur. A trades day here would bring lots of people to Spur, and such a day could be easily established by the offer of only a few attractive premiums. How many merchants will offer premiums in establishing a regular trades day in the city of Spur?

MATADOR RANCH VACCINATE 244 MOUNTS

The Matador Ranch, in Matley county, Monday had two hundred and forty four head of saddle horses, mounts for their men in three pastures, vaccinated, calling Dr. Husky from Floydada to do the work. The vaccine administered was for the prevention of distemper.

Dr. Husky was accompanied to Matador by Dr. J. H. Masie.—Floyd County Hesperian.

Mrs. J. A. Caple left the first of the week for Fort Smith, Arkansas, where she will spend about two weeks with her parents and other relatives and friends.

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MORE MARRIAGES IN FRANCE SINCE WAR

The French marriage contract, which is quite apart from the vows and has to do with dowries and other unromantic financial considerations, is being disregarded in war times as never before, possibly an indication that convention and artificiality are really being stripped away by suffering, as so many assert, and consequently the number of marriages in Paris has risen from 768 in January, 1915, to 1,289 in December.

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A PATRIOT IS ONE WHO LOVES HIS COUNTRY

What is a patriot? Are there any alive today, or were they a species of creature which existed at the time of the Revolution, or of the Civil War? "A patriot," says the dictionary, "is one who loves his country and zealously guards its welfare." We think such men and boys still exist. First, he must love his country. The word is not like nor be moderately fond of, but love. Second, he must guard its welfare. This does not say he must let somebody else guard its welfare, but he must do it himself. He must not say, "Let the other fellow fight," but "I will fight." Guarding its welfare does not consist on fighting alone, for there are not always invasions to repel. It consists also in guarding its civil welfare, in being a good, law-abiding citizen. You guard your country's welfare when you go on election day and vote for the man you think will best serve it. You guard your country's welfare when you refrain from doing an act contrary to its desire. Now, thirdly, how must I guard it? Zealously. That means with all your heart and soul and strength; not lazily, not indifferently, but with all the strength and will and power that is within you. If these things are true of you, then you are a patriot. Nothing short of it will answer.—The American boy.

TWENTY CENT COTTON IS NOW PREDICTED

By July 31 the world will have taken for the 12 months preceeding about 13,500,000 bales American cotton. Of this total this year's crop will have furnished about 12,000,000 bales, while 1,500,000 bales is "carry-over" cotton.

Without any change in present export conditions there is no reason to believe that the world will need less cotton next year. Should the war close and the German and Austrian markets become more accessible, the need will be very largely increased. In other words, it is already evident that the world will need next year 13,500,000 bales of American cotton, or more.

Where is the world to get it? The cotton crop is already well advanced—gathering has been begun in some sections—and there is little indication of any material increase in production. True the acreage is somewhat greater, but the increase of acreage is more than offset by the decreased use of fertilizer. The next American cotton crop will be very little, if any, above 12,000,000 bales. Where is the other 1,500,000 bales to come from?

There is no "carry-over" from the 1915 crop. That the "carry-over" from previous crops is about exhausted is indicated by the steady increase of cotton prices. The condition that seems inevitable is: A world need for the next 12 months for 13,500,000 bales of American cotton and only a crop of about 12,000,000 to satisfy it.

With a shortage next season of 1,500,000 bales no man can say where prices, already high, will go. Some cotton men, the most conservative and reliable in the country, predict a level of 20 cents.

Two other things are plain: Holding cotton off the market next fall will help the price along, and he who holds his cotton and those with whom he deals will reap the profit. If there ever was a time when every prospect urged the southern farmer to be prepared to hold his cotton that time is now. And the southern business man and banker have as much reason for encouraging and helping the farmer to get ready to hold.

Two months remain and the fields will be "white unto the harvest."—Farm and Ranch.

FOR SALE

About 120 good native yearlings, heifers and steers, at \$38. Will sell either.—Joe Jay, Jayton, Texas. 35 4t.

Good residence for sale; will take span of good mules as part pay.—E. J. Cowan. 35 5t

STRAYED—A black and white spotted pig, somewhere in Spur. Please notify Weldon McClure or The Texas Spur office and confer a great favor.

Miss Adah Sanders returned this week from a visit to relatives and friends in Fort Worth and other places of that part of Texas.

C. E. Slemings and family of Cleburne, and L. Broom and family of Stamford, returned the first of the week to their homes after spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caple of near the city.



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Not as good, but the best Mens Overalls in Spur, \$1.00.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Sol Davis has just bought a new Caddalac auto which he is now driving.

J. C. Weir, of near Spur, was among the number of business visitors in the city Wednesday of this week.

O. O. Love, a leading merchant of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Sunday of last week and spent several hours here with friends.

L. T. Quisenberry, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

Great Clean Up Sale of Ladies Muslinwear, Gowns, Skirts, Combination Suits, worth \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, choice 95c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Dick Sampson came in Wednesday from his ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and hauled out repairs for his windmill which he says is a job to keep in good shape.

W. D. Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Thursday morning of this week and spent some time here trading with merchants and attending to other business matters.

Editor J. W. Thompson, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports every thing moving along nicely in Dickens and surrounding country at this time.

O. B. Bragg returned last week from Marlin where he had been several days for the benefit of his health. While gone he visited in Dublin, Galveston and other towns of that part of Texas. He reports that the Marlin waters greatly benefited his health.

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But especially so, with the AUTOMOBILE OWNER. First to his LIFE, then to his CAR. First to his life because it can not be restored. Second to his CAR because it is a large investment.

JUST A THOUGHT

When we need a physician we want the best; when our watch needs repairing we want the best mechanic. When your cars need repairing, remember the investment also. Remember it is better to be safe than sorry.

WE FIX AUTOMOBILES RIGHT!

HIGHWAY GARAGE
SPUR, TEXAS

Ladies Wash Dresses at special quotations, 95c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here greeting his friends and looking after other business matters.

W. F. Godfrey returned last week from Paducah where he spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

J. C. Davis came in the latter part of this week from his ranch home near Spur and spent a few hours here on business and with friends.

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the latter part of the week.

Fred O. McFall, of the Soldier Mound country, was in the city Wednesday and hauled out supplies and material with which to make improvements on his place.

See our Mens Work Pants, \$1.00 and \$1.10, beats them all.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Mr. Langford, of Peacock, was in Spur the latter part of last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Just received new line Middies, twenty styles to select from, choice 95c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. G. R. Elkins and son, of Brownwood, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cephus Hogan.

Great bargain in Ladies and Childrens Low Cut Shoes.—Love Dry Goods Co.

D. H. Sullivan and party returned this week from Dallas and Fort Worth where they spent several days on business and pleasure.

Charley Gibson, of Aspermont, spent several days of this week at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. L. Moore, of several miles west of Spur.

Mrs. J. L. Moore, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent an hour or two in the city shopping with the merchants and visiting her friends.

T. N. Cook and family, of near Spur, were in the city the latter part of this week and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, coming in to see the Texas Spur linotype and big press in operation.

While at the picnic Saturday at Girard we met M. J. Lewelling and wife of Rotan, and who have been visiting at the homes of Arch Barnard, Jim Edwards and other friends of the Girard country. We were closely associated with Marion Lewelling several years at Rotan and knew he and his wife many years ago back in old Eastland county. It was a pleasure to again meet them.

FOR SALE OR TRADE!

WE have for sale or trade a good business house and lot, well located, in the town of Spur. This will be a very valuable piece of property in future years. Will sell it at a bargain or will trade for farm land near Spur.

Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co.

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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

FINEST RANCH HOME IN ALL OF WESTERN TEXAS

Mr. Sutton, of DeLeon, is in Spur this week visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Lewis at their home in the city. Mr. Sutton is a carpenter by trade and it is very probable that he will secure sufficient work here to encourage him to become a permanent, resident citizen of the city. He has been employed during the past several weeks near Aspermont where a ranchman is having the old Clipper court house a few miles out from Aspermont converted into a fine residence for his permanent ranch home. Mr. Sutton reports that this old building will be converted into the very finest residence in all of Western Texas.

J. W. McCormick, of near Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants and on other business.

Mrs. W. C. Barley, of near Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to Mrs. W. R. Barley of Tell, Texas, and for which she has our sincere thanks.

French Ruby Cafe for good things to eat. 36tf

Farm loans at eight per cent.—E. J. Cowan. 34 tf.

It's the fashion. What's the fashion? Why to eat at the German Kitchen. 28 tf.

The Spur Produce Co. always pays the highest market prices for hides, furs and all produce.

R. E. Thomas, of several miles north of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city the first of this week.

J. V. McCormick, of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and spent an hour or two here on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

R. J. Williams, of the Red Top community west of Spur, was in the city two or three days of this week, spending the time here with friends and on business.

W. J. Clarke, of the Midway community north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday on business and greeting his friends of the town and surrounding section.

REBUILDING A WHOLE BLOCK IN LOCKNEY.

A whole block of brick buildings are now being built in the city of Lockney. A recent fire in that city destroyed all the buildings on this block and they are now being replaced with fine brick buildings, there being about twelve buildings now under construction.

All the towns of Western Texas are now building, progressing and prospering.

W. B. Bennett, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Monday and spent a few hours here on business.

Chas. Felmney, of Snyder, was in Spur last week visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Johnson of near the city.

Al Sullivan came in the first of this week from his home in the Gilpin country and spent a few hours here on business and greeting his friends.

H. C. Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday of this week greeting friends and trading with the Spur merchants.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Monday and spent an hour or two here on business.

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur, was among the number in Spur Wednesday of this week.

When in town don't forget to eat at the French Ruby Cafe, where everything is nice and clean and the very best service is given to all. 36tf

W. A. King, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent the day here trading with the merchants and also greeting his friends of the city and surrounding country.

Mr. and Mrs. Nonnie Rogers, of Garza county, were in Spur last week visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Lier, of the Soldier Mound community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, have been spending the week in Spur. Mr. Cairnes is now driving a new Pathfinder automobile, one of the finest in the whole country.

JURY ACQUITTED LEONARD DARNELL

The case of the State of Texas vs. Leonard Darnell, charged with murder in connection with the killing of G. G. Dunn in Slaton on Sunday, March 15, 1916, was given to the jury Thursday of last week just before noon, and at four o'clock in the afternoon they returned a verdict of not guilty.

The jury found their verdict on the facts that the evidence presented substantiated the claim of self-defense made by the defendant.—Slatonite.

Money to loan on land, and to take up your notes.—E. J. Cowan. 35 tf

See Dr. Rodgers, Veterinary, Spur, Texas. All work guaranteed. 22tf

J. P. Koonsman, one of the leading farmers of the Croton country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur the latter part of the past week. He reports that everything is progressing satisfactorily in his section at this time.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton section of the country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week. He reports that his section of the country is now in good shape, they having had rain since this part of the county has had any, and as a result the crops are doing all right and growing nicely.

W. D. Thacker was in Spur this week from Draper and spent some time here on business and greeting friends. He was one among the large number of farmers who suffered considerable loss from the recent hails throughout the country. However, the farmers of the Draper and Croton countries replanted and most of the new crops are now growing nicely and promise bumper yields this fall.



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THE WORLD REGISTERED AS WART IN UNIVERSE

A cube one seven-thousandth of an inch in diameter is a pretty small object. It would not choke a mosquito. You could not see it unless you used a microscope. Possibly, if it were made of the right kind of stuff, and if it flew into your eye, you might feel it. But even that is doubtful.

Yet "Uncle John" Brashner, of Pittsburg, the maker of wonderful telescopic lenses, says that a little cube just that big floating around in Lake Erie takes up exactly as much room in the lake, by comparison, as our earth fills in the space around us, known and measured by astronomers, the boundaries of which are only as far away as the nearest star.

This recalls Mark Twain's great story, "Captain Stormfield's Visit to Heaven," wherein are recorded the difficulties which the Captain confronted in the next world when he tried to explain where he came from. He said that San Francisco was his native place. Nobody in Heaven had heard of San Francisco. Then he named California, and, meeting with no response, he went on with considerable irritation to mention the United States and America. Nobody had heard of them. Finally he claimed the earth as his former home, and at last, after a long search through the records of Heaven, it was discovered that among the billions upon billions of stars, worlds, constellations and planets there was, in the dusty toms, a slight reference to an insignificant speck known in Heaven as The Wart, and recognized by Stormfield as our good old Mother Earth.

In this connection it is also well to remember that the wonders of space. Nobody knows or can even guess how long this Big Show—the universe—has been running. Anyway, it is a very large one.

No man can study the stars without becoming bigger and better. The earth is too much with most of us; and we are inclined to be too much with and within ourselves. We have an exaggerated sense of our own importance in the world, and of the world in the universe.—Brownwood News.

Bill Neeb and family and son-in-law and family, of Cross Plains in Callahan county, past through Spur Thursday on their return home from a tour over this western country. While in Spur they visited Mrs. Oran McClure.

WILL BANKERS HELP THE COTTON FARMERS?

Fort Worth, Tex., July 7.—Henry N. Pope, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, yesterday issued the following statement:

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Union to be held in Houston August 8, has among its most important problems that of marketing the present cotton crop. This involves bonded warehouses, and finances for the distress cotton, and for holding the surplus crop. The greatest of the marketing problems is finances, for many farmers cannot hold their cotton unless the money is advanced.

"The recent statement of Hon. W. F. Ramsey, governor of the Federal reserve bank at Dallas, that that institution had on hand \$18,000,000 available for lending on cotton through the local banks to farmers at 6 per cent, puts the question of cheap money up to the bankers. The government proposes to lend the bankers this money at 3 per cent, with the understanding that it is to be loaned to the farmers at 6 per cent. This gives the bankers a profit of 100 per cent on the transaction, with no capital invested. I take it that this profit is satisfactory to any banker and those who refuse to handle it do so because they are opposed to 6 per cent loans on general principles.

"There are many bankers in this state who have, for several years, been lending money to farmers on cotton at 6 per cent, but the great majority of bankers in the cotton belt have never done so. Last year the Federal reserve bank, with its vaults full of money, stood ready to do what it is now proposing to do, but many of the bankers refused to handle the money on that basis, and continued the loans at 10 and 12 per cent.

"There is nothing now between the farmer and 6 per cent money, unless it is the local banker, and in order to definitely develop their position I ask all bankers who are willing to lend money on cotton at 6 per cent to write me to that effect, and I also urge officials of local unions to canvass the banks within their jurisdiction, and ascertain their views on the subject.

"The farmers of this state ought to be proud of their government for using its facilities and influence in helping the cotton farmers, and likewise we are indebted to many able bankers whose co-operation has assisted in bringing about this result.

"We should give our present banking system a fair trial, and if it proves incapable of rendering the services assigned it by our government, then other financial agencies should be established. Our government has offered to place cheap money in the hands of the local banker for the use of the farmers. It is up to the banker to accept or refuse it."

Choice—of our Ladies Shirt Waists, worth \$1.25 to \$1.75, Special Sale, 95c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

JUDGE W. D. FISHER



Candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the 7th Supreme Judicial District.

Canadian, Texas, June 27, 1916. To the Democrats of the 7th Supreme Judicial District:

Judge W. D. Fisher, of Canadian, Texas, is a candidate for Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals for the 7th Supreme Judicial District of Texas. Judge Fisher grew to manhood in Rusk and Gregg Counties, Texas, coming West about twenty-seven years ago. He lived for a few years in Knox and Brisco Counties, and located permanently in Hemphill County twenty years ago. Judge Fisher is in the prime of life, a close student of the law, and well fitted for this high office. He has always stood for the best in society and politics.

Therefore, we the undersigned, cordially endorse his candidacy: Frank Willis, Judge Thirty-first District of Texas; W. R. Ewing, District Attorney Thirty-first District; Newton P. Willis, attorney; J. L. Jennings, County Judge Hemphill County; H. E. Hoover, attorney; J. C. Dial, attorney; Dan B. Hoover, attorney; W. Sanders, County Attorney; G. L. Addison, County Treasurer; W. J. Todd Jr., attorney; W. C. Isaacs, President Canadian State Bank; D. J. Young, President First National Bank; A. H. Fandy, cattleman; Hayes Howell, Pastor Methodist Church; Thos. F. Moody, banker and cattleman; O. R. McMordie, County and District Clerk; C. H. Tipps, Sheriff; L. Williams, Pastor Christian Church; O. Hudson, Mayor; Will Crow, attorney; E. C. Gray, attorney; Higgins; C. Coffee, attorney, Miami; B. G. Taylor, Pastor Presbyterian Church; F. R. Jamison, Editor Canadian Record.

PRESS COMMENTS.

The Lakeview Promoter: "We have known Mr. Fisher since 1905, and at that time he was one of the leading and foremost lawyers of the entire Panhandle. He is a brilliant orator, and a close student of the statutes of the State of Texas."

The Canadian Record: "His ability to discern and interpret the law is recognized as inferior to none who practice before the bar of the district. The district will find in W. D. Fisher a man whose ability meets the requirements of this high station."

Canadian Monday Morning News: "All know him to be an upright, honorable gentleman possessed of much earning and practice of law which qualifies him for this position."

Childress Post: "Mr. Fisher is a competent man and well worth the support of our people, and we trust they will give him a splendid vote in his County."

Miami Chief: "W. D. Fisher of Canadian is seeking the Appellate Judgeship for this district. Judge Fisher is a splendid gentleman, fully qualified for the position."

Childress Index: "Mr. Fisher is one of the most prominent lawyers of the North Plains."

Clyde Jones, of Blackwell, is visiting at the home of Orville George on a ranch near Spur.

F. N. Oliver and two little daughters, of near Spur, were in the city one day the latter part of the past week and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, the young ladies viewing with interest the new Texas Spur linotype machine and its operation.

WE LOSE BY REFUSING TO BE "RIDDEN" LONGER

We have been asked by several parties why we didn't "roast" the party or parties who had circulars printed out of town for the recent ball game. That is their privilege, and in our early newspaper career we learned better than to "roast" people near home. The Texas Spur has not only extended favors and courtesies through its columns to the ball teams but has carried accounts for printing on our books during the past five years. We have refused to be "ridden" longer, and for this reason the printing was carried elsewhere. Under the circumstances we consider that such an idea was conceived in a narrow mind, its execution the fruit of malicious antagonism, and the one promoting such a plan is a leech on the public welfare and a veritable wart on the body politic.

W. E. Duke was in the city Saturday on business.

Mont J. Taylor and family are on an extended visit to relatives and friends in east Texas.

H. P. Cole, of near Dickens, was in Spur Thursday and spent an hour or two here greeting friends.

Bert Brown and wife, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, were visitors in Spur the first of this week.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city one day this week.

George W. Dodson, of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week on business and spent an hour or two here.

John Weathers, of the Red Mud Camp twelve miles southwest of Spur, was among the many visitors in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. McClesky and children, of Floydada, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman.

Miss Mabel VanLier, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Thursday shopping with the merchants.

Luther Jones of several miles north of Spur, was among the large number of business visitors in Spur this week.

Little Jack Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor, has been quite sick the past two weeks. However, we are glad to note that the little fellow is now reported doing nicely and recovering rapidly.

Buster Bural returned Thursday from Afton where he had been to see his father who is sick and under the treatment of Mrs. McCarty. Mr. Bural is reported improving, we are glad to note.

King Kennedy returned the latter part of last week from a trip to the Pecos country. He reports having viewed the Elephant Butte Dam on the Pecos. He says that it is a most wonderful piece of engineering, the dam being about two hundred fifty miles long.

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CROP ROTATION WILL CONSERVE THE SOIL
One of the most important factors in conservation on the farm is the rotation and diversification of crops. It is a well known fact that the continuous planting of land to one crop, whatever that crop may be, will, in course of time, deplete if not exhaust the producing capacity of the soil. Each successive year of such cultivation will leave the soil in a more run down condition, and each year more subject to the outbreak of fungus diseases. Again, such method concentrates all kind of insect pests that forage upon the particular crop grown upon the land.
On the other hand, it is equally known that it is best, on the conservation idea, to have the shallow-rooted ones, and vice versa, keeping in mind always to plant some legumes each year on portions of the farm.—Ed R. Kone, Ex-Commissioner of Agriculture.

VOTE FOR WILLIAM BOYCE OF AMARILLO
FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH SUPREME JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS.
He is a native Texan, 45 years old, has practiced law at Amarillo for more than 20 years, and has the endorsement and support of a majority of the lawyers of the district, including Amarillo, Plainview, Dalhart, Childress, Clarendon and other places. Ask your own lawyer as to his qualifications for the office.
(Political Adv.)
We carry the best line of Mens Work Shirts in West Texas at 50c.—Love Dry Goods Co.

Mrs. C. W. Brown, of near Spur, left Sunday for an extended visit to her daughter and family of Greenville.
Bailey Simms, Mr. Austin and D. H. Sullivan returned the latter part of the week from Fort Worth and Dallas where they spent several days on business and pleasure.
Miss Nell Mahon left Sunday for an extended tour of the country. She was accompanied to Fort Worth by Jim Mahon who will spend a week or more in that city. Miss Nell will visit New York City, Washington, Chicago, Niagra Falls and other points on the tour.

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TO THE VOTERS OF PRE-CINCT NUMBER THREE

It has not heretofore been customary for candidates for Justice of the Peace to make a campaign in the Primary election, therefore I failed to make application for my name to be printed on the ballot. I desire to serve the people again in that office and if my services are desired for another term I respectfully ask my friends and the voters of this precinct to write my name on the Primary Ballot.—D. A. Young.

Mrs. Lollar, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of this week. In coming to town Mrs. Lollar's team became frightened at a sign board which had fallen down. The team ran a good distance but were held in the road and no damage was done more than to frighten Mrs. Lollar.

Willis Smith, Jr., returned Thursday from a trip over the Pecos country where he has been spending the past week or two. He reports a most pleasant trip.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch Home, ten or eleven miles west of Spur, was in the city one day this week and spent a short time here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot and daughters came in Wednesday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home and spent a short time in the city shopping with the merchants and visiting with friends.

W. F. Shugart, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was among the large number of visitors in the city this week. He reports everything in good shape in his section notwithstanding the continued dry weather.

THE GIRARD PICNIC WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

The two days picnic and barbecue held at Girard Friday and Saturday of last week was a success in every particular. The first day was a basket picnic, the dinner being the finest in the land and in sufficient quantity to satisfy the appetite and most exacting desires of the large crowds present. The second day barbecue, bread, pickles and coffee was served to thousands of people in attendance from every section of the country. The barbecue was well prepared and the picnic managers are to be congratulated on the success of the occasion. The second day the Kent county candidates and other prominent speakers entertained the audience. Hon. A. J. Hagins and Fritz R. Smith candidates for the legislature made lengthy speeches to the large audience. Thousands of people were there both days and everybody enjoyed the occasion to the full extent.

The next time Girard has a picnic we'll all be there.

LITTLE CHILD DIED IN SPUR WEDNESDAY

Wednesday night of this week the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Z. B. Morgan died as the result of burns sustained from concentrated lye about two weeks ago. The remains will be carried to Dublin and interred in the family cemetery.

The child was only a few years of age, and while in the kitchen at home it was standing by its mother who accidentally knocked a can of lye from a shelf, the contents of the can spilling over the face and body of the child. The face was badly burned, one eye put out and burns sustained on body and limbs. It was thought for a time that the child's life could be saved, but the little sufferer was relieved by death during the night Wednesday.

The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the mother and father in this bereavement.

W. L. GLASGOW DIED FRIDAY IN ASPERMONT

B. D. Glasgow, Mr. and Mrs. Cephus Hogan and Mrs. Elkins attended the funeral of W. L. Glasgow Saturday of last week at Aspermont. W. L. Glasgow was a brother of B. D. Glasgow of Spur. He died Friday night at his home in Aspermont and the remains were interred Saturday in the Aspermont Cemetery. To the bereaved family and relatives we extend our sincere sympathy.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. J. F. Goodwin requests the Texas Spur to extend her heart felt thanks to neighbors and friends who assisted and comforted her during the illness and death of her husband. Especially does she wish to thank the doctors for their professional services rendered and kindnesses. Also the ball teams and all who attended in aid to her. She wishes that life's richest blessings will be with each and every one.

Mrs. Maude Grimes, of San Angelo, is in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. Catherine Fite.

Lewis Holly, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Porter McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was among the recent visitors in Spur.

Ranger Robinson came over from Dickens one day this week and spent an hour or two here on business.

Jody Jopling, of Clay county, is visiting at the home of J. G. Currie of the Watson community.

J. G. Currie and son, Cortus, of the Watson community, were in Spur Thursday and while here called in and watched the linotype in operation.

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UNCLE TOM COCHRAN ENJOYS FAMILY REUNION

Last week Uncle Tom Cochran enjoyed a family reunion at his home in the west part of the city. Among his children present were Oscar Cochran and wife of Arizona, Mrs. Graves of Mineral Wells, Bruce Cochran of the Half Circle S Ranch and Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Amarillo, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Clay who are making their home with him. The week was one of pleasure not only to Mr. and Mrs. Cochran but to each one present. They all departed for their homes the latter part of the week, and Mrs. Cochran returned home with Oscar Cochran, of Arizona, where Uncle Tom will join her soon after the Primary election, he having remained behind to exercise his franchise on the 22nd day of July.

NOTICE.

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No. 10703
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business June 30th, 1916.

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b)	\$122,677.74
Total loans	122,677.74
2. Overdrafts, unsecured	437.66
3. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$10,000.00
Total U. S. bonds	10,000.00
4. e Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	\$276.31
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	3,000.00
b Less amount unpaid	1,500.00
7. Banking house (if unencumbered)	7,750.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	2,150.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	4,450.00
11. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	4,881.09
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	14,340.07
12. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)	265.38
15. a Outside checks and other cash items	265.33
b Fractional currency, nickles, and cents	89.85
19. Coin and certificates	5,846.15
20. Legal-tender notes	500.00
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	200.00
Total	\$175,729.78
LIABILITIES	
25. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
26. Surplus fund	10,000.05
27. Undivided profits	\$5,799.63
b Reserved for taxes	600.00
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	6,399.63
28. Circulating notes	9,700.00
33. Individual deposits subject to check	102,483.41
36. Cashier's checks outstanding	1,415.33
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.	103,898.80
Time Deposits (payable after 30 days or requiring 30 days notice):	
41. Certificates of deposit	3,331.35
Total of time deposits, Items 41, 42 and 43	3,331.35
Total	\$175,729.78

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of July, 1916.
E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
P. H. Miller,
T. E. Standifer,
Sol Davis
Directors

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

To the State Constitution Relating to Levying Tax For School Purposes.

H. J. R. No. 30.

House Joint Resolution.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem county tax not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the county, and authorizing the levy and collection of an ad valorem district tax not to exceed one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of property for the maintenance of the public schools of the district.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article 7 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended to hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. School Taxes.—

One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes, and a poll tax of \$1.00 on every male inhabitant of this State between the ages of 21 and 60 years shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools, and in addition thereto there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem State tax of such an amount, not to exceed 20 cents on the \$100.00 valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources will be sufficient to maintain and support the public free schools of this State for a period of not less than six months in each year. The Legislature may authorize the levy and collection of an annual ad valorem county tax within the counties of this State not to exceed 50 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property situated within the county; provided a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the county voting at an election to be held for that purpose shall vote such tax, for the purpose of maintaining the public free schools of the county, and the Legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law, without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation, and all such school general or special law, may embrace parts of two or more counties, and the Legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed

of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the Legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, or hereafter formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax paying voters of the district, voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation of the property subject to taxation in such districts, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns, constituting separate and independent school districts.

Sec. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby instructed to issue the necessary proclamation for the submission of this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Texas at the next general election to be held in November, 1916, at which election all voters favoring this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of ad valorem school taxes, not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district." And those opposed to this amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment to Section 3, Article 7, of the constitution of the State of Texas, relating to the levy of ad valorem school taxes, not to exceed fifty cents on the \$100.00 valuation in the county, and not to exceed one dollar on the \$100.00 valuation in the district, for the purpose of maintaining the public schools of the county or of the district."

Sec. 3. The sum of \$5,000.00 or as much thereof as may be necessary therefor, is hereby appropriated to pay the expenses of carrying out the provisions of this resolution.

(Note.—H. J. R. No. 30 was adopted by the House March 6, yeas 104, nays 12. Was adopted by the Senate, with amendments, March 19, yeas 25, nays 2. House concurred in Senate amendments March 19, yeas 78, nays 19, present and not voting 1.)

Approved April 1, 1915.

(A true copy.)

JOHN G. MCKAY,
Secretary of State.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For County and District Clerk:
LESLIE E. WILLIAMS
J. A. KOON
M. GAY
CRAWFORD COBB

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
R. L. COLLIER
J. H. LATHAM
J. B. CONNER
BUD MILLER
T. W. MORGAN
G. L. BARBER

For Tax Assessor:
G. B. JOPLING

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.
BERT KING
J. ROSS BELL

For County Treasurer:
J. B. YANTIS

For County Judge:
BLAINE SPEER.
WALTER L. POWELL

For District Judge, 50th Judicial District
J. H. MILAM
JO A. P. DICKSON

For Representative, 105th District:
FRITZ R. SMITH
A. J. HAGINS

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3:
W. A. JOHNSON

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Ard, Shelton
Baker, John W.
Berryman, Rev. G.
Blassengame, Mrs. Grace
Bowers, Willie—5 letters
Bryan, Ike
Camfield, Rush
Davenport, W. S.
Davidson, Miss Alma
Duncan, G. P.
Forrest, Floyd
Ferguson, J. A.—2 letters
Gather, Jim
Gallagher, John
Gilmore, J. H.
Gilmore, J. M.
Goff, Marvin
Hargrove, S. T.
Jachory, J. B.
Lawson, Swift
Long, Minnie
Miller, Sidney
Mitchell, Tom
McCay, Mrs. Laura
Randolph, Bill—2 letters
Sherman, W. B.
Slade, J. H.
Smith, Mrs. Eunice
Smith, Miss Jessie and Pearl
Stephens, Raminey
Stokel, Olen
Tiby, Tom
Thomas, J. H.
Thomas, J. M.
Thomas, Ada
Willis A. P.
Willis, Mrs. Jessie B.
—Lela Evans, P. M.

MAD DOG BITES CHILDREN NEAR RULE

A Mr. Miller, of near Rule, Texas, was here Wednesday on his way to Austin with one of his children, who was bitten by what was supposed to be a mad dog. One of his children was already at Austin for the same reason, taking treatment at the Pasteur institute. It seems that the first child was bitten by a dog supposed to be mad, the child was taken to Austin, and the supposed mad dog, before being killed, bit another dog, which in turn bit the second child. The last dog was also killed, and the head taken to the expert at Austin to see if the dog was mad.—Stamford Leader.

Mrs. M. A. Poe, of Garrett, Texas, returned last week to her home after spending several days in the city with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sullivan.

J. A. Caple, of four or five miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Caple is also farming this year on the plains near McAdoo and reports that his crops in that section are growing nicely and is not now needing rain.

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**TO THE VOTERS OF
DICKENS COUNTY:**

A report from different parts of the county is to the effect that I promised two years ago that I would not be a candidate for the office of Clerk at this time. I made no such promise, and ask that those who have heard the report, make some investigation of the matter before casting your ballot in the General Primary.

I entered this campaign on the suggestion of my friends, and expect to make a clean race, and if my past record has been such as to merit the giving of the office another term, would be glad to serve the people again. On account of considerable sickness in my family, and other things, I have been unable to make a thorough canvass, but the people know me, and know that I have duties to perform in my official capacity, and those who do not know me do not expect me to visit them in person.

Thanking the people for past favors, and hoping again to serve you as Clerk for another term,

Your humble servant,
(Adv.) CRAWFORD COBB.

GOING VISITING

T. J. Harrison, of the Midway community north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday having his car repaired preparatory to taking a trip to Ochiltree county to spend a week or two with relatives and friends. They intend to leave home Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning. The Texas Spur wishes them a most pleasant trip and visit.

**GERALD HARRIS KILLED
IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT**

Gerald Harris, a well known druggist aged about 40 years, of McCauley, died in a sanitarium at Stamford late Tuesday afternoon from injuries received in an automobile accident two miles east of Roby.

Mr. Harris, accompanied by his wife and four children were enroute to Roby and in turning out of the road to allow a car traveling in the opposite direction to pass the wheels ran into a deep rut and their automobile was overturned. Mrs. Harris sustained a fractured hip and broken arm, and was otherwise injured, but it is stated that she will recover. The children escaped injury.

Immediately following the accident Mr. Harris was carried to a sanitarium at Stamford, but died soon after reaching the institution. His skull was fractured, and a bolt of the car penetrated the brain.

Gerald Harris was a pioneer citizen of McCauley, where he had been in the drug business for about twelve years. He was well known to many citizens of Jones county.—Western Enterprise.

Where did you get the last good meal for less money, Bill? Why, I got it at the French Ruby Cafe. 36tf

A. L. King was here Tuesday from the Cat Fish country and spent a few hours in the city on business.

Mrs. D. H. Sullivan has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur, having the paper sent to her mother, Mrs. M. A. Poe, of Garrett, Texas.

DENNIS J. HARKEY, Pres. M. GAY, Secretary

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