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THE TEXAS SPUR

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For the Homes of Dickens County, and the best advertising medium of this section of West Texas

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SENT TO PENITENTIARY FOR BURNING ROARING SPRINGS

In a trial in District Court at Matador recently a man by the name of Melton was convicted of arson in connection with the burning of several business houses in Roaring Springs several months ago, and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Rich Bennett, who was also connected with the arson charge, turned state's evidence and as a result was allowed to go free.

A. Holmburg, a prominent farmer of Dumont, was in town Friday shaking hands with his friends and transacting business.

RIGHT, BUT WRONG



Mrs. G.—"Harry, did you go to church last night, as you promised?"

Harry.—"Yes, mother."

Mrs. G., (doubtful).—"And what was the sermon about?"

Harry.—"Fear not, for you will get your quilt back."

Mrs. G.—"What's that?"

Harry.—"Well, to use the exact words, it was, 'Fear not, the Comforter will return,' from the 14th chapter of St. John."

This little boy was like some people that read advertisements; they get the words but not the meaning.

Now, folks, we have a new line of oil stoves that are an advertisement within themselves, for they use less oil, are simple, and they cook. Come look at our Florences.

Now, we are carrying a full stock of De Laval cream separators, and are selling them. Do you know that the time spent in operating a cream separator pays you more than any other time spent on your farm? There's your calf crop, your butter fat, your pig crop, and your bank account that starts a steady growth when you buy a cream separator. And say, get the best; may cost a little more, but worth it. Don't throw away your money on cheap separators. Call and see our display of De Laval's.



Cultivator time has arrived, and you miss something if you do not look over our John Deere

DIED IN SAN ANGELO.

Chas. F. Pearson, of Abilene, who was in Spur and organized the Praetorian lodge here several years ago, died very suddenly Thursday of last week while near San Angelo. His remains were shipped to his home at Abilene for burial. Mr. Pearson formed many lasting friendships while in Spur, and we all join the family in their sorrow. He leaves a wife, daughter and son.

Ed Hulse and wife, of several miles west of Spur were here Saturday and spent some time trading with the local merchants and greeting friends. Mr. Hulse stated that he would plant a considerable acreage to sweet potatoes and other truck this year.

line before you buy. Have a full stock of hammock seat, wiggle tail and four plow cultivators.

Now, we have a few more buggies that we will sell cheap. We are proud of our line of buggies, and have a right to be. We keep a clean up-to-the-minute stock, and select buggies that have clean cut lines and swell lookers. And they are just as good as they look.

Remember we are headquarters for good things to eat. Light Crust flour has never been beat, and we still sell all we can get. We also keep a nice line of candies, fruits, etc. We don't like to boast, but we have one of the most complete stocks of groceries in the West. And they are all fresh. We don't keep them long enough to get stale. Bring in your bills and let us fill them.



IT IS ABOUT TIME

to get into one of our Palm Beach suits and straw hats. They have the snap of appearance and comfort combined. Price too cheap to tell. Remember the specials in skirts, aprons, shirt waists, and we have the prettiest line of middy blouses coming this week you have seen—everything for comfort. Your cash counts with us, and we have something to prove this to you with. Business is fine so far in 1915; come on and help us make it a hummer.

BRYANT-LINK Co.

HAIL DOES DAMAGE.

The hail which fell in Spur and over a small territory surrounding the town is reported to have considerably damaged crops on the Will Walker farm two miles east and other farms in that immediate section. Mr. Walker, we understand, will have to replant his cotton. The hail was heavy in Spur, but it appears that the heavy hail storm covered only a small territory in the town and immediately surrounding.

George Odam, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday on business.

DICKENS COUNTY FAIR NOW BEING ORGANIZED

After talking and preaching for more than a year, the Dickens County Fair Association is now being organized. This week stock shares in the organization were subscribed to the amount of \$3,500.00, including the necessary ground acreage which was donated by S. M. Swenson & Sons. The plan is to incorporate the association with a capital stock of \$5,000, erect permanent buildings including an exhibit hall for all farm and agricultural products, lots and stalls for the care of livestock exhibits, grand stand and other necessary buildings, ball park, race track and other necessary improvements. Stock subscriptions to the amount of \$1,500 is now all that is necessary to complete the organization and this amount will be readily subscribed by the citizenship of the surrounding country.

This Dickens County Fair is one of the biggest propositions, not only to Spur but the country at large, that has been presented to the people, in that it will not only promote agricultural and livestock interests throughout this whole territory but stimulate commercial and individual interests in the town and country, and the man who subscribes for stock in this fair organization evidences a public spirit which will result in material benefit to himself, the town, the country, and the general public. A full list of subscribers will be published later.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT

The petit jurors were dismissed last week for the term, and the cases tried during this week were by juries most conveniently summoned. The following cases were tried this week:

R. M. Hamby vs. Mrs. Mary E. Dowdy, suit of trespass to try title, defendant's plea in abatement was sustained and suit dismissed.

Jas. M. McMahan vs. Wichita Valley Railway Company, suit for damages in the sum of \$20,000, continued to next term of court on motion of defendant.

R. M. Hamby vs. Matador Land & Cattle Company, boundary suit, verdict for plaintiff.

Mrs. W. K. Potts-Perry vs. W. K. Perry, divorce, was granted.

Mrs. Jake Ballard vs. Jake Ballard, divorce, was granted.

The grand jury was dismissed, having found twenty-eight bills of indictment, five of which were felonies and twenty-three misdemeanors.

Mrs. Geo. S. Link entertained the Merry Wives Club at her home in the city Friday afternoon. After several interesting games of auction forty-two, dainty refreshments were served. The guests report a most pleasant afternoon as is always the case with this charming hostess.

F. W. West was here Wednesday from his home north of Spur.

MARKETING FEED.

C. D. Copeland, Al Sullivan and Roy Butts brought in three loads of threshed maize Saturday from the Copeland farm six miles east and sold it on the Spur market at the prevailing price. Mr. Copeland had more than one hundred acres of feed stuff the past year, and after selling a large quantity of feed will have enough left to run his farm two years. This year he will cultivate about four hundred acres in cotton, feed and small grain. Mr. Copeland is one of the biggest farmers of the country and is fully demonstrating what can be done in the farming business in this country on an extensive scale.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN RESIGNS HIS POSITION

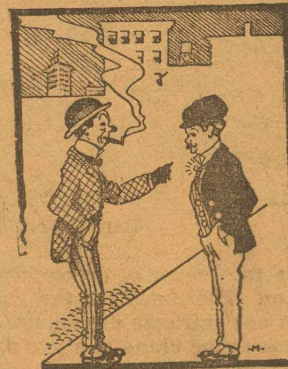
The latest and most sensational news in national affairs is the resignation of William Jennings Bryan as Secretary of State, his resignation being tendered and accepted Tuesday by President Wilson. The reason given for the resignation is that Bryan and Wilson could not agree as to the tone of the note sent Germany by the United States government. While the general public has not been informed of the contents of the note, Mr. Bryan states that it is virtually an ultimatum to Germany, and that in his opinion the American people do not wish to do anything which might lead to an entanglement in the European wars. William Jennings Bryan is right in his stand in this instance, and we glory in his "spunk" in resigning his high position when he thinks the "powers that be" are not doing what the American people desire.

Paul Douglass, of three miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday and reports everything ideal with respect to farming conditions at this time.

NEGRO PRISONER MAKES ESCAPE FROM COURT

A negro and trusted prisoner who had been detained several months at the Dickens county jail, made his escape last week while court was in session. The negro was being held on a minor charge and it is supposed that he became frightened of the consequences of his trial when another negro was convicted and forced to make a convict bond in the sum of one hundred dollars or more. This negro who escaped had been doing chores around the jail, and since no fears were entertained of his running away he was not locked in a cell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Zumwalt and daughter, Miss Vernon, were in the city Saturday from their farm and ranch home several miles west of Spur.



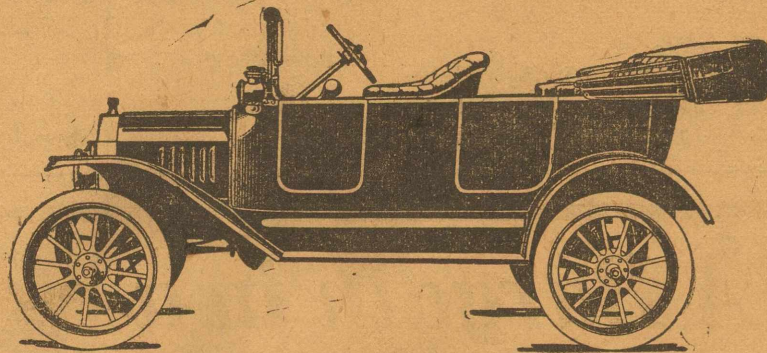
Ponder

Did you ever stop to ponder what the Picture Show has done; How it's changed the thought of Nations, of the triumphs it has won? Do you know that it is engaging the best Dramatic Art, And is of our society a well-established part?

It has given us an insight to lives of other climes; Instructive and amusing—this Art of Modern Times; We no longer need to travel and through distant lands to roam, For we can see them every day and stay right here at home.

Dixie Airdome

Springer & Turnbow, Mgrs.



In the city or country, for business or pleasure, under all conditions, the mechanical perfection, strength, light weight and simplicity of the Ford car make it the people's utility. And they average only about two cents a mile to operate and maintain.

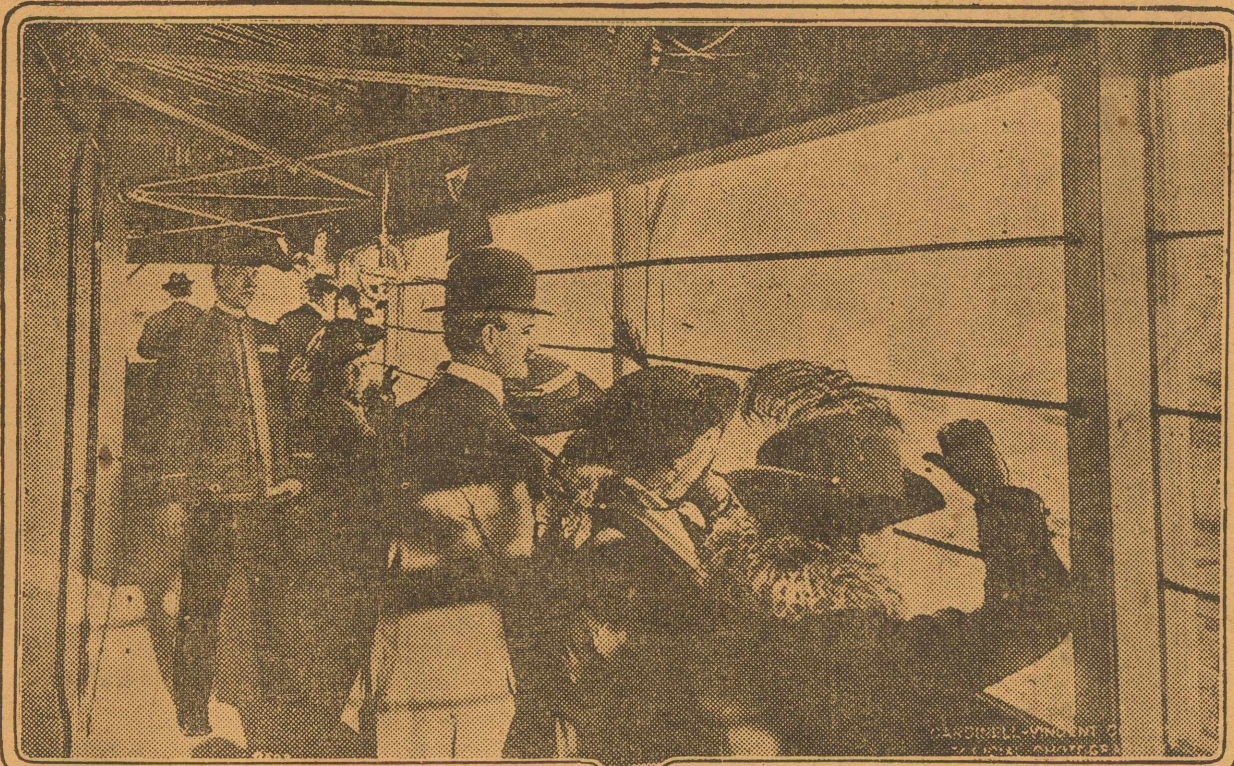
Barring the unforeseen, every retail buyer of a new Ford car between August 1914 and August 1915, will receive from \$40 to \$60 as a share of the Ford Motor Company's profits.

Touring Car \$490; Runabout \$440; Town Car \$690; Coupelet \$750; Sedan \$975; f. o. b. Detroit with all equipment.

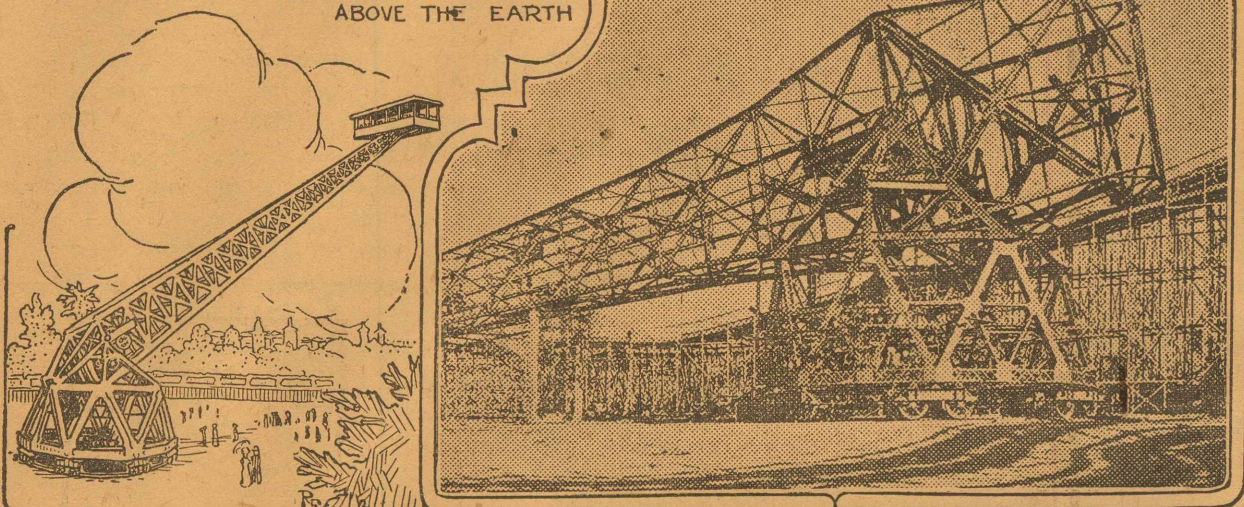
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Spur, Texas

THE WONDERFUL AEROSCOPE, HIGHER THAN THE FERRIS WHEEL, GIVES VISITORS MARVELOUS VIEW OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST EXPOSITION



VISITORS ON THE AEROSCOPE 265 FEET ABOVE THE EARTH



THE GIANT FRAME OF THE AEROSCOPE AS IT APPEARED UNDER CONSTRUCTION

For the seeker of amusement there is opportunity a-plenty in the unique mechanical achievement, the Aeroscope, on "The Zone," at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. The Aeroscope resembles a giant crane of a novel and intricate design, its steel construction recalling that of the Bascule bridge. At the extremity of the long arm of the crane is a two-story car with a seating capacity for 100 persons and standing room for 20 more. At the short end of the crane is a giant mass of concrete, which serves as a counter-balance for the long arm of the crane. Beneath the car are two great water tanks, which take on water or discharge it as passengers enter or leave the car, thus always preserving the balance to a nicety. When, for example, a man weighing 160 pounds enters the car an amount of water of equal weight is released from the tank, and when the passenger departs 160 pounds of water are automatically discharged into the tank below the car. The car ascends without perceptible motion, and perfect safety and a farless ride of ten minutes is assured to passengers while enjoying this trip of 265 feet into the clouds, or four feet higher than the Ferris wheel. Two motors control the ascent and descent in conjunction with the counter-balance of the huge car, and when it reaches its extreme height it begins to swing slowly around on the wheels at its base, giving a magnificent view of the exposition, of San Francisco bay and of the city of San Francisco.

R. V. Colbert, a leading citizen of Stamford and president of the Spur National Bank, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday to attend a meeting of the directors of the bank.

Jake Scott, of the Afton country, is reported quite sick at his home. His many friends hope that his illness will not be serious.

Sure Corn Cure—Will remove corn for 50c, bunyon for \$1. Satisfaction guaranteed. No cure, no pay.—L. G. Garrett. 28-7tp.

Mrs. W. S. Dunn and daughter, Miss Vivian, and Miss Dan Jenkins left Friday for New Mexico, where they will spend the summer at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Dunn. These excellent people have many friends in Spur who will regret their absence from the city.

C. H. Perry has been employed with Brannen Bros. during the past week while N. Q. Brannen attended court at Dickens.

Firm Self, of Red Mud, was seen on the streets Saturday.

J. J. Hickman and wife, of the plains country, were in the city Wednesday marketing produce and trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Hickman is one of the most extensive farmers of the Lee county settlement and reports that he now has the most promising prospects for bumper crops of all kinds this year.

J. E. Reams went to Dallas last week to purchase a new boiler, engine and other equipments for the Afton Gin plant in which he recently purchased an interest. Extensive improvements are being made in this gin, and it is expected to become one of the best in this entire section.

J. L. Perry, a prominent citizen of the Spur country, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday, spending several hours here on business and greeting friends.

John Weathers came in the latter part of last week from the Red Mud Camp and spent a few hours here on business and greeting friends.

Tack Kennedy, the champion "brank peeler" of the West, was greeting his many Spur friends Saturday.

J. C. Garrett, of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday, trading with the merchants.

C. J. Smith, a leading citizen of seven miles of town, was in Spur this week on business.

John Goode, of Cisco, passed through Spur Saturday, en route to Crosbyton.



Make them feel like they'd been to a party

Give your callers a treat—after they've been there awhile disappear for a moment and come back with clinking glasses and

White Swan Grape Juice

Watch them from the first sip—hear their exclamations of delight—note how they warm up to conversation as they themselves cool off.

They'll like it—you'll like it for its rich, smooth, delightful flavor.



Get it from your grocer—in bottles. Buy it by the glass at any soda fountain.

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Some Marvelous Exhibits at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition

Exhibits in Agricultural Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition Show Caterpillar Gaining Favor Over Lug-wheeler Tractors in Farm Machinery.

An observer in the Agriculture Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco cannot help noticing, in the display of agricultural power machinery, the almost complete supersession of the new design of power tractor, known as the caterpillar, over the cumbersome, unstable, high-wheeled engine of a few years ago. There are few of the old models on exhibition, while the caterpillar principle has been applied to almost every type of engine for agricultural purposes.

The caterpillar proper is a heavy sheet metal chain, varying in width from ten inches to two feet according to the weight of the engine, which passes around two heavy sprocket wheels like a belt. These wheels revolving, pass the chain about them, the lower part moving backward, with the weight of the engine resting on the broad surface of the chain between the two sprockets.

An engine of this type can be operated on ground soft enough to mire an ordinary farm wagon.

Duplicate of the Roosevelt African Shotgun.

A duplicate of the shotgun which Col. Theodore Roosevelt took with him on his African trip, a gun constructed expressly for him by an American armorer, is on display at the manufacturer's exhibit in the Manufacturer's Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. The gun cost its illustrious owner \$360, and its beautiful design, graceful lines and wonderful inlay work would justify the expenditure to any lover of fine pieces. The stock is elaborately hand carved, the barrels and lock are hand engraved, and the lock is inlaid with a hunting scene in gold. The barrels are of the finest Krupp steel. Before starting on the trip the ex-president wrote to the makers: "I really think it is the most beautiful gun I have ever seen. I am almost ashamed to take it to Africa and subject it to the rough treatment it will receive."

The left barrel is choked and the right open. It is cored to shoot either buckshot or a single ball.

In a group in this Palace are displays by four of the world's greatest

manufacturers of sporting arms, which form an exhibit which attracts hundreds of sportsmen. Each display is in charge of a firearms' expert.

Pearl Culture a New Industry.

Among the interesting exhibits of the Japanese in the Manufacturers' Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition is a demonstration of the methods and results of pearl cultivation in the far East. The displays of this cultivated product, showing hundreds of pearls which until pearl culture was placed on a commercial basis a few years ago would have been the possessions of royalty, will delight any lover of beautiful gems, and the methods of production will prove interesting to any observer. Though pearl culture has become a thriving industry in Japan, attempts to reproduce it in other parts of the world have yielded but meager results.

The successful method of propagation was evolved by the Japanese scientist Kokichi Mikimoto, who discovered a species of oyster which produced the pearl on the surface of the shell. Though the finding of the oysters and inserting the nuclei, then waiting for the pearl to grow to a commercial size may seem a simple process, the fact that it has not reduced the price of the gems, even to that of the most expensive imitations, shows that it is beset with many difficulties.

Daniel Webster's Plow at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

One of the most valuable exhibits commercially, in the Agricultural Palace at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco, is an ancient plow displayed in the Massachusetts exhibit, and forming a striking contrast to the highly-complex modern machinery displayed on the acreage of floor about it.

The plow owes its distinction to the circumstance that a hundred years ago Daniel Webster's youthful hands guided it along the furrows of his father's farm near Marshfield, Mass. It was drawn by a yoke of oxen and if the future peer of American orators and statesmen could turn an acre of sod a day he had to work from daylight to dark.

H. C. Drager was here Wednesday from his farm home four miles west of Spur.

R. R. Wooten, of the plains country, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week.

Miss Erma Baker is visiting friends at Girard this week.

A Bargain in a Suburban Home

A 20-acre block, nice home and well improved, adjoining Spur, will be sold at an exceptional bargain.

This property is going to be sold at an early date, and if you are interested you had better see about it today.

Call at the Texas Spur office or see J. E. Counts.

DIED AT HASKELL.

Mrs. Phila Ann Keister, one of the pioneers of Haskell, died Thursday of last week at that place. She was the mother of G. P. Kiester, formerly of Spur, and the friends of the family here extend sincere condolence to them in this bereavement.

J. I. Mecom has our thanks for another dollar, having his subscription to the Texas Spur extended up another year. "Go thou and do likewise."

R. M. Dickenson, of Stamford, was in Spur this week looking after business interests here, and also to attend District Court at Dickens.

R. M. Hamby has been attending court, having two land line suits tried this week, both suits being decided in his favor.

P. Holcombe, of Stamford, is here this week visiting his son, Elmo Holcombe of the Spur ranch.

H. C. Allen was in town from Dry Lake Saturday.

G. W. Glasgow returned the latter part of last week from Dallas, where he had gone to join a party of ex-Confederate soldiers and attend the convention at Richmond. However, the party could not make the necessary arrangements and failed to attend the convention. Returning home Mr. Glasgow spent several days with relatives in Stonewall county.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, of the E. D. Chambers place north of Dickens, was painfully injured Friday of last week by being caught in some manner in a planter which was being used at the time. It is hoped that the injuries will not prove serious.

D. H. Sullivan, B. Y. Love, J. E. Reams and Mr. Wedekind returned the first of the week from Dallas, where they attended the state meeting of the Ginners Association. They report an interesting meeting.

Miss Minnie Fite left the latter part of last week for Dallas and other points, where she will spend ten days or two weeks with friends.

GIN MEETING TO BE HELD SAT. JUNE 19

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a meeting will be held in Spur Saturday, June 19th, for the purpose of completing the formation of a \$20,000 stock company to put in a new gin plant in Spur. Mr. Ford, manager of the Lumas Gin & Power Company of Dallas, will be here and fully explain the details of the proposition and give an estimate within one dollar of the cost of installing a gin plant as proposed by the organization committee. Every farmer in the country who is interested in this new gin proposition is urged to be present and participate in this meeting.

E. J. Cairns was in the city Tuesday from his ranch home in Kent county and spent some time here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Cairns has our thanks for a check for five dollars, which extends his subscription to the Texas Spur up ahead of time.

Walter Jackson, a leading citizen of several miles east of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and greeting his friends here. Mr. Jackson reports that his section had plenty of rain and no hail during the past few days.

Rev. Stewart, who has been spending several days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings and other friends of Spur, returned Tuesday to his home at Crowell. Mrs. Stewart will remain in Spur for a more extended visit.

A. C. Hyatt came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business. Mr. Hyatt is farming this year and reports that he has the very brightest prospects for bumper harvests this fall.

Mr. Dalley and family, of Snyder, returned Wednesday to their home, after spending some time with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith of the White ranch.

W. F. Shugart was in town Tuesday from his farm home six miles east, and reports a fine rain and no hail in his section the first of this week and the latter part of last week.

Weldon Williams, who has been attending school at Abilene throughout the past term, returned the latter part of last week to his home in Spur.

R. C. Forbis was in the city Tuesday from his ranch home north of Afton, and spent several hours here on business.

A girl was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith at their home on the White ranch, south-east of Spur.

Mrs. Wedekind and little son are on an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

J. A. Murchison, a prominent citizen of the Wichita community, was in the city Saturday.

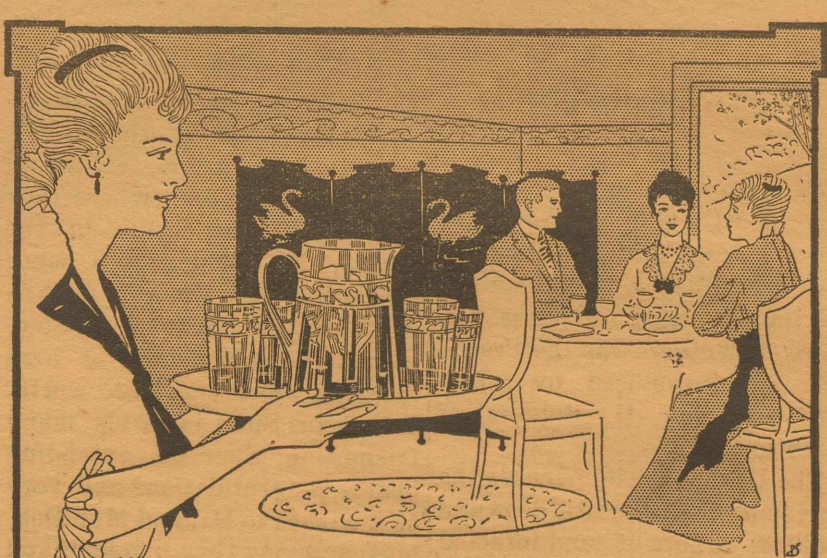
Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city Tuesday from her home several miles north of Spur.

Ed Hulse and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

W. M. Stovall, a leading citizen of Dickens, was in Spur one day this week on business.

W. F. Cathey and wife, of near Spur, were in the city shopping Wednesday.

G. J. Stearns of the Steel Hill community was in the city Saturday.



"Everybody Liked the Ice Tea"

Every time you have company you pick out some one particular thing that you noticed made the hit of the meal with your guests. You'll be saying this of the ice tea if it's made with

White Swan Tea

It will do your heart good to see the way the glasses come back for more. White Swan really is a different tea from others—a tea everybody likes. The tea for company—the tea for you.

Most All Grocers

sell White Swan Tea—four sizes in air-tight tins—10c, 25c, 40c and 75c. Should your grocer be one of the very few who don't carry it, send us 75c for a pound—sent postpaid.

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Have your Mattresses made now. I am better prepared now than ever to make mattresses. All work is guaranteed; prices are right. Bring your old mattresses and have them made new.

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a beautiful present
for a few hours of pleasant,
instructive work, a
matter of pride in winning,
a joy in possession.*

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Texas Spur**

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YOUR CAR Gets Peaved, just Same as you do.

IT NEEDS A DOCTOR--AND I'M THE ONE!

My Opeaations are Quick, Thorough and Painless and produce Lasting Results. Bring your 'invalids' along and let me perform. It will not be in the "wheezing" class when it leaves my hospital.

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L. H. GILBERT GARAGE, Spur, Texas

Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

..J. P. SIMMONS..

Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n. Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed

Fruit and Ornamental Trees

I am now representing the Austin Nursery, and am prepared to furnish you with Berries, Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees of every variety.

Wyatt Taylor
SPUR, TEXAS

Agent for Dickens, Kent and Stonewall Counties

T. A. Tidwell left the latter part of this week for O'Brien to attend the wedding of his sister-in-law, Miss Nora Link, to Carl LaDuke, who is assistant cashier of a bank at Eden. Miss Link attended the Spur School, and was graduated at the close of the term two years ago. Her many friends in Spur wish her a very happy married life.

Miss Louise Rich, of Abilene, underwent an operation Sunday at the Standifer hospital, and we are glad to note is reported doing nicely at this time. Miss Rich is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller and Prof. and Mrs. Geo. T. Barnes.

J. Anderson Davis was in from his home four miles north-east of Spur Saturday.

W. D. Blair was in the city Tuesday from his farm home two or three miles east of Spur.

PRAIRIE DOG BILL AFFECTS PEOPLE OF WEST TEXAS

Of the approximate one hundred and fifty bills passed by the Special Session of the Legislature, probably one of them affecting the people of this section more than others was the Prairie Dog bill introduced by representative Don H. Biggers of Lubbock.

The bill has for its purpose the extermination of prairie dogs and requires owners of land infected with the dogs to exterminate them within a period of two years from date of passage.

Those failing to comply with the requirements of the bill will violate a statutory provision and also invite grounds for damage suits by their neighbors should the dogs migrate from a pasture infected to one in which they have been destroyed.

During recent years much attention has been given to extermination of the prairie dog and in a number of localities the pest has practically disappeared, and passage of the Biggers Bill means that the remainder of them must be destroyed. With this bill in force the prairie dog promises to soon become extinct in Texas.—Girard Reporter.

A. C. Hindman came in Saturday from his place a mile north of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

A. W. Jordan was in the city Saturday from the Steel Hill country, and spent some time here on business.

Riley Smith came in Saturday from the Red Mud country, and reports everything flourishing in that section.

Wanted—A woman to do housework. See J. I. Mecom, at section house. 32-2tp.

MARRIED.

Homer Dobbins and Miss Coria Watts were married Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents in Sagerton, returning immediately to Spur where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Dobbins is a popular clerk in the grocery department of the Bryant-Link Company and a young man of high integrity and sterling worth. The Texas Spur joins his many friends in Spur in extending hearty congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins, and may they live long and prosper.

A FINE BOY.

A fine boy was born Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Mat Bingham, at the home of Mrs. M. E. Gilpin in the city. Mrs. Bingham is reported doing nicely, but it is feared that the boy is not doing as well as could be expected. However, we hope that any fears concerning the boy are not well founded and that the young fellow will soon develop robust health and in later years become president of the United States.

J. E. Brown, one of the most extensive and most successful farmers of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett came in Saturday from Gilpin and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. A. Davis was among the number here Saturday from the Dry Lake community, reporting everything in good shape.

W. H. Duke, the photographer, is spending the week in Dallas on business and visiting his wife.

J. L. Curry, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business, and greeting his friends.



You
Can
Smile

in the face of a rainy day if you're comfortably sheltered from the storm.

Money in the bank will protect you in your hour of greatest need.

The Spur National Bank

R. V. COLBERT, PRESIDENT
C. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT

M. E. MANNING, CASHIER
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

MEETING HELD TO ORGANIZE GIN COMPANY

Last week a meeting was held in the Dunn building for the purpose of organizing a company to put in a new gin plant in Spur. A large number of citizens of the surrounding country attended the meeting, and several hundred dollars of the stock was subscribed as a result of the meeting.

It is proposed to organize a company with twenty thousand dollars capital and construct and equip one of the most modern and up-to-date gin plants in all Western Texas. More than half of the stock is already subscribed and at this time there is but little doubt of a successful termination of the proposed plans.

Mace Hunter came in Saturday from his home a few miles east, and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends. He reports everything in the very finest condition at this time in his community—crops growing nicely and the very brightest prospects for unprecedented harvests this fall.

Mrs. W. Neilon and son, Arthur, left Spur the latter part of last week for Abilene where they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

J. W. Carlisle, we are glad to note, is again on the streets after having been quarantined several weeks on account of small pox.

J. H. Boothe, of a mile or two south-east of town, was here Saturday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

W. T. Wilson and wife, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Friday, visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

O. C. Henry, a successful farmer and prominent citizen of near Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

John King and wife returned Sunday from the coast country where they spent ten days with relatives and friends.

J. E. Cherry, of several miles south of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

J. L. Karr, of old Espeula, was in the city Sunday, and spent the day here with friends.

I have Mebane Cotton Seed for sale at 50 cents per bushel.—Geo. M. Williams. 28tf.

SOME COMPLIMENT.

It is not often an editor hands himself a compliment.

But this is the exception, and that is just what we are doing, because a certain well known citizen of this community has and is persistently recognizing the value of this paper as a reliable disseminator of local news, and has paid us this compliment in a manner which speaks volumes for his knowledge of the good things of life.

He is not destitute of this world's goods, but he possesses the rare faculty of holding onto that which he gets, lest the pangs of poverty overtake him in his declining years.

He possesses a wide knowledge of local affairs, because he is a constant reader of this paper, and the knowledge extracted therefrom is turned to good account in his own behalf.

If an important event is soon to occur, he knows of it in advance, because he has read of it in this paper. If there is a bargain to be had anywhere in the community he is promptly apprised of the fact, because of that, too, he has read in this paper. If an acquaintance is sick, or death has overtaken some member of a family, or the stork has paid a visit to the home of some friend, he is among the first to extend his condolences or congratulations—because of these, also, he has read in the paper.

He is a man of wisdom—a pillar of strength—with a brain which absorbs to the utmost of the essence of life. Few things escape his notice, for he is ever on the alert. But the one thing which he never overlooks in this paper, and therein lies the compliment which we take unto ourselves. It gives us a feeling that we are something more than a mere worm in human shape, that we may be even a whole cog in the community wheel. True he is not a subscriber to the paper—his dollar never reaches this office—but he reads the paper just the same. For his neighbor is a subscriber and pays in advance, and in his generosity he lends the paper to the pillar of "strength" by request. But it may not always be so. In time we have hopes that the "pillar" will pay us the super-compliment of permitting us to add his own name to our subscription list—paid in advance, of course. Time sometimes works wonders, even in the newspaper field.

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"Beyond the Alps Lies Italy."

Beyond the Alps lies Italy—
Italy fair and bright;
The land of my hopes, the land of my dreams,
The land of my love's delight.
And I gaily sing as I roam:
"Fair Italy draweth nigh,"
And fancy I see its gilded dome
Outlined against the sky;
But between us lies the rugged Alps,
Towering bold and high.

Beyond the Alps lies Italy—
Not very far away;
I'm striving to reach it with all my might—
Hoping day by day.
But my feet are bruised and scarred;
My hands are calloused and worn;
With lines of care my brow is marred;
My garments are soiled and torn.
And out of the heat and the glare I hear
The blast of the noonday horn.

Beyond the Alps lies Italy—
Italy fair and bright;
Through tribulation I at last
Have scaled the mountain's height.
But I shrink from the sun's fierce glare—
Sweltering in the heat;
Must I give up in despair
With Italy at my feet?
Nay, nay, my soul, just a few more days
And the journey will be complete.

Beyond the Alps lies Italy—
But my step is heavy and slow;
I could reach it in a few more hours,
But the sun is bending low.
It smiles and beckons to me—
But swiftly falls the night.
My way I cannot see—
I struggle—and cease to fight.
Farewell to the land of my cherished dreams
Farewell to my love's delight.

—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

DIED.

Grandpa Shields, father of R. D. Shields, and one of the oldest citizens of this county, died Thursday, May 27th, at his home in Dickens. Grandpa Shields was eighty-two years of age and was one among the early settlers of the Texas frontier, having lived in Brown county about forty years, and in Dickens county the past fourteen years. He was a man who contributed much in the progressive settlement and development of Western Texas and was among those who made it possible for the high state of civilization throughout this section. Truly, a good man has gone to his reward.

CHANGED CONDITIONS.

Mr. McCombs, a prominent citizen of Rotan, spent several days of last week in Spur with his son, Bum McCombs and family. Mr. McCombs reports that conditions in Rotan and the Rotan country are very much improved to what it has been during the past four or five years. In that country this year he says much small grain is being grown and is doing fine, and a general wave of prosperity is expected there as well as here.

SCHOOL OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.

W. J. Brewer, of Eastland county who has been teaching a school in Oddfellowship at Dickens the past week, is now in Spur and will spend a week or ten days here teaching a similar school. Mr. Brewer has been blind many years and is one of the very best men of Western Texas.

P. Hinson was in town last week from his home in the Tap country and we met him for the first time since his return from Huntsville. He had just returned last week from that section of country with his cattle, coming back home to stay. We are glad to welcome him back to the Spur country, and feel confident that he will not again "stray" from the fold.

W. H. Wilson and family, who have been spending the year further west, moved recently to Spur and will occupy their residence in the city, which was formerly owned by Mr. Cole. We welcome them as resident citizens of Spur, and wish them a pleasant and prosperous home with us.

Rev. J. V. Billberry, of near Dickens, was among the number in Spur Saturday. He reports that a heavy rain fell Saturday in the country to the north of Dickens.

A WELL FIXED FARMER
AND OLD TIME RANCHER

Mat Bingham called in at the Texas Spur office Saturday and handed us a check for four dollars to extend his subscription up ahead of time. While Mr. Bingham has for a number of years been employed as "fence boss" for the Matador Land & Cattle Company, he owns a fine 640-acre farm near Girard which he superintends and from which he derives no inconsiderable income each year. Mat is one of the number of "old timers" of this country who recognized the trend of the times and secured land when it could be had for a "song" and is now recognized as one among the best fixed men of the country.

THE JUNE GROOM.

There is no more important person in the world than the June groom, or the groom of any other month. Of course there is very little importance attached to him at the wedding. Except for making the affair legal he had as well be down on the street talking about the war in Europe. But in the years that follow the ceremony he must protect the bride from famine, and strive to protect his pocketbook from her. He must labor every day so as to be able to buy her the necessary luxuries of life. One of the popular errors is that the women folks have the hardest time. We men have praised them so much that they think it proper for us to keep our noses to the grind stone. We have told them that we are inferior creatures until they have come to believe it. We think woman is just as good as she is supposed to be, but it is time for man to be appreciated more. Just because the poor fellow wears breeches is no reason why he should be considered a necessary evil. It is true that he has no personal beauty, but is this any reason why he should be regarded as a work-horse? Now Martha contends that the wife has the most to do. And we will have to own up that she does have to work a great deal. Every time we go home we find her sitting down, or lying on the bed, trying to get a little rest. Each time she tells us; "I just this moment sat down. I have been working the livelong day, and was so exhausted that I felt as if I couldn't take another step." No matter what time we happen home, it also happens that she has worked herself down just a moment before. Certainly we sympathize with her. A man would be a brute if he didn't. But our suffering sex should have more sympathy, more rights, and fewer lectures. If down trodden man isn't careful the time will come when the wife will not permit her husband to walk by her side. She will command him to follow. If our sex is to remain in the world we should demand better treatment. In the old days the wife asked favors of her husband, and addressed him as "My lord." These days she says to him: "Henry Mud, you are not going to town tonight." And Henry doesn't go. Even the fellow who wrote one of the wedding marches, said: "Here comes the bride!" He didn't know the poor groom was coming.—Claude Callan in the Star-Telegram.

W. F. Foreman, of several miles north of Spur, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

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R. D. Shields, a leading merchant and prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Friday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. E. Sparks was in the city Friday from the Tap country and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

J. A. Kerley was among the number of business visitors in town Saturday, and reported everything in good shape in his section of the great Spur country. Similar reports come from every community and every section of this whole country.

W. M. Randall was in town Saturday from the Steel Hill community, and reports everything in the very finest shape in that section with respect to bumper crop prospects.



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FAVORITE FOOD IS SUMAC.

This Goat Will Neglect the Blue Grass Pasture to Feed Upon the More Tender Plant, Smothering Its Root System to Death—In Two Years Ground Is Fit For Agriculture.

When it comes to clearing hill land of brush and briars nothing can compare with Angora goats in thoroughness or low cost of work actually accomplished, writes a correspondent of the National Stockman. Their favorite food is sumac, that worst of all enemies of the bluegrass that is trying to produce a permanent sod over the hills. The sumac with its low growth, its shading of the ground and its shallow and extended root system ever ready to send up new sprouts, is one of the most difficult plants to destroy and the hardest for man to conquer. To the goat this plant is very appetizing, the foliage and bark being stripped by the Angoras from each individual plant. However, this first attack on the sumac does no harm apparently to its root system, and a score of new sprouts shoot up to feed upon air.

Under ordinary circumstances man would be tempted to surrender to the persistent sumac. Not so the goat. He neglects good blue grass pasture to feed upon the tender sumac, and eventually the latter gives up the battle, and its root system smothers to death. The root systems of apparently every other bush, small tree or brier excepting persimmon and papaw succumb to the attack of the goats, and in the course of two years the entire field is reclaimed for agriculture.

There are other interesting things to be learned from the owner of a flock of Angoras besides their ability to clear land. And it is evident that the bad traits often ascribed to them have been greatly exaggerated. If a twenty-six inch woven wire fence with three barbs above it is used to inclose a flock of goats they usually stay within its boundaries, care only being necessary to procure woven wire through which the goats cannot get their heads and horns. A four inch mesh or less will prevent the goats from becoming fastened in the fence.

When Lambs Get Chilled.

If a lamb is chilled take it to a warm place and dip it in water as hot as you can comfortably bear your hand. Keep it in the water, rubbing it for about five minutes; then wrap it in hot flannel and rub it dry. Return it to the mother as soon as possible for nourishment.—Farm Journal.

SOY BEAN FLOUR.

Heretofore soy beans have been used largely as a stock feed; to a slight extent commercially as a source of oil. Recent experiments indicate that there is an enlarging field for soy beans for flour for human food. In England, especially, is this use of the soy bean becoming significant. There the bakers use a flour consisting of 25 per cent of soy bean meal and 75 per cent of wheat flour. This is used for bread and the product is said to be very palatable. Though rich in protein and oil, fully ripened soy beans contain no starch, or, at the most, only traces of it. Such a food product is very valuable for people who like bread, but must limit the amount of starch.—American Agriculturist.

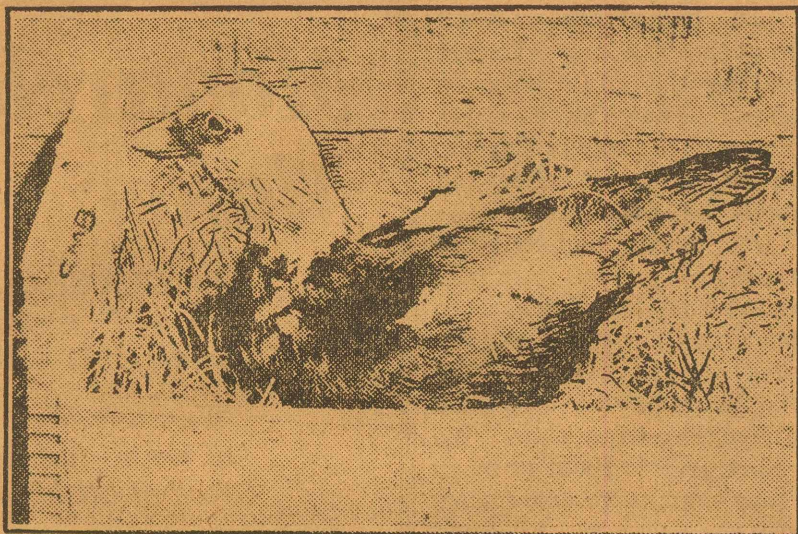
GROWING GOSLINGS.

Young Birds Must Be Kept Dry Until Backs Are Feathered.

Grass is the most important of foods for young goslings, writes Mrs. E. R. Thomas in the Orange Judd Farmer. I feed stale bread soaked in milk, then squeezed, each day for the first few days, gradually adding cornmeal. At the end of the first week they will eat fine cracked corn. They eat very daintily, preferring grass to all other foods. With their musical chatter they are ready to meet you, take a few mouthfuls of food and then with the same old tune they lazily saunter away in search of more grass or rest. I begin adding ground meat scraps or beef scrap to their cracked corn at about ten days, just a little at first, increasing later. Thus I have prevented leg weakness.

For two or three days I keep the goslings close at home. After that they can be out every day when the dew is

Feeding the Growing Ducklings



TEN EGGS ARE ENOUGH FOR A DUCK TO COVER.

Ducklings should be fed after twenty-four hours' fast at 6 and 10 a. m. and 2 and 6 p. m. For first forty-eight hours keep feed before them and have water handy to feed trough, as ducks drink and eat at same time. As ducks have no gizzards, they are fed crumbly mash, and this promotes quick growth. Mash for the first week: Two parts cornmeal, two parts wheat bran, two parts wheat midds and 8 per cent coarse, clean sand. From seventh day to two months old: Equal parts cornmeal, wheat bran, midds, 12 per cent of bulk beef scrap, 8 per cent sand and, if confined, 15 per cent green food. From two months to seventy days, fattening ration: Three-fourths cornmeal, one-fourth midds, 15 per cent of bulk beef scrap, 8 per cent sand.

Uses For Cold Frames.

If the cabbage plants have been transferred from the cold frames to the field the frames may be utilized in various ways. One of the best is to use them in growing early tomato plants which have been started in the hotbed or green house. Lettuce and radishes may also be forced in the cold frames and they will be ready to market when prices are usually very good. Celery, if properly managed, will also return good profits.

off the grass. They must not be allowed to get wet until their backs are well feathered, for they drown easily. Young goslings that get into water or in a hard rain are almost sure to die. Goslings when handled in this way, if from good matured breeders, should weigh one pound for each week of age for the first several weeks.

Sweet Clover as Hog Pasture.

Sweet clover is not as valuable as alfalfa for hog pasture, but can be successfully used for this purpose. Several years of careful experimenting at the Iowa experiment station has developed this fact. If a good stand is secured in the spring sweet clover will furnish considerable pasture for hogs the first season. It could not be recommended in the place of alfalfa, but where alfalfa cannot be grown sweet clover can be used as a substitute.—Kansas Farmer.

The right hand uplifted, palm upward and in the attitude of salute, all the pupils repeat together slowly and distinctly the following pledge:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

At the words, as pronounced in this pledge, "to my flag" each one extends the right hand gracefully, palm upward, toward the flag until the end of the pledge affirmation. Then all hands drop to the side. The pupils, still standing, all sing in unison the song "America"—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee."

In the primary departments, where the children are very small, they are taught to repeat this instead of the pledge as given for the older children: "I give my head and my heart to God and my country. One country, one language, one flag."

In some schools the salute is given in silence, as an act of reverence, unaccompanied by any pledge. At a signal as the flag reaches its station the right hand is raised, palm downward, to a horizontal position against the forehead and held there until the flag is dipped and returned to a vertical position. Then at a second signal the hand is dropped to the side and the pupil takes his seat.

The silent salute conforms very closely to the military and naval salute to the flag.

Principals may adopt the "silent salute" for a daily exercise and the "pledge salute" for special occasions.

A Glance at Current Topics

Route of Liberty Bell on Western Trip.

Philadelphia, June 7.—The Liberty bell will be sent to San Francisco July 5 through the northern part of the country and will be brought back in October through the south, according to plans which have been sketched by leaders in councils.

Presidents Ransley and McCurdy are ex officio members of the committee, while Charles Seger, select councilman from the Eighth ward and chairman of the subfinance committee, who introduced the resolution which authorized the trip to the coast, will be the head of the body. The plans call for the passage of the bell down the entire Pacific coast as far as San Francisco on the outward journey and southward on the return trip. This was clinched when Charles B. Hall, chief clerk of select council, received a copy of a resolution which the Los Angeles city council adopted, asking that the bell be taken there not before, but after the Panama-Pacific exposition visit.

The resolution read:

Resolved, That the city councils of Los Angeles, in order that the citizens of Los Angeles may have an opportunity to see the old Liberty bell, do hereby petition the select and common councils of the city of Philadelphia to arrange the itinerary of the delegation escorting the old Liberty bell to the Pacific coast so that a stop of three days will be made in Los Angeles after the exhibition of the relic in San Francisco.

Huge Home For Bankers.

New York, June 8.—One dozen factories are making the things necessary for the maintenance and decoration of the Bankers' Club of America, which will occupy the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh floors and the roof of the new Equitable building. Its membership will be close to 3,000, and its board of governors will be trustees for over \$2,000,000,000. It will occupy 100,000 square feet, or the equivalent of a 400 room hotel.

The officers and governors of the club are as follows: President, A. Barton Hepburn; vice presidents, T. Coleman du Pont and George T. Wilson; treasurer, Charles H. Sabin; secretary, Franklin A. Plummer.

Czar's Cousin Fighting in Poland.

London, June 6.—Recent dispatches from the scene of war in Poland have mentioned Grand Duke Dimitri of Russia, who was attached to the army which invested Przemyśl and compelled the capitulation of that fortified city. Grand Duke Dimitri is a cousin of the czar, being a son of Grand Duke Paul, brother of the late Czar Alexander III. He was born near Moscow on Sept. 6, 1891, his mother dying six days later.

Like all of the Muscovite grand dukes, he was educated for a military



Photo by American Press Association.
Grand Duke Dimitri, Cousin of the Czar, at the Front.

career, and after graduating from the war college he entered the cavalry. After serving as a subordinate for a time he was appointed aid-de-camp to the adjutant of the Eleventh regiment of Grenadier guards and later was made captain in the Second regiment of the fusiliers of the Imperial guard. Since hostilities began he has been on the fighting line and recently was decorated as knight of the order of Seraphim in recognition of meritorious services in the field.

Considering a D. A. R. University.
Washington, June 8.—The national board of management of the Daugh-

ters of the American Revolution is considering the foundation of a national university by the society. For this purpose the old John Paul Jones home in North Carolina has been offered, together with certain sums from the state and county contingent upon contributions from the society. The daughters are said to be divided over the advisability of undertaking this plan, many of whom believe it would be better to take over the estate and preserve it as a patriotic relic.

Treasury Post, Long Vacant, Filled.

Washington, June 7.—Judge Lawrence Becker, the newly appointed solicitor of the treasury, takes a post that has been vacant almost since President Wilson went into office. The new solicitor hails from Indiana, is a very unassuming man and entered upon his new duties in a quiet and unobtrusive manner.

The solicitor of the treasury is not, as the uninformed might suppose, an official of the treasury department. In-



Photo by American Press Association.
Lawrence Becker is Now Solicitor of the Treasury.

stead he belongs to the department of justice, and his duties are varied and manifold.

For instance, he is charged with much of the litigation of the government, and it is likely that he will have much to do with the case of the Riggs bank of Washington versus the comptroller of the currency. Among other duties of Solicitor Becker are those to give necessary instructions to United States attorneys, marshals and clerks of courts in matters and proceedings appertaining to suits under his superintendence. Further, the solicitor of the treasury must approve the bonds of United States assistant treasurers, collectors of internal revenue and department disbursing clerks.

First Electric Battleship.

Washington, June 7.—The propelling machinery of the battleship California, now building at the New York navy yard, will be installed at a cost of \$431,000, according to announcement made by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The California will be the first battleship in the world to be equipped with electric instead of turbine drive.

The decision to put electric machinery in a battleship has excited the keenest interest in this country and abroad, and Mr. Daniels believes that if the experiment is a success it will mark as great an advance in marine propulsion as did the advent of the steam turbine.

Secretary Daniels claims that electric instead of turbine installation is cheaper, and he points out that the General Electric company submitted an estimate of \$631,000 for building steam equipment for the California, this bid being \$200,000 in excess of the one accepted.

To Discuss Labor Problems Aug. 2.

Washington, June 8.—William B. Wilson, secretary of labor, has issued a call for a national conference at San Francisco on Aug. 2 to be composed of delegates from federal, state and municipal departments dealing with labor distribution and labor exchanges.

The most important work will be to effect a system of co-operation between the department and state and municipal authorities so as to prevent duplication of work, to consider the question of employment and unemployment and federal control over private employment and unemployment and federal control over private employment offices doing business across state lines.

Brazil to Celebrate Centennial.

Washington, June 7.—Commemorating the first centennial anniversary of the independence of Brazil, the Brazilian Historical and Geographical Institute of Rio de Janeiro proposes to hold on Sept. 7, 1922, an international congress on American history, according to advices to the state department from Rio de Janeiro.

Many States Will Celebrate Birth of Our Flag June 14

All Over the Nation the Emblem of Liberty Will Float Out on the Breeze—How School Children Should Salute.

Monday, June 14, will be Flag day throughout the United States.

On that day will be celebrated the one hundred and forty-second anniversary of the adoption of the stars and stripes as the emblem of the American republic.

Each year demonstrates a more decided agitation on the part of public officials to make this anniversary a national holiday.

Governors of several states have by proclamation called public attention to the day and have ordered the flag to be displayed on all public buildings and have also invited the citizens to celebrate. Mayors of various cities also have for years displayed the flag on public buildings on that day and have invited their fellow citizens to do the same on private buildings.

Schoolteachers and officers of patriotic societies have arranged for public patriotic exercises and have stirred up popular enthusiasm by observances of the occasion.

The American Flag association, an organization formed in 1897 of individuals and flag committees from patriotic societies to promote reverence for and prevent the desecration of the American flag, has issued a circular advocating the universal observance of the day. The proclamation of the association follows:

All American citizens are again earnestly invited to join in the public recognition

of the birthday of the emblem of our nationality. In many of the states, pursuant to law, the public schools, and also voluntarily in private schools, exercises will be conducted in celebration of Flag day. Let us extend this practice. Teach the story of the flag, what it represents, and have the young people pledge their fealty and loyalty to it.

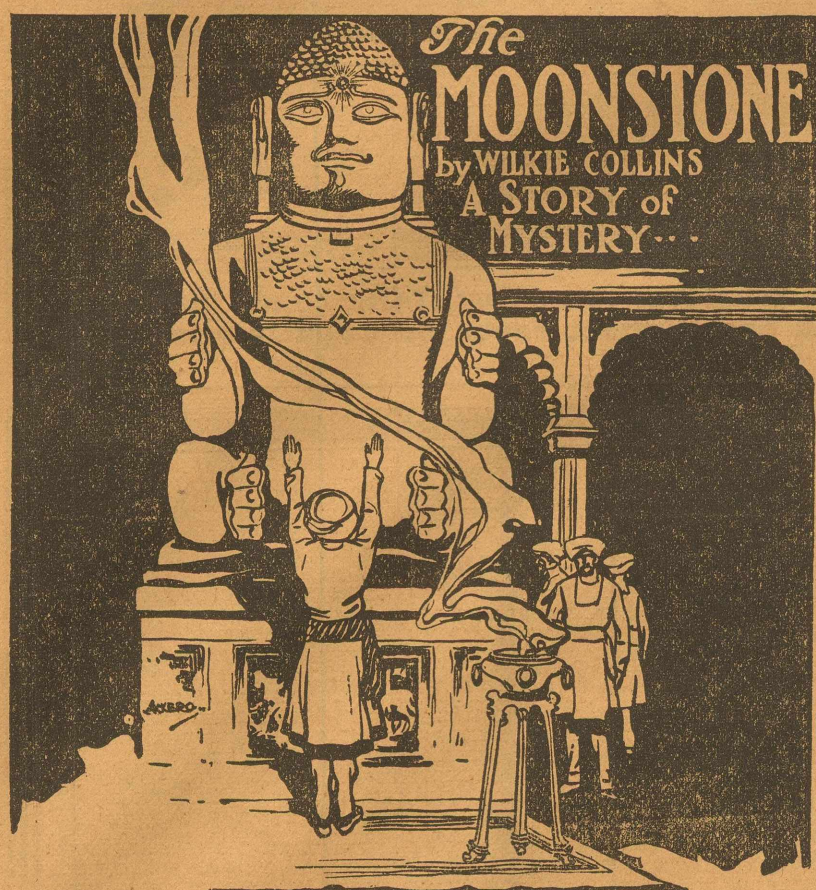
Since the struggle of 1861-5 the flag has become the symbol of a mighty nation. It has been carried to the utmost parts of the earth, carrying liberty wherever it has been thrown to the breeze. The stars and stripes within the recent past have come to possess new beauty for friendly eyes and new terror for the foes of liberty.

We respectfully appeal to the governors of all the states of our land and to the mayor of each American city to herald the coming of the day in 1915 and its celebration on Monday, June 14, by proclamation; we call upon every public officer, every teacher of the youth of our land, to call public attention, to arouse enthusiasm and to provide for public exercises and general celebration of the day.

We earnestly exhort our citizens to join in making Flag day an event and its celebration in 1915 a great event. Let us, from one end of our land to the other, fling the stars and stripes to the breeze on June 14, 1915. May it greet the rising and salute the setting sun and float all day long from every church edifice, school and building, public and private, and, however humble, throughout the entire land.

The same association makes the following suggestion for the observance of the day among the pupils of all institutions of learning.

At a given hour in the morning the pupils are assembled and in their places in the school. A signal is given by the principal of the school. Every pupil rises in his place. The flag is brought forward to the principal or teacher. While it is being brought forward from the door to the stand of the principal or teacher every pupil gives the flag the military salute, which is as follows:



PROLOGUE.

The moonstone has first reposed in the forehead of an Indian idol. As centuries went by, ill luck following it, it passed into Mohammedan hands, but always through the ages three Brahman priests kept secret watch over it. John Herncastle, an English officer, during the storming of Seringapatam, stole the stone, killing its guardians. Gabriel Betteredge, house steward for Julia, Lady Verinder, explains how the stone came into the house in which he serves. Master Franklin Blake, a nephew of Lady Verinder, had been sent abroad to be educated. On the day he was expected home Penelope, Betteredge's daughter, observes three Indian jugglers acting suspiciously. Franklin arrives earlier than expected, having eluded a dark stranger following him in London. Franklin has the diamond, which has been willed to his cousin Rachel as a birthday gift by Colonel Herncastle. He puts the stone in a bank. The jugglers make a secret visit to the house. Rachel receives the moonstone on her birthday. Among the guests is Mr. Murthwaite, an Indian traveler.

A Mysterious Disappearance.

I FEEL some hesitation, Mr. Murthwaite, in troubling you with family matters, in which you can have no interest and which I am not very willing to speak of out of our own circle. But after what you have said I feel bound in the interests of Lady Verinder and her daughter to tell you something which may possibly put the dew into your hands. I speak to you in confidence. You will oblige me, I am sure, by not forgetting that."

With this preface Blake told the Indian traveler (speaking now in his clear headed French way) all that he had told me at the Shivering Sand. Even the immovable Mr. Murthwaite was so interested in what he heard that he let his cheroot go out.

"Now," says Mr. Franklin when he had done, "what does your experience say?"

"My experience," answered the traveler, "says that you have had more narrow escapes of your life, Mr. Franklin Blake, than I have had of mine, and that is saying a great deal."

"Is it really as serious as that?" "In my opinion it is," answered Mr. Murthwaite. "I can't doubt after what you have told me that the restoration of the moonstone to its place on the forehead of the Indian idol is the motive and the justification of that sacrifice of caste which I alluded to just now. You have been carrying the diamond backward and forward here and in London and you are still a living man! Let us try to account for it. It was daylight both times, I suppose, when you took the jewel out of the bank in London?"

"Broad daylight," says Mr. Franklin. "And plenty of people in the streets?"

"Plenty." "You settled, of course, to arrive at Lady Verinder's house at a certain time? It's a lonely country between this and the station. Did you keep your appointment?"

"No. I arrived four hours earlier than my appointment."

"I beg to congratulate you on that proceeding. When did you take the diamond to the bank at the town here?" "I took it an hour after I had brought it to this house and three hours before anybody was prepared for seeing me in these parts."

"I beg to congratulate you again. Did you bring it back here alone?"

"No. I happened to ride back with my cousins and the groom."

"I beg to congratulate you for the third time. If you ever feel inclined to travel beyond the civilized limits, Mr. Blake, let me know, and I will go with you. You are a lucky man. If a thousand lives stood between them and the getting back of their diamond and if they thought they could destroy those lives without discovery they

would take them all. The sacrifice of caste is a serious thing in India, if you like. The sacrifice of life is nothing at all."

"They have seen the Moonstone on Miss Verinder's dress," he said. "What is to be done?"

"What your uncle threatened to do," answered Mr. Murthwaite. "Colonel Herncastle understood the people he had to deal with. Send the diamond tomorrow, under guard of more than one man, to be cut up at Amsterdam. Make half a dozen diamonds of it instead of one. There is an end of its sacred identity as the Moonstone—and there is an end of the conspiracy."

Mr. Franklin turned to me. "There is no help for it," he said. "We must speak to Lady Verinder tomorrow."

"What about tonight?" I asked. "Suppose the Indians come back?"

Mr. Murthwaite answered me before Mr. Franklin could speak.

"The Indians won't risk coming back tonight," he said. "The direct way is hardly ever the way they take to anything, let alone a matter like this, in which the slightest mistake might be fatal to their reaching their end."

"But suppose the rogues are bolder than you think, sir?" I persisted.

"In that case," says Mr. Murthwaite, "let the dogs loose. Have you got any big dog in the yard?"

"Two, sir. A mastiff and a bloodhound."

I noticed that the sky was clouding over fast as I followed them to the house. Mr. Murthwaite noticed it too. He looked round at me in his dry, droling way and said:

"The Indians will want their umbrellas, Mr. Betteredge, tonight."

The arrival of the carriages was the signal for the arrival of the rain. It poured as if it meant to pour all night. With the exception of the doctor, whose gig was waiting for him, the rest of the company went home snugly under cover in close carriages. I told Mr. Candy that I was afraid he would get wet through. He told me, in return, that he wondered I had arrived at my time of life without knowing that a doctor's skin was waterproof. So he drove away in the rain, laughing over his own little joke; and so we got rid of our dinner company.

When the last of the guests had driven away I went back into the inner hall and found Samuel at the side-table, presiding over the brandy and soda water. My lady and Miss Rachel came out of the drawing room, followed by the two gentlemen. Mr. Godfrey had some brandy and soda water. Mr. Franklin took nothing. He sat down, looking dead tired, the talking on this birthday occasion had, I suppose, been too much for him.

My lady, turning round to wish them good night, looked hard at the wicked colonel's legacy shining in her daughter's dress.

"Rachel," she asked, "where are you going to put your diamond tonight?"

Miss Rachel was in high good spirits, just in that humor for talking nonsense, and perversely persisting in it as if it was sense, which you may sometimes have observed in young girls when they are highly wrought up at the end of an exciting day. She bet thought herself of an Indian cabinet which stood in her sitting room and instantly made up her mind to put the Indian diamond in the Indian cabinet for the purpose of permitting two beautiful native productions to admire each other. Having let her little flow of nonsense run on as far as that point her mother interposed and stopped her.

"My dear, your Indian cabinet has no lock to it," says my lady.

"Good heavens, mamma!" cries Miss Rachel, "is this a hotel? Are there thieves in the house?"

Without taking notice of this fantastic way of talking, my lady wished the gentlemen good night. She next turned to Miss Rachel and kissed her. "Why not let me keep the diamond for you tonight," she asked.

Miss Rachel received that proposal as she might, ten years since, have received a proposal to part her from a new doll. My lady saw there was no reasoning with her that night. "Come into my room, Rachel, the first thing tomorrow morning," she said. "I shall have something to say to you." With those last words she left us slowly, thinking her own thoughts, and, to all appearance, not best pleased with the way by which they were leading her.

Miss Rachel was the next to say good night. She shook hands first with Mr. Godfrey, who was standing at the other end of the hall looking at a picture. Then she turned back to Mr. Franklin, still sitting weary and silent in a corner.

As soon as Miss Rachel left him eyes to see with, Mr. Franklin noticed me. His variable humor, shifting about everything, had shifted about the Indians already.

"Betteredge," he said, "I am half inclined to think I took Mr. Murthwaite too seriously when we had that talk in the shrubbery. I wonder whether he has been trying any of his traveler's tales on us? Do you really mean to let the dogs loose?"

"I'll relieve them of their collars, sir," I answered, "and leave them free to take a turn in the night, if they smell a reason for it."

"All right," says Mr. Franklin. "We'll see what is to be done tomorrow. I am not at all disposed to alarm my aunt, Betteredge, without a very pressing reason for it. Good night."

He looked so worn and pale as he nodded to me and took his candle to go upstairs that I ventured to advise him having a drop of brandy and water by way of a nightcap. Mr. Godfrey, walking toward us from the other end of the hall, backed me. He pressed Mr. Franklin in the friendliest manner to take something before he went to bed.

Mr. Franklin declined the brandy and water and went upstairs with Mr. Godfrey, their rooms being next door to each other. On the landing, however, either his cousin persuaded him, or he veered about and changed his mind as usual. "Perhaps I may want it in the night," he called down to me. "Send up some brandy into my room."

I sent up Samuel with the brandy and water, and then went out and unbuckled the dogs' collars. They both lost their heads with astonishment on being set loose at that time of night and jumped upon me like a couple of puppies. However, the rain soon cooled them down again. They lapped a drop of water each and crept back into their kennels.

Samuel and I went all over the house and shut up as usual. I examined everything myself and trusted nothing to my deputy on this occasion. All was safe and fast when I rested my old bones in bed between midnight and I in the morning.

The worries of the day had been a little too much for me, I suppose. At any rate, I had a touch of Mr. Franklin's malady that night. It was sunrise before I fell off at last into a sleep. All the time I lay awake the house was as quiet as the grave. Not a sound stirred but the splash of the rain and the sighing of the wind among the trees as a breeze sprang up with the morning.

About half past 7 I woke and opened my window on a fine sunny day. The clock had struck 8 and I was just going out to chain up the dogs again when I heard a sudden whistling of petticoats on the stairs behind me.

I turned about, and there was Penelope flying down after me like mad. "Father," she screamed, "come upstairs for God's sake! The diamond is gone!"

"Are you out of your mind?" I asked her.

"Gone!" says Penelope. "Gone! Nobody knows how! Come up and see."

She dragged me after her into her young lady's sitting room, which opened into her bedroom. There, on the threshold of her bedroom door, stood Miss Rachel, almost as white in the face as the white dressing gown that clothed her. There also stood the two doors of the Indian cabinet wide open. One of the drawers inside was pulled out as far as it would go.

"Look!" says Penelope. "I myself saw Miss Rachel put the diamond into that drawer last night."

I went to the cabinet. The drawer was empty.

"Is this true, miss?" I asked.

With a look that was not like herself, with a voice that was not like her own, Miss Rachel answered as my daughter had answered:

"The diamond is gone."

Having said those words, she withdrew into her bedroom and shut and locked the door.

Before we knew which way to turn next my lady came in, hearing my voice in her daughter's sitting room and wondering what had happened. The news of the loss of the diamond seemed to petrify her. She went straight to Miss Rachel's bedroom and insisted on being admitted. Miss Rachel let her in.

The alarm, running through the house like fire, caught the two gentlemen next.

Mr. Godfrey was the first to come out of his room. All he did when he heard what had happened was to hold up his hands in a state of bewilderment,

which didn't say much for his natural strength of mind. Mr. Franklin, whose clear head I had confidently counted on to advise us, seemed to be as helpless as his cousin when he heard the news in his turn. For a wonder, he had had a good night's rest at last; and the unaccustomed luxury of sleep had, as he said himself, apparently stupefied him. However, when he had swallowed his cup of coffee—which he always took, on the foreign plan, some hours before he ate any breakfast—his brains brightened, the clear side of him turned up, and he took the matter in hand resolutely and cleverly, much as follows:

He first sent for the servants and told them to leave all the lower doors and windows, with the exception of the front door, which I had opened, exactly as they had been left when he locked up overnight. He next proposed to his cousin and me to make quite sure before we took any further steps that the diamond had not accidentally dropped somewhere out of sight—say at the back of the cabinet or down behind the table on which the cabinet stood. Having searched in both places and found nothing—having also questioned Penelope and discovered from her no more than the little she had already told me—Mr. Franklin suggested next extending our inquiries to Miss Rachel and sent Penelope to knock at her bedroom door.

My lady answered the knock and closed the door behind her. The moment after we heard it locked inside by Miss Rachel. My mistress came out among us, looking sorely puzzled and distressed. "The loss of the diamond seems to have quite overturned Rachel," she said, in reply to Mr. Franklin. "She shrinks in the strangest manner from speaking of it, even to me. It is impossible you can see her for the present."

Having added to our perplexities by this account of Miss Rachel, my lady, after a little effort, recovered her usual composure and acted with her usual decision.

"I suppose there is no help for it?" she said quietly. "I suppose I have no alternative but to send for the police?"

"And the first thing for the police to do," added Mr. Franklin, catching her up, "is to lay hands on the Indian jugglers who performed here last night."

My lady and Mr. Godfrey (not knowing what Mr. Franklin and I knew) both started, and both looked surprised.

"I can't stop to explain myself now," Mr. Franklin went on. "I can only tell you that the Indians have certainly stolen the diamond. Give me a letter of introduction," says he, addressing my lady, "to one of the magistrates at Frizinghall—merely telling him that I represent your interests and wishes and let me ride off with it instantly. Our chance of catching the thieves may depend on our not wasting one unnecessary minute."

He put pen, ink and paper before him, who, as it appeared to me, wrote the letter he wanted a little unwillingly. If it had been possible to overlook such an event as the loss of a jewel worth twenty thousand pounds, I believe—with my lady's opinion of her late brother and her distrust of his birthday gift—it would have been privately a relief to her to let the thieves get off with the moonstone scot free.

I went out with Mr. Franklin to the stables and took the opportunity of asking him how the Indians, whom I suspected, of course, as shrewdly as he did, could possibly have got into the house.

"One of them might have slipped into the hall, in the confusion, when the dinner company were going away," says Mr. Franklin. "The fellow may have been under the sofa while my aunt and Rachel were talking about where the diamond was to be put for the night. He would only have to wait till the house was quiet and there it would be in the cabinet, to be had for the taking." With those words he called to the groom to open the gate and galloped off.

A little before eleven Mr. Franklin came back. The resolute side of him had, to all appearance, given way, in the interval since his departure, under the stress that had been laid on it. He had left us at a gallop; he came back to us at a walk. When he went away he was made of iron. When he returned he was stuffed with cotton, as limp as limp could be.

"Well!" says my lady, "are the police coming?"

"Yes," says Mr. Franklin; "they said they would follow me in a fly. Superintendent Seegrave of your local police force, and two of his men. A mere form. The case is hopeless."

"What! have the Indians escaped, sir?" I asked.

"The poor ill used Indians have been most unjustly put in prison," says Mr. Franklin. "They are as innocent as the babe unborn. My idea that one of them was hidden in the house has ended, like all the rest of my ideas, in smoke. It's been proved," says Mr. Franklin, dwelling with great relish on his own incapacity, "to be simply impossible."

It appeared that the resolute side of him had held out as far as Frizinghall. He had put the whole case plainly before the magistrate, and the magistrate had at once sent for the police. The first inquiries instituted about the

Indians showed that they had not so much as attempted to leave the town. Further questions addressed to the police proved that all three had been seen returning to Frizinghall with their boy on the previous night between 10 and 11—which, regard being had to hours and distances, also proved that they had walked straight back after performing on our terrace. Later still, at midnight, the police having occasion to search the common lodging house where they lived, had seen them all three again and their little boy with them as usual. Soon after midnight I myself had safely shut up the house. Plainer evidence than this in favor of the Indians could not well be. The magistrate said there was not even a case of suspicion against them so far. But as it was just possible when the police came to investigate the matter that discoveries affecting the jugglers might be made, he would contrive by committing them as rogues and vagabonds to keep them at our disposal under lock and key for a week. They had ignorantly done something, I forgot what, in the town which barely brought them within the operation of the law. Every human institution, justice included, will stretch a little if you only pull it the right way. The worthy magistrate was an old friend of my lady's, and the Indian lot were "committed" for a week as soon as the court opened that morning.

Ten minutes later, to our infinite relief, Superintendent Seegrave arrived at the house. He reported passing Mr. Franklin on the terrace sitting in the sun and warning the police as they went by that the investigation was hopeless before the investigation had begun.

For a family in our situation the superintendent of the Frizinghall police was the most comforting officer you could wish to see. Mr. Seegrave was tall and portly and military in his manners. He had a fine commanding voice and a mighty resolute eye and a grand frock coat which buttoned beautifully up to his leather stock. "I'm the man you want" was written all over his face.

He began by going round the premises, outside and in, the result of that investigation proving to him that no thieves had broken in upon us from outside and that the robbery consequently must have been committed by some person in the house. The superintendent decided to begin by examining the boudoir and, that done, to examine the servants next. At the same time he posted one of his men on the staircase which led to the servants' bedrooms, with instructions to let nobody in the house pass him till further orders.

At this latter proceeding the weaker half of the human family went distracted on the spot. They bounced out of their corners, whisked upstairs in a body to Miss Rachel's room, Rosanna Spearman being carried away among them this time; burst in on Superintendent Seegrave and, all looking equally guilty, summoned him to say which of them he suspected at once.

Mr. Superintendent proved equal to the occasion. He looked at them with his resolute eye, and he cowed them with his military voice. "Now, then, you women, go downstairs again, every one of you. I won't have you here. Look!" says Mr. Superintendent, suddenly pointing to a little smear of the decorative painting on Miss Rachel's door, at the outer edge, just under the lock. "Look what mischief the petticoats of some of you have done already. Clear out, clear out!" My daughter had first discovered the robbery. My daughter was sent for.

Mr. Superintendent proved to be a little too sharp with Penelope at starting. "Now, young woman, attend to me and mind you speak the truth," Penelope fired up instantly. "I've never been taught to tell lies, Mr. Policeman, and if father can stand there and hear me accused of falsehood and thieving and my own bedroom shut against me and my character taken away, which is all a poor girl has left, he's not the good father I take him for." A timely word from me put justice and Penelope on a pleasanter footing together. The questions and answers went swimmingly and ended in nothing worth mentioning.

Mr. Superintendent next asked to see Miss Rachel herself. Penelope mentioned his request through the door. The answer reached us by the same road, "I have nothing to tell the policeman. I can't see anybody." Our experienced officer looked equally surprised and offended when he heard that reply. I told him my young lady was ill and begged him to wait a little and see her later. We thereupon went downstairs again, and were met by Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Franklin crossing the hall.

The two gentlemen, being inmates of the house, were summoned to say if they could throw any light on the matter. Neither knew anything about it.

Mr. Superintendent's next proceeding took him back to the "boudoir" again, with my daughter and me at his heels. His object was to discover whether any of the furniture had been moved during the night out of its customary place, his previous investigation in the room having, apparently, not gone quite far enough to satisfy his mind on this point.

[To be continued.]

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Why not create some kind of organization which will contribute more effectively in "making Spur hum."

Many people of Spur and throughout Dickens county are in Dickens this week attending District Court

Tuesday of last week the new town of Slaton, on the plains, voted bonds for the construction of a system of water-works for that town.

The scrap over in Mexico has invited little attention the past several months in view of the attention given the greater struggle over in Europe.

This promises to be one of the most prosperous years within the history of this country, and we will overlook a most inviting opportunity should we fail to make a big step in "city building." Now is the time to consider these things.

For a time Spur had no auto garage. Now she has three and all seem to have all the work they can do and are prospering. When the auto highway is established

through Dickens county, Spur will be in a position to care for the needs and demands of all autoists.

A contract has been made for the construction of a line of railway from Midland to Lamesa, the road to be complete and ready for operation within nine months. Railroad building in Texas is again being resumed. Watch Texas grow—and especially Western Texas.

The Gibson bill, permitting the return of life insurance companies to Texas, was defeated in the state senate by a vote of twelve to fifteen. Governor Ferguson was very much interested in this bill and says that he will make this measure one of the leading issues of the next state campaign.

About nine of the nations of Europe are now fighting against Germany and Austria, and yet the Germans continue to be the aggressors and have never been forced back on their own territory to defend themselves. Germany must be the greatest fighters the world

has ever known, but surely she can not continue to hold off the nine allied countries against her.

Matador is making great preparations for her second annual celebration to be held on the twenty eighth and twenty ninth of July. The Texas Spur acknowledges receipt of an invitation from the Motley County News to be present on this occasion, and we are going if only to determine whether or not our contemporary indulges either the dollar- ninety eight cent or Anheuser brands during the good old summer time.

The Roaring Springs Echo is again coming regularly to our exchange table, and we are glad to note this fact. Neal Douglass hit it hard but is overcoming calamities without exhibiting bruises. He publishes one of the best papers in West Texas, and his paper is well patronized, but he really deserves more patronage than he gets. Douglass is not only a booster but a builder and we are glad to see him again at the helm of the Echo.

Fifty or sixty newspapers each week come to to our table from every section of this country. In looking over these papers from each one we size up the towns in which they are published. It is very apparent that a few of them are struggling from week to week for a mere existence but the great majority are prosperous and we know the towns are thriving and building, but the greatest wonder of them all is Lubbock—judging it by the Avalanche. The Avalanche has eight, ten and sometimes sixteen pages, everyone of which is loaded with live advertisements probably from every concern in the town, or else the town is much larger than we think it is. When we consider the fact that the people build towns, and the town is as full of progressive business men as Lubbock, we know that it is only a question of time until such towns will become real and recognized commercial centers. You take a town where only a few or a bare majority of the business men are progressive enough and aggressive enough to reach out after the trade and you will find a town which is

hampered in its progress to the extent of carrying a burden of non-progressive business institutions which consume but do not produce anything for the general welfare and advancement of public community interests. It is a recognized fact that towns must reach out and offer superior inducements for the trade or lose it to other towns which do; and when only a few business men of a town are forced to pay the expense of reaching out after the trade and thereby maintaining and establishing a commercial center, those of the town who fail to contribute their part to such an end are just that much of a burden to the more progressive business men of the town. In this respect we judge Lubbock to be the most progressive in this whole country.

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G. L. Gladdis was in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country.

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Items Over Dickens County

BY CORRESPONDENTS

DICKENS ITEMS.

Fayette Springer and Mr. Turnbow, of Spur, came twice last week intending to put on a picture show. Good crowds were present on both occasions, but their machine wouldn't work and therefore they saw no pictures. The money was returned and Mr. Springer promised to come back sometime when his machine would work. We will be glad to have him try again and hope he will have better success next time.

J. P. Koonsman and daughter, Miss Nola, were in town Wednesday greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

We have had plenty of rain in this section, and the farmers want a little rain so they can keep down the weeds.

Mrs. W. G. Crego, of the Croton community, visited friends and relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. O. S. Ferguson left Wednesday for Canyon City to attend the summer normal.

Jake Scott left Wednesday for Geary, Oklahoma, to undergo medical treatment.

L. D. Jones and family, of the Lisenby line camp east of town, were here Tuesday.

B. A. Crego left Wednesday for Dallas to visit his daughter, Mrs. Geo. M. Parker.

Judge Dickson and son, Isaac O. Newton and Tom Irby, Jr., spent Sunday in Spur.

Ed Potts, of Spur, spent Friday of last week with his sister, Mrs. O. O. Gray.

E. Austin and Frank Speer have returned from Geary, Oklahoma.

Miss Pearl Blackwell returned to her home in Spur Friday.

Miss Ella Worswick came in Tuesday from Stamford.

W. W. Waldrup and Jim Foster were in town Monday.

T. G. Harkey, of Spur, was in Dickens Wednesday.

Miss Lottie Fite, of Spur, was in Dickens Tuesday.

GILPIN.

The most destructive rain storm we have had for several years visited Gilpin Sunday evening. The damage done the growing crops is hard to estimate. Al Sullivan says that he has over a hundred acres damaged so that it must be planted over, and practically every farmer in this settlement is damaged proportionally. The rain lasted about forty minutes and was accompanied by an extra hard wind.

Miss Nora Blakeley, who has been studying music at Girard for the past several months, was the guest of Miss Mary Bennett Saturday and Sunday.

Our school will close Friday and will have a picnic Saturday at the Carlisle Springs. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Holland, missionary of the Dickens County Association, preached here Sunday.

P. E. Hagins and Rev. W. B. Bennett made a trip to Spur Saturday.

Miss Young, of Abilene, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Loller, this week.

W. P. Sampson made a trip to Post Saturday. He is thinking of locating there in the future.

Prof. Cherry, principal of our school, failed to arrive Monday on account of high water.

L. W. Bilberry went to Dickens Monday.

Miss Bertie Parnell took dinner

with Misses Lily and Mattie Hagins Sunday.

Willie Hagins and Cecil Bennett made a trip to Dickens Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins went shopping in Girard Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Rop Thomas made a trip to Jayton last week.

TAP.

It tried to rain our picnic out on the 5th but we had a good time just the same. Everyone in this neighborhood came and brought a well-filled basket. In the forenoon all assembled at the grave yard and beautified the city of the dead, and when we returned to the school house the ladies made ready one of the best dinners ye scribe was ever at and I made a good hand there I never threw off a bit. Ed McArthur and Alva Smith furnished the cold drinks which were simply fine. We all "ate, drank and were merry." After noon the house was called to order by T. L. Lambert and an excellent program was rendered. All were then dismissed and retired to the ball ground where an interesting game of base ball was played. The 5th of June will long be remembered by all present.

Miss Essie Rogers closed her school here Friday night of last week with an excellent program. We have known Miss Essie almost from childhood and know her to be a true christian lady, honored and loved by all who know her. She is an able teacher and we wish her much success in her great work.

There was a box supper after the closing exercises of the school, the proceeds of which will be used to buy an organ for the church here. The boxes were auctioned off, Miss Susie Scott's box bringing the highest price, five dollars. The supper brought thirty five dollars.

Uncle Frank Hinson came out from Spur and visited friends and relatives in this community last week.

An entertainment was given at T. S. Lambert's Saturday night in honor of Miss Clara Hinson.

P. Hinson and wife are on the sick list this week. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Miss Clara Hinson, who has been attending school at Belton, returned home this week.

The recent rains have done great good and but little damage in our community.

Buster Arthur and sister, of Spur, attended the W. O. W. picnic here last week.

The singing at J. E. Sparks Sunday night was enjoyed by everyone present.

J. H. Sparks is on the sick list this week.

AFTON.

The new graded road south from the churches has been greatly damaged by the recent heavy rains. Lack of sufficient culverts caused the water to break over in several places. This part of the road has been a great inconvenience and we will be glad to see it made a first-class highway.

Most of the lumber is on the ground for the new school building, and we expect to see the frame up right away. The foundation has been completed some time, but on account of the unsettled condition of the weather and the lack of material, no work has been done in some time.

Claude Loyd and sister, Miss

Pearl, who have been attending Simmons College at Abilene, have returned to their home here to spend the vacation. Miss Bessie Loyd remained for the summer term at the college.

The Mothers' Club is creating quite an interest among the ladies of Afton. With five members at the organization we have increased our membership to twenty three.

This vicinity was visited by the heaviest rains Saturday and Sunday that have fallen in years. Crops in some places were considerably damaged.

Afton continues to improve. H. V. Johnson is making an addition to his residence and otherwise improving his property.

Several autos have undertaken to go across the new grade since the rains and have had to be pulled out by teams.

The old school building was sold to the highest bidder, F. A. Loyd and Mr. Poole were the successful bidders.

Little Wilma Loyd, who has been quite sick with pneumonia, is very much improved.

Mr. Charlie Bird was in our city Monday from his ranch home on Tongue River.

Mr. B. F. Yeates is attending the old Soldiers' Reunion in Richmond Virginia.

Forrest Ragland has returned from a visit to Commerce, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry visited Mr. Johnson last Sunday.

Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was here on business Monday.

M. L. Hale was in the County Capitol last Week.

B. A. Crego, of Dickens, passed through Spur Wednesday, on his way to Dallas where he will spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. M. Parker.

George Greenwade came in Wednesday from the Draper country and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

MRS. BROWN INJURED.

Mrs. Boley Brown, of Clairemont, fell from the steps at her home one day last week and as a result sustained very painful if not permanent injuries. It is reported that her hip bone was broken. The many friends of Mrs. Brown will regret to learn of this misfortune, and we hope that she will soon recover from the injury.

The Spur band is now making preparation to give a concert on the streets of Spur about the first of next month, and just before leaving for Post to participate in the band contest at that place. The band is now practicing regularly and is making the very best music.

Miss Callie Glenn, who has been attending the Baylor University at Waco, spent several days of this week in Spur the guest of Miss Gussie Stafford, leaving the latter part of the week for her home in Plainview.

Dock Edwards, one of the most extensive and most successful farmers of the Croton country, was in Spur Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in his section at this time.

S. M. Bailey, of the plains country, was in Spur the first of the week trading with the merchants and on other business. He reports fine rains in the Lee County settlement.

W. C. McArthur came in Wednesday from his home in the Tap country and spent several hours here greeting friends.

Mrs. M. E. Laine, of Mt. Pleasant, is in the city on an extended visit to her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine.

J. C. McNeill and son came in Wednesday from his Alamo Stock Farm, and spent several hours here on business.

J. R. Rogers, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday after supplies.

In the Summer Time

These are the days of punishment, unless you are fortified with

THE PROPER WEIGHT WEARABLES

Better come and look over our line of summer clothes. Suits for men from \$4.00 up to \$15.00. Plenty of summer styles in underwear, in two-piece and unions, for men and women. Nazareth unions fill a desired want for children, ages 4 to 12. Straw hats for boys, 10c, and up to \$1.25; men's from 25c to \$3.00.

YOUR WANTS CAN EASILY BE FILLED HERE

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Fastest Growing Store in Texas

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Spur, Texas



The Soda Fountain

has become the rendezvous for friends and acquaintances; and it is over a tall tinkling glass that some of life's most pleasant moments are spent.

Make our fountain your meeting place.

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The Rexall Store

S. W. Rather came in Wednesday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and spent some time in Spur on business.

W. P. Sampson, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Sheriff Connor was in Spur Wednesday from Dickens, and reports everything moving along nicely.

Howard Campbell was among the number in Spur this week on business.

BIG FARM PURCHASED BY PROMINENT FARMERS

The first of this week a trade was consummated by which J. E. Wright and W. L. Thannish, two prosperous farmers of the Draper country, came into possession of the six hundred and forty acre farm home of J. E. Counts in the Wichita community, the consideration being in the sum of nearly fifteen thousand dollars.

This is one of the biggest farm deals of this character during the year, and is substantial evidence not only of the promising agricultural prospects which prevails throughout this section, but also of the well founded faith in the future of the country by prominent men who have prospered as a result of farming operations in Dickens county during the past years.

Again we say that when men who have lived here for years, have prospered in agricultural pursuits and invest their all in Dickens county farm lands it should be uncontrovertible evidence to "new comers" and home seekers that they are not being "faked" in the purchase of homes and lands within the Great Spur country. This country will prosper any man who will work and use common everyday business judgement in the conduct of his affairs.

FINEST TURKEY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

W. H. Taylor, of near Steel Hill, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Taylor is making a specialty of the turkey business on his farm this year and reports that he is having the very best success up to the present time. He has a large number of small turkeys just beginning to feather out, and all of which are doing nicely. During the past several years Mr. Taylor has been raising a few turkeys for the market, and since he has had such good success he will this year conduct the business on a much larger scale. It is said that this is one of the finest turkey countries in the world, and the success encountered by the few farmers who have raised turkeys to a limited extent demonstrates the fact. It is said that in the early days great droves of turkeys roamed this country, fattened and increased in numbers until hunters and settlers slaughtered and deprived them of feeding range. Considering these facts it is conclusive that with little care and attention the turkey business can be made a paying proposition on the farm.

Miss Johnnie Oldham, who has been teaching in the Draper school the past term, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with Miss Deliah Johnson, leaving Monday for her home near Stamford. The Draper school closed Friday for the term. Miss Oldham will return and teach this school through another term.

Miss Lucy Webb left Monday for Dublin where she will spend some time with relatives and friends before returning to her home in Spur.

Will Andrews, of the Spur National Bank, returned this week from Stamford, where he spent several days visiting relatives.

T. G. Harkey returned the latter part of last from a several days fishing trip.

LEADING LIVESTOCK DEALERS.

R. L. Collier and Jake Scott left Spur this week for Roswell and other New Mexico points where they will spend some time buying cattle, horses, hogs and possibly some "sheep" with which to supply the market in this section of the country. For some time past R. L. Collier & Son have been one among the leading livestock dealers of Spur and this section of the country, and at all times keep on hand a variety of livestock to fully meet the demands of the market in that line.

PESSIMIST OUT OF HARMONY IN WESTERN TEXAS

The majority of the people of West Texas are like the country in which they live. They are broad gauged, big hearted, open, frank and hospitable. With an abundance of pure air, which makes for robust health, they are the embodiment of optimism and progress. A man in this country who is a pessimist is out of harmony with the spirit of the west. His pessimistic whineys, though unpleasant, do not keep his fellows from progressing. There is too much room and too many opportunities for people to stop and howl. It matters not what may be the misfortune it is soon forgotten or obscured by the success of some new undertaking.

Hundreds of western men and women are prosperous and happy because they are animated with the spirit of their country.

The multiplicity of smiling opportunities are constantly challenging the best efforts of strong ambitious men. An honest man can always get out on the firing line with a chance of measuring his strength with the undeveloped resources of this great country. His spirit is like the money he invests in western land, it never grows less.

The west invites no one who is unwilling to make good by honest effort but has a cheering word for all who try.

The enterprise and courage of western people has transformed a country once thought to be unfit for habitation into a most productive one.

The western spirit is magnetic, it fascinates the traveler and woos the homeseeker; invigorates the weak and fills the pessimist with grit that will kill or cure.—Stanton Reporter.

TWO BRICK BUSINESS HOUSES TO BE BUILT

This week H. R. Moore, of Houston, was in Spur for the purpose of completing arrangements in the construction of two large brick business houses on the lots on the west side of Burlington Avenue between the Riter Hardware Company and the E. F. Springer confectionery store. It is proposed to have these buildings complete and ready for occupancy by the first day of September.

The prevailing conditions in Spur and the surrounding country encourages and warrants a substantial building improvement, and before the end of the year we expect to witness an era of unprecedented building progress in both the business and residence sections of Spur. No town and no country has brighter and more promising prospects than is evidenced in Spur and the Spur country at this time.

GROUND SOAKING RAINS AND IDEAL CROP PROSPECT

During the past week we have had ground-soaking rains in every section of this country, and as a result no country ever had better and more promising prospects for bumper crops. On the 5th day of June we had .70 inches of rain; on the 6th 1.72 inches, and the 7th we had .45 inches, making a total of 2.87 inches during the month of June.

The total amount of rainfall during this year is as follows:

January.....	.11 inches
February.....	2.19 "
March.....	1.18 "
April.....	7.65 "
May.....	1.64 "
June, (to date).....	2.87 "

Making a total of more than fifteen and one-half inches of rainfall over Dickens county and the great Spur country during the first six months of the year 1915.

During the past years our average yearly rainfall has been twenty two inches. Conditions are changing for the better in every respect and as the country settles each year the rainfall increases, our natural advantages enhanced and our agricultural and commercial interests increased and promoted to an extent worthy of notice and consideration by the outside world and especially homeseekers. There may be those who think that land is too high which is now selling at ten and fifteen dollars an acre, but in ten years from today no land can be bought anywhere in the country for less than fifty dollars or more an acre. The man who is waiting for cheaper lands in this country will ever remain homeless. We have no land to sell, but the trend of the times is conclusive evidence to the observer that now is the time to buy land and secure a home.

WILL DISCUSS THE MARKETING PROBLEM IN SPUR

F. C. Weinert, manager of the State Warehouse and Marketing Department, will speak in Spur at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, June 16, and at Crosbyton in the evening of the same day. Senator Weinert is one of the biggest men in Texas, he is deeply in earnest and comes to speak to the people on one of the biggest subjects now before the producer and consumer—that of marketing.

Senator Weinert will be accompanied by former Commissioner of Agriculture Ed R. Kone, and by one or two newspaper men. Every citizen and especially every farmer within this territory should study the subject of this address and hear this great apostle of efficiency in the marketing problems now confronting the general public.

Mrs. T. E. Standifer returned Thursday of last week from Clarendon where she attended the funeral of her sister who died at that place. Mrs. Standifer's father and brother returned with her to Spur, making the trip through the country in an automobile.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons left the latter part of last week for Stamford where she will spend some time with her mother and other relatives and friends of that city.

J. P. Gibson was among the number in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill community.

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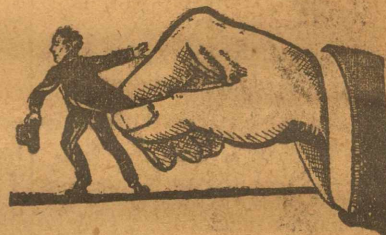
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We will do our utmost to deserve it and to merit a continuance of your patronage, by giving you at all times prompt and efficient service and honest business dealings. Our yard is headquarters for all kinds of builders' supplies.

P. H. Miller Lumber Company



J. E. Reams returned this week from Dallas where he had been some time buying a new boiler and other gin material with which to equip the Afton gin another year. They expect to make the Afton gin one of the very best in the whole country.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday. He is one of the most prosperous stockfarmers of the country and one among the oldest settlers of this section.

Geo. Paddick was in the city Saturday from his suburban home about one mile of Spur. He is one among the most successful farmers and truck growers of the whole country.

Poet Hagins came in Saturday from the Gilpin country and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

Attorney Chas. Coombes, of Anson, passed through Wednesday on his way to Dickens to attend District Court.

S. R. Bowman, a prominent farmer of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Clyde Hindman, of Roaring Springs, was here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Thursday of last week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and spent a short time in the city on business and shaking hands with his numerous friends. The Judge has been kinder under the weather the past several months and we are glad to note that his health is now improving.

W. F. Godfrey, local salesman for Ford cars, is enjoying a rushing business since the new shipment arrived last week. The following gentlemen have purchased cars: J. R. Stafford and M. E. Manning of Spur, and A. Holmberg of Dumont.

C. D. Copeland, one of the Spur country's best citizens and most substantial farmers was in town Saturday and purchased a complete new equipment of the most up-to-date implements for his plantation six miles east.

Miss Creola Richbourg spent last week at the Sam Owens ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

FOR SALE.

A 5 room bungalow, good well, cistern, sheds, lots and 6 acres fenced and in cultivation, 7 acres in all, also small orchard, 1 mile west of Spur. Consideration \$1,250.00, part down, balance in good notes.—J. E. Day, Burley, N. M. 27-6mo