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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER 15, 1911

Number Forty-six

EDWARD-HOGAN COMPANY

WE SPECIALIZE

Just Mens Clothes

OLD SUITS MADE NEW, NEW SUITS MADE TOO.

TAILORING AND HAT WORK

ONE HUNDRED BOLLS TO MHE STALK OF COTTON.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Wilson returned about two weeks ago from Oklahoma where he had spent two months with his wife for her health and also advertising the Spur Farm Lands for S. M. Swenson & Sons. Mr. Wilson says that he returns to Spur more thoroughly convinced of its superiority over other sections in that it not only produces more abundantly but is healthier and better country in every respect. On his place east of town he reports the crops in good condition. In passing through the fields of cotton on his land Mr. Wilson pulled up three stalks of cotton and counted the bolls and squares. On one stalk he counted one hundred five, on another one hundred fifty five, and on the third stalk there were one hundred ninety three. He says that many stalks can be found in his field on which are a hundred full bolls of cotton. This don't sound to us like a short cotton crop in this section.

MOVING TO RALLS

This week, Editor Morris, of the Jayton Herald, has been in Spur packing up ready for shipment to the new town of Ralls the former Spur Standard plant of the city. Mr. Morris will begin the publication of a paper at that place at an early date. That is a fine country and probably a rich newspaper field and we wish the new publication a prosperous life. Surrounding Ralls is a vast and rich agricultural territory now open to settlement and before many years that country as well as this section will be thickly settled and the resources developed to a high state in both agriculture and commerce.

See Who Advertise

W. M. Randall was in Saturday after a new windmill for his place in the Steel Hill community. He says that they will wear out in time. However, Spur is a convenient trading point and has a few live business men in several lines of business who desire to supply the trade of this territory as is evidenced by their advertisements in this paper. Of course there are some firms in the town who have never solicited your business through the columns of the Texas Spur and for this reason we are of the opinion that they are not only nonprogressive in a business way but of necessity are forced either to

sell second grade stuff at first grade prices or sell for higher prices to make up sufficient profit to exist. The best is always the cheapest and nine times out of ten you will not only save money but get the best goods from the business men who advertise in the local paper. Now turn this paper and see who are the advertisers of Spur. The Texas Spur will guarantee you the fairest treatment at their places of business.

SOCIAL GATHERING

In response to invitations from Mrs. G. C. Pass, a number of ladies assembled in her home on September 2nd from four to six o'clock. The event was purely social, being given in honor of Mrs. Pass' sister, Mrs. Pruden, of Quanah. Another guest of honor was Mrs. Jno. H. Reagan, of Palestine. The chief entertainment of the afternoon was music rendered by Mesdames Pass, Pruden and Van Leer. The ladies were then invited into the dining room where delicious strawberry ice cream and cake was served to the following: Mesdames John H. Reagan, Jno. B. Pruden, Jeff D. Reagan, Bruce Gaynor, I. G. Van Leer, C. C. Hinson, S. W. Adams, Clinton Funk, E. L. Pass, Ada Travis, G. B. Joplin and R. R. Morrison. When the hour for departure arrived the guests bade adieu to their hostess, assuring her that they had spent a most delightful afternoon.

EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD

W. A. Johnson was in recently from his Dockum Stock Farm and reported everything moving along nicely, crops growing and maturing and cattle fat. Every thing looks good in the Spur country.

WHY OWN HIGH PRICED LAND TO GROW COTTON

Messrs. Moore and Davis, of Erath county, were in Spur several days looking over the town and country with a later view of buying property and becoming citizens of this section. These gentlemen both expressed themselves as being pleased with the country and said that while they were here now only to look they would probably sell their property in Erath and move to the Spur country at no distant date. This is only one instance of many of like character. For a number of years we have been wondering why farmers in the East will continue to hold land valued at from fifty to one hundred dollars an acre on which to grow cotton and feed stuff when land can be had in the West for ten and fifteen dollars an acre and which will produce as much or more of every variety as the higher priced lands. What is the sense in a farmer owning one hundred dollar an acre land to produce a half bale of cotton when he can get an acre elsewhere for ten dollars and which will grow a half bale and more on an average Come to Western Texas.

CHURCHES ORGANIZE

On Sunday District Evangelist Wm. Pearn of the Stamford District Christian Missionary Association was in Spur for the purpose of conducting a conference with the Disciples of Christ resident in the county. There were representatives from Afton, Dickens and Spur. After the object of the meeting had been stated and the matter discussed an organization to be known as "The Dickens County Christian Church Association,"

was perfected. The following were elected officers: President, Marion Hale, Afton; Vice President, R. M. Hamby, Dickens; Secretary-Treasurer, Jeff D. Reagan, Spur. The President was elected to represent the county at the District Convention to be held in Abilene on October 13, 14, 15.

FORTY BUSHELS OF CORN

J. R. Robertson and Hodges Haile, of the Afton country, were in Spur Monday and Tuesday and say that crops are in good shape in their country. Mr. Robertson had an ear of corn as a sample of a six acre crop on his place. The sample of corn was of big, well matured grains, completely covering the cob. It looked to us like forty bushels to the acre and that the man who said this country would not grow corn is either a new comer or a traducer of West Texas resources in general.

MORE FARMS AND FARMERS

Mr. Grubbs, an old gentleman and substantial farmer of Young county, was in Spur this week looking over the town and country with a view of buying land, making improvements and establish a new and permanent home in the Spur country. Mr. Grubbs is well pleased with the country, the conditions and present prospects in agricultural lines. He observes that the only thing lacking is more farmers and workers to develop the country and its agricultural resources. We will be glad to have Mr. Grubbs locate and cooperate with those already here in the work of development progress.

\$2.50 REWARD

For the return of one dun-colored horse branded half circle over 4 on left hip. J. E. Dement.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION ON A SMALL CHILD.

Saturday of last week Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Duncan of Draper, accompanied by Dr. Hale of Dickens, brought their fifteen months old baby girl to the Standifer Sanitarium for an operation for locked bowels. The child had been given every treatment known to the medical fraternity, but to no avail and as a last resort it was decided to try surgical skill.

When the child was brought to the Sanitarium Dr. Standifer accepted the case with reluctance on account of the youthfulness of the patient, the child being yet a nursing baby. However, the operation was a success in every particular and the little girl is now rapidly recovering and can be removed to their home at an early date.

The success of this operation is another demonstration of the skill and ability of Dr. Standifer as a surgeon, and further contributes to the establishment of a noted and recognized sanitarium of worth and benefit to the town and country.

Since coming to Spur Dr. Standifer has made a phenomenal record in surgery and the Standifer Sanitarium under his management and supervision is gaining a deservedly wide reputation and is assuming its proper place among the institutions of highest repute and real worth to the country.

A COMMON SNEAK THIEF.

Some common, every day thief took a pair of plyers, several spark plug and otherwise rummaged and robbed our cars down at the garage recently. We were of the opinion that every inhabitant of this section was a man in every sense, imbued with characteristics of honor as well as freedom, but we are disillusioned and find that there is at least one sneak thief among us and who should be located and tenderly cared for.

BUILDING BRIDGE

Frank Smith and others of the Red Mud country were in Spur Tuesday collecting subscriptions for the purpose of building a bridge over the creek between Spur and the Cat Fish country. The building of this bridge insures the ginning, marketing and shipment of many bales of cotton at Spur from that territory, and will also contribute much to the establishment of an universal and convenient trading point in Spur for numbers of farmers of a rich agricultural territory.

We have just received a complete assortment of

POCKET CUTLERY, SHEARS,
SCISSORS AND GUNS...

And it will be to our mutual interest for you to call
early and see them before the stock is broken.

Spur Hardware Company

Everything in Hardware and Diamond Edge Tools.

Don't You Monkey With Gruben

IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CLOCK FIXED IN PROPER STYLE!!

The highest grade Repair Work on Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. All work done at Hard Time Prices and guaranteed Satisfactory. We have in stock eight day Clocks, Alarm Clocks, Watches, Chains, Jewelry, etc. Call and see

THE FARMER SOWS WHAT HE EXPECTS TO REAP. IF YOU WISH A COMFORTABLE OLD AGE, PLANT SOME MONEY IN THE BANK NOW



MAKE UP YOUR MIND to save a PART of your income, and put it in the bank and let it stay there. How else can you get ahead. Make Our Bank Your Bank.

Spur National Bank.

TAP TELLINGS

Well everything is moving along fairly well at this time. The recent showers have revived crops and the pasture lands are like spring time.

Copeland Bros. have ginned two bales of cotton to date. They are the leading cotton farmers of this section.

Smith and Allcorn are drilling a well for H. C. Parsons at White River community.

Brooky Martin, formerly of this place but now of Rule, was here the past week visiting his mother and others.

B. L. Hock sold the past week to Eldridge McClain his crop, and is now moving to his new home in Mexico.

Tom McArthur is doing some extensive fencing this week, having leased some Spur land adjoining his, for a term of years.

Geo. Martin of Oriana come up a few days ago looking after his interests here.

S. W. McKay in company with Willie Smith made a hurried business trip to Crosbyton a few day ago.

Willie Overman who has been here the past month left for his home at Norton Tuesday.

T. C. Copeland had business on the Plains last week, returning Saturday.

Willie A. Smith and Miss Willie Prichett were married at the Christian church Sunday, Elder E. M. Young officiating.

W. L. Wright and family returned Sunday from an extended visit with relatives at Wingate Texas.

The protracted meeting is in progress this week at the Christian church, conducted by Elder Mike Young.

Miss Clara Hinson returned the first of the week from a month's visit in Runnels county. Gadabout.

FOR SALE

Hogs, all sizes. P. E. Johnson, 3 miles west of Girard. tf

The electric light plant, which has been out of commission several days, again resumed operation Saturday night.

The Pass & Ellis Restaurant is now open for business on the corner of Fifth Street and Burlington Ave., and wants to serve you something to eat. Give it a trial.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday and reports everything in fine shape in his section. Before leaving he handed us a dollar, advising that we send the paper to Mrs. W. L. Clark, Madisonville, Texas, for which he has our thanks.

NO. 9611

Report of the condition of the Spur National Bank at Spur in the State of Texas, at the close of business, September 1st, 1911.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$128,186.18
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,266.84
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Banking house, Furniture and Fixtures	33,264.84
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	907.58
Due from approved Reserve Agents	13,942.65
Checks and Other cash Items	285.84
Notes of other National Banks	3,440.00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickles, and Cents	27.20
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, Viz:	
Specie	\$3,917.95
Legal tender notes	1,000.00
Redemption Fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$212,489.08

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	9,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes said	355.90
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	52,357.43
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	25,000.00
Reserved for taxes	775.75
Total	\$212,489.08

State of Texas, County of Dickens ss:
I, W. G. Sherrod, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier.
Correct Attest:

R. V. Colbert,
W. J. Lewis,
R. C. Forbis,
C. A. Jones,
Directors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1911.

E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.

STOCK NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to who ever it may concern that the practice of turning horses and cattle loose in the Spur Pastures must cease as we will gather all such stock and hold for pasture at the Public Wagon Yard at owners expense.

We will gather all the loose horse stock at once and have them at the railroad pens Wednesday next. Owners please be on hand to get their stock.

W. J. Lewis, Mgr.

G. A. HOWSLEY

Horseshoeing & General Blacksmithing

Hot and Cold Tire Setting a Specialty. Near the Gin

.. E. J. COWAN ..

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ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 1st, 1909.

Fresh fish and oysters Saturday at Pass & Ellis Restaurant.

For Sale—Good organ, cheap for cash or trade. See Braswell at Second Hand Store.

For prompt service in Dry Goods and Groceries, phone 139, Sol Davis.

FOR SALE—60 head of hogs, seedlin or buded fruit trees. If you want anything in this line see E. B. Shaw at Draper, Texas.

The South Panhandle Baptist Association convened in Spur Thursday and will be in session throughout the week. Quite a number of delegates and members are in attendance.

J. F. Goodwin and family returned Thursday to Spur from Slaton where he has been doing carpenter work the past several months. Occasionally they stray away, but always return home. We are glad to extend them a welcome return.

I have opened my millinery stock in the former bank building on east side of Burlington Ave., and will be glad to have all my friends and former customers call and see my hats and goods.

Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

The Dixie Lyceum Bureau for this season will make its first appearance in Spur at an early date and the first of a series of five entertainments being a program by Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi, recognized as among the most noted orators and entertainers of the South.

MILLINERY OPENINGS.

Thursday and evening the millinery openings at the establishments of Mesdames W. H. Stephens and W. B. Griffin in the city were largely attended by the ladies of the town and country. Throughout the day punch and ice cream were served at the two places. The display of hats and millinery goods was large and attractive and the showing was most pleasing to the ladies in that it conformed to the demands in latest fashions style, quality and beauty.

NEW HOPE

Sam Elmore and family of Oklahoma are visiting his mother, Mrs. Elmore.

Sewell Mobley and his father had business in Spur Friday and Saturday.

Caswell McDowell, County Judge of ValVerda county is visiting his father-in-law, J. M. Jones.

Mr. Jessie Harris and family and Mr. Chas Perrin and family are visiting in our neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker who live in Amarillo are visiting relatives but will return home in a few days.

M. L. Blakeley is now moving to Matador. He goes there for the benefit of the public school.

Rev. J. V. Billberry was elected pastor of the Midway Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Rube Sargent is very sick. We hope soon she will regain her health again.

Rain! Oh yes, enough for late maize and June corn and cotton is beginning to open and ere long the chilling blast from the north will be rustling down thru the corn fields.

J. W. Hilson who is now teaching the Prairie Chapel school attended the baptising at the tank Sunday. Correspondent.

Ed Butler and family of Georgetown, moved this week to Spur to make this their home in the future. We are glad to welcome Mr. Butler and family to Spur and wish them much prosperity here. For some time Mr. Butler has been reading the Texas Spur and we attribute this as one of the causes of his removal here at this time. We are mailing the paper to a number of people in other sections whom we expect to move here sooner or later. During the past two years we know of a number of instances wherein the Texas Spur was the medium of bringing families to this section, and yet there are those who think a newspaper is an expense rather than a benefit to a town and country.

FOR SALE.

A good gentle family pony and rubber tire buggy. A bargain. C. B. New.

Sol Davis line of Hats are the best to be had.

Can You Guess Why I Am A good Cook?



THE Collin County Mills care in the Selection of Wheat, and their expert milling process brings success to those who use

"MARECHAL NIEL FLOUR"

And, too, we use Chase & Sanborns Seal Brand Coffee, Emperors Blend Tea, and are never without a full supply of Golden Brand Can Goods.

FOR SALE BY

WESTERN GROCERY CO.

Phones 93

Spur, Texas

NEW STRENGTH FOR BAD BACKS.

Those who suffer with backache, headache, dizziness and that constant, dull, tired feeling will find comfort in the advice of Mrs. C. S. Tyler, Cando, N. Dak., who says:



"My back became terribly sore and lame. I was tired and restless and would arise so exhausted I could scarcely dress. The kidney secretions were terribly annoying and my feet became so swollen I could not wear my shoes. Nothing helped me until I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. They gave me prompt relief and in a short time I was entirely cured."

Remember the name—Doan's. For sale by druggists and general storekeepers everywhere. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

No Use Wasting It.

Mother—Charles, I see you have written me a little letter to say how sorry you are you took the jam? Well, I forgive you for your thoughtfulness.

Charles—Yes, ma. Please don't tear the letter.

Mother—Why not?
Charles—'Cos it'll do for next time.
—Stray Stories.

Has Stood a 58 Year Test

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters

Its merit is, therefore, proven in cases of

**SICK HEADACHE
SOUR STOMACH
INDIGESTION
CONSTIPATION
BILIOUSNESS
CHAMPS, DIARRHOEA
AND MALARIA**

A trial, today, will convince you that it is the medicine you need. All Druggists.

Get a Package of Grandma's Tea Today

and give it a trial the next time any member of the family is troubled with an attack of Indigestion, Constipation, Biliousness, Sour Stomach or Sick Headache. It will relieve the most obstinate cause gently but surely, and without that nauseating taste common with most laxatives.

It's Made of Herbs and Roots—Nature's Own Remedy—That's All

One trial and you will make it a "regular" in the household medicine chest. By stimulating the digestive organs to healthy and natural action it purifies the blood, removing that sallow complexion and warding off more serious disorders of the stomach and liver.

Your Druggist Has It 25 Cents a Package

If Your Eyes Feel Sore or Tired, Bathe Them With

Dickey's Old Reliable Eye Water

It relieves at once. Don't burn or hurt, feels good.

DICKEY DRUG COMPANY, BRISTOL, TENN.

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POULTRY

START WITH BUFF LEGHORNS

Much Easier and More Satisfactory Than Few Years Ago—Get Quality Rather Than Quantity.

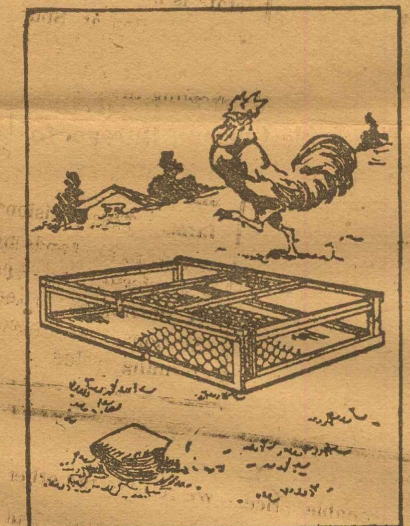
Starting with Buff Leghorns now is much easier and more satisfactory than it was a few years ago. Now prominent breeders are getting as large a proportion of exhibition specimens from their matings as are the breeders of any variety and customers who are buying eggs get good value for the money they invest. Of course, one must be careful to buy from breeders who are producing fine birds, for breeders who are not breeding the quality that is winning at our prominent shows cannot supply it to their customers. After getting the eggs and hatching the chicks be sure to mark them all according to the breeding pen in which the eggs were laid; then when the chicks mature you will know their breeding.

When you pick out those which you are going to keep for your foundation stock, if you have only one male and one female that suit you, you had better use only those for the first year's breeding. It is not quantity that the beginner wants—it is quality. Next season select your best pullet and mate back to the old male and mate the yearling hen and the choicest one of the season's cockrels. These matings are reasonably sure to produce plenty of quality, if you buy the eggs from a breeder who has line bred his stock properly.

FOLDING COOP FOR CHICKENS

Ends and Sides Turn Down When Not Being Used—Of Great Convenience in Shipping to Market.

Now comes the collapsible chicken coop, designed by a Wisconsin man, and in view of the present mania for raising chickens it will probably interest a great many people. The sides and ends of the coop are hinged beneath the ends. When the recep-



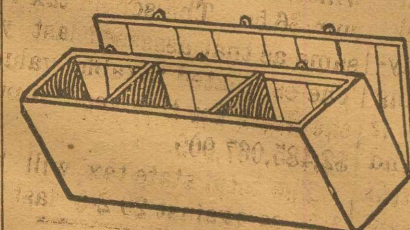
Folding Chicken Coop.

tacle is extended the sides form a support to the ends, and all are held firmly in the extended position by clips at the four corners. When the coop is collapsed, pins lock the folding parts and keep them down. As will be readily understood, a coop of this kind will be a great convenience to the poultry farmer who ships his chickens to market or to a poultry store. After the live fowls have been disposed of a dozen of these improved receptacles can be folded up, tied in one bundle and shipped back to the place where they came from at small expense and no trouble. They are equally handy on the chicken farm.

DUMPING NESTS ARE HANDY

Bottom Arranged with Hinges So That It Will Drop and Contents Fall to the Floor.

A good way to build hens' nests is to have the bottom attached with hinges and fastened at the front with small hooks and staples. When the nests are to be cleaned the bottom



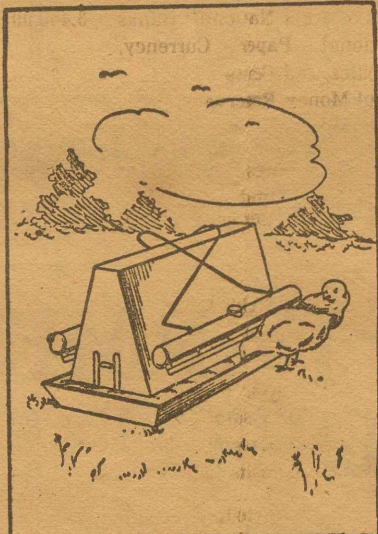
Dumping Hens' Nest.

can be dropped and all the contents will fall out. The nests should be at least twelve inches square, and for the large-sized breeds fifteen inches will be better.

USEFUL INSECTICIDE APPLIER

Apparatus Arranged to Make Application Automatic as Chicken Helps Itself to Water.

One of the most ingenious of the many sanitary appliances for use on poultry farms is the insecticide applying device shown in the illustration. It was designed by an Ohio man. On a large farm it is practically impossible to apply insect-destroying preparations for every fowl. The apparatus here makes this application automatically as the chicken drinks. A central support is placed in the water pan and two tubes are



Insecticide Applier.

suspended from the sides. A strip of flexible percolating material hangs down from each tube to a point close to the water. The tube is filled with liquid insecticide, which keeps this strip continually saturated. When a chicken wants a drink it has to push its head under the flap and both in this motion and by the action of withdrawing its head, the feathers on head and neck become soaked with the solution. As every fowl has to drink, none is missed in this treatment.

TO FORCE EARLY MOULTING

Fowls Should Be Confined for About Ten Days and Given About One-Quarter of Usual Ration.

To bring about early moulting, confine the fowls in their various quarters about August 1, and for ten days only allow them one-fourth of their usual rations. During this time they lose flesh and stop laying.

Then liberate and feed them all the corn, oats, peas, sunflower seed and wheat they will eat. This causes a rapid moult and the new feathers start at once. The hens soon recover from the process and begin to lay regularly about October 1.

The ration for laying hens should not be too heavy, but should be varied at frequent intervals. With your grain ration animal food such as ground flesh meat and bones, is essential. Some green food too must be given. Experiments at the New York station showed that the product of eggs from hens fed on corn meal was from 28 to 57 per cent. greater than from hens kept on a more nitrogenous ration.

POULTRY NOTES

Let the chicks have plenty of free range.

The young chicks should be kept growing.

To make chicks grow first give plenty of good fresh air; don't allow them to crowd.

Keep plenty of water fresh and clean for your poultry, and fight for lice and mites.

Much loss is suffered by poulterers from a failure to properly fatten their stock for market.

Fine gravel is not the proper grit for poultry. They want a sharp material with which to grind their feed.

Charcoal pounded fine and kept in the drinking pans will keep the young and old birds in good condition.

To keep a hen in good health she needs nearly seven times more fresh air in proportion to her size than does the horse.

Swelling of the head is frequently caused by a sharp draft on the fowl from some small knothole or crack.

Grit must be provided for fowls, but the substance should be sharp and of size for poultry as for man or animals.

If the hens are expected to lay heavily during the winter, they must be cared for every month of the year, and fed more heavily as the fall months come on.

If you are in the thoroughbred poultry business, do not sell your cull stock alive. Dress it and see that the culls are not worked onto the markets as your particular grain.

AS A RULE.



"What is an income tax, pa?"
"A wife, my son."

TO KEEP THE SKIN CLEAR

For more than a generation, Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment have done more for pimples, blackheads and other unsightly conditions of the complexion, red, rough, chapped hands, dandruff, itching, scaly scalps, and dry, thin and falling hair than any other method. They do even more for skin-tortured and disfigured infants and children. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers throughout the world, a liberal sample of each, with 32-page book on the care of the skin and hair will be sent post-free, on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 22 L, Boston.

The Fly.

"Where one earth do these flies come from?" is a frequent and despairing question.

They may come down the chimneys, if the fireplaces have tipping dampers. These should be tightly closed in fly-time. An appreciable falling off in their number will be the result.

If the chimneys have not the tipping damper, a screen such as is used for a window can be fitted into the fireplace; or, easier still, a bundle of paper may be stuffed up the chimney.

Either method is successful, and no trouble is too great to get rid of these summer pests.

Vacation Scheme.

"I have gotten a great deal of pleasure from anticipating the trip."

"More pleasure, possibly, than you'll get from the trip itself."

"That's what I think. So I've decided to stay at home and save the money."

A Hopeful Fellow.

"What is an optimist?"
"A man, whose bump of hope is bigger than the rest of his head."

Classifying Member of Inferior Sex.

Stella—is her husband a stick?

Bella—No, a buttonhook.

The hero is he who is immovably centered.—Emerson.

The satisfying quality in Lewis' Single Binders found in no other 5c cigar.

When one has opinions that are currency I let them circulate.

HE HAD THEM IN A CORNER

Clergyman's Rebuke to Thoughtless Youths at Once Neat and Disconcerting.

A well-known clergyman was one day, in a barber's shop, when four or five young men walked in whom he knew by their voices, but who did not recognize the man in the chair, with lather all over his face. They proceeded to spend the time by telling stories and using expressions which, to say the least, were rather strong. When the barber pulled away the towel the clergyman, cleanly shaved, stood before them. So nonplussed were they that no one tried to take the vacant chair, and the barber called several times—"Next gentleman! Next gentleman!"

The clergyman smiled somewhat grimly as he said:

"It isn't a bit of use, John. There's not a man here who has the effrontery to answer to that name."

His Way of Life.

"War is hell."
"You seem to believe that in times of peace one should prepare for war."

THAT AWFUL BACKACHE

Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Morton's Gap, Kentucky.—"I suffered two years with female disorders, my health was very bad and I had a continual backache which was simply awful. I could not stand on my feet long enough to cook a meal's victuals without my back nearly killing me, and I would have such dragging sensations I could hardly bear it. I had soreness in each side, could not stand tight clothing, and was irregular. I was completely run down. On advice I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills and an enjoying good health. It is now more than two years and I have not had an ache or pain since. I do all my own work, washing and everything, and never have the backache any more. I think your medicine is grand and I praise it to all my neighbors. If you think my testimony will help others you may publish it."—Mrs. OLLIE WOODALL, Morton's Gap, Kentucky.

Backache is a symptom of organic weakness or derangement. If you have backache don't neglect it. To get permanent relief you must reach the root of the trouble. Nothing we know of will do this so surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Compound.

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LODGE DIRECTORY.

Masons—Spur Lodge No. 1023, meet Thursday evening before full moon in each month. W. G. Sherrod, W. M.; Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

Mightah Chapter A. E. S. meets every Thursday night at 8:15 o'clock. Kate Senning W. M., Irene Patton Sec.

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M. B. A. Lodge No. 2995, meets second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Morris B. Kinney, Pres; Wes Hisey, Sec.

WOODMEN NOTICE

All members having Regalias belonging to Order are requested to return same at next meeting night. The lodge hereafter will meet on every second and fourth Saturday night, instead of each Saturday night.

Fred J. Hisey, clerk.

The Jayton Herald speaks volumes when it says "The real commercial club does business every day in the week, and instead of waiting for something to turn up, is turning things up. Instead of waiting for things to run over it, or to come its way, it is out after everything that will help build up the town and community.

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THE STATE TAX

The State automatic tax board fixed the state ad valorem at 12 1-2 cents on the \$100 valuation, which is about 8 1-2 above what it was last year. The State School Tax was fixed at 16 2-3 on the \$100 valuation, which it is estimated will be sufficient to appropriate to each child within the scholastic age in Texas, (both white, black and mexican), the sum \$6.50. The school tax is the same as that assessed last year. The estimated taxable values of the State for this year is put at \$2,485,067,909.

The total state tax will be 29 1-6c as against 20 2-3 last year.

Mrs. H. L. Michael, of Fort Worth, is in the city this week visiting her brother, C. H. McDonald and wife. Mr. Michael accompanied his wife to Spur, returning home the following day, while Mrs. Michael will remain in the city several days.

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SPUR, TEXAS

Poet Hagins, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was in the city this week on business.

The Shaw Feed Store building is being torn down and removed this week to the Cherry place several miles south of Spur. The material will be used in the construction of a residence on the farm.

The first of the month we were forced to cut down our force of printers, and as a result the writer is now serving in the capacity of devil, printer and editor in chief of the whole works. Hereafter when our readers come to town we will expect you to call in and see us in the back end of the shop where we will be glad to greet you and rest from our labors at least a few minutes. Come in to see us.

J. A. Murchison, of Draper, was in the city Thursday on business and spent several hours here.

Miss Kate Hare, who has been on an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter at their home in the city, returned this week to her home in Jacksboro.

Recently Messrs. J. R. and R. W. Walker, of Palestine and Commerce respectively, were in the city prospecting and will probably locate here and engage in some character of business. On leaving they stated that one of them would probably return to Spur about the fifteenth of September and take over a business of the town and thereafter become identified with the business interests of Spur. We wish Messrs. Walker success in any character of business in which they may engage.

THE HOME CIRCLE.

In Western-Enterprise

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of it for another.

Don't let all the sunshine in nature become cloudy since you are growing older.

The strength of a nation is in the intelligent and well-ordered homes of the people.

In a world where God lets the sun shine, the birds sing and the flowers make happy love to each other, man should not be the only saddened object.

How much of your success do you owe to your wife? It is only just to own this fact before her day by day. It will make her happy and keep her youthful.

He is a selfish being who having trouble in his trade or calling or profession, always brings his trouble home for the purpose of making everyone else miserable.

Unknown words do as much harm as unkind deeds. Many a heart has been wounded beyond cure, many a reputation been stabbed to death, by a few little words.

The past is fixed. No tears can wash away its facts. We should waste no regrets upon it; but, from the wisdom of its very sins have taught us, should start afresh in the race.

Let the path of life start whence it may, and let the way be steep and thorny if it must, there are sunny fields far up the heights for those who have faith and resolution to climb them.

The truest and most respected of all neighbors, is the one who always speaks well of everybody, who devotes the largest share of her sympathies to her own affairs, is chary of administering unsolicited advice, and who always waits until her social and useful capacities are requested and never renders herself officious even in her most sanguine efforts at proving to be a good neighbor.

A girl who is brought up to earn her own living never will "just settle down to nothing." She will understand the value of money, having earned it, and can give her husband wise counsel and sympathy in his business difficulties. She can take a little something for herself, perhaps, and at least she will have the comfort of knowing what ever happens she will fall on her feet.

The busy man must have some pleasure, some recreation, some relaxation. He ought not to have it on the street with gossiping chatterers, or at the gambling table with the dissolute or wanton. He ought to find it at home. He ought to do something in which his family could have a part. It ought to be pure, elevating, stimulating. The man that is considerate and equipoised will make this matter no secondary affair, but give it the best thought of his life, will make a better man, a moral citizen, more considerate husband, more loving father. He will find his family ties strengthen, so that as his children grow to manhood and womanhood, no place will be so attractive to them as the fireside at home.

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W. J. Elliott was in last week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and spent some time here.

The Disciples of Christ in this county should not fail to avail themselves of the opportunity of being present at the District convention of Christian churches to be held in the city of Abilene on October 13, 14, 15. The program is full of good things and those in attendance will carry away a store of good things. Entertainment will be free to all visiting delegates. Write Rev. Geo. H. Morrison, Abilene, Tex., that you will be there.

Miss Kate Mahon returned Wednesday from Fort Worth where she had been on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Presiding Elder Hardy preached Sunday at the Methodist tabernacle. In deference to the protracted meeting now in progress other services at this place were postponed.

Mr. Johnson, a prominent citizen of near Girard, was in Spur this week on business and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

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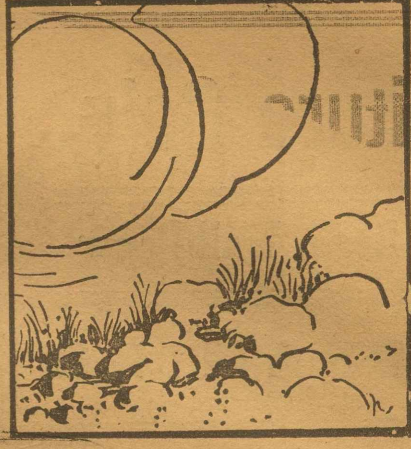
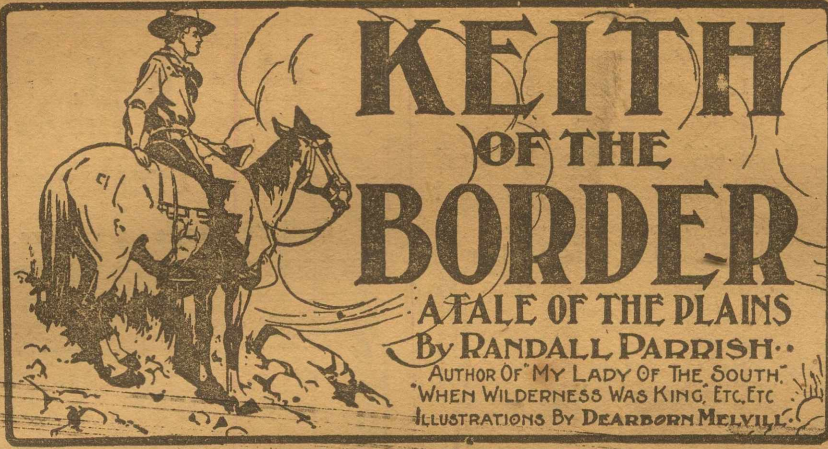
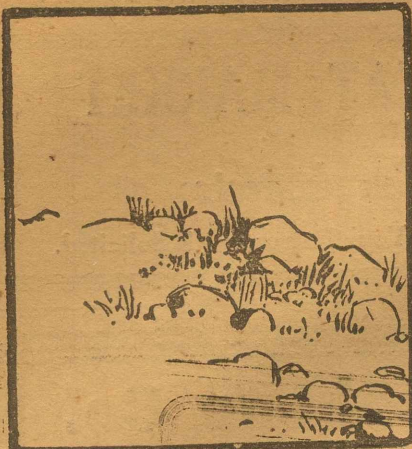
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SYNOPSIS.

Jack Keith, a Virginian, now a border plainsman, is riding along the Santa Fe trail on the lookout for roaming war parties of savages. He notices a camp fire at a distance and then sees a team attached to a wagon and a full gallop pursued by men on ponies. When Keith reaches the wagon the raiders have massacred two men and departed. He searches the victims' pockets and finds a ticket with a woman's portrait. He resolves to hunt down the murderers.

CHAPTER III. (Continued.)

The trail continually skirting the high bluff and bearing farther away from the river, turned sharply into a narrow ravine. There was a considerable break in the rocky barrier here, leading back for perhaps a hundred yards, and the plainsman turned his horse that way, dismounting when out of sight among the boulders. He could rest here until night with little danger of discovery. He lay down on the rocks, following his head on the saddle, but his brain was too active to permit sleeping. Finally he drew the letters from out his pocket, and began examining them. They yielded very little information, those taken from the older man having no envelopes to show to whom they had been addressed. The single document found in the pocket of the other was a memorandum of account at the Pioneer Store at Topeka, charged to John Sibley, and marked paid. This then must have been the younger man's name, as the letters to the other began occasionally "Dear Will." They were missives such as a wife might write to a husband long absent, yet upon a mission of deep interest to both. Keith could not fully determine what this mission might be, as the persons evidently understood each other so thoroughly that mere allusion took the place of detail. Twice the name Phyllis was mentioned, and once a "Fred" was also referred to, but in neither instance clearly enough to reveal the relationship, although the latter appeared to be pleaded for. Certain references caused the belief that these letters had been mailed from some small Missouri town, but no name was mentioned. They were invariably signed "Mary." The only other paper Keith discovered was a brief itinerary of the Santa Fe trail extending as far west as the Raton Mountains, giving the usual camping spots and places where water was accessible. He slipped the papers back into his pocket with a distinct feeling of disappointment, and lay back, staring up at the little strip of blue sky. The silence was profound, even his horse standing motionless, and finally he fell asleep.

The sun had disappeared, and even the gray of twilight was fading out of the sky, when Keith returned again to consciousness, aroused by his horse rolling on the soft turf. He awoke thoroughly refreshed, and eager to get away on his long night's ride. A cold lunch, hastily eaten, for a fire would have been dangerous, and he saddled up and was off, trotting out of the narrow ravine and into the broad trail, which could be followed without difficulty under the dull gleam of the stars. Horse and rider were soon at their best, the animal swinging unurged into the long, easy lunge of prairie travel, the fresh air fanning the man's face as he leaned forward. Once they halted to drink from a narrow stream, and then pushed on, hour after hour, through the deserted night. Keith had little fear of Indian raiders, in that darkness, and every stride of his horse brought him closer to the settlements and further removed from danger. Yet eyes and ears were alert to every shadow and sound. Once, it must have been after midnight, he drew his pony sharply back into a rock shadow at the noise of something approaching from the east. The stage to Santa Fe rattled past, the four mules trotting swiftly, a squad of troopers riding hard behind. It was merely a flumping shadow sweeping swiftly past; he could perceive the dim outlines of driver and guard, the soldiers swaying in their saddles, heard the pounding of hoofs, the creak of axles, and then the apparition disappeared into the black void. He had not called out—what was the use? Those people would never pause to hunt down prairie outlaws, and their guard was sufficient to prevent attack. They acknowledged but one duty—to get the mail through on time.

The dust of their passing still in the air, Keith rode on, the noise dying away in his rear. As the hours pass



"Are You Goin' to Raise a Row, or Come Along Quietly?"

ed, his horse wearied and had to be spurred into the swifter stride, but the man seemed tireless. The sun was an hour high when they climbed the long hill, and loped into Carson City. The cantonment was to the right, but Keith, having no report to make, rode directly ahead down the one long street to a livery corral, leaving his horse there, and sought the nearest restaurant.

Exhausted by a night of high play and deep drinking, the border town was sleeping off its debauch, saloons and gambling dens silent, the streets almost deserted. To Keith, whose former acquaintance with the place had been entirely after highball, the view of it now was almost a shock—the miserable shacks, the gaudy saloon fronts, the littered streets, the dingy, unpainted hotel, the dirty flap of canvas, the unoccupied road, the dull prairie sweeping away to the horizon, all composed a hideous picture beneath the sun glare. He could scarcely find a man to attend his horse, and at the restaurant a drowsy Chinaman had to be shaken awake, and frightened into serving him. He sat down to the miserable meal oppressed with disgust—never before had his life seemed so mean, useless, utterly without excuse.

He possessed the appetite of the open, of the normal man in perfect physical health, and he ate heartily; his eyes wandering out of the open window down the long, dismal street. A drunken man lay in front of the "Red Light" saloon sleeping undisturbed; two cur dogs were snarling at each other just beyond over a bone; a movers' wagon was slowly coming in across the open through a cloud of yellow dust. That was all within the radius of vision. For the first time in years the East called him—the old life of cleanliness and respectability. He swore to himself as he tossed the Chinaman pay for his breakfast, and strode out onto the steps. Two men were coming up the street together from the opposite direction—one lean, dark-skinned, with black goatee, the other heavily set with closely trimmed gray beard. Keith knew the latter, and waited, leaning against the door, one hand on his hip.

"Hullo, Bob," he said genially; "they must have routed you out pretty early today."

"They shore did, Jack," was the re-

sponse. He came up the steps somewhat heavily, his companion stopping below. "The boys raise hell all night, an' then come ter me ter straighten it out in the mawnin'." When did ye git in?"

"An hour ago; had to wake the 'chink' up to get any chuck. Town looks dead."

"Tain't over lively at this time o' day," permitting his blue eyes to wander up the silent street, but instantly bringing them back to Keith's face, "but I reckon it'll wake up later on."

He stood squarely on both feet, and one hand rested on the butt of a revolver. Keith noticed this, wondering vaguely.

"I reckon yer know, Jack, as how I generally git what I goes after," said the slow, drawing voice, "an' that I draw 'bout as quick as any o' the boys. They tell me ye're a gun-fighter, but it won't do ye no good ter make a play yer, fer one o' us is sure to git yer—do yer sabb?"

"Get me?" Keith's voice and face expressed astonishment, but not a muscle of his body moved. "What do you mean, Bob—are you fellows after me?"

"Sure thing; got the warrant here," and he tapped the breast of his shirt with his left hand.

The color mounted into the cheeks of the other, his lips grew set and white, and his gray eyes darkened. "Let it all out, Marshal," he said sternly, "you've got me roped and tied. Now what's the charge?"

Neither man moved, but the one below swung about so as to face them, one hand thrust out of sight beneath the tail of his long coat.

"Make him throw up his hands, Bob," he said sharply.

"Oh, I reckon thar ain't goin' ter be no trouble," returned the marshal genially, yet with no relaxation of attention. "Keith knows me, an' expects a fair deal. Still, maybe I better ask yer to unhitch yer belt, Jack."

A moment Keith seemed to hesitate, plainly puzzled by the situation and endeavoring to see some way of escape; then his lips smiled, and he silently unhooked the belt, handing it over.

"Sure, I know you're square, Hicks," he said, coolly. "And now I've unhooked, kindly inform me what this is all about."

"I reckon yer don't know."

"No more than an unborn babe. I have been here but an hour."

"That's it: if yer had been longer thar wouldn't be no trouble. Ye're wanted for killin' a couple o' men out at Cimmaron Crossin' early yesterday mornin'."

Keith stared at him too completely astounded for the instant to even speak. Then he gasped.

"For God's sake, Hicks, do you believe thar?"

"I'm damned if I know," returned the marshal, doubtfully. "Don't seem like ye'd do it, but the evidence is straight 'nough, an' thar ain't nothin' fer me ter do but take ye in. I ain't no judge an' jury."

"No, but you ought to have ordinary sense, an' you've known me for three years."

"Sure I have, Jack, but if yee've gone wrong, you won't be the first good man I've seen do it. Anyhow, the evidence is dead agin you, an' I'd arrest my own grand-dad if they give me a warrant agin him."

"What evidence is there?"

"Five men swear they saw ye haulin' in the bodies about, and lootin' the pockets."

Then Keith understood, his heart beating rapidly, his teeth clenched to keep back an outburst of passion. So that was their game, was it?—some act of his had awakened the cowardly suspicions of those watching him across the river. They were afraid that he knew them as white men. And they had found a way to safely muzzle him. They must have ridden hard over those sand dunes to have reached Carson City and sworn out this warrant. It was a good trick, likely enough to hang him, if the fellows only stuck to their story. All this flashed through his brain, yet somehow he could not clearly comprehend the full meaning, his mind confused and dazed by this sudden realization of danger. His eyes wandered from the steady gaze of the marshal who had half drawn his gun fearing resistance, to the man at the bottom of the steps. Suddenly it dawned upon him where he had seen that dark-skinned face, with the black goatee, before—at the faro table of the "Red Light." He gripped his hands together, instantly connecting that sneering, sinister face with the plot.

"Who swore out that warrant?"

"I did, if you need to know," a sarcastic smile revealing a gleam of white teeth, "on the affidavit of others, friends of mine."

"Who are you?"

"I'm mostly called 'Black Bart.'"

That was it; he had the name now—"Black Bart." He straightened up so quickly, his eyes blazing, that the marshal jerked his gun clear.

"See here, Jack," shortly, "are yer goin' to raise a row, or come along quiet?"

As though the words had aroused him from a bad dream, Keith turned to front the stern, bearded face.

"There'll be no row, Bob," he said, quietly. "I'll go with you."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Venice. Of the books about Venice there is no end. For the historian the "Queen of the Adriatic" has always possessed a peculiar charm, and there are any number of histories of the famous city-state. Of course the great reservoir of information concerning the Venetian republic is the "Archives of Venice," published at intervals throughout the years and still being regularly added to. In order to be come posted on the "monetary system of the Venetian Republic" one would have to wade through many works bearing generally upon Venetian history. There is no single exhaustive work along that particular line, but in nearly all of the histories of the republic may be found something illustrative of her wonderful financial system.

Thirst for Knowledge.

Stringent laws prevent the serving of liquor even in dining cars on trains in North Dakota, but the waiters have exact knowledge of the state boundary lines, according to the St. Louis Mirror. They had been rolling through that interminable state a long time, when the W. C. T. U. delegate from the east came into the car for her dinner. Casting her eye out of the window upon a somewhat changed landscape, she remarked to the waiter: "Are we still in North Dakota?" "No, ma'am," answered George alertly, with a hospitable grin, "what'll you drink, ma'am?"

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We are offering for cash some broken lots of Enamelware at one-half value. It will pay you to take advantage of this offer.
Barber & Hancock.

W. P. Sampson, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and reports everything in good shape in that section.

Mrs. Cephus Hogan, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at Big Springs, returned last week to her home in Spur. Mrs. Hogan recently had an operation at the Standifer Sanitarium and is now, we are glad to note, completely recovered.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the Post Office for the week ending September 16.

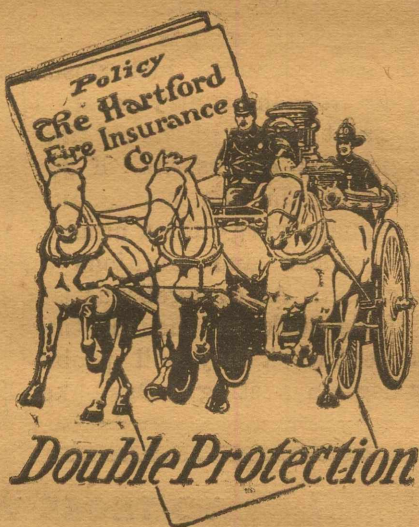
Gentlemen.

W. M. Robertson, Earnest Shelley, Thomas Cave, Spaulding Hack & Co.

Ladies

Miss R. L. Ramsey.

When calling for these letters please say the word advertised.
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COMPLETE ABSTRACTS TO DICKENS COUNTY LANDS.

Lewis Brown spent Sunday in Stamford with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin moved this week to the city, having sold their suburban home recently to a Mr. Squyres of Breck enridge who will move here and make this place his home.

Mrs. C. B. Cooke is now assisting Mrs. W. H. Stephens in the millinery store. Mrs. Cook is a milliner of exceptional ability and with Mrs. Stephens at the head the establishment will be in a position to not only show the latest styles and fashions but please the most exacting and even fastidious in the millinery line.

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DOORS, PAINT,**

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One of the most complete line of groceries in the west always in stock at Sol Davis.

N. L. Garner, of Jacksboro, is now employed at the Texas Furniture Company store.

W. W. Waldrup, a prominent citizen of the Croton country, was in the city Wednesday trading with Spur merchants.

LOST—Roman gold bracelet with Amethyst setting. Liberal reward for its return to Mrs. G. M. Bachelor.

Uncle Tom Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here. He reports everything in his section in good shape.

J. D. Harkey came over Tuesday from Dickens to attend a directors meeting at the First State Bank in Spur.

No more ice on thirty days. Ice bills are due every Monday.
E. L. Pass.

LIST OF LAND FOR SALE.

No. 1—220 acres two miles of Oriana, has one 2-room house, one 3-room house, well, 140 acres in cultivation, good shinnery land; price \$6.80 per acre.

No. 2.—Four sections in Lynn county 12 miles of Odonnel, 200 acres in cultivation, fine lake, well, good improvements; \$8.00 per acre. One-fourth cash, balance term 7 per cent interest. This is a choice ranch, has fine grass, and always raises plenty of feed.

No 3.—One section in Crosby county, fine grass price \$12.50 per acre. One-fourth cash, balance terms 8 per cent.

No. 5.—Six section ranch Dickens county. \$12.50 per acre.

No. 7.—Improved land close in to Spur; \$25 to \$30 per acre.

No. 8.—Lee county, one-fourth section; \$12.50 to \$13.50 per acre.

No. 9.—Several residence that I can sell on the installment plan. All city property a specialty.
H. T. BURGOON,