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MORE BUILDINGS.

One Brick and One Concrete Building Now Under Construction in Connection With Other Buildings Nearing Completion.

The contract has been let by J. C. Bryant to J. E. Sanders for the erection of an eighty by twentyfive foot brick business house adjoining the Bryant-Link brick business house on the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris street.

The foundation for this building has been laid and the bricklayers are now shoving the building up at a rapid rate. The building, we understand will be occupied when complete by the Spur Drug Company.

A contract has also been let by T. A. O'Reiley to Glen Rector for the construction of a concrete business house on the east side of the street adjoining the R. R. Morrison business house. The machinery for the manufacture of cement blocks has not yet arrived but the preliminary arrangements have all been made and the work will begin in a day or two. Mr. O'Reiley will be joined in the wall on one side by J. D. Powell who at a later date will cover the adjoining lot with a concrete building.

W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, was here recently and told the writer that he contemplated building either a concrete or brick business house on his lots now occupied by the Barber, Hancock & New hardware business, and that he is now making his arrangements to that effect. It is planned that the Crouse building will cover two lots.

We have heard it said that other parties intended to build bricks before the fall season, and taking the prospects for other substantial buildings in connection with those completed and now under construction Spur will make a showing in substantial city building never before equalled in the history of town building in Western Texas or any other part of the state.

SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A. Kansler was very seriously injured Wednesday morning, being thrown from his buggy in a run-a-way. Mr. Kansler went down to Jayton to attend the Odd Fellows Lodge at that place Tuesday night, and while on his way home Wednesday morning his team frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. Kansler out, injuring his back and bruising him up on the face and other parts of the body.

While Mr. Kansler is in a serious condition it is thought that by careful nursing he will recover.

ADMIRE THE PEOPLE SUSPICIOUS OF COUNTRY

On our recent visit to the Texas Press Association meeting at Stamford and in conversation with the East Texas newspaper men we learned many things, and among other things we found out that the eastern man admires and has a high regard for these western people in that they have the back-bone, energy and push to invade this "God-forsaken country" and try to make a living. They have all confidence in the people but consider the country and lands a failure and all talk of its productiveness and possibilities in the agricultural line as pipe dreams of real estate men, land agents and speculators. These are facts and it will take more than newspaper boosts to convince such men that this country will grow just as much stuff as is grown in the eastern part of the country. Of course the time is coming when West Texas will be recognized by all as among the best farming sections, but life is too short to spend years in making statements that meet only with smiles of disbelief. We must get busy and show what this country grows and how much it will produce, and along this line Spur is doing its part. A demonstration farm is located here and will not only assist the farmers in scientific methods of cultivation but will have its products on exhibit to prove that Dickens county soil will produce just as much and in as great variety as any other county east or west.

REMODEL INSURANCE LAWS.

Governor Campbell has called an extra session of the Legislature to convene in Austin the 19th day of July for the purpose of remodeling the insurance laws passed by the 31st Legislature and also to act on other matters presented by the governor. It is thought by some that he will ask the passage of the submission proposition and failing in that will further ask the legislature to pass a statutory prohibition law. There may be others running for governor, but the country is now impressed with the fact that Mr. Campbell is The Governor at present.

FIRE LOSS ADJUSTED.

I desire to express my thanks, through the Texas Spur, to the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance companies and to their local agent, M. H. Herring for the settlement to my entire satisfaction, the loss which I sustained the night of June 14th in a fire that burned my house and furniture. Respectfully, J. W. Buzbee.

FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

We are authorized this week to announce E. J. Cowan as a candidate for Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 3, Dickens county. Mr. Cowan was appointed Justice of the Peace of this precinct just after the opening of Spur and during his term of office has performed the duties incumbent upon him wisely, justly and according to the law. He is well qualified to serve as Justice of the Peace and if elected will give the people able and efficient service. It is very probable that Mr. Cowan will have no opponent, but he will appreciate your consideration and vote in the July Primary.

EDITOR-CANDIDATE.

Crawford Cobb, editor of the Dickens Item and also candidate for District and County Clerk, was in the city this week in the interest of his campaign for office. Crawford is an old time westerner, has done his part in the development and settlement of the country, knows all the old timers, is well qualified for the office and if elected will give the county faithful and efficient service.

PREPARE FOR VOYAGE.

Just one month and the Democratic Primary will settle the question as to who will be our officers during the next term. A majority of the candidates will be forced to go up Salt Creek, and in view of this fact they had just as well be prepared for the trip. And it is very probable that some of the very best men will be included in the Salt Creek voyage.

PLUM HUNTING.

Newt Bittick and family and Oran McClure and family spent Sunday on the Cottonwood creek north of Spur. The day was spent in gathering plums and taking it easy under the big cottonwoods on the creek. We found car loads of plums and if we can now manage for the sugar it is very probable that we will have plum butter, jelly, jam, etc.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.

R. J. Greer, of the Red Mud country, passed through the city Wednesday in route to the Afton country where he will be employed the next several weeks in building additions to the residence of Mr. Ballard and also making other improvements.

FIRE.

Insurance companies do not insure your home against fire, but they do insure you against losses sustained by fires, and the companies M. H. Herring represent, will pay the full amount in the event of such losses by fire.

VOTING CONTEST.

The organ, watch, diamond ring and umbrella voting contest being carried out by a few business men of Spur is gaining interest every day, and at the present time the votes are as follows:

Spur Methodist church.....	501
Middle Red Mud.....	688
Noview.....	721
Tap Christian church.....	575
Spur Baptist Church.....	8,389
Miss Alta Shermerhorn.....	1566
Miss Cordie Harrell.....	723
Miss Lillian Denton.....	777
Miss Emma Benson.....	575
Miss Little.....	501
Miss Thera Reavis.....	8,389

Tickets in this contest can be secured on ten cent purchases at the following places: Ladies Bazaar, Red Front Drug Store, Spur Furniture Store, Spur Hardware Store, Dixie Store, Hisey Grocery Co., Spur Sheet Metal Works, R. W. Scurry, R. B. Spencer & Co., Spur Meat Market, Variety Store, Mack, the tailor, J. B. Conner, Texas Spur.

WATER MELONS.

Watermelons are being shipped to Spur, a number of fine large ones being on display at the several stores in town. Spur will have plenty watermelons of her own at a later date. Uncle Buck Hardin told us that he had planted a big patch of melons several feet long and gave us a cordial invitation to come out.

J. C. Allison of the Afton country, was in the city several days this week in the interest of the campaign for the county Judge's office of Dickens county. Mr. Allison is well informed as to school laws and school matters, and since the county judge is also superintendent of schools in this county, such qualifications in a candidate is one of the most important considerations.

F. C. Gipson came over and spent several days here this week in the interest of his campaign for county judge of this county. Mr. Gipson is one of our best and most prominent citizens and if elected to the office will no doubt perform the duties incumbent upon him faithfully, wisely and satisfactorily.

Mrs. M. M. Humphrey, of Dallas, was in the city this week and was so well pleased with Spur and its prospects that she will return here about the first of August prepared to open up a ladies furnishing business by the fifteenth of that month.

ODD FELLOWS ATTENTION

You are invited to be present with us on Monday eve July 4th. Bring your wives and sweethearts. Committee.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Surveys Being Completed and Actual Work Will Begin Within The Next Few Days.

Surveyor Northrup, of Fort Worth is here this week completing the preliminary survey formerly made for the installation of a first class sewer system in Spur. Sewer mains have been unloaded along the alleys and will be put underground within the next few days; and it is thought that within the next ten days or two weeks the system will be in operation.

Two main problems in most western towns are the sanitary and water supply propositions, and in these Spur is handling the situation in an unsurpassed manner. There are no other towns within the state the size and age of Spur which can boast of a first class sewerage system and the other public improvements being made and in contemplation here at this time. A deep well is being drilled with the intention of securing artesian water with good prospects. The well at this time is some

thing near fourteen hundred feet, the greater part of this depth being drilled through a solid, hard rock. It is thought that when the drillers pass through this rock that an abundance of water will flow from the well. Of course such a belief may be founded only in the hopeful mind, but we are assured that the drilling will continue till something turns up or the limit of the drill is reached. However, should the artesian water fail to show up, we understand that water will be piped to the city from Dockum or other points where good, pure water can be secured in abundance.

LODGE DIRECTORY.

W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in each month. J. A. C. Davis, C. C.; M. Gray, Clerk.

I. O. O. F. meets every Monday night. Jno. B. Pruden, N. G.; T. A. Tidwell, Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. Emmett Lee, Clerk.

Praetorians meet the 2nd and 4th Friday nights of each month.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. W. G. Broyles, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, Sec.

Painters Union meets every Wednesday night. J. E. Montgomery, Pres.; J. Y. Jordan, Secretary.

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"If you are a candidate you should always shake hands with every voter you see, no difference if you have to wade across the street in the mud to your knees to do so. This impresses the voter with your deep personal interest in him. Shake his hand heartily, then after you have made individual inquiry as to the health of all his relations except his mother-in-law, ascertain in a diplomatic but non-committal way just how he stands on the subsidy tax and temperance question, then promptly agree with him. Always mention the fact that your opponent is a fine fellow and a gentleman, but be sure to add in a compassionate tone that he was wrong on both of these questions, and that the report is circulating that he

stole another man's wife and has served two terms in the penitentiary. By all means tell the voter not to repeat this as he is the only man you have mentioned it to. Tell the voter at least four out of five are sealed for you, then lay your hand caressingly on his shoulder and remark that his son is one of the bright and shining lights of the county and that you will require the service of a bright young deputy after being elected. But promise nothing, just wink your left eye very slowly and tell the voter to keep mum. Shake hands again, get out of sight as quick as possible and mark down two more names in your little book. You've got 'em."—Chillicothe Hornet.

Short orders at all hours at City Restaurant.

NOTICE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

If you need school furniture, you can save about one dollar per desk on freight rates by seeing or addressing Nat Patton, Spur, Texas. He will have one or two cars before September 1st.

For the best Well Casing get the Peerless Double Swedged, made by J. R. Leach.

W. J. Duncan, a prominent citizen and postmaster of Draper, was in the city Tuesday on business and hauled out supplies for his store in connection with the post-office. Mr. Duncan reports that although that part of the country is a little dry the crops are growing and doing nicely at the present time.

J. R. Leach, the Spur Tinner.

DWARF PEARS IN MUCH FAVOR

Eastern Orchardists Report Them as Profitable and Trees Bear for Several Years.

(BY W. PADDOCK OF COLORADO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.)

Dwarf pear trees have been in much favor with eastern orchardists for many years, and many large and profitable orchards are of this kind. Many of them are profitable and the trees are in good condition after having been planted 50 years. This does not bear out the common notion that dwarf trees are short lived. Then, dwarfing induces early bearing, and



Dwarf Pears.

with pears in particular, extra size and quality are secured because of the greater ease with which small trees may be pruned, thinned and sprayed.

There is no mystery connected with the dwarfing of trees. Scions of standard varieties are grafted or budded on small growing species within the family, or upon dwarf forms of the same species. In the case of pears the stock used is the quince. The quince is slow growing and seldom attains a height of more than 12 feet; usually less. Some varieties of pears will not unite with the quince, so what is known as "double working" is resorted to. This consists first in grafting a pear variety which is known to unite with the quince, such as the Vicar; then, when this has attained sufficient size, again grafting to the desired kind.

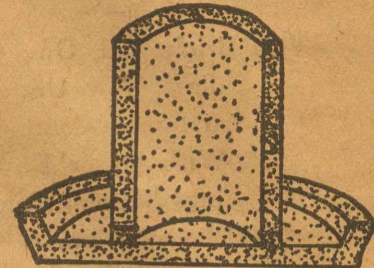
Dwarf pears should be planted deeper than standards. Dwarf pears should not be allowed to attain a height greater than 12 feet, else the end sought in planting them will be defeated. Severe pruning must usually be practiced, often as much as one-half to two-thirds of a season's growth must be removed, especially during the early life of the tree. By careful training the top may be spread so that a comparatively large amount of bearing surface is secured. Dwarf pears are often planted as close as ten feet apart each way, making 435 trees to the acre. At this distance, the trees will be too close together; 15 feet away each way, or 193 trees to the acre, would no doubt be preferable.

My perfect ventilated cold air Flues has no equal. J. R. Leach, The Spur Tinner, just north Spur National Bank.

CONCRETE FOUNTAIN IS BEST

Will Produce an Everlasting Article and One That Will Give Excellent Satisfaction.

While many similar fountains for the poultry have been made of tin cans, that soon rust and are useless, yet this same principle applied to a concrete fountain will produce an everlasting article and one that will give excellent satisfaction. A large flat dish is used to mold the bottom, into this lay a one-inch course of concrete and have it come up on the sides, as



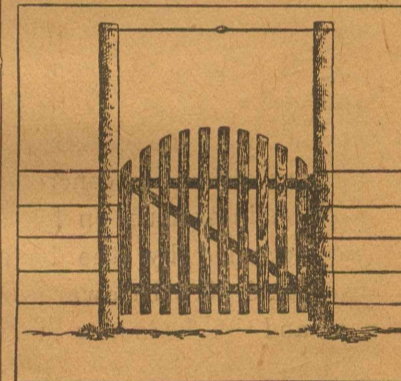
Concrete Fountain.

shown in sectional illustration, about two inches high. In the center set a short section of stove pipe and inside this place a smaller piece that has a less diameter so that the wall of the tank will have a thickness of at least three-quarters of an inch all around the same; for the center core an old tomato can or even a round piece of wood of the right size is excellent. The holes for the water are made by inserting a large spike about one-half inch from the bottom, through the outer core or section of stovepipe and so it will mold a small hole through the concrete; four or six of these should be made, but placed below the top edge of inside dish. The concrete is placed between the stovepipe and the core, thus molding the wall and bonding with the concrete bottom so the fountain is all in one piece. When dry the forms may be easily removed and you have an article that will give good satisfaction, keeping the water clean, with just enough in the lower basin for the poultry; something they cannot tip over and spill, the supply for the day being placed in at the top of the tank.

BRACING FENCE GATE POSTS

Very Effective Way, and One That Will Not Require Much Extra Material Shown.

The posts of a gate placed in a straight line of wire fence requires just as much bracing as a corner post. A very effective way, and one that



No Wood Braces Are Used.

will not require much extra material, is shown in the accompanying sketch, writes Vincent Whitman, in Popular Mechanics. The two posts of the gate will need to be extra long and well set in the ground. The tops of the posts are then tied with wire so as to hold them in a parallel position with the right width between for the gate. The fence wires are twisted tight and held to the posts with staples.

Keep the heifer calves of your best cows and don't forget to keep them well, for this is the way to make them better cows than their mothers ever were.

While each cow should be charged with the labor of caring for her, her original cost, feed, etc., she should be credited with manure, skim milk calves, etc.

There are approximately 1,250,000 dairy cows in Wisconsin, the products from which yield, as a conservative estimate, an annual income of over \$50,000,000.

Land constantly cropped shows a decided deterioration even when constantly put to clovers. The manure from the dairy barn has a great effect in checking such deterioration.

Care of Farm Implements.

Are your hay tools lying out in the field where you used them last? And that binder—Isn't it still standing out in the oat field right where you unhitched from it when the last bundle was bound? Do you always leave your plows, cultivators and harrows scattered around the farm that way during the winter? Broken handles and levers and rust galore will be your portion when you run them out for use in the spring. All things considered, shed room is mighty cheap.

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Marshall Miller, John Crump and W. N. Smith, prominent citizens of Garza county, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants of Spur. They report crops in Garza county in fine shape.

Joe Stokes, of the Crowley-Southerland Commission Co., returned this week from a business trip out of town.

F. W. Klinksgales and L. T. Mayhugh, of Plainview, were in the city Monday on business and to see what is going on in this part of the country. It is very probable that both of these gentlemen will move to Spur at some future date and make this their home. We extend them a cordial welcome to become citizens of Spur.

Cephus Hogan was in the city Saturday in the interest of his campaign for the County Clerk's office.

R. D. Campbell and wife, Mrs. Graham, Miss Kate Mahon and Jack Colbert left the city Monday for Blanco Canyon where they will spend several days angling for the finny tribe. On their return we expect to hear an interesting fish story.

Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan and children arrived in the city Monday from Palestine and will make Spur their permanent home in the future.

W. A. Johnson was in the city Saturday from his Docum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur. He reports that his crops are doing very well but beginning to need rain.

The cotton of this country is not yet all marketed. Occasionally we see a wagon drive in loaded with cotton for the market. When all of the farmers of the country get in position to hold their cotton and place it on the market at all seasons of the year the price will be more staple and manageable on the part of the producer.

FROM DICKENS ITEM.

Mrs. Billy Stovall and babies made the city of Spur a visit last Saturday.

Mrs. T. G. Harkey and daughter, Miss Thelma, of Spur were in town visiting Wednesday night.

O. O. Love made a business trip to the city of Spur Wednesday.

W. G. Crego and lady and Miss Edyth Crego spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur visiting relatives and friends.

Deputy Sheriff, O. S. Ferguson, is out this week summoning the jury for District Court. Court convenes the 4th of July.

J. W. Brookshire, who is working with Spur outfit, brought Jeff Kennedy to town today for medical attention. Jeff happened to the misfortune this morning of getting his foot badly mashed up by his horse falling on him.

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JOE STOKES, - Special Representative.

Last week we spent several days in Rotan and the Rotan country. The town is building concrete side-walks, grading the streets with cement gravel and having plans drawn for the erection of a fine city hall at an early date. Crops of the country are fine and the people are wearing a prosperous and contented smile.

Walker's Bakery for fresh bread, cakes, buns, rolls, pies, barbecue. All goods baked fresh every day. Three doors east of postoffice.

Mrs. F. C. Gipson and children came over from Dickens Monday and spent the night with friends in the city.

Rev. M. M. Young was in the city Tuesday from the Red Mud country.

When you want a square meal or short order go to the City Restaurant.

Sam Roberson, Dennis and Raleigh Harkey came over Saturday from Dickens to see the ball game between the Afton and Spur teams.

A large number of the young people enjoyed a dance Saturday at the Electric Theatre building.

When you want a nice cake, phone your order to 71.

Grundy Crego and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Saturday and also attended the ball game played by the Afton and Spur teams.

L. W. Davis was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday from Dickens.

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J. B. Morrison, of the Lower Red Mud country, had business in the city Saturday.

See F. L. Parks, the Tailor, next door to Patterson's barber shop.

A. Kansler and Rev. Stewart attended the Methodist Conference held last week at Lockney, returning Tuesday to Spur.

Sheriff Cole was in the city Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Cole returned this week from an extended visit to Rule, Hamlin and Anson.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick was over Monday and Tuesday from the County Capitol looking after legal matters in this part of the county.

Walter Nelson, a prominent attorney from Stamford was in Spur Monday and Tuesday representing clients in Justice Court.

Judge Arrington, a leading attorney of Aspermont, was here Monday and Tuesday attending Justice court.

Miss Thomas and brother, of near Girard, were visitors in the city Monday.

Joe Jackson, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was a business visitor in the city Friday and Saturday of last week.

H. Z. Taylor, of a few miles southeast of town, was here Saturday on business.

J. A. Murchison, candidate for Tax Assessor of this county, was in the city Monday and Tuesday in the interest of his campaign and also to see his children off on the train to visit relatives east of here.

R. L. Holman, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, had business in the city Monday and Tuesday of this week.

R. L. Penick, of Stamford, and Mr. Steele of Anson, were in the city Monday on business. From here they went up on the Plains looking after business interests in that section.

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To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable prices. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be matured so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The great extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to action of the July Democratic primary.

For District Attorney:
ISAAC O. NEWTON
B. D. GLASGOW, (Re-election)

For County and District Clerk:
CEPHUS HOGAN
CRAWFORD COBB

For County Judge
F. C. GIPSON
O. S. FERGUSON
J. C. ALLISON.

For County Treasurer:
B. A. CREGO.

For Tax Assessor
E. L. HARKEY
J. A. MURCHISON

For County Attorney
ELLSWORTH HAM

For Sheriff
H. P. COLE

For Commissioner Pre. No. 3:
J. M. BENNETT.
P. H. MILLER

Mains for the sewerage system are being unloaded in Spur and at an early date actual work will be under headway. Watch Spur grow and become the ideal city of the west.

There must be a system in all public affairs, and to systematically build a city municipal government is necessary. Let us incorporate Spur for municipal and sanitary purposes.

The Western country as a whole is in fine shape, crops growing nicely, towns building and people smiling and prosperous, and especially is this true of Dickens county.

It is not only the activity, progressiveness and fighting qualities of the Western people, but this in connection with the productiveness and adaptability of western lands to agriculture that causes towns to spring up as if by magic and make the country prosperous. The established eastern man is convinced of the former but yet doubtful of the latter, and it seems that by actual demonstration of the agricultural possibilities it also requires time to soak in and be admitted as actual facts by some of the staid easterners. However, facts are facts, and in time will be admitted and recognized by all.

The great battle for political preference in Texas Democracy continues and each day the artillery smoke of the big four is sent forth over our commonwealth. Let 'er roll, and when the smoke has cleared away may right in preference to might be the victory. In the meantime keep building and progressing.

A shyster lawyer is one who neither possesses an attorney's license nor principle in his general make-up or methods of doing business. He will be found sneaking around undermining good citizens, promoting dissension and urging discord among men in the hope of being paid a dollar as an attorney in courts where objections will not be made to his disability. He is a menace to society, a blotch in the affairs of good government, contemptible in the eyes of all good men, and although we are living in a broad land we have no room for such characters in any section in Western Texas.

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Clay Smart, dry goods clerk for R. R. Morrison, has been quite sick the past few days, but we are glad to note that he is now very much improved. Mr. Smart had been feeling badly several days but continued to work until Friday afternoon he went to bed. That night he had a congestive chill and again Saturday another chill came on, and it was thought at that time that he could not recover. However, Dr. Standifer was summoned and by skillful and rapid methods the doctor soon had the patient past the dangerous period. Mr. Smart's father, J. T. Smart of Rotan, came up Saturday night and remained with him several days.

T. B. Danforth was in the city Saturday from the Red Mud country. Mr. Danforth, we understand, is making arrangements to enter the campaign for the Tax Assessor's office in the general election on the Socialist or independent ticket. Mr. Danforth is one of our best citizens and although he may not be a member of the most popular political party of this section of the county he is a good man and it is said that he will make a good showing in the race for political preference. It is estimated that there are forty or fifty Socialist votes in Dickens county and some six or eight Republican voters.

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ECHOES OF SPUR.

As a result of the visit of newspaper men and their entertainment by the Spur Farm Lands management and people of Spur will glean the following echos from respective publications:

After dinner at the scene of the round-up, the press gang boarded the train and were taken to Spur, the new town, eight months old, being promoted by the Swenson interests. I know it is the fashion to apply nothing but superlative degrees to every pretentious town-site that dots the map of Texas.

But here such bombast were the work of supererogation. To those who have seen what has been done in ten years at Stamford, which town was also promoted by the Swensons, the statement that they are building at Spur with brick and stag, is an earnest that they propose to lay deep and broad the foundations of their new town. The hotel and bank buildings, now approaching completion, would pass muster in Dallas or Fort Worth. They do not rise to such heights as the best of similar buildings in those cities, where land is the first consideration, but the Spur buildings are not one whit inferior in quality, finish and appointments to those of the big cities. There is now, after only eight months of growth, at least 1,200 to 1,300 souls, and standing on the high hill just back of the town, I counted more than two dozen houses on which work was being pushed.

I was told that the first improvement made in the town was concrete sidewalks laid from the railroad to the limits of the town along the principal streets, both sides. The town is singularly free from that aspect of squatting and drifting, which casts suspicion upon the settlement of so many new western towns. The people seem to have come with the fixed purpose of staying; of taking the good with the bad as Providence dispenses and subduing the land, leaving it a rich legacy to their children's children. Situated near the salt fork of the Brazos river, the town is in the midst of as fine agricultural section as can be found in west Texas. Being about 80 miles northwest of Stamford, and nearly half that distance from Aspermont, the town of Spur commands the trade of a territory fully capable after a trifle more development, of supporting a city of 20,000 population. Just now, the condition of the crops around the place is as promising as could be wished. Recent and ample rain has put a perfect season in the ground. I, in common with many others, was astonished at the amount of cultivated land in Dickens and Stonewall counties. Farming has been promoted in these counties longer and much more successfully than in many counties contiguous to the railroads. No more magnificent body of farm land is to be found

in the southwest, and with such all but omnipotent power as the Swenson interests behind them, both the town of Spur and its logical trade territory, can not but fare well. Whatever is necessary to the development of both, will be put within reach of the farmers who buy this land. A thousand small farmers, with no other capital save their stock, implements, etc., could do but little to combat and overcome the natural conditions that obtain in the great majority of the southwest.

But rich men, like the Swensons, can develop the country on a gigantic scale, and thereby make it possible for the poor man to farm profitably, amid favorable conditions, to himself and pay good dividends to the promoters. They are mutually dependent; each doing a vital part in the ultimate development of the country. There is no conflict of interest, as each is helpless without the work of the other. These lands will therefore, be sold to the farmers on the most reasonable and generous terms.

I was told that only 25 per cent of the purchase price, of both town lots and farm lands, was demanded when the sale was made; the balance being in long deferred payments at 8 per cent interest per annum. In this connection, I will say that I saw more and better maize in Dickens county than in any other section of West Texas I have visited, and all in the most vigorous condition. If I ever have to leave Colorado, there is no section of the state I have seen that would attract me more than the town of Spur and its territory. An inquiry among the crowd of newspaper men elicited the conviction that this excursion of Dickens county, Spur, and the entertainment accorded them was the most enjoyable feature in any meeting of the Press Association they had ever attended.

A. H. WESTON,
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Words are inadequate to express our feelings of gratitude on this occasion. Space will not permit one-half of the good things we wish to say of Spur, of Swenson cowboys, of Stamford's hospitality, etc. Great is West Texas, and her marvelous resources!—Anson Enterprise.

Tom McArthur was here Saturday from the Red Mud country to attend the ball game.

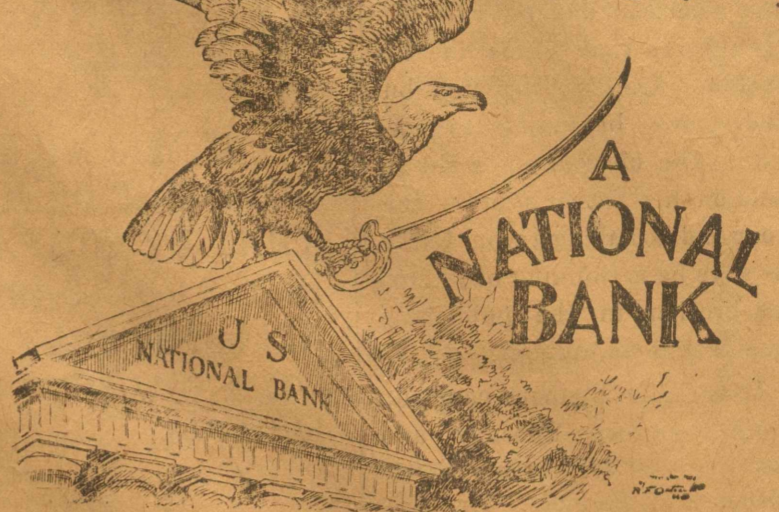
John Smith, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, had business in the city Saturday.

Will McKay was here Saturday from the Red Mud country and reports everything moving along nicely in that section.

W. A. Smith was among the many visitors in the city Saturday from Red Mud.

Clint Garrett, a prosperous citizen of Red Mud, was here Saturday on business and trading with our merchants.

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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

Bill McArthur and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in the city Saturday trading and to attend the ball game. Mr. McArthur reports his section of the country all o. k. and the people smiling at the prospects for bumper crops.

Miss Lena Rector, of Rotan, spent several days in the city this week acting as nurse for Clay Smart who has been quite sick. Miss Rector is not only a charming young lady but deserves the confidence and high regard of any man.

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W. Y. Higgins and wife returned recently from a trip of several weeks to Marlin where they went for the benefit of Mr. Higgin's health. He returned very much improved and says that the Marlin mineral waters are the hot stuff for rheumatism and other ailments.

R. R. Morrison came up from Rotan the latter part of last week and will be here throughout the week looking after his business interests in Spur.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, had business in the city Saturday.

G. H. Connell, Pres. S. R. Davis, Vice Pt. E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.

First State Bank of Spur, Texas.

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T. A. Smith was in Tuesday from his Cat Fish Ranch and spent several hours in the city attending to business matters and trading with the merchants of Spur.

Frank Smith was in Tuesday from the Cat Fish country and was a pleasant caller at this office. He reports that crops in his section are looking fine but they are beginning to need rain. He cleared up a lot of land on his father's place this year and is making a crop. Later, he says he is thinking of joining his brother in the publishing business at Clairemont.

Miss Callie Bennett came up from Stamford Tuesday and spent several days here with her father J. M. Bennett. Mr. Bennett says that he will move his family here in time for this year's school.

Mrs. Hugh Squires is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Young of Afton.

Wanted—A first-class waiter at the Royal Hotel. Apply at once.

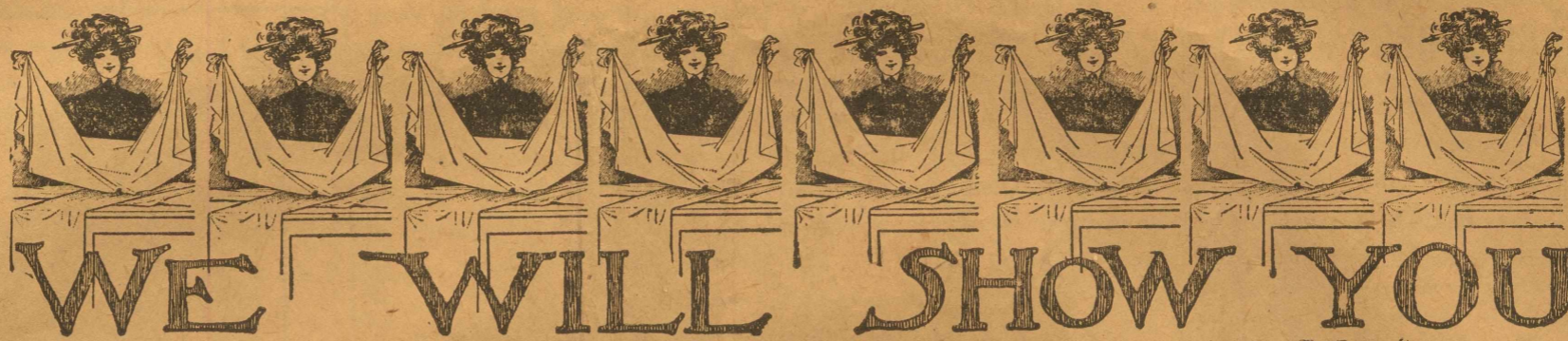
Richard Gray a prominent citizen of Rising Star and Eastland county, passed through the city Tuesday in route home from a trip up on the plains.

Sheriff Cole was over this week from the capitol city on business connected with his office.

T. L. Berlin and family, of near Dickens, were in the city Monday trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Berlin brought in a load of nice peaches from his place and sold to the townspeople. The fruit crop of this country is fine this year.

Monday night quite a number of the townspeople pounded the Baptist preacher and family at their home in the city. The people of Spur are not only progressive but big-hearted, generous and charitable.

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IF YOU WILL VISIT OUR ESTABLISHMENT "WE WILL SHOW YOU"—FIRST, THE BEST LINE OF MERCHADISE CARRIED IN THIS CITY, NEXT "WE WILL SHOW YOU" THAT BY COMPARSION, QUALITY WITH QUALITY AND PRICE WITH PRICE, IT WILL PAY YOU TO DEAL WITH US. SHODDY STUFF IS EXPENSIVE AT ANY PRICE. WE SELL YOU ONLY FIRST-CLASS GOODS. WE WISH YOUR CONTINUED PATROMAGE. WE KNOW WE CAN GAIN THIS ONLY BY ASKING YOU MODERATE PRICES FOR WHAT WE SELL. ALSO GROCERIES HARDWARE IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

Bryant-Link Company

WHERE QUALITY TELLS AND PRICE SELLS

The Reverend Francis C. Berry, general missionary of the diocese of Dallas, who has been spending a couple of days in our city this week arranging for a visit from Bishop Garrett on the second Sunday of next month, dropped into our office Tuesday to make a friendly call. He seems greatly encouraged with the outlook for the church in this place and states they will try to erect a church building here at an early date. He also speaks as if he had great faith in Spur developing and growing rapidly and becoming a good sized city within the near future.

W. E. McLaughlin went to Spur yesterday, conveying Rev. Jas. H. Richards and wife to Texas, where Mrs. Richards goes to the sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis. Mr. McLaughlin returned Tuesday afternoon, bringing our fellow townsman, B. B. Gainer with him.—Crosby County News.

OFFICIAL TICKET

Below we publish the official democratic ticket of state candidates to be voted in the July primary:

The ticket as printed will be as follows:

For Governor—William Poin-dexter of Johnson county, Robert Vance Davidson of Galveston county, O. B. Colquitt of Kaufman county, Cone Johnson of Smith county, J. Martin Jones of Cherokee county.

For Lieutenant Governor—A. S. Hawkins of Midland county, H. Bascom Thomas of Hopkins county, J. H. Webster of Dallas county, A. V. Davidson of De-Witt county, J. T. Hammons of Eastland county.

For Attorney General—Jewel P. Lightfoot, Camp county.

For Comptroller—W. P. Lane of Tarrant county, D. C. Burkes of Bell county, B. F. Teague of Washington county, Edwin Wallace of Travis county, Bob Barker of Bexar county.

For Commissioner of the General Land Office—J. T. Robison of Morris county, C. W. Geers of Tarrant county.

For State Treasurer—William Winningham of Limestone county, Sam Sparks of Bell county.

For Railroad Commissioner—Theodore G. Thomas (regular term) of Leon county, William D. Williams (unexpired term) of Tarrant county, Allison Mayfield (regular term) of Grayson county.

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—F. M. Bralley, of Fannin county.

For Commissioner of Agriculture—Ed R. Kone of Hays county.

For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals—A. J. Harper of Limestone county, Felix J. McCord of Smith county, P. A. Turner of Bowie county.

S. S. Allcorn and two daughters were in the city Tuesday trading.

C. C. and A. J. Tyler, H. T. Burgoon and Clif Lovelace made a trip Sunday over to Dickens in G. L. Barber's automobile.

O. S. Ferguson was over this week from Dickens in the interest of his campaign for county Judge of Dickens county. The county judge's office, as well as the county commissioner's office, is one of the most important offices within the county and requires a man well informed as to school and educational matters as well as law and justice. Mr. Ferguson served Dickens county as judge in former years and it is said that he performed the duties of the office ably and efficiently. He is qualified to fill the office in every respect and no doubt if elected will again give the county a wise and equitable administration.

Plenty of fresh bread now at City Bakery.

John Martin and wife, of the Red Mud country, were in Monday trading with the merchants of Spur.

Mrs. Hood and little granddaughter, of the Red Mud country, were in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants. Mrs. Hood says that it is getting pretty dry but that crops and garden truck are growing and looking nicely. She said that they had a young cyclone in that section Saturday night which did some damage in connection with creating some excitement on the part of the citizenship.

P. Henson was in Monday from his place on Red Mud and reports everything moving along nicely.

Miss Callie Smith and sister were visitors in the city Sunday and Monday from their home in the Red Mud country.

R. B. Bryant of the Bryant-Link Company, made a business trip this week to Stamford, returning Tuesday.

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L. N. DALMONT, Proprietor, Plainview, Texas

Attorney P. C. Maynard was over from Dickens one day this week attending Justice court. Mr. Maynard is a member of the firm of Bouldin & Maynard, recognized as able and trustworthy attorneys who at all times practice law rather than chicanery and trickery and can be depended upon to ably defend and care for all legal claims.

J. J. Cloud was a pleasant caller at our office one day this week and said that his crop a few miles out of town is doing very well but beginning to need rain. He intends later to buy a twenty acre block near town and go into truck-farming business.

Mr. Riter, of the Riter Hardware Company, came up last week from Hamlin and has been spending the week here looking after his business. He informs us that his son will come up soon and become permanently located here as manager of the business.

J. E. Cauthen, of Lubbock, was here this week representing the Plainview Nursery. The Texas Spur made a contract with him for advertising and bought a number of shade trees to put out in front of our office.

Jim McMahon was in last week from near Jayton where he is now making his home. He was making a crop on Uncle Buck Hardin's place but says it got so dry that he decided to postpone further work until it rained.

W. K. Perry returned this week from a trip to Stamford and Haskell where he spent several days with friends and relatives. He reports that they are just as dry and dull in that section of the country as we are here.

R. B. F. Craig is building a photograph gallery on the lot across the street from Barber, Hancock & New. He will be ready for business at his new place at an early date.

T. D. Humphrey returned recently from a ten days trip to Wichita Falls, Haskell, Fort Worth and Dallas. He reports a very pleasant trip and that the crops of the country are in fine condition.

When you want fresh vegetables or any kind of staple and fancy groceries remember that Hisey Grocery Company keeps a nice assortment and well selected stock and will be glad to serve you.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Sanlin and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Loveless of Matador, came in Thursday to see their father, A. Cansler who was seriously injured by his team running away with him Wednesday.

Clay Smart, who has been sick the past few days, was carried by his father, J. T. Smart, to Rotan Tuesday. It is reported he did not stand the trip very well and at this time is in a dangerous condition.

The doctors report quite a lot of sickness in and around Spur at this time. However the sickness is not of a serious nature, consisting mostly of colds, biliousness, measles, mumps, etc.

Cone Johnson, candidate for governor of Texas, is billed to speak in Spur Friday, today, at 10:40 o'clock at the Baptist tabernacle. Everybody is invited to come out and hear him.

Quite a number of the county candidates, as well as one of the gubernatorial aspirants, has been circulating among the people of Spur and Dickens county this week.

Quite a number of the Spur people attended the ball game Wednesday at Dickens and witnessed an interesting game between the Spur and Dickens teams.

LOST—Set of leather tug harness between Dudd Martin's and Wilson tank, on head of Wilson Creek. Return to either wagon yard for reward.

Mace Hunter, Spur, Texas.

Everything in the grocery line can be found at the Hisey Grocery Company. Your orders will be promptly filled and your trade appreciated.

Messrs. Simmons, Williams and Jennings and their families went up on Cottonwood Sunday afternoon for an outing and also to gather plums.

The new hotel being erected by Mrs. Mahon is now nearing completion and when finished will be a first class, up-to-date hotel.

W. D. Clay and family moved this week to the Dr. Standifer residence two or three blocks west of the main street of Spur.

The Spur Commercial Club rooms have been completed and Secretary Reagan is now located in the new quarters.

Call in at Deck's place at the Cowan stand for cold drinks of all kinds. He knows how to fix 'em up to your liking.

Mrs. Faver, of the Afton country, was a recent visitor to her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, in the city.

Mr. Hancock, who was on the fishing trip with others, reports that they had a nice time and caught the fish.

\$2.00 reward for the return of white face bay pony, 3 white feet and hobbled. Mrs. G. M. Bachelor, Spur, Texas.

F. S. Hastings, manager of the cattle interests of S. M. Swenson & Sons, was in the city this week on business.

Deck's place is the swell place for Ice cream, cold drinks and all kinds of confectionery. Call in and see.

Mrs. T. D. Humphrey is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tunnell of Rising Star, Eastland county.

Hisey Grocery Company sells everything in their line at the very best prices. Give them a trial.

Mrs. F. C. Gipson and Grandma Gipson were in the city Wednesday visiting friends and relatives.

Col. Webb, a prominent citizen of Plainview, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

You can get the very best cream floats at Deck's place at the E. J. Cowan old stand.

Berry Persley, of Jayton, was in the city this week on business spending several days here.

J. T. Gilmore was in one day last week from the ranch and reports everything lovely.

J. A. Legg of the Croton Flats country, was in the city Wednesday on business.

Phone Hisey Grocery Company when you want fresh vegetables and groceries.

C. B. New returned this week from a fishing trip and reports a nice time.

N. A. Baker made a business trip this week to Stamford.

REQUISITE HOURS FOR SLEEP.

As a race we sleep too little, says a writer. An infant's life is nearly all sleep. Gradually, as the child grows older, the hours of sleep are shortened to half the day, or about eight hours. Youth until the age of 20 is reached requires fully 10 hours sleep. Although nature demands less hours of sleep in summer than in winter, it has been proved that eight hours of sleep is required for the average male adult in good health. By this is meant not simply eight hours in bed, but that amount of good, sound, restful sleep night after night. Our power to work is intimately related to our ability to sleep and there is no more reliable indication of sound health than the capacity to sleep naturally and the more active and energetic the waking life the deeper the sleep.

An election is to be held the 12th of July in Andrews county for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the county and also to elect officers to fill the county offices and select a county site. Both Shafter Lake and Andrews, being on equi-distance from the center of the county, are making efforts to secure the favor of the voters in locating the site of government.

Those farmers who are practicing the Campbell system of farming in Dickens county are doubtless resting easy at this time with respect to the rain proposition. There is no question but that any method of moisture conservation is the safest and surest method of farming in this country.

Roosevelt has returned to America after an absence of several months in Africa and other countries. He maintains a prominent place in the public eye and no doubt feels his importance to the full extent.

If there is a law on the statutes wherein a man is authorized to take the property of another without giving value received, we have not yet been advised of the fact.

How about the incorporation of Spur for municipal and sanitary purposes? She is old enough and big enough to have a systematic form of government.

When jurors decide cases with regard to the harrangue of lawyers rather than the law and evidence in such cases they are not qualified jurors.

HAD MADE HIS LAST "HOLLER"

For the First Time Exuberant Cowboy Saw Himself Pictured as Others Saw Him.

Remington once told a story of himself that will bear retelling. One of his cowboy acquaintances in the west was known as Hollering Smith because of his favorite way of enjoying himself. Remington made a number of studies of him both in repose and at his favorite pursuit, and on returning to New York one time he utilized these in a series of illustrations in a magazine article. The next time he went west and got to Smith's neighborhood Smith came over to see him on the very day of his arrival, and hauling from his pocket a page torn from a magazine with one of Remington's studies of him as the central figure of a group in a state of eruption inquired: "Say, is that me?"

Fred was cautious, as he said, not being exactly sure of what was next on the program, and replied: "Well, I got the idea from you, of course, but—"

"Oh, it's all right," said Smith, "no offense; if it's me just say so."

"Well yes; it's a fairly close portrait of you," said Remington.

"That's what the boys at the ranch said," Smith came back. "I look like that when I holler, do I?"

"I think you do."

"Well," said Smith, tucking the page away in his pocket, "if that's the state of the case then all I've got to say is that Hollerin' Smith has hollered the last holler that he'll ever holler. Hereafter when I celebrate I'll blow a tin horn, you bet. I don't consider that no man has a right to look like that—not around among white folks at least."

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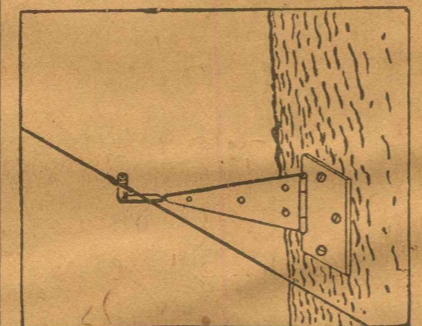
Barber, Hancock & New
Agents for Samson Windmills

It is reported that the railroad surveyors for the South Plains Railroad made their appearance in Spur this week. We understand that the promoters of this railway will have a line running from Plainview and Lubbock into Crosbyton within a short time and that later the line will be extended to Spur and connect with the Stamford & North western here. There is more railroad building going on in western Texas today than has ever been known at any time in the past history of Texas. The whole of this western country is developing rapidly and within a few years will be recognized as among the most important section of the state in commerce as well as agriculture.

TELEPHONE WIRES ON TREES

How They May Be Attached Without Doing Injury and Danger of Breaking Wires Obliterated.

(By J. E. BRUGMAN.)
The accompanying illustration shows how telephone wires may be so attached to trees that the growing tree is not injured, and the very



Wire Attached to Tree.
common danger of breaking the wires through the swaying of the trees during the winds, is obliterated. A T-hinge, ten or 12 inch size, is used for the purpose.

SELF-FEEDER FOR THE BEES

Simple Device for Feeding Industrious Little Insects with Sweet Stuffs is Shown.

A very simple device for feeding bees on syrup is shown herewith. Take an ordinary fruit can, fill it full of syrup and over the top tie a thick rag with a string. Then invert the can in a small pan or dish. The syrup will seep out through the rag around the edges of the jar just fast enough for the bees to keep it cleaned up.

Producing Honey.
A colony of 40,000 bees will require three weeks to produce 50 or more pounds of surplus honey. In some sections of perpetual bloom hives have been known to give as much as 500 pounds of honey. One bee owner on the Pacific coast had 6,000 hives, which produced 200,000 pounds of honey yearly, worth \$40,000.

Storing Celery.
If your celery is to be stored and sold for late marketing it will keep better if not blanched too much in the field. Soil drawn up about the plants will help make the stalks straight and the plants compact, so they will store without necessary loss of space, but it is a mistake to try to complete blanching before storing.

Care of Cellar.
Everything keeping nicely in the cellar? An iron kettle filled with the hot coals from the kitchen stove and set on the floor of the cellar every night will keep it dry and pleasant, but not too warm.

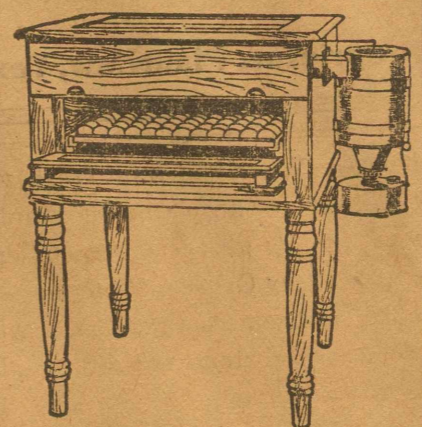
WOMEN IN BALLOON RACES.

Miss Genevieve Shaffer and Miss Margaret Miller were two young women who took part in the Portala balloon races at San Francisco. Miss Shaffer went up in the "Queen of the Pacific" and Miss Miller in the "City of Oakland." Miss Shaffer was with Capt. Ivy Baldwin, representing the San Francisco Aero Club, and Miss Miller from Oakland. The two balloons started off together and the sight is said to have been a very inspiring one.

HOW TO MANAGE INCUBATOR

Use Only One of Good Substantial Make and Follow Instructions Exactly.

(By R. M. COOPER.)
The essentials in running an incubator are: (1) To keep the eggs at a proper temperature (103 degrees on a level with the top of the eggs). (2) To give the eggs a steady current of pure air. (3) To cause the evaporation of moisture from the eggs at a normal rate. (4) To prevent the eggs from resting too long in one position.
The lamp should be of the best material and the wick of sufficient width that the temperature may be maintained with a low blaze.
The most satisfactory place for the lamp is at the end of the machine outside of the case. The method of



Incubator Recommended.

getting the heat from the lamp to the eggs may be by a tank of hot water or by a circulation of warm air.

The first method has in the past been the more common. The tank of hot water retains the heat and the eggs are less subject to sudden variations in temperature.

The ventilation of an incubator is of vital importance. The rate of evaporation must also be considered. Eggs lose much of their water during incubation. If the evaporation varies much from the normal amount good hatches cannot be secured.

The rate of evaporation is determined by three things: the temperature, the humidity, and the circulation of the air. Theoretically it would be best to supply air at a given rate and containing a certain per cent of moisture, but in the commercial incubator such an arrangement is impractical.

The most practical system of controlling evaporation is a system of forced ventilation, in which the air is heated around the lamp flue and passed through the egg chamber at a rate determined by ventilators in the bottom of the machine.

With this system no effort is made to supply moisture to the air, the rate of evaporation being governed wholly by the rate of air circulation.

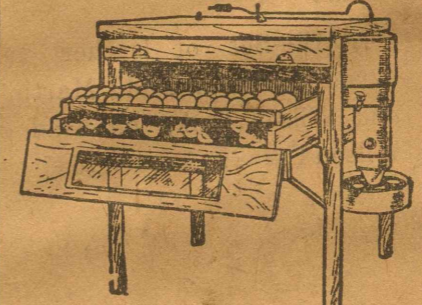
Turning the egg is not the work that many imagine it to be. It is not necessary that the egg be turned with absolute precision and regularity.

An elaborate device for this work is useless. The trays will need frequently to be removed and turned around or shifted, and the eggs can be turned at this time by lifting out a few on one side of the tray and rolling the others over.

The person to run the incubator is the first condition of its success. A good incubator requires attention twice a day. One person should give this attention, and must give it regularly and carefully.

The farmer's wife or some younger member of the family can often give more time and interest to this work than can the farmer.

The best location for an incubator is a cool, dry cellar. The next choice



Incubator and Brooder Tray.

would be a room in the house away from the fire or from windows.

Drafts of air blowing on the machine are especially to be avoided. Not only do they affect the temperature directly, but cause the lamp to burn irregularly, and this may result in fire.

The size of incubators which can be profitably used will depend upon the number of hens kept for brooding purposes.

E. E. Turner, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country, was here Tuesday on business.

W. F. Yates of the Cottonwood community, was in the city Tuesday on business.

TRAP NEST SELECTS LAYERS

Best Egg Producer of Maine Experiment Station is Ill-Shaped and Scraggy Looking.

(By MILLER PURVIS)
When James Dryden was in charge of the poultry department of the Utah experiment station he photographed a lot of hens and asked about a dozen men who were presumably experts to look the photographs over and select the best layers, giving their reasons for making the selections.

Then he trap-nested those hens for a long time and compared the records with the selections, and out of a desire to protect the experts declined to publish the figures in connection with the name.

The writer hereof was one of the alleged experts, and he selected just half of the good layers, and also selected some of the poorest as being good ones. The only consolation I ever got out of the private report was that my selections were as good as those of any other "expert."

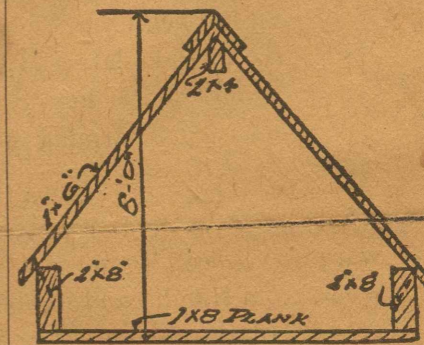
Before me lies the photograph of a Plymouth Rock hen that laid 251 eggs in a year at the Maine experiment station, and she appears to be about the scraggiest, ill-shaped hen in the lot, while another picture of a Wyandotte hen shows her to be a beauty in shape, but her record shows that she laid just six eggs in a year.

When it comes to egg type it doesn't exist. The trap nest is the only way to select the best layers, although good ones may be selected if we know how to do it.

USEFUL PORTABLE PIG HOUSE

Illustration Shows One Easily Constructed and Can Be Put to Various Uses.

The cut shows a good sow and pig brooder house made and used by Mr. J. P. Gognet, near St. Francesville, Ill., one of the best breeders and growers of hogs in that locality. Mr. Gognet



Portable Pig House.

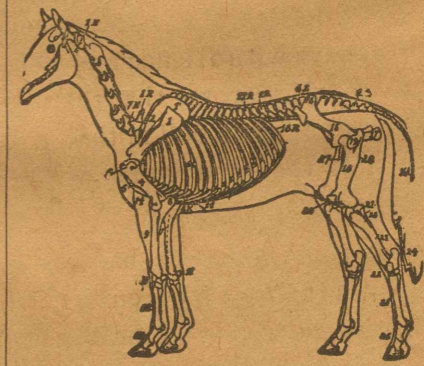
has many of these simple houses which he uses for sows rearing a litter of pigs. Being roof-like in structure and easily movable, he uses them in late autumn for covering potatoes in piles in the field on frosty nights and rainy weather. They may be similarly used for temporary storage of other fruits and vegetables, or as a shelter for any small farm animals.

The house is 6x8 feet inside, and 5 feet high, on runners 2x8 inches 9 feet long. The rafters are 2x4-inch stuff and the lath 1x3 inches. The roof is matched inch pine boards and the gables common siding. The entire house should be painted with two good coats of paint, especially the roof, to prevent leaking. At the price of lumber here, Mr. Gognet constructs these at approximately \$5 each, exclusive of paint, doing the carpenter work himself. The house contains no floor.

SKELETON OF COMMON HORSE

Illustration Given Below is Reproduction, with Description of Important Points.

This illustration is a faithful reproduction of the skeleton of a horse.



Skeleton of a Horse.

The description of the most important points follows:

- 1 H, First cervical vertebra (atlas);
- 7 H, seventh cervical vertebra; 1 R, first dorsal vertebra; 6 R, sixth rib;
- 17 R, seventeenth dorsal vertebra; 18 R, eighteenth or last rib; 1 L, first lumbar vertebra; 6 L, sixth or last lumbar vertebra; 6 K, sixth rib cartilage; 1 scapula (shoulder blade); 2, spine of scapula; 9, radius; 10, carpus; 12, metacarpus (shin bone); 14, sternum (breast bone); 18, femur; 20, patella (knee cap); 21, tibia; 23, fibula; 24, tuberosity of calcaneum; 26, phalanges; 27, internal trochanter of femur; 28, external or third trochanter of femur.

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