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## REPORT OF SPUR EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Spur, Dickens County, Texas, June 24, 1911.—January 7, 1909, a party composed of Judge Ed R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director Experimental Stations; Sam H. Dixon, State Horticulturist; R. L. Bennett, Cotton Specialist for the Government and the State; K. K. Leggett, President of Board of Directors A. & M. College; Walton Peteet, Agricultural Editor of the Fort Worth Record, and member of the A. & M. board; D. P. Toomey, Managing Editor of the Dallas News; E. C. Driscoll, of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; Homer D. Wade, Secretary Stamford Commercial Club, and W. M. Imboden, came to look over the country in the interest of West Texas resources, visited the Spur Ranch in Dickens county, and at that time the question of establishing an experimental farm in this section was presented to them. August 25, 1909, a definite proposition to donate two hundred acres of land and \$2,500 in cash was made by S. M. Swenson & Sons to a committee composed of Judge Ed R. Kone, Dr. H. H. Harrington and Lieut. Governor A. B. Davidson, and about September 14th, the committee decided to accept the proposition and locate a station at Spur. This was officially confirmed October 15th.

On December 11th advice was received at Spur to locate the station on the northeast quarter of Section No. 246, one mile west of Spur. On February 18th S. M. Swenson & Sons, decided to the State of Texas one hundred and sixty acres of land, and donated \$2,500 in cash, besides paying \$500 for forty acres of land which was to be a part of the two hundred acres offered originally—making in all a donation of one hundred and sixty acres of land and \$3,000 in cash.

The Spur lands are typical of a large area of the best agricultural land in Texas, rapidly passing into the hands of home building farmers. They need the assistance of the Agricultural Department. In older settled farming communities methods of cultivation and kind of crops suitable to local conditions have been determined largely by individual experiments, accompanied by many costly failures. It is in the power of the State to save the farmers of this newly settled territory much time and money by the efficient maintenance of the station at Spur, and to increase the productiveness of the country by demonstrations of methods of cultivation and crops suitable to the soil and climate of the red lands of West Texas.

Mr. F. Hensel was the first superintendent at Spur Experimental Station, but he did no active work here. He was succeeded by J. K. Fitzgerald in February, 1910. Fitzgerald cleared and broke seventy acres of land, set posts and put around the pasture land. In January

March the balance of the seventy acres were broken, the breaking being completed the middle of April. He built two earthen tanks of about 350,000 gallons capacity each, and put down a well equipped with windmill and pump near one of the tanks. He planted twenty-seven varieties of fruit, including 98 apples, 27 pears and 118 peaches.

I came here from Beeville station April 15th, and assumed charge of the Spur station immediately upon my arrival. I found that Fitzgerald had begun harrowing the sod land on the morning of the fifteenth. The harrowing was done by contact, using first a section harrow, then cross harrowing with a disc harrow, and the second harrowing was finished April 28th. I then harrowed the land the third time, using a section harrow, finishing May 3rd.

On May 11th, five varieties of sorghum were planted—Feterita Minnesota Amber and Red Amber did well, maturing early in September. The Orange and Sumac made a fair quality of hay, but frost stopped the growth of these two varieties and they never produced heads.

Five varieties of Indian Corn—Bloody Butcher, Silver Mine, Texas Giant Gourd Seed, Squaw and native were a complete failure, though well cultivated. I attribute the corn failure to the poor condition of the land, late planting and drouth.

Three varieties of kaffir corn—Pink, Black Hull and Red, were all good and suitable to local conditions, the Black Hull making the best yield of the three.

Two varieties of maize—Giant and Dwarf made good yields, the Dwarf being easier to cultivate and handle. I consider it preferable to the Giant.

Cowpeas—Kulthi and Moth beans produced fine yields. The Kelthi and Moth beans are a new crop in this part of the country and produced abundantly, and besides being a fine forage plant, are valuable as legumes.

June corn was planted May 16th, and made twenty bushels to an acre. Cotton was planted too late to do any good. About

1000 pounds of seed cotton was gathered from three acres. The plants were full fruited and gave prospects of half a bale per acre until killed by a freeze in October. The varieties were as follows: Union Big Boll, Bowden, and seeds from local grown crops—the names being unknown to me.

Dwarf broom corn was planted May 12th and an average stand and a good crop. The quantity planted was small and there was no local market for the straw so the corn was used for stock feed and did very well for that purpose.

I cultivated the land every ten days during the season of 1910, using section harrow while plants were small and tooth cultivators later.

The report for 1910 is very incomplete; records of weights etc. were not made on account of not having the proper equipment, and not having the money to purchase such scales, measures etc., as are necessary where small quantities are grown. The season's work was largely preparatory and being begun late in the year and carried through under difficulties of the land under normal conditions and circumstances. 1910 was an unusually dry year and was the second of two successive dry years.

Some of the land that was broken in April was not planted in anything for the 1910 season, but was harrowed and disced regularly with the land that was planted until August, when it was again broken. When breaking the land in August I made it a rule to plow until I had only time to go over with a sub-surface packer and a section harrow what had been plowed the forenoon or in the afternoon, before leaving the field. In this way I left no land unpacked for more than five or six hours.

After the breaking in August there were two rains, after each of which the land was harrowed with a section harrow, and early in November I began planting winter grain, of which there was two varieties of oats, one of rye, nine of barley and fifty-one of wheat. There was good mois-

ture at the time of planting, and I considered it best to roll the land with a light roller. The grain all germinated within from eight to twelve days from the time of planting. On January 2, 1911, a freeze damaged all the grain, completely killing most of the barley, and damaging all the barley to such an extent as to render it worthless for even a test crop. Early in March the oats and wheat lands were again rolled, and late in April the oats were harrowed with a section harrow. Oats were cut June 1st, and wheat on June 13th. The winter wheat and oats made good yields, but they have not been threshed yet, nor tests made to determine the yield per acre.

On March 10th, spring oats, wheat and barley were planted, but did not produce enough to make tests. The failure of the spring grain was to a great extent due to planting too late, for the cultivation was as nearly perfect as conditions would allow, and there were spring grains successfully grown by some of the farmers near Spur.

Alfalfa land was treated the same as the wheat land in its preparation—seed planted November 15th and plants killed January, 1911; land harrowed late in January, late in February and early in March; replanted March 15th, came up on March 20. There is now a fine stand of alfalfa growing from the planting of March 15th.

The land for 1911 corn was broken in December, 1910, packed and harrowed, and harrowed after each rain until time for planting, March 21st. It was harrowed three times after it came up and cultivated with a tooth cultivator four times. I now have a perfect stand of corn.

June corn was planted at the same time and under the same conditions as the Indian corn and received the same cultivation. It is doing well.

White and Red maize were planted in ground prepared at the same time as the corn land, harrowed twice and cultivated five times with a cultivator. The stand is perfect.

The land for Kaffir corn was broken three weeks earlier than the corn land, planted March 20th, harrowed twice and cultivated five times with cultivator. I have a perfect stand.

Cotton land was broken December 1st, packed and harrowed at time of breaking, harrowed after each rain. Twelve varieties of cotton were planted on May 2nd. It was harrowed once and cultivated with cultivator three times, besides chopping. Three varieties have half a stand, the balance is a perfect stand.

Irrigation was not attempted, the dry farming methods being resorted to, and the results have demonstrated the fact that dry farming is thoroughly successful here.

Before closing my report, I wish to recommend for the consideration of this meeting that some changes be made—especially in handling the money appropriated to the various stations in Texas.

1st. That the money appropriated for each station be placed in some local bank subject to the order of the superintendent, with proper forms of accounting and bookkeeping to safeguard the State. All accounts being subject to inspection by an auditor, or other proper authorized person at any and all times, and that the superintendent be required to furnish bond, as is any other state official who handles money belonging to the State.

2nd. That all money received at a station from the sale of the products of the station, shall be credited to the station, and be used for the purpose of improvements and betterments.

3rd. That the superintendent be ex-officio notaries public for the purpose of certifying to all records, accounts, etc.

4th. That every effort be made to make the State Experimental Station self-sustaining.

5th. That the grounds about the headquarters of the station be made as attractive as is consistent with reasonable expenditure of money and labor. It is our desire to make a place where farmers will be glad to come, and to have, not only good growing crops to show them, but to be able to show them by example, some of the comforts of farm life.

Until such a time as the appropriations for the maintenance of the State Experimental Stations is made sufficient to meet the requirements, we will be unable to get the best results from our efforts. Texas has the greatest area of agricultural land of any state in the Union, and has the smallest amount set aside for its development. We need more stations and better equipped stations to carry on this great work, and it is our duty to secure legislation to the end that we may take our proper place in the departments of our great state. By organization and concerted efforts we can do what we can never hope to do as individuals. Respectfully submitted, I. S. York, Supt. Spur Experimental Station.

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### Spur Hardware Co'y.



W. J. Elliot returned from Ft. Wort last week.

Bob Stephens, of the Afton country, was in town last Friday with a load of nice melons.

R. S. Holman and family returned Wednesday of last week from a visit of several days to his parents at Seymour.

Willis Smith and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Monday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Monday on business and spent some time here.

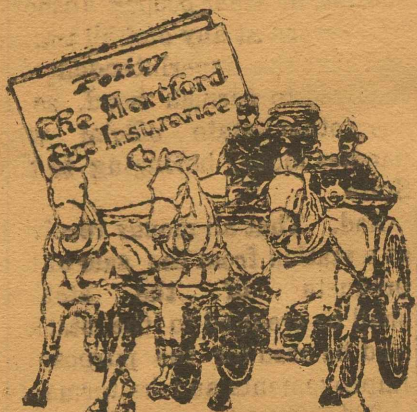
W. T. Duke, of several miles southwest of Spur, went over Sunday to Dickens where he spent several days on business.

Mrs. R. S. Holman and children spent Sunday and Monday in Dickens and Croton, visiting relatives and also attending the meeting at the latter place.

C. H. Senning and family returned the latter part of last week from Roaring Springs where they spent several days attending the annual protracted meeting now in progress at that place.

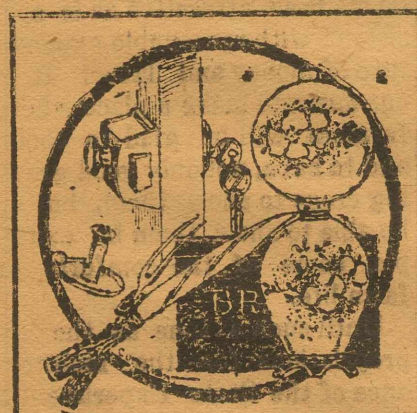
Last week the Senior Class of the Methodist Sundayschool spent an evening of pleasure and a nice supper spread upon the lawn just over the hill north of town. All who attended report an enjoyable occasion.

John Thomas, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city one day last week and while here purchased a row binder which he intends to make good use of in the Afton country.



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### THE HOME CIRCLE

A good washing machine costs from five to eight dollars, but a washboard can be bought for twenty-five cents. This kind of economy gives a good many men a chance to look for a second wife.

Money is a good thing, especially in these times, but there is something much more valuable. It is character, the consciousness of a pure and honorable life. This, it should be a young man's first aim to preserve at any cost.

Sometimes the hasty word has been spoken, the sharp, snappish word been carelessly uttered in the home circle. The true wife's heart so often bleeds at the bitter yet thoughtless, but cutting words of a husband. When she is gone to heaven, and he weeps over her bier he will remember it.

Men and women don't need to swing clubs to threaten home concord. The husband, armed with a sneer, and the wife who carries a waspish tongue, are just as well caparisoned for death-dealing battle, as though they pounded on each other with baseball bats.

There are none of us so poor but we can train a few roses on the humble wall and their scent and beauty will long be remembered, and many a boy, instead of going to loaf upon the public highway will linger at home among the flowers. Moral degradation always begins at home.

There is a demand for good boys. The boy who is honest, earnest and industrious, will not be long out of a job. There are lots of prosperous business men, merchants, and mechanics, who are constantly on the lookout for good boys. They do not look for them on the streets, however, but in some sort of employment. They have no use for an idle boy. He is too apt to make an idle man.

The difference between good and bad mothers, is so vast and so far reaching that it is no exaggeration to say that the good mothers of this generation are building the homes of the next generation, and the bad mothers are building the prisons. For out of families nations are made, and if the father be the head and the hands of a family, the mother is the heart. No office in the world is so honorable as hers, no priesthood so holy, no influence so sweet and strong and lasting.

What beautiful and tender associations cluster thick around the word "memory." The thought of it is a very shield; the name of it has a spell to call back the wanderer from the path of vice, and far away where the myrtle blossoms and the palm trees wave, and the ocean sleeps upon coral strands, to the exile's fond fancy it clothes the naked rock or stormy shore, or barren moor, or wild height and mountain with charms he weeps to think of and longs once more to see.

Encouragement is something we naturally look for. A little praise a word of hope or a cheerful smile—something for the hungry soul to grasp and the weary mind to rest upon as we climb the toilsome mountain of life. How many poor hearts have sunken into despondency, when a little encouragement has reassured them. The soldier looks for it on the field of battle, it is the cheering voice of his leader that urges him on through the danger of death and crowns the day with victory.—Western Enterprise.

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**Currants Make Good Combination With Any of the Smaller Kinds of Fruit.**

Currants combine well with several of the popular summer berries and small fruits like cherries. Huckleberries, raspberries and blackberries are each delicious when cooked with about one-third their bulk of currants. Currants are sometimes added in a small quantity to a raspberry or a huckleberry pie.

Stewed huckleberries make a nice compote at a country supper on Sunday evenings, and currants added to it are often considered an improvement. For a plain huckleberry compote add a cupful of sugar to every three cupfuls of berries, and stew them in barely enough water to keep them from burning. Currants may be added in any amount preferred. Half and half makes a good mixture, but a third of currants is also satisfactory. If two-thirds of currants and one-third of huckleberries are used more sugar will be required.

A well-known cook offers the following recipe for a raspberry and currant marmalade: Rub two quarts of raspberries and a quart of currants through a sieve that is fine enough to exclude the seeds. Add a pound of sugar to every pint of pulp. Boil the sugar till it strings in a small quantity of water and in another kettle reduce the fruit to one-half its original bulk. Then mix the two and boil them down together to a thick marmalade.



## ALL AROUND THE HOUSE

Mud stains can be removed from a black cloth by rubbing with a raw potato.

The juice of a raw onion applied to the sting of an insect will remove the poison.

Russet shoes may be kept clean and bright by rubbing them with a slice of banana and polishing with a cloth.

To make starch for black lawns boil two quarts of wheat bran in six quarts of water for half an hour. Let it get cold, then strain. You will need neither soap nor starch if this is used. If thick add cold water. This preparation will both cleanse and stiffen.

Nutmeg should be used sparingly to procure the best results in the way of a delicate and delightful flavor.

Wash the egg beater immediately after using while the egg is soft and more easily removed.

### Liver Croquettes.

Wash carefully half a pound of liver and cut it into thin slices. Cover with boiling water and simmer gently for twenty minutes, then drain and chop fine. Rub together until smooth one tablespoonful of butter and two of flour and stir it into a cupful of hot milk. Cook for three minutes, stirring constantly, and add the liver with a teaspoonful of minced onion, a teaspoonful of salt and a beaten egg. Cook five minutes, allow it to cool, mold into balls, dip in egg, then in bread crumbs and fry for a minute in hot fat. Serve garnished with parsley.

### A Fresh Egg Dish.

For eggs as a French chef prepares them, fry half a small onion sliced in butter until it is golden brown. Then turn in a cupful of tomatoes, seasoned with butter, salt and pepper, and cook for ten minutes. Turn the mixture into a wide-bottomed saucepan and drop into it eggs that have not had the yolks broken. Cook them slowly, lifting them from the bottom of the dish with a fork, not stirring them as in scrambling.

### Lemon Butter.

Put together in a granite saucepan one-half pound of granulated sugar and six full, but not heaped, tablespoons of butter and when these are melted stir into them the grated yellow part of the rind of a large lemon and all the juice, adding gradually the beaten yolks of three eggs and the stiffened white of one. Stir until like a very thick boiled custard, or like, rather, soft butter. This may be used for cake filling and will keep in the icebox for some days.

### Spiced Tomato Beefsteak.

Take a thick steak from the round of beef, cut gashes into it with a sharp knife, and fill the holes with powdered cracker and spices, with little pieces of butter; roll tightly and tie with a string; take a quart of canned tomato in a tight saucepan; lay the roll of beef in it, cover closely; let it cook slowly for two or three hours till the meat is thoroughly done, then untie the roll and serve on a platter with the tomato about it.

## QUEER DISEASE IS IN UNITED STATES

**Many Here Afflicted With Odd Ailment, Says Prof. Munyon.**

**GREWSOME CREATURES VERY COMMON, FINDS EXPERT.**

Many people in the United States are afflicted with a queer disease, according to a statement yesterday by Professor James M. Munyon. He made the following remarkable and rather gresome statement:

"Many persons who come and write to my headquarters at 53d and Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., think they are suffering from a simple stomach trouble, when in reality they are the victims of an entirely different disease—that of tape worm. These tape worms are huge internal parasites, which locate in the upper bowel and consume a large percentage of the nutriment, rob undigested food. They sometimes grow to a length of forty to sixty feet. One may have a tape worm for years and never know the cause of his or her ill health.

"Persons who are suffering from one of these creatures become nervous, weak and irritable, and tire at the least exertion. The tape worms rob one of ambition and vitality and strength, but they are rarely fatal.

"The victim of this disease is apt to believe that he is suffering from chronic stomach trouble, and doctors for years without relief. This is not the fault of the physicians he consults, for there is no absolute diagnosis that will tell positively that one is not a victim of tape worm.

"The most common symptom of this trouble is an abnormal appetite. At times the person is ravenously hungry and cannot get enough to eat. At other times the very sight of food is loathsome. There is a gnawing, faint sensation at the pit of the stomach, and the victim has headaches, fits of dizziness and nausea. He cannot sleep at night and often thinks he is suffering from nervous prostration.

"I have a treatment which has had wonderful success in eliminating these great creatures from the system. In the course of its regular action in aiding digestion, and ridding the blood, kidneys and liver of impurities it has proven fatal to these great worms. If one has a tape worm, this treatment will, in nine cases out of ten, stupefy and pass it away, but if not, the treatment will rebuild the run-down person, who is probably suffering from stomach trouble and a general anaemic condition. My doctors report marvelous success here with this treatment. Fully a dozen persons have passed these worms, but they are naturally reticent about discussing them, and of course we cannot violate their confidence by giving their names to the public.

Letters addressed to Professor James M. Munyon, 53d and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., will receive as careful attention as though the patient called in person. Medical advice and consultation absolutely free. Not a penny to pay.

### A Personal Matter.

"You must have studied political economy pretty thoroughly to be so impressed with the iniquity of the trusts."

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### Crafty.

"What does the veterinary surgeon next door advise for your pet lap dog's sickness?"

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—Flegende Blaetter.

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### Revision.

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### In Seclusion.

"Is your mistress at home?"  
"Are you the manicure lady?"  
"No, indeed!"  
"Then she ain't at home, mum."

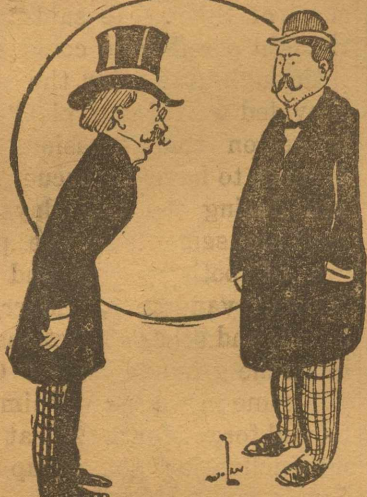
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## SURE.



Man in the Big Hat—I've always made money out of politics.

Man in Small Hat—Are you a political orator?

Man in Big Hat—No; I'm the leader of a brass band. The musicians always get paid, but the orators are expected to talk for nothing.

### Family Enough.

Horace, five year old, has a brother, nine, and a sister three, and, with his father and mother, he deemed this family large enough. When, therefore, he was told by his aunt that a little baby was to be added to the family, he protested—

"I think papa and mamma might better spend their money for more strawberries and powdered sugar for me," he observed, indignantly.

On a certain day a doctor came to the house and Horace thought he knew what that meant. His spirit of revolt nearly got the better of him, however, when a second doctor came.

A few hours later, after the doctors had departed, his Aunt Ella told him he had a new little brother. Horace brightened, and tiptoed to his mother's room. "It's all right, mamma," he assured her. "There's only one."

### Serenity.

"The true religious man, amid all the ills of time, keeps a serene forehead and entertains a peaceful heart. This, going out and coming in amid all the trials of the city, the agony of the plague, the horrors of the thirsty tyrants, the fierce democracy abroad, the fiercer ill at home—the saint, the sage of Athens, was still the same. Such a one can endure hardness; can stand alone and be content; a rock amid the waves—lonely, but not moved. Around him the few or many may scream, calumniate, blaspheme. What is all to him but the cawing of the seabird about that solitary, deep-rooted stone?"—Theodore Parker.

### Unimportant.

Southern negroes have an irresponsible way of visiting about indiscriminately.

"Please tell me your name and address?" asked the depot reporter of a middle-aged negro.

"Ah's Mrs. Ca'tah from Co'fax."

"Whom have you been visiting, Mrs. Carter?" she was asked. "Ah's been visiting de ole colo'd woman down de track heah a couple blocks fo' about a week. Ah can't jus' member her name."—Success Magazine.

### Important to Mothers

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### A New Ailment.

Mother was sick, and Janet, four years old, had heard the doctor say that she had ptomaine poisoning.

A short time later Janet was heard confiding to one of her playmates: "Mamma's sick. She's got toe-nail poisoning."

### A Specimen.

"Did you ever hear of anything so ridiculous as men of honest graft?"  
"What's the matter with the gardeners?"

A sordid love of money is certainly a very senseless thing, for the mind much occupied with it is blind to everything else.—Diphilus.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker a rich, mellow-tasting 5c cigar.

The man who plays poker for pastime usually passes more or less coin over to the other fellow.

Know prudent, cautious self-control is wisdom's root.—Robert Burns.

Our highest religion is named "the worship of sorrow."

## PHILOSOPHY TO THE RESCUE

Pat Went Without His Steak, but at That Everything Was Not Lost.

Charles Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, says the Irish race has, in addition to its sentiment and romance, a lot of philosophy as one of its characteristics.

"The best illustration I ever heard of this," he explained to a dinner party one evening, "was the case of a poor Irishman who had been given a fine, juicy piece of steak. Being a religious man, he placed the steak in front of him, and there, in the shade of the trees surrounding his benefactor's house, he folded his hands, closed his eyes, and gave thanks to heaven for the meal. When he was in the altitude of prayer, a dog rushed up and captured the steak. Pat looked around in time to see the food disappearing over the hill.

"Thank heaven," he exclaimed, again closing his eyes, 'he left me my appetite!'"—The Sunday Magazine.

### Plenty of Stability.

A western mining prospector was paying his first visit to New York.

"What do you think of it?" asked the proud Gothamite as he pointed out the skyscrapers.

"Well," replied the miner, "it looks like a permanent camp all right."—Success Magazine.

### Original "Hello Bill."

William G. Meyers, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., January 7, 1911, is said to have been the original "Hello Bill" of the Fraternal Order of Elks. —From the Magazine of American History.

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### MARRIED

Wednesday of last week Miss Lillian Denton of Spur and Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch were married in the city, Rev. Stewart performing the ceremony.

Hawley Bryant has been an employee of the Pitchfork Ranch a number of years and is one of our most substantial citizens. Miss Denton has made her home in Spur since the opening of the town, and during the time has made many friends. She is a lady of true character, refined, modest and one who will be a true help-mate. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant in congratulations and wishes them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bryant left Spur for their future home on the Pitchfork Ranch.

### NOTICE

To the farmers of the Spur country and Dickens county.

To aid us in making up an attractive exhibition of the agricultural and fruit production of the county for the picnic, August 23-24, we will appreciate any courtesies you may extend us by bringing in any samples of melons, fruits, vegetables of any and all kinds, also samples of milo maize, corn, kaffir corn, cotton, wheat and oats, or broom corn, in fact any and all kinds of vegetable products, not later than Tuesday and leaving same at Commercial Club room or at Dr. Grace's office.

Respectfully,  
Committee.

Mrs. Chapman, who has been in the Sanitarium at Stamford the past week or two, returned this week to her home in Spur.

Mrs. R. C. Morrison and little Miss Ruthin returned last week from Hico where they had been on an extended visit to Mrs. Morrison's parents and other relatives.

W. J. Duncan was in the city Thursday from his home in the Draper country.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in Spur Thursday on business and to visit his daughter, Mrs. Z. V. Smith.

C. S. Durham was in Thursday from his home several miles south of Spur. He said that he thought possibly he could make it through until after the picnic provided we furnish plenty barbecue on that occasion. We promise to have barbecue for all and during the two days will have amusements for the pleasure of both young and old. Shows, vandeavills, merry-go-rounds and other attractions will be on the grounds, and if Chas. will come in we assure him that he will forget for a time at least his inclination to go up Salt Creek.

J. W. Bramhall has opened up a paint shop in the former tin shop building on Eighth Street. He is prepared to furnish signs of any character for the Barbecue and Picnic.

J. N. Rhodes, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the first of the week.

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### DIED

Thursday at one o'clock Dock Martin died at the Standifer Sanitarium as a result of injuries received the first of the week, he being thrown from a horse. The remains were shipped Thursday to his home at Lewisville for burial.

Mr. Martin was a brother to J. D. Martin who has been in the employ of the Spur Ranch during the past ten or fifteen years, and was here on a visit to his brother. Dud Martin has many friends here who sincerely sympathize with him in this bereavement.

### NOTICE, SHERIFF'S SALE

The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on 1st day of August A. D. 1911, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of R. B. Spencer, versus R. J. Heflin and N. H. Heflin, No 343, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in September A. D. 1911, it being the 5th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens the following described property, to-wit:

Lot No. 20 in block No 37, in the town of Spur, Dickens county, Texas, as shown by the original plat of said town, of record in the office of the County Clerk of Dickens County, Texas, levied on as the property of R. J. Heflin and N. H. Heflin, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,203.73 in favor of R. B. Spencer, and costs of suit.

Given Under my Hand, this 7th day of August A. D. 1911.  
H. P. COLE, Sheriff.

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Mrs. C. B. Cook and daughter, little Miss Claudine, returned last week from a visit of several days to her parents and other relatives at Rotan.

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## SPUR PICNIC AUG. 23-24

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Mrs. H. S. Bartley and son left this week to join her husband at El Paso. Mr. Bartley has secured a position on the railroad and we wish he and family a successful and prosperous home in El Paso.

### SPUR CITIZENSHIP TO CLEAN-UP TOWN

Every citizen of Spur is requested to meet Monday morning at the south end of Burlington Avenue near the depot, armed with hoes and rakes and prepared to do at least one hour's work in cleaning up the public streets preparatory for the celebration on the occasion of our two days barbecue and picnic, August 23-24.

It is urged that every man and boy who is interested in Spur will be on hand at eight o'clock and contribute one hour of his time to cleaning up the town. A clean town will make a better appearance to the visitor and will make the home people feel better. We expect thousands of visitors here from a distance, many of whom will be here for the sole purpose of seeing the town and country with a view of locating and establishing a permanent home. A clean town and hospitable people will do much to create a favorable impression.

W. G. Sherrod went out Wednesday to be with the house party with W. J. Lewis at the Ranch headquarters and will probably spend a week or ten days.

### LOST IN SPUR

A silk gold handle parasol. Finder will please return to Mrs. G. T. Bradon and get reward.

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### DICKENS ITEM

T. H. Gilmore of the Spur Ranch was in town on business Tuesday.

Dr. F. A. Burnam and family left Sunday for Abilene, where they go to place Mrs. Burnam in a sanitarium.

Wm. Childress of Soldier Mound neighborhood is reported to be quite sick with appendicitis. He was taken seriously ill Monday morning, but is reported to be some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, of Spur, and Mrs. Hogan's brother, James Patton, of Collinsville, attended the entertainment at A. S. Jackson's Saturday night and spent the night and Sunday in town.

W. E. Chissum with a load of freight from Spur this week had his team frightened by one of the Lubbock cars and they ran away. A \$175 gin fan was demolished and Mr. Chissum had a narrow escape from being hurt. Such work as this is getting to be too common and the man with the auto should be made to pay the damages.

D. B. Martin, of Louisville, Texas, and his brother, J. D. Martin, of the Spur Ranch, were in Dickens Tuesday, the former prospecting with a view of locating in our town some time in the near future.

Mrs. Wm. Childress of Soldier Mound neighborhood was in town visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. S. Jackson, Saturday night and Sunday.

Prof. S. W. Adams, superintendent of the Spur school, was in town on business Monday.

Mrs. M. L. Jones of old Espeula was in town Saturday and was accompanied home by Mrs. C. C. Gay, who is spending the week with her.

Ed. P. Taylor an ex-cowboy of the Spur Ranch, and now a citizen of Tennessee, was visiting his oldtime friends of days ago, and spent several days last week in Dickens, the guest of H. P. Cole and family. While here he visited Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Gilmore at the Ranch. Ed. said it made him feel sad to see the old headquarters looking so desolate.

### AN APPEAL TO BACHELORS

Old Brigham Young had eighty wives,  
And not a one have I.  
This was a mass of cruel lives,  
All wrapped in gloom to die.

He had a house with 80 rooms,  
A wife in each he did install.  
They can be found by their tombs,  
As death to each did call.

His home is yet a garnered scene  
Reserved to Brigham's name.  
In the suburbs of Salt Lake City  
We find this home of shame.

His number once was 13,  
The world's unlucky number.  
We find that soon he doubled  
that,

And then increased that number.  
So now old bachelors please wake  
up,  
For she is some where waiting,  
And begin to drink from pleasure's cup,

For there is one to suit your-mating.

Old Brigham had a world's supply,

We find his name in history,  
And there is one for you and I,  
And we should solve this mystery

So come along with a sweet love song,

Stroll with her beneath the twilight,

Pluck the flowers, refreshed by heavens showers,  
Which speaks of love at sight.

Then with a twinkle in her eye  
she will wonder why,  
He told her of his love so great,  
This mystery I will find with a passive mind,

In silence I will wonder and wait  
While Brigham secured a number like this

We old bachelors are headed for one,

While 80 he claims, to his dishonor and shame,

While one we are seeking, but dishonor to shun.

Old Brigham sleeps beneath the dreamless dust,

While his concubines are all around him,

They are now released by death's great trust,

While wails and woes surround him.

Whistling Rufus.

See our line of wall paper. The price is right. Texas Furniture Company.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, was in the city Tuesday and night to attend the Mollie Bailey shows.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell, of Lubbock, spent several days this week in the city visiting Mrs. Powell's relatives, J. M. Neely and family.

Misses Lena Bell Neely and Louis Fox returned the first of the week from Lubbock where they spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Powell.

Our picture framing department is very complete. We mount and frame all kinds of pictures. Texas Furniture Company.

J. A. Alston and family accompanied by his mother, returned the first of the week from Runnels county where they had been visiting relatives during the past two weeks. Mr. Alston says that they made the trip through the country and that nowhere did he see better crops than are now growing in the Spur country. He says that Spur leads them all.

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### BUILDS SPUR FOR MOLLIE

Judge McClain was in Tuesday to attend the Mollie Bailey show. Thirty odd years ago the Judge sold his town property back east to Mollie and at the time told her that he was going west and would build up a town for her to show in later. Upon her arrival here he called on her and told her that Spur was the town he referred to thirty years ago.

### NOTICE

I have been appointed by the School Board as Music Teacher for the new Public School and will begin my class on September 1 at my home, will move to new school building as soon as it is completed. Come and give me your name on the first of September, for I feel sure that I can be able to instruct you in a way that will meet your approval.

one week and three the next, at \$5.00 per month, (from 1st to 1st.)  
Mrs. Sam P. Clemmons.

W. D. Evans was in Monday from his place in the Steel Hill country and had a load of wood to sell to the Spur people. Mr. Evans said that wood hauling was neither the coolest nor the most pleasant job at this time but that it beat nothing. It is those kind of farmers who will succeed in Western Texas and here is hoping that Mr. Evans will be among the leaders of successful farming in the Spur country.

Sebe Lambert was in Tuesday from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything in fine shape in that section.

Rev. Boyts will preach at the First Christian church Sunday, the 20th morning and night. All are cordially invited to attend.

Chalk Brown, a prominent citizen of Kent county, was in Spur Monday trading with Spur merchants.

Bob Smith of Floyd county, passed through Spur Monday on his way to Montague county where he will spend ten days visiting relatives.

Bill McArthur was in the city Monday from his home in the Tap country and reports every-

Editor Morris, of the Jayton Herald, accompanied by his father, was in Spur Saturday and Sunday on business.

Mrs. C. D. Pullin and children returned Sunday from an extended visit to her relatives in Callahan and Coleman counties.

R. V. Arnold, representing the Farm and Ranch of Dallas, is in the city this week visiting at the home of J. Cloud and family.

J. W. Bramhall returned the latter part of last week from Jayton where he had been several days doing sign work. Bram is an expert sign painter and when high class sign work is wanted Bram's services are in demand.

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### FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

#### 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.

W. O. W. meets every Saturday night in each month, Fred Hsiey Clerk, Emmett Lee C. C.

I. O. O. F. Meets every Monday. T. A. Tidwell N. G. Emmitt Lee Sec.

M. W. A. meets every Thursday night. J. L. Hearn, C.; H. R. Stephens, Clerk.

Praetorians meet every Friday night of each month. J. E. Shelton, S. A.; C. C. Tyler, Recorder.

K. of P. meets every Tuesday night. J. E. Shelton, C. C.; E. J. Cowan, R. of R. S.

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

### DON'T YOU HATE ADVICE

Advice is the freest thing in the world, and anything that is cheap and plentiful is never appreciated. Especially does a farmer yawn when he sees some advice coming his way. However, here is some advice, which we have clipped from "The Truck Farmer," and we want every one of our farmer friends to read it:

"My advice to Texas farmers is: Till less land and make it produce more than the larger acreage, work to a plan as far as possible, eliminate waste, use by-products, know your soils, and where to plant deep and shallow rooted crops of various kinds.

"Do not raise, any further than can possibly be avoided, one crop with which to purchase another, but, as far as land, climate and other conditions will permit, produce everything needed on the farm, and, in addition, money crops and live stock, the proceeds of which can be deposited in a bank. Engage in dairying and other side lines as far as practicable, have a good orchard, plant nut trees, have an excellent berry patch, have a first-class kitchen garden, raise poultry for home consumption market, keep as many stands of bees as can be properly cared for—in order to get the honey, and have the benefit of the bees as pollenizing agents, practice seed selection, and use only the best seed procurable, conserve soil moisture, employ irrigation wherever practicable—even in the humid region—as an aid. "Raise plenty of forage crops,

feed them to stock and spread on and work into the soil the manure. Put back into the land more fertility than you take out of it, and, as one of the means to that end, include in your rotation the growing of legumes. Use the best farm machinery, implements, vehicles and draft animals that your means will permit you to purchase. Add every year all the permanent improvements to your place that you can. Make every edge cut for profit. Secure, read, digest and apply the latest and best knowledge contained in agricultural bulletins and agricultural journals."

### TAP TELLINGS

Weather conditions the past week has been such as to hasten the maturity of crops. Cotton is opening and picking will soon begin.

C. M. Overman and family returned last week from Norton where they have been visiting relatives the past two weeks.

W. L. Wright and wife left the latter part of last week for Wingate to spend a few days with Mr. Wright's parents and other relatives.

Mrs. C. J. Smith returned home Saturday from Eastland county where she had been the past ten days visiting her mother.

C. M. Morris and family left Sunday for their former home in Comanche to spend a few days with kinfolks.

Wm. Overman, of near Winters is here visiting his brother Charles, and prospecting as well. W. A. Copeland is visiting his

old home and friends in Comanche county this week.

Wallace Hinson came home a few days ago from a visit to his former home in Runnels county.

Mrs. E. C. Boone, of Roscoe, who was visiting her daughter here, Mrs. C. W. Hinson, was called home Tuesday by telegram to be at the bedside of a son who is seriously ill.

Rev. J. N. Billberry passed through first of the week enroute to the Verbena meeting. J. M. Rankin is doing the preaching.

Ed Fuqua and family are attending the big camp meeting at Verbena this week.

John W. Holt and family, of Wheeler, arrived Sunday and will visit Mrs. Holt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sparks for several days.

James and Newton Hinson who have been here on an extended visit left first of the week for their home at Crews.

J. A. Hinson and family of Soldier Mound are in our midst this week the guests of F. L. Allcorn.

L. S. Scott, T. S. Lambert and J. E. Sparks made a flying trip to Dickens Monday on road business.

We note in last issue of the Texas Spur a correction by Mr. Rucker of a statement we made some time since. We confess that we were [misinformed as to the true state of affairs and gladly accept the correction and beg to offer any necessary apologies to Mr. Rucker. Since our acquaintance with Mr. Rucker we have always regarded him as

pect and did not mean to cast any reflections on his good character. We take it all back and wish we had said more to take back.

Gadabout.

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## CAMP MEETING

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Miss Jessie Snyder and A. J. Tyler visited Sunday in Dickens.

Accident Insurance. See E. J. Cowan. 1t

J. F. Vernon made a business trip to Haskell where he spent several days.

Miss Louise Rich of Jacksboro, is in the city visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller.

Lost—Saturday night, Roman Gold Bracelet Amethyst Setting. Reward for its return to Mrs. G. M. Bachelor

Mrs. Jno. H. Reagan, of Palestine, is in the city visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan.

W. F. Jennings made a business trip Wednesday to Jayton, returning the latter part of the week.

C. D. Copeland returned Saturday from a trip to Waco, Mart and other points where he spent several days.

Milt Trout, a prominent citizen of several miles east of Spur was in the city one day this week.

Mrs. Oran McClure and children are spending a week or two with relatives in Cross Plains and Putnam.

Misses Kate and Ruby Davis, of Haskell, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon.

Miss Jessie Snyder, of Winters, is in the city the guest of her sister, Miss Snyder of the Standifer Sanitarium.

J. P. Simmons and wife and Mr. Walker and wife spent Sunday at Crow Springs and report a most enjoyable day.

W. S. Campbell returned Monday from Galveston where he spent a week or ten days on pleasure.

Mrs. R. B. Bryant returned Thursday from Stamford where she has been spending some time with relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children returned Thursday from Stamford where they have been visiting during the past week.

Mrs. Barrow, of Garza county, came to Spur the first of the week for an operation for appendicitis and is now in the Standifer Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Campbell, of Rotan, spent several days this week in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Funk, returning home Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Neely and daughters returned Thursday from Comanche where they have been spending several weeks with relatives and friends.

Mayor Link left Wednesday for Saint Louis and other Eastern markets to buy goods for the several stores of the Bryant-Link Company.

Sol Davis returned Tuesday from Dallas where he had been spending the week buying goods for his mercantile business in Spur.

### I Have Just Received

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W. A. Johnson, Spur, Tex

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Letters remaining in the post office for the week ending August 16: H. W. Adams, John Dyer, Jack Dyer, T. J. Edleman, Orel Fuller, Bruce Wilson. Ladies List: Mrs. F. M. Adams, Mrs. L. D. Boren, Mrs. S. H. Hatcher, Miss Bob Hogan, Miss Gladys Hogan, Miss Waldeen Hogan, Mrs. Hunter Jamison.

When calling for these letters please say advertised. N. A. Baker, P. M.

### EPWORTH PROGRAM

The young people of the Epworth League will give an open program at the Methodist Tabernacle Sunday night to which every one is cordially invited. The following is the program for the occasion:

Subject: The call to service and the response, Leader, Arthur Poole. Organ Prelude, Mrs. Bachelor. Song, All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, by congregation. Prayer. Scripture lesson, by leader. Scripture references and Comments. Solo, Miss Laws. Address, The place of the League in the church, C. C. Tyler. Duett. Address, The League at work in its Several Departments, Prof. S. W. Adams. Quartette. Announcements. Song by congregation. League benediction.

## PROGRAM

Picnic and Barbecue

**FIRST DAY:** Opening Address 9 a. m. Hon. B. D. Glasgow of Spur. Responding Address, Hon. Homer D. Wade, Stamford

10:30 a. m. Foot Race 100 yards all to winner \$5.00.

11.15 a. m. Horse Race 1-4 mile \$2.50 entrance \$20.00 added purse, winner take entire prize.

12, Noon, Basket Dinner. 2:45 Vandiville Show.

4 p. m. Ball game, Spur vs. Munday. 8 p. m. Band Concert and Vandiville.

## SECOND DAY

Ball Game 9 a. m. Spur vs. Munday. 11:30 Sack Race, boys between age 10 and 15, purse \$2.50. 12, Noon, Barbecue free to all. 1:30 p. m. Vandiville Performance. 2:45 Tournament Race, \$2.50 entrance, \$5.00 added purse, winner take stakes. 4 p. m. Ball Game, Spur vs Munday. 8 p. m. Band Concert and Vandiville.

During intermission we will inaugurate other attractions, including baloon assension. Come one and all and help to make This Our Frst barbecue and social gatering a permanent success. Entertaining Committee: E. C. Edmonds, C. W. Lowery, Prof. S. W. Adams.



THE CHESTNUT BLIGHT.

The chestnut tree blight is to be thoroughly investigated. Pennsylvania has created a commission for this purpose, and the legislature has appropriated \$250,000 to fight this new disease, which threatens to destroy every chestnut tree in the state. Thus far no remedy has been discovered, but something of its nature has been learned. It is a bark blight, a fungus, and its spores are very light, and are carried by the wind, by birds and by insects to great distances, says the New York News. It first attacks the small branches and young trees, but later settles upon the sturdiest and hardest of the chestnut groves. And no tree that has been attacked since the disease was first noticed in Forest Park, Brooklyn, several years ago, has been saved. No less than 17,000 chestnut trees have been killed in that one park. So rapid has been the spread of the disease that the government is making investigations, in the hope of finding a remedy to prevent its further extension. Great quantities of these beautiful and useful trees have already been destroyed in New Jersey, but no energetic measures have been taken to check its progress, though local and state foresters are giving it their most careful and intelligent study. It will involve many millions of dollars' worth of lumber, to say nothing of ornamental and shade trees if no cure is found for the chestnut tree fungus.

In a recent issue of the National Geographic Magazine Mr. Wells Cook of the United States Biological survey, has presented an interesting study of bird migration. In his article he tells us that the cliff swallows which nest in Nova Scotia leave the Gulf Coast of Mexico about March 10 and arrive at their destination two months later, on May 10. Most of the birds that spend the winter in Central or South America, he says, take the direct route across the Gulf instead of going via Texas or by way of Florida, Cuba or Yucatan, and this aerial journey means a single flight of from 800 to 700 miles with no alighting place.

Sales of stock on the New York exchange during the past half-year amounted to 54,000,000 shares, which is only about one-half the volume of transactions during the same time in the three previous years, and much less than half that of the same months in 1907, 1906 and 1905. To find as dull a period for speculation we must go back to 1904. Sales of bonds, however, were exceptionally large. There was thus plenty of capital seeking solid or debt investment; and very little capital disposed to speculate or assume the risks of ownership investment. It has been a time of exceptional, even extraordinary, timidity on the part of capital.

Of 1,038 cities answering questions on the subject of child hygiene propounded by the Russell Sage Foundation 51 report that their school room floors are never washed, and seven that no provision is made for the washing of school room windows. The old saying that cleanliness is next to godliness would seem to suggest the notion that schools where the windows are never washed might deserve classification as "godless schools."

Speaking of the grant of a pension of £100 to Joseph Conrad, the English author, the New York Evening Post says "that he should stand in need of a government subsidy would be almost incredible if it were not for the striking difference between the pursuit of literature in this country and that in England. With us a man makes his mark and grows wealthy, or falls and stops writing books." To most of us it seemed the other way; most of those Americans who do not make their mark keep on writing books.

A New Yorker writes to his favorite newspaper to say that for years he has had all soiled bills that came into his possession washed before placing them in his purse. Dipping them in naphtha or gasoline, he says, will cleanse them perfectly, and when these are not conveniently at hand soap and water will do the work satisfactorily. What a nice man he must be!



Capital to Lead in High Prices War



WASHINGTON.—The high cost of living is becoming a live topic again. Much of the mail that comes to members of congress daily deals with the subject. Constituents of senators and representatives are saying that if the legislative body can do anything to bring prices of the necessities of life down, it ought to do it. Among public men there is very general agreement that the topic will be to the front in the presidential campaign next year.

James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has come forward with the suggestion that every large municipality ought to take up the cost of living problem. He thinks the problem of reducing the cost of living is one that must be settled by municipalities. Federal legislation can, he declares, at best do but little toward bringing prices down.

The secretary is trying to persuade the leading citizens of the national

capital to get in behind an inquiry here as to why things people have to buy are so high. He has a notion that if Washington would conduct an investigation that resulted in obtaining cheaper food for the people, other cities would soon become interested.

Secretary Wilson suggests that President Taft appoint a commission to study the situation here at the national capital. The president has indicated that he is willing to carry out the suggestion of his secretary of agriculture if the people of Washington would indicate that they really want such an investigation made.

"One of the most pitiful things of modern times," said Secretary Wilson, "is the manner in which the poor of the large cities are beaten down by the prices which prevail at this time. The prices are such that no man working for ordinary wages can meet them."

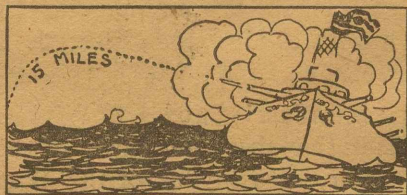
"The farmer does not get half the price the consumer pays. Many persons are inclined to place the blame for high prices on the farmers, but as a matter of fact the farmers are not benefited by the high prices. A few middlemen, selected individuals, who step in between the farmer and the consumer, are the persons who reap the benefit."

Huge Guns Will Shoot Fifteen Miles

THINK of a gun which will hurl a 1,400-pound projectile through nine inches of the best face-hardened steel 15 miles away from where it is fired! This is what Uncle Sam's new 14-inch guns will do. They will shoot beyond the horizon. In other words, the range of the monsters with which the two new battleships, New York and Texas, will be equipped is greater than it is possible to see a target the size of a ship of the Delaware type. Under the most favorable conditions not even the tall masts of the Delaware could be seen from a ship of the same size 15 miles away. And the new 14-inch gun is effective at that range.

The navy department has just completed a successful test of the gun and work will go forward at once in the Washington factory to make the 20 huge weapons needed for the two vessels.

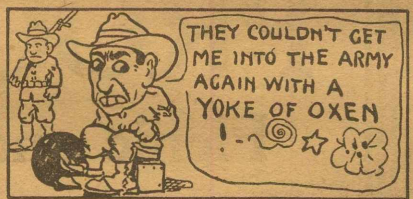
The recent tests made with the naval service 12-inch gun on the old



battleship Texas in Chesapeake bay showed that the efficiency of the gun-makers had reached a high state. These 12-inch guns literally made a sieve of the Texas at a range of 12,000 yards, or six miles. It was the longest range at which actual shooting had ever been done. Eight to ten miles is about the maximum for these guns.

The new 14-inch gun's weight is 63.6 tons. The diameter at the breech or butt is 47 inches and at the muzzle 24 inches. The cost of one gun and breech is \$74,770. The carriage upon which the gun will be mounted in the turret of the vessel will cost \$50,000.

Army Regulations Are Being Modified



ARMY regulations are being changed for the benefit of the enlisted man. The old rules which have added to the hardships of the common soldier are being modified to keep pace with modern ideas of humanity and justice, and, in the course of a short time, it is hoped that conditions will be so far improved that desertions will be practically unknown and reenlistment will be general. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, is working out the proposed changes and his efforts have the sympathy of President Taft, who ever since his administration as secretary of war has been interested in the enlisted men.

As long as the ancient regulations

continued in force, both President Taft and General Wood agreed, little real amelioration of the soldier's condition could be brought about. As long as young soldiers were sent to jail and herded with criminals for trivial offenses, they believe, the army would continue to be shunned by a large class of desirable men who would otherwise be inclined to enter the service.

One of the first reforms to be inaugurated was that of the sentences administered for slight infractions of army law. The most common of these offenses now, as it has been for many generations, is desertion, and most of the desertions are unintentional.

Under the new system the punishment for mild cases of desertion is merely a deprivation of leave, extra work or the cutting off of special allowances. The guardhouse is only to be used for real offenders and the military prison for hardened criminals.

The Progress of Our Game Protection

THE report of Dr. T. S. Palmer of the government's biological survey on "The Progress of Game Protection" is an exceedingly interesting document. It bears every evidence of careful study of conditions. Nothing is set down which in any way can be attributed to guesswork. It can be accepted as accurate and authentic. Doctor Palmer is known to scientists as a man of method with an innate love of the subject of which he is making a life study.

Deer, moose, elk and other big game of pronounced economic value are increasing in numbers. With the awakened interest in their protection and with the constant improvement in laws intended to save useful species there are sound reasons for the belief that future generations of Americans will know the animals that man today knows, and that legitimate sport will be possible in the years to come. The movement for the conservation of the natural resources of the country takes full heed of the



necessity for the preservation of the wild birds and mammals.

Some few species of big game perhaps are bound to disappear, or to survive only in a semi-domesticated state. Animals which live in the cover a part or a whole of the time will survive as long as law is enforced and forests continue to grow.

The government has control only of such game animals as are to be found in the territory directly under federal rule. Notwithstanding this limited authority the additional protector given the wild life in recent years by the several states is due largely to the efforts of the officials of the United States biological survey.

CARTER'S PROXY

By W. C. SHERLOCK

"Don't be so frivolous, Tag, I'm in no humor today for a romp."

Tag, in obedience to his master's command, sat down on his haunches and fixed one brown eye on Carter's troubled face while the other eye kept strict watch on the movements of Tabby, who was enjoying a sun-bath on the window-sill. Tag and Tabby were sworn enemies during the day, each ever on the alert to resent any injury, real or fanciful, that might occur to either through the agency of the other, but when the shades of night fell, hostilities ceased and the two slept side by side in Tag's kennel.

Carter, meanwhile, filled and lighted his pipe and meditatively watched the smoke that arose. "I don't know what to do, Tag," he resumed slowly; "I'm in love with Helen Granger and I believe, or am trying to believe, that she loves me. I want to find out, but I can't do that until I tell her all about it. A girl doesn't let a man know she loves him until she is certain he loves her."

Tag gave a sharp, ominous bark at Tabby, who had manifested some signs of changing her position, but Carter, more intent upon his own affairs, construed it as a reply.

"That is true, Tag," he assented gravely. "You are wise if you are only a dog. The proper thing to do is to tell Helen that I love her and find out the rest, but, Tag, therein lies the trouble. She will listen to me when I talk about anything under the sun except love."

The terrier bowed his head and scratched the floor with his right fore-paw vigorously and Carter regarded the actions as an answer to his question. "No, no, Tag; writing won't do," he declared with conviction.

Tag, however, was too intent upon his daily feud with Tabby to take further interest in his master's love affairs. Tabby had risen from the window-sill, and, with arched back and gleaming eyes, was bidding defiance to her enemy. Tag rushed wildly to accept the challenge, but the cat, with one swift spring, landed on the big horn of the graphophone and from that secure position breathed continued defiance in several ominous snarls. The situation gave Carter an idea.

"I have it!" he exclaimed joyfully. "It's just the thing! Helen has a graphophone just like mine. I'll tell my tale of love into a blank record and send it to her with instructions not to set it off until she is alone. I've sent her many records before and I'm sure she will listen attentively to it."

It was easier to plan than it was to execute. Difficult as he had found it to confess his love to Helen in person, he found it harder still to shout his avowal into an uninterested machine. It was hard enough to select the proper words but more difficult to pitch his voice to the correct lover-like tone. Record after record was tried and discarded for one fault or another, but at last Carter felt he had done the best he could under the circumstances, although he was far from satisfied with his production.

Testing his waxen proxy once more to make sure that it fully conveyed what he wished to say, Carter carefully placed it in a box and marked upon the outside the instructions that it must not be used except when Helen was alone. The precious little packet was then tied up in a paper and placed upon the table, while Carter left the room to obtain a trustworthy messenger to carry the packet to its destination.

Tabby, not content with carrying on a wordy warfare, descended from the horn and engaged in open conflict with her enemy. The skirmish was sharp but brief, and Tabby, retiring in confusion, sprang upon the table to escape the onslaught of the now infuriated Tag. As she did so, the little parcel that Carter had prepared so carefully rolled to the floor.

The sound of the battle attracted the attention of the servant who rushed into the room and, after picking up the parcel that bore the name of Helen Granger, drove the belligerents out of the house just as Carter reappeared with a messenger boy. The latter, after receiving numerous admonitions and instructions, departed with the all-important parcel and Carter, with a sigh of relief, resumed his pipe.

For more than an hour he paced up and down his room, impatiently smoking and watching the slow progress of the hands of the little clock that ticked so monotonously on the mantelpiece. All sorts of possibilities arose in his mind. Perhaps she was sick; perhaps she was out; perhaps the record had been broken, or perhaps someone else had received it and had listened to his tale of love? At the last thought, the young man's face reddened and his lips compressed

tightly; if that had happened, it would bring ridicule upon him that would be hard to bear. His fears were set at rest, however, by the return of the messenger boy, bearing a parcel addressed to Carter in Helen's own handwriting.

Hastily but carefully tearing off the wrapper, Carter found that she had sent him a record in reply to his own. A minute later he placed it on his graphophone and waited in hope and fear for the words she had spoken. They came, slowly and distinctly:

"Mr. Carter: I think you are right, Helen Granger."

"Well, what do you think of that Tag?" demanded Carter wrathfully turning to the terrier, who had managed to elude the vigilance of the servant and creep once more into his master's den. "She says she thinks I am right. Right in what? Right in loving her, right in proposing to her, right in telling her of my love in this way, or right in supposing I'm the biggest fool who ever lived? This is too much, Tag. I'm going to her house and stay there until I find out what it means if I have to stay there a week. This thing must be settled."

A few minutes later Carter reached the Granger home. Helen was not in, so he decided to await her return. In the drawing room he pondered over the turn affairs had taken and strove to find a solution of the enigmatical reply he had received. It was all in vain, however; he could conjure no hope or reason from Helen's words. As he walked up and down the room, in his agitation, he happened to notice his avowal of love in record form lying on a table near Helen's graphophone. He picked it up and gazed at it as if it could afford some solution of the problem. There was nothing in its appearance to help him, so he placed it upon the graphophone, and started the machine.

A moment of silence followed, then the steady clicking of the needle as it worked its way over the blank part of the record, and the words began to come.

"My dear Helen: I have tried to love you, but I cannot do so. I know that you love me, but I cannot reciprocate. Do not entertain any false hopes; it is best for us to part. Yours sincerely, Tom Carter."

With an exclamation of horror, Carter took the record and examined it carefully. He found several minute cracks in the cylinder-shaped object and understood it all. The record had been dropped and cracked, probably by the messenger boy; the cracked portions gave forth no coherent sound as the needle passed over them. His ardent avowal of love had been changed to sound like a rejection of Helen's protestation of affection. What could he do to repair the damage, to set himself right in the eyes of the woman he loved? If only he had a blank record, he might substitute it for the broken one and she would understand when she set it off at his request.

He searched the drawing-room and found what he wanted. A moment later he adjusted the graphophone and was reiterating his confession of love into the new record. Twice he tried it, to make sure it was right, and then he placed it in the box, slipping the cracked record into his pocket.

Scarcely had he finished when the door opened and Helen entered, flushed from her brisk walk. Her face was grave and her manner frigid as she greeted her visitor, but a roguish twinkle lurked in the depths of her eyes.

"Helen, I don't understand your reply to my letter," he began somewhat nervously. "In what way do you think I am right?"

"I think it was a most fitting reply to what you said, Mr. Carter," she declared quietly. "Just listen to what you said and I am sure you will undoubtedly agree with me." Picking up the record she placed it on the graphophone.

They both listened eagerly, one in hope, the other with difficulty maintaining her gravity, as the words resounded through the room:

"My dear Helen: I have tried to tell you how much I love you but I cannot do so. I know that it is presumptuous in me to think that you love me, but I hope and pray that you do not feel you cannot reciprocate my affection. Do not let me entertain any false hopes; if you do not love me, it is best for us to part. Yours sincerely, Tom Carter."

"Now, Helen," Carter asked as he stopped the graphophone, "do you think you sent me the right answer to my message?"

"I do, indeed, Tom," she replied slowly, suffering him to hold the hand he had taken, "I think you are right—to love me, don't you?"



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Chief among the qualities of a good road is that of durability, and durability can be assured only by first-class work in construction and by ceaseless vigilance in maintaining the road in perfect condition. It goes without saying that the highways of America, considered as a whole, are not to be compared with those of the older European countries. After a motor tour through Europe, the returning American becomes painfully aware of the fact that in this most important matter, his country, even if we allow for its comparative youthfulness, is many decades behind the stage of development to which its wealth and enterprise should have carried it long ago. Although we say this with full appreciation of the fact that some of our states, and notably New Jersey and Massachusetts, have done effective work in building up a system of highways, the fact remains that, taken as a whole, the United States has not done much more in this matter of good roads than make a beginning—the work has yet to be done.

It is not that we have been parsimonious in the matter of appropriations. Had the money which has been voted by legislatures and county boards, and the enormous amount of work which has been done under the assessment method, been expended wisely in the first place, and followed up by intelligent methods of maintenance and repair—in other words, had we built our roads and cared for them as they build and maintain

them in Europe, we do not hesitate to say that for the money and energy expended, our roads would have been in at least one hundred per cent better condition than they are today.

The fundamental requirements of a good road are an ample foundation and good drainage. Without these, the most carefully leveled and smoothly rolled top surface is nothing more than a delusion and a snare. Furthermore, a road which has been built with deep foundations,

good drainage, and an ample depth of suitable top dressing—unless it be watched and tended with the most solicitous attention—will go to pieces only a little less rapidly than the cheap product of the scraper and horse roller.

We have long believed that in those districts where scarcity of travel and financial inability to provide the necessary funds prohibit the construction of a first-class macadam road, it would be better to invest the time and

money in constructing short sections of durable road, leaving the traffic to fight it out with "chuck-holes," deep ruts and mud over the balance of the highway during the winter months. The endurance of a few years of discomfort would be repaid by the ultimate possession of a permanent first-class highway. Moreover, the use of oil or some other of the many excellent "binders" that are now available would make it possible to maintain the unimproved roadway in as good, if not better condition than that of the old scraper and roller highway, which invariably went to pieces after the first two or three frosts and rains of the winter.

In districts where financial condition and the amount of traffic has warranted the construction of expensive roads, millions of dollars have been thrown away because of the absolutely absurd system of maintenance (if it can be called such) which has been followed. There is no method of construction upon which eternal vigilance is so necessary as on that of the modern macadam highway. This has long been recognized in Europe, where the highways are divided into comparatively short sections each of which is controlled by a section gang, provided with a supply of broken rock, gravel, sand or other road mending material, conveniently distributed in piles along the roadway. Each member of the gang has his wheelbarrow, pick and shovel and as soon as the slightest indication of breakdown, such as a

of France with the eagles of the crags. I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and at Austerlitz. I saw him in Russia, when the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipzig in defeat and disaster—driven by a million bayonets back upon Paris—clutched like a wild beast—banished at Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the frightful field of Waterloo, where chance and fate combined to wrench the fortunes of their former king.

growing purple in the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant, with my wife by my side knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knees and their arms about me, I would rather have been this peasant and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial personation of force and murder, known as "Napoleon the Great."

**Don't Believe All You Hear.**

No one is more profoundly pitied than he who believes every evil thing reported of his neighbor. Such a disposition may be termed cancer of the heart and eats out all charity, mercy and faith in its kind. We are dependent upon each other for life, and for all happiness in the world. And life is a dreary, dark dungeon to those who lose faith in humanity. There are frailties enough in human hearts but the world holds millions of men today who would die for honor and whose word is as sure as life. Millions of pure women worthy of love and esteem live in our country, rear their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and who will some day pass through the pearly gates and he who sees evil in innocent actions and imputes wicked motives to others is a hyena, unworthy the name of man. This custom of believing every evil report is so common that the most notorious black-guard in the community holds the power to tarnish the name of the purest woman living place upon it a smirch never to be effected. No weakness is productive of so much harm as that of credulity in reference to slander, being responsible for more broken hearts than any other sin. If you want to be kind or merciful as you would obtain mercy, hold fast to that faith in the integrity and purity of your neighbor.—Vernon Call.

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rut or hollow, is detected, repairs are made before the damage can proceed any further. A century of experience has proved that this is the only way in which a road can be maintained always in absolute first-class condition, never was the truth of the old adage "A stitch in time saves nine" more strikingly true than in this matter of upkeep of public thoroughfares.—Exchange.

**INGERSOL AT NAPOLEON'S TOMB**

A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a deity dead—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of rare and nameless marble, at last the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon. I saw him putting down the mob in Paris. I saw him at the head of the army in Italy. I saw him crossing the bridges at Lodi with the tricolor in his hand. I saw him in Egypt, in the shadows of the pyramids. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles

And I saw him at St. Helena, with his hands crossed behind him, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the widows and orphans he had made, of the tears that had been shed for his glory and of the only woman who ever loved him punched from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes, I would rather have lived in a hut with a vine growing over the door, and the grapes

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J. W. Hext, of the Afton community and one of our most prominent and substantial farmers, was in the city one day last week marketing onions. Mr. Hext stated that he had planted one third acre of onions and would realize about 1,200 pounds from same. He has a ready market for them at 31-2 cents per pound which will net him \$40. This is another demonstration that the Spur country will produce anything when given the proper attention.

### TURN BACKWARD

Backward, turn backward, oh time in your flight, feed me on gruel again for tonight. I am so weary of soleleather steak, petrified biscuit and vulcanized cake, oysters that sleep in their watery bath and butter as strong as Goliath of Gath; weary for paying for what I can't eat, chewing up rubbish and calling it meat: Backward, turn backward, how weary I am, give me a swipe at my grandmother's jam; let me drink milk that hasn't been skimmed, let me eat butter whose whiskers are trimmed; let me once more have an old fashioned pie and then I'll be willing to curl up and die.—Swiped.

LOST. One engraved silver belt-pin, on the Spur and Dickens road. Finder please return to Emma Buchanan, Dickens Texas.

### SERIOUSLY INJURED

Tuesday Dud Martin and his brother who is here from eastern Texas visiting were out riding over the range in the Spur pasture when the horse which his brother was riding became frightened and pitched him off with the result of brain concussion. Mr. Martin at this time is in a serious condition and not expected to recover. He was brought in immediately to the Standifer Sanitarium for treatment. It is hoped that the injuries will not prove as serious as is now considered and that Mr. Martin will soon be able to get out again.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city the first of the week and says everything is moving along o. k. in the Cat Fish country.

Luther Hindman is drilling wells this week in the north part of the county.

### SECURING EXHIBITS OF FARM PRODUCTS

Jeff D. Reagan left Monday for the Afton country and other sections of Dickens county to secure farm exhibits for the exhibition hall to be had here during the picnic. It is planned to have an exhibit of the farm products of this territory to show to those who attend the picnic from a distance and in the hope of convincing the possible doubters that the Spur country and Dickens county will produce in abundance and excel by no other section in variety and quality. Come to the Spur picnic, August 23rd and 24th.

Baxter Scoggin was in the city Tuesday shaking hands with his friends. He reports everything in good shape on his ranch several miles southeast of Spur.

### PLEASED WITH COUNTRY

J. A. Davis, of Sour Lake, is here visiting J. Anderson Davis and family at their home several miles northeast of Spur. Messrs. Davis were in Spur Monday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Davis was very much pleased with Spur and the Spur country and said that he might later come out and make his home here.

J. C. McNeill, of twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here.

Deputy Sheriff Anderton returned the first of the week from Oklahoma where he had been to secure a prisoner.

Mr. Thomas, a traveling hardware salesman, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday looking after the trade here and at Dickens.

### APPROPRIATION FOR EXPERIMENTAL WORK

C. A. Jones returned recently from College Station where he attended the Farmers Congress meeting. Mr. Jones was one of a committee appointed to secure an appropriation of five thousand dollars for experimental farm stations in Western Texas from the state, and he reports that the appropriation will probably be granted by the legislature now in session. There is no question but that the experimental stations of Western Texas need a larger capital with which to carry out more satisfactorily and advantageously the demonstration work of experimental farms now located in this and other sections of the country. Agricultural education is one of the greatest needs of the times and the country, and five thousand dollars expended to this end through the Spur Experimental Farm will result not only in encouraging more scientific methods of farming but will benefit the country and the state a thousand fold more than the amount invested in such work.

T. J. Harrison and wife, of the north part of the county, were in the city Tuesday visiting friends and trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Harrison reports everything in fine shape in his country, crops doing nicely and farmers all snugly present prospects.

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