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## LAND IS FERTILIZED BY GRAZING HOGS

A few years ago it was the prevailing idea that hog farming or the exclusive feeding of hogs was a sure method of robbing the soil of its fertility, and by the old method of handling hogs that was true. The farmer then raised his own corn, and fed it to the hogs in a dry lot or pen, thus hauling the fertility from the fields and piling it up in a pen where it was allowed to remain. There is no surer way to run the farm down than this. It does not take long to rob the soil of its fertility when corn is grown on it exclusively, and nothing returned to the field in the form of humus or organic matter.

But by the more improved methods hog farming does not rob the soil of its fertility. On the contrary, it is one of the quickest and surest of any of the methods of building up the soil. Instead of hauling everything from the field and putting it in a pen, everything is fed on the field that produces it. Less corn and more forage makes economical gains on hogs. Rape and clover sown at the rate of an acre for eight to ten hogs, to be used for summer pasture, makes excellent growth, and will last until the corn is past the milk stage.

One-half the corn field to be hogged down is planted to cowpeas (put in at corn planting time), the other half sown to rape at last plowing of the corn. The reason for putting one-half the field in cowpeas, the other half in rape is that the cowpeas are ruined by the first frost, while the rape will be available until real cold weather, since it is not injured by frosts.

The hogs should not be given the whole field, but should be confined to a small portion of the corn and cowpeas at a time, by means of a temporary fence, which can be made by fastening ordinary field wire to temporary posts driven in the ground ten or fifteen feet apart. They should have all this eaten by the time of the first frost, after which they should be given a small portion of corn and rape. By the time the corn and rape are eaten, the hogs should be ready for the market.

The superiority of this method over the old is quite easy seen. In the first place it permits of the growing of two crops on a field each year, both of which are eaten by the hogs without having to be harvested by the farmer. Cowpeas are especially valuable as a fertilizer, since it is one of the heaviest producers of nitrogen of any of the legume crops. The rape, which is a very heavy producer of organic matter, is eaten on the ground, and is almost equal to a coat of humus. The corn, when fed with forage, is much more efficient, and greater gains can be obtained than on corn alone. Therefore, this method of hog farming is not only an increaser of soil fertility, but is also the cheapest, easiest and most economical method of feeding hogs. —Fort Worth Star-Telegram (Hog Department).

## "THREBLED IN VALUE"

Our boosters may boost Texas and tell of the wonderful possibilities of the Lone Star State, our poets may sing of the glories of the grand old commonwealth, but when we want to get down to rock bottom facts; facts upon which to base calculations where dollars and cents are concerned, we hunt up Uncle Sam's statistics. The federal government has just issued a bulletin on Texas agriculture, which contains the following sentence: "During the decade (1900-1910) the average value of land per acre increased from \$4.70 to \$14.53, or more than threbled."

To the man with money to invest, this simple sentence speaks in louder and more convincing tones than the megaphone voice of the booster and the siren songs of the sweetest singer.

Jim McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city the latter part of last week.

Chas. Windham and wife of the north part of the county, were in Spur trading Saturday.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Tuesday on business and spent several hours here.

Miss Fite, who is teaching school in the north part of the county, came in and spent Sunday with her mother and other relatives.

Roy Zinn is having the Lyric Theatre transformed into a cold drink stand in connection with the theatre business. When complete this will be one of the nicest and most inviting stands of the city.

## GROWING PLENTY GRAIN RAISING FAT HOGS

Judge McClain was in Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and reports crop prospects as fine as could be wished for at this time and since the rains. However, the Judge says that the recent freeze bit off his wheat crop and delayed it considerably. He is devoting a considerable portion of his acreage this year to small grain and feed and says that he intends to have fat hogs, cattle and horses. The Judge lives in Kent county and reports that he hears very little politics in his section at this time, notwithstanding there is an interesting campaign on in that county, especially with reference to the race for sheriff since there are three candidates for that office, all of whom are prominent men.

Mrs. Fite's daughter and son, of Fort Worth, are here on an extended visit.

Come to Baptist church Sunday. A good sermon and special music. Come. It.

J. N. Rhodes, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in Tuesday and spent some time here on business.

Rev. J. V. Billberry, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday on business and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Frank Owens and children arrived this week from Abilene and have again established their residence in Spur, Mr. Owens being employed in the Sol Davis store as book-keeper.

## WILL BUILD CHURCH ON CROP

The Presbyterian congregation at this place have leased 125 acres of land seven miles southeast of here and are going to put it in flax and feedstuff, the proceeds to go to the building fund of the church. Nearly enough money has been subscribed to finance the undertaking and the work of breaking the ground has begun.

This is truly a novel scheme for raising money to build a church, but, nevertheless, we know of no better and safer plan. The pastor, Rev. Bone, has charge of the work and we feel sure they will have their church building under construction by this date 1913. —Hale Center Live-Wire.

C. D. Copeland and son came in Tuesday from his place several miles east of Spur.

Dr. Morris was operated upon last week at the Standifer Hospital for appendicitis and is now reported doing nicely.

Berry Pursley came up Tuesday and spent several days in the city looking after his business interests here.

Mrs. Morris, of Haskell, is in the city to be with her son, Dr. Morris, during his confinement at the Standifer Hospital as a result of an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittington left this week for Stamford where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Whittington has been employed here with the Brazelton-Pryor Company the past several months and will hold a similar position at Stamford.

## QUANAH, ACME & PACIFIC NOW BUILDING

Work has been resumed on the Quanah, Acme and Pacific railway, which now extends from Quanah to Paducah, Texas. A new extension of the road is being constructed, which will take it to Floydada, the county seat of Floyd county, about sixty miles beyond Paducah.

This road is a Frisco project, being, in fact, simply an extension of the Frisco's Oklahoman City-Quanah line on west of that place. It will be constructed finally to El Paso. The Frisco will then have a through direct line between Oklahoma City and the west Texas city, which will be the shortest road between them.

Every mile of the extension is simply that much more territory added to the Oklahoma City jobbing trade, and its completion to El Paso will give the city direct continuous new line to southwest for a distance of five hundred miles, through the most productive cattle territory in the world. The most important stop between Oklahoma City and El Paso on the new line will be Roswell, N. M. —Floyd County Hesperian.

Drs. Hale and Blackwell, of Dickens, had business in Spur last week and spent some time here.

J. J. Martin, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Mr. Allison, of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and reports everything looming up in the Soldier Mound neighborhood.

The K. P. Lodge had a supper Friday night as an entertainment for the membership and their families. An enjoyable occasion is reported.

T. J. Williams and family will move soon from the Central Rooming house to their home in the east part of the city. We understand that Wes Hisey will take charge of the rooming house in the future.

D. J. Dunn reports that a charming little red headed girl made her appearance at his home last Friday night, and as a result he is now wearing the broadest of smiles.

Ben Hagins, one of the oldest settlers and most successful farmers of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Tuesday on business and trading with the merchants.

Poet Hagins was in the city this week from his place several miles southeast of Spur and reports everything in his section in the very finest shape with respect to bumper crop prospects.

W. D. Blair, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week. Mr. Blair has just completed a new residence on his place and is now fixed to live more comfortably.

H. F. Murray left the latter part of the week for Scurry county where he will be engaged several days in doing concrete work in that section. Mr. Murray is one of the best concrete men of the country.

## A Business Proposition

A Sign Board in this paper is placed before thousands of readers while a sign board on the side of the road meets the view of only a limited number. A road sign will cost comparatively five times as much money as a sign in the paper, and yet fifty times more people will see the sign board in the paper as will see a sign board on the side of the road.

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## WOULD CONNECT DALLAS

Crosbyton and South Plains Line Is Planning an Extension East to Dallas.

The following appeared in the Dallas News of Sunday:

That Dallas can secure an extension of the Crosbyton and South Plains Railroad if it displays the proper interest in the statement of Julian M. Bassett, vice-president and general manager of the road, who was in Dallas yesterday.

The line runs from Lubbock to Crosbyton and Mr. Bassett said that a corps of surveyors is now in the field, working from Crosbyton east to Spur, with a view of making direct connection with Dallas and Fort Worth.

"The road is financed by P. L. Coonley and associates of Chicago," Mr. Bassett said, "Mr. Coonley is president of the road, they have ample financial backing to make the extensions and about all that is necessary is for them to be convinced that Dallas will welcome the road.

"We are also contemplating an extension of the road west from Lubbock in such a way as to open up a large territory that has not heretofore been tributary to the Dallas markets. Merchants there have been going to Kansas City and St. Louis."

## NEW HOPE

Rev. Zinn of Afton attended the fifth Sunday meeting Friday night.

Mr. Pool is now in New Mexico looking after his land which he has purchased.

Among those present Sunday at Midway from Afton were J. W. Hilton, Aubrey Loyd and Frank Yates.

D. C. Sparks, from Croton, was in our community several days and attended church while here.

R. C. Forbis and Will Stafford drove a car load of beef steers to Spur last week to be sold on the market.

Rev. T. F. Medlin preached at eleven o'clock at the Midway Baptist church. Occasion of the Fifth Sunday Meeting of the Dickens county Baptist Association. It is estimated that at this meeting there was the largest assemblage of people since the construction of the church. His subject was, "The Two Witnesses." His text was from Rev. 11-3, "And I will give power unto my two witnesses and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and three score days, in sack cloth." He also as a foundation for his theme read Zechariah the 4th Chapter. "Then answered I, and said unto him, what are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof? And I answered again and said unto him, what be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes, empty the golden oil out of themselves? And he answered me and said knowest thou what these be? And I said, no my Lord. Then he said these are the two anointed ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

G. W. and G. S. Dodson and families and Tib Harris have been visiting friends and relatives in Motley county.—Onion.

W. F. Walker was in the city Saturday from his place near Spur and reports everything in good shape.

## THE MORTGAGE AND WHAT IT IS

The mortgage is a self-supporting institution. It always holds its own. It calls for just as many dollars when things are dear as when they are cheap. It is not affected by the drouth or by hard times. It is not drowned out by the heavy frosts. Late springs and early frosts never trouble it, potato bugs do not disturb it. It grows nights, Sundays, rainy days and holidays. It brings a sure crop every year, and sometimes twice a year. It does not have to wait for the market to advance. It is not subject to the speculation of the bulls and the bears on the board of trade. Strikes don't bother it. It is a load that galls and frets and chafes. It is a burden that few can shake off. It is with him morning noon and night. It gets under the pillow when he sleeps. It rides upon his shoulder during the day.

It consumes his products. It selects the finest horses the fattest steers of the farmers.

It lives upon the finest fruit of the season. It stalks in the dairy and fakes the choicest butter. It shares children's beds and robs them entirely of their clothes. It stoops the tailor's back with its remorseless burden of care. It burdens the hands, benumbs the intellect, prematurely whitens his locks and often times sends him and his wife over the hill to the poor house or to an early grave. It is the inexorable task master. Its whip is as merciless and cruel as the lash of a slave driver. It is a menace to liberty, a hindrance to progress and a curse to the world. It never dies of its own accord, it lives even after you are dead. A mortgage is the death on man's throat and will in time choke its slave to death.—Exchange.

## NO PRIVATE FUNERALS

You may not credit the statement, but the time is coming when public funerals will not be. Instead, in obituary notices, one will see the line, "Interment private." This has become customary in many places East, but the custom will take some time to reach Texas, where it is the custom to mark one's standing in life by the size of the funeral after death. When you think of the sacredness of grief, after all does it not seem better to keep it as private as possible? Your grief is just as deep in the bosom of your family and in your own heart as if hundreds were present when its evidence could not but sadden.—Cleburne Enterprise.

No private funerals for the Southland. Possibly it might be better, but there is that about the Southern heart that both sympathizes and craves sympathy. In times of sorrow the presence of friends is a comfort, even though no word is spoken. In the East a coffin containing lifeless remains is taken from one room of a house while the piano plays ragtime music and the dance goes on in another. In the South such things are not and never can be because the Southern man or woman can never feel that his or her duty has been done until he or she has shared the sorrows of a friend. Honey Grove Signal.

## A GOOD JACK FOR SALE

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## TEXAS INDUSTRIAL NOTES

The maintenance of improved roads is of equal importance to their construction.

The prosperity of the farmer is the measure by means of which the progress of the country is determined.

Mr. F. S. Hastings of this city has been elected Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association to succeed Mr. H. J. Pettengill who recently resigned on account of his removal from the state.

When we think of the greatness of our country our minds revert to the farmer—the man behind the plow. He is the real sustaining power of the prosperity of the United States.

The planting of the flag of Norway at the south pole closes the age of land discovery on this planet, as it leaves no part of the earth's surface that has not been explored by civilized man. But the discoverers should not despair. There are boundless areas awaiting conquest in Texas. We have in this state vast continents of agriculture, new zones of trade and new planets of prosperity to be discovered, and we invite men of enterprise, dash and energy to sail the high seas of our possibilities, to colonize our opportunities, and give us a new world to live in. Texas needs discoverers.

## A SERIOUS PROPOSITION

Gray Draper recently hauled out lumber and other building material to his place west of Spur and we understand that he now has completed a big barn and crib and otherwise improving his place. His friends advise that the young ladies of the Dry Lake community hold themselves in readiness for a probable serious proposition which may come at any time.

## YOUR TOWN

No town, county or community will ever prosper, to any great extent, where there is a division of strife of any nature. People in town should strive to help each other, for by helping others you invariably help yourself. There is no man that cannot assist in the growth, prosperity and development of his town. However small his influence, it has its effect. Opposition is the life of trade and merit wins. No town will prosper and grow where a lack of enterprise on the part of its citizens is felt. The true motto of each and every citizen of a town is and should be to assist and help your neighbors, encourage business of all kinds, (don't fear any danger in gorging the market in this line,) do all you can and encourage all in making the town attractive and giving it a home-like appearance. When this is done people from a distance will form a good opinion of the place, and it will be an inducement for them to locate with us and become permanent and substantial citizens.—Ex.

## A SAD SIGHT

One of the saddest things in life is to see a man with many attainments burdened with financial troubles, while all about him are people with more money than they can spend, incapable of an uplifting thought and void of lofty sentiment. After all, we must believe that the blessings of life are fairly equally distributed, and no man has a monopoly of all the good things. Mental attainments are in themselves comforts and blessings, and wealth has its own reward.—J. R. Ransome, Jr., in Cleburne Enterprise.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen of a few miles west of town, was in Spur Saturday and reports everything in his community in the very finest shape.

## SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION

An election will be held Saturday for the election of five trustees for the schools at large of Dickens county. A law creating such an office was passed by the recent legislature, and as we understand it the duties of such trustees will be to superintend and classify the several schools of the county, or to superintend what grades shall be taught in the several schools.

One trustee from each commissioners precinct and one trustee at large is to be elected, thus giving each section of the county a representation in said office. There are no candidates for the office, therefore the voters of the county are at liberty to make an individual selection. The law requires, however, that those elected must be educated sufficiently to read and write and possess knowledge of school matters sufficiently to classify and grade schools.

## A SUPERIOR PRACTITIONER

Dr. Grace informs us that there has been considerable sickness in the town and country, mostly of colds, la grippe, pneumonia, fevers, mumps, measles, chicken pox, etc., and that during the past several weeks he has had more calls than he could answer. Those who knew Dr. Grace before coming to Spur, and even practitioners elsewhere say that he is one of the best informed physicians in all of Western Texas and among the ablest and most expert practitioners within the medical fraternity, and although he has been in Spur a short time his practice has demonstrated a superior ability and knowledge of medicines.

One span of mules, wagon and harness for sale. Fall time if desired. See Spur National Bank. 22-1f

(We do Job Printing.)

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I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. — C. H. Senning.

W. J. Clark, of north of Dickens and who is now employed by the Matador people in killing dogs on their lands, was in town Monday and hauled out a load of posts with which to build or repair fences.

G. H. Connell, a prominent citizen and banker of Fort Worth and also President of the First State Bank of Spur, was in the city last week and spent several days here on business and visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Sebe Lambert came in the first of this week from his place near Tap and reports that he and other farmers of that section are up with their farm work and are now ready for planting season. However, he says that the wind continues to blow in his section as well as elsewhere.

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**MRS. JOHN HOUSE KILLED**

On Thursday evening of last week, near Paducah, Mrs. John House was accidentally killed. Mrs. House is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Carryaway, of Peacock. Mr. Carryaway and son, Elvin, left Aspermont Friday morning for the scene of the tragedy. — Aspermont Star.

**METHODIST TABERNACLE**

Saturday night at eight p. m. Rev. Bonner, the Sunday School Man of the Northwest Texas Conference will conduct a Sunday School institute. All teachers and those interested in modern methods are invited.

On Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. there will be a mass meeting at the Methodist tabernacle on Sunday school work. Brother Bonner will preach Sunday morning and night. Everybody invited.

**OLD TIMER DEAD**

The Herald notes with sorrow the death of J. H. Hilton, which sad event occurred at his home in Jayton on Tuesday night. Uncle Johnny, as he was familiarly known, had been sick for some time, and was growing weaker, when he suffered an attack of pneumonia, which speedily proved fatal. He was among our old and respected citizens, and possessed many noble traits of character. To the bereaved relatives the Herald, together with our entire citizenship, extends sympathy in this sad hour when the hand of affliction is resting heavily upon them. The remains were interred in the Jayton cemetery Thursday.

**PLANT GOOD SEED**

"Speaking of good seed," remarked Mr. Latham, Demonstration Agent, "I had a man in Montague county last year to double his yield of cotton per acre by using high-bred seed. At the end of the season he sent me a statement showing the yield in seed cotton and the lint output at the gin, together with what he had sold his surplus good seed for above the gin-run variety. He also said that he was now thoroughly convinced that it paid a man best of all to have good seed. This man had always been a little skeptical on this matter heretofore, and it was a little hard to get him to try better seed.

"I would advise all farmers who have not got pure seed to get at least enough for a few acres, this will give them a start and next year they can have enough to plant their whole crop. I also would advise them to get their seed now, for if they wait till planting time the supply is likely to be exhausted." — Haskell Free Press.

We've got some bran new breeches. — Edwards-Hogan Company.

**MARKET 22 BALES OF COTTON IN SPUR**

Last week John H. Smith, of the Roaring Springs country near Matador, was in Spur and marketed twenty-two bales of cotton in Spur. Mr. Smith received a price of nine cents a pound, and the sale of his twenty-two bales of cotton brought him the neat sum of \$879.47, which amount to our mind is an enormous sum of money.

Mr. Smith was one of the very first settlers of this part of Western Texas, having lived here continuously during the past thirty five years. During the early days he was a cowboy and rode the ranges. Later when the agricultural interests were beginning to develop Mr. Smith devoted his time to farming operations and is now among the most prosperous and successful farmers of the whole country.

**A POOR MAN BUT RICH**

Once, in New England, I was driving with an old farmer, and some of the men in the neighborhood came under criticism. Speaking of a prominent man in the village, I asked, "Is he a man of means?"

"Well, sir," the farmer replied "he ain't got much money, but he's mighty rich."

"He has a great deal of land, then?" I asked.

"No, sir, he ain't got much land, neither, but still he's mighty rich."

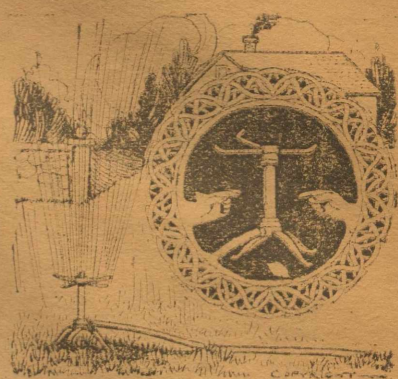
The old farmer, with a pleased smile, observed my puzzled look for a moment, and then exclaimed:

"You see, he ain't got much money and he ain't got much land, but still he is rich, because he never went to bed owing any man a cent in all his life. He lives as well as he wants to live and pays as he goes, he doesn't owe anything and he ain't afraid of anybody, he tells every man the truth, and does his duty to himself, his family and his neighbors, his word is as good as his bond, and every man, woman and child in the town looks up to and respects him. He ain't got much money, still he's a mighty rich man, because he's got all he needs and all he wants. — The Outlook.

**PROTRACTED MEETING**

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a protracted meeting will begin Saturday, March 16th, at Girard. The meeting will be conducted by Rev. A. R. Lowrance under the auspices of the Christian Church. Everybody is invited to attend.

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E. R. Rorie was in the city one day this week and spent some time here on business.

W. D. Bender was in the city Thursday from his home several miles north of Spur.

F. A. Predeaux, who has been on the sick list, is now recovered and is able to be at his post of duty.

Insure in the Home Fire Insurance of New York organized 1853, capital \$3,000,000.00.—Oscar Jackson, Agent.

Buddie Daniels, who has been with the dog-killing crew, is now reported quite sick of pneumonia at the Spur Hotel.

Tuesday Misses Burnett and Pearl Blackwell were operated upon at the Standifer Hospital, and we are glad to note that both are reported doing nicely.

A. J. Tyler made a business trip last week to Ralls and the Plains country. He reports the Plains country in fine shape with prospects for bumper crops.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin moved last week to their new home just completed in the northwest part of the city.

## TAP TELLINGS

Well, the sun is shining after two week's of dreary weather and everyone is smiling.

Mr. E. Luce and family are now domiciled in their suburban home at Spur.

A. E. Davies has assumed the management of the postoffice at this place.

J. D. Rash and family from south of Spur was visiting here Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. North, of Spur, passed through Saturday en route to Post to adjust some business matters.

J. Z. Smith and family of Kent county were here Sunday, the guests of P. Hinson.

Son McKay and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy. Mother and babe doing nicely.

F. A. Thomas of Lakewood, N. M., was here last week visiting his mother and other relatives. Mr. Thomas was much surprised at the development of the country, having lived here several years ago.

P. Hinson made a business trip to Gilpin Saturday.—Gadabouf.

Uncle Pink Higgins and Baxter Scoggins were in the city Wednesday from their places in the Cat Fish country.

Mrs. Jim McArthur, of the Tap country, was in the city this week marketing eggs and butter and other farm products.

R. L. Roberts is having a carpenter shop built on Harris Street on the lot adjoining the Central Meat Market. Spur continues to build and grow.

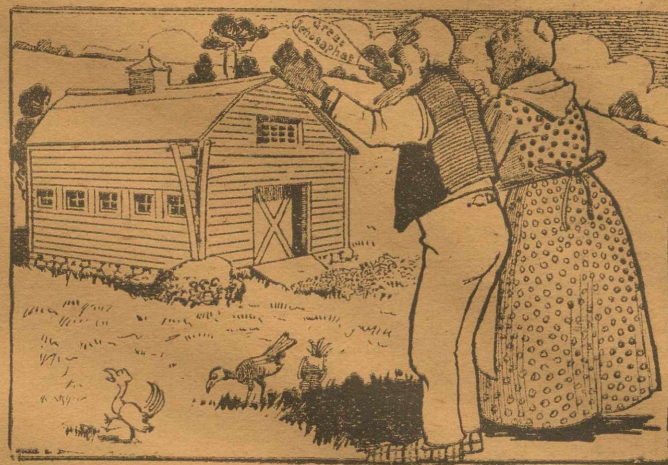
Cotton Buyer Cole informed us this week that he intends to move his family here from Graham and make Spur his permanent home in the future.

The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co. of England, organized 1836, assets \$13,745,409.00 a safe proposition in case of a fire.—Oscar Jackson Agent.

County Commissioner Garner was in Saturday from his home several miles northeast of town. He reports everything all o. k. in his section.

W. G. Sherrod returned the latter part of last week from a trip to New York City where he spent several days. He reports a very pleasant trip.

Read The Texas Spur for a \$1.



## Results of Buying Green Lumber

You can't be too careful in buying lumber, to see that you get only dry stock. If you put green lumber into a building, it is sure to warp and twist itself all out of shape. Nails simply won't hold it.

It won't do you a bit of good to cuss the dealer who sold you green lumber, after you get it into the building. The only sensible thing to do, is to see that you buy dry lumber at first. We'll sell you all you want—perfectly manufactured and dry as a bone. And nobody can beat our prices.

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## TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

### XXVI. REGRET

**C**ITUS, having let a day go by without having accomplished anything is said to have exclaimed reproachfully, "I have lost a day." When our Legislature adjourns without having accomplished anything "we have lost two years." It is a far cry from a government whose private citizens mourn over the loss of a day to the present time when members of the Legislature boast of filibustering tactics that result in losing two years and by playing truant, permit measures that would have built public highways, railroads and needed industries to die on the calendar.



TITUS MOURNING OVER THE LOSS OF A DAY.

Let those who stand like weeds in the thoroughfares of civilization wither under the scorching rays of public censure and be trampled into the earth under the iron heel of progress; may their ambition smoulder in agony; their hopes linger in perpetual torment; their folly pursue them like a sheeted ghost and may they forever eat the bitter bread of strife, that they may feel how more terrible than the wages of sin it is for sworn servants of the people to trifle with the destinies of their country. Texas Needs Great Men.

# Meningitis Is a Dreaded Disease

As a precautionary measure against an epidemic we are receiving a Clean New Stock of a select variety of weaves and plaids in

## Spring and Summer Dress Goods

Our Star Brand Shoes are Better, and nowhere will you find a larger and cleaner stock from which to make your purchases.

## In Our Grocery Department

We have the largest, cleanest, most carefully selected stock west of the Mississippi River, and we recognize no leaders in prices and quality of goods.

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# SPUR FARM LANDS

We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most productive Territory

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**\$12 to \$25.00**  
Per Acre

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## THE SETTLEMENT OF SPUR FARM LANDS

HAS IN SOME PORTIONS TAKEN PRACTICALLY ALL THE LAND WE HAVE BEEN OFFERING UNDER THE PLAN OF RESERVATION OF EACH ALTERNATE SECTION

**WE ARE**, Therefore, Ready to Price and offer for sale such Sections in these localities as has heretofore been Reserved.

We wish to advise the present settlers in the lands so that if they desire to buy the land adjoining their former purchases, they will have the first opportunity to do so.

**DEFINITE PRICES ON THESE OR ANY OTHER LANDS WILL BE MADE UPON APPLICATION**

## STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

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 price. 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 raised 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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**And All Kinds Building Material**

### COME TO THE FRONT

There are many times more good people than bad ones, but too many good people are not so active for what they represent as the bad ones are, and this gives the world an exaggerated idea as to the power and prevalence of evil. There never was a time when good men should assert themselves more assiduously for what they believe to be right, than at present. The forces and influences that make for evil, aware of the onward march and sure triumph of righteousness are more formidably organized than ever before to contest the power of the world's good men and women. Now is the time to make the beginning of the final assault that must end in the banishment of evil from the world.—State Democrat.

FOR SALE:—About six thousand bundles of maize, six miles southeast Spur.—A. W. Jordan.

NOTICE to the public.—I will operate my mill the first Saturday in April. This will be my last day to run.—B. T. Duncan, Draper, Texas.

W. M. Randall was in the city Friday of last week on business from his home in the Steel Hill community, and reports everything in the finest shape.

See J. B. Morrison for any amount of wood to be sold on his place 12 miles southwest. 10tf.

Walter Jackson and J. A. Legg, two prominent citizens of the Draper country, were in Spur the first of the week on business and trading with the merchants.

### MENINGITIS AT ASPERMONT

We are informed that Jim Carroll, of Aspermont, has meningitis. It is said to be in very mild form, and strong hopes of his recovery are entertained.—Jayton Herald.

For some time Aspermont has been quarantined against the whole country on account of meningitis, but notwithstanding this precaution the disease has crept into the quarantined district. In the light of actual events in connection with this disease as well as from the ideas of learned specialists, the opinion is borne out that the most practicable and effective precaution against such infection is to keep the body in a clean, healthy state. Quarantines, to a certain extent, may hold the disease somewhat in check, but from the best authorities we are informed that the safest and most effective preventive of meningitis is clean, healthy and normal state of affairs with respect to persons and communities. It is said that an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure in every instance.

### DRESS MAKING

Please, one and all call and see me about your spring sewing. Terms reasonable.—Mrs. J. H. Fox. tf.

### BROOM FACTORY

I have opened a Broom Factory in Spur. Every broom guaranteed. Cash paid for fresh eggs. Call on me in old Skating Rink. G. G. Selder. tf.

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### NEW TAX SYSTEM

Houston, Texas, March 27.—Under the Somers Tax system which was adopted by Houston some time ago, several million dollars have been added to the city's wealth. This system merely equalizes the taxation burden making the unimproved property pay as much as progressive property who improves his property.

The appraisement of every piece of property within the 16 square miles of the city limits has placed the assessed taxable value of this city at approximately \$122,000,000, and last year the total assessed valuation was about \$77,000,000. With the advance in assessed valuation the tax rate has been reduced from \$1.70 on the \$100 to \$1.00, or about 23.5 per cent.

With the increased valuation and the reduced assessment all individuals are not taxed on personal property, such as money on hand or on deposit, notes, bonds, household goods and other personal effects.

### Notice To Creditors And Debtors

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To those indebted COUNTY OF DICKENS, to or holding claims against the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, Deceased.

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the Estate of M. M. Upshaw, deceased, late of the county of Dickens, State of Texas, by Hon. F. C. Gipson, judge of the county court of said county on the 21st day of Dec. A. D. 1911, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at Spur, in Dickens County Texas where he receives his mail. This 17th day of February A. D. 1912.—J. M. UPSHAW, Administrator of the estate of M. M. Upshaw.

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**DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for offices in Dickens County and this Judicial District, subject to the Democratic Primary in July.

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
D. C. Sparks

For County Commissioner (Precinct 3):  
H. T. Garner  
Jeff D. Reagan

For County Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:  
W. A. Craddock

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (Re-election)

While the presidential campaign is raging there are rumors of bolting, organizing other parties as a result of illegal elections, etc., and altogether the public attention will be held for a while.

When all the farmers of a country grow hogs, peanuts, potatoes, mules, maize and broom corn such individual farmers as well as the whole country will prosper, and that is just what the farmers of the Spur country are doing.

Since political party affiliation is about the only recommendation possessed by some candidates for office it is not to be inferred that political parties are only a means through which men seek and secure preferred positions.

It is only a question of time until the convention system of political rule will be abolished altogether. Conventions too often violate instructions to reflect the will of the majority and as a result primary elections are coming to do away altogether with machinery rule and the power of the few.

Spur and the Spur country is evidently remaining in the progressive class. Building and improvements continue in both town and surrounding country. We have the best crop prospects and altogether Spur and the Spur country is prosperous and maintains an enviable position in commercial, industrial and agricultural development.

Notwithstanding the season for prospectors is past, they continue to come to Spur to see the country and investigate the agricultural possibilities in response to the inducements offered, and in many instances sales of farm lands are consummated. No country offers more inviting inducements to settlers and farmers than the Spur country, and the man who fails to recognize these facts now will pay later for his short-sightedness—that is, of course, unless the Socialists become the ruling power?

**THIRTEEN FARMERS IN CONTEST FROM DICKENS**

That there are at least thirteen farmers of Dickens county sufficiently interested in inducements offered by the Industrial Congress to more fully develop the idea of better and more scientific methods of farming is evidenced by the fact that that number have enlisted in the State contest for premiums offered for producing the best crops on a limited acreage. Following are those who have entered the contest from Dickens county: W. D. Blair, W. P. T. Smith, W. M. Hunter, M. A. Jordan, J. H. Smith, R. E. Gibson, H. P. Gibson, Tom Allen, Willie Hagins, Jessie Hagins, Cecil Bennett and two others whose names we have not heard.

There are ten thousand dollars in premiums offered to those who grow the best products specified by the Congress, and there is no question in our mind but that several of the premiums offered can be secured by the Dickens county contestants by devoting the proper attention and adopting the best methods of cultivation and preparation of the acreage to be used.

Here is hoping that at least thirteen premiums will come to Dickens county as a result of this contest.

Many farmers of this and surrounding country are planting a considerable acreage in broom corn this year, and we believe as a result the country as well as the individuals will become more prosperous. A one-crop system in any community is a promoter of the mortgage system.

Boot and shoe factories, a broom factory, concrete factory, electric light factory and bottling works in Spur makes a very good showing for the city within two years. Spur will continue to grow and establish mills and factories as the country develops sufficiently to support such institutions, and the country is constantly and rapidly settling and developing.

Work continues on the artesian well, which is now more than three thousand feet deep. To the layman the indications are that artesian water will be secured within a very short distance further down, and we think that Driller Minnihan is of the same opinion while he does not unreservedly express his opinion. Only last week they drilled through about fifteen feet of "water sand," passed through this into a harder, flint rock underneath which we are hoping that a strong flow of artesian water will be encountered.

We notice that up at Hale Center, on the Plains, a church organization at that place has rented one hundred and twenty five acres of land to be cultivated at idle times and the proceeds to be used in the building of a church and furthering church work of that town and country. Such a procedure is novel in that the plan is to work for and earn funds while the great majority of church workers labor only for donations, gifts and funds derived by the profits of bazaars, ice cream suppers, etc. Hurrah for the Hale Center church, and may she live long and prosper, and may their example be followed by many other church workers.

**WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR DRUGS AS WELL AS COLD DRINKS**

We Have a Full and Complete Stock of Drugs, Patent Medicines, Toilet Articles and School Books, Magazines, Etc.

Base Ball Goods, Balls, Bats, Mitts, Masks, Etc.—Our Soda Fountain Is the Finest and Our Cold Drinks Are the Best.

We Are Equipped to Care for Your Needs and Luxuries and Invite You to Make Our Place Your Headquarters.

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**PROGRAM**

The following is program to be rendered Sunday afternoon at the Methodist tabernacle on account of Easter Sunday:

1. Prelude.
2. Oh be joyful in the Lord, choir.
3. Solo, selected, Miss Lillian Grace.
4. Violin solo, tramneri, Mr. Edgar.
5. Duett, In Moving Land, Miss Grace and Rev. J. D. Bowles
6. The Light of his Love Leads me on, choir.
7. Solo, The Heavenly Dream, Rev. J. D. Bowles.
8. Beyond the Gates, Bowles' choir.
9. Address, Rev. R. A. Stewart.
10. Duett, Abide with me, Miss Lillian Grace, soprano, Rev. J. D. Bowles, tenor, Mrs. Kate B. Turnage, alto, R. E. Edwards, Bass.

J. B. Morrison and wife, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, were in the city this week.

J. C. Stephens, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city the first of the week.

**GROUND SOAKING RAINS COUNTRY IN FINE SHAPE**

During the past week the Spur country and this entire section has had ground soaking rains, the total rainfall amounting to more than one inch during the month of March.

Reports from Afton, Croton, Draper, Girard, Cat Fish, Tap, Wake and every section of the entire surrounding country, state that the season could not be more satisfactory nor the crop prospects more promising of an abundant yield of every character than at the present time, and as a result we expect this part of Western Texas to break all former records in agricultural production.

Another most encouraging feature is the fact that most every farmer within this territory is diversifying and will not devote the entire acreage to cotton alone, and in consideration of such state of farming operations we expect not only good prices for cotton but good prices for a variety of products coming in at various times throughout the year.

**WEATHER REPORT FOR MARCH**

Temperature, mean maximum, 57.0, mean minimum, 32.1, mean, 44.5, maximum, 90.0, March 21st, minimum, 14.0, March 21st.

Precipitation, 1.02 inches, greatest in 24 hours, 0.66 inch on March 27th.

Number of days with 0.01 inch or more precipitation, 8, clear, 12, partly cloudy, 8, cloudy 11.—Jeff D. Reagan, Local Observer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained at their home in the city, forty-two being the main feature of the entertainment. During the evening refreshments of ice cream and cake were served, and Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds furnished music for the occasion. All present report a delightful evening.

At the Lyric Theatre the Ladies Aid of the Christian Church will hold in connection with a Bakery Sale, Saturday April 6th, a handkerchief bazaar. Beginning at 10 a. m. and continuing throughout the day. In the evening an ice cream social and musical program will be held.

**Did You Ever Stop To Think?**

Where you could find the very best staple goods in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Implements.

**LISTEN**

To what we have to say. Spring is here; your plowing and planting must be rushed. We have a new car of Jno. Deere Implements. The name Jno. Deere implies quality. It's the line many others imitate. You cannot go wrong if you buy Jno. Deere Implements. The best, not the cheapest. See them before you think of closing a deal for Implements.

Dry Goods. We have always tried to make our store the standard of excellence in quality and style, and we want you to come and look through our stock. As to price, we defy all legitimate competition, if quality is considered. We want your business in the Dry-Goods line, and all we ask is a little of your time.

Groceries kept neat and clean. The very best brands in all lines. A big car of Light Crust Flour coming this week. Every sack guaranteed to be the best Flour that can be made of wheat.

We want your cash, and will give you the best values consistent with full weights and measures and honest merchandising.

Yours truly,

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Our stock is complete, with all the new and up-to-date things in Dry Goods, Novelties, Shoes and Clothing.

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**Linen, Novelties, Shoes,**  
**Dress Goods, Laces & Embroideries, Clothing**

Come where you can get the latest and strictly up-to-date Merchandise at a saving.

**WE ARE STILL  
 HEADQUARTERS FOR GROCERIES**

**R. R. MORRISON**

### SOCIAL CLUB

Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons was hostess to the Social Club on last Tuesday afternoon at her home on Harris Street. Forty two was enjoyed by those present; after which delicious refreshments were served, consisting of whipped cream, jellotin and cake. Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan assisted Mrs. Clemmons in receiving the following guests: Mesdames Shelton, Davis, Brandon, Bryant, Jones, Edmonds, Williams, Standifer and Jeninngs.

J. C. McNeill came in this week with his wife who is now in the Standifer Hospital for treatment.

R. L. Holly, of several miles south of Spur, was in recently and reports everything in fine shape in his section.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Griffin, Ross Edwards and Miss Lena Roberts spent Sunday at the springs at the Spur Ranch headquarters, and report a most pleasant day.

### COUNTRY DEVELOPING AND PEOPLE PROSPERING

J. A. Blair, a prominent citizen of the Girard country, was in Spur Wednesday and brought in a load of wood which he unloaded at the Texas Spur headquarters. Mr. Blair said that they had an abundance of rain and that crop prospects could not be better than at the present time. He says many farmers of his section sowed grain and that owing to the recent freeze the oat crop was somewhat retarded, but that the crop is now coming out and will make an abundant yield. There is no question but that the Girard country is among the richest agricultural sections of the whole country and that section is rapidly developing and the people progressing and prospering.

Drs. Hale and Blackwell, of Dickens, had business in Spur last week and spent some time here.

J. J. Martin, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

J. E. Counts, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and to do some trading with the Spur merchants. Mr. Counts says that everything in his section of the country is in the very finest shape with respect to crops and crop conditions. That section, as well as the whole country, has an abundance of rain and the prospects for an abundant crop of every character were never more promising.

### ADVERTISED LETTERS

Gentlemen.

Cathie B. S., Davis Lonnie, Erickson Ed, Jones G. L., Hawkins Pat, Haley C. B.

Ladies.

Brown Miss Susie, Collins Mrs. Bertha, Davis Mrs. Berta Nell, Donnelly Miss Bertie, Fuester Mrs. C. D., Megowem Miss Cora, McGrady Mrs. Fannie, Porter Mrs. Fannie, Williams Mrs. J. W.

When calling for above letters please say "advertised."—Norton A. Baker, Postmaster.

We now have one of the best seasons known. Be thankful.

### NOTICE

Phone me at the Spur Tailoring Co. for any kind of hauling. Both phones 102.—S. Power. 2t.

During the past several weeks many loads of lumber has been hauled out of Spur for building purposes in the surrounding country. No country surpasses Spur in settlement and development progress. However, we have plenty room here for thousands of other farmers and home builders and unsurpassed inducements in soil and commercial advantages are offered the prospectors.

(We do Job Printing.)

## J. A. Lambdin & Co.

We wish to announce that we will receive and place for your inspection about the 11th inst. new shipment of Holeproof Hosiery for "Men and Women." This line of merchandise is the "very" different kind, having linen heel and toes, thus containing wear at the point where "others" fail. The showing comes in assorted shades, in medium and gauze weight, in lises and silks.

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Spur, - - - Texas

## Artesian Water At Spur

This will sound fine when the deep well turns out to be a gusher. But how about our other home industries?

### WATCH US GROW

A carload of cases and bottles this week, also a carload of ice cream machinery on the road. If you are in the market for Ice, Gas, Carbonated Drinks, Cream or Business, call or phone us your order; and let us show you.

## SPUR ICE AND BOTTLING WORKS

Both Phones 25

Quality as Well as Quantity T. L. HIGGINBOTHAM, Mgr.



## IN THE VALLEY OF TOIL

The man that has never passed through the gates of sorrow and tasted the bitter dregs of defeat, will never grow to the full stature of manhood. The path that steers clear of great difficulties, or seeks the cool and shady nooks down life's crooked trail, doesn't climb to the giddy heights of greatness. The essence of greatness is not acquired along the road of ease, but in the lonesome Valley of Toil, the jewels' found, and it gets its brightest polish in the thickest of the battle. Where men faint and falter and fail, and go down in defeat, is the divine spot where the goddess of greatness rears her throne.

Idleness sits on a cot of ease, while industry and grit sail out upon the unknown seas, where cowards dare not venture, and with courage that is undaunted in the hour of sore trial, they reach out and pluck the crown. Success is a costly prize, and he who is not willing to pay the purchase price, will never possess the coveted treasure. Away up yonder on the sun-kissed crags is where the eagle builds her nest, and the flowers bloom; and, man, if you would rob the eagle's nest, or pluck the fragrant rose, you must scale the mountain's treacherous height. The words, "I can't," are in the vocabulary of the weakling, but the words, "I will," lock the arch in the temple of greatness. Dare and do, has been the motto of every hero, and the mast pole and stern wheel in every ship that has steered clear of the snags in life's treacherous channel.

It is a mistaken idea that man can reach out and without any great effort grasp the things which have in them the elements of greatness, without a struggle. The young man that hunts the easy job will sit at the bottom of the ladder and wrestle with the common herd. If you possess one talent, put it on the grindstone of difficulties and polish the jewel. To master one thing is the element of greatness. The brilliant fellow usually depends upon the inspiration of the hour, but inspiration is a fickle goddess to those who will not pay her court in the study cloister at the midnight hour.

A young man in one of our southern colleges was called upon at chapel services for an impromptu address. The occasion and the opportunity for that young man had come. Was he master of the situation? Let's see. The learned faculty and a student body of some fifteen hundred sat in judgment. His gestures and words were perfection itself. A new star had been born and with seeming ease he electrified faculty and students, and swept them off their feet. At the conclusion of his address the faculty and students fell over each other to congratulate the young fellow upon his eloquent address. But he said to them that it was not impromptu, but on the other hand, he had written and rewritten, it seventeen times and then committed it to memory.

Facility and ease in every profession of life is the flower that blossoms and gets its full fruitage in the Valley of Toil. The hand that wields the surgeon's knife, the mason's trowel, the artist's brush or the sculptor's chisel, gets its cunning in the school of toil. The rabble and the devil, too, laugh at the man who fails, but God and men are ever ready to crown the man who wins.

Unskilled labor fawns at the

feet of capital and begs a crust of bread, but the world stands ready to make terms with those who possess trained hands and cultured minds. Hardship is the schoolmaster under whose tutelage the men of destiny get their equipment for the battles of life. Men never do their dead level best except under dire necessity. It is in the lap of ease that men and nations make a losing fight.

The Roman prison and the lash found a Paul and aroused the slumbering children of his mind, and while wearing the stripes in a prison cell, penned the brightest gems that adorn the pages of Holy Writ. Bedford jail was the birthplace of the world's masterpiece of allegory. Persecution and struggles made a Luther, and the oppression of kings reared the child of Liberty.

The rarest gems are the most difficult to polish. The young law student was the laughing stock of his class and his colleagues at the bar. Society belles turned up their noses at his large hands and feet and uncouth manners, boarding house mistresses chased him up and down back alleys for unpaid bills. His first case in court was a failure, the opposing counsel knocked his feet from under him and he fell hard, but profited by the fall. For twenty years, in a little two-by-four room over a livery stable away from the fashionable quarter and the babble of fools, the student lamp burned. Poorly dressed and oftentimes hungry, he struggled on and eventually became master of his profession.

It's an axiom of God and men that you cannot hide a jewel or lose a thought, tho' it be whispered to the winds in a desert. In every market place on earth there is a clearing house for brains and they come high. Knowledge is the keenest sword ever unsheathed on the battlefield of commerce or war. Kings tremble in the presence of Genius and money lords court her favor. The aristocracy of brains is in a class by itself; filthy lucre can not buy it. Political pulls nor blood is no passport to her divine cloister. Remember well, young man, that there is always a market for brains.

A great case was to be adjudicated in the courts, in which millions were involved, and they wanted brains. This law student who had lived in a garret for years, got the job of leading counsel in the case. What he said to judge and jury in that case is in the world's book of classics, and the law students, lawyers at the bar and platform orators of two continents ape his logic. —Aspermont Star.

### WHAT SOCIALISM WILL DO FOR THE WORKING CLASS

Ever since the dissolution of primitive tribal communism those who toil and produce the wealth of the world have not been permitted to enjoy the full fruits of their labor. Whether it was ancient slavery, medieval serfdom or the present capitalistic wage-system, the workers have not employed their full share of the progress made. The road which humanity has traveled in its spiral march to civilization has been stained with human gore. There have been revolutions and counter revolutions, wars and rumors of wars, prices, panics, famines, pestilence, religious, political, commercial and industrial warfare. We have arrived at the twelfth milestone of the twentieth century through

travail and pain, through tragedy and suffering. Throughout history the workers have created the wealth, done the starving bleeding and dying, and for reward are looked upon by the rich capitalist parasites that suck their life's blood as a lot of menials. The workers demand a change. They want and intend to have the full social value of their product. Can any honest man deny the justice of that? Could you look your fellow man in the eye and say that it wasn't right?

The Socialist have come to guarantee that very thing.

They propose to capture the political state peacefully at the ballot box, and then by legal means to socialize the means of life and democratize industry and the market. Production is already socialized, there is no other way to operate great machinery than social effort and the division of labor. Socialists want to socialize distribution so that every man will have a voice in the market when he buys and when he sells. Political democracy and industrial tyranny cannot exist together at all without tragedy and suffering. That a few dozen men control the markets of this country nobody will deny. That a few control the circulating medium of this country is evident from the way all the money flows to Wall Street when stock exchange gamblers get in a tight place. Is it right to have things thus? Would thoughtful and sane people be content under such conditions. That the people are restless and discontented all the signs of the times portend. There are strikes and boycotts, blacklists and lock-outs, brutal clubbings of men and women and children by thugs, police and militia. In England a million miners are on strike. War in Tipoli, rebellion in China, riots in France and revolt in Spain. Mexico is seething with revolution. All over the world the giant labor is demanding justice. Society is in the birthpangs of a new order. We are in a transition period. Capitalism has served its purpose and must pass away. Competition is no longer possible. Co-operation must take its place. Capitalism can no longer employ all the workers. There are millions of unemployed and poverty and crime result. Socialism is the next step in the evolution of the race. It is the only solution to the economic problems of our day. It will bring peace and security, nothing else will. It will give employment to all capitalism can't. It will give homes to all—capitalism takes them away. It will wipe out the slums; destroy white slavery and liquor traffic. It will blow out the red signals in our cities and save womanhood from shame. Capitalism fosters all these. Socialism will free mankind politically economically and intellectually. Capitalism robs of wealth, corrupts politics and debases intellect.

Socialism will bring peace, fraternity and brotherhood. —J. L. Swan.

The man who has plenty of real faith in God will have plenty of other good things.

W. H. L. Ward came in Friday from the northwest part of the county where he is assisting in the building of a fine residence for J. J. Hickman. He was here for the purpose of having his teeth doctored since he had been suffering of toothache.

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#### DICKENS ITEM

Luther Rucker, of Spur, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. L. W. Davis and children, of Spur, are visiting relatives in town this week.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Will Marshall of the Liberty community died Sunday night and the remains interred at the Dickens cemetery Monday afternoon.

The case of the Early-Clements Grain Company et al, vs. P. A. Fite et al, appealed from the court of Dickens county to the Court of Civil Appeals, Second Supreme Judicial District, and transferred to the Seventh Supreme Judicial District at Amarillo, is set for hearing on April 13th.

A corps of engineers is now in the field and camped near Dickens locating a route for the extension of the Crosbyton South-plains railroad from Crosbyton east. The town of Dickens is very fortunately situated, geographically, for this road, and from the interest manifested by our leading citizens we know that an attractive inducement will be held out to its promoters to keep on an air-line and build right on to Dickens. Keep your eye on the indicator for something is going to get loose here before long.

#### SELF RESPECT

The following is from the Plains Baptist and is from the pen of I. E. Gates, editor of that paper:

"No man can maintain the dignity of royal manhood who loses self respect. To lower yourself in your own estimation, by ungodly conduct, weakens your power of resistance to evil and makes easy your downward course to ruin and shame. A man must have, to be a man, the consciousness of an unsullied character in order to maintain his own self-respect and the respect of others.

"When you lose your own self-respect, you can not long hold the esteem of others, for the world despises and condemns the black at heart. On the other hand, if you have respect for yourself, on the ground that you live above reproach, the world will come to have respect for you.

"You can not long deceive the world by covering up the thought, the deeds and the motives of an ungodly life. The truth will come out, and the rottenness of your character will be revealed. It is a law of God and of nature to condemn the low, the base, the mean, the immoral and the fiend. Clean living, high thinking, self control and consecrated service to God are the

fundamentals of all right living and righteous conduct.

"Intellectual brilliance can not take the place of heart purity, 'for out of the heart are the issues of life.' Aaron Burr was a genius, an orator, a tremendous personality, and would have gone down in history as one of America's greatest sons, instead of a splendid failure, but for the sole reason that he lacked the one essential of royal manhood—moral character.

"Mark Antony made a name only to be spoken in connection with shame. Cleopatra was talented and beautiful, but, with all left behind such a record of immoral conduct as to deserve the utter condemnation of modest womanhood and righteous manhood.

"No man or woman deserves to succeed who will stoop to even questionable methods to secure the goal of their ambitions. If a man thinks more of a name, of fame, of money or of worldly honor than he does of truth, of principle, and of manhood, he deserves the good will of good people. For name, fame, worldly honor, nor even wealth—nor all combined—are worth the price of moral character, righteous conduct and an immortal soul. To have the approval of God and the approbation of your own conscience upon your life and conduct is worth more, infinitely more, than to have the praise of men, the power of wealth and the influence of position, and be conscious, painfully conscious that you have secured, these by unfair, unholy and damnable methods. Better by far be a John Bunyan in a Bedford jail, sleeping on a straw mattress, for sake of right and principle, than an Edward VIII on the throne of England.

"Clean living right conduct, purity of heart and worthy motives makes the soul and re-inforces the character for life's conflicts, while ungodly living, unholy conduct, impurity of heart and unworthy motives weakens the soul, destroys the character and unfits us for life's battles. The heroes of the world, whose memories are enshrined in the hearts of the people, were heroes for principle, for truth and exalted manhood, for to live worthily and to die gloriously, a man's life and labors must stand the test of time and eternity. Better by far to have lived in obscurity and poverty, far out from the limelight of the world's activities, having done your duty, and be buried at last in an unmoaned grave, than to live on Broadway in a gilded mansion, surrounded by pomp

#### TEXAS HAS 12,000 PENSIONERS

Austin, Texas, March 18.—The pensions for Confederate veterans on the State pension rolls will probably be \$10.50 for each of the next two quarters, or an amount very near that sum. The apportionment will be made this week by State Pension Commissioner Robert G. Buford and he said today the pension for each of the next two quarters would most likely be \$10.50, the same as it has been for the last two quarters.

The foregoing \$3.50 per month is apparently very small, but it helps some. Then, too, Texas has over 12,000 pensioners on her rolls, nearly as many as all of the other Southern States combined. Veterans who came to Texas since 1880 are not entitled to share in pensions granted by the State.

The new double quarters commences April 1. Under the law the Pension Commissioner makes the apportionment twice during the one year, one apportionment doing for two quarters. While a number of new names will be added to the rolls for the coming two quarters, deaths have been numerous and many pensions have been returned unclaimed. Not only that, but many deaths have occurred since the pensions were received. Where notice of such deaths have not been received, and few are reported, pensions will be mailed out for the next quarter and then returned. Their return will be the first advice of the death. A number of veterans move away or out of the State and fail to send their new addresses. Those who leave the State can not receive pensions.

There are now about 250 pensioners on the totally disabled list and they receive \$8.00 per month, or \$24 per quarter, the maximum amount allowed by law. There will be a few increases in that class. A great many people imagine they are totally disabled and entitled to the full pension, but in law, specifically describes the disabilities which bring the \$8 per month, and but very few people come in that class. They must have lost an arm or leg, or be blind, etc. Senile infirmity does not make one totally disabled in the eyes of the law, but only those described in the law.

and wealth, and be a libertine and an oppressor of the poor, and after death have a marble shaft at the head of your grave with a lie on it for an epitaph.

"After all, my friend, the only thing worth while in this short life is holy living, set on fire with heavenly zeal, for the noblest work of God is man living the simple life, overcoming evil, growing a great soul, cultivating a sacrificial spirit and spending himself in service for the uplift and redemption of the race!

"Oh! to a man—an all-round man, an all-through man!—whose only ambition is to do right, love truth, seek justice, exercise mercy and love God supremely! To live such a life is worth more to you, for your own satisfaction and peace of soul, than all the sacrifices, hardships, difficulties, battles, struggles and sufferings endured in this life for its attainment. For these light afflictions, which endure but for a moment, worketh out for us eternal weight of glory.

"We can afford to endure the cross, despise the shame, if we can but live with Him in glory!"

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Mace Hunter was in Tuesday from his place four miles east of Spur.

I will appreciate your vote for county judge of Dickens county. —C. H. Senning.

J. J. Cloud fell from his wagon last week and as a result he has been limping the past several days.

## What to Wear and When to Wear It

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The quarantine instituted here against Fort Worth small pox has been raised and everybody is now permitted to go and come at will and unmolested.

J. B. Conner says that while he has not yet had an opportunity to get out over the county to electioneer that he intends to make a thorough campaign before the primary election. There is no question but that Bowse Conner is eminently qualified for the Sheriff's office and should he be elected will make Dickens county an excellent officer.

M. A. and A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur this week selling shares of stock in the Childress oil development proposition. They report having sold a number of the shares for ten dollars each and should the company strike oil we will probably have a number of rich people in this as well as other sections of the country.

Recently we had occasion to call in at the Hyatt & Garner livery stable and we found it to be one of the best kept livery barns of the country. They have the best looking and fattest bunch of livery stable horses in the whole country, and from the general appearances there is no question but that the very best livery service is given their customers.

### TAP TELLINGS

We failed to appear last week, but here we come again with a smile as long as a yard stick.

Prof. Greenwade went to Dickens to see his ma and—well you know last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Davis, of Spur, is spending the week with Miss Mabel Neal.

Elmer Hinson visited friends at Dickens Saturday and Sunday.

We are glad to report Ed Martin able to be out again after an attack of pneumonia for several days.

A fine rain fell here Sunday night filling tanks, pools and cisterns, and our land is in the very best condition for planting and we are hopeful for a bumper crop this year as prospects are most flattering at this time.

T. S. Lambert, J. G. Martin and T. B. Rutherford attended the Baptist Fifth Sunday meeting in the north part of the county but they won't tell a thing; guess they are sworn to secrecy.

Jeff Pirkle, of Spur, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Sparks this week.—Gadabout.

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### EDUCATION FOR FARM WOMEN

Of course, men must be educated farmers to be good farmers, and the recognition of this fact is almost universal; but there has seemed to be a belief that a woman who was destined for the farm had no need of any preparation for the life she was to lead. Happily this belief is being dispelled, and some states are recognizing the advantage of educating farmers' daughters for farm life.

Texas has taken a step in this direction, but much yet remains to be done, and the system of public instruction must compass the education for practical good, and the happiness and prosperity of the people.

The Missouri College of Agriculture has adopted a four-year course which leads to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. This is for men, and along with it is the course of home economics for women, which gives not only the science of home making, but also a general knowledge of the principles of farming.

We believe that few agencies are proving of greater benefit to the states than the agricultural colleges, but it is yet practicable to make them far more useful. The attendance, personally, at any college will seldom be over 2,000, and even this number will be found hard to manage; but it is easily practicable for the extension systems, by correspondence, to reach 10,000 or even several times that number.

The extension systems may reach women as well as men, and the homes of the land may be made better and happier for the accurate intelligence of educated and drilled wives and mothers in them.

A thought along this line is worth consideration. When a man is educated he often uses his intelligence for himself alone and the knowledge he has acquired reaches few others; but the wife and mother is the reigning power in the home, and by the fireside the sons and daughters are given all the knowledge she possesses. It is more profitable to educate women than to educate men.—Farm and Ranch.

### YOU'VE GOT TO QUIT A-RUNNIN' DOWN THE TOWN.

(With apologies to the "Houn Dawg.")

Every time I come to town,  
Bill Jones keeps a-runnin' down the town;

Makes no dif'rence if his mind ain't soun',  
He's got to quit a-runnin' down the town.

Our town is a good young town—  
Best little city for miles aroun',  
Makes no dif'rence if you've been done brown,  
You want to quit a-runnin' down the town.

When a stranger comes to town,  
Jump in your auto and show him aroun',  
Makes no dif'rence if you own no groun',

You want to quit a-runnin' down the town.

Then spend your money and boost your town—

Best little city for miles aroun',  
Makes no dif'rence if your mind ain't soun',

You want to quit a-runnin' down the town.

—E. Van Deventer in Plainview Herald.

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### A SERIOUS PROPOSITION

Grav Draper recently hauled out lumber and other building material to his place west of Spur and we understand that he now has completed a big barn and crib and otherwise improving his place. His friends advise that the young ladies of the Dry Lake community hold themselves in readiness for a probable serious proposition which may come at any time.

John S. Callahan, of Wake, came in Tuesday after lumber for the construction of the new residence being built in his country by J. J. Hickman. John says that he is up with his farming operations and that he has the very finest crop prospects at this time. He formerly lived in Spur and made a crop last year in the Tap country, this being his first year in the Wake country.

We received a letter this week from A. G. Reavis and J. C. Hamill in which was enclosed a money order with the request to send them the Texas Spur, and we have entered their names upon our mailing list. Messrs. Hamill and Reavis are employed at the Rice Woolen Mills at Hillsboro, and no doubt their many friends here will be glad to know that they are enjoying life and living easy.

### A SAD SIGHT

One of the saddest things in life is to see a man with many attainments burdened with financial troubles, while all about him are people with more money than they can spend, incapable of an uplifting thought and void of lofty sentiment. After all, we must believe that the blessings of life are fairly equally distributed, and no man has a monopoly of all the good things. Mental attainments are in themselves comforts and blessings, and wealth has its own reward. —J. R. Ransome, Jr., in Cleburne Enterprise.

Tuesday Chas. A. Jones, while engaged in the Spur Farm Lands office in the Spur National Bank building, noticed smoke coming up through the flooring and on investigation found a box of trash on fire in the basement. He pulled the box into the middle of the basement room and ran back to the main part of the building to secure a fire extinguisher, and in so doing his actions were noticed by others and a fire alarm was given. However, the fire was put out before the arrival of other fire-fighters armed with extinguishers. No damage was done and the alarm was unnecessary.

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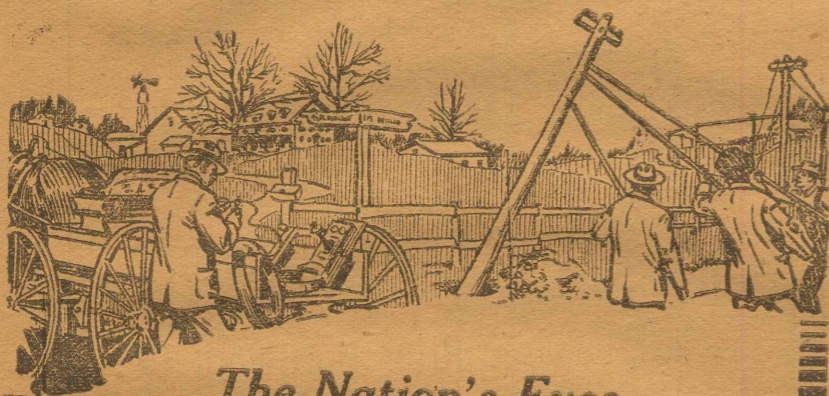
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