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## TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

To the voters of the Third Precinct of Dickens County, Gentlemen:

Some months ago I announced as a candidate for the Democratic nominee for County Commissioner from the Third Precinct of Dickens county, through the columns of the local paper, and at that time I stated my position on the question of taxes and public road improvement.

I am in favor of reducing the taxes as low as is consistent with a business-like management of the affairs of the county, and at the same time I favor the judicious expenditure of the county funds in such a manner that the tax-payers can reap a substantial benefit. I shall favor improvements of public roads all over the county, and if it can be done will endeavor to have the road money of each precinct applied to the precinct from which it is collected. Also I favor the setting aside of a part of the road fund as an emergency fund, to be applied where needed upon the approval of the Commissioners Court. Public road improvement is an investment that when properly made yields greater returns than any other except that made in public education.

I favor a low assessment on property, because about five sixths of the taxes are fixed by tax rates that have been made by others than the County Commissioners, and it is not within the power of the Commissioners Court to make any change in tax rates, except the county ad valorem tax. Practically all of the special county taxes were voted by the people upon themselves, and this was done at a time when low assessments were the rule, and the rates were considered sufficient to raise the funds for which the taxes were voted. To now require a high assessment valuation places a burden upon the tax-payers that was not intended when the special taxes were voted. Every year a certain amount of money has to be raised by an ad valorem tax, and the rate depends upon the amount of property assessed, and the amount of money to be raised. Under a high assessment a low ad valorem rate and under a low assessment a high ad valorem rate, but the actual amount of ad valorem taxes to be paid will amount to practically the same amount in dollars either way.

Under a high assessment a larger proportion of the tax money goes out of the county than under a low assessment. That is why the state Comptroller always insists upon a high valuation being made on taxable property.

The following figures will show how the local tax-payers are affected by high or low assessments. Our tax rates for 1911 was approximately as follows:

State ad valorem	12 1-2
School ad valorem	16 2-3
County ad valorem	25
County special	32
School district	50
Total	\$1.36 1-5

Suppose the same property had

## A FAIR REPRESENTATIVE

A. C. Wilmeth, of Snyder, and candidate for the Legislature from this district, was in Spur the latter part of last week meeting voters and making speeches explaining his campaign platform. Mr. Wilmeth represented this district two terms in the State Legislature and introduced and had passed a number of laws which now stand in the Statute books. He is an able man, has a practicable, comprehensive platform in his campaign and will make a fair representative if elected to the Legislature from this District.

## CARRIED TO STAMFORD

Mrs. Claude Nations was carried last week to the Stamford Sanitarium for an operation for appendicitis and other ailments. Mrs. Nations had been sick several days and under the treatment of Dr. Grace was prepared for the operation which was performed immediately upon her arrival in Stamford. She is reported doing nicely and rapidly recovering at this time.

been assessed at double the value it was, and the county ad valorem had been reduced in proportion, we would have had:

State ad valorem	25
School ad valorem	33 1-3
County ad valorem	25
County special	64
School district	1.00
Total	\$2.47 1-3

Again suppose that the same property had been assessed at half the value it was, and the county ad valorem had been raised in proportion, we would have had:

State ad valorem	.06 1-4
School ad valorem	.08 1-3
County ad valorem	25
County special	16
School district	25
Total	\$.80 7-12

While no such variation could be considered as actually occurring, I have used the above to illustrate my point, assuming that the county ad valorem rate is increased as the assessment is lowered or raised.

I understand that a report is being circulated among the voters of this precinct that I am a candidate brought out by the Swensons. I have not been solicited by the Swensons, or by any one employed by them to run for any office, nor am I obliged to them or to any other company or class of men to do any thing or any act in office that will be unfair to any other company or class of men. I was solicited to make the race for County Judge by men not in any way connected with the Swensons, and upon declining to run for Judge was requested to enter the race for County Commissioner from this precinct. It has not been my intention to make a personal appeal to each voter except through the newspaper, but to announce fairly what I stand for, and I believe that my ideas are endorsed by the thinking people of this county. I will appreciate the support of the Democrats of this precinct, and if elected will render service to each and every property owner fairly and without prejudice.

Very truly,  
Jeff D. Reagan.

## KENT COUNTY SPEAKING OF CANDIDATES

Mr. Editor, we herewith hand you a compend of the public speaking of the candidates of Kent county.

On the night of July 10th the voters of Red Mud had the pleasure of hearing a few of the candidates of Kent county set forth their proposals. The first speaker on the floor was B. C. Hardin, candidate for County Treasurer. Uncle Ben set forth in a brief way his claims. Among other things he said: "If I am elected I propose to discharge the duties of the office to the very best of my ability. Uncle Ben has heretofore held this office and we are quite sure he is a worthy man and competent to do the duties that are required."

The next speaker was C. H. Cade. Mr. Cade is aspiring for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Kent County. He made his announcement to the good voters of Red Mud and assured them if he was elected he would discharge the duties of his office to the best of his capacity and asked the voters to consider his claims.

Hon. B. L. Glenn, our efficient County Judge was our next speaker. Judge Glenn has made Kent county an efficient Judge. He invites the voters of Kent county to examine his official record. The Judge spoke of his record of the past and said he would do all in his power to excel his record he has made since going into office two years ago.

Judge Glenn was followed by his worthy opponent, W. J. Cargile. Mr. Cargile said if he was elected he would guarantee the people of his making them an official record that would be a paramount. As far as this writer knows the two above named gentlemen are extraordinary men competent for the office to which they are aspiring. After Mr. Cargile had made his talk to the people Judge Glenn took the floor again. The Judge and Mr. Cargile are stumping the county.

Our next speaker was J. W. Darden, our competent County and District Clerk. Mr. Darden thanked the voters of Red Mud for their support in the previous elections and assured them he still desired their votes. Mr. Darden has made an excellent officer. He is a gentleman in every respect.

Mr. Darden was followed by his opponent, Mr. J. Lee Bean. Mr. Bean is a young man of substantial character; a gentleman in every respect. Although Mr. Bean is aspiring for two offices at the same time, so he said, if Mr. Darden defeated him for Clerk, he, of course, would not run any more for Clerk, but, said he, "I am a standing candidate for this other office until elected." Mr. Bean did not insist on any of the men's votes to elect him to this office, but did greatly urge the female population on helping him out. Lee is a single man you know.

But Mr. Editor the congregation was so green that the grass hoppers liked to taken us in.—  
Geo. T. Smith.

## COMMENDATION

Alvis Hasford, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hansford, has been quite sick the past week of pneumonia, but is now convalescent. It was thought for some time that he would not survive the illness but by careful nursing and most effective treatment from Dr. Grace, the attending physician, he is rapidly recovering. In this instance, as well as others, Dr. Grace has demonstrated not only his ability as a physician but a personal interest in the patient. Dr. Grace has not only treated cases in Spur, giving patients the benefit of effective medical aid, but has contributed money to the need of the family. Such men deserve not only commendation but are of real worth and benefit to the country and the people.

## NEW AUTOMOBILE

W. G. Sherrod returned last week from Dallas where he had been to buy an auto. He returned through the country with the car and by daily practice has become an expert chauffeur. The new car is a fine one and we have put in an application for an "outing", thus affording a more detailed demonstration of the qualities and possibilities of the car as well as the manipulation and management by an expert autoist.

## FIXING TO VOTE

H. R. and S. F. Starrett, prominent citizens of Wake, were in Spur Monday on business and trading with the merchants. While here Mr. Starrett secured a new ballot box with which to hold the Primary election in his precinct of Crosby county. He says that the ballot boxes are tied up in a contest in that county and for that reason new boxes will have to be supplied.

## FARM HOME BURNED

Saturday the home of Mr. Kimble on the W. D. Bender place, two miles northeast of Spur, was destroyed by fire. The family was away from home attending the picnic at Dickens and nothing was saved.

We understand that no insurance was carried either on the house or the household goods everything being a total loss.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall and Mrs. Williams, of that country, were in Spur Tuesday soliciting contributions for the Kimble family, and as usual the people of Spur generously responded to the needs of the family. The people of Spur are most generous and are always ready to help those in distress or need.

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION

Miss Edmondson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson of near Spur, was operated upon last week at the Standifer Hospital, and is now reported doing nicely. As soon as his daughter recovers Mr. Edmondson intends to take a trip back to eastern Texas to visit friends and relatives and also to look over the old country where he formerly made his home. We are confident that he will return soon contented to make the Spur country his permanent home in the future.

## THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WHOLE WORLD

Uncle Pink Higgins returned last week from a trip to Lampasas where he was called on account of the illness of one of his daughters. His daughter was improving and he remained only two days. That section of country was Uncle Pink's former home in his younger days, and he says though many changes have come about, even for the better, he prefers to live in Western Texas and would not again make that his home under any circumstances. He said that one of his old time Lampasas friends came out here several years ago and made two crops on his place, each year averaging more than a bale of cotton to the acre. He came here in debt, paid up everything and left here with several hundred dollars, returning to his former home where he received several hundreds of dollars in addition to what he had accumulated in the Spur country. He has now lost out and is returning to Western Texas to make another stake.

Western Texas is the greatest country in the world. Of course we have troubles, encounter disadvantages and possibly suffer a few privations in worldly luxuries, but taking everything into consideration we make more money with less labor from rich soil and boundless agricultural resources, have a broader, richer and more productive field surrounded with every need and many luxuries and offer more and better advantages to home-seekers and families who desire a pleasant, prosperous home surrounded with superior educational and social advantages than any new and practically undeveloped country in America. Twenty years of experimental farming here has demonstrated that our agricultural resources are unsurpassed, and men who work and exercise business judgment will prosper and can become independent and even rich in worldly possessions within the bounds of Western Texas.

## AGRICULTURAL MEETING

C. A. Jones and Jeff D. Reagan attended the meeting of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association last week at Haskell. They report a most interesting meeting. It was their intention to secure the next meeting for Spur, but in this they failed and the meeting will be held at Anson.

## MEETING AT STEEL HILL

Rev. Joe Day, of Mount Blanco, is conducting a protracted meeting this week at Steel Hill. Rev. Day is a fine preacher and considerable interest is reported in the meeting. Everybody is invited to attend.

## A RAIN ACCEPTABLE

Uncle Tom Gilmore and wife, of several miles south of Spur, were in the city Monday on business, and trading with the merchants. Uncle Tom reports his crops in good shape, but says that he would not object to a rain at this time.



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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 Representative (105th District):  
A. J. Hagins  
A. C. Wilmeth

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison  
E. L. Harkey (Second Term)

For County and District Clerk:  
Crawford Cobb (Re-election)  
J. V. McCormick

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
D. C. Sparks  
H. P. Cole (Re-election)

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

For County Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Judge:  
W. A. Craddock  
O. S. Ferguson

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

For Public Weigher (Precinct 3):  
C. H. Perry

Hogs, artichokes and broom corn are three money making crops for the Spur country farmers.

The new Progressive Republican Party just organized is not creating and holding the desired enthusiasm on the part of the general public.

Dickens county stands a fine show to secure one or more of the state prizes offered this year to the best farm products. Dickens county is becoming recognized as among the best farming sections of the whole country.

Senator Lorimer was expelled from the United States Senate by a vote of almost two to one. Thus, in another instance the power of public sentiment has been demonstrated. We are progressing onward and upward.

The Central West Texas Association is meeting with enthusiasm on the part of farmers. The organization is for the special benefit of farmers and will contribute much to the educational advantages of this section. Every farmer in this country should become a member and enjoy its benefits.

### POLITICS CHANGING?

W. J. Clark, a prominent citizen of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here. Mr. Clark says that crops are all right at this time but that the political aspect is changing somewhat in the last few days. However, he would not pretend to give the result of the election at this time. There are many who would be glad at this time to know just how the primary election will result on the 27th day of July. However, there are but a few days remaining in which to decide the result on the part of the voters.

## RAISE HOGS AND GROW ARTICHOKES ON FARMS

Last week in reporting the proceedings of the organization meeting of Agricultural Association we failed to mention the discussion of artichokes brought up by C. L. Love. In his younger days Mr. Love had a taste of artichokes which lingers in his memory and he is very desirous of having that crop grown in the Spur country. C. C. Haile said that several years ago they had an acre patch of artichokes on the Haile farm in the Afton country and they produced from year to year without cultivation and in large quantities. In fact he said they became so thick they allowed the patch to die out. He said the hogs which were turned in to the artichokes fattened and could make but little signs of destruction or consumption of the crop. It is said that a thousand bushels can be grown to the acre and that artichokes can not be beat for hog feed. It is urged that a number of the farmers of this section try raising a few hogs and a small patch of artichokes.

### EXPECTS TO RETIRE.

T. A. and W. A. Copeland, two prominent farmers of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Tuesday on business and while here T. A. was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He said that his crops were looking fine and that he was confident rain would come in plenty time to make bumper crops. He has water melons, all kinds of vegetables as well as cotton, feed stuff and other crops on the place, all of which he expects to make handsome returns. In fact, Mr. Copeland said that he thought he would be in a position to retire after harvesting this year's crop and live comfortably on his income after this year.

## DICKENS COUNTY PRODUCE WILL GET STATE PRIZES

W. P. T. Smith was in the city Wednesday from his place nine miles west of Spur and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Smith reports having had a pretty good rain Monday on his place, the rain being sufficient to make the moisture meet and to liven up and greatly benefit his growing crops. Mr. Smith says that he now has ripe cantalopes and will have ripe water melons within a few days. He has crops of maize and kaffir corn which are entered in the state contest for prizes and he says that he is sure of being awarded the state prize since the crops can not be beat anywhere. A number of Dickens county farmers are in the contest and we feel confident that one or more prizes will be awarded to Dickens county products.

Col. Dick McCarty, editor of the Aspermont Star and Attorney of Stonewall county, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday on business. Mr. McCarty is a booster and a believer in Western Texas, and has probably contributed as much as any one man to the advancement of the development and settlement interests of the country.

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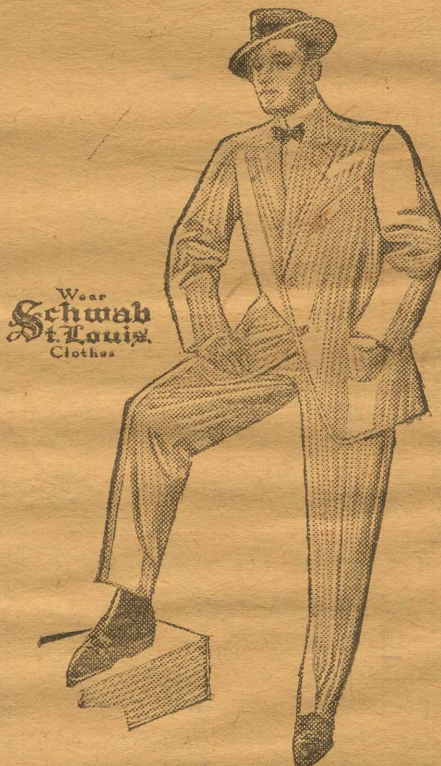
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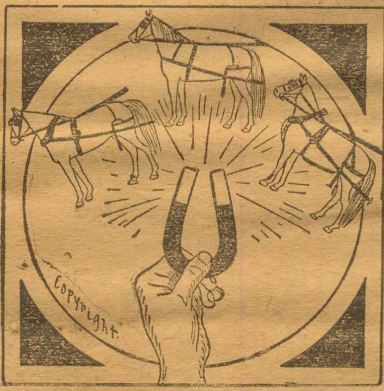
SPUR, TEXAS

## ANOTHER RAIN WEDNESDAY IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Wednesday afternoon and night a good shower of rain fell in Spur and the surrounding country, and while the rain possibly was not as heavy as was desired at this time by the farmers, yet it made the moisture meet and will be of great benefit to both the feed and cotton crops.

Again Thursday the rain came continuing throughout the afternoon, and at the time of publishing this paper the rainfall continues with prospects of an old time ground-soaker before the end. At the present time we have had a sufficient amount of rain for all present needs. Feed stuff will now loom up, and cotton is in as fine condition as could be wished for in any country, and every indication is that the Spur country is going to harvest this fall the biggest crops of feed and cotton ever before grown in Western Texas.

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### A FIRST-CLASS SHOW.

Roy Zinn, who has been with the East India Medicine Company, came in Saturday and spent a day or two at home. Saturday night they had a show at the Lyric Theatre which was largely attended. The moving pictures with the Medicine Show makes a first-class entertainment and Mr. Zinn reports good audiences in every part of the country visited.

Dr. Stevenson, who has been practicing scientific masseur treatment of diseases in Spur during the past several months left last week for other points. During his stay here Dr. Stevenson was successful in his manner of treatment, having satisfactorily treated a number of patients from this and surrounding country.

Mr. Wilhoit was in Spur the latter part of last week from the McNeill ranch where he is employed in breaking horses and riding the range. Recently we lost a horse in the McNeill pasture and Mr. Wilhoit furnished us a "broncho" and piloted us over the range at a rapid gait, staying with us until the lost was found.

S. Power and family returned the first of the week from Breckenridge where they spent two weeks with relatives and friends. Mr. Power reports a pleasant visit and says that he had plenty water melons and other good things to eat while there.

C. D. Pullin says he has developed into a first-class painter, having just completed the painting of J. B. Conner's residence which he says compares favorably with any other painters job in the country.

W. D. Bender returned this week from a several days trip to South Texas where he had been on a trading and horse buying expedition. He reports a pleasant and successful trip.

## ICE PLANT TO BE ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

G. C. Pass made a trip this week to Jayton and informed us that he had made arrangements to buy stock in the Jayton Ice Plant and it is the intention to move the plant to Spur in time for the next season's work. The plant has a capacity of ten tons per day and will be enlarged as the business demands.

The company is planning to put in an ice house here for the storage of ice, and work on the building will probably be commenced at an early date.

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W. H. Stephens is on a business trip this week to Texico and other Western towns.



## AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN HASKELL

The second meeting of the Central West Texas Agricultural Association was held in Haskell, July 11, and brought together the most representative body of farmers and business men that has ever met in Central West Texas. The meeting was enthusiastic from the first, and during the entire day it did not wane in the least. The meeting displayed one of the most intense co-operative spirits, and will go a long way towards causing the farmers of Central West Texas to adopt more practical methods of farming, and will also be a factor in bringing about still stronger ties between the farmers and business men. The keynote of the situation was sounded by Mr. Sherrill of Haskell in the opening speech, when he said: "We cannot look nor hope for any material change in climatic conditions in West Texas and this being true, if we make this section of Texas an agricultural section, we must change our methods of farming, and the sooner we do so the better it will be for us." Judge L. M. Buie of Stamford agreed with this sentiment, and urged that it was necessary for the fullest co-operation of the business and farming interests to bring about this change in the present general method of farming.

The meeting was presided over by A. D. McLaughlin, president of the Association, and the large court room at Haskell was filled to overflowing, the audience being made up of farmers, their wives and children and business men representing Haskell, Spur, Rule, Stamford and other towns. R. E. Sherrill of Haskell delivered the address of welcome in which he entered a strong plea for the farmers to adopt more practical methods of farming, and to plant less, and cultivate more. He then gave expression to the sentiment quoted above. Judge L. M. Buie, a pioneer of West Texas, responded to the address. He declared that his faith in West Texas was unshaken, and made an eloquent appeal for the business men and farmers to stand together, and give each other the most cordial co-operation.

J. L. Quicksall of Waco, superintendent of the Farm Demonstration work of the Federal Government in charge of West Texas, was then introduced and for more than an hour pleaded with the farmers to give more study to practical agriculture. He pleaded for them to cultivate their ground better and select better seed. In his address Mr. Quicksall urged the farmers to plant and raise more feed stuff. He suggested sorghum, cow peas, peanuts and also urged that this country was well adapted to the growing of broom corn. Rotation in crops was strongly urged, but the main plea made by Mr. Quicksall was to farm more with brains and less with brawn. "You will pardon me if I say one thing that may pinch," said Mr. Quicksall, "and that is, that the dry weather is not the only thing that is in the way of your section of Texas being an agricultural section. A lack of intelligent farming is almost, if not quite as great a menace as is the dry weather."

The afternoon was decidedly for the girls and boys milo maize clubs of Haskell county. Out of the membership of two hundred fully one half of the membership was present, and the members had a most creditable exhibit of their work. The first thing on the program in the afternoon was an address by County Superintendent T. C. Williams of Haskell county on education and agriculture. He spoke for some time of the necessity of teaching agriculture in public schools, and pointed to Haskell county as an example of the interest that was being shown on this subject. His address was well received.

The last speaker of the afternoon was C. C. French of Fort Worth, secretary of the boys and girls hog clubs of the southwest. Mr. French showed the milo maize was as good if not better feed for hogs than corn, and he said that hogs fed on this crop brought better prices than on any other feed. He urged the farmers of Central West Texas to plant more hogs and was sure that they would find that it would be a great help to them commercially and in other ways.

The selection of the next place of meeting was then taken up. President James A. White of Stamford Commercial Club invited the meeting to Stamford. He said that he believed the organization was one that was fraught with the greatest possibilities for Central West Texas, and that Stamford would not only like to have it, but would lend every possible effort in the preparation of the organization, and do everything possible in making it a success. On motion of F. G. Alexander of Haskell Stamford was chosen by a unanimous vote.

G. C. Pass made a business trip this week to Jayton, Stamford and other points.

## DRY LAKE ITEMS

Tom Allen and Mitchell Bond spent Saturday in Dickens.

Quite a number of the Dry Lake people attended the Dickens picnic.

A play party was enjoyed at the home of Vernon Davis Friday evening.

G. A. Draper, wife and Miss Lottie Johnson were the guests of M. C. West and family Sunday.

W. F. Markham and family, H. C. Draper and family, attended the singing convention at Croton Sunday.

Gray, Joe and Ellis Draper, Marion Brown and Duvey Johnson were among the crowd who attended the picnic at Dickens Friday and Saturday.

Rev. Buck Hardin will preach here Sunday morning July 21.

Bob Davis and family spent Sunday at the home of his brother, Vernon Davis.

One of G. A. Draper's hogs left last week and has not yet returned.

A. D. Baker, wife and little son, Lester, spent Sunday at Tap.

Loy West, whose finger became diseased from getting a splinter in it had a bone pulled from the first joint of his finger last week.

James English, a young man of Haskell, will begin a singing school at the Dry Lake school house in August—Maiden Vine.

## SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY

A personally conducted first-class Special Train Excursion through the Rocky Mountains to the world famous Yellowstone National Park and return under the auspices of "THE CAMPUS" the new monthly magazine of Southern Methodist University, at low rates and consuming about 15 days (ticket to be good until October 31st for return and allowing stop-overs enroute,) will leave Dallas and Fort Worth August 12th. For complete itinerary, expense, particulars and photographic literature illustrative of the journey's superb attractions, free of cost, address Frank Reedy, Bursar, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Ju-6-to-Jul-20.

Dr. DuVal, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist of Wichita Falls, was in Spur Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital and while here performed several very delicate operations, among the number being the little daughter of Mat Howell and wife and the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Elliot, both of which were very delicate operations but successfully performed. Dr. DuVal will make regular visits to Spur in the future.

W. F. Godfrey and W. B. Griffin returned Tuesday from a trip to the Plains country where they had spent several days on business.

## Aid to the Unlovely.

"I try to be an efficient city directory," said the hotel clerk, "but balk of recommending a beauty doctor to women guests."

"That is one of the first things they want to know. Churches, theaters, even dressmakers can wait a few days, but the beauty doctor is an immediate necessity. Unfortunately, they do not get much satisfaction out of me. Any number of beauty specialists leave cards for distribution, but so many of them have been mixed up in lawsuits that I feel squeamish about delivering their cards. To satisfy my own conscience and the women at the same time I hand out a bunch of advertisements with the remark that I guess they are about all alike."

"Then they can pay their money and take their choice, and if they lose their hair and complexion they can't come back on me for damages."

## Latest in House Building.

Spanners and screwdrivers are the only tools required in up-to-date house building. This latest development in an important craft comes, as might be expected, from the United States, says London Tit-Bits. Blocks of concrete cement are cast according to the desired pattern, with a wire spiral passage through the center. When ready for erection steel pins are passed through the center of the castings, and the whole bolted together over a wooden frame. The work of building or dismantling a house so constructed is stated to be simple in the extreme.

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Mace hunter was in the city Thursday from his place several miles east of Spur.

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## Surprise Boxes in Shark Stomachs.

Fishermen in the Caribbean sea recently found in the stomach of a shark which they had killed a good sized bottle in which was a half-decipherable letter from a shipwrecked sailor. Many such relics have been found. In one case a lady's bracelet was found in a state of perfect preservation, together with a silver spoon and a thousand Spanish reals in money. The curious feature of the finding of the money was that it was in an official receptacle lost in the city of Spanish Town (Jamaica) during a negro uprising in the seventeenth century. Where had it been meantime? Surely not in the shark's stomach, unless the shark lives a much longer time (or some of them) than science has any reason to suppose possible. On the other hand, if in the sea it would have been rendered unrecognizable in a few weeks. Had it been in the possession of some one shipwrecked, why had it been left intact? The conclusion was inevitable that the shark must have fished it out from a compartment of some long-submerged vessel. — Harper's Weekly.

## Suspended Animation.

As we descend in the scale of animal life we find that what kills the higher animals does not injure the lower. Cut a polyp in two, and you have two living polyps instead of one dead polyp. Break off a lobster's claw, and another will grow. You, may, it has been said, freeze a fly, but you cannot freeze it to death. There are infusoria called "wheel-animals." These rotifers have many curious qualities, among which is that of suspended animation for an indefinite period without ceasing to live. Colonies of rotifers may be desiccated and rendered apparently lifeless, and in this condition they may be kept for months and years, and possibly centuries. A single drop of water will restore them to life, and the wheel-bearers will instantly resume their functional activity precisely at the point where it was broken off. — Harper's Weekly.

## Neat!

A Washington man called upon a charming but homely woman, who had not long before had her portrait painted. The artist had done his work well, from a friendly point of view, and the lady was correspondingly pleased. She was not, however, so blind as not to see that the portrait was, as one might say, a trifle "idealized."

As she exhibited it to her caller she said: "What do you think of it? Has not the artist rather flattered me?"

The visitor looked at the picture, then at the lady, and with an eloquent sigh answered: "Ah, my dear lady, how could a painter sit in your company and not flatter you?"

## POOR AS A CHURCH MOUSE

Since Confetti Came Into Use, the Saying Has More Meaning Than at Former Times.

The sexton of a fashionable New York church was sweeping into a large mound the bright purple, red and yellow discs of confetti which littered the church entrance and steps.

"This month," he said, "I have had already 35 weddings in my church. And at every one of these weddings paper confetti was thrown at the bride instead of rice."

"The confetti fashion is very welcome to us sextons. When rice was used our churches were overrun with mice. The saying, 'As poor as a church mouse,' was then meaningless. Why, in my church, where weddings are so popular, several hundreds of mice—fat chaps they were, too—found an ample food supply in the rice that was sprinkled over the brides."

"Now that rice has been abandoned for paper confetti, these mice have all disappeared. They were starved out. They couldn't live on paper."

Bending with difficulty to collect a few obstinate pieces of the bright paper confetti that stuck to the floor, the old sexton added:

"Of course, these bits of paper are much more awkward for me to sweep up than rice. But, even so, I hope the confetti fashion has come to stay."

## HER SHARE OF THE BUREAU

Girl Visitor's Idea of a Division Seemed to Be to Take All the Space You Could Get.

"A friend came to visit me last week," said the Girl Flapper, "and as there is only one bureau I told her I would have to share it with her. So I pushed my things out of the way and she began to unpack. This is what she put out:

"A bottle of spirits of camphor, a bottle of camphor water and boric acid that she uses for her eyes, a bottle of witch hazel, another of benzoin, a box of face powder and a tin of talcum powder, a make-up box, sixteen ivory toilet things, four Stevenson texts in frames, an atomizer, a bottle of ammonia, another of oil of pennyroyal for mosquitoes, nine hatpins, a sewing bag, a jewelry box, some perfume and an alcohol lamp."

"Now, I'll unpack my bathroom things," she said, and she took out three sponges, large, medium and small; a rubber bath glove, a bottle of liquid soap and four kinds of tooth powders and mouth washes, a patent exerciser, a bathrobe and slippers, an antiseptic bathbrush, a rubber spray, a thermometer and a whiskbroom.

"Then she borrowed my button-hook."

## IN THE PHILIPPINES

New Orleans Girl Spends Several Months on Islands.

Writes of Her Trip on a Coastwise Boat and the Strange Menu Served to the Party in Picturesque Native Town.

Manila, P. I.—"We were invited to spend several weeks in this province, and as it was likely to prove a novel experience, we came," says Mrs. Marcia Dorothy Ryar, a New Orleans girl who spent several months in the Philippines.

"We took the coastwise boat, which below stairs was crammed with natives, ponies, carabaos, vegetables, the inevitable fighting cocks (a native neglects his family, but never his game-cock), fish, small and babies."

"On the upper deck, however, beneath an awning, we were comfortable enough in steamer chairs."

"That evening we reached a native town, very odd with its native straw huts on stilts, and its crazy streets with cats, strings of fish and children. Also cocks and cockpits—and the jungle behind it all."

"There a banca, a clumsy, canoe-shaped native boat, decidedly top-heavy and uncomfortable, met us. It was paddled expertly by natives, picturesque in their scanty attire, and wearing at their belts knives quite large enough to make me shudder. We arrived at the station to see a magnificent sunset and eat a unique dinner. On the menu were of course many familiar dishes, but besides there were fried bananas sliced crosswise, thin and crisp, tasting like eggplant, a cousin to the cucumber, roasted, a salad made from cocoanut buds with mayonnaise. I did not like it at all—rice like popcorn, bamboo shoots, chicken with curry and a jelly made from flowers, which tasted like currants, also a drink of cocoanut milk, which is awful."

"The house is a darling. It is large, native in style, of straw and bamboo floors, large rooms, sliding partitions and shower bath in each room. Behind is the jungle, before a fine stretch of lawn, a beach and the water."

"That evening we sat on the wide gallery, in the usual steamer chairs, and listened to the plaintive native music from the barrio, where a dance was in full swing."

"Our host has a charming, if lonely existence. There are fifty native men in the barrio, whom he oversees at their work. His household arrangements are perfect, but it takes four boys and a cook to keep them so. It seems so funny to see a boy in pink knee pants, no shirt, but a dagger in his belt, serving chocolate, and excellent chocolate at that."

"The place is beautifully laid out; the irrigation ditches are crossed by pretty bamboo bridges, all things lending themselves to the general effect. I saw coffee, bananas and pine-apples growing for the first time, the latter a beautiful red white growing. You should see the wonderful orchids and ferns, some with fronds twelve feet long."



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Wind Carries Girl Ten Miles. O'Neil, Neb.—Torn from her father's arms as he was carrying her to a storm cellar, the ten-year-old daughter of L. G. Carley, was carried ten miles by the wind and then dropped unhurt in a grove.

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Ed R. Kone  
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Superintendent Public Instruction:  
F. M. Bralley

Railroad Commissioner:  
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W. D. Williams

Place 2—Unexpired Term:  
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J. C. Mason  
Theo. G. Thomas  
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Ocie Speer  
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W. E. Hawkins

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J. C. Muse  
W. B. Green  
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S. P. Huff

For Associate Justice of Court of Civil Appeals, 7th Supreme Judicial District:  
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Harry G. Hendricks, Place No. 1  
R. W. Hall, Place No. 2

For Congress, 13th Congressional District of Texas:  
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For Representative 105th District:  
A. J. Hagins  
A. C. Wilmeth  
Guy R. Scott

For Judge District Court, 50th Judicial District:  
Jo A. P. Dickson

For Attorney District Court, 50th Judicial District:  
Isaac O. Newton

For County Judge:  
O. S. Ferguson  
W. A. Craddock

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J. B. Conner  
H. P. Cole  
D. C. Sparks

For County and District Clerk:  
J. V. McCormick  
C. C. Cobb

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison  
E. L. Harkey

For Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego

For Surveyor:  
L. T. Cochran

For County Attorney:  
B. G. Worswick

For Public Weigher, Precinct No. 3:  
John Carlisle  
C. H. Perry

For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:  
E. Austin

Precinct No. 2:

Precinct No. 3:  
Jeff D. Reagan  
H. T. Garner

Precinct No. 4:  
L. G. Crabtree

For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. ....

For County Chairman Democratic Executive Committee:

Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 1:

Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 2:

Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 3:

Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 4:

Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 5:

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Committeeman Voting Precinct No. 11:

## DRY LAKE ITEMS

Crops are in a fine condition at present.

Luther Carr is reported on the sick list.

Mr. Terrell, a fruit tree agent, has been in our midst.

Will Cartwright had business in Spur Wednesday.

Dan Reeves and mother, spent Saturday and Sunday at Tap.

A cistern is being dug at the Dry Lake school house.

An ice cream supper was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. John Brown Friday evening.

A crowd of thirty six spent the 4th plum hunting.

Rev. G. C. Berryman filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Henry Carr will leave next week for Chillicothe where he expects to attend the fair and also to visit friends.

The new organ which was ordered for the Dry Lake Sunday school arrived Saturday.

Bud Cherry, wife and children, returned home Sunday from Blanco where they spent several days.

A Methodist meeting will begin at the Dry Lake school house the third day of August.

Mr. Floyd Pruitt has decided to remain in Dickens county.—Jump Down.

S. C. Hickman was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Wake country.

Mrs. E. L. Clay left last week for an extended visit to relatives in Montague county.

Fine, well bred Jersey Heifers for sale by Clay Smart at R. R. Morrison's.

If you want to buy a young Jersey cow see Clay Smart at R. R. Morrison's store.

J. C. Davis, of Dickens, was in Spur last week on business and to visit his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis, and families.

Masonic Lodge No. 1,023 will meet Thursday night, July 25th, and all members are requested to be present.

Mrs. W. D. Clay has been quite sick the past week, and we are glad to note that she is now very much improved.

Chalk Brown was in Spur Saturday from the Twenty-Four Ranch in Kent county and spent several hours here.

Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan and children returned last week from Chicago where they spent several weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Postmaster J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent some time here.

Jeff D. Harkey came over Monday from Dickens and spent several hours here to attend a directors' meeting of the First State Bank.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Upshaw has been quite sick the past two weeks at their home several miles northeast of Spur. Dr. Grace has been treating the patient and we hope soon to note its complete recovery.

Clay Smart has a number of Jersey Heifers brought up from a dairy farm in Fisher county, and which he is selling at moderate prices considering the high breeding. Those desiring a fine young milk cow will do well to see him before buying elsewhere.

# PHOTOGRAPHS

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**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,  
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.**

J. C. McNeill was in the city last week from his home fifteen or twenty miles west of Spur.

E. L. Harkey was among the many visiting candidates in Spur last week.

Grandma Morgan, of Hamlin, is spending the week in Spur with G. C. Pass and family.

Sol Davis and J. P. Wither- spoon made a business trip last week to Dickens where they spent some time.

R. C. Forbis and Bill Stafford, of the Afton country, shipped several cars of cattle Monday to the Fort Worth markets.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor and little son, Lewis Sanders, are visiting her parents at Clairette, Erath county and will probably remain there ten days or two weeks before returning to their home in Spur.

Ed Cairnes, of the Paddle Ranch, was in Spur Monday shipping cattle to the Fort Worth market.

J. W. Bramhall, who has been spending several weeks on the Plains doing sign work, returned the latter part of last week to Spur.

Mrs. Duke Henson, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at Abilene, returned to her home in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. P. Lamar, a prominent citizen of Hamlin, is in the city this week visiting at the home of G. C. Pass.

John Ligon, who has been visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor at their home in the city, returned last week to his home in Erath county.

John Wooten, a prominent citizen of the Wake country, was in Spur Monday trading and on business.

Robert Davis, son of Sol Davis, has been spending the week in the Afton country at the Forbis Ranch.

Mit Leatherwood came in Saturday from the ranch to meet Henry Leatherwood and wife who returned from an extended visit to Cleburne.

Mrs. F. R. Harrington, who is on an extended visit to her son, Burl Harrington, and family of near Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here.

J. C. Corey, a prominent citizen of the Plains country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business and trading with the merchants.

The Misses Love, daughters of C. L. Love, came up from Stamford and spent several days here with Mr. Love, returning this week to their home at Stamford.

Towns Taylor, who has been spending some time with his brother, W. S. Taylor, returned last week to the 24 Ranch in Kent county. Towns was here for medical treatment on account of injuries received by a horse falling with him.

A. J. Hagins, of Kent county and candidate for representative of this district, was in Spur Friday and went over to Dickens to attend the picnic. At the picnic speeches were made by Mr. Hagins and Wilmeth, both candidates for the same office, and other county candidates.

J. W. Edwards, of near Dumont, was in Spur the latter part of last week after supplies in preparation for the big two days picnic at Dickens Friday and Saturday.

L. C. Arrington, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and hauled out a load of supplies for the two days picnic at Dickens.

S. D. Blackwell, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Monday and reports everything in pretty good shape in his section of the country. He reports the protracted meeting now in progress at the school house, being conducted by Rev. Joe Day. The meeting will continue throughout the week.

Miss Mary Henson, who has been on an extended visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state, returned Thursday of last week to her home in Spur.

Rev. Mike M. Young left the latter part of last week to spend several days at Abilene, Clyde and Merkel on business and conducting a protracted meeting. Mr. Young will probably send his boys to the Abilene College this year.

V. C. Davis was in the city this week from his home several miles west of Spur. Mr. Davis is raising chickens in connection with his farming operations and reports success. He is now selling his surplus stock of chickens preparatory for another year's run.

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## TWO DAYS PICNIC AND BARBECUE AT DICKENS

The two days picnic and barbecue at Dickens Friday and Saturday was largely attended by people from every section of the country and adjoining counties, the occasion being one of the largest congregations of people within the history of Dickens, pleasure and amusements in variety being afforded all present.

A. C. Wilmeth, candidate for Representative of this District, made the opening address Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The next on the program was a contest of the prettiest calico dress worn on the grounds, the contest affording much pleasure and amusement. Bachelor Rush and Bachelor Cobb were selected as judges of the contest and I believe they have good eyes for calico even though they be not familiar with dresses. Mrs. John Law was awarded the prize of a one dollar bottle of Toilet Water given by the Red Front Drug Store of Spur.

After the contest the good ladies of Dickens county spread the best basket dinner of which I ever had the pleasure of partaking, and for which Brother Odeneal delivered appropriate thanks.

Immediately after dinner A. C. Wilmeth made a speech in the interest of his candidacy for the Legislature from this District, after which J. C. Thompson delivered a Socialist speech. Then Judge Potter made a speech in behalf of Gov. Colquitt. A. T. Odeneal made a speech in behalf of Judge Ramsey for Governor which concluded the day's program. I believe everyone enjoyed the speeches, the dinner and the various amusements afforded throughout the day and were content to rest in anticipation of the events of the following day's program.

Saturday at 10 o'clock a great Potato Race was pulled off as planned by C. L. Love of the J. A. Lambdin establishment of Spur, and superintended by W. D. Clay. This race contributed to the occasion more fun and amusement than a boat could haul. Ollie Hindman won the race and was given a prize consisting of a three dollar pair of shoes by J. A. Lambdin & Company of Spur.

The next on program were the announcements of county and district candidates, after which as fine a speech as ever came from the lips of man was delivered by J. C. Thompson.

The next in order was the dinner of barbecued meat, bread and coffee which was prepared in the most inviting manner and in sufficient quantity to supply everyone on the grounds, and no doubt as the juicy meat was being consumed each silently but heartily returned thanks to the donors: Messrs. Mooseworth, Pitchfork Ranch, Matador Cattle Company, W. J. Lewis and Dickens contributing one beef each, and the Spur Land Office ten dollars in cash, Bryant-Link Co. one dollar, Spur Drug Co. one dollar, R. R. Morrison one dollar, T. A. Ham one dollar, J. A. Lambdin & Co. two dollars, Red Front Drug Store one dollar, S. R. Davis one dollar, Spur Hardware Co. two dollars, W. F. Shugart seventy-five cents, C. P. Poole fifty cents, Hyatt & Garner fifty cents.

Now I feel like everybody is somewhat like myself about

things of this kind, and where a firm or individual helps the public in such a manner the public should mete such considerations by returns in a commercial way.

The Dickens county picnic and barbecue was a great success in every particular and notwithstanding minor impediments to prevent such a result.—W. D. Clay.

### THE RAIN CONTINUES

Just before going to press the rain continues to fall and the prospects are that the whole of Dickens county and the Spur country will be soaking wet at the end of the week. This rain almost assures big crops of all kinds in this section. Hurrah for the Spur country.

### CONSTANT ADVERTISER.

Special attention is called to the July Sale advertisement of J. A. Lambdin & Company. In this sale is being made some attractive and money saving prices. In looking over our newspaper files during the past two years and since the establishment of the Texas Spur you will note that with but a single exception J. A. Lambdin & Company has had an advertisement to appear and in each issue a different advertisement is published for the benefit of patrons and readers. Reading over the ads they are interesting, convincing and will compare favorably with the productions of larger firms of the cities anywhere. C. L. Love, manager of the business, is a business man of ability, is a good advertiser and deserves and merits the management of a successful and popular business.

Just one more week and the Democratic Primary will thin out the political campaigners to a stand one to the hill. There will be a number of disappointments in the election and in advance we wish to extend our sympathies and congratulations to the candidates. In the county campaign the candidates are all good men and in our opinion will conduct their respective offices to the advantage of the general public, and who ever may be selected by the people we will be satisfied.

Mrs. C. B. St. Clair and daughter, Miss Gene, of Comanche, after spending two weeks in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones left Thursday for Aspermont where they will visit relatives before returning home. They were accompanied to Aspermont by Mrs. Jones and little daughter, Miss Nan, who will also spend some time in Aspermont.

There is no question but that farming conditions in this section differs materially from other sections, and to be successful the farmer will have to consider and study such conditions and the best methods of cultivation, and in our opinion he will profit by a consideration of the experiments made by others during twenty years of farming in this section.

Fred O. McFall was in the city Thursday from his home several miles north of Spur and reports a nice shower of rain on his place and says although he did not get as much rain as was desired that the amount received will be of great benefit to both cotton and feed.

J. A. Nichols, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Wake country, was in Spur Thursday on business and trading with Spur merchants.

## FARMERS INSTITUTE ORGANIZED IN SPUR

W. J. Duffel, representing the Texas Department of Agriculture, was in Spur Thursday between trains and addressed a number of farmers in the Lyric Theatre building.

During the time he was here an organization of about twelve or fifteen members was effected.

Mr. Duffel devoted a greater part of his speech to hogs and the best manner of feeding and breeding. He also urged crop diversification in connection with hog and stock raising, gave those who heard him many ideas which will prove of benefit. He has spent forty years in actual farming in Texas, and no doubt has spent many years in experimenting and arriving at his present conclusions of the best methods of farming and hog raising.

The Spur institute will send two delegates to the State Institute and also the Farmers Congress which convenes about the first of August, the Railway Company allowing free transportation to the two delegates.

We were sorry that more farmers were not present to hear Mr. Duffel, since everything he had to say was of interest and for the special benefit of the farmer.

### BIG RAIN IN AFTON CONTRY

J. E. Wright, of the Liberty country north of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday and reports a big rain in his section Wednesday. He says the rainfall amounted to one and a half inches, which is enough to supply the demands of all the farms at this time.

He says all the crops in his section are in the finest shape and that nothing had been suffering before the rain. The people of that country are now confident of bumper crops of all kinds.

A girl baby was born Saturday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tyler. This is the first child to appear in the family, and notwithstanding the desire on the part of A. J. to have a son to bear his name and heir his estate, he feels the distinction of being a father and bears the part remarkably under the circumstances.

Farmers of every section of the Spur country are now wearing a smile of pleasure and contentment since the showers of rain during the week. Crops are in fine shape and we are expecting record breaking crops this fall.

Jeweler Gruben left this week to spend some time with his parent at Royston. During his absence John Gruben will have charge of his business in Spur.

Misses Flora and Jessie Love, who have been spending some time in Spur with their father, C. L. Love, returned Wednesday to their home at Stamford.

Miss Donna Edmonds came to Spur recently from New Mexico and will make her home here with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Mr. Baker, a prominent citizen and business man of Stamford, was in Spur this week on business and spent some time here.

J. P. Crump and daughter, of Garza county, were in Spur Thursday trading with the merchants.

# Spur High School WILL OPEN SEPT. 9TH

Corps of Seven Experienced and Efficient Teachers Now Employed

Others Will Be Employed as Needs Or Exigencies May Arise

9 Months' Term ELEVENTH GRADE TAUGHT

Music Department Good Piano Owned by School In Building

Excellent Features Will Be Physical Aparatus, Chemical Laboratory, Maps, Charts, Etc., Used--Athletics Will Be Given Proper Consideration. Modern Building Equipped With Latest Conveniences, Including First-Class Steam Heating Plant

### CHEER OF THE OLD HOME

Something Which Every Man and Woman Should Be Able to Look Back Upon.

It would be a blessing if we parents could just reflect that it may be that the only cheer in life which our children will get is the cheer of the old home, writes Frank W. Gunsaulus. They are hurrying out into the world which has no time to make them happy. If they are fortunate, as the world says, they will probably have homes, where old-fashioned and romping cheerfulness would skin its shins against the furniture or break the Louis XIV. chair. Blessed old days, and most wholesome to look back upon, are those when the hearty laugh of father would not split the lace curtains, and when mother could have two big, healthy children upon her lap while she was sitting down, with safety to all parties, in her rocker. No coin on earth costs so little to mint and goes so far in paying life's heavy expenses as Good Cheer. Pessimists are made before children are ten years of age, and pessimism comes when a child cannot turn a golden laugh into ready cash for life's poverty and its relief. We talk about the cruelty of a father's depriving a child of sufficient clothing. It is too bad; but a child's toes would better be ruddy and his ears tingle with cold than to have a home with winter in the atmosphere and the smiles all freezing to death.

No child is prepared for the supremely serious things of life who cannot laugh away all the goblins and ghosts and break with the shining wand of Good Cheer the circle drawn around him by any giant.

### Testimony of the Blind.

Before the trial was half ended it was apparent that most credence was placed in the testimony for the defendant.

"That is because he has two blind men testifying for him," said a man who has served on many juries. "When it comes to a question of memory the word of a blind man goes further in a courtroom than that of a person with good eyes. It is with the jurymen that his testimony really counts, but the judge and lawyers are also impressed. This is taking into consideration, of course, that the blind man has a reputation for veracity. We assume that with the loss of one faculty others have developed. What a man cannot see he hears, and his mind stores up. Our faith in the retentiveness of a blind man's memory has been frequently justified. Where a person with all his senses would become confused and testify vaguely, the blind man can repeat a conversation verbatim."

### SALT PUT TO VARIED USES

Invaluable to Mankind Though as a Condiment It Should Be Employed Sparingly.

If food is tasteless without salt, it is ruined with too much. Unappetizing cooking is often due to guesswork. A level teaspoonful of salt is sufficient for a quart of soup, sauce, or vegetables.

Salt used once a day is an excellent dentrifice, tending to keep off tartar. It is said to retard receding gums.

A half teaspoonful of salt added to a cup of hot water—which many persons take each morning—will make it palatable.

Do not gargle with salt water. Throat specialists consider it injurious to the tender mucous membrane of the nose.

Salt water rots the hair, so never fall to rinse with fresh water after sea bathing.

To set color in wash materials and embroidery cottons soak them in strong salt water.

An excellent tonic for nervous people is to take salt rubs twice a day. As sea salt dissolves slowly, some of it can be kept in solution in a glass jar to be ready when needed.

When a child is inclined to bow legs or to have a weak back, rub it night and morning with strong salt water.

A faded carpet is freshened if wiped off with a wet cloth wrung from strong salt water. Sprinkle floor with dampened salt and sweep well.

Bad dyspepsia can be helped by dissolving pinches of salt on the tongue after eating, or when there is a sense of oppression.

### Dental Training.

Fifteen years from now if I have any teeth left for anybody to fool with I shall hire a certain Chinese boy to do the fooling," a New York salesman said. "He will be grown up then. I saw him the other day down in Chinatown. He was pulling pegs out of a board with his fingers. The pegs had been driven pretty tight into holes in the board, and it took a good deal of strength to get them out."

"That is a funny game for him to play," I said to a white man who knows the quarter.

"Game!" said he. "That is not a game. The boy is going to be a dentist. His folks have made up their minds about that, and he has commenced early to strengthen his fingers. They train them that way in China because there they pull teeth with the fingers. He will not pull with his fingers here, but the strength and skill will come in handy, just the same."



# SUMMER NEEDS

We inaugurate war on all Summer Goods for Cash. All Lawns, Ladies', Ready-to-Wear, and many other lines to close very cheap. 27-Inch Linens in White, Pink, Red, Gray and Light Blue; 25c Values 19c.

Colored Lawns	Corset Covers	Princess Slips	Ladies' Muslin Drawers
All 15c Colored Lawns ..... 12 1-2c	\$1.25 Corset Covers ..... \$1.05	\$1.25 Princess Slips for ..... \$1.05	75c Drawers for ..... 60c
All 12 1-2c Colored Lawns ..... 10c	1.00 " " ..... .75	.75 " " ..... .60	35c " " ..... 25c
All 10c Colored Lawns ..... 8c	.65 " " ..... .50		
All 8 1 3c Colored Lawns ..... 6 1-2c			
Ladies' Muslin Combination Suits	Ladies' Undermuslin	Misses' and Children's Slippers	Embroideries
\$1 50 Suits for ..... \$1.20	\$2.25 Muslin Skirts ..... \$1.85	\$2.50 White Buck 3-Strap Sandals ..... \$2.15	1 Line Embroideries 10c to 12 1-2c for ..... 8c
1.25 " " ..... 1.05	1.75 " " ..... 1.40	2.25 Tan Pumps ..... 1.95	1 Line Embroideries 15c to 20c for ..... 10c
1.00 " " ..... .80	1.50 " " ..... 1.25	All other \$2.50 Slippers ..... 2.10	1 Line Embroideries 25c to 35c for ..... 15c
.90 " " ..... .75	1.25 " " ..... 1.05	" " 2.25 " " ..... 1.90	
.65 and .75 Suits for ..... .60	1.00 " " ..... .85	" " 2.00 " " ..... 1.60	
	.75 " " ..... .60	" " 1.75 " " ..... 1.45	
	The material is worth the price. Why make them and lose the time?	" " 1.50 " " ..... 1.25	
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		" " 1.00 " " ..... .90	
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		" " .75 " " ..... .60	

We want every lady in this section to get familiar with Henderson Corsets. When in the store ask to see the line whether you wish to buy or not.

All Clothing prices will continue at cut prices. It's our endeavor to clear the house of all summer goods. Come to us to look.

## J. A. LAMBDIN & COMPANY

WE LEAD IN GRADE WITH THE PROPER PRICE

C. L. LOVE, Manager

Let us send you up a case of soda water and a packer of Spur Ice Cream.

J. M. Neely and wife made a trip this week to Lockney on the Plains where they spent several days.

Miss Ruth Attebury returned Sunday from a visit of several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch.

Coca cola, Dr. Pepper and all other flavors of Soda Water will be put in your ice box if you say the word. Spur Bottling Works. Say it!

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Burgoon entertained a number of friends Tuesday evening at their home in the city. Progressive forty-two was the main feature of the entertainment, and during the evening cake and cream was served the guests.

Lewis Craig, of the Luzon country, has been spending the week in Spur repairing the lines of the Luzon Telephone Company. Lewis is a good telephone man and knows the business in all its details.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and reports everything in good shape in that section.

Miss Mary Jane Smith is spending the week with relatives at Stamford. During her absence Miss Poole is in the dry goods department of the Lambdin store.

A large number of the Spur people attended the Dickens picnic and barbecue Friday and Saturday. They report a very pleasant time, plenty barbecue, interesting ball games, speeches and a general good time for all.

### TAP TELLINGS

P. Hinson lost his hat one day this week while returning from Spur.

Several of our people attended the big picnic at Dickens last week.

Jeff Pirkle of Soldier Mound was here a few days ago visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Sparks.

Mrs. J. H. Sparks and daughter, Mrs. Holt, visited J. D. Rash and family, south of Spur, a few days ago.

Mr. Stegall and wife of the Plains country were visiting at A. W. Manning and family's the past week.

The cream supper and social entertainment at T. S. Lambert's Friday night was largely attended. All report a huge time.

Mr. Box, of Stamford, arrived Tuesday to be with his Uncle, J. T. Perkins, who is confined to his bed and not expected to recover.

Whew! hot and dry, but crops are holding up wonderfully well, and nothing seriously damaged yet but early feed crops which are now maturing and will be a light yield, but indications are good for rain and when we get that rain things will come alive sure enough. — Gadabout.

### FOR SALE

Our 2-year and 3-year old black Jacks, white points, good size, big bone; broke to serve. Terms. Box 183, Anson, Texas. 36-4t.

Subscribe for The Texas Spur.

H. F. Jennings and family returned the first of the week from Blanco where they, in company with others, spent several days fishing.

**LOANS ON REAL ESTATE**  
I have secured a company that will advance 40 per cent of value on improved real estate. — E. C. Edmonds.

S. W. Rather, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business and trading with Spur merchants.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow made a business trip with J. P. Higgins the latter part of last week into Scurry and Kent counties in an effort to adjust business matters in a legal manner for Mr. Higgins.

Jno. T. George and family, of near Jayton, left recently for Waterloo, Iowa, where they will spend the summer.

J. H. Fox, of a mile or two south of Spur, was in the city Wednesday and spent some time here on business and visiting his daughters.

Berry Pursley came up from his ranch near Jayton and spent some time in Spur this week looking after his business interests here.

Mat Howell, of near Spur to the West, was in the city the first of the week and reports everything in good condition.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon returned last week from Grapevine where she and children had been on an extended visit to her parents and other relatives and friends.

## G. A. HOWSLEY

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Hot and Cold Tire Steting a Specialty. Near the Gin

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See me for Weekly Rates

Nice, Clean Rooms and the Best Table the Market Affords.



## Why I Left the East.

(By Mrs. W. B. BENNET.)

Now isn't it amazing  
How some people fume and fret  
And declare that Western Texas  
Is the "sorriest country yet?"  
How they fuss and how they grumble  
How they yelp and howl for rain  
And we hear them often threaten  
To be going East again.

"Back East it rains a plenty  
And the gardens, how they grow!  
And they have all kinds of edibles  
The whole year round you know."  
Don't talk to me, I know it,  
For I lived there years and years  
And again that verdant country  
On my vision reappears.

And I see myself a sitting  
By the fire in Summertime  
With a shaky, creepy feeling  
Going up and down my spine.  
How I shake and how I shiver!  
Then I tumble into bed  
And rage and toss with fever  
While they bathe my aching head

Then they call me in to dinner  
To a feast that is extra good  
But I do not even taste it  
Though I sigh and wish I could.  
And they coax and they persuade me  
Just to "eat a little bite."  
But I turn away disgusted  
For I have no appetite.

Then I see myself at midnight  
With my sick child on my knee  
A crying and a praying  
For the Lord to send a breeze  
Then I see my husband lying  
Of the fever nearly dead  
And my little boy a crying  
"Mamma, come and bathe my head."

"Mamma, put more cover on me"  
Calls another with a cry,  
While another calls "O! mamma,  
Come and fan me or I'll die."  
Next I find we've had an auction  
And perhaps, my friend, you've guessed  
Why we left that verdant country  
For the dry disheartening West.

And, my friend, we don't regret it—  
Never mind now what we eat.  
We are happy and contented;  
For we count it quite a treat  
To be always up and going—  
Yes, our wealth has taken flight,  
But we have a greater blessing,  
We have our appetite.

And the nights they are so pleasant  
And refreshing that it seems  
That we can't get up of mornings  
Till the sun pours down his beams.  
No more slaving in the crabgrass  
Till we don't know how to rest;  
In the field to work by day-light—  
We don't need to in the West.

Stop, my friends, and count your blessings,  
Think about our pleasant nights;  
Think about our generous people  
And our sharpened appetites.  
Hush your mouthing and complaining,  
Let your grouches die at birth;  
For West Texas, Dickens county,  
Is the grandest place on earth.

Miss McClain, telephone operator of Crosbyton, and others of that city spent the Fourth of July in Spur.

Bill McArthur was in the city last week from his place in the Red Mud country and reports everything in good shape.

## Horse Dentist!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

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## "THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

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## SPUR SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 9TH

It is necessary that all patrons living outside of the Spur Independent School District, or who have recently moved here, and desiring to send children during this term should make the necessary transfer and enrollment before the 31st day of July, or otherwise deprive the child and the school of the due state funds.

The 1912-13 term of the Spur School will begin Monday, September 9th, and for the term a corps of seven experienced and efficient teachers have been employed and others will be employed as needed. During the term all grades up to and including the eleventh grade will be taught, and the term will be nine months. The school is excellently equipped in features of physical apparatus, chemical laboratory, maps, charts, etc., and athletics will be given proper consideration throughout the term.

The Spur School building is a modern \$20,000 structure, equipped with a first-class steam-heating plant and all conveniences of a modern school structure. The building has eleven class and study rooms and a large auditorium, well seated and staged. The teachers employed are able and experienced and the term is expected to not only continue to advance pupils, but advance the educational and school interests of the town and country.

### FISHING PARTY

M. E. Manning and family and G. L. Barber and family returned the first of this week from Blanco where they had spent several days fishing and recuperating. They report a pleasant time and plenty fish such as the Blanco Canyon affords.

### HAGINS-HAWKINS

At Girard Wednesday evening, July 10th, at 8:30 D. D. Hagins and Miss Ruth Hawkins were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Rev. W. B. Bennett officiating.

Mr. Hagins has lived in Dickens county almost all his life, and has never been known to do a cowardly or ungentlemanly deed.

Miss Ruth Hawkins is one of the most beautiful, refined and lovable young ladies in the state of Texas. Mr. Hagins has our heartiest congratulations in obtaining such a priceless treasure as Miss Ruth for a wife.

We join their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hagins a long and happy life together.—Johnny-Jump-Up.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hansford has been quite sick this week.

### THE DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THE CRANK

Every community has its crank, and he is the subject of much criticism and derision. Such should not be the case. To the so-called "crank" is due the greatest possible consideration. He is generally termed a crank because he seeks to leave the beaten paths. Let us be patient with him. If his plans and theories are worthless let them fall to pieces of their own weight. If they are good, criticism can hardly destroy them. It takes a crank to turn things, and if any one desires to rehearse the pages of history a little they will find that nearly all the progress that has ever been made in this world is directly traceable to cranks. Watts, Fulton, Whitney, Wright, McCormick, Columbs, Luther and even Christ himself were all termed cranks and were held up before the world in utter derision yet look how they turned things. Without their lives in this old world would hardly be fit to live in.

We ought to rear monuments to the cranks. They become possessed with a single ideal and their efforts are thrown into the solving. They are usually patient-penetrating and sometimes practical. They do the impossible. No one thinks of terming as cranks those who have won distinction on account of their genius. They are given ovations. Few inventors have made as many blunders as has Edison, yet who thinks of calling him a crank? It may be said that few inventors have achieved more, yet his failures have far outnumbered his successes, and he owes his overwhelming success to a mighty capacity for work and a disposition to keep eternally at it. The day of achievement is not passed. There is yet work for the crank. Let us not criticise him harshly, lest we be discouraging genius. Let us remember that it is hard to tell just what a concentrated mind will develop. The mind in concentrated action is the greatest force in the world, as evolution and revolution clearly demonstrate.—Ex.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

P. E. Hagins and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur.

W. P. Sampson and family have gone to visit kinfolks near Matador this week.

Messrs. Jim Thomas and Pat Hohenhead took dinner in Gilpin Monday.

A goodly number of the Gilpin people attended the protracted meeting at Girard last week.

Cotton is looking fine but the feed crops around Gilpin are needing rain. I guess we will get one pretty soon. It thundered awhile ago.—Jonny Jump-Up.

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

Four 70-saw gin plant for sale, or will trade for cattle, mules or Dickens county real estate. Will sell all on time, four annual payments, with proper security.—E. D. Chambers, Afton, Texas.

### OVERLAND

Dr. Batchelor and wife left last week for an auto trip over the country to be gone several weeks. We wish them a pleasant trip and few delays common to autoists.

### EXCHANGE PROPERTY

Mr. Woody, of Clyde, has been in Spur this week to buy property here. We understand that he exchanged farm lands in his section for town property here.

W. C. McArthur was in the city Friday of last week from his home near Tap.

Poet Hagins, prominent citizen of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city recently and reports everything all o. k. in his section of the country.

J. P. Gipson was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Steel Hill country and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Gibson is not only one of our most prominent citizens but is among the biggest farmers of the country. This year he has a big crop of cotton and feed stuff and with another one or two good rains at the proper time will make bumper crops.

## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

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Fresh and Cured Meats

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