

RICHEST AGRICULTURAL COUNTRY OF AMERICA.

Mrs. Kimble, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn, returned Monday to her home at Stamford. Before leaving Mrs. Kimble secured samples of farm products grown on Mr. Dunn's place on Duck Creek. Mr. Dunn secured three large heads of Egyptian wheat and a few heads each of Red and White maize. The Egyptian wheat is growing as many as eight stalks to the hill and the heads are more than a foot in length. The maize heads were as large as any we have seen grown in any section. Mrs. Kimble will have these samples framed and put on exhibition in Stamford where outsiders and transient people can see what is growing in Western Texas. This is substantial advertising and it will result in bringing more than one farmer to this section. We need more farmers and better farmers in every section of Western Texas, and when they come and become acclimated this will be the richest agricultural country of America.

SPUR OFFERING PREMIUM FOR FIRST BALE COTTON

In view of the fact that the cotton season is now approaching and the fleecy staple will soon be rolling into Spur, a subscription list is being circulated and the business men of the town will make up a handsome cash premium to be given to the farmer marketing the first bale of cotton in Spur and grown within the Spur trade territory.

The merchants and cotton buyers here will pay the very highest market price for cotton from the beginning and throughout the fall season, and it will be to the material interest of every farmer within reach of Spur to market produce here during the season.

The cash premium to be offered for the first bale of cotton is a special inducement to encourage early marketing, a recognition of Spur as a leading and superior market point, and the prize will be worth the effort to secure.

BOB WHITE BANQUET

Saturday evening, August 17, the Bob Whites gave a banquet to the members of the club, and the parents of the members. The party met at the Spur Inn at seven o'clock, and when place cards had been distributed, and partners drawn, the party led by Miss Erma Baker, President of the Bob Whites, and Miss Lillian Grace, the guest of honor, entered the dining room which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and the Bob White colors—white and brown.

Earyl Sennings was toast-master for the evening, and discharged the duties of that position in a most delightful manner. After the last course had been served there was a round of toasts and responses—poetry and prose, wit and wisdom—and ev-

eryone present had something nice and appropriate to say. One of the delightful features of the evening was the call for toasts from those who came "unprepared," but, nevertheless, responded with such ease and grace that one would judge post prandial speeches to be their specialties. Miss Grace, the guest of honor, left her speech at home, but when called upon to respond to "Our Guest" frankly and blushing admitted that it was carefully written as she expected to deliver it, but she could not recollect a word of it. However, she made three little speeches, and had another ready, which brought forth peals of laughter.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Bartlett for preparing such a splendid repast and for the perfection in service, and then the guests of the club by a rising vote tendered their thanks and appreciation to the Bob Whites for the delightful entertainment, and complimented them upon their club, and all that it is and will be to them.

After the banquet the party spent an hour on the Inn porch singing songs and telling stories. It was one of those happy occasions where youth and beauty meet; where to the older ones are brought sweet memories of the past, and to the younger ones bright anticipations for the future that holds so much in store for them. Long will the recollection of the Bob White's first banquet dwell in the hearts of each and everyone whose good fortune it was to be present.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday on business.

MAKING SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

N. B. Fuquay, of Lower Red Mud, was in the city Wednesday and hauled out lumber with which to build a new school house at Red Mud. Frank Smith and Lon Fuquay were also here for the same purpose and stated that the old school house would be moved and a new one to cost two hundred and seventy-five dollars would be erected in its place. The people of that section, as well as elsewhere, in the Spur trade territory are making substantial progress in educational interests as well as agriculture and commerce. Some day we will have reached a high state of development, progress in all lines, and no country and no people will be superior, more prosperous and contented, and the people of Red Mud are contributing much to that end.

SOIL AND CONDITIONS TO DEVELOP RICH COUNTRY

Mr. Hinds, of Henderson county, who has been visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Greer of the Afton country, passed through Spur last week on his return home. This was Mr. Hinds' first visit to this section of country and he was well pleased with the agricultural prospects and developments in this section. There is no question but that the Spur country and Dickens county has the soil and the material here to develop the richest agricultural section in the state and before many years this fact will be recognized and appreciated by the country as a whole.

MOST PROSPEROUS YEAR IN ALL WESTERN TEXAS

Mr. Jeffus, a prominent citizen and business man of Paris, Texas, was in Spur this week and spent some time here looking after interests. Mr. Jeffus was in Spur at the opening of the town and at that time purchased some valuable property which he is now holding with the probable intention of improving when the conditions warrant the expenditure. Mr. Jeffus was well pleased with the growth of Spur and the prevailing crop conditions of the surrounding country. No where, in any part of the whole country, is there more promising prospects of bumper crops than in the Spur country at this time, and since agriculture is the principal resource of the town we expect a most prosperous year in this section.

ENTERTAINS

Mesdames E. C. Edmonds and W. A. Hamilton entertained a number of guests Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Hamilton in celebration of the anniversary of the births of their husbands.

The guests arrived at an early hour, were greeted by the hostesses and conducted to the lawn where eight tables were arranged for the most fascinating game of forty-two. Swinging lights were provided and after tally cards were drawn by guests the games progressed until a late hour.

Refreshments of Lemon Sherbert and Angel food cake were served in a most delightful manner by the hostesses, assisted by Mrs. Oscar Jackson, after which the birthday cake was placed on a table around which

gathered the guests. The cake was large and most inviting, and among other things contained a dime, ring, thimble and needle, to represent respectively prosperity, marriage felicity, old maidenhood and bachelorhood to each who either fortunately or unfortunately cut that part of the cake containing the representations.

Mr. Edmonds, who probably was blessed with more mature years, was privileged and honored in that he was given the first cut into the cake, being followed by Mr. Hamilton, who, though younger in years, was more fortunate in securing a larger piece of cake, as well as the prosperity dime. By couples the guests sliced the cake, Y. L. Jones drawing the ring, Judge E. J. Cowan appropriating the thimble and Mrs. Katie B. Turnage inadvertently possessing the needle.

After thanking the hostesses for a most pleasant and delightful occasion, and wishing Messrs. Edmonds and Hamilton many happy returns of the day, the guests reluctantly departed for their respective homes.

REGULAR WEEKLY RAINS.

W. P. T. Smith was in Spur the latter part of last week from his place eight or nine miles northwest and reports that his crops are growing as fine as could be wished for at this time. He is growing some prize kaffir corn and also prize maize on his place and since it has had rain every week up to date it is expected to get the first prize offered for such produce by the State Farmers' Congress department.

THE BUILDING PROGRESS IS CONTINUED IN SPUR.

Mr. Meadows is having a residence built on his lots in the north part of the city. Mr. Meadows has a most desirable location and is having a neat and attractive cottage erected. The building progress continues in Spur regardless of the dull summer months, and before many years we will have the most attractive and inviting city in all of Western Texas.

SUBSTANTIAL RECOGNITION

Judge Gipson was over from the County Capital and spent some time in Spur on business. While here the Judge incidentally dropped a dollar in our pocket for the Texas Spur. We appreciate such substantial recognition and we hope the Judge will live many years and always prosper.

A DIRECT AND ACCURATE SOURCE OF INFORMATION

J. H. Farmer a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and contributed three dollars to our subscription funds for three subscriptions, and for which he has our thanks. If every man in the country would send three copies of this paper to other parties we would soon have not only one of the largest subscription lists of any paper of the country, and could contribute much more to the settlement and development of the country. It is very evident that to settle this country outsiders must be informed of the conditions here and invited to come, otherwise many years will be consumed in the settlement and development of this section and we believe that the best, most accurate, quickest and cheapest manner in which this can be accomplished is by sending them the local paper. In the course of a year we will give them a detailed and accurate account of what is being done here in both agriculture and commerce.

SUMMER SALE CLOSES AND PREMIUM AWARDED

The J. A. Lambdin & Company Summer Sale closed Saturday after a continuation of about thirty days during which time a liberal and extensive trade was enjoyed. During the sale tickets were given with each fifty cent cash purchase, the holder of one certain number being given a thirty dollar phonograph and a number of the latest records. Ticket number nineteen was drawn at the close of the sale, and the party holding this number is requested to call in at the store and get the phonograph. Should the party holding number nineteen fail to present same within a reasonable time or before fifteenth of September, another drawing of tickets will be had and the phonograph will be given to the holder of another numbered ticket. All parties holding tickets are requested to preserve them until the final drawing and undisputed awarding of the phonograph.

The Summer Sale, though conducted during the dullest summer month, was most satisfactory with respect to volume of business and numbers of customers responding to the liberal inducements offered the general public of the Spur trade territory. C. L. Love, manager of the business, is a live business man, a conservative and forceful advertiser, and as a result enjoys an extensive, liberal and deserved patronage from the town and surrounding country.

GONE TO OKLAHOMA.

R. B. F. Craig and family left Spur this week for Oklahoma where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Craig is one of the best citizens of the country and we commend him to the people of Oklahoma.

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H. H. Hazlewood and family, who left Spur recently, are now located at Balmorhea, near the line of New Mexico. Mr. Hazlewood is engaged in the butcher and meat market business. Friends of the family here wish them a prosperous business and a pleasant home.

Mrs. H. S. Bartly, who has been visiting friends in Spur the past several weeks, returned Thursday to her home at El Paso. While here Mrs. Bartly shipped her household effects preparatory to becoming permanently located in that city.

J. B. Conner returned last week from a trip up on the north Plains where he visited his parents and other relatives and friends. He was called home on account of the illness of his children.

Mr. and Mrs. King, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter, returned this week to their home at Hamlin.

Uncle Tom Harkey returned the latter part of last week from Dickens where he had been several days on account of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Conner's children. We are glad to note that the children are recovering.

Mrs. R. A. Stewart entertained the members of the Social Club in a social manner at her home Monday afternoon. Angel Food cake and cream with cherries were served and the guests delightfully entertained.

Dock Edwards came in on the train Sunday from Eastland county where he had been to visit relatives and friends. He left here Monday for his home in the Croton country.

Mrs. W. H. Teague and son are spending a week or ten days with relatives at North Roby in Fisher county.

Mrs. J. R. Walker and children are on an extended visit to her mother at Houston.

THRASH BEATER WITH HOSE

Pennsylvania Masked Men Wallop J. W. Bowman in a Park for Striking His Wife.

Beaver, Pa.—Thirty-five masked men dressed as women took J. W. Bowman from Policeman Baker after tying the officer to a fence and escorted Bowman to a park, when they beat him with a rubber hose. Bowman had been arrested, charged with wife beating. After hearing the case a justice instructed Officer Baker to take Bowman home, and, if Mrs. Bowman told her husband to return to release him. On the way to the Bowman home the prisoner was taken by the vigilance committee.

Poundmaster to Make Job Pay. Oroville, Cal.—John Rich, newly elected poundmaster sees a fortune in the job. First, he will get 50 cents a dog from the city. He intends to skin the animals and sell the hides. The meat he will crush and extract the oil, which he declares is a genuine cure for consumption. The flesh is to be used for chicken feed and the bones for fertilizer. He intends using everything but the bark.

Limited Rainfall. Dry farming—so-called—is farm operation under limited rainfall in districts where irrigation water cannot be obtained or where the supply of irrigation water is inadequate to meet the requirements of the acreage.

Her Grace Effective. An English woman of rank, a duchess, was very apt to forget to pay her bills. A milliner, whose large bill had been repeatedly ignored by the duchess, at last determined to send her little girl, a pretty child of ten years, for the money which was so much needed. "Be sure to say 'your grace,' to the duchess," said the anxious mother; and the child gravely promised to remember.

When, after long waiting, she was ushered into the presence of her grace, the little girl dropped her a bow of courtesy, and then, folding her hands and closing her eyes, she said, softly: "For what I am about to receive may the Lord make me truly thankful." As she opened her eyes and turned her wistful gaze on the duchess, that person turned very red, and without delay, made out a check for the amount due her milliner.

Good Taste. Good taste is the most delicate and refined philosophy of action and manners, and comes from a high noble mind being acted upon by good breeding in the home, in the first place, and in early good, kind, gentle surroundings. Lincoln was the son of poverty, was a master of good taste, but all his infancy was enfolded in goodness, gentleness and Quaker-like peace. Good taste, like humor, is a great saving salt and is the most delicate product of the times. A great coarse mind may have wit and humor, say, like Aristophanes, but it takes a truly grand, noble mind to have in manners the good taste of Washington, Lincoln and Jackson. The manners of Jackson where women and children were concerned were without compare and this day they loom up as a good light in the greatest republic's history.

Mrs. J. D. Curd and Mrs. P. Curd, of Stamford, are in the city this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hisey.

Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to her parents at Abilene.

W. A. Johnson was in the city one day this week from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything moving along nicely.

A. J. Tyler left the first of last week for Stamford and other points where he will spend some time with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Sam Clemmons and children left Monday for Stamford where they will spend some time with relatives.

I will take boarders the first. \$18.00 per month. Would like four young men.—Phone 27.

A. Stiffler, a prominent citizen of Dickens, spent Sunday with friends in Spur.

Wood for Sale—On J. P. Gibson farm, 4 miles southeast of Spur.

County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Monday from his home a mile or two northeast of Spur and spent some time here on business.

W. J. Elliott was in the city Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch and reports everything in good shape with respect to crops.

FOR SALE—20 acre block west of Spur, well improved. Will take some trade and sell at a bargain. T. A. Edmondson. 39-4t.

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Barnes have been spending the week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller at their home in the city.

Miss Barrett, who has been on an extended visit with her brother, L. R. Barrett, and family, returned Monday to her home.

W. H. Stephens and family returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Comanche county.

R. C. Morrison left Sunday for Dallas where he will spend several days on business.

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RUFUS RASTUS STANDS THE FINAL OPERATION

In response to invitations sent out to a very select few of the business men and most prominent citizens of the town a number were present and participated in the operation upon Rufus Rastus at the Texas Spur office Saturday afternoon.

The operation was scheduled for five o'clock and promptly at that hour Doctors Standifer, Morris and Brandon were on hand and equipped with the necessary instruments of surgery and dissection. Others present and prepared to assist in the operation were Messrs. H. T. Burgoon, Geo. S. Link, Sol Davis, E. C. Edmonds, W. B. Griffin, T. L. Higginbotham, Marshal Neely and others.

All things being in readiness, the body of Rufus Rastus, which had been throughout the day in preparation for the occasion, was placed upon the operating table promptly at the appointed hour, and the first incision was made carefully, accurately and with skill, and as the parts were divided a most perfect and unblemished interior was revealed, there being but a single possible flaw which attracted the notice of a practiced and professional eye, Dr. Brandon discovering one lone seed near the appendix. After a thorough diagnosis of the entire anatomy, including principally the appendix and heart, all present were supplied with instruments and invited to participate in the dissection of the principal parts of the anatomy, and as the operation progressed the contents were completely analyzed and consumed. Considering quality and size, each gentleman present acclaimed Rufus Rastus the biggest, best and the recognized champion watermelon of Western Texas.

Rufus Rastus was a typical Western Texas product, grown on the farm of R. F. Rodgers seven miles northwest of Spur. It measured near two feet three inches from end to end and nearly three feet in circumference. It weighed less than one hundred pounds, the rind was only one half inch thick, the meat was red, firm and the most epvittingly, lingeringly flavored we ever tasted, and its superior can not be grown without the bounds of Western Texas.

NEW TOWN PROSPECTS.

J. E. Shelton returned the first of the week from the Roaring Springs country where he has been several days prospecting and attending the big meeting now in progress. Mr. Shelton says that the people of that section are expecting the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway to build out to that point within a very short time. It is said that surveys have already been made, a townsite laid off and actual construction work expected to begin at any time. Mr. Shelton is figuring on locating in that section provided the reports become actual facts.

DR. GRACE SICK.

Dr. Grace was carried to Stamford Sunday for an operation. Upon his arrival at the sanitarium it was thought that he could be relieved without an operation and as a result the operation was not performed and he is now reported recovering and will probably return home the latter part of the week.

PROSPECTING

Mr. Kennison, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Rotan country, passed through Spur Thursday on a prospecting tour of the country. Mr. Kennison is an experienced and successful farmer and equipped to do extensive farming. We would like to see him locate in the Spur country and are confident that he would be successful and satisfied and we know that Mr. Kennison would be a substantial addition to the country.

BUYS MORE LAND.

L. C. Arrington, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday and reports buying the Tabor section or land several miles west of Spur. The place is well improved and Mr. Arrington says that if he can't make a living on this and his other two places he will turn it over to his wife and children and look for another job.

TEACHER EMPLOYED

Cecil Johnson, of Girard, has been employed to teach the Red Mud School again this year, he having taught last year's term at that place. Mr. Johnson is a good teacher and the patrons are glad to again have him as the teacher.

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Establishment in the City of London, England, is in Enjoyment of Unique Privilege.

A time-honored London (Eng.) city tavern, the Castle, at the corner of Cowcross street, facing Farrington street, enjoys the unique distinction of being also a fully licensed pledge shop. Over the door in the bar, which gives access to the landlord's private room, and thrown into bold relief by the official document behind it, the historic three-sphered symbol is discernible. Any one may here negotiate a loan upon his personal belongings without being under the necessity of first calling for refreshment. Formerly the house had a special pledge counter resembling the modern "Bottle and Jug" department, but this is no longer in evidence.

This strange combination of business dates from the reign of George IV., who, after attending a cock fight at Hockley-in-the-Hole, applied to the landlord of the Castle for a temporary accommodation on the security of his watch and chain. By royal warrant a few days later he invested that obliging boniface with the right of advancing money on pledges, and from that time down to the present a pawnbroker's license has been annually granted to the Castle. This hostelry is mentioned once or twice by Dickens in his novels.

Insuring Identification.

"Persons who expect to receive money orders in a strange town take infinite precautions to identify themselves," said a postal clerk. "One way that particularly commends itself is for the stranger to call on the paying teller in the money order department before his own order arrives and present a bunch of correspondence showing pretty clearly who he is. He then explains that he is expecting a money order from a certain person; can the clerk remember him when he presents it for payment?"

"Afte that impressive introduction the clerk usually can remember, and when the order is presented he cashes it."

A REAL LIVE WIRE.

A. J. Tyler sent us a dollar this week from Wills Point where he is now located and establishing a new furniture business. Mr. Tyler was formerly manager of the Texas Furniture Company of Spur. He is one of the most progressive young business men of the country and will be a real asset to any town. We commend him to the people of Wills Point as a live wire in every respect and wish and predict for him an extensive and prosperous business which he deserves.

DRY LAKE ITEMS.

Luthèr Carr, wife and children attended church here Sunday.

H. C. Allen, wife and little grand child, Miss Velmah, spent Saturday in Spur.

Misses Jewel and Audry Hardin were the guests of Miss Lottie Jonnson Sunday.

Jeff Perkle and Bascom Tunnel left Sunday for Tap where they will attend the big meeting now in progress.

James English, who has been teaching the singing at Dry Lake, left Friday for his home in Haskell.

Miss Lena Harris, of Matador, is visiting at the home of Miss Ettie Pruitt.

Misses Esther Davis, Edice and Erma West were the guests of Mrs. J. A. Draper Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and Mr. Bennett, of Wise county, are visiting at the home of W. F. Markham and family.

Rance Thomas, wife and children, who have been traveling the past four or five months for the benefit of Mr. Thomas' health, returned Sunday to their former home here.

I. S. York and family, of Spur, were the guests of Bud Cherry and wife Sunday.

Floyd Pruitt returned last week from Matador where he has been spending the past few weeks.

Luther Jones and wife are on an extended visit to friends and relatives in adjoining caunties.

An ice cream supper was given last Friday evening at the home of Bud Cherry and wife. Thirty were present and all report plenty cream and a very delightful time.—Maiden Vine.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson, of Duck Creek was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week for an operation.

ANOTHER GOOD RAIN IN THE SPUR COUNTRY.

Wednesday night another rain fell over Spur and the Spur country, and which resulted in much good to both cotton and feed crops.

While within the corporate limits of the town the rain was not so heavy as elsewhere, and especially to the south and southeast of Spur. Down Duck Creek and in the Gilpin country an inch rainfall is reported, the rain extending to Stamford. South of Spur the rain is reported plentiful for all present needs.

Dickens county and the Spur country as a whole is in the very best condition and crop prospects are most promising of abundant yields. There is no richer and more productive agricultural territory than the Spur country, and our only draw-back is the lack of farmers to fully develop our resources, and to such men the conditions are encouraging and the field most inviting.

MOVES TO SPUR

H. F. Murray and family, who have been living on the farm several miles northeast of Spur, moved this week to town and will make their home here through the fall and school term. Mr. Murray will employ others to gather his crop of cotton and he intends to keep busy doing concrete and brick work.

AFTER LOAFERS.

Marshal Neely is now rounding up the boys who are making a practice of loafing on the streets. In this he is doing a good work and is receiving the commendation of the general public. Boys will be boys, but the loafing habit will ruin the most of them or stunt them as men.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Henson & Poole has suspended business. I have their accounts to collect. All parties indebted to them will arrange at once and save cost. R. S. Holman. 41-2t

NOTICE

For sale or trade, a good wagon also one good buggy. See J. B. Conner at wagon yard, Spur, Texas. 40-4t

Wood for Sale—On J. P. Gibson farm, 4 miles southeast of Spur.

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

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DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES.

The following officers were nominated in the July Primary for Dickens County officers to be elected in November General Election.

For Representative (105 District):
A. C. Wilmeth

For County Judge:
O. S. Ferguson

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner

For County and District Clerk:
Crawford Cobb

For Tax Assessor:
T. J. Harrison

For County Surveyor:
L. T. Cochran

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego

For County Commissioner, (Pre. 3):
Jeff D. Reagan

For Public Weigher:
C. H. Perry.

R. M. Dickenson, of Stamford, was in Spur Thursday.

Mrs. J. H. Fox returned Thursday to her home two miles south of Spur from a visit of several days to her sister and mother at Bronte. This was the only time in fourteen years that Mrs. Fox had visited her sister.

The Spur ball team went down to Jayton Monday, returning Tuesday. We presume that they played a match game with Jayton, but we failed to get a report of the scores made.

J. W. Thompson, who has been editor and manager of the Dickens Item, returned Saturday from a two or three weeks visit to his parents in Bosque county.

J. A. Koon returned last week from Roaring Springs, where with a party from Dickens he spent several days camping and attending the big camp meeting.

Miss Bessie Morris, a most charming young lady of Mator, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Brown, in the north part of Spur.

J. E. Johnson is here from Stamford making preparations for the ginning season and looking after other business interests.

Mrs. Turnage and little daughter, Rosanna, returned to Spur recently from an extended visit to relatives at Grapevine.

S. W. Thomas, a prominent citizen and business man of Aspermont, was in Spur Tuesday between trains.

Berry Pursley came up this week from his ranch in Kent county and spent several days in Spur looking after his business interests.

FOR SALE—Full blood Poland China pigs and Silverlace Wyandott cockerels.—Mrs. Fred O. McFall, Mound Farm. 39-4tp.

W. F. Godfrey returned Wednesday from Paducah where he has been spending several days with his parents.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Wednesday on business and spent some time here.

R. B. Bryant and family returned the first of this week from a visit to relatives at Stamford.

W. H. Stephens and wife left Wednesday for Paducah where they will spend several days on business.

Lost—A lady's hat on the Crosbyton auto road. Finder return to Duke Henson, Spur, Texas.

R. V. Colbert, a prominent citizen and banker of Stamford, was in the city Thursday on business.

Mrs. J. E. Shelton and children are visiting friends and relatives this week at Jayton.

Man or woman wanted to work in kitchen. Apply at Neely Rooming House. 2t

The Baptist ladies will have a Christmas Bazaar December 16, 17 and 18th.

A. Q. Smelser, a prominent citizen of Tap, was in Spur Wednesday and spent some time here on business.

Grandpa Grubbs, of the Lower Red Mud country, was in the city Wednesday.

J. H. Boothe, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and reported that he brought in a watermelon grown on his place and which weighed sixty-two pounds. The melon was shipped to South Texas by Mr. Meadows who said that he wanted the people of that section to know that Western Texas could produce as big melons as any section. This is the first year Mr. Boothe has farmed in this country and he is well pleased with his location; has a fine farm and no doubt will become a permanent citizen and prosper with the people of this Western Empire.

Prof. Mace and family, of Nona, arrived in the city this week and are now domiciled in their new home in Spur. Prof. Mace has been employed as the Superintendent of the Spur School, and is recognized as a teacher and superintendent of superior ability and under his management our school is expected to continue to offer superior educational advantages and promote the educational interests of the country.

R. W. Walker, formerly of Spur, but who has been on the Plains and in other sections of the country doing carpenter work the past year, was in the city this week meeting his friends and visiting relatives.

Mrs. H. C. Cravey, of the Red Mud country and who is confined at the Standifer Hospital from an operation, is reported doing nicely and rapidly recovering.

E. L. Jones, a prominent citizen of Palmer, Texas, was in Spur this week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and contributed another dollar to our subscription funds. Mr. Jones owns property here and possibly sometime in the future he will become a resident citizen of this section.

Duke Henson, Ned Hogan and W. D. Vinson returned the first of the week from an extended trip over the Plains country. Duke says that Lubbock was the best town they visited on the trip and that he may possibly locate in that town at a later date.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city this week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch. He reports that during the recent rain and electrical storm a streak through his farm killed growing products. He is sure that the electricity in the wind was the cause since the soil is rich and his crops were growing nicely.

C. C. Tyler and Rev. J. T. Griswold left Spur the first of the week for a trip through the country writing insurance and looking after the interests of the Godfrey-Tyler Realty Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Ship, of Stamford, spent several days in the city this week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

W. H. Smith, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent several hours here trading and looking after other matters.

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WANTS PICTURES OF KITCHEN

Present Day Cooks Like to See Fu-
ture Working Place Before They
Engage Themselves.

"A phase of the servant girl ques-
tion that was new to me was sprung
the other day when I called at an
employment agency to hire a cook,"
said the nervous woman. "A prepos-
sessing looking girl was brought for-
ward for an interview. Her first ques-
tion was: Have you any pictures of
your kitchen?"

"I said I had none.
"It is always best to bring them,"
said the girl loftily. "It saves time
and trouble, for with them to look at
a cook can see at a glance the posi-
tion of the sink, the tubs, the range,
and the cupboards, and can tell if the
place will suit her."

"While I was adjusting my mind to
that phase of the proposition another
woman with a wider experience than
mine piped up that she had brought
views of her kitchen. From that min-
ute I was out of it as far as that par-
ticular cook was concerned. The pic-
tures met her approval, and the other
woman hired her on the spot. I asked
the manager if it was the custom for
housekeepers to produce views of
their home when hiring servants.

"The custom is not yet universal,"
he said, "but it is growing. In one
sense the girl is right; it does save
time and trouble."

HITHERTO STRANGER TO FEAR

But Now He Had Run Against Some-
thing That Caused His Nerve to
Forsake Him.

"I came, sir, in answer to your ad-
vertisement. You said you wanted
to employ a man who was a total
stranger to fear."

"Are you a brave man?"
"I am, sir. I have given proof of
my courage in many parts of the
world."

"Yes?"
"I have faced bullets in Mexico and
machetes in Cuba."

"Good!"
"I helped to defend the missionaries
against the Boxers, and I was pres-
ent at the siege of Port Arthur."

"Fine."
"I have fought the infuriated walrus
of Baffin bay and the maddened bull
elephants of Central Africa, and I
went through an Armenian massacre
without losing my nerve."

"You seem to be the man I want.
Would you be willing to go out on
a field in front of 20,000 fair-minded,
sport-loving Americans and umpire a
baseball game honestly, deciding
against the home team when neces-
sary?"

"So that's the job, is it?" replied the
man of courage, and broke into a
cold perspiration and a run for the
door simultaneously.

Clever Fat Men.

It is frequently averred that fat is
deadening to the brain, and conse-
quently a foe to intellectual activity.
But is this so? Some of the greatest
men the world has ever known were
plump even to obesity.

Napoleon was decidedly embonpoint.
Dr. Johnson was fleshy even to flabbi-
ness. So was his biographical shad-
ow, Boswell. Balzac, the great French
novelist, was so stout that it was a
day's exercise to walk around him,
and he was encircled with bandages
as if he were a hoghead. Rossini, the
composer, was a regular Jumbo, since
for six years he never saw his knees.

Jules Janin, the prince of critics,
broke every sofa he ever sat down
upon. Lablanche, the great singer,
was charged three fares when he trav-
eled. Dumas pere was stout, and
Sainte-Beuve carried the stomach of a
Falstaff. Eugene Sue had such av-
ersion to his growing corpulency that
he drank vinegar to keep it down, and
yet he wrote "The Wandering Jew."

A man is not necessarily fat-witted
because he has a boundless stomach.

Blow at Suicides.

"A pet monkey that I shipped up-
town this morning was bound on a
most unusual mission for a monkey,"
said an animal dealer.

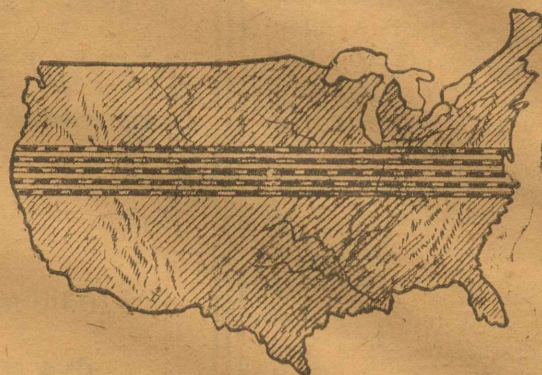
"He was bought by a woman who
runs a furnished room house in which
three persons have killed themselves
with gas recently. Those suicides have
upset her nerves. Now she is going
to try the same preventive means
adopted by three of her friends.

"They too, keep roomers. Also
they keep monkeys. There have been
several attempts at suicide in their
houses, but they have always been
frustrated by the monkeys, who have
smelled gas and set up such a chat-
tering that they woke everybody up.

"Monkeys are extremely sensitive
to the odor of gas. This customer of
mine hopes to utilize hers as a new
kind of life preserver."—Philadelphia
Record.

Been the marvel of visitors and the
opportunity of outside capital.

Railroads and Railroad Securities



RAILROAD MILEAGE OF TEXAS WILL CROSS THE UNITED STATES FIVE TIMES.

The greatest physical triumph of the human race is building
railroads. They are the most powerful single influence in modern
civilization today and are the greatest colonizers the world has
ever known.

We have fourteen thousand miles of railroads in Texas, which
are sufficient to reach across the United States five times. We
have the largest railroad mileage of any state in the Union, but
we rank fortieth in mileage per area.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the railroad
industry. R. C. Duff of Houston is chairman of the sub-com-
mittee on Railroads and Railroad Securities.

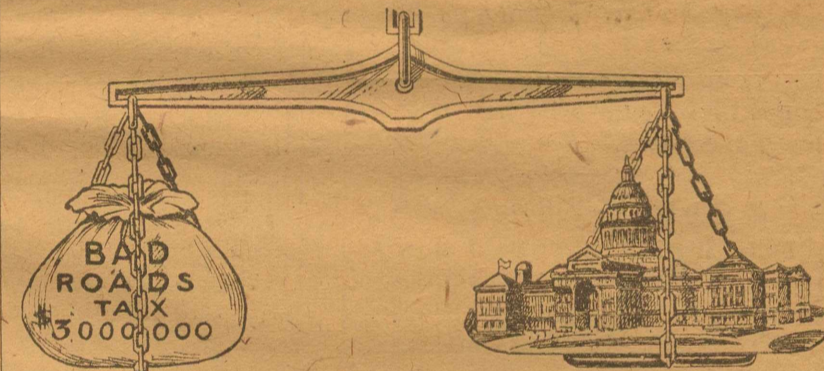
VALUE OF TEXAS RAILROADS EQUAL TO NINE STACKS OF TWENTY DOLLAR GOLD PIECES PILED AS HIGH AS OUR HIGHEST MOUNTAIN.

Railroads are the most vital force in human existence and are
the strongest creative factor in the state's wealth. The assessed
value of our railroads in 1911 was \$345,000,000, which is equal
to nine stacks of twenty dollar gold pieces piled as high as Guada-
lupe Peak, the highest mountain in Texas.

One-seventh of the assessed value of all property in Texas is
railroads, and new railroads in passing through a community add
\$64,000 per mile to adjoining property and the distribution is free
and equitable.

The Texas Welfare Commission is investigating the subject
of railroads and railroad securities. R. C. Duff of Houston
is chairman of the sub-committee having the question under con-
sideration.

GOOD ROADS



THE ANNUAL EXPENSE OF MAINTAINING MUD HOLES EQUAL TO ENTIRE COST OF STATE CAPITOL.

Familiarity is said to breed contempt, but the mud hole appears
to be exempt from this rule, as most of our citizens have been
intimately acquainted with it from infancy and we contribute
\$3,000,000 per annum to maintaining it, as well as submit
to a tax of \$8,000,000 per annum levied by the mud hole in re-
ducing the capacity of the load. A chain is no stronger than its
weakest link and the carrying capacity of a road is governed by
its worst mud hole and steepest grade.

Improved public highways will do away with the mud hole.

The Manufacture and Sale of Lumber



ANNUAL FACTORY VALUE OF LUMBER OUTPUT \$32,000,000.

The Texas forests have built the nation's homes; our lumber
is the foundation material of empires and our timber runs the
factories of the North and East. The Texas forests are equal
in area to the German Empire and the timber growth during a
year is equal to one and a half billion feet. We have in our
forests 35,000,000,000 feet of marketable timber. Lumber leads
all other industries in the value of the manufactured output.

The manufacture and sale of lumber is a subject that will be
considered by the Texas Welfare Commission. Jno. H. Kirby of
Houston is chairman of the sub-committee having the subject
in charge.

A SON AND HEIR.

Oliver Gray was discovered Thursday morning out on the back porch of his home, wearing an apron, sleeves rolled up and industriously engaged in the task of churning. This being out of the ordinary daily custom, an investigation was made and the fact revealed that a boy had been born into the family. Those present say that it is impossible at this time to accurately determine which is the more enthused over the distinction—the new daddy, the mother or its grandmother. The Texas Spur extends congratulations to the parents and may their first born, son and heir, develop into a true man, in every respect fulfilling their fondest hopes and aspirations.

FISHING PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, of Tap, were in Spur Saturday on their way home from a fishing trip of several days on Blanco Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks, Sebe Lambert and family, Mr. Smelser and family and Mr. Brashear composed the fishing party and they report having caught plenty of fish and a general good time. Mr. Sparks said that he had been trying for ten years to get off on a fishing trip, but this was the first time he had been able to leave home.

MARKETING MAIZE

The Copeland boys, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city this week marketing several loads of maize. Since the beginning Spur has maintained a superior market for all kinds of farm products and this fall the produce market will eclipse any former record in high prices and quantity and quality of produce.

The country is producing the best crops of years and it is hoped that the quantity will not lower the prices.

PETIT JURORS

Following is a list of Petit Jurors serving this week in county court: R. E. Turner, A. A. Allen, W. F. McCarty, T. L. Brantley, C. W. Stephens and W. S. Taylor.

The following cases were disposed of during the week:
State vs. John Adams; dismissed.

Fred Willis vs. R. L. Holly; tried by jury and acquitted.

DIED.

Saturday of last week Mr. Melton died at the home of his son-in-law, John Welch, in the city, and the remains were interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery. Mr. Melton was about fifty years of age and for many years had been a sufferer of pelagra. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

NOTICE

All members of the Socialist party are hereby requested to meet at Dickens Saturday, August 24th, at one o'clock, in mass meeting to attend to some very important business. Request by County Chairman.—W. D. Clay.

NOTICE

You must come and settle your phone bill by the first of the month. I have to buy some bread.—T. G. Harkey.

I have some fine baled oats and want to sell a few bales at 70c delivered. Phone me at Spur Bottling Works.—T. L. Higginbotham.

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FREE ICE WATER

SPUR, TEXAS

Misses Ivae Joplin and Addie Poole, accompanied by Arthur Poole and Irwin Joplin, spent Sunday very pleasantly at Crow Springs near Dickens.

C. F. Cates, W. H. Stephens, E. E. Turner and W. S. Taylor were among those of Spur who attended County Court this week in Dickens.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Williams are spending ten days or two weeks in Galveston. They will probably return home the latter part of this week.

Attorney R. S. Holman returned Wednesday from Dickens where he had been in attendance upon County Court, which convened Monday.

Jas. F. Williams and wife, of the city, were in Dickens Sunday to attend the Christian meeting now in progress in that city.

Wanted at Spur Inn, good, quick girls who wish to learn hotel work. Apply 9:30 to 11 a. m.; 2 to 4:30 p. m.—Spur Inn.

Mrs. O. A. Foster, of the Plains country, visited this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pass in the city.

T. A. Tidwell was among those who attended the protracted meeting now in progress at Dickens.

Will Walker and Jim Walker, who have been doing railroad work for G. L. Barber near Lubbock, returned Saturday to their homes near Spur. They say that Mr. Barber will soon complete his railroading contract and return to Spur.

Mrs. Hub Ellis, of Crosby county, was in the city the latter part of last week for the purpose of securing a residence and will move here later for the benefit of the Spur School.

Mrs. J. B. Pruden and children, of Quanah, are visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Pass, and will probably spend ten days or two weeks in the city.

Hamp Collett, of the Tap country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here on business. He reports everything all o. k. in his section.

Mr. Mitchell and family, who have been living in Spur the past year or more, moved last week to Waco where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pass, of Rogers, returned home the first of the week after spending several days in Spur with G. C. Pass and family.

For Rent—Two residences in Spur. See T. A. Randleman. 2tp

Thursday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Brandon entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham and Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones with a picnic dinner at Soldier Mound. The party spent several hours very pleasantly.

J. D. Martin was in the city Sunday to meet his wife who was expected to return from an extended visit to her parents and relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Dan Hogan, of Ralls, spent several days this week in Spur greeting his friends. Dan says Ralls is now beginning to boom and he is securing all the property he can. We hope he will become a millionaire.

Miss Mary Jane Smith, accompanied by her sister, Miss Ruth, returned Sunday to Spur. Miss Ruth has been quite sick and it is hoped that the change to Spur will benefit her health.

The ice cream supper given by the ladies Wednesday night of last week on the lawn was largely attended. Twenty odd dollars were secured and will be used in fencing the Spur Cemetery.

Ice cold melons at moderate prices, and baled oats to sell. Phone Spur Ice & Bottling Works.

PROMOTES CONTENTMENT

Albert Spencer, who has been employed several weeks on the Dickens Item, spent several days this week in Spur, leaving Wednesday for his home at Anson. Mr. Spencer is an expert printer, but from some cause prefers to practice the art within the Spur country. We don't blame him. The Spur country has many inducements and advantages to promote happiness and contentment, and among other things it is blessed with the most charming and accomplished young ladies.

PROSPECTS FINE

Roy Zinn, who has been traveling over the country the past several weeks with the East India Medicine Company, returned this week and spent several days with his family. Mr. Zinn says that the crop prospects of the whole country were never better and that we can expect big business and a prosperous fall. From here he with the company will go up on the Plains.

AFTER THE PREMIUM.

W. T. Duke, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the first of the week enquiring if Spur intended to offer a premium for the first bale of cotton. He thought he had a chance to secure such a prize since his cotton is already opening and with his force it might be possible to secure a bale at an early date, provided the gins would be in readiness to do the ginning.

TAP TELLINGS

The weather conditions the past week have been rather unfavorable for growing crops. Some immature cotton has begun to open.

Clay Rash and wife, of Duck Creek, were here a few days ago visiting T. S. Lambert and family.

Mr. Bayless, of Emma, was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Brashear and family after an extended visit to relatives have returned to their home at Roscoe.

Dewey Holt, who spent the summer here with his uncle, J. E. Sparks, left Tuesday for his home at Rule.

The Baptist meeting is in progress here this week. Pastor T. F. Medlin is being assisted by F. P. McNeely of Cisco.

Postmaster R. F. Self, of Watson, was here this week.

C. W. and B. F. Hinson, of Steel Hill, were here this week for a load of fruit for canning.

J. H. Sparks is visiting a daughter at Rule this week.

Mrs. Richard Smelser and children, of White Flat, are visiting their old home and friends.

Mrs. Charley Allen and Mrs. Vick Bryant, of Spur, are here this week attending the meeting.—Gadabout.

If its baled oats you want, I've got it at 70c per bale delivered and 65c if you come after it.—T. L. Higginbotham, at Spur Bottling Works.

Mrs. J. L. Phillips, of San Angelo, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, is visiting homefolks. She will remain in the city three weeks.

Mrs. D. A. Young's sister and niece, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Young, returned Monday to their home in eastern Texas.

"THE FIRST STEP IS ALL THE DIFFICULTY"

In any important undertaking in life's work, the first step should be taken with a feeling of confidence and security. Backed by the knowledge of a healthy bank account, that step will be made more easy and secure. Opportunities constantly occur for the one with financial backing. We invite you to start an account in our bank, if you are not already a depositor.

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