

GROWING PEANUTS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Ed Hulse, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here called in and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Hulse is one of the most extensive peanut growers of the country and reports that his crop at this time promises a big yield. Last year he purchased a peanut picker which he operates successfully. He says the machine will pick the nuts without breaking a single nut. Mr. Hulse is a peanut enthusiast and says that a peanut crop on the sandy lands discount cotton two to one every year. This year he will make forty bushels to the acre.

TRIP OVER THE COUNTRY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, were in the city Tuesday and while here Mrs. Smith was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Smith said that Mr. Smith would leave Wednesday or Thursday for a trip over the country to the south and west and that she would accompany him as far as San Angelo where she will remain on an extended visit with relatives. Mr. Smith will extend his trip over Edwards and other counties before returning home.

INSTALLING SILOS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

W. A. Pelfrey returned Saturday to his home in Stamford after spending the week in the Spur country selling silos. J. A. Nichols, J. J. Hickman and Mr. Parker of the Plains country purchased silos and will have them installed at an early date. In the sale of silos Mr. Pelfrey is supplying the demands of the times and there is no question but that the silo is a great improvement in preserving feed and the day is approaching when it will become a necessity to the dairyman and stockraiser. We have known Mr. Pelfrey a number of years. He is a man of his word, a hustler and will give everybody a square deal in the sale of his company products.

SURGICAL OPERATION.

Dr. Morris went down to Jayton Tuesday to superintend the operation upon a fourteen years old son of L. W. Bolin of the Tap country. The boy was carried to the Jayton Sanitarium Monday, being under medical treatment by Dr. Morris. Dr. Morris has been practicing medicine and surgery in Spur since the opening of the town, and although young in years he has had a number of years of practical experience and has had remarkable success in his practice.

TO COOL COLORADO

Berry Pursley and wife, with others of Girard in two automobiles passed through Spur Friday on their way to Cool Colorado where they will spend the long summer days.

WILL RE-OPEN BUSINESS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens left Spur the latter part of last week for eastern markets where he will buy several car loads of furniture to restock the Texas Furniture Company, he having sold practically every piece of furniture in the house during the recent cost sale. He said business had been so good during the past months, and since the rains he had decided that no other town in the country offered better inducements for selling furniture than Spur, therefore he would re-establish the business with a new and complete stock at an early date.

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Jeff Pirkle was in the city Friday from his home in the Cat Fish country, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Pirkle is in the peanut business now and he says it discounts cotton in every instance. His principal crop this year is peanuts and he says the prospects are that he will gather forty bushels to the acre. The price of peanuts run from eighty cents to a dollar and more per bushel.

THE HAPPY MAN

The happiest man in the world is the common, every day chap who makes his own living, pays his own bills and has the respect of his neighbors. He saves a little money as he goes along, but doesn't try to get a corner on his local output as he is not a slave to ambition or society. He never expects to wear out his trousers in the Senate and when he glides out of bed in the morning he never wastes any time trying to pick out the right tint of socks, suspenders and necktie that will blend with the general effect.

He only wears a high collar when he feels like it, and when his pet corn begins to jump, he jerks out his knife and cuts a four inch gash in the side of his shoe and nothing is said about it in the local paper. He never has to set up at night to poultice his conscience. He believes in the doctrine of live and let live. When he encounters one of the needy he doesn't stutter with his pocket book. The plain plug of a man is happy because he is satisfied and he doesn't spend half of his time yearning for something which his salary will not permit him to buy. Give us more plain men and the world will be better.

GOING TO COURT.

Bill Hyatt will leave Spur Saturday to attend court at Seymour in the trial of a murder case in connection with the Sears killing some time ago. Mr. Hyatt said that while he didn't know a thing in the world about the killing he would probably be forced to attend court even for years.

TO PUBLISH PAPER

Nyles N. Morris and wife passed through Spur Monday on their return from Roaring Springs to their home at Jayton. Mr. Morris is making arrangements to publish a paper at Roaring Springs and will publish his first edition at an early date.

WE ARE AFTER MORE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

"What's your old friend, Thompson, been doing?"

"Deacon Jones writes us that Thompson's boy shot off some Fourth of July fire crackers Sunday and when the Deacon told him that for that he wouldn't go to heaven with mother, the boy replied: 'I don't care if I can't go to heaven with mamma; I'll go to h— with papa.'"

Now this is a joke but has a good moral to it and should cause daddies to think where their boys will go should they follow in their footsteps.

Another week is here and with it comes a big car of wire and nails. So you won't have to delay your fencing longer on account of wire—and remember the wire is Baker Perfect and the price on wire, nails and staples is only 3 cents in any amount.

Yes, we still have some buggies to offer you and we will not be satisfied if we do not get to show you our line. We know we are right on buggies and are just aching for a show-down with mail order houses, or any other kind of houses.

All you folks who ride in autos remember we handle the Goodrich casings and tubes and want your business.—The price is the same as you would get them in Dallas.

Get ready to buy you a suit cheap next Saturday. Bennett, the clothing man, has been away on his vacation for two weeks, but will be on the job Saturday, and will offer clothing at prices that will startle you. The clothing must go, for fall goods will soon be coming. If you are going to need a suit this year, Saturday is the time the prices will be cut deep.

There is nothing nicer about the home than plenty of pure water. If you have a well get one of our wood or steel Stars. They are real ornaments as well as necessities to the convenience and comfort of the modern home. We are after the windmill and pipe business. You can get the editor of the Texas Spur to tell you about a three inch rain this week unless it comes later than the writing of this add. You know it don't hurt for a newspaper man to say things.

Chickens, chickens, chickens. We advertised for chickens last week and it has been raining chickens—all kinds—hens, fryers and old roosters—some of them with spurs less than a foot long. But let them come; the more the better. And butter—any old kind 15 cents per pound. If it's red headed and old enough to vote, we can use it just the same. We sell it to the packers. You may eat it later; we don't know.

Some more of the New Cloth this week. Come quick and get your dress pattern. It goes like a March snow. See the new Bulgarian net collars, lavalliers and beads just from Chicago. New things coming on every train to brighten up our dry goods stock, and our dry goods business continues to be good. A young gentleman asked his best girl if she would be his companion through life. Her answer was: "I will gladly share your pleasures and troubles." "Ah, my darling," he said. "I have no troubles." She.—"After we are married you will have."

One of our troubles is we want more of your business and we are after it—look out.—Bryant-Link Company.

NEW GIN MACHINERY

George Odam, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and hauled out a load of gin machinery for the McCormick gin at Afton. Mr. McCormick is overhauling his gin and putting in new machinery for the fall ginning season, and it is said that he will have one of the best equipped gins of the country and be in position to take care of all the ginning of his territory.

"GONE BUT NOT FORGOT."

We received a letter this week from Ross Edwards at Foard City requesting that the Texas Spur be sent to his address. Mr. Edwards was formerly a member of the firm of Edwards-Hogan Company and was not only a business man of ability and success but was popular with his associates and his more intimate friends join the Texas Spur in wishing him success in his business undertakings and a most pleasant residence in his new location.

CALL FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Governor Colquitt has called a special session of the State Legislature to convene at Austin on July 21. In his proclamation the Governor cites the attention of the Legislature to the following measures which he wishes them to consider.

To make appropriations for the support of the state government and its institutions.

To pass a law providing for and regulating the election of United States Senators from Texas by the people.

To revise or amend the provisions of the law now governing the management and control of the penitentiary system.

And to consider and act upon such additional matters as may be presented by the governor.

A MYSTERIOUS TEA

A Mysterious Tea was given Friday night by the Methodist ladies on the vacant lot between the meat market and Spur Ice & Bottling Works. Quite a number attended and various refreshments were served under assumed names. The occasion was a pleasant social affair and resulted in securing several dollars for the benefit of the church.

MANUFACTURING CLOTHES PINS

J. F. Goodwin has purchased the patent right for the sale and manufacture of wire clothes pins and lines in Dickens county. He will begin the sale and manufacture of the pins at an early date. The pins are a great improvement over the old pins and no doubt Mr. Goodwin will find a ready sale for his products.

TO THE TAX PAYER

If you believe that the people should vote upon each and every bond issue, vote against the bond amendment. Election Saturday, July 19. This amendment confers upon the Legislature full power to issue unlimited bonds without a vote of the people. Seventy members of the Legislature are against it.—State Tax Payers Association. By A. M. Kennedy. (Advertisement.)

GROWING BEST CROPS IN WESTERN TEXAS

J. A. Neighbors, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday and said that he would leave with his little son at an early date for Wichita Falls where he will have an operation performed on the boy. Mr. Neighbors said that he now had the best crop prospects he ever had in Western Texas and he expects to harvest bumper crops of cotton and feed this fall. He stated that the crop prospects of his section were not the result of an excess of rain as was intimated by farmers of other sections, he having had only there and one half inches of rain during the crop season. He farms with his head as well as hands as is evidenced by his methods of cultivation. He broke his land deep in November of last year, thereby securing the full benefit of the winter seasons.

PLENTY OF RAIN

W. E. Cross, of near Dickens, was in Spur this week and while here called in and had his name added to the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Cross reports that his section of the country has had plenty of rain throughout the year and as a result the crops of that section are in the most promising condition.

CROPS ADVANCED AND PROMISE BIG YIELDS

John Jones, a leading farmer of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday and reports crops of his section well advanced and promising big yields. Mr. Jones had with him a cotton boll as large as a good sized marble and said that he had thirty or forty acres from knee to half waist high loaded with such bolls and with another shower or two he expects to pick from a half to three fourths of a bale to the acre. He has more cotton on the place not so far advanced and which also may yield as abundant harvest.

BIG BALL GAME SATURDAY

The Spur team and the Shiner Twigs of the Liberty country will play a match-game of base-ball in Spur Saturday, beginning at three o'clock. The two teams are made up of the very best ball players of this section of the country and the game promises to be a fast one and interesting. There will be no charges for admission and everybody is cordially invited to attend and enjoy one of the best games of the season.

MAGNETIC HEALER

Wm. Duke, who has been located in Sherman the past several months associated with a medical doctor in giving masseur treatments to the afflicted, returned the latter part of last week to Spur and will probably remain here throughout the year. Dr. Duke is establishing quite a reputation as a magnetic healer in practicing the masseur treatment.

CREAM FOR DESSERTS

RECIPES FOR MANY Dainty Dishes During the Summer.

Plain Whipped Cream Sweetened and Covered With Nuts or Fruit Is Delicious—Makes a Satisfying Finish to a Meal.

Where there is plenty of cream there need be no lack of healthful and delicious desserts and dishes, says the Pictorial Review. Plain whipped cream, flavored and sweetened, put in small glasses and the top sprinkled with chopped nuts or small pieces of fruit, makes a dainty finish to any meal. In hot weather such desserts are especially desirable for many reasons. They are so healthful that even little children may have them. They are light and easily prepared, cool and tempting.

Mousses or parfaits, which terms simply mean frozen whipped cream, are among the daintiest of cream dishes and for an afternoon affair are excellent. The cream for these is flavored, sweetened, whipped to a stiff froth and placed in a mold, the joints of which are bound with a strip of muslin dipped in melted paraffin. A tub must be filled to a depth of several inches with cracked ice and salt. The mold is placed on this ice and then completely covered with more ice and salt and left for about four hours to ripen.

To unmold the mousses pour cold water over the mold to remove the salt, open and shake gently. The outer edge of the cream will be solidly frozen, the center ice cold but soft. A simple way to make a parfait is to take any ice cream and at serving time add whipped cream that is stiff and dry. Mix quickly and serve. Allow one pint of cream to each quart of ice cream.

In making any ice cream where fruit is used the fruit should be added after the cream is frozen. Half of the cream should be scalded if the best results are to be obtained.

Maple Ice Cream.—One quart of cream, one-quarter pound of shelled nuts, one large cup of maple syrup. Chop the nuts and add to the cream and syrup. Mix well, put in a freezer and freeze.

Pistachio Ice Cream.—Half cup of pistachio nuts, half cup of chopped almonds, one tablespoon of almond extract, four cups of cream, one cup of granulated sugar, one-quarter teaspoon of salt. Scald part of the cream and mix with all the other ingredients. Chill and freeze.

Fruit Ice Cream.—One quart of milk, one quart of cream, three cups of granulated sugar, one quart of fruit. Scald half of the cream with sugar. Mix with the milk and the rest of the cream and stand aside to chill. When cold put in the freezer and turn slowly until well frozen. Press the fruit through a colander and add to the ice cream. Turn again until frozen, pack carefully and set aside until needed.

Raspberry Punch.

Crush two cups of raspberries, sprinkle with sugar and cover with half pint of cognac; let stand several hours in a cool place. Squeeze four lemons, add four liquor glasses of curacao, five cups claret, the berries and brandy and sugar to taste. Strain, add three pints champagne and one pint Apollinaris. Pour over ice in a punch bowl in time to be very cold before using.

For a Greasy Stove.

When cleaning a stove that has been splashed with fat from the frying pans the best plan is to take a piece of rag and dip it into the soft soot at the back of the stove, rubbing the greasy parts before applying the blacking. This improves the appearance of the stove, and you can polish it without any difficulty.

Homemade Cedar Chest.

Get a large pine packing box. Hinge on the lid and putty up the cracks if there are any, but it is better to get one without cracks. Purchase a bottle of cedar oil from the druggist and paint the inside of the box with this, being sure that the oil soaks into all crevices. Use the oil plentifully, and when thoroughly dry line the box with cambric. Cover the outside with any preferred material. The cedar oil will retain its odor for years, and is as much disliked by moths as the cedar wood itself.

Mountain Dew Pudding.

One pint milk, yolks of two eggs, two tablespoons cocoanut, one tablespoon sugar, one-half cup rolled crackers. Bake one-half hour. Make a frosting of the whites of two eggs and one-half cup sugar, spread over pudding when done and return to oven to brown.

Nuts Flavor Custard Pie.

One cupful of chopped nuts added to the filling for a custard pie gives a very delightful flavor, and is a variation from the usual plain pie.

THE CHILDREN



OLD GAMES FOR THE YOUNG

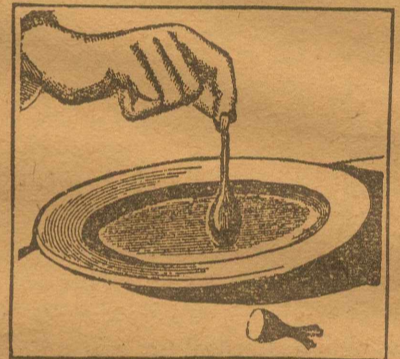
Blindfolded Player Must Recognize Others by Feeling With Large Spoon Instead of Hands.

In the game called "A Spoonful of Fun," instead of feeling with his hands in order to discover who it is that he has caught, the blind man is given a large spoon which he uses as a wand. As in "Silence," the players must all remain perfectly still. Directly he succeeds in finding some one the blindfolded player tries, by deftly touching him here and there with the spoon, to discover who it is. As it is much easier than anybody who has not tried can possibly imagine to discover the identity of a person by spoon touching, it is best for the unblindfolded players to try and disguise themselves as much as possible. Some might stand on tiptoe to make themselves appear taller, others tie handkerchiefs round their necks or wrap themselves up in shawls; and the boys might remove their telltale collars or put on their overcoats.

CLEVER AFTER-DINNER TRICK

Plate May Be Lifted by Common Radish by Butting in Half and Pressing Against Surface.

Cut a radish in half, press the lower surface firmly against a plate, as is shown in the diagram, and you can



Radish Lifts Plate:

lift the plate, to which it clings as closely as a boy's wet leather disk to the pavement.

BOY'S WORK AND PLAY IN THE COUNTRY



A Boy's Pet.

One of the most serious troubles that I had when a boy was the scoldings I received from farmers for digging up their pastures and meadows in unearthing woodchucks. Rail fences and post piles had to suffer when old Shep chased a woodchuck into his hole or under them. One of the boys would usually keep an eye out for the farmer, while the rest of us would throw posts and rails and did for Mr. Woodchuck.

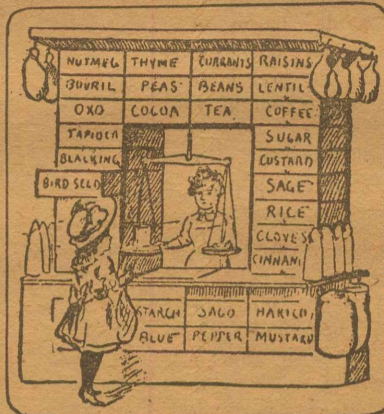
One summer nearly every boy in our neighborhood had a pet woodchuck, that was kept in a cage, and some of them became very tame and would eat from our hands, clover, grass, apples and sweet corn, which are their favorite articles of food. Woodchucks usually burrow near orchards or pastures and are easy to

MISS MUFFET AT FOOD SHOW

How Much Did She Weigh After Eating Seven Kinds of Food and Gathering Many Packages.

You remember that in Mother Goose Miss Muffet was very fond of curds and whey. She liked other things, too. Listen:

When Miss Muffet visited the food show she ate seven different kinds of breakfast food and gathered ten pounds of sample packages. Then she stepped on the free weighing ma-



Miss Muffet at Food Show.

chine and found that her weight had increased 10 per cent; whereas, if she had eaten twice as much breakfast food the gain would have been 11 per cent.

Can you tell how much Miss Muffet weighed when she arrived at the food show?

At the food show Miss Muffet weighed 111.18 pounds when she arrived. She ate one and one-ninth pounds of breakfast food and gathered ten pounds of samples, which increased her weight 10 per cent.

RIDDLES.

What is the difference between a mother and a barber?
The latter has razors to shave, and the former has shavers to raise.

Why are the stars the best astronomers?
Because they have studied (studied) the heavens since the creation.

Why is a schoolmistress like the letter C?
Because she forms lassies into classes.

Why is it impossible for a person who lisps to believe in the existence of young ladies?
Because with him every miss is a myth.

WAGE EQUALS THAT OF MEN

Women of Norway Employed in Postal Service Held in Fight Against Lower Salary.

It seems predestine that eternal vigilance shall be the price paid by women for equal pay for equal work the world over. For fifty years Norwegian women in the postal service have been paid the same salaries as men for the same work. Five years ago a conservative administration proposed lower wages for the woman postal employes as a good way to reduce government expenses. The measure was lost, and the question was allowed to rest in peace until last year, when another conservative administration again proposed to discriminate against women by making their rises in salary, after certain periods of service, lower than those of the men holding the same positions and with the same claim to advancement. The majority report of the committee that had the bill under consideration was in favor of its acceptance. But the elections of 1912 resulted in the return of a majority of liberals to the storting, and the formation of a liberal cabinet. The new postmaster general sided with the minority report on the proposition, and a great many of the storting members also espoused the women's cause. The final vote stood 89 against the bill to 30 for, and the woman employes will continue to receive equal pay for equal work as heretofore.

SCALES ON SCALP ITCHED

Muskogee, Okla.—"For more than a year I was afflicted with scalp disease. There were large white flakes or scales which caused the painful itching and my scratching would bring blood and cause sores. My hair came out in large quantities and what remained was thin, dry and lifeless. My temples were completely bare. During this time I tried everything that I thought would help me but nothing seemed to do any good. A friend advised me to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment.

"I bathed with Cuticura Soap and applied Cuticura Ointment. At the end of about four weeks my scalp was sound and well and my hair had thickened up and grown wonderfully in such a short time." (Signed) Mrs. D. W. McClellan, Dec. 16, 1911.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Adv.

Big Blasting Feat.

An eyewitness of one of the big blastings undertaken a short time ago at the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal yards at Prince Rupert describes it as one of the greatest blasting feats ever undertaken in Canada. Where a day before there stood a ridge of solid rock, as long as a city block, more than 60 feet wide, and 45 feet in height, there lay, after this blast had been fired, tons upon tons of shattered stones. Approximately 50,000 cubic feet of rock was destroyed and the cost of the blast mounted to the neighborhood of \$5,000.

Human Bean Poles.

"I saw the two Tibbles girls on the street just now." "They are so thin you have to see both at the same time to notice them."

Sparing Others.

"Dobbs seems to be in love with the sound of his own voice." "That's so. I wish he would cultivate the habit of soliloquizing."

Springtime Diversions.

"Off on an expedition, I see."
"Yes."
"Swatting flies or picking violets?"

Some people seem to get a lot of enjoyment in keeping others from enjoying themselves.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle. Adv.

One of the greatest conveniences of modern times is to have some one to blame things on.

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To Remove Stains. Grass stains may be removed from washable fabrics by rubbing with fresh lard before washing.

Who Put "U" in Blues?

YOURSELF; in other words, your lazy liver. You have been overloading the stomach, and thus clogging the bowels. You can easily stir these organs to healthy activity by the daily use of

HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Lives Without Kidneys.

Russell, the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Edwards of Freeport, L. I., is living without the use of his kidneys. They have been destroyed, physicians say, by scarlet fever.

Eight weeks ago the boy became ill. A physician treated him for a cold, but when he became worse another doctor was called, who said he was suffering from scarlet fever in an advanced stage. The physician declared the disease had settled in the boy's kidneys, which had been practically destroyed.

Since this diagnosis the lad has been studied by many physicians, for his condition is said to be unique. The doctors say they cannot see how the youngster can survive long.

Their Natural Use.

"Let me give you some wrinkles about heading this bill." "Well, wrinkles are headlines."

A HIDDEN DANGER

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A Montana Case

Mrs. R. S. Andrews, 122 Eighth Avenue, Great Falls, Mont., says: "My limbs, hands and feet became so swollen I couldn't stand. I was in agony with the pain. I was so reduced in weight my garments just hung on me, and I had given up in despair. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me completely, and over a year has elapsed without the slightest return of the trouble."

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Herbert Irwin, who has been in Spur and at the home of C. D. Copeland the past week from the Nichols place on the Plains waiting for automobile repairs, was in the city Saturday and spent the day here.

Mr. Scott was in the city Saturday from his farm home in north part of the county and spent several hours here greeting his friends and buying supplies.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Spur country, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends.

Dr. Blackwell and wife, of Dickens, were in the city the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Burl Arrington, a prominent citizen and one of the best farmers of the country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here.

Ex-County Commissioner H. T. Garner was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles northeast of Spur.

John Randall, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday.

Mr. Garrett and family, of the Tap country, were in the city Saturday shopping, buying supplies and greeting friends.

Joe Allison was in Spur Saturday from Dickens and spent some time here greeting his friends.

John Law was in the city Saturday from his ranch home in north part of the county.

W. F. Walker and family, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

WHAT THE MOCKER SAID

One day I saw a mocking bird
Sitting in a tree.
I cried, "O merry little bird,
How happy you must be!
How can you be so blithe and gay
When all my hopes have fled?"
The mocker turned and looked at me,
And this is what he said:
"Cheer, cheer, cheer, cheer;
Cheer, cheer, cheer.
Do not, do not, do not, do not
Fear, fear, fear.
Be joyful, be joyful, be joyful, be joyful.
Happy day, happy day, happy day.
Why not, why not, why not, why not,
Be gay? be gay? be gay?
Keep up your courage, keep up your cour-
age.
Do you hear? do you hear? do you hear?
You'll get it, you'll get it, you'll get it.
Never fear, never fear, never fear.
God will help you, help you, help you.
He is near, he is near, he is near.
Shame, shame, shame, shame.
Cheer cheer, cheer cheer, cheer cheer.
Sweet joy sweet, sweet joy sweet.
Joy cheer, joy cheer, joy cheer.
Have courage, courage, courage, courage
All the year, all the year, all the year.
Do not, do not, do not, do not
Sorrow, sorrow, sorrow.
Happy day, happy day, happy day.
Good morrow, good morrow, good mor-
row."

The mocking bird flew up and down
In rapture through the trees;
I turned away with streaming eyes
And fell upon my knees
And cried, "O God, forbid that I
Should e're my duty shirk."
And rose up with a happy heart
And went about my work.

—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

Evangelist Thomason, of Stanton, Texas, will begin a protracted meeting Friday night at the Amity school house. The meeting will continue a week or ten days. Everybody invited to attend.

W. J. Clark, one of the most prominent citizens of the Amity community, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. B. Ford, manager of the P. H. Miller Lumber Company business at Jayton, was in Spur Sunday and spent the day here with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller.

Claude Hindman returned the latter part of last week from eastern Texas where he has been working several months with a bridge crew.

Mesdames White and Burrus, of Crosbyton, were visitors in the city Monday, Mrs. Burrus having dental work done by Dr. Brandon.

Tax Assessor T. J. Harrison and little son, of the Wichita country, were in Spur Monday and spent several hours here.

W. T. Wilson and family, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. Cooke, a farmer of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants.

J. E. Short, a prominent citizen of Aspermont, was in Spur Sunday and spent several hours here on business.

E. M. Bilberry and wife, of Peacock, spent Sunday in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brannen.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton, of Crosbyton, were in Spur Monday to have Dr. Brandon do dental work.

Mrs. L. H. Edwards, of the Croton country, was a visitor in the city the latter part of last week.

J. P. Gibson was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill country.

S. R. Bowman was in the city Saturday from his farm home north of town.

Report of the Condition of The Spur National Bank

Made To the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of
Business Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$198,631.21
Overdrafts	321.01
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Five Per Cent Fund	1,250.00
Banking House and Fixtures	32,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,274.42
Total	\$341,476.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	7,014.71
Circulation	24,500.00
Individual Deposits	169,961.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,000.00
Total	\$341,476.64

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
R. V. COLBERT, President

Mrs. W. L. Johnson, of Aspermont, passed through the city Sunday on her way to Roaring Springs where she will remain on an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. Satterwhite.

G. E. Nicholson and Leonard Joplin made a trip this week to Roaring Springs where they will probably secure positions and make their homes at an early date.

R. L. Self, one of the most prosperous farmers and leading citizens of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

Jim Thompson, formerly of the Texas Spur force but now of the Crosbyton Review, came down Sunday and spent Monday in the city.

Hamp Collett was in the city Monday from his home several miles west of Spur. He says his section of the country is in good shape.

W. A. Johnson was in the city Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur. He reports everything all right.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, of Bell county, are in the city visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Cephus Hogan.

Little Misses Myrtle and Leona Marr, of Haskell, are in the city this week visiting at the home of G. P. Kiester.

V. H. Grubbs, one of the leading citizens and most prosperous farmers of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday.

W. M. Randall was in the city the latter part of last week and said that while a rain is not particularly needed at this time he advised the Texas Spur to begin now to boost a rain to come within the next week or ten days, and we assure him that we are going to do our part to the desired ends.

Will Walker, of several miles east of Spur, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday. He reports his crops doing nicely and says that he is up with his work and waiting for another rain.

Perry Fite at the Central Meat Market has any amount of pure hog lard for sale at twelve and a half cents a pound. If you want any pure hog lard at this price you had better get it today. 31 tf

E. W. Rogers, a leading citizen and one of the most substantial farmers of the country, was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles northwest of Spur.

Robt. Campbell was in the city Monday from his farm home several miles southwest of Spur. He reports everything in good shape in his section at this time.

Geo. W. Dodson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the north part of the county, was one among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

Oscar and Will Jackson and P. H. Miller returned the first of the week to Roaring Springs after spending several days in Spur.

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Paint Posts, Lime
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NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

THE TEXAS SPUR

Oran McClure, Ed. and Prop.

SPUR - - - - TEXAS

It was the militants who put the rage in suffrage.

Unbelievable! Some real blood has been shed in a duel in France.

Nobody would care for dandelion greens if they tasted like food.

Even the cost of dying is raised. London grave diggers have struck.

A president of Haiti achieves unique fame when he dies a natural death.

Duck suits would be better if they were oiled the way ducks wear them.

This being a wide world, there are plenty of places for the newlyweds to see.

In Chicago, music lessons and even German lessons are given over the telephone.

Tainted money is that which is received by exploiters of fake tuberculosis cures.

If airboats become as popular as automobiles it may be necessary to roof the streets.

And many a young man has gone to the bad trying to make others believe he is a good fellow.

Training a pompadour in the way it should go seems to be the life work of some young men.

Those English are the enthusiastic lot. A little, old cricket game attracted a crowd of 121,000.

Those low heels women are wearing nowadays mean quite a come down for the fair sex.

One charm of a long fishing trip is that the fisherman gets a chance to let his whiskers grow.

There is a bit of a riot going on among the Chinese to decide which one is father of his country.

It is said that some men have a great affection for their safety razors, but we don't believe it.

A man in Baltimore died from a horse disease which had nothing whatever to do with wagers.

Requests for food were made in Latin at a school supper at which Philadelphia scrapple was not served.

Capture of that aeroplane destined for use in the Mexican war doubtless saved the life of at least one aviator.

One advantage of the vestless season is that a man can show more than six cents' worth of his fifty cent tie.

One of the great drawbacks to war is the number of unexploded mines it leaves floating around in the seven seas.

As for language reforms, we personally are of the opinion that there are too many commas in the English language.

A new world's record has recently been made by a running horse, but the little old gas meter smashes records every day.

A New York doctor says that only one in five men is fit to marry. But every girl is sure she has picked the right one.

The fisherman who pulled himself out of quicksand by casting his line over a tree could write a good testimonial for the line.

An animal trainer has died of a snake bite seven years old. But that is no reason for postponing the application of the antidote in other cases.

A Washington preacher says young men calling upon young women Sunday evening should be led to church. They will be, eventually, doctor.

It passes understanding that the New York man who was able to make his wife obey rules didn't have one about buying millinery.

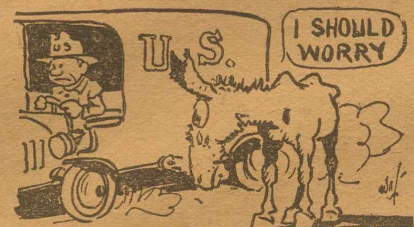
Gothamites are now to make war on tainted pie. This strikes at the very root of one of the most cherished traditions of the nation.

When St. Louis gets her phonograph concert in every street car some alderman will be sure to win lasting glory by demanding moving pictures.

As Doctor Wiley is a food specialist, we cannot see where he obtains a right to lecture on dogs. Dogs are not a food—at least, so far as we know.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

Motor Trucks Displacing Mules in Army Service



WASHINGTON.—“The motor truck is bound to mark the passing of the army mule, just as it has begun to oust that animal's shorter-eared half-brother, the horse, from the transportation scheme of civil life,” said an army officer on his return from an extended European tour. “It is only a matter of a short time before that picturesque and faithful adjunct of our military force is relegated to the much more prosaic life of the farm.”

“What has been and is being accomplished by European governments in the matter of army transportation can be accomplished in our own country. And abroad the motor truck is being put to every conceivable test as to its fitness and capability in military maneuvers.”

“The possibilities of the truck in our own army schemes are made evident in the report recently made by high army officials to the war department. According to this report the total weight of supplies and impedimenta that must be carried with an army division of 20,000 men is 2,883,000 pounds, or a full load for 961 of such army wagons as are now used.

“These figures in road space alone show that there is a great waste with present methods. That number of wagons require a space of approximately eleven miles on a twenty-yard road, a column that is vastly too large to be economically handled. And, besides, with eleven miles of wagons occupying the roads, there is no space left, unless it is before or behind the column, for the troops.

“With mule and wagon transportation the troops are confined to a movement of only about 24 miles per day, for this is the limit of distance which mules or horses can cover in a day without injury.

“With truck transportation this handicap is entirely eliminated.”

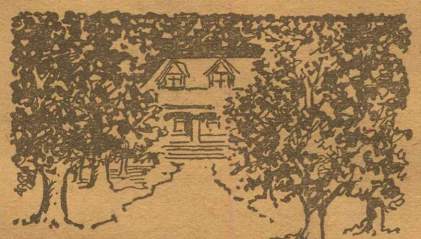
An Interesting Grove of Venerable Oak Trees

IF you are interested in lofty, broad, noble and venerable oaks the writer will point you to a stately grove.

In going eastward along the Bunker Hill road turn to the right at the crossing of Queen's Chapel road and near midway between the Bunker Hill road and Rhode Island avenue you will see on the left of the way the oak grove indicated. Under the boughs of the great trees is a frame house with flower beds and flower-planted tubs in front and on the sides. The writer's first idea was that some grand mansion must once have stood in that grove of high oaks, but this idea, like so many other first ideas, proved on investigation, to be wrong.

The present happy tenants of that cot among the oaks are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Columbus Murphy. Mr. Murphy is seventy-one years old, son of Thomas Murphy, was born within 300 yards of where he lives today, and his life's experience has been confined to that pretty and romantic section of the District.

Mr. Murphy said that when he was a little boy the land around there belonged to John Hoover and then to Walter Scott. Much of it later passed

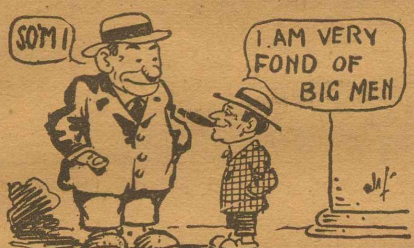


into the possession of John Britton, who kept a store on Seventh street, and a little later it passed to John B. Kibbs, who subdivided the big tract into small holdings. The Murphy place three generations ago belonged to Tobias Talbert and the Murphy house was built about 50 years ago by a man remembered as Knight.

“All this country was grown over with oak trees like those,” continued Mr. Murphy, “and the grove of 20 is about all that remains of the wide forest.”

It is worth a trip out that way to see the kind of timber that once covered the wooded sections of the District of Columbia. The Murphys constructed a rustic bench under one of the big trees.

William F. McCombs Is Very Partial to Big Men



WILLIAM F. M'COMBS, the Democratic national chairman, has a decided penchant for the society of men of mountainous build. He himself does not tip the beam at even welterweight figures.

McCombs, when it came to the club elections, took an election to the “foot ball club,” as one of the leading clubs there is accurately described, and among his intimates in his class were such old football stars as “Garry” Cochran, “Ad” Kelly, “Bill”

Bannard and “Sport” Armstrong. After McCombs went to New York to establish himself in law he naturally looked around for another strong man to share his apartment. He found him in Big Bill Edwards, now the street commissioner of New York, who was a freshman at Princeton when McCombs was a junior. According to Tom Reed's definition that no man is a gentleman who weighs over 200 pounds, that New York apartment housed a gentleman in the person of McCombs.

Edwards refereed the big football games for years with great success until one day, when Pennsylvania was playing the Indians, a facetious undergraduate sang out:

“Hey, Bill Edwards, get off the field so we can see the game!”

Next to big men, McCombs is equally fond of big cigars, the thick black ones.

Here Is a Man Who Eats Sand for All His Ills

THE national capital boasts at least one sand eating man. His name is Julian Emmons and he is a door-keeper at the house of representatives. Emmons hails from Noblesville, Ind., and came to Washington with the Democratic regime in the house more than two years ago. He is sixty-five years of age, hale and hearty.

Emmons swallows a teaspoonful of sand after each meal. He never leaves home in the morning without a phial of coarse sand. He says he was troubled constantly with sour stomach, heartburn, indigestion and kindred ills until he started the “sand cure.” Now he asserts that he is never troubled at all, relishes his food, sleeps like a baby and enjoys life to the full.

He has one remedy for all ills. It is sand. If a dark brown taste is present upon arising in the morning, do not fail to reach for the sand bottle.

He urges coarse sand, not too sharp, and forswears the fine white



variety because, he says, it dissolves in the intestinal processes and is of no value as an aid to the functions of digestion.

Undesirable Neighbors.

“There's a foreign couple living in the flat next to us, and they are simply torment to my wife.”

“Why so?”

“They quarrel incessantly, and she can't understand a word of it.”

The Makeup Forces.

“Did you ever help put a puzzle together?” “No; my wife always assembles herself alone.”—Judge.

NEWEST IN PARASOLS

SUMMER DESIGNS ARE ODD IN SHAPE AND COLOR.

Dome and Tub Shapes Are Most Popular Styles This Season—Flowered Silk and Plain Silk With Border Used.

A modern afternoon affair out-of-doors is as gay as a Dutch flower garden for bright colored parasols are conspicuous everywhere. Even the vivid red and emerald green parasols of a season or two ago are outclassed by the gorgeous models of this year



Top—Black Satin and Pompadour Silk Below—Lace and Chiffon.

with the Bulgarian medley of color bright-hued stripes or flowered design as trimming.

Striking as these new parasols are in color, however, and odd and unexpected in shape, few of them are really freakish. The new shapes are graceful, if surprising, and the eye has now become accustomed to bright strong colors in costume. If anything, moreover, may be gay with perfect propriety, surely it is a parasol.

Convenient Aeroplane Shape.
The aeroplane shape, long from the front, elliptical when opened, has a certain smartness and is very convenient for use with the long, narrow hats of the season. Very exclusive parasols are of black satin, with linings of bright colored silk, and have very long, carved handles of black wood with wrist-cord matching the color of the lining.

The dome and the tub shapes are the most popular styles this season and one sees more of them than of the exaggerated aeroplane and mushroom hat effects. Sometimes there is a double dome of “canopy top,” as this model is called in the shops which looks like two soap bubbles, one blown within the other. The first, or outward curve of the cover may be of plain colored silk in deep green, or the fashionable Indian red, while the more steeply curving dome at the center is of Persian silk or flowered pompadour pattern.

One of the accompanying sketches shows a parasol of the dome, or bell, shape, made of black satin, trimmed with bands of bright colored pompadour silk. The stick is a black carved wood.

The other parasol in the illustration is of old blue taffeta, with a border of bright-colored pompadour silk.

Pretty Parasols of Flowered Silk.
Many of the prettiest of the summer parasols are of flowered silk, or of plain silk with deep borders of flowered silk, set off between bands of black velvet ribbon. Covered silk parasols also have a deep border, bands of heavy macrame lace or of scroll, or cubist patterned silk. Plain colored silk parasols in simple dome and tub shapes are given the essential fanciful touch by a shirred arrangement of silk between the ribs. Shirrings of all sorts are much used in trimming effects, as for instance, shirred silk border bands over cords, shirred chiffon or lace covers over corn colored or saffron silk.

Handles are as long as ever, and those swelling to a bulb at the end are the smartest. Some of the carved effects are very handsome, and the choice seems to be evenly divided between elaborately carved black wood handles and white wood handles in carved ivory effects.

MARY DEAN.

Suffragette Mesh Bag.

The suffragette mesh bag is an entirely new model of its kind. It is light, practical and durable, and, when opened, discloses two separate compartments.

TO FRESHEN COAT LINING

Clever Girl Solves the Problem by Removing the Lining and Washing It.

At this time of year most every woman has a white coat lining that has become so soiled that she hates to wear the suit, although it is almost always the lining to one's favorite coat that suffers in this manner. One girl who did not feel that she could spare the money to have the suit cleaned, or even afford to have just the lining cleaned, solved the problem very nicely by washing the lining. She first basted all the seams together carefully with white thread, marking the edge, too, where they were turned in, at the front, collar and tail of the coat. Then she carefully ripped out the lining and washed it by squeezing it out in lukewarm soap suds and rinsing several times in warm water.

Next it was pressed with a warm iron on the wrong side, but pressed under a piece of cheesecloth or very thin white muslin so the iron would not touch the silk and make it stiff. Now, if the coat was marked before removing the lining, to show just where the line of sewing goes, it will be a simple matter to put it back just where it was. The entire lining should be pinned in place before sewing at all, and if it has shrunken a little, which it will not do if it is all silk, each edge may be turned in a little less than before all the way around the coat. This is a task that requires great care, but if one takes the pains to do it neatly and carefully the result is eminently more satisfactory than the soiled lining, that gives such an undainty touch to the otherwise most immaculate costume.

Fashion's Fancies

The trains of the winter that swished about one's feet in snaky fashion are no longer essential to the evening gown and many of the latter are quite short.

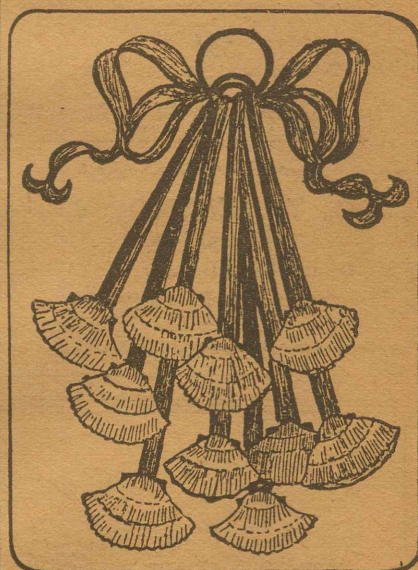
Sashes for the summer frock of sheer material are fashioned of satin taffeta or ribbon. The long ends are finished with fringe, beads, ribbon, flowers or embroidery.

The Parisian jewelers are displaying hatpins with extremely small heads. They are usually formed of a pearl surrounded with brilliants, and never exceed the size of a pea.

The smart headdress for evening wear consists of a narrow band of jewels worn low on the forehead and decorated at the side with a cluster of paradise, ostrich or osprey plumage.

The taste for the present glaring color combination has to be cultivated, like a taste for olives or strong cheese, and already the public is becoming quite accustomed to green and orange, red and purple, blue and cerise, or coral and bright brown.

PRETTY NOVELTY



A very dainty novelty for the home and bazaar worker is easily made from shells at very little cost. This novelty takes the form of a fly rest, and makes a bright ornament when hung from gas brackets or any similar fixture. Very little is required in the way of materials—shells, baby ribbon, silver paper, some Secotine and a brass ring.

Evening Coats.

Evening coats for young girls are made of nets, silk, crepes and ninons embroidered in silver, pearls and moonlight beads. The body of the coat often is set into a deep hem of brocaded satin or ribbon well below the hips. This gives that effect of restrained fullness which is a feature of the present fashions.

The Newest Collars.

The finest linen collars, embroidered and lace hemmed, are worn, and those of the crinoline period are favorites. They were added then to the closely fitting and perfectly plain corseage, buttoned straight down the front, and were fastened with a large brooch of the cameo or pebble persuasion rimmed with gold.

TO THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS:

A community of interest prevails between the railroads and the people. Unless the people prosper the railroads cannot hope to prosper. On the other hand, unless the railroads are permitted to earn sufficient money to give good service, the people cannot enjoy the full measure of prosperity.

Railroads are today operated under the strictest of regulations. They cannot charge one cent for any service that is not authorized by officers chosen by the people. In law and good morals, these officers of the people who fix the charges that can be collected by the railroads for services performed, must fix such charges high enough to pay all legitimate operating expenses, plus an amount that will pay a reasonable return upon the value of the railroad property devoted to the use of the public.

Suppose the Legislature should pass a law taking from the pockets of the people a million dollars a year to pay the salaries of public officials—not needed at all, nor whose services could be utilized in the interest of the public in any manner, would such a course be approved by the people as a whole?

We think not.

The operating expenses of railroads affect the public just as much as the taxes they pay. In one instance the taxes are collected by public officials; in the other instance the rates fixed by public officials are collected by the railroads.

It is just as impossible for the Legislature or the courts and juries to impose unjust burdens upon the railroads without, at the same time placing the burden upon the shoulders of the producers and shippers, as it is to create new public offices and expect the taxpayers to be relieved of meeting the expenses of such places.

Under the present system of levying taxes in Texas the State Tax Board takes into consideration the appropriations made by the Legislature and levies a tax high enough to bring in sufficient money to meet the expenses of government.

In fixing freight rates, the same rule applies. The commission, after ascertaining what the railroads have to pay out for operating expenses, taxes, personal injuries, etc., fixes the rates high

enough to pay all such expenses, and in addition thereto, a fair return on the value of the property used for the public. Therefore, the higher the expenses, taxes, and personal injury payments, the higher must be the rates the people have to pay.

It is the sincere desire of the managers of the Texas railroads to give the public good service, and at the least possible cost to you. And we respectfully and earnestly ask you, in your own interest, to assist us in doing so, and thereby protect yourselves against unjust and unnecessary burdens.

We desire to express our appreciation to the producers of Texas who have made a study of the question, and have taken intelligent action to protect themselves against the infliction of unjust and unnecessary burdens.

We respectfully ask you to study this so-called "Railroad Problem" closely. We welcome the most searching and minute inquiry. There is so much in common between the railroads and the producers, that a better understanding and closer co-operation is bound to benefit all concerned.

General Managers Texas Railroads

Hamp Collett and family moved recently to Spur from the West Pasture where he has been employed in handling the cattle in that section.

J. J. Rodgers was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch home on the Cat Fish and spent some time here on business.

Not Boasting

WE would rather boast than boast, any time. We don't claim to be the whole works in the banking business. All that we claim is that our stockholders and directors are plain business men just like the rest of you, men who realize their responsibilities and expect that every customer shall have a square deal. Further, we know that our bank is reliable, has abundant capital and surplus, and has an enviable reputation for fair dealing. If that's boasting, then we have boasted, that's all, but it's all true.

The Farmers
And Merchants
State Bank

MERRY WIVES

After a vacation of several weeks the Merry Wives Club met with Mrs. Cates on July 4th. In honor of the glorious Fourth. This beautiful country home was decorated with flowers and flags. Tables were arranged for 42. The score cards were decorated with flags and attached to each were tiny flags for favors.

After a number of interesting games lovely cream and cake were served. It was so refreshing to the guests to have the little drive out away from the noise and dust and din of the city, and they hope Mrs. Cate's turn to entertain will come again soon.—Club Reporter.

W. L. Grubbs, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, left Spur Thursday for Dallas where he will spend some time visiting his daughter.

John Welch and family returned the first of the week from Hall county where they spent some time visiting relatives and friends.

Hodges Haile was in the city Wednesday on business. Mr. Haile is one of the most prominent young men and most prosperous farmers of the country.

Mrs. T. A. Tidwell and children left Thursday for O'Brien where they will spend some time with relatives and friends.

George Rodgers and wife, of near Clairemont, were in Spur this week visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

Mr. Fairfield, representing a cartridge company, was in Spur this week and spent several days here.

When you come to town come to Harkey's Horse Hotel. Meals at all hours.

BIDS RECEIVED ON SPUR WATER WORKS SYSTEM

The Mayor and Commissioners of Spur received bids Tuesday on the Spur Water Works System according to the plans and specifications as heretofore outlined. There were ten or twelve bids, three of which were for installation of the entire system while the others were for only parts of the system. The bids received are now being considered and probably the contract will be awarded the latter part of this week.

There were ten or fifteen contractors here to put in bids, the bidders remaining over in Spur until the contract is awarded.

Under the plans Spur will have a first-class system of water works, and it is presumed that the work will begin within a few weeks.

C. C. Tyler left the city this week on a tour of the country selling insurance, he having again resumed the occupation of an insurance agent. Mr. Tyler is well posted in that business and no doubt will meet with success.

Jim Walker, who has been spending some time in Bryan, returned this week to Spur and will again be associated with his brother, J. R. Walker, in the Spur Grain and Coal Company business.

Miss Myrtle Rodgers, who has been employed as operator for the Luzon Telephone Company, returned recently to her home near Clairemont.

We please the hard to please.—Hogan & Patton.

CROPS DOING NICELY.

N. B. Fuqua, one of the most prosperous citizens of the Red Mud country, was in the city Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Fuqua said that while the crops of his section are in fine shape and growing nicely at this time, the farmers would be glad to see another good shower of rain within the next few days.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris entertained a number of guests at their home in the city Thursday evening of last week, the guest of honor being Miss Matthews of Avoca. Forty two and other games were played and tempting refreshments served during the evening.

Sheriff J. B. Conner and Clerk Crawford Cobb came over from Dickens Wednesday and spent several hours in Spur greeting their friends.

H. T. Burgoon made a business trip to Roaring Springs and other places this week.

MRS. LUKE DAVIS ENTERTAINS

On July 11th Mrs. Luke Davis threw open her hospitable doors to the Merry Wives and other friends.

It was a very hot day and upon entering each guest was served with sandwiches and ice tea, which were very refreshing.

Several unique contests were held, and an owl game was played in which Mrs. Sam Clemmons was the winner.

At the close of the afternoon delicious cream and cake were served. All the guests thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.—Club Reporter.

R. V. Colbert, president of the Spur National Bank, came up Tuesday from Stamford and spent some time in the city on business.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Vernon, of Rule, are in the city visiting their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon.

Young Mr. Harvey, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday.

The Side Show Barker

"You can fool some of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all of the time."
We're not trying to "FOOL" you when we say we make the best clothes in town.

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VOTE NEXT SATURDAY.

At the election Saturday, July 19, the ballots will determine whether or not the people of Texas will turn over to the Legislature upon the approval of the Governor the right to issue bonds in unstated sums to meet the demands of present day agitators and for all state institutions in the years to come. The Texas Spur last week published in full for the benefit of readers the proposed bond amendment so that it could be studied and intelligently voted upon. We do not contend that the state university and other institutions do not need and deserve funds for buildings and improvements, but we do believe the people should retain their right and their privilege to vote on state bond issues in sums deemed necessary for the needs and demands. We believe it safer and saner for the Legislature to have the approval of the people in issuing bonds rather than the approval of only the Governor as is proposed by the amendment. Some claim that by refusing to turn bond issue matters over to legislators and the governor a reflection is cast on both. By doing so we believe the people admit that they are incapable of superintending their own most vital affairs, and by voting for the proposed amendment the people place themselves totally at the mercy of a few men in issuing bonds now and in future years, and have no recourse only to grin, endure and pay up the taxes of a possible erratic head of our governmental affairs. Every man who believes the people should continue to exercise their rights and privileges in creating state debts and issuing bonds in payment thereof, should not fail to go to the polls and vote Saturday, July 19. We consider the proposed bond amendment the most dangerous governmental proposition before the people.

C. C. Haile was in the city Thursday from Draper and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends. Mr. Haile reports the Draper country in fine shape with respect to bumper crop prospects.

J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen and one of the most practical and successful farmers of the country was here greeting friends Saturday.

Mr. Thompson, a hardware drummer, after spending some time in Spur, left Wednesday by way of Roaring Springs.

Alec Alexander came down this week from Roaring Springs and spent several days with his family in Spur.

Mrs. H. K. Parks returned Wednesday to Spur after spending several days at Girard.

For good looking shirts and collars, try an ARROW.—At Hogan & Patton's.

EXERCISES FOR BENEFIT BUCKNER'S ORPHAN HOME

On last Sunday evening at the Baptist tabernacle an interesting program was rendered by the primary classes of the Sunday School, under the management of Mrs. G. T. Brandon, assisted by Miss Jennie Shields and Mrs. Oscar Jackson.

The little folks participating in the exercises organized a club some time ago for the purpose of raising funds for Buckner's Orphans Home.

The program of Sunday evening was made up largely of readings and songs directing the attention of the audience to the necessity of helping sustain the orphans and appealing to their duty as Christians along the line of giving for that worthy purpose.

The tabernacle was filled by an appreciative audience, who expressed themselves as having a pleasant and profitable evening, and last but not least, their words of praise were strengthened by a liberal contribution to the orphan's home.—Contributed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

A picnic under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school was enjoyed Tuesday evening over the hill north of town. Supper in abundance was had and a large number of children and grown people enjoyed the occasion.

H. Z. Taylor, a prominent citizen of the Girard country, was in Spur Wednesday and reports that while crops are growing the hot winds are doing some damage. However, the rain which is due here not later than next week will dispel all fears now entertained.

If you are not a regular reader of the Texas Spur we want to put your name on the list and send it to you and we will appreciate it if you will come in and say "put my name on the list."

Dr. Grace has been spending the week in Dallas to assist in the diagnosis and probable operation of Mrs. Jay, she being one of his patients from Clairemont.

W. S. Taylor, wife and child left this week for the Plains country where they will spend a two weeks vacation with Wyatt Taylor and family.

Mrs. Ray Cooksey, of Oklahoma, is at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Standifer and will remain here during their absence to Colorado.

A representative of the Dallas News was in Spur Wednesday and spent several hours here in the interest of that paper.

C. W. Lowery returned the latter part of the week from Waco and other points where he has been to buy goods.

John Peugh was in the city several hours Tuesday from the H. P. Cole farm where he is now making his home.

Mrs. Robert Herren, of Haskell, is spending the week in Spur with her brother, J. F. Vernon and family.

Al Bingham was in from the West Pasture of the Spur Ranch Tuesday after supplies.

Our merchandise appeals to the most discriminating buyers.—Hogan & Patton.

Miss Ruth Attebury has been on the sick list this week.

THE ENDORSED CHECK

WHEN you are asked to pay an account twice, how much better to be able to say, "here's my check with your endorsement," than, "I have a receipt somewhere." With a checking account of your own and a fixed rule to use checks in paying all your bills, you can readily clear up such a difficulty.

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CHANGE IN RURAL ROUTE

Beginning this week the mail delivery will be changed on Rural Route Number One to leave Spur about two o'clock, making the deliveries in the afternoon. This change will be of considerable advantage to the people on the route, since it will give them delivery of the mail which arrives in Spur at one o'clock.

Rural Carrier Gibson makes his rounds in an automobile and the country people on this route will hereafter receive their mail with less trouble and as quickly as the townpeople.

RESIDENCE BURNS.

Reports came to Spur of the burning of the Norman Rogers residence in Clairemont Thursday of last week. At the time no one was in the home and the origin of the fire is unknown. Most of the furniture and household goods in the lower story were removed. The residence was a two-story building and the loss amounted to about ten thousand dollars with four thousand dollars insurance.

T. A. Smith and wife were in the city Saturday from their farm home in the Red Mud country and spent some time here trading. Uncle Tom reports everything in fine shape in his section.

R. L. Collier returned the first of the week from a trip to Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs, Floydada, Lockney and other points where he has been looking after his cattle interests.

J. N. Zumwalt was in the city this week from his farm and ranch home fifteen miles west of Spur. Mr. Zumwalt is one among the most prosperous citizens of the country.

Wylie Conway was in Spur this week from his stock ranch below Snyder and spent some time here.

CONTRACT LET FOR SPUR WATER WORKS SYSTEM

After considering the bids the Mayor and Commissioners awarded the contract for the building of the Spur Water Works System, Wednesday, the total contract price being \$21,500.

The contract for the entire system with the exception of the tank and tower was awarded to E. J. Hammond. The construction of the water tank and tower was let to the Des Moines Iron and Bridge Company.

Actual construction work will begin on the system as soon as material can be shipped in, and the contracts specify that the system shall be complete and ready for operation within five months.

A letter was also received Wednesday stating that the Attorney General had approved the bonds recently issued for the water system, and they are now ready for sale to the highest bidder.

CHARMING HOSTESS.

Mrs. L. W. Davis entertained Friday afternoon at her home in the northwest part of the city. Refreshments were most temptingly served and the amusement features were highly entertaining and enjoyed by each guest, there being quite a number of lady friends present on the occasion. Mrs. Davis is a charming hostess and a delightful entertainer and such a reputation was further established on this occasion.

Duke Henson left the city the first of the week for the Cat Fish country where he is doing carpenter work.

Mrs. Hamill and family moved this week to Canadian, Oklahoma, where they will make their home in the future.

FIRST WATER MELONS

John Carlisle brought in a load of melons Wednesday from near Gilpin and sold them to Brannen Brothers. These melons were the first of the season to be brought to Spur. Brannen Brothers sold out every melon within a few minutes after their arrival.

A BIG FARMER.

C. D. Copeland and wife were in the city this week from their home several miles east of Spur. Mr. Copeland is farming several hundred acres of cotton and feed this year and he says it is now all in fine shape and growing nicely, he having just finished chopping and plowing over the entire crop this week and now waiting for another rain to lay-by.

SPUR FARM LANDS BOOKLET.

This week we secured one of the booklets just issued by the Spur Farm Lands management. The book is ably edited, the statements being conservative in giving justice to the country and its possibilities. The book is beautifully illustrated and in every way a masterpiece in the art of printing. Chas. A. Jones is the author and deserves credit and commendation in the publication and circulation of such a book of the Spur Farm Lands.

T. B. Cross, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers and ranchmen of Kent county, was in Spur this week after supplies and material with which to make improvements on his farm and ranch.

Mrs. Lee Gilbert and children came up from Jayton and spent some time here visiting her husband who is operating the Spur garage.

Percy Hamill left Wednesday for Paducah where he will be employed in the building of a large tank on the Tongue River Ranch.

GROCERY STOCK COMPLETE!

WE have a complete stock of groceries and the price is always right. Just received a fresh car of Seal Flour; "Good as the best; Better than the rest." Why not try a sack in your next bill? We also have some country home made pure sugar cane syrup, the kind a great many of us were raised on. It still has the right taste. Nice fresh candy always on hand. South Texas comb honey is fine this year, and we have it. Bring your chickens—any kind. We will pay the best market price. We will appreciate your business. Phone us your orders. Both phones number 24

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TASTY SCRAP DISHES

HASH BETTER THAN ROASTS WHEN PREPARED PROPERLY.

May Irwin, the Actress, Tells How to Cook Meats and the Victuals That Have Been Left Over From Meals.

That the fastidious should look with distrust, if not disgust, upon the hotel or restaurant made hash or ragout, or stew, or minced dish, is quite within my understanding and sympathy. But it is quite different in the well-regulated home.

My husband and sons, writes May Irwin, who are rather spoiled as far as the things of the table are concerned, enjoy beef stews and roast beef hash better than the original roast. Fricassee chicken, when properly prepared, is much better than roast chicken. Spaghetti, when warmed over, is twenty times better than when first cooked. How seldom we eat a really well cooked dish of spaghetti! This is because it is not thoroughly cooked.

Suppose it is Tuesday—ironing day. If there is in your pantry or ice box the skeleton of last night's roast chicken you are fortunate. From the shreds of the meat here and there sticking to the bones you can make an excellent fricassee, or that dish which is a favorite in my household.

Mince the bits of cold chicken together. Chop a small green pepper, a small onion, four mushrooms, a bit of parsley and one cold potato together until very fine. Have a frying pan ready with tablespoonful of hot brown butter and put the mixture in and stir it well.

Cover it for a few moments and let it brown on one side, as hashed brown potatoes are done. Put on a hot platter and garnish with tomato sauce. This sauce is made by cooking two or three tomatoes for half an hour; strain and add a tablespoonful of butter, salt, pepper and flour enough to thicken a little.

Perhaps you are inclined to toss away three or four tomatoes that are soft, but still good. Their ripeness is no drawback for the favorite breakfast dish of mine, for which I give you the recipe.

Cut a slice from the top of each tomato. Remove enough of the pulp to enable you to drop into each tomato a bit of butter the size of your thumb-nail and a raw egg. Pin with a toothpick a strip of raw bacon around each tomato. Sprinkle a little salt and pepper over the top and put into a very hot oven until the eggs are set. This will be in from five to eight minutes.

Spiced Plums.

Wipe five pounds plums with a piece of cheesecloth wrung out of cold water and prick each five or six times with a large needle. Put two and a half pounds brown sugar in a sauce pan and pour over it one quart vinegar. Then add two ounces cloves, one ounce stick cinnamon (broken into pieces), one ounce allspice berries and one ounce mace, all tied in a piece of muslin. Let this mixture boil 10 minutes. Pour it over plums, cover and let stand overnight. In the morning, drain plums from syrup, again boil syrup 10 minutes, pour over plums, cover and let stand overnight. Drain and repeat this process a third time.

Hamburg Steak Soup.

Have lean beef hamburger and place on stove with cold water. Boil three-quarters to one hour only. Nice with rice and carrots, or rice only, also served as vegetable soup. Vegetables must be put in at once with the hamburger, as they will be done together. Season to taste. Quickly done and precisely the same as other soup. Nice also for supper to put the little ones to sleep on.

Rice and Tomato Combination.

One of the ways of cooking rice and tomatoes together is to boil the rice in one vessel, cook the stewed tomatoes in another, seasoning them to taste with salt, sugar, pepper and onion juice, and then to turn the rice, from which the water has been carefully drained, into a deep vegetable dish, pour over it the tomatoes, lifting the rice with a fork, that the sauce may penetrate the rice; set the dish in the oven for five minutes, and send it to table smoking hot.

Walnut Cake.

One cup of sugar, one-half cup butter, creamed together. Add two eggs, two-thirds milk, two cups flour, into which has been sifted two teaspoons baking powder, one cup raisins, one cup chopped walnuts. This is nice with chocolate frosting, thickly covered with walnut meats.

Rice Gems.

One cup cold boiled rice, one egg, one cup milk, one saltspoon salt, one cup flour. Bake in iron gem pans that have been well buttered.

AILING WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Mrs. Hilbert Tells of Her Distressing Symptoms During Change of Life and How She Found Relief.

Fleetwood, Pa.—“During the Change of Life I was hardly able to be around at all. I always had a headache and I was so dizzy and nervous that I had no rest at night. The flashes of heat were so bad sometimes that I did not know what to do.



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FRENCH PREFER TIPPING PLAN

Paris Theatergoers Fall to Appreciate System That Would Abolish Old Evil.

An excellent instance of how the conservative French public adheres to old and established traditions, despite any inconvenience, is given by the failure of the experiment of the new Franco-American comedy house, the Champs Elysees theater.

The prices of the stalls were provisionally raised from \$2.40 to \$3, and the usual charges which more than made up the difference—the program, cloak room charge, ten per cent. poor tax and the tip to the ouvreuse—were abolished.

Although the public was saved an immense amount of annoyance and red tape by the simplification, the only thing it was able to realize was that the price of seats had increased. As a result the sales have fallen enough to make the manager, M. Poirier, announce that he will return to the old system and its inconveniences, which playgoers seem to prefer.

Meanwhile, Gabriel Astruc of the Champs Elysees theater has published the total receipts of the new playhouse for the first month of its existence. These amount of \$59,150, which, it is asserted, makes a record in this country. It is understood, however, that the figure includes the subscriptions paid for seats during the whole season.

His Only Patient.

An exceedingly eminent and busy New York physician, who goes to many clinics and sees hundreds of patients weekly, was somewhat taken aback a few days ago when, in response to a telephone call, he took up the receiver and heard a thin, elderly German-American voice say these words: “Doctor, I vass py you last week. Vhat shall I do negxd?”—Argonaut.

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Ah, King! Are You There?

There are Americans, no doubt, who would as soon call up King George V. on the telephone as John Smith, but in England no normal person who was not privileged to do attempt the audacity. Whether or not the story is true that a militant suffragette, representing herself as the duchess of Fife, gave the royal number, which is supposed to be a carefully guarded secret, and actually had audience with his majesty with the receiver in his reverend hand, it might well be true, for the militants stop at nothing. Heckling the king over the telephone is not a brilliant conception; in fact, rather ordinary, but a story that George had been tricked into talking with a bold militant would be a fine advertisement of the cause—they would call it “ripping” in England.

Aircraft Factory.

A branch of the British meteorological office will hereafter be operated from the Royal Aircraft factory at South Farnborough for the purpose of supplying aeronauts and for the conduct of investigations of meteorological problems. This establishment will keep in close touch with the meteorological office at South Kensington and advices will be sent out based on the observations and information available at both places.

The Reason.

“Why do they call it fugitive poetry?” “Because it manages to keep in the running.”

Just Alarm.

“I found your friend is full of misanthropy.” “Great gosh! Is it catchin'?”

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Crippled from babyhood and with only one sense, that of touch, to aid her, Miss Johnson entered the school nine years ago at the age of thirteen. Up to that time she had received practically no education. During her stay here she was taught to hear, has won high honors in history and literature, has become an accomplished seamstress and wicker basket maker, and has written several papers of great merit on historical subjects. Her triumph, however, came recently, when she delivered her commencement essay by word of mouth.

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IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

Judge Holman and family and Bill Austin and family of Afton left Spur Friday for a trip to the mountains in New Mexico where they will spend a week or ten days fishing, hunting and having a general good time.

J. Carlisle, one of the oldest settlers and most prosperous farmers of the Spur country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

W. A. Jordan was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Steel Hill country and spent some time in the city on business.

Poet Hagins, one of the most prominent citizens of the Gilpin country, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

The Morgan boys were in the city the latter part of last week from their farm and ranch home several miles west of Spur.

Mr. Wilhoit, of the McNeill Ranch, was in the city Saturday and reports grass fine and cattle in good condition in his section.

Robt. T. Dopson and family, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants.

Mr. Presslar, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday.

Jess Harris and family, of the Croton country, were in the city Saturday trading and spent some time here.

J. O. Wooten was in Spur last week from his home several miles north and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Wayne VanLeer and wife were in the city Saturday from their farm home in the Soldier Mound community.

Sebe Lambert was in recently from the Tap country and reported everything in good shape.

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Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant tasting, purely vegetable remedy—harmless to both children and adults. A bottle in the house may save you a day's work or keep your children from missing school. Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working.

A. Q. Smelser, a prominent citizen of north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading and greeting his friends.

S. P. Odom, a prominent citizen of several miles south of town, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

Joe A. Smith and wife returned the latter part of last week from Stamford where they spent several days with friends.

Mr. Henson, a prominent citizen of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday.

J. D. Martin was in the city last week from his farm home north of Spur.

Oscar Jackson returned the latter part of last week from Roaring Springs and spent several days in Spur with his family.

S. B. Scott, a prominent citizen and one of the leading farmers of several miles west, was in the city Saturday after supplies.

Mr. Shipp, representing the Texas Company in the sale of oil and gasoline, was in Spur Saturday seeing the trade in his line.

Miss Nora Matthews, who has been visiting Mrs. P. H. Miller, returned the latter part of last week to her home in Avoca.

W. B. Griffin, wife and children left last week for an extended visit to relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Al Sullivan was a business visitor in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles southeast.

Ex-Sheriff H. P. Cole was in the city this week from his farm home several miles north.

Sid Benson, of El Paso, spent several days in Spur with E. Luce and family. Mr. Benson formerly lived in the Spur country and was one of the Spur Ranch employees for a number of years.

M. S. Reavis went out to the Cat Fish country last week where he is building a new residence and making other improvements.

S. W. Rather was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home in the Cat Fish country and reports everything in good shape.

Roy Zinn returned Saturday from Aspermont where he has been throughout the week with his moving picture shows.

Will Jackson, of Roaring Springs, came down and spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with relatives and friends.

Editor White of the Crosbyton Review, was in Spur Friday and spent several hours here on business.

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A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



By
RANDALL PARRISH
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SYNOPSIS.

Major McDonald, commanding an army post near Fort Dodge, seeks a man to intercept his daughter, Molly, who is headed for the post. An Indian outbreak is threatened. "Brick" Hamlin, sergeant who has just arrived with messages to McDonald, volunteers for the mission. Molly arrives at Fort Ripley two days ahead of schedule. She decides to push on to Fort Dodge by stage in company with "Sutter Bill" Moylan, Gonzales, a gambler, is also a passenger. Hamlin meets the stage with stories of depredations committed by the Indians. The driver deserts the stage when Indians appear. The Indians are repulsed in attacks on the stage. Moylan and Gonzales are killed. Hamlin and Molly plan to escape in the darkness by way of a gully. Molly is wounded and Hamlin carries her. They cross a river and go into hiding. The Indians discover their escape and start pursuit, but go in the wrong direction. Hamlin is much excited at finding a haversack marked C. S. A. He explains to Molly that he was in the Confederate service and dismissed in disgrace under charges of cowardice. At the close of the war he enlisted in the regular service. He says the haversack was the property of one Capt. LeFevre, who he suspects of being responsible for his disgrace and for whom he has been hunting ever since. Troops appear on the scene. Under escort of Lieut. Gaskins Molly starts to join her father. Hamlin leaves to rejoin his regiment. Hamlin returns to Fort Dodge after a summer of fighting Indians, and finds Molly there. Shots are heard in the night accompanied by the call of the sentry. Hamlin rushes out, sees what he believes is the figure of Molly hiding in the darkness and falls over the body of Lieutenant Gaskins, who has been wounded. The officer accuses Hamlin of shooting him and the sergeant is arrested.

CHAPTER XIV.—Continued.

Voices reached him from outside, echoing in through the high, iron-barred window, but they were distant, the words indistinguishable. As his brain cleared he gave no further thought to his own predicament, only considering how he could best divert suspicion from her. It was all a confused maze, into the mystery of which he was unable to penetrate. That it was Molly McDonald shrinking there in the dark corner of the barracks wall he had no doubt. She might not have recognized him, or imagined that he saw her, but that spear of light had certainly revealed a face not to be mistaken. White as it was, haggard with terror, half concealed by straggling hair, the identification was nevertheless complete. The very piteousness of expression appealed to him. She was not a girl easily frightened; no mere promiscuous shooting, however startling, would have brought that look to her face. He had seen her in danger before, had tested her coolness under fire. This meant something altogether different. What? Could it be that Gaskins had wronged the girl, had insulted her, and that she, in response, had shot him down? In the darkness of conjecture there seemed no other adequate explanation. The two were intimate; the rumor of an engagement was already circulating about the garrison. And the stricken man had endeavored to shift the blame on him. Hamlin could not believe this was done through any desire to injure; the Lieutenant had no cause for personal dislike which would account for such an accusation. They had only met once, and then briefly. There was no rivalry between them, no animosity. To be sure, Gaskins had been domineering, threatening to report a small breach of discipline, but in this his words and actions had been no more offensive than was common among young officers of his quality. The Sergeant had passed all memory of that long ago. It never occurred to him now as of the slightest importance. Far more probable did it appear that Gaskins' only motive was to shield the girl from possible suspicion. When he had realized that Hamlin was a prisoner, that for some reason he had been seized for the crime, he had grasped the opportunity to point him out as the assassin, and thus delay pursuit. The chances were the wounded man did not even recognize who the victim was—he had blindly grasped at the first straw.

But suppose he had been mistaken? Suppose that woman hiding there was some one else? Suppose he had imagined a resemblance in that sudden flash of revelation? What then? Would she care enough to come to him when she learned of the arrest? He laughed at the thought, yet it was a bitter laugh, for it brought back a new realization of the chasm between them. Major McDonald's daughter interesting herself in a guard-house prisoner! More than likely she would promptly forget that she had ever before heard his name.

He got up and paced the cell, noting as he did so how closely he was watched by the guard.

"Have you heard how badly the Lieutenant was hurt?" he asked, approaching the door.

The sentry glanced down the corridor.

"He'll pull out, all right," he replied confidentially, his lips close to the door. "Nothin' vital punctured. You better go to bed, an' forget it till mornin'."

"All right, pardner," and Hamlin returned to the cot. "Turn the light down a little, will you? There, that's better. My conscience won't trouble me, but that glare did."

With his face to the stone wall he fell asleep.

CHAPTER XV.

An Old Acquaintance.

It was late in the forenoon when the heavily armed guard marched Hamlin across to the commandant's office. He had been surprised at the delay, but had enjoyed ample opportunity to plan a course of action, and decide how best to meet the questions which would be asked. He could clear himself without involving her, without even a mention of her presence, and this knowledge left him confident and at ease.

There were half a dozen officers gathered in the small room, the gray-bearded Colonel in command, sitting behind a table, with Major McDonald at his right, and the others wherever they could find standing room.

"Sergeant," the Colonel said rather brusquely, "you came in last night with 'M' troop, did you not?"

"Yes, sir."

"Had you ever met Lieutenant Gaskins before?"

"Once; he pulled me out of a bad scrape with a bunch of Indians out on the trail a few months ago."

"The same affair I spoke to you about," commented McDonald quietly. "The attack on the stage."

The Colonel nodded, without removing his eyes from the Sergeant's face.

"Yes, I know about that," he said. "And that was the only occasion of your meeting?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, Sergeant Hamlin, I purpose being perfectly frank with you. There are two or three matters not easily explained about this affair. I am satisfied of your innocence; that you were not directly concerned in the shooting of Lieutenant Gaskins. Men of your troop state that you were in barracks when the shots were fired, and the wound was not made by a service revolver, but by a much smaller weapon. Yet there are circumstances which puzzle us, but which, no doubt, you can explain. Two shots had been fired from your revolver."



"You Better Go to Bed an' Forget It Till Mornin'."

and he pushed the weapon across the table.

"I rode ahead of the troop in march yesterday," Hamlin explained, "and fired twice at a jack-rabbit. I must have neglected to replace the cartridges. Private Stone was with me."

"Why did you submit to arrest so easily, without any attempt to clear yourself?"

The Sergeant's gray eyes smiled, but his response was quietly respectful.

"I was condemned before I really knew what had occurred, sir. The sentry, the Sergeant of the guard, and the Lieutenant all insisted that I

was guilty. They permitted me no opportunity to explain. I thought it just as well to remain quiet, and let the affair straighten itself out."

"Yet your action threw us completely off the trail," broke in McDonald impatiently. "It permitted the really guilty parties to escape. Did you see any one?"

"Black smudges merely, Major, apparently running toward the ravine. My eyes were blinded, leaping from a lighted room."

McDonald leaned forward eagerly, one hand tapping the table.

"Was one of them a woman?" he questioned sharply.

Hamlin's heart leaped into his throat, but he held himself motionless.

"They were indistinguishable, sir; mere shadows. Have you reason to suspect there may have been a woman involved?"

The Major leaned back in his chair, but the commandant, after a glance at his officer, answered:

"The pistol used was a small one, such as a woman might carry, and there are marks of a woman's shoe plainly visible at the edge of the ravine. Lieutenant Gaskins was alone when he left the officers' club five minutes before the firing began. You are sure you have never had any controversy with this officer?"

"Perfectly sure, sir. We have never met except on the one occasion already referred to, and then scarcely a dozen words were exchanged."

"How then, Sergeant," and the Colonel spoke very soberly, "do you account for his denouncing you as his assassin?"

"I presumed he was influenced by my arrest, sir; that the shock had affected his brain."

"That supposition will hardly answer. The Lieutenant is not severely wounded, and this morning appears to be perfectly rational. Yet he insists you committed the assault; even refers to you by name."

The accused man pressed one hand to his forehead in bewilderment.

"He still insists I shot him?"

"Yes; to be frank, he's rather bitter about it, and no facts we have brought to bear have any apparent weight. He swears he recognized your face in the flare of the first discharge."

The Sergeant stood silent, motionless, his gaze on the Colonel's face.

"I do not know what to say, sir," he answered finally. "I was not there, and you all know it from the men of my troop. There has been no trouble between Lieutenant Gaskins and myself, and I can conceive of no reason why he should desire to involve me in this affair—unless," he paused doubtfully, "unless, sir, he really knows who shot him, and is anxious to shift the blame elsewhere to divert suspicion."

"You mean he may be seeking to shield the real culprit?"

"That is the only explanation that occurs to me, sir."

The Colonel stroked his beard nervously, his glance wandering to the faces of the other officers.

"That might be possible," he acknowledged regretfully, "although I should dislike to believe any officer of my command would be deliberately guilty of so despicable an act. However, all we can do now is endeavor to uncover the truth. You are discharged from arrest, Sergeant Hamlin, and will return to your troop."

Hamlin passed out the door into the sunshine, dimly conscious that his guarded answers had not been entirely satisfactory to those left behind. Yet he had said all he could say, all he dared say. More and more firmly there has been implanted in his mind a belief that Molly McDonald was somehow involved in this unfortunate affair, and that her name must be protected at all hazard. This theory alone would seem to account for Gaskins' efforts to turn suspicion, and when this was connected with the already known presence of a woman on the scene, and the smallness of the weapon used, the evidence seemed conclusive.

As far as his own duty was concerned, the Sergeant felt no doubt. Whatever might be the cause, there was no question in his mind but that she was fully justified in her action. Disliking the Lieutenant from the first, and as strongly attracted by the girl, his sympathies were now entirely with her. If she had shot him, then it was for some insult, some outrage, and he was ready to protect her with his life. He stopped, glancing back at the closed door, tempted to return and ask permission to interview Gaskins personally. The uselessness of such procedure occurred to him; the fact that nothing could result from their meeting but disappointment and recrimination. The man evidently disliked him, and would resent any interference; he had something to conceal, something at stake for which he would battle strenuously. It would be better to let him alone at present, and try to uncover a clue elsewhere. Later, with more facts in his possession, he could face the Lieutenant and compel his acknowledgment. These considerations caused him to turn sharply and walk straight toward the ravine. Yet his investigations there brought few results. On the upper bank were the marks of a woman's shoe, a slender footprint

clearly defined, but the lower portion of the ravine was rocky, and the trail soon lost. He passed down beyond the stables, realizing how easily the fugitives, under cover of darkness, could have escaped. The stable guard could have seen nothing from his station, and just below was the hard-packed road leading to the river and the straggling town. There was nothing to trace, and Hamlin climbed back up the bluff completely baffled but desperately resolved to unlock the mystery. The harder the solution appeared, the more determined he became to solve it. As he came out, opposite the barrack entrance, a carriage drove in past the guard-house, the guard presenting arms, and circled the parade in the direction of officers' row. It contained a soldier driver and two ladies, and the Sergeant's face blushed under its tan as he recognized Miss McDonald. Would she notice him—speak to him? The man could not forbear lifting his eyes to her face as the carriage swept by. He saw her glance toward him, smile, with a little gesture of recognition, and stood there bareheaded, his heart throbbing wildly. With that look, that smile, he instantly realized two facts of importance—she was willing to meet him on terms of friendship, and she had not recognized him the evening previous as he ran past her in the dark.

Hamlin, his thoughts entirely centered upon Miss McDonald, had scarce-



"I Do Not Know What to Say, Sir," he Answered Finally.

ly noted her companion, yet as he lingered while the carriage drew up before the Major's quarters, he seemed to remember vaguely that she was a strikingly beautiful blonde, with face shadowed by a broad hat. Although larger, and with light fluffy hair and blue eyes, the lady's features were strangely like those of her slightly younger companion. The memory of these grew clearer before the Sergeant—the whiteness of the face, the sudden lowering of the head; then he knew her; across the chasm of years her identity smote him as a blow; his breath came quickly and his fingers clenched.

"My God!" he muttered, unconsciously. "That was Vera! She has changed, wonderfully changed, but—but she knew me. What, in Heaven's name, can she be doing here, and— with Molly?"

With straining eyes he stared after them until they both disappeared together within the house. Miss McDonald glanced back toward him once almost shyly, but the other never turned her head. The carriage drove away toward the stables. Feeling as though he had looked upon a ghost, Hamlin turned to enter the barracks. An infantry soldier leaned negligently in the doorway smoking.

"You're the sergeant who saved that girl down the trail, ain't yer?" he asked indolently. "Thought so; I was one o' Gaskins' men."

Hamlin accepted the hand thrust forth, but with mind elsewhere.

"Do you happen to know who that was with Miss McDonald?" he asked.

"Didn't see 'em, only their backs as they went in—nice lookin' blonde?"

"Yes; rather tall, with very light hair."

"Oh, that's Mrs. Dupont."

"Mrs. Dupont?" the name evidently a surprise; "wife of one of the officers?"

"No, she's no army dame. Husband's a cattleman. Got a range on the Cowskin, south o' here, but I reckon the missus don't like that sort o' thing much. Lives in St. Louis mostly, but has been stoppin' with the McDonaids fer a month or two now. Heerd she was a niece o' the Major's, an' reckon she must be, or thar'd been a flare up long ago. She's a high flyer, she is, an' she's got the Left hand goin' all right."

"Gaskins?"

"Sure; he's a lady-killer, but thet's 'bout all the kind o' killer he is, fer as I ever noticed—one o' yer he-dirts. Thar ain't hardly an officer in this garrison thet ain't just achin' fer ter kick that squirt, but ther women—oh, Lord; they think he's a little tin god on wheels. Beats hell, don't it, what money will do fer a damn fool?"

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The beans are cooked perfectly done and a few may be canned at a time when they are being cooked for dinner, as it rarely happens that the housewife can get enough beans for more than a can or two at a time.

Put the cooked beans in glass jars, add three tablespoonfuls of good vinegar to each quart and seal the bottle while boiling hot.

There will be no spoiled jars, for they will be both canned and pickled.

When ready to use them simply heat but do not boil. Since so many use vinegar when eating string beans this will be no objection.

In using salt the same method is followed except that a teaspoonful of salt is placed on top of the beans after each quart can is filled and then sealed hot.

This method is not as successful as the vinegar. The use of preservatives as salicylic acid and benzoic acid we are inclined to recommend less highly.

COOK'S ADVICE ON ROASTS

Many Valuable Suggestions Are Offered on How to Regulate Your Oven.

That water should not be put into an open meat-pan its place being supplied by bits of fat from the roast, or by dripping.

That a rack made of wire should support meat in the roasting-pan to prevent it from sticking to the bottom and being unevenly roasted.

That all cut meat should first be laid on the rack skin-side downward, provided the hottest air is above, in order that the lean part, from which juices might escape, may be at once crusted over to retain them.

That a six-pound roast in a little oven requires one hour's roasting to be rare, and one hour and a quarter's to be well done.

That to lessen such a heat at once for roasting properly, after the searing is completed, a pan of cold water may be set into the oven and the draft somewhat reduced.

That the double roasting-pans, with close-fitting covers, are most convenient both for large and small roasts, as basting is not required, and they keep the small roasts from drying out.

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The old-fashioned test for ascertaining the heat of the oven before putting in a cake to bake is still in good standing even among the cooking-school generation of cooks. The writing paper test is the favorite one. Lay a sheet of ordinary linen writing paper in the oven and let it stay for five minutes—by the clock. If the paper is just nicely browned in that time the oven is hot enough for loaf cake. If the paper is burned or scorched, the oven is too hot and must be cooled by leaving a crack in the door, opening the ventilator or setting a cup of cold water in the oven to lower the temperature.

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Pressed Chicken.

Cut a small chicken into four parts, boil in as little water as possible without burning, and watch constantly. When done very tender take out the meat, but keep broth boiling. Pick the meat from the bones, chop it, and add butter, pepper and salt. Take all fat of broth, then pour over the chopped chicken. Then press it, put plate on top with something heavy to hold it down. Set on ice and when very cold slice it and you will have a delicious supper or breakfast dish.

Beefsteak Dumplings.

Line a deep dish (four inches deep and eight inches across the top) with pie crust, cut up two pounds stew beef in small pieces, add salt, pepper, onion and water, one-half teaspoon poultry dressing and little butter. Put top crust on and steam for three hours.

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GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Wood Shepherd, of Spur, passed through Gilpin Saturday on their way to Jayton.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Grandma and Grandpa Butts attended church here Saturday.

P. E. Hagins and son made a business trip to Spur Saturday.

G. B. Walker and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins were the guests of Rev. Bennett and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thomas are spending this week with his parents near Jayton.

Miss Iva Taylor spent Sunday evening with Miss Mary Bennett.

Miss Lily Hagins, who has been quite sick, is convalescent.

Cecil Bennett went to Spur Saturday.

The hot winds, which have been blowing in these parts for the last few days, are injuring the crops.—A. Farmer.

H. S. Mitchell, of Dickens, left Spur Tuesday for Temple in response to a message stating that one of his children is seriously ill in that place. George Odam will drive the Dickens mail hack during his absence.

Mrs. Nix and little daughter, of Wichita Falls, are in the city for an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. Hvatt and Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner of near Spur.

Uncle Pink Higgins came in Tuesday from the Cat Fish country and spent a short time here on business and greeting his friends.

Miss Jessie Beavers returned the first of the week from Jayton where she spent several days at the home of Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

Dr. Boyd is in the city from Fort Worth and will spend the summer here with his daughter, Mrs. Geo. M. Williams.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Monday.

Jim Foster, manager of the dog killing crew, was in the city Tuesday.

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Judge McClain came in Monday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and reported everything in good shape in his section but said that a light shower of rain at this time would benefit the crops.

Dr. Standifer and wife left last week for Colorado where they will spend some time in pleasant recreation in the cool climate.

George Bennett left recently to join his wife and children at Rule where they will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Dudley Kennedy, representing the West-Cullum Paper Company of Dallas, passed through Spur en route to the Plains country.

J. M. Neely came down Friday from Roaring Springs and spent several days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

N. Q. Brannen and little son spent Sunday and Monday in Jayton on business and visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Nichols, of the Plains country, were in the city Sunday and spent some time here.

W. G. Mayfield, merchant of Jayton, passed through Spur last week on his way to Crosbyton.

The best car in the world for the money is the Ford. See J. L. Gilbert, sub-agent, at garage. 35tf

R. L. Penick, of Stamford, was in Spur last week and spent several days here on business.

W. J. Elliott was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home.

Bill McArthur was in the city Saturday from his home in the Tap country.

J. L. Curry, a prominent citizen of near Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Neil Holman is now employed in the Sol Davis establishment.

Allie Campbell, who has been with Sol Davis the past several months, left Spur Friday for Stamford where he has a position in the dry goods department of the Baker-Bryant establishment.

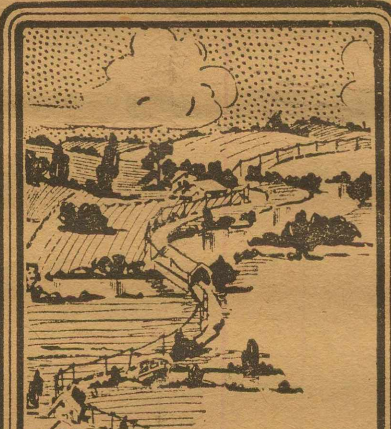
P. H. Miller, who has been in Roaring Springs the past week superintending his lumber business at that place, returned Saturday to Spur.

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"We are pleased to declare that the time has come in Texas when some of our most important railroads should construct second tracks.

"The passing of Texas out of the list of states characterized as capable of sustaining only single track lines will mark an epoch in her history. That time has come.

"And further the time has come when our public is entitled to and should demand higher standards in railroad service. The day for passenger trains that jogged and bumped along over high and low joint at a leisurely gait of fifteen miles an hour has passed; the day for interminable and unexplained delays while weary people sit in dusty stations hour after hour waiting, wondering and swearing, has passed. The day of lethargic freight handling has passed—Texas dare not content herself with a transportation system characterized by such defects while beyond her boundaries in every direction modern methods of transportation conducted on standards of efficiency, safety and speed such as the untravelled Texan never dreamed of on rates equally favorable to our own are affording to our sister states advantages in life and business that nothing in our situation otherwise will enable us to compete with.

"It is the opinion of your commission that the hour has come when in the name and behalf of Texas and for her prosperity and further progress radical changes for the better must be brought about in our Texas railroad situation. New lines must be constructed; old lines must be improved; additional yards, terminals, sidings and depots must be constructed.

G. H. Connell of Fort Worth, and president of the First State Bank of Spur, spent several days in the city this week.

GENERAL ADVERTISERS.

On another page of this issue of the paper is a half page advertisement by the managers of Texas railroads, and which is due consideration by readers and thinkers. This ad was secured through the efforts of the advertising committee of the Texas Press Association which hopes to save general advertisers money on commissions heretofore paid advertising agencies, and become more beneficial to both advertisers and the newspapers of the country.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here. He reports that crops of all kinds are in fine shape in the Tap country and the present prospects indicate bumper harvests of cotton and feed stuff this fall.

While here Saturday Tom McArthur said that everything is lovely and that the prospects are that he will make enough this year not only to supply his boy with the necessities of life but also to get him a nice Christmas present.

John S. Callahan was in Spur the latter part of last week from his home on the Plains and hauled out supplies. John said that it had sure enough rained in his section and the crop prospects are most promising.

J. B. Morrison was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur. Mrs. Morrison and children are in Canada to spend a month or more with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Owen.

Percy Hamil, who has been spending some time in the country chopping cotton, returned Saturday to town. The cotton chopping season in this section is now about ended and with one more rain the crops will probably be worked over the last time.

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