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EVILS COMMON IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

It is interesting in this day of agitation on woman suffrage to note that the women in Kansas City have mutually agreed to study and investigate some of the most common evils prevalent in their Public Schools.

They have noticed that when a pupil begins to make low grades that not infrequently his grade continues to go lower until he is demoted. Notwithstanding the fact that so far as the mother can see the conditions are just as favorable for his continuing the work in the grade from which he was demoted as they were when he first entered.

She knows the child is competent to carry the work. He is well and physically strong, she has kept up his necessary home work and has kept him in school regular. Yet his grades go lower and lower until demotion is the result.

This being the experience of many mothers in the city they decide to visit the schools. They look carefully over the daily program and inquire of the teachers about their children's application during school hours and especially concerning the demoted one.

The teachers tell them that the child is bright, and was quite competent to carry the work of the former grade when he entered it, but did not apply himself. "And he is not doing the work in the present grade either."

These evils existing largely and almost exclusively in the Intermediate or Grammar school, the mother insists that she has done her part, and continues to do her whole duty and as she can not follow the child into the schoolroom for the day, that she has a right to expect something of the teacher.

She is then told that she is quite antiquated if she expects her as teacher to be responsible for a child's work during school hours. She informs the mother that she assumes no such responsibility—that she is there to hear lessons, and because conditions are not ideal, time limited, crowded in numbers, and she has two grades whereas she expected to have but one, it is the School Board's fault in not supplying more teachers. And 'tis foolish to expect her to assume such an absurd responsibility. In conversation with the Superintendents they find them irresponsible too.

Sadder but wiser they return home knowing the child is an irresponsible and the teachers becoming irresponsible the wonder how any progress can be made in an atmosphere where one irresponsible is supposed to lead the other irresponsible. They know that discipline must be, in order that teaching may be. They also know that intellectual activity is a potent factor in discipline.

So they begin to wonder what per cent of pupils will reach the higher education and just what rate will go on down a few grades below zero.

The subject of grades is then

considered. Some teachers seem to be trying to reach every result thru grading, forgetting that proper discipline and efficient teaching secure satisfactory grades. They grade as tho the child were expected to go out into the world to make his bread and butter thru their knowledge and untiring application of grading.

The subject of writing suggests itself. When school opens they are required to buy as a part of the regular list of books, a copy book, pen and ink, and a drawing book and pencils. At the end of the term if the mothers have not had some work put in them at home they remain as blank as they were on the day of purchase. Upon reflection they call to mind a little shelf or drawer somewhere in the home which contains the blank copy and drawing books for the past four or five terms.

They sigh as they recall the many times their child has said to them, "Teacher graded down my spelling to-day 'cause she says she can't read my writing." Yet these mothers know it to be a fact that these same teachers and Sup't's hold first place on the floors of their Institutes discussing the methods and importance of writing and drawing. When mentioned to them in particular they plead a lack of time. Why not alternate? (occurs to them)

The School Buildings were large, comfortable, commodious, and well equipped, showing quite an expenditure in finance. Comfortable rooms containing an unlimited amount of black-board space and yet many teachers had no particular use for it.

While these observations were crystalizing into new ideas in their minds they decide to examine the hand book or folder of a certain school which had irresponsible Superintendent and find there under the regulations for pupils such as these:

"Any pupil absent so many days in succession shall be suspended."

"Any pupil playing truant so many times will be demoted."

"No pupil shall talk aloud in his seat or he will be demoted."

And others of like nature with regulations concerning bad weather which more properly belong to "grown ups" in college.

After a careful investigation of these regulations they wonder how the State Law regarding the suspension of scholastics can be violated at will.

They reason also, that if a teacher must be so hedged about by regulations the very nature of which would make her a dummy in the schoolroom why have a teacher at all.

They are also planning a campaign with the ballot at the beginning, for the investigation of these evils.

And while planning, wondering, and puzzling over these problems they are longing for teachers of backbone, moral stamina, a strong sense of responsibility, and a determination and ability to get results whether conditions are ideal or not; for teachers who are not infected bone, muscle, and sinew with the Athenian rage for something new, and who are not expecting to lounge irresponsibly thru the profession on "flowery beds of ease."—AN OBSERVER.

GOODNESS KNOWS

A teacher recently received the following from the mother of an absent pupil:

Dear Mam: please eggscuse Willy. He didn't have but one pair of pants an' I kep him home to wash them and Mrs. O'tooles goat come and et them off the line and that awt to be eggscuse enuff goodness nose.

Yours with respect.

If any of our customers have as good excuse as Willie for not coming to town and buying pants while we are offering special inducements, let us know and we will send you a pair.

Say Boys, we have the Buggy that will help you make a hit during the Holidays. And with each one sold for spot cash beginning Saturday the 13th, we will give 50,000 votes. Now is your chance to help your Contestant win in the Gold Watch, Diamond Ring, and Piano Contest. Remember the time is getting short, Christmas Eve will soon be here. Watch all the specials? See our page ad of bargains in prices and votes and we could not give them all, but there's going to be something doing at our house, you bet. We are feeling the Christmas Spirit and are going to help others by giving them a few days of bargains on many lines. Winter merchandise must go. We know the season is getting away. We must raise money, hence the Specials. We offer many of them you will need so watch our store each day from now 'till Xmas. And if it's something to give your friend for Christmas, we have many items of beauty and usefulness in our Dry Goods and Hardware Departments. (When you speak of a man calling him the biggest fool in the world, don't forget to count your self among men.)

Our Candy Department: through the busy days before Christmas, we will have a special Candy department looked after by a young lady. We will have an enormous stock of flood fresh Candy, also cakes, nuts, oranges, apples, gum, etc. We want you to be sure and remember this special feature of our store. This is something we have never tried before and we want your help in making it a success.

"A train standing still costs money." Change the T in train to B and see how the sentence reads. Now the same applies to a business. It can't stand still, and, we, realizing this, are using every possible inducement to increase our business each week over the preceding, and to do this we have to sacrifice prices sometimes, and from now 'till Xmas we are putting forth extreme efforts to do the greatest business we have ever done in the same length of time. Watch us and see if we don't succeed.

RAISING FINE HOGS
W. A. Johnson came in Saturday from his Dockum Stock Farm and reports everything in good shape and moving along nicely. Mr. Johnson makes a specialty of raising fine hogs on his place and reports that he has a number of hogs on his place which are doing nicely.

"If a cobbler by trade, I'll make it my pride

The best of cobblers to be
And if only a tinker,—no tinker beside
Shall mend an old kettle like me."

People we need your business, and we are doing all we can to merit it. We are all citizens of Spur interested in the welfare of town and county. Give us your trade if you can conscientiously do so and we will appreciate it, assuring you one thing, that we will deal honestly with you for we do not count money all there is of value in the world. We want you to be our friend.—Bryant-Link Co.

DISTRICT COURT

District Court adjourned this week after a two weeks session at Dickens. In addition to the reported proceedings of last week, the following cases were disposed of this week:

W. J. Lewis vs. W. A. Craddock, suit on contract for pasturage, demurrer argued and case continued to next term.

J. P. Pratt vs. J. M. Chumley et al, suit on note, continued.

J. C. Kellar vs. G. A. Stanfield, rescision on contract. Defendants demurrer sustained and case appealed.

Taylor vs. J. R. Rogers, tres pass to try title, continued.

Mrs. Wyatt Taylor vs. Wyatt Taylor, divorce granted with alimony.

Mrs. Mary E. Harvey vs. Harvey, divorce granted.

The grand jury for the term made its report calling attention to various items concerning the public governmental affairs. Seven true bills of indictment were returned, four of which were for felonies and three for misdemeanors.

SOLD HIS FARM

R. E. Thomas called in Saturday and handed us a dollar for his subscription to the Texas Spur and requested that we hereafter send it to him at Jacksonville to which place he is moving this week. Mr. Thomas sold his farm north of Spur, and although he has rented a place near Jacksonville this year, he says that he will probably return next year to the Spur country and buy another place in the West Pasture. Mr. Thomas is one of our best citizens and we will welcome his return to this section.

FREEPORT LEVEES HOLD

Chas. A. Jones received a telegram Wednesday from Freeport stating that notwithstanding the flooded condition of that section of Texas the levees were holding and Freeport will not suffer as a result of floods and high waters.

Much damage and loss of lives in other towns and counties of that part of Texas are reported and appeals are being made to more fortunate sections for aid and assistance.

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AN ATTRACTIVENESS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Mr. Peters, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country and one of the old timers of this section, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Peters sold his farm two years ago and moved to California where he intended to make his permanent home. However, we are glad to note that he has returned, resumed the proprietorship of his farm and with his family will again become permanent resident citizens of the Spur country. There is an irresistible attractiveness about the Spur country, and when a man once becomes acclimated he always comes back even though he drifts to the balmy climate of sunny California.

IN STATE CONTEST

W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Smith again entered the state contest this year for the best two acres of maize and kaffir corn. The prizes will be awarded this month in Dallas, at which time ten thousand dollars in gold will be given to farmers for the best crops of various kinds. We believe that the Industrial Congress has done as much or more than the State Agricultural Department to educate and encourage farmers and better farming in Texas.

IN GOOD SHAPE.

J. J. Noland, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and trading and while here called around and made the Texas Spur force glad by handing us a big silver dollar to mark up his subscription for another year. Mr. Noland reports his part of the country in fine shape at this time.

IMPROVING NEW HOME

Mr. Havens was in the city last week and reported that he had completed a residence on his land recently bought of the Spur Farm Lands management in the Girard country, and that he is now clearing land preparatory for cultivation another year. Hereafter, he informed us that he would make Spur his trading point.

TO NEW ORLEANS.

Dr. Grace left Tuesday for New Orleans in response to a telegram stating that his brother was in a dying condition. His brother came to Dallas several months ago and underwent an operation in the removal of a cancer, returning later to his home in north Louisiana. The operation failed to effect a cure and at this time he is in New Orleans for treatment.

E. B. Shaw was in Spur this week with several bales of cotton from his place in the Croton country. Mr. Shaw is one of the most prosperous farmers of the whole country.

THE TEXAS SPUR

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SPUR - - - - TEXAS

Where there's a will there are a dozen lawyers.

The man who jumps at conclusions very often gets stuck.

Getting about time to think of what one's going to swear off.

The front porch spoon will change to the kitchen stove squeeze.

Not at any season does anybody grow ecstatic over prunes.

At the wedding of the oceans not a voice was heard in protest.

A piano phonograph has been invented. Another terror to flat life.

The rest cure was invented for people who get tired out doing nothing.

For people who like queer dances the present kind are the right thing.

The tango is a first class winter dance, as it keeps the blood circulating freely.

Those Russian explorers who saw a green sun can no longer withhold their identity.

An Oregon hen has laid 235 eggs in a year. We assume that she laid off on Sundays.

Wooden shoes, which are gaining in popularity, must be fine to throw at a serenading cat.

One irrepressible optimist is the man who buys the wedding ring on the installment plan.

A German prince is trying to obtain a loan of \$5,500,000. Undoubtedly he is already married.

Consider the majestic confidence of the man who eats free lunch sausage and never asks a question.

Doctors never kick, say garage owners. Why should they? They, too, make their living on repair work.

The other day a man was fined \$50 for working twice at a pretty girl. Moral: Only wink once. It's cheaper.

A phonograph is bad enough at best, but there ought to be a law to suppress those that never change their tunes.

There are 160 dramas and 21 melodramas based on the life of Joan of Arc. Evidently there was nothing funny about her.

A 12-ton Sphinx has been received in Philadelphia from Egypt. Thus has the population of the stone heads increased by one.

Cannibals are now said to object to white men as having an unpleasant salt and peppery taste. They are altogether too choosy.

A Frenchman seventy-two years old has challenged another one seventy-seven years old to a duel. There's no fool like an old fool.

Parisian costumers say the trouser skirt is soon to come; that means no doubt that they'll wear 'em literally as well as metaphorically.

If the whale that rammed the Danish tanker belonged to any particular school of fish, it ought to qualify as center on the football team.

Since the oyster is becoming less popular in society it has more opportunities to pass an evening now and then at home with its family.

The czar of Russia has claimed the new continent reported to have been discovered near the north pole; and, so far as we are concerned, he is welcome to it.

Even the dignified United States bureau of agriculture will have its little joke. Investigators employed by the bureau report that a crow is a crow just because.

A Chicago man who tried to commit suicide by drinking hair tonic is expected to recover. Hair tonic hardly ever does what people who use it expect it to do for them.

A big money prize is to be offered at the San Francisco exposition for the best baby in the world. The project will cost a great deal of money, for every family in the country has that baby.

A New York girl has broken the typewriting record by averaging 125 words a minute for an hour. It was a marvelous performance, even if incompatibility and transubstantiation did not occur often in her copy.

INDIGESTION, GAS OR BAD STOMACH

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin ends all Stomach misery in five minutes.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into stubborn lumps and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic, get this down: Pape's Diapepsin digests everything, leaving nothing to sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is disordered you will get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it strengthens and regulates your stomach so you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or bad stomach. Adv.

Even the stingy manicure is willing to treat all hands.

Most of us would feel pretty well if it wasn't for our imaginary ailments.

Self-Admiration.
Mr. Hoyle—I admire a good liar!
Mrs. Hoyle—You egotist!—Town Topics.

Important to Mothers
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The Sure Thing.
"Who is back of this manager?"
"I don't know, but the sheriff is in front of him."

Grumpy Old Bach, Evidently.
"Did you tell the boss you were going to be married?"
"No; he's down on all unions."

The Reason.
"He says he is going to stick to business."
"No wonder. He makes flypaper."

Fishy.
Knicker—Was your house robbed?
Bocker—Yes; burglars stole the plants, cat and canary just before my wife came home.

Cutting Him Short.
"Did the missionary get the savage tribes he started out to convert to swallow all his talk?"
"No; they compromised the matter by swallowing him."

Jonny's Mind Elsewhere.
Teacher—Johnny Binks, describe the earth.
Johnny—The earth is like—is like a—is round like a baseball.

"Good, now what are the four seasons?"
"The earth is round like a baseball and has four seasons."
"Yes, go ahead."
"First base, second base, third base and home!"—St. Louis Republic.

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No chemist's analysis of Grape-Nuts can begin to show the real value of the food—the practical value as shown by personal experience.

It is a food that is perfectly balanced, supplies the needed elements for both brain and body in all stages of life from the infant, through the strenuous times of active middle life, and is a comfort and support in old age.

"For two years I have used Grape-Nuts with milk and a little cream, for breakfast. I am comfortably hungry for my dinner at noon.

"I use little meat, plenty of vegetables and fruit, in season, for the noon meal, and if tired at tea time, take Grape-Nuts alone and feel perfectly nourished.

"Nerve and brain power and memory are much improved since using Grape-Nuts. I am over sixty and weigh 155 lbs. My son and husband seeing how I had improved are now using Grape-Nuts.

"My son, who is a traveling man, eats nothing for breakfast but Grape-Nuts and a glass of milk. An aunt, over 70, seems fully nourished on Grape-Nuts and cream." "There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Letter and Money in Unsealed Envelope Intact

WASHINGTON.—The postoffice department is very careful not to allow information to leak out about the inside workings of its offices, but the other day it became known that one of the most remarkable cases of honesty that has ever happened in the history of the department occurred in Baltimore.

A woman who is employed by one of the large department stores in that city has a daughter at school in a Catholic convent in Plainfield, N. J. Recently she wrote her daughter a letter and sealed it in an envelope. She also wrote at the same time to the mother superior of the convent and inclosed \$60 in bills. She failed to seal the latter. The money was loose in the envelope and could be plainly seen. It was the woman's intention to mail her daughter's letter and then to purchase a money order with the \$60 she had placed in the envelope addressed to the mother superior. At the corner of Charles and Lexington streets she dropped the money in a letter box. She did not discover her mistake for several hours, but when she did she at once notified the officials at the postoffice. A telegram was sent to the postmaster at Plainfield, N. J., to look out for the letter, as it could not be found in the Baltimore office. On Thursday a telegram was received in reply stating that the letter had passed through the postoffice at Plainfield and had been delivered to the mother superior of the convent and that all the money was in the envelope when it was received.

The woman and the members of the firm where she is employed could not say too much in praise of the honesty of the postoffice department. It was perhaps the first time in the history of the department where a letter had been dropped in a box on the street unsealed with money in full view and delivered intact. The letter was collected from the street box by an employe of the Baltimore postoffice. It was handed by several men when it reached the postoffice and when it reached Plainfield.

Death of Small Bills and Silver Dollars
THERE'S a great scarcity of dollar bills, and even a greater void in the matter of silver dollars. To that large part of our population that will not be called upon to pay any income tax this information may lack the element of novelty. The scarcity of the forms of money named does not affect the average man as seriously as it does the banks of the country, south and west, where there is urgent demand for the small bills—ones, twos and fives, and the big silver simoleons.

In their trouble the banks have appealed to Uncle Sam and his representatives in the United States treasury. But even your Uncle Samuel is shy on silver and the small bills, though actually rolling in wealth in gold coin and gold bills.

It has come to that stage where a banker might send over \$100,000 in \$20 gold certificates and request Treasurer Burke or some of his assistants to turn over \$100,000 in ones, twos and fives of silver certificates, and the messenger would have to carry back the big wad of gold certificates, for he would be turned down flat by the treasurer.

Just a Few of the Troubles of Office Seekers
NO ONE in the world knows the troubles of the office seekers better than Joseph Tumulty, the secretary for the president. While every congressman has the woes of several hundred, or possibly thousand, office seeking constituents on his mind, each of the legislators takes the problems to the White House, where they are dumped in landslide fashion on the blond head of Mr. Tumulty, who, therefore, gets the griefs of a nation of unsatisfied politicians.

He was sitting in his bright and attractive office, which overlooks the south lawn of the White House as it slopes gently toward the Washington monument one day, and there entered a Democrat of long experience. He was a congressman who is known to be as immovable in his Democratic principles as the foundations of the Capitol itself.

"He came directly toward me," explained Mr. Tumulty to Tom Pense, who was Woodrow Wilson's publicity man in the campaign, "and there were not only tears in his eyes, but they permeated his voice as well.

"'Joe,' he said, 'here I have worked night and day to get jobs for several hundred of my constituents, and the best I have been able to land up to date are four measly little postmaster jobs. And now when I get them all appointed along comes Al Burleson, the postmaster general, who wasn't anything but a representative in congress, the same as I am, and he sends me a note asking me to specify that these men are of good moral character. Now, what's moral character to do with a postmaster? Didn't they have enough moral character to vote for Woodrow Wilson? I tell you, Joe, the country's going to the dogs.'"

Uncle Sam Buying Lots of Washington Property
UNCLE SAM owns a saloon in Washington. Let it be said in haste, lest tremors be caused, that he will get rid of it quickly.

He is not paying a license fee, mixing drinks nor giving his nephews a shove along the downward path. Uncle Sam bought a lot of property in order to make room for a new building for the state department, and the saloon happened to be included in the purchase.

By the way, the saloon which Uncle Sam bought was quite a noted one in its day, having been the gathering place of men of note in national affairs for a good many years. It has been known as the saloon of mild drinking and mild manners, with more of a flow of soul than of bowl.

It will pass, however, and in its place will rise a marble palace, where future secretaries of state will sit to recommend men for office and incidentally to decide the fate of nations.

The new structure of the state will rise on ground just back from Pennsylvania avenue on the north and Fifteenth street on the west, diagonally across from the treasury department.

By and by Uncle Sam intends to buy all the buildings on the south side of the avenue, thus to make a park encumbered with nothing but public structures and which will extend ultimately from a point on the river near Georgetown straight through to the capitol.

All this parkway will be called the Mall.

Keen Appetite, Bowels Regular Always Feel Fine
Take this famous remedy that Hot Springs, Arkansas, doctors prescribe as a general tonic and blood purifier and to make the bowels and stomach clean and antiseptic. If dissatisfied your money will be gladly returned.

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Not an Introduction.
"Didn't you tell me that you were going to introduce me?" asked the eminent visitor.

"Well, didn't I?" asked the prominent citizen.

"No. You talked so long that you very nearly shut me out."—Washington Star.

WOULD ALMOST FALL ASLEEP

During Ordinary Conversation, and Became Breathless After First Few Words.

Westhoff, Texas.—Mrs. Evie L. Powell, of this town, authorizes the following for publication: "I had terribly nervous, trembling, and smothering spells, and became so weak, I could hardly get around. Would almost fall asleep during a common conversation, and became breathless after the first dozen words.

I thought I had lung trouble, but found it was all caused from womanly weakness.

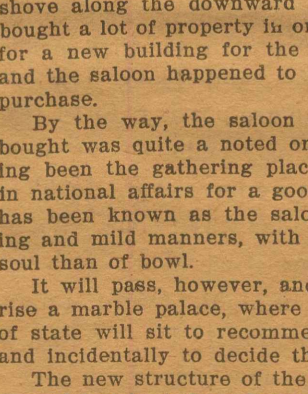
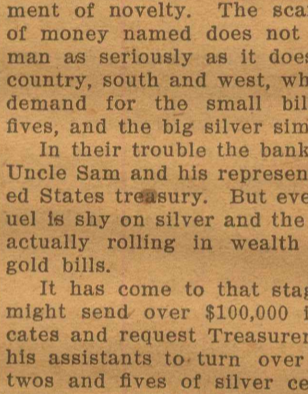
I then commenced using Cardui, the woman's tonic, and the first bottle gave me relief. Am now feeling fine, and just as wide awake, and as lively as anyone.

I know I would have been a wreck had it not been for Cardui, and I do not think enough can be said in favor of this great woman's medicine. I gained more strength from one bottle than anything else I ever tried. I recommend it to all women or girls who are without the glow of health on their cheeks."

These nervous, trembly, smothering spells, which Mrs. Powell describes, are very common symptoms of womanly trouble, and should be given the proper treatment to prevent a general breakdown.

For over fifty years, Cardui, the woman's tonic, has been building up weak, nervous women to strength and health. It will do the same for you, if given a fair trial.

Get a bottle of Cardui today.
N. B.—Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. Adv.



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Poet Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was among the number in Spur Saturday. He reports that he is not quite through picking his cotton for this year but that on account of the continued rainy weather he will probably let the balance of the crop remain in the field.

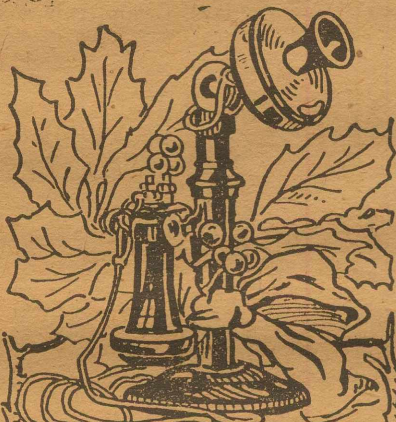
Bun McCombs, formerly of Spur but who has been in Roaring Springs the past several months, is in Spur this week making arrangements to move back to this place and again make Spur his home.

Mrs. E. Ham, of Dickens, was brought to the Standifer Hospital Saturday for an operation for appendicitis, and at this time we are glad to note that Mrs. Ham is reported doing nicely.

W. M. Randall was in the city Saturday from his place in the Steel Hill country and spent several hours here greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

S. B. Scott, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

W. F. Markham, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur was in the city Saturday.



IF YOU HAVE A SURPLUS OF HAPPINESS

During the holiday season why not telephone a part of it to some one who has less?

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Make Our Bank Your Bank

J. R. McArthur, one of the most prominent citizens of the Tap country, was in the city Monday and while here called in and contributed two dollars to our subscription funds. Mr. McArthur reports everything in good shape at this time in his section of the country.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city recently and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a dollar with us for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur for which she has our thanks.

N. B. Fuquay, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was the city Monday on business and trading with merchants. Mr. Fuquay reports everything in good shape in his section.

I have bought the Auto Garage and prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing. Also have oil and gasoline for sale. I will appreciate your business in this line.—E. L. Clay 5tf

W. A. Smith and family moved this week from their home in the city to their farm in the Tap country where they will remain throughout the coming year.

Mrs. I. G. Van Leer was in the city Monday from her home several miles north of Spur. Mrs. VanLeer has our thanks for another dollar for the Texas Spur another year.

Have a glass put over that picture to preserve it. Brazelton-Pryor & Co. sell glass of all sizes, either plain or plate. 52tf

FOR SALE

Will sell my residence in Spur very cheap, with small cash payment and balance like rent.—Mrs. M. E. Pruden, Quanah, Texas. 41-tf

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Taking Calomel Means Staying Home for the Day—Take Dodson's Liver Tone and Save a Day's Work.

If an attack of constipation or biliousness hits you, there's no need to take a dose of calomel and spend at least a day getting over the effects of it. The Red Front Drug Store sells the liver tonic, Dodson's Liver Tone, that takes the place of calomel and starts a lazy liver without any bad after-effects.

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The Red Front Drug Store sells Dodson's Liver Tone and gives it a strong personal guarantee. They say, "A large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone sells for 50 cents, and we will hand any person back his 50 cents if he tries a bottle and doesn't say that it does all that calomel ever does and does it pleasantly. Get the genuine Dodson's Liver Tone and if you are not pleased with it we will give your money back with a smile."

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26t

J. Carlisle was in the city Saturday from his home in the Gilpin country. Mr. Carlisle says that his section of the country is now in the very finest shape for another crop year.

When In Town Don't Fail To Visit...

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Goods of all kinds bought, sold and exchanged. Stove repairs and repair work of all kinds done. All work guaranteed.

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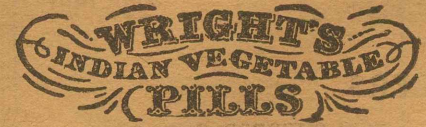
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Wanted a Change.

"John," said Mrs. Flutterton, as the clock struck eleven, "did you lock the kitchen door?" "Yes." "And put the cat out of doors?" "Yes!" "And set the rubber tree inside the hall?" "Yes!" "Well, I want the kitchen door left unlocked so that the iceman can get in early in the morning. I told him I'd leave the key on the window sill. And you'd better shut the cat in the basement to clear out the mice. And it's warm enough for the rubber tree to stand out of doors tonight. There's a shower coming up that will do it good."

World's Ocean Survey.

That the work of charting the rocks and shoals which constitute a menace to navigation is not by any means completed is shown by the report of the navy hydrographer of the British admiralty for 1912, in which he states that during the year no less than 509 rocks and shoals were reported. Of this total, 10 were reported by naval vessels, 120 by surveying ships, 9 were found by vessels striking upon them, 59 were reported by various British and foreign authorities and 311 were reported by colonial and foreign governments.

Lots of men have failed to become wealthy because they could not keep a lid on their conscience.

There is only one thing a woman dislikes more than flattery, and that is not to be flattered.

What are

Post Toasties?

Thin wafery bits of choice Indian Corn—perfectly cooked; delicately flavoured; then toasted to an appetizing golden brown, and packed in tightly sealed packages without being touched by hand.

"Toasties" are for breakfast or any other meal—served direct from package with cream or milk, and a sprinkling of sugar.

Post Toasties are convenient, save a lot of time and please the palate immensely!

But after all, a trial is the best answer.

Grocers everywhere sell

Post Toasties

MONUMENT TO SANTOS DUMONT UNVEILED



Santos Dumont is one of the few men to witness the unveiling of a monument to himself. This monument was erected in Paris by the Aero Club of France to commemorate the achievements of the intrepid master of the air, who is seen in the center foreground shaking hands.

SPIES INSIDE PRISON

How Plots Among Prisoners Are Discovered by Agents.

Sleuth in Convict's Garb—"Green Hand" Is Appointed by English Prison Commissioners, and Does Effective Work.

New York.—More roguery goes on behind the walls of a convict prison than most persons imagine.

Instead of blunting a man's mental faculties and deadening his wits, incarceration in one of the frowning fortresses with the gray, grim exterior often has the reverse effect. Solitude makes a man more cunning than ever. Plots are hatched, future crimes planned, and the whereabouts of stolen property divulged to a convict about to return to the world, and cases are not infrequent where warders who are in league with their charges supply them with food, tobacco, snuff, communications from the outside world and other little comforts for handsome money considerations.

On the governor in English prisons, of course, devolves the duty of ruling, says a writer in the New York Telegraph. The discipline to the untrained eye may appear perfect, the code of rules seemingly all that can be desired, and the staff beyond reproach. But appearances are deceptive, and the governor is sometimes brought face to face with cases which baffle all his powers of discernment.

It is on these occasions that the services of the secret staff, of which I was for some years a member, are enlisted. It is an organization of which little is heard. Composed of a number of officers holding the rank and receiving the pay of principal warders, the duty of these men is to as-

sume for the time being the role of convict in any prison where the authorities are baffled by some mystery.

This is how I joined the secret service staff: After leaving the army with a good character, I applied for a post as assistant prison warder, filled up a form answering a lot of questions and inclosed copies of my testimonials. As I only received a formal acknowledgment I called at the office of the prison commissioners, and, being told that I would be written to when my services were required, I was retiring very unhappily. Just then, however, a keen faced man, with a bundle of papers in his hands, recalled me into a private room, and asked me if I would undertake the duties of one of the secret service staff for a time.

Having been idle for months, I agreed gladly. And then the official told me something of the arduous, dangerous and difficult work which was to fall to my lot.

In accordance with his first instructions, I reported myself on the following day at 5 a. m. at a certain convict prison, prepared for a three weeks' stay. I was ushered into a private room, my clothes were taken away, my hair cropped, and a convict's suit was given to me. A few moments later I stood in the presence of the governor, and only then was the exact nature of my mission detailed to me.

The story was that the officials had been baffled by an extensive secret correspondence which had been carried on. The secret service staff had been sent down twice, and on each occasion their efforts had failed to detect the offenders. It was accordingly resolved to employ a perfectly green hand. Hence my selection.

The governor gave me an address in Stepney where my supposed friends

greatly resembled him. The "kissable" man is bald-headed and so is Blakeley.

In his complaint Blakeley asserts he was conducting himself "in a perfectly orderly manner" when Miss Howard approached him boldly and without warning. She kissed him, he says, before he had time to ward off the osculatory attack, which was "entirely unexpected."

CALEB POWERS DEFENDS SELF

Dramatic Scene in Class Room at Georgetown University in Washington City.

Washington.—Law students at Georgetown university are telling of a dramatic scene in a class room in which Dr. Holmes Conrad, professor of law, and Caleb Powers, the Kentucky congressman, were the actors.

In a lecture to a post-graduate class Dr. Conrad was denouncing public sympathy for criminals and declaring that some, through a mistaken public sentiment, were carried to places of power when released from prison.

were residing, my number which would at any time disclose my identity, and some good advice. Then, touching a bell, he summoned a warder, who conducted me through a long passage, opened a cell door and motioned me to enter. I tried to speak, but he angrily forbade me to do so.

The next day I commenced my campaign by sounding the warder who had charge of me to see if he were "amenable to reason." A stern reproof was my only reward. A day or two afterward, while on the work outside, I got reported for attempting to enter into "familiar conversation" and received a caution from the deputy governor. Later on, when a principal warder remarked on the blistered state of my hands, I replied that I had plenty of money outside to keep me from working, if I could get at it. He did not swallow the bait. Instead he "ran me in," and I lost my supper.

For over a week I discovered nothing, but by dint of patience and perseverance, and not a little deduction I found the warder who was willing for \$25 to carry a message to my friends in Stepney. All the details were arranged, and, securing leave, the man departed. But when he arrived at his destination he found the governor and other officials awaiting him, and, confessing that he was the man who had acted as intermediary in the case which had been puzzling the authorities, he was dismissed from the service.

LEWIS' BAGGAGE GOES WRONG

Illinois Senator's Luggage Placed in Woman's Auto Through Mistake of Footman.

Washington.—Senator J. Hamilton Lewis arrived unheralded from Chicago. A porter took his baggage, preceded him from the train and vanished. "A footman took them, sir," said the porter, when the angry senator de-



Senator J. H. Lewis.

scended on him. "He put them in that automobile. There's a lady in it, sir." Mrs. Lewis is in Europe. The senator was in a quandary.

"Here you," he said to the porter, "get me those bags, do something—only get them."

The porter got them, and the senator fled the station in a taxicab.

Beans Get Man Into Jail.

Boston, Mass.—"I'll throw a rock through a window every time I go into a restaurant and get charged 15 cents for a plate with only 42 beans on it," declared Joseph Mack, who was arrested for hurling a stone through the window of a beanery here. Mack said he counted the beans. He was sentenced to two months in jail.

Find Four-Foot Lizard.

Cumberland, Md.—A four-foot lizard, still alive and known only in the tropics, was unearthed by a blast at the Cement Mill kilns here. It died from the effects of the blast.

"Who was that man in Kentucky who killed another and was sent to congress?" asked the professor of the class to illustrate his point.

During the hush that immediately fell over the room, Caleb Powers, a student, sitting in the front row, rose to his feet with perfect composure and in a clear voice said:

"I am that man, doctor; I was not guilty."

Dr. Conrad apologizing, continued his lecture, and afterward made a formal apology to Powers, saying he had not known the congressman was a member of his class.

Powers spent eight years three months and three days in Kentucky prisons fighting for his life. He was charged with complicity in the murder of Governor Gobel.

Farmer Slays Racoons.

Springfield, N. J.—Tracing "mama" and "papa" racoons to their hiding places Hubert Bobbins, a farmer, killed them because they had robbed him of sixty chickens in thirty days. Four orphaned racoons will be trained as family pets by Bobbins.

CHILDREN LOVE SYRUP OF FIGS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

His Reason.

"I married a dressmaker's assistant."

"What did you do that for?"

"I wanted to get a pattern wife."

Quite True.

"Mrs. Climber boasts that she was high born."

"So she was. The top of a tenement."

Its Appearance.

"I see Gladys going secretly to a beauty parlor."

"Aha! That has an ugly look."

Be Thankful

If you are able to eat without distress and your liver and bowels are daily active, but to those not "in this class" we urge a trial of

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It is compounded especially for relieving such ills as Poor Appetite, Weak Digestion, Constipation, Biliousness, Colds and Grippe. Try a bottle today.

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"Hunt's Cure" is guaranteed to stop and permanently cure that terrible itching. It is compounded for that purpose and your money will be promptly refunded WITHOUT QUESTION if Hunt's Cure fails to cure Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Ring Worm or any other Skin Disease. 50c at your druggist's, or by mail direct if he hasn't it. Manufactured only by A. B. RICHARDS MEDICINE CO., Sherman, Texas

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J. S. Neal, of Tap, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Neal informs us that he will engage in the business of buying peanuts this fall for an Oklahoma concern and had an advertisement to that effect placed in the Texas Spur.

Geo. M. Williams spent several days of this week at his home in the city. During the past several months Mr. Williams has been doing surveying work in other parts of the state.

Miss Elnora Dunn left Wednesday for Dallas where she will spend a week with relatives after which she will go to Little Rock, Arkansas, to spend about two months with other relatives.

Wayne Van Leer was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles north of Spur and spent some time here on business and trading with the merchants.

Mr. Biles, a prominent young man of Floydada, returned Wednesday to that city after spending a week in Spur visiting at the home of W. S. Dunn and family.

H. E. Grabener was in the city Saturday from his farm home six or seven miles west of Spur and reports everything in good shape in that section at this time.

Mr. McLaughlin and family, of the Plains country, spent several days of last week in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of the city.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

Notice is hereby given to the tax payers of Dickens county that I will be at the First State Bank of Spur for the purpose of collecting State and county taxes from December 15th to 20th 1913.

J. B. CONNER, Tax Collector.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Spur, Texas, will be held at the banking house of said bank in Spur, Texas, on the second Tuesday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1914, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting. 6-4t

R. V. Colbert, President.
W. G. Sherrod, Cashier.
Spur, Texas, December 9, 1913.

W. F. Shugart came in Saturday from his home east of Spur and reports that his part of the country is now wet to the bottom.

T. S. Lambert came in Saturday from his home near Tap and spent some time here trading and looking after other business affairs.

I will buy peanuts for the Oklahoma Peanut Company and will pay the very highest prices. See me before you sell.—W. S. Neal. 4-tf

J. C. Davis was in the city Saturday from his home several miles west of Spur.

Santa Claus Headquarters

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IS NOW IN THE AIR!!

Everywhere Everybody is Thinking of Others.

YOUR Friends and Loved Ones Will remember longer and appreciate more a Gift that is Useful as well as Ornamental. We are well prepared from a point of Variety and good Values to meet your wants in the Gift Goods line as our stock has never been surpassed in this town. Here you will find

And Toy of Every Description for the Little Folks

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| Dolls by the Hundreds | Toilet Sets |
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Many Beautiful and Useful Articles For Grown People.

There is only a few more days for Shopping before Christmas and every one will be marked with a noticeable decrease in our assortment and you are earnestly urged to

DO YOUR SHOPPING NOW!

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The Rexall Store

Looking Forward

To the success you hope to attain, do you realize how much better your plans will work out if you have the help of this Bank? A safe place to keep your money, checking it out in a business like way, conferring with our officers when you need business advice and securing financial assistance when you require it. There are the helps to success which you will always find at

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To Piano Contestants!!

HERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE MORE VOTES

The Texas Spur will give 500 votes in the Bryant-Link Piano Contest for every \$1 cash subscription to the paper during one week only, beginning Monday, Dec. 8 and continuing till Saturday night, Dec. 13th.

A CONTESTANT CAN MATERIALLY INCREASE HER VOTE BY SECURING ONLY A FEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THIS PAPER. GET BUSY! YOU WILL HAVE

ONLY ONE WEEK!

500 VOTES TO EACH SUBSCRIBER!

Miss Andrews, of Stamford, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Y. L. Jones at their home in the city.

HOW ABOUT SANTA CLAUS?

Christmas comes but once a year, but by handing only \$1.75 to the Texas Spur you will get 156 papers a year, or three a week. That's some reading, ain't it? Good, instructive, wholesome reading, too. Try the combination. You'll like it. It is this: The Texas Spur \$1 a year. The Semi-Weekly Farm News \$1 a year. The two well worth \$2 a year. You get them both for \$1.75 a year.

Mr. Wilson, of Milford, is in Spur visiting his daughter, Mrs. Higginbotham, during an illness. Mrs. L. E. Hall, of Brownwood, and Mrs. Tom Maben of Coleman, sisters of Mrs. Higginbotham, are also here with her. We are glad to note that Mrs. Higginbotham is convalescent.

Bill Hyatt was kicked last week by a horse, and as a result he is now confined to his bed. We hope to soon see him out again.

Mrs. George Bennett entertained a number of little guests Tuesday afternoon at her home, the occasion being in celebration of the fifth birthday anniversary of her little son, George, Jr. Refreshments were served and various games played to the delight and pleasure of each of the number of little guests.

Mrs. Georgia King and little son, John L. Jr., are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was in the city Monday from the Alamo Stock Farm about twenty miles west of Spur.

Jeff Smith was in the city Saturday from his home west of Spur and spent several hours here greeting his friends.

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

J. E. Sparks, a prominent citizen of Tap, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

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TAP TELLINGS.

Watch the farmers smile at this pretty weather.

Cotton picking is the order of the day but will soon be a thing of the past.

Our teacher is short several scholars this week on account of cotton picking.

The singing at H. C. Parsons' last Sunday evening was enjoyed by all, and we hope to have another one soon.

Orwin Lambert was over from the Peevler Ranch on Cat Fish last Sunday visiting homefolks and looking after his matrimonial interest.

J. H. Sparks is completing a residence for B. S. Manning in Crosby county this week.

J. D. Rash was here this week from Steel Hill visiting his sister, Mrs. J. H. Sparks.

It's very true we had a short crop but if some of our neighbors don't get busy they will not get through picking cotton this year.

Mrs. Tyler is suffering with a severe case of tonsilitis this week. We hope Mrs. Tyler will soon recover.

J. H. Alexander spent Saturday night and Sunday with his old time friends, T. S. Lambert and J. E. Sparks.

We all had a hog killing time here last Monday. John Sparks killed one (a Duroc Jersey) that dressed about 400 pounds.

Miss Oma Williams has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Lucy Myres at Roaring Springs.

Several loads of peanuts will be hauled from here to Spur this week for shipment. Plant more peanuts and less cotton.

L. S. Scott is hauling out post with which to enclose the 80 acre farm recently bought of Mrs. A. W. Manning. This addition makes one of the largest and best farms in the country. Lis is an old timer here and knows a good thing when he sees —Kid-a-lude.

P. S. If its a peanut farm you want, see—J. E. Sparks.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Good weather.
Good times.
Good health.

Mr. Willie Hagins has returned from an extended visit to Ft. Worth, Wichita Falls and Haskell. He says that while he saw some fine country on his trip he likes Dickens county best.

Messrs. Ben Hagins, B. F. Bural and John Carlisle attended the Farmers' Union Convention at Wichita Falls last week. All report a pleasant and profitable time.

Our school, which opened the first of December under the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Waldon of Seymour, is progressing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. Waldon come highly recommended, and we feel sure that they will teach us a school second to none in Dickens county.

Messrs. P. E. and D. D. Hagins visited at the home of their father, Hon. A. J. Hagins of near Jayton last week.

Messrs. Cecil Bennett, Willie Hagins and Top Hawkins attended the Christmas tree meeting at Girard Friday night.

Messrs. W. P. Sampson, L. W. Bilberry, P. E. Hagins and Rev. W. B. Bennett made a trip to Spur Saturday.

Christmas Gifts at Cost!

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A Big Assortment of Hand-Painted China Will be Sold at Actual Cost. Nothing will make a more handsome or appreciated gift.

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Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bilberry and family, Mr. L. W. Clark and Rev. W. B. Bennett attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Jayton. All report a pleasant time in spite of the rain and mud.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins and children were shopping in Spur last week.

Our women folks began preparing for Christmas, while the children are ready and waiting for Xmas to come.—A FARMER.

ENTERTAINED.

Friday afternoon of last week Mrs. Geo. M. Williams, assisted by Miss Boyd, entertained the Merry Wives Club at her home in the northwest part of the city. Each guest was asked to narrate a funny incident, and among the many related the Dutchman incident as told by Mrs. Nicholson was awarded the prize. An imitation presented by Miss Boyd was novel and laughable. During the afternoon refreshments were served and the occasion enjoyed by each of the many guests who were in accord in proclaiming Mrs. Williams and Miss Boyd novel, interesting and delightful entertainers, and most gracious hostesses.

E. D. Butler, of the Cat Fish country, paid us a most agreeable call Wednesday, leaving with us two dollars for two years subscription to the Texas Spur.

C. D. Pullin was in the city Wednesday from his home on Cat Fish. He called around and reported everything lovely and most promising at this time.

R. L. Jones made a business trip this week to Stamford where he spent several days looking after the interests of Bryant-Link Company.

Jim Smith, of several miles west, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business.

Mr. Fletcher shipped household effects this week and he and family moved to the eastern part of the state.

Jack Morris returned this week to the Spur Ranch from a visit to relatives at Paint Rock.

Jim Cross, of Kent county, was in the city and spent Saturday and Sunday here on business.

Burl Harrington and family have moved to Spur.

When you get a dollar please think of the Texas Spur.

THE HOG A REVENUE PRODUCER

Pork and Its Products Increasing in Demand.

The razor-back hog has been forced by the thoroughbreds to flee to the mountains and the distance they have traveled each year is measured and recorded by the judges of the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. For eighteen years the National Feeders' and Breeders' have held the tape line of progress on this industry and the exhibits on November 22-28 promise to more nearly approach perfection and extend through a much wider range of breeds than any previous exhibits.

No other animal ever made such concessions to the market as has the hog. He has given half his life to meet the demand for young stock and has surrendered the freedom of forests for the shackles of the pen where fat can be produced with the greatest economy. The human race has made no such sacrifices for success as has this dumb brute.

The new hog has become so popular with the housewife that we consume all of our home production and ship in \$24,000,000 of pork and its products per annum. He is one of the best revenue producers in the animal kingdom, and has shown an increase in value per head during the past five years of \$2.80. The statistics of the Federal Department of Agriculture pay a glowing tribute to the growing popularity of the Texas hog, and show a decrease of approximately a million head in number and an increase of over \$2,000,000 in aggregate value. We are traveling rapidly on the road of extermination of the swine industry in Texas, and the National Breeders' will make an exhibit at the Fat Stock Show that will seek to turn the tide. It is one of the missions of the management to balance production and consumption, and no more effective methods can be employed to encourage hog raising than to exhibit the leaders of the swine family to the farmers of Texas.

King Cotton has had the audacity to counterfeit some of the by-products of the hog, but Uncle Sam caught him in the act and passed a pure food law and the subjects of the king are now compelled to march under their own flag and parade under their own colors.

OUR JOBBING INTERESTS

Texans Consume \$300,000,000 Dry Goods Annually.

LIVE STOCK INSTITUTE

Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show Will Be Attended by the Leaders of Herds.

A state institute for instructing livestock in the art of correct shape, personal appearance and market conditions will be held at Ft. Worth, on November 22-28. For eighteen years the Fat Stock Show has been giving the livestock of this state a course of instruction annually in physical culture and the translation of the rules and regulations of the National Feeders' and Breeders' Association into the language of the animal has done more to improve our livestock than any other educational influence in Texas.

The best stock on the farms and ranches will be sent as delegates to the Fat Stock Convention and receive a special course of instruction in the latest models of physical perfection and how to acquire it. These dumb animals are close students of market designs, breeding models and feeding standards of animal flesh. They listen attentively to the ruling and interpretation of the judges and return to the pastures, determined to build flesh and blood to conform to the verdict of those in authority.

They are given higher ideals in life. It is here they are taught lessons in high-thinking and cheap living. They are taught that producing revenue for man is the highest calling to which they can aspire and they are thoroughly instructed in the science of living economically and fattening cheaply and rapidly.

They are given authoritative information on diets and shown how to take on the greatest quantity of flesh within the least time and with the smallest expense.

These cultured animals when given a course of instruction and decorated with blue ribbons, enter the elite of packing house society and parade at the head of the market, and the newspapers, with flaming headlines, give glowing accounts of their record-breaking triumphs.

FREE WOOL

Texas Sheep Herds Rapidly Increasing and Quality Improving.

The sheep has butted more political parties out of power and trampled more politicians under its feet than any other influence in public affairs. Congress has recently ejected him from legislative halls and, as he runs through the market places bleating for protection against the withering winds of Australian competition and seeks in vain, shelter from floods of free wool from foreign countries, he may arouse the sympathy of the American farmer. The sheep is a statesman of proved ability and wide experience in political affairs and he may make his fleece the paramount issue of the coming campaign.

Some of the most prominent sheep of the nation who are leaders of the ruling families will meet at the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show on November 22-28 and talk over their recent political defeat and lay plans for future campaigns. Every candidate for office, student of political economy and voter as well, should attend the Fat Stock Show and study the issue which the sheep will present.

The sheep provides food and clothing for man and enjoys the distinction of being the only animal that renders a dual service. King Cotton is a strong rival of wool but, notwithstanding the humiliating competition of vegetable fibre, the production of wool in the United States has increased more rapidly than that of cotton during the past half century.

The 1910 federal census report shows 10,257,779 pounds of wool produced in Texas; 289,419,977 in the United States and 2,695,732,000 in the world. We furnish less than one-half of one per cent of the world's supply and 3.2 per cent of the United States production. Wool is produced in 207 counties in Texas. The farm price per pound of wool last season was 28 cents under an eleven cent tariff, which has since been removed. The annual production per capita in Texas is 2.6 pounds and the average consumption per capita is 5.75 pounds. The world's average consumption approximates one pound per capita.

The report of the United States Department of Agriculture shows we

THE TOY SHOP

Miss Dora Odeneal has put in a nice line of Toys in the store with her father and ask all of her friends to buy their toys from her. You can buy them some cheaper than elsewhere, next door to the F. & M. Bank.

I'm Not Selling at Cost

MY stock of Watches & Jewelry is about complete. I have paid cash for my Watches and Clocks, and I can make better price than you can get anywhere else, either at home or away from home. I have a beautiful line of Locketts, just come in, Neckchains and Neck pendants bot filled and solid gold, in fact I have everything that you would expect to find in a Jewelry store. I have had Experience enough to do the best of Repair work on Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Spectacles. All work guaranteed. Store next door to F. & M. Bank, Spur, Texas. Get your lowest prices, then come to me and buy.

A. T. Odeneal, The Expert Watchmaker

THE FREE BALE OF COTTON

Will be Given Away Wednesday, December 31.

WHY NOT BUY WHERE YOU GET GROCERIES
CHEAP AND SOMETHING FREE?

IT WILL BE MONEY TO YOU to buy from us. Our price is always Right, Quality and Quantity Unsurpassed "Anywhere." We have nice dishes. You will want to give some one a nice present for Christmas and they are just fine for that as well as for yourself. We have just received a fresh car of Gladiola Flour, the best you can buy. Why buy cheaper grades and cause trouble with the cook? Gladiola will make everything pleasant in the home.

WE WILL BUY TURKEYS AT THE HIGHEST
MARKET PRICES.

REMEMBER THE DATE, DECEMBER 31, THE BALE OF COTTON WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!!

Luce And Brannen Brothers Com'y.
N. Q. BRANNEN, Mgr. SPUR, TEXAS

R. S. Holly and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur this week after supplies. While here Mr. Holly called at the Texas Spur office and contributed two dollars to our subscription funds. Go thou and do likewise.

T. A. Smith came in Wednesday from his home south of Spur. We had become somewhat alarmed, thinking possibly Uncle Tom had washed away since he had not been to town in several weeks.

S. P. Odom and family were in the city Saturday from their home several miles south of Spur.

Ben Hagins was in the city Wednesday from his home on Duck Creek and hauled out a bill of lumber with which to make improvements on his place. Mr. Hagins is one of the old timers of this country and is one of the most prosperous citizens.

Little Miss Gardenier, of Roaring Springs, is visiting at the home of Jack Renfroe in the city, and also soliciting subscriptions in the Roaring Springs Echo piano contest.

Mrs. Clyde Hindman, of Roaring Springs, is visiting at the home of A. C. Hindman and family north of Spur.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS FOR BRYANT-LINK PIANO.

Following is the number of votes received by each number entered in the piano contest now being conducted by Bryant-Link Company, as counted at five o'clock Saturday, December 6th:

Number 1,	74,625	votes.
" 2,	110,450	"
" 3,	69,615	"
" 5,	54,420	"
" 6,	77,920	"
" 7,	106,835	"
" 8,	9,745	"
" 10,	128,060	"
" 11,	9,925	"
" 13,	6,685	"
" 15,	84,095	"
" 16,	10,210	"
" 17,	33,350	"
" 18,	12,775	"
" 19,	22,060	"
" 20,	79,985	"
" 22,	10,670	"
" 25,	64,785	"

That car of Fords have come at last and Bachelor & Godfrey say the only thing now for them to do is to make deliveries, the whole shipment having been sold before its arrival. The Ford costs less, will go as far as any other car at four times the Ford price. Most instances an auto is a luxury, but the less expensive luxury is the Ford.

J. A. Nichols, a prominent citizen and an extensive and successful farmer of the Lee County settlement on the Plains, was in Spur this week on business.

Robt. Bruton, of the Lee County settlement on the Plains, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Y. L. Jones entertained a few guests Saturday evening at her home in honor of Miss Ella Andrews. A turkey dinner was the feature of the entertainment.

J. A. Koon and family moved this week to the Pass residence in the eastern part of the city, and formerly occupied by L. N. Riter and family.

Howard Campbell, J. D. Martin and a number of others have added their names to our honor roll this week by turning dollars to our subscription funds.

Ross E. Edwards came over this week from Post and spent several days in Spur on business and greeting his many friends here. Mr. Edwards is in the gents furnishings and tailoring business at Post, and we note from advertisements appearing in the Post that he is going after the business in an attractive, catchy and forcible manner. Ross Edwards is a young man of real worth to any town, has business ability and will always be found in the lead with the progressives.

Riter Hdw. Cop'y.

WE ARE PREPARED TO FILL YOUR WANTS IN HARDWARE!

Shelf & Heavy Hardware, stoves and stove Pipe, Guns and Ammunition
Enamel and Queensware, Carpenters Tools, saddles and Harness
sawpump, Woodmanse and standard Windmills,
Pipe and Pipe Fittings, Plumbers Tools, studebaker and Newton Wagons
Henney Buggies, Implements and Farming Tools.
Gutter Tanks and Well Casing.

We Have In Fact Everything You Generally Find

In Any First-Class and Up-to-Date Hardware Store

Don't Fail to see us for all kinds of Tin and Plumbing Work.
Come in Today and be One of our Many Satisfied Customers.

WATCH FOR OUR CUT-GLASS AND SILVERWARE FOR XMAS!

Your Patronage Solicited

Sang All Summer!

If you hold a membership in the "Easy Spenders Society" we would advise you to take out a demit at once. The dues in that lodge are too high for the good you get out of it. It may be pleasant to be known as a "Good Fellow" for the time being, a leader in the Spenders Lodge, but it leads to but one end—needy and dependent old age. Remember the lesson of the grasshopper that sang all the summer. It had one continuous round of hilarity—until cold weather came.

The F. & M. State Bank
H. P. COLE, Cashier

Eastside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and
Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

Beginning
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DEC. 13

THE PEOPLES OPPORTUNITY

TO GET PRICES & VOTES!

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And Closing
WEDNESDAY
DEC. 24

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The Biggest Occasion For Real Bargains

WE EVER OFFERED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY!!

OUR REASON For doing this is because we are Overstocked on Many Items of Merchandise. Now we have been giving Extremely Low Prices all Fall, but we are again using the "knife" on many items, a very incomplete list of which you will find below. We Must Raise Money. We Must Clean Out Fall Merchandise. The extreme rainy fall has retarded business and we are offering these Days of Special in Prices, and also Votes, in order that we may crowd in these few days the business of months.

Boys Odd Pants	Comforts	Ladies Coats	Dress Goods
50c Boy Pants 40c 5 to 1 votes	1.25 Kind 1.00 10 votes to one	6.00 Coats 5.00 10 votes to 1	1.25 Dress Goods 1.00 votes 5 to 1
75c " " 60c " " "	1.50 " 1.25 " " "	8.50 " 6.00 " " "	1.00 " " .80 " " "
1.75 " " 1.40 " " "	2.00 " 1.50 " " "	22.50 " 15.00 " " "	.75 " " .55 " " "
2.00 " " 1.65 " " "	2.50 " 2.00 " " "	Only a few of the Coats to close out.	.65 " " .45 " " "
2.50 " " 2.00 " " "		Childrens Coats \$1.00 to \$3.50	.35 " " .25 " " "
		A big reduction.	.25 " " .20 " " "
Men's Pants	One Lot Men's Shirts	Ladies Skirts 33 1 3 off, 10 to one	25c Figured Sateens .12 1-2 "
5.00 Pants 4.00 10 Votes to 1	1.50 Shirts this Sale 1 15 10 to 1	A beautiful set of Furs 33 1 3 off	Watch the 5c Lace Counter
4.50 " 3.50 " " "	1.25 " " " 1.00 " " "	10000 votes with each set.	Toboggans and Hoods at your
3.50 " 2.95 " " "	.75 " " " .50 " " "	1 big lot of Childrens and Ladies	own price and votes thrown in.
3.00 " 2.40 " " "	.50 " " " .35 " " "	underwear 25c Union suits included.	All Ladies Hats at one half price
	Hand Bags, Suitcases	1 lot towels 35c this sale 20 10 to 1	Many items we cannot mention
One Lot Men's Hats	3.50 Hand Bags 2.25 10 to 1	12 1 2 cent Grade Outing 10c	that will go at special prices and
3.00 Kind this sale 2.00 1000 votes	7.50 " " 5.00 " " "	10	carry special free votes. So be
2.50 " " 1.95 " " "	8.00 " " 6.00 " " "		on the lookout for bargains in
2.00 " " 1.65 " " "	10.00 " " 7.50 " " "		merchandise and votes.
1.50 " " 1.25 " " "	3.50 Suit Cases 2.25 " " "		
	3.00 " " 2.00 " " "		
Sweaters	8.50 " " 6.00 " " "		
1.00 Sweaters this sale .75 10 to 1		Ladies Coat Suits	Miscellaneous
1.50 " " 1.10 " " "	Overshoes	6.75 Tailored Suits 3.75 10 to 1	1 lot Childrens hose 25c grade 10c
2.00 " " 1.45 " " "	2.75 Overshoes 2.25 Reg. Votes	12.50 " " 8.50 " " "	1 lot Men's collars 15c kind 5c
2.50 " " 1.85 " " "	1.75 Ladies 2 Buckle 1.35 " "	15.00 " " 10.00 " " "	100 votes with each collar while
3.00 " " 2.25 " " "	1.25 Rubbers 1.00 " " "	22.50 " " 15.00 " " "	they last.
4.50 " " 3.25 " " "	1.00 " .75 " " "	30.00 " " 19.00 " " "	1 lot of mens & boys odd vests 15c
5.00 " " 3.95 " " "	.75 Childrens Rubbers 50 "	Just a few of these, only 24 Suits	Ladies Collars .75 value at 50cts
			" " 1.00 " 75 "

PIANO, DIAMOND RING AND GOLD WATCH CONTEST!!

Nothing Like it Has Ever been Offered to the People of the Spur Country. A Genuine Werner Piano \$400, Diamond Ring \$75 Ladies Waltham Watch \$25, all Given Away. Now you wonder how we can do this. It is done for Advertising, and the increase in business Pays us Back our Money and at the same time doesn't cost our customers anything to get votes. And in addition to what we have been doing we will during these Sale days give not only Many Special Prices but Specials in Votes, so if you want your Contestant to Win watch the Extra Votes. GROCERIES are already sold as Low as they can be sold but we will give Special Votes with many items in our Grocery Department. HARDWARE will also Carry Special Votes and some Attractive Prices. Our business has been built by doing what we Advertise to do, and we are doing more in this Contest than we advertised at first.

THESE SPECIAL DAYS OF BARGAINS IN PRICES AND FREE VOTES ON EVERY PURCHASE MADE WILL BE ALL THAT WE ADVERTISE THEM TO BE!

COME ON, There will be music all busy evenings, a good warm fire and lots of people. Christmas Eve Day we will have a little Present for Every Lady that enters our store. We will give Special Votes on all Collections beginning Saturday the 13th till contest closes, 5 votes for each cent paid until the contest closes on December the 24th, 1913.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY