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## UNCLE PINK HIGGINS DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

J. P. Higgins died suddenly at six o'clock Sunday morning at his ranch home on Cat Fish, and the remains were interred, Monday in the Spur Cemetery. He had been suffering for some time of heart troubles, and his death, though not a surprise to intimate friends, was unexpected at this time. Saturday afternoon he and family were in the city greeting their friends, and apparently he was in as good health as usual. He was about sixty-five years old.

Uncle Pink Higgins was born in Alabama and while a babe in arms his parents came to Texas, settling near Lampasas in 1848. In the early history and reconstruction days of Texas Uncle Pink Higgins became a noted character and in later years he was a distinguished citizen. In the early days when the only recognized law was the "survival of the fittest" Uncle Pink played a leading part in events of reconstruction and maintaining right and justice, and in doing so numerous encounters in feuds and factions resulted, the recounting of which would make interesting history of reconstruction days in Texas, and the events in the past life of our honored and lamented citizen today would read more like romance than fact.

About fifteen years ago Uncle Pink Higgins came with his family to this section of the country, settled and established a farm and ranch home on Cat Fish where he resided until his death.

Uncle Pink was known personally and by reputation over a greater portion of Texas, and his friendship was as wide as his acquaintanceship. He was a man true to his friends, true to his ideals and at all times was a man among men. Throughout the sixty-five years his life was typical of real Western manhood, and in every instance stood in defense of the right, promoted justice and the effectual service rendered to the country and to civilization by Uncle Pink Higgins will be long remembered and his name honored by Texas citizenship.

We knew Uncle Pink personally and intimately, loved and appreciated him as a real man, and in his passing to the Unknown Beyond we feel confident that whatever may be in that life he has earned and deserves an exalted place among the mortals.

### ENTERTAINED.

Mr. and Mrs. Higgins entertained their friends last week.

## TIRED OF RAISING COTTON

L. L. Arnold, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Friday of last week and had us to send him the Texas Spur to Live Oak, California. Mr. Arnold and family intend to leave here about the first of the year for California where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Arnold owns a fine farm in the Gilpin country which he has rented for the next year. He says that he is tired of raising cotton and wants to hit some country where another crop is the principal product. We wish Mr. Arnold and family success and prosperity in California.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Clyde Perry made many of his little friends and playmates glad by giving a birthday party at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry, Wednesday of last week, the occasion being to celebrate his ninth anniversary. Fruit and cake was served to the guests and throughout the afternoon various games were indulged to the pleasure and delight of the little guests.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Every farmer should remember to be present in Spur on first Saturday in January at the first regular meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Association. A large and enthusiastic membership can be of great benefit to all in this section. Farmers of other sections than Dickens county should also make it a point to be present.

## PEANUTS AND FEED ARE SOMEWHAT DAMAGED.

Ed Hulse came in Friday of last week and spent some time here on business in connection with his buying peanuts. Mr. Hulse not only raises peanuts but is buying for the Lone Star Peanut Factory in Southwest Texas. We understand that peanuts and feed stuff over the country has been somewhat damaged by the continued rains over this section.

## GOING TO MEXICO.

John Read, of near Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He had intended to move to New Mexico but has been delayed in his move. However he thinks he will get away by the first of January. His sister, Mrs. Rosie Bolton of Dallas, is here visiting him and will remain until spring at which time she will go to Oregon to visit another brother and other relatives.

## ALL COME BACK.

Mr. and Mrs. Read, of Car, Texas, were in Spur several days of last week. Mr. Read has his old stamping machine and is working in the country and at the same time, in the early days, having been in the county about a year. They all come back to Spur some time next week.

## GOOD WISHES.

To our many friends, we come this week not burdening your minds with cold merchandise, but with hearts which wish for you much happiness during the Christmas days. We sometimes rise above the paltry dollar to live in climes of happiness money cannot buy. Some think business men are always cold-hearted, working for money and obtaining it at all hazards, regardless of whom it may bring to sorrow. Our friends who are best acquainted with us know that in our hearts there is a prayer of love and good will to all, and that we value the friendships formed during the past year far more valuable than the financial gain we had also sought for. We realize that a business like ours can miss its financial aim. So we want to form friendships with our customers that will last through coming years, and if in our power, to help every man we meet to higher purposes of living. Again we want to thank our friends for their help in a business way, and more especially for the good words they have spoken in our behalf and the good thoughts which remain in their hearts unexpressed. We are here acknowledging our own imperfections and asking you to forgive and overlook them, at the same time we are striving in our own hearts to see only the good in our friends and customers. Life is too brief to be wasted in fault-finding, so let us all agree to love and have that sympathy one towards another that this old world is so sorely in need. Christmas is the time of all the year to forget all but love for our fellowman. In all our knowledge of men we have never met the one but into whose heart there was an avenue of ingress and when once entered there was some sunny spot, some little flame that if kindled by love would grow 'till the whole heart was warmed by its presence. Let us all remember this and hunt for the diamonds that are in every life if but mined out by a sympathetic hand and washed by tears of friendship. May this Christmas time bring back to us all the real spirit of childhood, for we after all are only boys and girls grown tall. We love the same we did when children but suppress our feelings through pride. The child was the ideal of Him whose birth we celebrate, and He told us that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must become as little children. This being true if this old world ever approaches the heavenly, we must even here carry within our bosoms the hearts of children.

We are again wishing for our friends and enemies (if we have the latter) all the joy possible and as little of the sorrows, through the holidays and the coming year. May God's richest blessings be with you one and all. Goodbye 'till next year. Yours truly, - Bryant-Link Co.

## A DAILY NEWSPAPER.

The Evening Herald is the name of a daily newspaper which will commence publication in Plainview January first. It is understood that the paper is well backed financially and that it will be conducted by newspaper men who have made notable successes in newspaper publishing circles in other cities.

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Its territory will comprise all of the South Plains and Panhandle.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Adrian Attebury entertained a number of her little friends Saturday at the Midway Hotel, the occasion being a birthday party in celebration of her seventh anniversary. During the afternoon various games were played and delightful refreshments were served. The many little friends and guests enjoyed the occasion and wish little Miss Adrian many returns of the day.

## GINNERS REPORT FOR TEXAS AND UNITED STATES

Washington, Dec. 20.—The seventh cotton ginning report of the Census Bureau for the season, issued at 10 o'clock this morning, announced that 12,923,606 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1913 had been ginned prior to Dec. 13, to which date during the last seven years the ginning average 89.5 per cent of the entire crop. Last year to Dec. 13 there had been ginned 12,439,036 bales, or 92.2 per cent of the entire crop; in 1911 to that date 13,770,727 bales, or 83.5 per cent; in 1908 to that date 11,901,279 bales, or 91 per cent, and in 1906 to that date 11,112,739 bales, or 85.6 per cent.

The ginner's report for Texas is as follows: 1913, 3,627,410; 1912, 4,368,915; 1911, 3,862,143, and in 1908 3,368,874.

The next ginning report will be issued Friday, Jan. 9, at 10 a. m. and will announce the quantity of cotton ginned prior to Jan. 1.

Upon the announcement of this report cotton dropped \$2 per bale.

## HOLIDAY EXERCISES

Friday of last week the pupils of the Spur School rendered vacation exercises after which school was dismissed for the holidays. The exercises were well rendered and appreciated by quite a number of patrons. The school will have a vacation of one week.

## PROSPECTS PROMISING FOR PROSPEROUS YEAR

E. H. Blakeley, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Blakeley said that it continued to rain from every cloud that passes over his section, and that he is now thinking of trading his horse and buggy for a boat in which to get over the country. This section and all of Western Texas is now wet to the bottom, and old timers tell us that we now have the best season of years for both crops and grass. All indications are now that the year 1914 will be one of the most prosperous years within the history of farming in Western Texas.

## HOW ABOUT SANTA CLAUS?

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## NOTICE.

All those who are indebted to me will please call and settle up, or make other satisfactory arrangements not later than Jan. 1st, as all notes and accounts will be placed in the hands of an Attorney for collection after this date. By doing this you will save yourself as well as me unnecessary expense.—A. S. Jackson, Dickens, Texas. 7-2t

## MOVES TO JAYTON.

J. E. Sparks was in Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Sparks had just returned from Jayton where he had been assisting J. D. Rash to move from the Steel Hill community. Mr. Rash has rented a place near Jayton and will make a crop in that section another year.

## 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.

## A FOUR INCH SNOW.

A four inch snow fell over the Spur country Sunday and Sunday night. This added to the recent rains makes the season ideal and prospects are most flattering for bumper crops of all kinds in the good year 1914.



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J. J. Rodgers, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week and hauled out supplies.

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city Saturday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch and spent some time here trading and greeting his friends.

Wren Cross was in the city Saturday from his home several miles south of Spur. Mr. Cross is just recovering of a recent illness.

S. B. Scott was in the city Saturday from his home in the West Pasture and spent some time here trading with Spur merchants.

W. A. Johnson came in the latter part of last week from his Dockum Stock Farm. He reports everything in good shape.

Rev. Mike M. Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Miss Bobo, who is teaching the Dry Lake school, spent the holidays in Spur with her brother, C. A. Bobo and wife.

W. J. Clark, a prominent citizen of the Liberty community north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

J. G. Stearns, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Walker, of several miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping.

J. B. Morrison came in Saturday from his farm and ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur.

Pair of mules for sale, cash or credit. See J. P. Simmons. 6-1f

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and children left the latter part of last week for Fort Worth where they will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Mrs. Oscar Jackson and children are spending the holidays in Merkel with her father, Rev. A. L. Job and other relatives.

Mrs. Cephus Hogan returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit with relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. Johnson and son, Scott, left the latter part of last week for Mangum where they will spend the holidays.

W. F. Shugart was in the city this week on business and greeting his friends.

G. A. Howslev left Saturday for Albany where he will spend the holidays with his family.

W. P. T. Smith wife, and Jim Smith were in the city Saturday from their home west of Spur.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was among the many business visitors in Spur Saturday.

W. M. Randall was here Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill community.

Al Sullivan was in the city Saturday from his home southeast of Spur.

Sam Presslar, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday on business.



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"Nothing but swaddling to wrap Him in,"  
The mother of Jesus smiled.

No fire? No clothes for your child?  
This bitter freezing night?  
Pray tell me why your countenance  
Is beaming with delight?

"An angel came last spring,"  
The mother of Jesus smiled,  
"And told me that I should bear the King  
And this is the promised Child."

She hugged Him to her heart,  
She cuddled Him close to her breast;  
She wrapped Him in her shining hair  
And lulled Him to sleep and rest.

She kissed His Hallowed brow  
And the hands the nails must pierce,  
And tenderly snuggled the little feet,  
That must tread the desert fierce.

While visions of heavenly joys  
Before her flashed and whirled;  
As she hugged to her bosom her blessed  
Lord

The Savior of the world.  
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

J. J. Martin, of the Red Mud country, was in the city Saturday on business.

J. F. Vernon is assisting in the Bryant-Link establishment during the holiday rush.

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

The Morgan boys were in the city Saturday from their homes several miles west.

Mr. Neighbors, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday.

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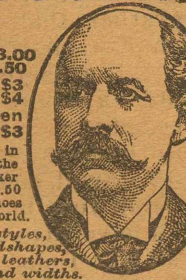
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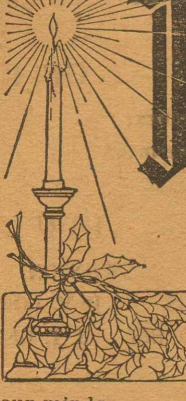
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# CHRISTMAS FOR TWO

By THOMAS L. MASSON

IT IS a common mistake to suppose that we are creatures controlled by reason. In reality, we are the children of impulse. Our environment often forces us to conclusions which seem to be based upon reason, but are due to a multiplicity of outward sensations impinging upon our minds.



If I had been a reasonable being, I should never have fallen in love with Miss Galbraith. It was an illogical proceeding, because it made my presidency of the Bachelors' club, which I had formed three years before, extremely uncertain—or, at least, it seemed to make it uncertain.

Nothing was more desirable than my club. We had every comfort, in addition to good fellowship; and the fact that we were all members did not preclude us from the society of women. Indeed, it gave a zest to that society, for it seemed to surround us with an additional safeguard.

Miss Galbraith's father had left her several millions. She owned the building in which our club was quartered. The agent had called on me only three weeks before Christmas to tell me that we must either sign another three years' lease, or vacate on the 1st of January. There were twenty-two of us, and we had already agreed—it was in the constitution—that the club should be immediately disbanded if any member got married. We all knew Miss Galbraith, and we were all in love with her; but as yet no man had been sufficiently disloyal—or successful—to break the spell.

I caught Fenson, our vice-president, calling on Miss Galbraith one night; and afterward, in the club rooms, we had it out.

"Look here, old man," I said, "it seems to me that you are taking chances. Of course, you don't care about the money; but you can't play around fire. Why, the future of this club depends on your keeping away from that girl!"

"You're a nice man to talk," said Fenson. "What in the world are you doing around there? You ought to set a better example."

"Of course, you ought," repeated Van Olcott, coming up. "Why, I had some sense of honor about it myself; but when I saw you going, I made up my mind that I might as well go, too."

"That's the way you fellows all reason," I said hotly. "Why, during the week, the entire club is around at Miss Galbraith's! The other night we couldn't get a quorum to discuss the renewal of our lease. At any moment some member may get her."

I said this without much fear. I had reason to believe that if the club was disbanded, it wouldn't be anybody's fault but my own.

"She's bothered to death," I added.

"It's a shame, fellows, for able-bodied men like you to annoy a young girl like that!"

I felt so sympathetic about it, indeed, that the next afternoon I called on Miss Galbraith to learn the facts.

"Is it true," I asked, "that the fellows in my crowd come around here constantly? I suppose it must be so, as I meet them here all the time. That's the reason why I came this afternoon," I added softly. "The evenings are too crowded."

The dear girl looked tired.

"Yes, it is true," she replied. "You know that twenty-two young men, constantly succeeding one another, are rather trying."

"It's wearing on you, isn't it?" I said. "Dreadfully. I am going away."

I experienced a sudden shock of pain.

"Oh, don't say that!" I exclaimed. "I'll do something about it. I'll make them pass a resolution that they aren't to call so often—say, one man a

week during the year. Anything to keep you here!"

"Oh, I'm only going away for Christmas!" she said, "just for a rest. Dear old New York! I hate to leave it at this season, but I know how it will be. They never could keep away, and I shall break down if I don't get a few days off."

The thought made me boil.

"By Jove!" I exclaimed. "This is a pretty mess, isn't it? Here's a bachelors' club, sworn to remain single, and all of us working nights to go back on ourselves and to bother the life out of you. We're actually driving you away from town at the best time of the year. It's a shame!"

"Never mind," she said softly. "I need a change, anyway. I am going to open up my country place, and have a real country Christmas." She looked at me appealingly. "How would you like to run down there for the holidays?"

Her words went through me like an electric shock. So I was the chosen one! I had suspected it for some time.

"Do you really mean it?" I asked.

I could see even then the magnificent stretches of country surrounding her beautiful estate, and the stately mansion in the center. Everything was there that the mind or heart could wish, and I was to be lord of it all. Not that I cared for the money—I felt that she knew that.

"Certainly I mean it. You can run down the day before and stay over for a few days. My aunt will chaperon us. Now, you must go, as I have some business to attend to."

It seemed too good to be true. For the next week I went about as one in a dream. Luck was with me, even to the elements, for the day before Christmas dawned unclouded, and gave me the opportunity to run my car down to Miss Galbraith's instead of taking the train, which I detest.

It was only a seventy-mile run. I arrived at six o'clock. As I stepped into the hall, I noticed an unusual commotion. Suddenly, from behind a pillar, a form sprang forth. It was that of Fenson.

"Hello, old man! All the boys are here!"

"The boys!" I exclaimed. "What the deuce do you mean?"

At that instant I gazed around me. The hall was piled with merchandise, like a warehouse. Boxes of candy of every conceivable shape mounted to the ceiling like a pyramid. A mass of the latest holiday books towered aloft on the other side, and in the center were flowers, ranged in geometrical masses. Her Christmas gifts.

"Good heavens!" I cried again, as from all the four corners of the establishment there issued, one by one the twenty-two members of my club.

"Can it be?"

They sorrowfully grouped themselves about me, and Fenson, burying his head on my shoulder, almost wept as he replied:

"Yes, old fellow, it is too true. She has invited every man Jack down here to spend Christmas with her, and an hour ago she skipped back to town all by herself!"

There was a solemn pause. The truth was painful, but we felt that we must meet it like men.

"Boys," I whispered, "we could follow her back; but, inasmuch as we are all in the same boat, I move that we stay here for the holiday and have a ripping old time, and that the secretary be immediately empowered to telephone her agent that we will take another three years' lease."

"Second the motion," said Fenson. And it was carried unanimously. (Copyright, Frank A. Munsey Co.)

**In the Sunny South.**

A Christmas hunting party is picturesque in a high degree. Gathering in a prearranged meeting place, all the planters in that section of the country will appear dressed for the festival, each with his hounds trailing after him in the order of their enthusiasm. The presence of some planters who hunt on Christmas only, and who have never been known to hit anything, offers the wags of the party a rarer sport than deer could afford. About this company, there is a spirit of irresponsibility, of holiday laxity that southern hunters, who take their sport seriously, do not usually indulge in. As they ride away under the pines, to the winding of horns and the barking of dogs, they appear like some cavalcade of old, riding away in the shadows of the past. Into the woods they go, the wonderful woods of the southern coast country, a company of merry gentlemen, light-hearted—and since the day is a festival—perhaps a little light-headed, too.

**Womanlike.**

Ethel (Impatiently) — Oh, why doesn't Billy come? He's kept me waiting a whole half hour.

Her Brother — I always told you that fellow had affirmative traits.

**ARRESTED.**

Further arrests are being made daily—not of persons, but of pain. Its Hunt's Lightning Oil that so many people are talking about because it arrests and stops pain, and affords almost instant relief in cases of Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Headaches, Burns, etc. Just try it if you want pain to quit quick. Adv.

**The Purpose.**

"I suppose your elections are intended to decide who shall hold office."

"Sometimes. But this one is to decide who shall be made to let go."

Be sure that you ask for Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills, and look for the signature of Wm. Wright on wrapper and box. For Constipation, Biliousness and Indigestion. Adv.

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**THERE ARE THREE GOOD REASONS** why you should have your car overhauled now and worn parts replaced.

**THE MAXWELL MOTOR COMPANY DID.** We considered it good business, even if not a moral or legal obligation.

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**WE TOOK THE NAME MAXWELL** solely for the protection of 60,000 persons who had bought cars under that name.

**HAD WE CHOSEN ANOTHER NAME** those 60,000 cars would have had almost no value in the second-hand market. As it is, they have a definite value. And by the replacement of the worn parts your car will be good for a long time to come.

**ANY RECOGNIZED DEALER** or repair man—whether he handles the present Maxwell line or not—can procure these parts for you. Or you can order direct. Shipment will be made within 24 to 48 hours after receipt of the order at Newcastle.

**FIRST:** The garage man can give you better service—and you can spare the car better now than later. No matter whether you are going to keep the car, or sell or trade it in on a new one—it will pay you well to have it thoroughly overhauled, worn parts replaced by new ones and body repainted.

**SECOND:** We are able to furnish replacement parts for all models of above makes of cars within 48 hours from receipt of order. Have concentrated this branch of the business at Newcastle, Ind. (center of population of the U. S.) Here we have a \$1,750,000 investment in plant and stock. 45,000 separate bins of parts.

**THIRD:** And perhaps the best reason why you should secure your requirements now—we must increase prices 20% January 1st, when the new parts price lists will be off the presses.

**NOW NOTE THIS—**Never before in the history of this industry has a new concern, having bought the plants and assets of a bankrupt one, taken upon itself the obligation of furnishing replacement parts for the cars it never made.

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Note: For quicker service those living East of the Alleghenies can order from Maxwell Motor New York Co., 13th & East Ave., Long Island City. From the Alleghenies to the Rockies, order direct from Maxwell Motor Newcastle Co., Newcastle, Ind. West of the Rockies, order from Maxwell Motor Sales Corporation, 675 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

# WEST INDIES AND THE PANAMA CANAL

**FOUR CRUISES FROM NEW ORLEANS** to Kingston, Colon (Panama Canal) and Havana.

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TAP TELLINGS.

Good rains.  
 Good prospects for 1914.  
 J. H. Airheart, of Mitchell county, is visiting his daughters, Mrs. Bertha and Edna McArthur and Elsie Smith. Mr. Airheart was once a citizen of Dickens county, and served the people as County Judge. We haven't had any conversation with Mr. Airheart but we believe he is looking out a location. He has many friends here who will gladly welcome him back to Dickens county.  
 John Rash and Lewis Alexander spent Saturday night with J. E. Sparks and family.  
 H. C. Parsons is hauling peanuts to Spur this week.  
 J. H. Sparks and wife spent Saturday and Sunday with J. D. Rash and family.  
 J. H. Airheart lost a good horse this week. We sympathize with Mr. Airheart in his loss, as he is away from home and a good horse is legal tender.  
 Merle and Floyd Rash visited J. H. Sparks and family this week.  
 H. C. Peterson and wife were the guests of J. E. Sparks and wife last Sunday.  
 The singing at T. S. Lambert's Sunday evening was a success and highly enjoyed by all.  
 J. H. Alexander and T. S. Lambert made a flying trip to Spur Monday.

Most every farmer in our community is ready to begin turning the soil for that bumper crop we are counting on next year.  
 L. S. Scott is enlarging his farm this week.  
 John Sparks made a trip to Jayton this week.  
 B. S. Manning has his residence completed and is now ready to approach some pretty girl on the subject of matrimony.  
 Clay Rash wife, and daughter Jewel, visited relatives in our community Saturday and Sunday.  
 Fount Harrell and John Crump attended the Log Rolling at Dickens Friday night.—Kid-a-lude.  
 Jeff Pirkle, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the latter part of last week. Jeff just recently returned from an extended visit in the eastern part of the state.  
 George Greenwade, of Jayton, was in Spur the first of the week.

# We Want Your Attention

In appealing for your attention at this store, we believe it's a point of mutual interest, "in as much," as prices are now exceedingly low on "High Class," New Merchandise. We are determined that all Winter goods must move out. In Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Underwear and Holiday Novelties, we are here to give you our attention, you be the judge whether we state facts.

In conclusion, we wish to thank one and all for the liberal patronage extended us this season. Our every aim has been to satisfy. We wish to all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Love Dry Goods Comp'y.

Morrison Stand "THE NEW STORE" Spur, Texas

### 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.  
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Millions of acres of Public Lands owned by U. S. Government, Western States and Indian Tribes subject to homesteading, leasing or purchase cheap. Our Booklet which will be ready for delivery Jan. 10, 1914, will tell you how to acquire these lands—Price 50 cents per copy.—Texas Name Listing Association, P. O. Box 491, Dallas, Texas.

### DR. JOSEPH DALY

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Practice Limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Glasses Fitted. Will be in Spur, Jan. 26 and 27. See him about your Eye trouble. Office with Dr. Morris.

NOTICE.

I desire to thank the patrons of Spur School and the people of Spur for their liberal patronage in the past, and to solicit a continuation of the same. I will take up regular work with my classes after the Christmas Holidays, on January 5th, and will be glad to meet any who are not already taking music and who desire to take either Piano or Voice.

Respt.  
 7-2t Miss Trenholm Doyle.

Uncle Jimmie Hudson, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

J. N. Zumwalt, of sixteen miles west of Spur, was among the crowds in the city Saturday.

T. A. Smith was among the many visitors in town Saturday. He says the roads are in bad condition, it being almost impossible to come to town.

Mace Hunter was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

W. A. Smith came in Saturday from his farm home in the Tap country. Mr. Smith and family moved last week to their farm from Spur.

Uncle Pink Higgins was among the many visitors in town Saturday. He reports plenty of the Cat Fish country.

Uncle Tom Gilmore came in Saturday from the Ranch and reports everything in good shape.

J. S. Neal, of the Tap country, was among the many in the city trading Saturday.

J. P. Gibson, of Steel Hill, was among the many in the city Saturday.

Learn Name Listing—Our Booklet, entitled "Name Listing and How to Apply it," will be ready for delivery by Jan. 10, 1914. Price 50 cents, which will tell you how to gather names and how you can make from \$10 to \$100 monthly during your spare time.—Texas Name Listing Association, P. O. Box 41, Dallas, Texas.

THE PENALTY OF STRIFE.

The scars of strife that deface the visage of industry in Texas should serve as a warning to platform makers against drawing the sword in the present campaign. There is scarcely an important line of industry in Texas that has not been a battle ground of factional strife and many political warriors are now marching up and down the public thoroughfares crying aloud for more blood. If we are going to keep up these industrial struggles our records will soon look like unburied bones.

We are now facing gigantic industrial possibilities and Dame Opportunity is knocking at our door, but if the lady finds us knocking on each other, she may become disgusted and walk away. The Panama Canal will soon be calling upon our railroads for double tracks and our manufacturing plants to increase their capacity. There are our educational and eleemosynary institutions that need consideration. The farmers are demanding better marketing conditions, cheaper money and better transportation service, and it would seem as if these problems are sufficient to engage the attention of all citizens, however able and patriotic, who desire to render a real service to their country.

We ought to cease trying to put our opponents in sackcloth and ashes and adopt the slogan of the Farmers' Union—"Co-operation." Let us lay aside bitterness and strife and turn our attention toward helping each other. The interest of the farmer is universal and he is the most competent citizen we have, and we can afford to clasp hands and follow his lead. Many of our present day statesmen may, under this plan, perish for want of adaptability, but the wise ones have already felt the rush of new life and are leaving the old order of things like men trying to outrun their sins. No country ever has or ever will lead in civilization without co-operation.

We need laborers, not warriors, in the vineyard of industry, and it is little less than a tragedy that many of our leaders look upon our opportunities with as much indifference as a veteran soldier would the plow handles. We have so long taken belligerent views that we face, without duly appreciating, the monumental problems now confronting us. Malice never built a city and hate never made two blades of grass grow where one grew before. Let us have an area of peace and prosperity.

### THE HOG A REVENUE PRODUCER

Pork and Its Products Increasing in Demand.

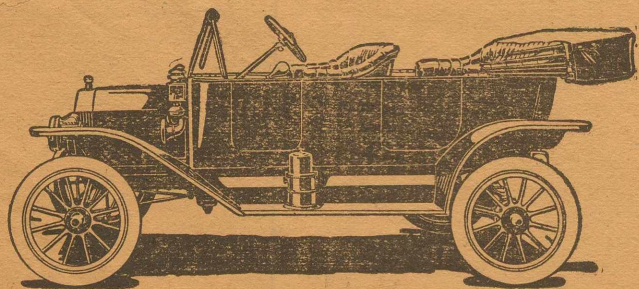
The razor-back hog has been forced by the thoroughbreds to flee to the mountains and the distance they have traveled each year is measured and recorded by the judges of the Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show. For eighteen years the National Feeders' and Breeders' have held the tape line of progress on this industry 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 a record as the hog. He has given half his life to the demand for young stock and has considered the freedom of the pen and the shackles of the pen where he is produced with the greatest economy. He has made no such sacrifice for success as has this dumb brute.

NOTICE

To the Patrons of Oil Mill Co. Gin: Owing to much wet and cold weather we have decided to discontinue ginning for this season.

We thank you very much for the patronage you have given us and hope to be better equipped to serve you another season. All those indebted to us, please call and settle at once, as we must close this ginning—cannot carry over.—Yours truly, G. A. Local Manager.



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# RADFORD'S PLATFORM

Ex-President of the Farmer's Union Outlines Legislative Needs of Farmers.

MARKETING AND HELPING THE TENANT-FARMER THE PARAMOUNT ISSUES.

Fort Worth, Texas.—Replying to many requests to run for Governor, Peter Radford gave out the following statement:

"My duties with the National and State Farmers' Union, I consider, present a wider field for rendering public service than that afforded by the Governorship of Texas. Many things are possible through mutual co-operation that can not be accomplished through legislation and I consider it my duty to work in this broader field.

"Our government has been run by city men and agriculturists whose knowledge of farming has been acquired by looking through the windows of Pullman cars and while the farmer bears the brunt of taxation, owns the larger per cent of property and seventy-six per cent of our population lives in rural territory, he has little voice and receives comparatively small benefits from government. The farmer asks no favors, but he is entitled to the same consideration from government that is accorded other lines of business.

"I follow the plow for a living and my views are gathered from actual contact with the soil and are acquired from association with the great body of organized farmers of this State, and I think fairly represent the consensus of opinion of the farmers of Texas as a whole and embody the elements of constructive legislation needed in Texas today.

### Agricultural Legislation Needed.

"The laws of Texas relating to business are wholly unsuited to the transactions of the farmer. While primarily based and admirably adapted to the needs of commerce and industry, they work a hardship upon agriculture. We must give the same care and consideration to a system of co-operative laws extending to the farmer the facilities adapted to his business that is now afforded corporations. We need to enter vigorously this unoccupied and fruitful field of legislative activity and install the legal machinery adapted to permitting and encouraging co-operative business concerns and facilitating co-operation between different lines of industry.

"In glancing over our statutes I find that most of our laws are aimed at the punishment of individual and corporate criminals and while approving the wisdom and applauding the efficiency of these laws, I do not believe government can hope to fully perform its duty toward all the people by addressing itself to the suppression of crime alone. I want to plead for the able and law-abiding citizen that consideration from government that is now accorded the incompetent and criminal classes. We must not relax for a moment our efforts to restrain the avaricious and protect the weak, but let us extend the functions of government into developing new regions of agricultural, industrial and commercial activities for the honest, energetic and law-abiding citizens. There should be breathed into our statutes the spirit of the builder and encouragement for the ambitious and ambitious.

"The farmer has felt the iron rule of the trusts and illegal combines and the vigilance of our state officials in policing industry is to be commended, but the benefit of these laws has so far been confined principally to lawyers, competitive concerns and politicians with inordinate ambitions. While we should hold all we have I favor extending the benefits of these laws to the producer and consumer and increasing their efficiency to a point where the trusts can not collect their fines from the farmers through increasing the price of their products.

### Trust Law Needs Strengthening.

"The combination of capital is universally recognized as necessary to develop the commerce and industry of the country and when properly managed, large business concerns are conducive to efficiency and economy and all conscientious and law-abiding capital should be encouraged to do business in Texas.

"The trust evil can be reduced by legislation, but it must be finally overcome by organization and co-operation of the farmers. These powerful corporate organizations dealing with the individual producer and consumer, place the farmer at their mercy and to satisfactorily cope with present conditions the farmers must acquire power through organization.

### Railroads.

"Our railroad facilities should be improved and our mileage increased and I favor such amendments to our laws as in the wisdom of the railroad commission may hasten these results. I believe that all power conveyed to the railroad commission should be exercised exclusively by them and that neither the legislature nor the Attorney General should take the initiative in any matters within the control of the Railroad Commission. I consider dual jurisdictions confusing and unbusiness-like.

### No Liquor Legislation Needed.

"I am a state-wide prohibitionist, have always voted against the saloon and do not use liquor in any form and I will always remain a life-long enemy to the liquor business. The home of the farmer is the hearthstone of morality and the fountain-head of all that is pure and noble in life and the farmer should ever stand for civic righteousness and the reduction of all forms of vice to the minimum. Not more than twenty-five per cent of our population ever tastes liquor and less than one per cent drink to excess. The delinquents we will always have with us, but the liquor habit affects so small a per cent of our population that I do not think it should be considered to the exclusion of important problems that affect the welfare of all the people. Where liquor sends one man staggering home to his family, our system of marketing and of rural credits sends thousands of families reeling down the thoroughfares of poverty.

### Opposed to Woman's Suffrage.

"It is the hand that shuffles the cards rather than the one that rocks the cradle that wants to



HIS CHRISTMAS DINNER.

confronts us and our farmers are fast becoming agricultural gypsies, wandering from farm to farm. We now have 219,575 farms in this State operated by tenants which is fifty-three per cent of the total and the tenant farmers have made a net gain over the farm owners of thirty per cent during the past decade. At the present rate of gain in tenant farming, the home owner will entirely disappear in thirty-four years. Our homes are the cornerstone of government and legislation that contains building material should be provided for the tenant farmer. This should be the paramount issue during the present campaign as the safety of the nation lies in the preservation of its homes.

"Our methods of preparing cotton for the market are wasteful and our holding plans inadequate to meet the imperative needs of the farmer. Legislative facilities should be provided for co-operative ownership and operation of cotton gins; the establishment of a warehouse system and securing funds on storage cotton. Every movement and transaction from the field to the spinner should be carefully studied and methods of co-operation and assistance extended.

"The marketing of farm products should receive the diligent attention of the legislature. A marketing bureau should be established under the department of agriculture and marketing given equal attention to that of production. The bureau should be properly equipped for providing information and studying and assisting in the solution of the many problems connected with the business of farming.

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"The Railroad Commission, the railroads and the farmers should cooperate in moving farm products and especially waste products. Certainly our mutual interest and combined intelligence can evolve a plan for moving the tons of fruit, vegetables and semi-staple crops that rot on the ground each year. The loss of a crop is, I think, a tragedy of sufficient importance to justify the consideration of State government and the common carrier.

"The service of the common carrier fulfills every need of the merchant and manufacturer and our transportation system is built around them. They are shrewd traders with facilities for locating the best market, controlling its supply and presenting convincing arguments for rates that will move the traffic, but the requirements of the producer are vastly different from those of the trader and the business of farming will never adapt itself satisfactorily to their necessities. The farmer must have a co-operative system of business that extends the usefulness and utilizes latent powers of the carrier in assisting in the marketing of products.

"The problem is a monumental one, but probably no greater than the many difficulties that have been surmounted in handling the business of the merchants and manufacturers and I ask for the producer the same thoughtful consideration to his requirements that has been given other lines of business.

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tribution of women to the world and the hearthstone is her throne. Our social structure is built around her and social righteousness is in her charge. Her beautiful life lights the skies of hope and her refinement is the charm of twentieth century civilization. Her graces and her power are the cumulative products of generations of queenly conquest and her crown of exalted womanhood is jeweled with the wisdom of saintly mothers. She has been a great factor in the glory of our country and her noble achievements should not be marred or her hallowed influence blighted by the coarser duties of citizenship. Southern chivalry should never permit her to bear the burdens of defending and maintaining government, but should preserve her unsullied from the allied influences of politics, and protect her from the weighty responsibilities of the sordid affairs of life that will crush her ideals and lower her standards. The motherhood of the farm is our inspiration, she is the guardian of our domestic welfare and a guide to a higher life, but directing the affairs of government is not within woman's sphere and political gossip would cause her to neglect the home, forget to mend our clothes and burn the biscuits.

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"Each year 2,400 farmers become victims of an inadequate and brutal system of credits, cover their hearthstone with the ashes of failure and as many mothers, drenching the family altar with the tears of despair, cry aloud for help as they close forever the door of the home. Let us turn our attention temporarily from the delinquents and incorrigibles to

the worthy and ambitious citizen struggling to feed and clothe his family, educate his children and own his home. Let government assist those who plead for opportunity rather than consume all our energies upon those who scorn the privileges of manhood. Experience has proved that when legislatures become involved in prohibition discussions much important legislation is abandoned and the business affairs of government neglected.

"I favor the rigid enforcement of all liquor laws now on the statute books, but am opposed to any state-wide legislation of any character on this subject by the next legislature.

### Education.

"I favor compulsory education extending over the entire school term. Our rural school system is inadequate to meet the requirements of our children. The difficulty of properly educating the children of tenant farmers who move from farm to farm is readily apparent. No matter which way we turn in dealing with the problems in our rural districts, we are confronted with the condition that one-half the population of the country is a floating one. The home and the school are closely allied and their success interdependent.

"Our system of education from rural school to university should receive the careful consideration of the legislature and efficiency and economy instituted wherever possible.

### Labor.

"Labor is honorable whether performed by male or female. Skill and ingenuity should be rewarded, but no class of labor that uses energy, practices economy and lives a moral, upright life, should receive a lesser wage for their services than would enable them to lay up for a rainy day, for old age, to educate their children and place them in society to the best advantage to advance the citizenship and improve the same in the community in which they live. The farmer's family, as a rule, is the poorest paid of any laborer in proportion to the service they render for the general welfare.

"I favor conducting government on a strictly business basis and the proper care for our wards, humane treatment and character building of our convicts, encouraging road-building and the full performance of all the functions of government."

### AN INDUSTRY WITH SOUL MATERIAL.

### Cotton Mills of Texas Study Efficiency of Employes and Provide for Their Comfort and Happiness.

In this age when many corporations are charged with being soulless, it is encouraging to find a line of industry giving first attention to the care, comfort and happiness of its employes. Men and women are the greatest finished product a factory can turn out and their development is good for the factory as well as good for society. Improving and repairing the efficiency of men is as good an investment as improving and repairing machinery of the plant and the greatest field of economy in industry now lies in increasing the efficiency of employes.

Industrial psychology is a science that is being recognized in many ways by large concerns throughout the country. The efforts of many business institutions which have heretofore been confined to official advice and warning to their employes are now taking a more practical form and the managers of industry are realizing that manhood cannot be constructed by threats and penalties alone. Mental and physical efficiency is the result of education, and development. Breakdowns in industry have caused more loss of machinery than breakdowns in machinery and manufacturing. Improving those things which lead toward efficiency of employes is the most profitable investment that can be made.

The textile mills of the State, in most instances, provide comfortable homes with modern conveniences, looking well after the health and comfort of their employes and the rental charges are nominal. The employes are as a rule thrifty and industrious and a large per cent of them own their homes. The home life of the employes is pleasant and the mill society is usually an exclusive one, the colony of workers living to themselves.



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**I**N 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.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

Editor Niles N. Morris, and wife, of the Ralls Banner, passed through Spur Friday of last week on their way to Jayton and Aspermont to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. Morris reports everything flourishing and prospering on the Plains and was enthusiastic of the present prospects for bumper crops of all kinds another year.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

Cecil Bennett was in the city Saturday from the Gilpin country.

Mitchell Bond returned Friday of last week from a month's visit to his old home and relatives in Louisiana. He reports that on account of continued rains in that country people can hardly get about.

Jim English, a prominent young man of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and trading with the merchants.

Robt. T. Dopson, of several miles west, was in the city Saturday on business and trading.

M. C. West, of several miles south, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

T. A. Edmondson and family moved last week to Post where they will make their future home during 1914. Mr. Edmondson is one of our best citizens, and we regret to lose, even temporarily, his citizenship but wish him a prosperous move.

J. E. Murphey, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous stock farmers of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Rash McLaughlin and family, of the Plains country, were in Spur Friday and Saturday trading with merchant and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin of the city.

Mrs. Minnie Carlisle, who is making her home with her son, Walter Carlisle of the city, is reported quite sick. We hope soon to note her complete recovery.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry passed through Spur the first of last week returning to his home above Dickens.

Mrs. E. J. Cairns, of the Paddle Ranch, is in the city visiting Mrs. Chas. A. Jones at the Spur Inn.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was in the city the latter part of last week from her home on the Alamo Stock Farm.

Rev. Rankin, of Cross, Tex., was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here greeting friends.

Dr. and Mrs. Morris left the first of the week for Haskell where they will spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

W. F. Shugart came in Saturday from his place east of town and spent some time here greeting friends.

Dr. Grace returned the latter part of last week from Louisiana where he had gone in response to a message stating that his brother was in a dying condition. His brother died before his arrival. We extend to Dr. Grace our sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

Misses Boykin and Germany, teachers in the Spur Schools, left the latter part of last week to spend Christmas with relatives and friends at their respective homes.

Mrs. W. M. Moore bought recently of Bachelor & Godfrey a Ford car.

Bob Goodall and family, of the Girard country, were in Spur last week trading with our merchants. Mr. Goodall is a candidate for sheriff of Kent county and is one of the most prominent citizens of the country.

J. E. Raines, a prominent citizen and business man of Stamford, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Raines is one of the leading merchants of Stamford.

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## DRY FARM POTATOES

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Method of Preparing Land for Crop Will Vary With Different Kinds of Soil and Season When Task is Performed.

(By H. F. PATTERSON, Montana Agricultural College.)

That potatoes will grow and produce a good crop on dry land has been proved by tests at the different experiment stations and by trials made by the farmers. Potatoes upon dry land sod have been known to yield as high as 350 bushels per acre. Not only do we get a good crop, but the soil is left in excellent physical condition for the following crop.

The method of preparing the soil for potatoes will, of course, vary with the different kinds of soil and the season in which the land is prepared. Some farmers have had good results by plowing and preparing the soil in the fall. However, good results can be obtained by spring preparation. In the latter event the sod should be plowed as early in the spring as the weather will permit and the plow should be immediately followed with the disk and roller. This is for the purpose of packing down and re-establishing capillary attraction. The water can thus come up from below and aid in decaying the roots and organic matter.

The depth should not be less than five inches. If we have our surface soil packed down, it is oftentimes advisable to run over the land with a disk harrow and later with a smoothing harrow. The disk harrow tends to break the clods and smooth down the high places. The smoothing harrow makes the dust mulch and prevents the evaporation of the soil moisture. This is exceedingly valuable in all parts of the semi-arid west; it not only keeps in a good deal of moisture, but also prevents the growth of weeds. Raw land that has been plowed in the spring in this manner is not usually planted to potatoes until the following spring, but the land is summer fallowed during that season. This gives sufficient time for the organic matter to decay and also places the soil in good physical condition for the following crop.

The next spring when the ground is sufficiently dry, it is re-plowed to a depth of eight or nine inches, followed immediately with the disk and roller.

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### NOTHING TO DO AFTER THAT

Clever Answer Left Horse Show Attendant "Up in the Air," So to Speak.

It was at the New York Horse show, and an attendant approached the box of a vivacious young woman whose dog had been exercising his vocal talents so vigorously that the official announcements could not be heard.

"Pardon me, ma'am," he said, "but you'll either have to keep your dog quiet or take him out."

"My dog!" she exclaimed with an air of surprise, as she deftly kept him out of sight behind her chair; "you must be mistaken. My dog has been creating no disturbance."

"Pardon me, ma'am," the attendant persisted; "but I heard something bark. If it wasn't your dog, what was it?"

The young woman favored him with a sweet smile.

"Oh," she said, "you must have heard the tan-bark."

### RINGWORM ITCHED TERRIBLY

1545 Aisquith St., Baltimore, Md.—"My children were afflicted with what they called ringworm of the scalp contracted from a house-cat they were playing with. The ringworm formed on their scalps about the size of a dollar and their hair began to fall out. I bought a round scale or comb and used it on their hair for several days. It was a relief."

### How Did Cyrus Know?

A young woman wearing what one man called an X-ray skirt walked down Fifth avenue, New York, in the sunshiny part of this afternoon. Behind her walked a middle-aged man and a woman evidently his wife. The wife was looking in the shop windows. The young woman had crossed Twenty-eighth street when one of those mysterious accidents happened. The first thing other pedestrians knew of it was when the middle-aged husband sprang forward and touched the young woman on the shoulder, exclaiming: "Pardon me, miss, but you are losing some money." The last thing one pedestrian knew of it was when the wife, with some emphasis in her voice, was heard asking: "Cyrus, where did she have that money and how did you know about it so soon?"

### The New Dance.

Miss Lillian Russell, at a dinner in Pittsburgh, said of the new dances:

"A girl I know told me she didn't like the tango—she found that in it she was more danced against than dancing."

"This same girl attempted the tango with a fat man as the dansant. The fat man was a great bungler, and he knew it. He gasped, as they hobbled about to the strains of 'Every Little Movement.'"

"It's awfully kind of you to dance with me—me, the worst dancer in the room!"

"Then he trod on her foot for the sixth time, and the girl replied:

"'Oh, how can you say so? Why, you hardly seem to touch the floor!'"

Possibly we close our eyes to our own faults on the same principle that the ostrich buries its head in the sand.

The fellow who is all wrapped up in himself is generally a bundle of conceit.

## WHENEVER YOU NEED

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BY SPUR NAT'L. SPUR, TEXAS

M. L. Jones was in the city Saturday from his place north several miles, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Jones has been one of the range bosses of the Spur Ranch a number of years, and is one among our most substantial citizens.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and contributed a dollar to our subscription funds. This dollar comes in good time during the holidays and contributes further to a happy Christmas.

Mr. Eldredge, of the Plains country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business and trading with the Spur merchants.

C. C. Haile was here Saturday from Draper. He reports the roads from Draper to Spur in bad condition as a result of the recent continued rains.

W. H. Harrison, of the experimental farm station, went to Greenville this week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Poet Hagins was in from his home in the Gilpin country, and spent some time here Saturday trading and greeting friends.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen of near Spur, called in Saturday and paid us a dollar for the Texas Spur another year.

Jno. Jones, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

R. C. Forbis was in Saturday from his ranch home north of Dickens, and spent some time here on business.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Jones and little daughter, of Kansas City, are in the city spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Chas. A. Jones at the Spur Inn.

Dr. Ray and family, of Jayton, passed through Spur Friday of last week returning to their home from a trip over the Plains country.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were in Spur the latter part of last week visiting friends and doing their Christmas shopping.

J. B. Conner left Saturday after spending several days in Spur collecting taxes. Those who failed to pay taxes during his stay in Spur will be forced to go to Dickens hereafter for that purpose.

G. L. Barber is having his old store building torn down and will build a large barn with the lumber on his place in the west part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. McFall were in the city Saturday from their home north of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster left Monday for Seymour to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Stephens, of the Afton country, was in the city Saturday and spent some time on business.

H. T. Garner was among the many in the city Saturday from his place two or three miles northeast.

J. N. Zumwalt, of sixteen miles west of Spur, was among the crowds in the city Saturday.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Dickens country, was in Spur Saturday and while here made us glad by handing in a dollar to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur.

Chas. Windham was here Saturday from his ranch home in the Croton country and spent some time here on business.

W. F. Markham, of the Dry Lake community, was among the crowds in town Saturday.