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## WATERWORKS BONDS SOLD WORK TO BEGIN SOON.

After many days of unavoidable delays the Spur City waterworks bonds have been sold, the money now in the city treasury and actual work of installing the system will begin at an early date.

The bonds were issued in the sum of \$23,000, and were sold for the face value and accrued interest, the total sum received amounting to about \$24,000. The total contract price of installing the waterworks system complete was \$22,624.40. In addition to this one thousand feet of two and a half inch water hose was bought at a price of \$1,020.00, making a total expenditure of \$23,644.40 of the bonded funds.

Eight inch water mains will be laid in the business section of town, and four inch mains in the residence section. Fire plugs will be accessible to every residence in the city. The water supply tank will have a capacity of 50,638 gallons and will be placed on a tower on the hill just north of Spur, thus giving more water power than is demanded by the needs of the city.

The contractors have been notified to begin work immediately, and although the signed contract does not specify any time to begin it states that the waterworks system shall be completely installed within five months from the 23rd day of February.

The Spur waterworks system will be one of the best and most complete systems of any small city in Western Texas, and will supply every need and every demand of the people within the corporate limits.

### ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell entertained the members of the Merry Wives Club and other lady friends Friday afternoon at her home in the city. Progressive forty-two was the entertaining program and during the course of the games delightful refreshments were served, the occasion demonstrating that Mrs. Campbell is one among the most pleasant and delightful hostesses of the city. Those present were: Mesdames. Edwards, Morris, Brandon, Sol Davis, Luke Davis, Hogan, Henson, Reagan, Love, Neilon, Collier, Simmons, McClure, Koon, Williams, Gruben, Burgoon, Cole, Baker, Standifer, Manning, Bachelor, Higginbotham. Out of town guests, Reagan of Palestine, Kyle of Virginia, Petefish of Abilene.

### MARRIED.

Sunday, February 15th, Forest Squyres and Miss Taylor were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents near Albany in Shackelford county. Mr. and Mrs. Squyres returned last week to Spur and are now domiciled in their new home in the north part of the city. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Mr. Squyres in extending congratulations and very best wishes, and may Mr. and Mrs. Squyres live a long and happy life and always prosper.

### FOR SHERIFF.

In the announcement column this week will be found the name of Wvly Morgan for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 25th, 1914. Mr. Morgan came to Spur in the early days of its history and is recognized as one of the best citizens of the country. He is a man who has the confidence of friends and acquaintances, and is in every respect qualified and fitted to fill the office to which he aspires. The Texas Spur asks that the candidacy of Mr. Morgan be given due and deserved consideration by the voters in casting a ballot in the July Primary.

### DIED.

Mervin Shaw, the little eight years old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, was brought to the Standifer Hospital the latter part of last week for an operation for locked bowels. However, an operation was not performed since the case was considered hopeless. Mr. Shaw carried his son home Sunday evening and he died Monday morning. We extend to Mr. Shaw and family our heartfelt sympathy in this bereavement.

## KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE IS BURNED

It has been reported that the King County Court House burned last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. Origin of the fire unknown. All records lost.

M. C. West, of several miles south of Spur, was in Monday and hauled out lumber and other material with which to erect a windmill on his place. Mr. West is making considerable and substantial improvements on his farm, and he is one of the most successful farmers and prosperous citizens of the country.

## WANTED---1,000 GOOD LOOKING WOMEN.

Wanted—1,000 good looking ladies to wear the new dress patterns now on display in our Dry Goods Department. Prices range from 10c to \$2.50 per yard and the weaves and designs are the newest the markets afford. The beautiful crepe effects, new colors, tango flowers, apricot, new and beautiful, and the blues, pinks, tans, etc., that are always good. Yes, we are proud of this department, and want every lady in the entire country to visit our store and select your new spring dresses. We have "Lin-weave," the guaranteed white goods. Many of you tried Lin-weave last year and know of its superior merits. It holds its luster through the wash as no other white goods is guaranteed to do. Now, we said we wanted good looking ladies, but if you are not good looking beforehand you will be when you get one of our new dress patterns. So come right along and join the well dressed procession that are selecting their spring wearables from us. Next month will be hat time, so look out men for you are going to have to give up some of your hard earned kale seed, for the Millinery selected by Miss Burnett is beautiful, and her department will be better equipped than ever before. Now, we know you men think a \$10.00 hat for your wife or daughter is foolishness, but it isn't half as foolish as that \$10 worth of booze some fellows drink or that \$10 worth of Star Navy you have been masticating. Come on and tell your wife to get the hat she wants, and then tell her its pretty, for a little white story of that kind will make her happy and will not be counted against you in the final judgment.

1914, year of all the years, the best. Why not? We have our past experience to help us make it

better. Come on now, love everybody and your mother-in law too. Yes, there is much to be thankful for. Remember Pat who got his foot cut off, and a friend was sympathizing with him saying: "Poor Pat! Poor Pat!" And Pat said: "Don't worry. Thank the Lord the corns went with it."

It has been several weeks since we told you about Light Crust but it hasn't lost any of its good qualities—it is still better.

To the Candidates: We want to say we will have a full stock of the very best cigars, ranging in price from 3 for 5c to 25 cents and we solicit your business.

Men, we are getting ready for you with a big line of spring weights in Style Plus Clothing. As you know, Bennett has for years been a close student of the Clothing business, and knows the game. He can fit you out of stock if you are not deformed, and can take your measure and fit you if you are. Yes, we'll have Palm Beaches, too, but it's too cool today to tell about them.

Come on and join 1914 crowds that are trading with us.—Bryant-Link Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones, of several miles north, were in the city Saturday visiting friends.

## FINE CROP PROSPECTS IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Robt. Bruton, of the Lee county settlement on the Plains, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here trading and on other business. He reports everything looking good on the Plains at this time with the very best prospects for bumper crops this year. Mr. Bruton reports that on account of the tightness of money matters at this time but little headway is being made in the development of the oil proposition in his section.

## BUILDING STEEL BRIDGE OVER THE SPADE BRANCH.

A forty foot steel bridge is being built this week over the Spade Branch about one mile south of Spur on the Steel Hill road. County Commissioner Jeff D. Reagan is superintending the work, and the bridge will be completed and ready for use within a very few days.

Surely and rapidly Dickens county is forging to the front ranks in the construction and maintenance of good roads, and to the credit and commendation of the County Commissioners this work is being done at no extra expense to tax payers, the long standing road and bridge tax only being used in this work.

### FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

The Texas Spur is authorized this week to announce Judge O. S. Ferguson for re-election to the office of County Judge of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 25th, 1914. Judge Ferguson has been serving the county as Judge during the past two years. Everybody knows, and even any enemy that he may have admits, that he has made the county one of the best officers in that capacity within the state of Texas. Judge Ferguson is not only well informed in matters of law, but in every instance his decisions have been rendered in accord with the law, justice and the right. He is an able man with reference to educational matters, and in his official acts as County School Superintendent has done more than any other officer or man in past years in the advancement and promoting the permanent and material progress of the schools within his jurisdiction. Judge Ferguson is recognized as an able man and qualified in every respect for the office of County Judge and County School Superintendent, and the Texas Spur takes pleasure in presenting his name to the voters for re-election to the second term in the July Primary and in the General Election.

### DIED.

Mrs. Charley Austin, of the Cottonwood community four miles east of Afton, died Sunday at the Standifer Hospital. Mrs. Austin was brought here for an operation but died in the hospital before an operation could be performed. Mrs. Austin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brock of Dickens. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy to the husband and six children in the bereaved home.

### BAPTIST RALLY.

The Baptist Educational and Mission Rally convened Wednesday night in Spur and will remain in session throughout the week. Quite a number of visiting Baptists and preachers are in attendance, and on the program are many interesting subjects for discussion by noted preachers and recognized speakers of ability and knowledge.



## NEW CLOTHES!!

COME in and let us Show you these New Clothes! Take a look through and note what Wonders a cash purchase will produce, whether for man or boy. New line KNEE PANTS. We are also showing the Newest Styles in Mens. Ladies, Boys and Childrens Oxfords and Sandals. WE WANT YOUR TRADE and are making prices that justifies each and every buyer to INVESTIGATE the Offerings HERE while Stocks are Well Represented. See us for your Work Pants, Overalls, Gloves, Work Shoes or other needs. New Henderson Corsets "front and back lace" the Best Line Shown, prices \$1 to \$3.50, Guaranteed. New Cadet Hose are here in Black, Tan, White and Red Shades in Misses Lines, with the Staple shades for men and women.

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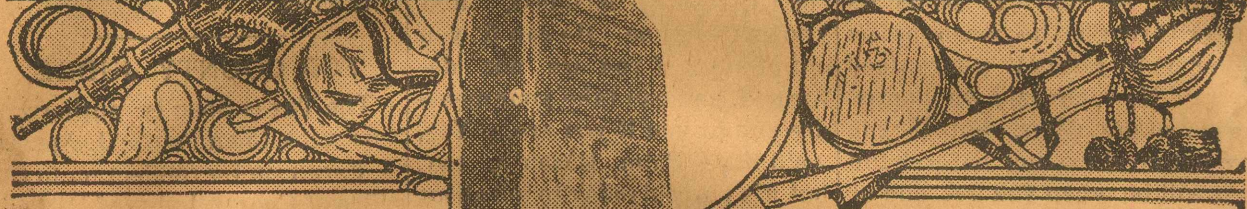
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SPUR, TEXAS



# As the Historic Place Now Looks Where George Washington Crossed the Delaware



## CROSSING THE DELAWARE

While feted Hessians soundly slept  
The ragged army softly crept  
Across the icy Delaware.  
Naught but here and there a light  
Challenged them that Christmas night  
As they captured in their might  
Britain's hirelings camping there.  
—J. S.

## Description on Memorial Marking Spot Where Continentals Landed and Surprised the Hessians.

This tablet is erected by the Society of the Cincinnati in the state of New Jersey to commemorate the crossing of the Delaware river by General Washington and the Continental army on Christmas night, seventeen hundred and seventy-six.

# If Washington Were Inaugurated Today

Instead of His Famous Stage Coach Journey to New York In 1789 He Would Travel by Swift Motorcars and Trains, Passing River Tunnels and Other Modern Wonders—Comparison of Things In His Time and Now.

If George Washington were to make another triumphal progress from Mount Vernon to New York to be inaugurated today, as he did in 1789, he would find it even easier to recognize the landscape than the triumphal progress.

A large six-cylinder touring car would chug up to the edge of the Mount Vernon porch and the Father of His Country would soon go spinning along the shore of the Potomac with stately colonial perukes trailing in the breeze.

Blowing a siren screech, the car would swoop down the hill into Alexandria, and before the good people of the town could repeat their former greeting to "The Most Illustrious the President of the United States of America," the touring car would be zipping it over the Arlington bridge.

The dust would scarcely clear enough for a glimpse of "George-Town," which extended itself with a banquet of thirteen toasts in that leisurely April of 1789, and the car, whisking up Pennsylvania avenue at a rate to make the Washington monument look like a pallsade, would run the famous gentleman through the smoking taxis to the door of the Union station, says a writer in the New York Sun.

Seated on the back platform of a private car, the president elect would see states flow off behind him so fast he would lose the count, and the towns where, on the former occasion "large bodies of respectable citizens" met him on horseback would be only red brick streaks on either side of the railway track.

### Under the Hudson.

With the train hitched on to the electric motor, in the Jersey meadows, they would promptly dive under the Hudson river, and before the great soldier could have finished two swallows to clear his ears he would roll into the railroad station. An elevator

would land the party in a room as big as Delaware, but with neither a glance to right nor left, the secret service men would scud them through the door to the machines, while reporters closed in behind, like the churning wake of a steamboat. An orchestra of honks, and then the police car, followed by the secret service car, followed by Washington's car, followed by the committee's car, followed by the emergency car, followed by the press car, would sweep from Seventh avenue into Thirty-fourth street on the way to the hotel, and any one who happened to look up would see them go by.

But in 1789, jogging across the country in the old fashioned coach and stopping outside of the towns to mount his horse and enter in military state at the head of the cavalcade which rode out to welcome him, the dignified phraseology and plaudits of the citizens made the progress seem more truly triumphal than could all the palatial bouncing conveniences of today.

It is doubtless safe to say that George Washington would notice the skyscrapers—perhaps speak of them, since forty feet was a dizzy height in 1789, but he would find other things more startling.

He would find that the death rate for New York today in less than eight months would wipe out every man, woman and child of the city he knew, and that the present birthrate would reproduce it in four months. With the other increases of population it would be restored in three months—three months to equal the accumulation of 200 years!

### Marvelous Growth.

New York city today has a million more inhabitants than had the whole United States in 1790. Against the estimated 5,300,000 for the metropolis now were 3,929,625 for the nation in 1790, and of these 697,681 were slaves. In 1790 the present limits of Greater New York held 49,401 persons, representing a net increase of one individual every day and three-quarters for 177 years.

When Washington's coach rambled out from Mount Vernon on April 16, 1789, it was to pass through the heart of the new republic. The center of population was then twenty-three miles east of Baltimore. It is now 1,000 miles to the west. And yet there is not a state over which he rode whose popu-

lation of that day is not now swallowed up a number of times by some single city of that state. Indeed, when it comes to figures, George Washington would find himself among inconceivables. The state of Pennsylvania alone has almost double the people of the England of his day.

Though significant, and even surprising as it is, that one of the toasts at the Washington dinner in Alexandria was "American Manufacturers," neither the first president nor his contemporaries could imagine the economic vaults of the next century. They lived before steam, electricity, gas, machinery, railroads, telegraphs and trusts. And while they anticipated growth and prosperity, the best they could foresee, no doubt, was that all those parsely settled wooded areas should have farms and plantations, wall to wall or hedge to hedge, like England, and that towns should appear frequently enough to allow for the refreshment of travelers and post horses.

Comparison between the New York of today and the city in which Washington was inaugurated is impossible. There are no common standards, no meeting points of aspects, unless you picked up Greenwich Village and planked it down at Bowling Green. The city of 1789 reached as far north as Warren street on the map, a little more than a mile from the Battery. The numbers on Broadway ran as high as 133, which was the residence of John Jay. One Cornelius Bogart, whose brother, Nicholas, lived next door, was holding down 26 Broadway for the Standard Oil company.

Broadway had not then become the important street it soon grew to be. The trend of the city was a little to the east, and Pearl street, Dock, Water, William and Queen streets and Maiden lane had more of the traffic. Wall street, however, was the most important, and at the period of Washington's inauguration was called "the political center of the United States."

Federal hall, at Wall and Nassau streets, where the subtreasury, with the statue of Washington, now stands, was the most pretentious building in the city. On an upper balcony above the crowd in Nassau, Broad and Wall streets, the financial hub of today, the oath was administered to the first president.

The New York of 1789 is especially interesting not only because for an era of months it was the capital of the United States, but because for the same period, too, it was the home of the most celebrated American.

### Gambling Universal Pastime.

New York was then, as always, a "good show town" from the day "Rich-

ard III." was first seen in a hired room in 1732. During Washington's stay in New York the John Street theater was kept pretty steadily going. Gambling was a universal pastime, and it prevailed in all the 330 taverns which were licensed in 1789. Although there were several societies with a purpose, there were practically no purely social clubs, and the people of fashion, when not at church or gambling, found diversion in balls, tea parties and visits to the tea gardens near the city.

There was only one bank then, the Bank of New York. Isaac Roosevelt was president. There was also but one insurance company against fire organized by Alexander Hamilton. Of the five newspapers two were dailies.

The twenty-two churches representing thirteen denominations appear to have drawn far better "houses" than now. Everybody went to church. Washington's and Governor Clinton's pews in St. Paul's chapel are marked off by tablets now.

### 117 Ships In Harbor.

On one day in October, 1789, there were 117 vessels in the New York harbor, and during the year 1,107 ships entered. In 1790 the exports to foreign countries amounted to \$2,505,465, while the duties collected on imports the year before aggregated \$145,329.59.

The present exports total about \$800,000,000 a year, and the imports about \$1,000,000,000, more money almost than there was in the western hemisphere in 1789.

These contrasts make the New York of Washington's day appear so little as to be almost pathetic by the metropolitan giant of today. This might seem to minimize Washington's character and achievements as well.

It is in the field of ideas where the greatness of Washington and the fathers of the republic rests undisturbed. They did this political pioneering for us which has left us free to work out other details of civilization. So, if George Washington were to return to New York city today, it is an open question whether he should be more astonished by the vast material aggregates and mechanical knacks he would find, or by the fact that our institutions, planned by him and his associates almost a century and a half ago, should meet the present conditions so adequately.

## INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS.

Greater Boston claims a population of 1,522,912.

There are over 165,000 clergymen in the United States.

The American public pays over \$34,000,000 a year for chewing gum.

Retail druggists of the United States have a volume of business exceeding \$500,000,000.

The Food Products palace at the San Francisco exposition will have a floor space of over five acres.

## Sporting Notes

By SQUARE DEAL.

The Chicago Cubs left for the training camp at Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 16. The dates of the spring schedule follow:

March 12, 13 and 14, Philadelphia Athletics, at Tampa; 17, 18 and 19, Philadelphia Athletics, at Jacksonville; 20, Savannah, at Savannah; 21 and 22, Memphis, at Memphis; 23, 27, 28 and 29, Louisville, at Louisville; 30, Evansville, at Evansville; 31, Terre Haute, at Terre Haute; April 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Indianapolis, at Indianapolis.

Ivan Mahmutoff, the Russian wrestling expert, is shown in the accompanying illustration using a new form



Photo by American Press Association.

Mahmutoff, the Giant Russian, Applying the New Form Toe Hold.

of toe hold. He raises his opponent off his feet and applies the hold as shown. It is very painful and breaks bones frequently.

President Barbour of the Pittsburgh Federal league club has offered Hans Wagner \$15,000 a year for two years if he will desert the National league. Wagner's salary has been \$10,000. Mr. Barbour admits that Wagner has given him very little encouragement.

# The Sunday School Lesson

## SENIOR BEREAN.

Golden Text.—Every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God (Luke xii, 8).

The Lesson Explained. Verses 1-3.—The folly of hypocrisy.

The extreme popularity of Jesus was seen in the "innumerable multitude," "the many thousands" (revision), who flocked to his ministry. The words "they trode one upon another" contain a graphic touch. "First of all." He gave his thought first to the disciples and offered them valuable counsel, and afterward he spoke to the crowds. "Leaven," or sour dough, was symbolical of the ways of the Pharisees. "Which is hypocrisy." These intense religionists were under the delusion that they could keep up an appearance of zeal for God without the reality. "Nothing covered." Exposure is sure to come sooner or later. Pity the man whose hidden life has been a deception, for the true man is never afraid of the light. "In darkness." The teaching that is given in private by the disciples will bear fruit "in the light" of publicity. "In the ear." What has been spoken to attentive listeners, although it be "in the inner chambers" (revision), will be heralded "upon the housetops." The flat roof of the house is still used as a platform from which to make proclamations (Isa. xv, 3; Jer. xix, 13). The call to prayer is made by the muezzin from the minarets of mosques in Mohammedan lands.

Verses 4-7.—The strength of faith.

Jesus first uttered a warning, and then he spoke a word of encouragement. "Be not afraid." The opposition that was being shown to him would certainly also be experienced by his disciples, but they need not be alarmed. "Whom ye shall fear." Their enemies doubtless will have power over their "body" to afflict and persecute them, but they cannot touch "the soul," that spiritual part of man which is akin to God and immortal. "Hell." Margin of revision is Gehenna. The original reference was to the valley of Hinnom, where the worship of Moloch was practiced. After this idolatry was

abolished by Josiah (II Kings xxiii, 10) the place became the receptacle for refuse, which was burned by fires that were never put out. The name was then used figuratively of the place of punishment in the world beyond. "Fear him." The fate of those who turn away from God is dangerous, while those who resist Satan will enjoy the divine favor. "Are all numbered." God's providence is over all his creation, and he cares even for the common birds. Much more does he watch over men who have the divine image. By the expressive figure of the hairs of the head Jesus appealed to their faith in the Heavenly Father.

Verses 8-12.—The openness of loyalty.

If the joy of faith has been experienced and the peace of God's presence has been realized a testimony must be borne. "Confess me"—acknowledge that these blessings have come from Christ. "Before men," so that they also may be benefited. "Before the angels of God." Matthew has "before my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. x, 32). The reference is to his coming again in glory, when he will execute judgment upon all and render to every man according to his works. "Word against the Son of Man, \* \* \* forgiven." Jesus generously makes allowance for those who speak evil against him, because perchance they have not understood and were therefore unable to appreciate his mission. "Blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost." Those who call light darkness and darkness light have done violence to their own consciences and are in serious danger. Jesus anticipated the time when his followers would be persecuted and cheered them in view of the prospect. "Synagogues"—the local elders who settled disputes in the community; "magistrates"—rulers of the Jewish sanhedrin; "powers"—civil courts of the Roman government. "Take ye no thought"—"Be not anxious" (revision). Let them not be confused but courageous at such times of crisis. "The Holy Ghost shall teach you." We have only to turn to the Acts to see how unlearned peasants and ignorant fishermen, because they were filled with the Holy Spirit, spake with boldness the word of life.



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J. E. Johnson, of Stamford, spent several days of last week here looking after his business interests. Mr. Johnson not only operates the Farmers Gin but the Light and Power Company of Spur, two important factors in the business development of the city.

L. A. Hindman came in the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and reports everything moving along nicely in that farming 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

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elliot came in Saturday from their Spring Creek farm and ranch home and spent some time here shopping and greeting their many friends.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

I will be in Spur on the first Saturday in each month to do veterinary work. Bring your horses to the Harkey Wagon Yard.—J. F. Speer. 12tf

R. M. Hamby, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Dickens country, was among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday.

The Morgan boys, of several miles west of Spur, were among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

Money—James Brown, of Matador, makes farm loans at 9 per cent. No commission to borrower. Money ready. 11-tf

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, was in the city Saturday greeting friends and looking after business matters.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Saturday from his Alamo Stock Farm and spent several hours here on business.

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### Farm Telephone Saved Child's Life

One of the Children fell into a water tank and was rescued unconscious and apparently lifeless.

The frantic mother telephoned to the doctor six miles away, and he started at once. In the meantime his assistant telephoned instructions and the mother restored the child to consciousness before the doctor arrived.

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By SIR WALTER BESANT and JAMES RICE

A Novel of Absorbing Interest, With a Beautiful Girl as the Intended Pawn In a Marriage of Financial Convenience. :: ::



"My dear child," said Violet, "what a fuss about nothing!"

## PROLOGUE.

Captain Kemyss and Captain Ferrier, English army officers, marry creole cousins. They become planters. Ferrier dies, and Kemyss is guardian of the former's daughter, Virginia. Kemyss is poor. If his son Tom and Virginia were to marry his troubles would end. But Virginia's second cousin, Guy Talbot Ferrier, Virginia's second guardian, writes Kemyss urging him to send Virginia to England, referring to arranging a brilliant match for her. She says that Miss Ferrier, Virginia's cousin, will also welcome the girl. Guy receives two letters, one from his sister advising his marriage with Virginia and another from his chorus girl wife, to whom he is secretly married, but not living with. She says when their son is of age she will expose Guy. Guy decides to go to England on the same steamer as Virginia, as does the professor also. Not wishing to exhibit his feeling, Tom remains ashore while the rest bid last farewells. In England Guy is again reminded by his sister of his money entanglement. Virginia, under Maude's influence, is easily led to believe that Guy is her silent worshiper. The three riding in Hyde park are recognized by Violet Lovelace, Guy's wife, who is surrounded by admirers. Mr. Percival, no longer a professor, has aspirations as a novelist. His close companion is Elsie, daughter of his landlady. Elsie is employed by Violet Lovelace as governess for her boy, the identity of whose father is kept secret. Guy, deliberating, concludes that a release from his marriage could be satisfactorily arranged and begins to show marked attention to Virginia. With the artful assistance of Maude and Mrs. Hollowes Guy and Virginia are engaged. Maude and her brother then discuss the money affairs of the fair creole. Guy visits his former wife and proposes a secret divorce. She hesitates, mistrusting him.

## A Mother's Love.

"You make me free," Violet said, "on condition of my making you free in return. Is that so?"

"Certainly. It is not a gift which I offer you. I have no gifts for you. The time of making gifts is past and gone long ago. This is a bargain."

"It is a bargain," she repeated. "If I accept it?"

"If you accept it," he interposed, "you will be free to make any match you please among your numerous admirers. No one will know anything of the past. Nobody need know. I was married as plain Richard Johnson, you in your own name of Emily Hicks. The only witnesses were your own father and the old actor. They can be squared, I suppose. Who would identify Richard Johnson with me? Who would find Emily Hicks in Violet Lovelace?"

"I should be free to marry again. But suppose I do not want to marry again?"

"Hang it, you will some day!"

"And you—if I accept—will also marry again."

"Yes; I shall marry a woman with money."

"Do you love her?"

"What has that got to do with the thing? She has money. I want money."

"Yes." She was trying to put the matter quite clearly before herself. "And if I do not accept?"

"Then—many things will happen to you—and to me—and you will discover that the bond of husband and wife may lead to disagreeable surprises. Come, Violet, do not be revengeful, even if I seem at first to have the best of the bargain. In the long run!"

"And when he grows up—when the boy asks me who was his father—what am I to say?"

"Richard Johnson, gentleman, deceased. Poor Dick! Wipe your eyes. Call him Johnson. Show the boy your marriage lines. Speak tenderly of his father."

"And the boy's rights?"

"What rights?"

"Your heir's rights—what of them? No; when the boy is of age he shall know the truth."

Guy pondered. When the boy came of age. That would be in sixteen years' time. Sixteen years. The curate who had married them had long since forgotten the obscure couple who stood before him one cold day in November. The witnesses, Paul Perigal and Hicks, the carpenter, would most certainly be dead in sixteen years. Who was to identify him with Richard Johnson? Who could prove that

## The Scheming of a Desperate Woman For the Sake of a Profligate Brother and the Resulting Adventures of Winsome Virginia Ferrier.

nothing at your hands without consideration. He reminds me, too—could I have forgotten it?—that your offer to me is a mockery. How should I marry, having to tell that boy his secret? How should I commit this dreadful crime that you propose and dare to look upon the boy and to tell him that secret? How could I bring upon the innocent child shame for his mother? That shame, at least, he shall never feel. I am an actress; that I cannot help. Why, if I could help it I would not, because it is my pride and joy. I do not think the boy will ever be ashamed of his mother's profession. If he is to be ashamed it shall be of his father. So—I refuse your proposal."

"Violet, you are a fool; you do not know what you are doing—you do not consider. Remember—I do not use idle threats!"

"Do what you like—what you can. I refuse your offer. Offer? It is no offer. It is not in your power to give me back my freedom. What a fool I was not to see that from the first! No one can. Nothing but death can cut that miserable tie. There is my answer. And now, if you please, go!"

"One moment, Violet. You can, if you please, set up your back and refuse your consent, but you had better not. Now I modify my offer. You will do as you like. I care nothing at all whether you marry or whether you do not. All I say is, let me do what I please without molestation or fear of interference. Yes, I know what you are going to say. Who is there who will tell you that the man you married six years ago has married again? Don't interfere with me, and then I will not interfere with you. If you stand between me and my proposed marriage, then—Miss Violet Lovelace or Mrs. Ferrier or whatever you call yourself—remember that you have a desperate man to deal with."

"And yet I will not promise anything. No; I will consider before all the rights of the boy. But I will think it over. If it were not for him I would let you commit this crime without a word. Because of my boy, because I am a mother, I think not only of him, but of the other poor creature whom you are going to delude and lead into misery. Oh, Guy, if you could see yourself as those who know you see you! If you could see the miserable, contemptible figure you cut, when no doubt you think you are a gallant gentleman! Go! You are but a sneak and a coward!"

the Richard Johnson, the undoubted husband of Violet, was himself—Guy Ferrier? And as for letters from him, there was not one—he remembered with infinite satisfaction—not one, because he had never written her a single letter.

"I agree," he said, softly and persuasively, "to acknowledging the boy as my heir, when he is of age. Till then you can keep him out of the way. Now, Violet, once more consider my proposal. Let me go free; let me marry without creating any scandal. Go and marry yourself if you like. If you do this you will have the boy to yourself. You can bring him up anyhow you please. When he is of age, but not before, tell him that he is to be the next Lord Ferrier. Bring him to me, and you will be heartily glad that!"

"What kind of things will happen to me?" she asked.

"First of all, there will be an almighty smash. Then, everybody will know that the beautiful Violet Lovelace is the wife of the man who has smashed, and his creditors will include her money in the estate."

"And the boy—oh, the boy!" she cried.

"A man is always allowed to have the custody of his boy at the age of seven. The boy is now, I suppose, about five. I shall most certainly, if you do not accept my terms, take away the boy as soon as he is seven years of age. Understand me quite clearly. I am not at all the man to be moved by your crying and tears. The boy shall be mine as soon as he is seven years of age."

The mother's cheek grew pale.

"There is no act of cruelty or wickedness," she said, "that you would not commit. But have my boy you shall not so long as there is a house in England where I may hide him. What next will happen?"

"The boy will be the heir to a title, and nothing else."

"He is that already. For I suppose you will spend all the money there is."

Violet had never played in any piece where there had been mention of entail. She therefore knew nothing about the laws of real property.

Guy was about to explain to her that it might be necessary to cut off the entail by consent of the tenant in possession, his father and himself, but, as he saw that she knew nothing of the subject he forbore.

"I will acknowledge him. I dare say we shall find a way out of the row about my second marriage if there is to be any row. Is not this a fair offer? If you do not accept it you will have to fight for the money and boy."

"I must consider," said Violet presently. "I do not know what traps you may be laying. I must consider. I will send you a reply."

"Nonsense," he said roughly. "What is the use of considering? The thing is perfectly plain. Nothing could be simpler. If you were to consider for a twelvemonth it could not be plainer."

"No, I will not decide without consideration. I will send you a reply. Now, if you please, go."

"If you hate me, as I believe you do, Violet; if you desire never to see or hear from me again, you will accept."

"I do, from my very soul, desire never to see you again. I am a most unhappy woman because I ever fell in your way. Yet I will not accept your offer without further consideration. Listen! Do you hear that voice?"

It was the boy. He had awakened from his morning nap, and Elsie was bringing him, laughing and prattling, downstairs to have his dinner.

"That is your son's voice. Would you like to see him?"

"No." This evidence of the child's existence startled and alarmed him.

"No. I do not wish to see the boy."

"I am glad I heard him, for he has made me very certain I can accept

# A Glance at Current Topics

## Shackleton's New Plans.

London, Feb. 15.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer, is preparing to make the biggest polar journey ever attempted. If he is successful his expedition will open up a vast unexplored region now a blank on the map.

The main object of the expedition will be to cross the south polar continent from Weddell sea to Ross sea, a distance roughly of 1,700 miles, making the south pole a "halfway house" on the great journey.

The cost of the expedition is estimated at \$250,000. The equipment will be the best that experience can devise. The transantarctic party will begin the

same lines as the Turkish army corps in Constantinople commanded by the German general, Liman von Sandes. French officers will also be engaged to reorganize the Greek artillery.

The Lokal Anzeiger, speaking with foreign office authority, asserts that the French support of the Russian protest against the German military mission to Turkey is in the circumstances strange. The communique adds that the British attitude is equally unintelligible in view of the fact that a British admiral and fifteen officers practically have the command of the Turkish navy.

## Startling Styles For Men.

New York, Feb. 17.—Mere man of 1914 will be in the modest violet class in the style of his clothes, according to the creations being planned for him. Just as little cloth as possible will be used to frame his figure.

It will cling to his form like tights to the pony ballet.

Quiet colors with a decided lean to the sober shades will be offered.

He will be saved from complete oblivion by wild designs in overcoats with bat wing sleeves and horse blanket effects. There will be wide lapels running low down the front and strap loops through which to thrust the arms.

## "Whistle," Says Preacher.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Feb. 17.—"If you can't sing, whistle."

That is the policy of the Presbyterian Sunday school of this city, and the innovation is popular with the boys. In an effort to induce all members of the Sunday school to take part in the song service the superintendent of the school several weeks ago hit upon the novel plan of introducing whistling for those who could not sing, his idea being that the Lord would hear just the same.

From the start the scheme was enthusiastically adopted by the boys, but the older people were slow to fall in line with the new order of things in their church worship, while some of the more pious looked a little doubtful on such an addition of melodies.

Now, however, some of the men, teachers of the Sunday school, who could never sing, are joining the boys, and a few of the girls whistle now and then just for a change. The whistling idea will be used throughout the Lenten season's ceremonies, which commence Feb. 25.

Whistling as well as singing also has been adopted in the city school here by some of the teachers, and in some songs the chorus is whistled by the boys.

## Women in Mexican Army.

Mexico City, Feb. 16.—The horrors of the civil strife in Mexico are shared heroically by the women—the wives and daughters of the poor, ragged soldiers of both forces. Their enforced part in the warfare has been going on for the last three years. They are the foragers and in that capacity are the advance guard of the army and do all the menial work in camp making. While they for the most part only occasionally take part in the actual fighting, their hardships are far greater than those of the men. The patience



Photo by American Press Association.

These Mexican Women Bear Hardship of War Equally With Men.

and devotion of the women of the poor class of the Mexicans is astonishing. Mexican armies have no commissariat. The women carry the cooking pots, light the fires and get the food ready. A Mexican encampment is an astonishing sight. It is like a large picnic. Children swarm everywhere. Coffee and tortillas appear as if by magic. Somehow the women are always on good time.

Each woman works for her own particular mess, if it may so be called. It usually consists of her husband and perhaps another relative or two. There is much rivalry between the women in preparing meals for their respective patrons.



Sir Ernest Shackleton to Open Up Vast Unexplored Antarctic Region.

journey with 120 dogs, two sledges driven by aeroplane propellers with aeroplane engines and an aeroplane with clipped wings in order to "taxi over the ice."

The expedition will have two ships, both driven by oil fuel, giving a radius for operations four times greater than coal. The larger vessel will leave Buenos Aires early next October.

The smaller, or secondary ship, will leave New Zealand in November and land a party on the Ross sea coast to meet the transcontinental party, who will return in her to New Zealand.

## Oil to Prevent Fogs.

Paris, Feb. 15.—Director Onofris of the Observatory Fourviere at Lyons has adopted the idea of using oil to prevent the dense fogs which for two months each year almost cover the island formed by the junction of the Saone and Rhone at Lyons. These fogs are attributed to the lakes of Dombes or to the dust and smoke. Onofris observed that they followed the lines of water and conceived the idea of using oil to prevent evaporation and thus suppressing the fogs. He says the cost will not be much, as sufficient oil to protect the entire city of Lyons will be only \$8 a day. His experiments are being watched with much interest.

## Salvationists Hire Entire Cabin.

New York, Feb. 16.—The entire second cabin accommodation of one of the biggest ocean steamships for the sailing of June 20 has been chartered by the Salvation Army to convey 700 officers and soldiers to London to attend the international congress. Miss Evangeline Booth, head of the army in the United States, will be in charge and will be attended by her entire staff, with four brass bands, composed of 100 players.

About 10,000 delegates, representing fifty-four countries, are expected to attend the congress, and the New York contingent will be the largest that any foreign country more than 3,000 miles away will send.

Only the officers whose duty it will be to go to London will have their expenses paid, it was said at Salvation Army headquarters. The others will pay their own expenses.

A large hall is in process of erection in the Strand. In this building the deliberations of the congress will be conducted.

## Chautauqua Salute Peril.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The Chautauqua salute, which is a simultaneous flashing of handkerchiefs by large assemblages, was condemned by the Starmont Aid For Consumptives of this city. A resolution was adopted urging the health department to co-operate in bringing about its abandonment. The waving of handkerchiefs was regarded by the organization as likely to cause contagion.

## French to Train Greek Army.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The Greek government has commissioned the French war office to organize a model army corps in Athens under the command of

[To be continued.]



# Live Topics For Farm Readers

## WEANING COLTS.

Crushed or Ground Oats Best Single Feed Grain to Give Them.

PLENTY OF EXERCISE IN OPEN

Roughages Which Will Grow Bone and Muscle Are Alfalfa and Clover—The Run of a Good Grass Field a Big Help.

Oats, preferably crushed or ground, is the best single grain to feed a weanling colt. Here at the station our weanlings have developed well when the grain ration was two-thirds by weight of ground oats and one-third ground corn, the hay being alfalfa. When the roughage is anything but a good quality of legume hay it is best to make the grain ration one-fourth to one-fifth bran, says Professor J. L. Edmonds of the Illinois experiment

## DAIRY DOINGS.

Do not ask the cow to make milk and keep herself warm with the same feed. At least give her a fair chance to be protected from the storms and then let her use the feed for milk making alone.

The cow is a machine that must convert food into milk. This is one reason why she should have such a large middle, for there is the place where the food must be worked over.

Milk that is kept clean and properly cooled needs no preservative.

Comfort is essential to profitable milk production, and a cow cannot be comfortable without good bedding. Don't forget the straw.

It pleases the cow to be milked quickly and gets her in the habit of giving down promptly. It is often the slow milkers that make the strippers.

## CROSSBREEDING THE SHEEP.

Good Flock Produced by Mixing Coarse and Fine Wool Specimens.

Considering facilities for handling—such as lay of land, feed, shelter, size of flock to run together, etc.—each of the modern breeds of sheep has its qualities, peculiarities, adaptability, and some require more feed and care than others, but all can be used for a special purpose in crossbreeding or breeding up common stock.

The Delaine Merino excels in longevity, also in weight and fineness of fleece; but the lambs are not as good sellers on the fall market as the Down breeds. Yet the Merino blood is the cornerstone of the sheep industry. The long wool sheep, such as Cotswolds and Lincolns, raise a large marketable lamb, their wool is weighty and coarse and is often discounted. A cross between these fine and coarse wool breeds makes one of the best general purpose sheep for this country we have.

These half blood sheep shear a heavy fleece of medium wool, which brings the highest market price, and the lambs are better for market under the care of the average farmer than either of their full blood ancestors.

High class sheep are as beautiful in lines of form and style as are fine horses. So, after throwing out ill shaped sheep, the basic principle in studying your flock of ewes is the weight and quality of their wool and the value of the lambs they produce. If the flock is of two or more distinct types it may be necessary to divide it and use different rams until you can cull down and develop a uniform flock, which is most desirable. If your ewes are of good form and size, but shear light fleeces, or if their wool is coarse like the Lincoln or Cotswold a Delaine ram will increase the constitution and shearing qualities of the lambs. If your flock shears well, but ewes are small, get an Oxford or a Hampshire ram. If your dark faced ewes, which you perhaps call Shropshires, are short woolled and light boned use dark faced Oxford or white faced Rambouillet rams.

## House Pigs Properly.

No matter how much nourishing feed is given to them in winter, pigs will not do well if they are not properly housed. Their house should be warm and free from drafts; also well ventilated, and their bedding dry and not too dusty. The pens where the hogs run around in the day time should be well drained. A pen which has poor drainage is a menace to the health of the hogs. This is especially true during the winter.

## Grooming the Cow.

A little grooming or brushing will have a great influence on the appearance of the cow. A few minutes spent in this way will pay large dividends in better looks and also in a greater price of farm stock and better returns.

# A Dream of the Revolution

A Washington Story With Realistic Color

By J. BROWN STEPHENSON

I WISH it distinctly understood before telling this story that I make no pretense at an explanation.

In New Jersey there are still standing houses in some of which happened scenes connected with the Revolutionary war. Most of these are now dilapidated. Of some only a part remains, while a few are well preserved. In one of these houses I once slept. The only mark of its past grandeur was the staircase. The minute workmanship of that day was apparent in it, though in its dilapidated condition it looked tawdry.

I slept in a room on the second floor near the head of this staircase. The original room had been divided into two small ones. I went to sleep very soon after going to bed and must have slept till after midnight, when I was awakened by a hammering at the front door below. There was a noisy confusion of men's voices without, and I heard above the din, "Long live the king!" Another cried: "The rebel is within. Watch every egress!" And still another shouted: "He's gone, you traitor Tory. You're too late!" Then there was a shot, and I heard some one cry, "My God, I'm done for!"

Immediately after the shot came a fierce onslaught upon the door below, and I heard it give way.

Scarcely a minute had elapsed while this was going on before I sprang from my bed, rushed to the door of my room, opened it and looked out. Lights from below faintly illuminated the staircase. Descending it was a woman in her nightdress, a shawl wrapped about her shoulders. She was young and beautiful. When I opened my door she had turned an angle in the stairs and faced me. A voice from below cried: "The captain's shot! Give me that shawl to stanch the blood!"

The woman's face was lighted with anger, as if suffering some grievous wrong.

"God forbid," she replied, "that I should give my shawl for any such purpose!"

It was a sickening sight, that which I saw next. I wish I could forget it, but I can't. It will be with me to my grave. I saw a soldier in a three cornered hat, a red coat and buff knee breeches run up the stairs and plunge a bayonet into the woman's breast. She sank down with a moan. There were cries of "Shame!" from below, and I heard shrieks and lamentations in different parts of the house.

Suddenly I found myself in darkness. I was lying in bed, my heart beating like a drum. As I became more conscious of where I was I saw a streak of light coming through a shutter from a street lamp without. All was still. What a horrid dream—nightmare, I

mean. I knew that I had got out of bed and gone to the door. But—

My thoughts went off in all imaginable directions.

In an hour I was asleep again. My vision came back, though this time it was more like a dream. Yet so real was it that when I returned to my ordinary consciousness I wondered if I had been asleep.

I sat by an open window looking out on large grounds. Persons were grouped below me, all subdued, speaking in low tones. There were soldiers among them dressed in the Continental uniform. Before the door was a gun carriage. As in a moving picture, at the gate at the farther end of an avenue of trees appeared a commanding figure, also in Continental uniform, mounted and followed by several officers. They rode rapidly toward the house, and I heard a voice below exclaim:

"General Washington has arrived!" Then I heard singing of hymns below, after which I saw a coffin wrapped in the stars and stripes taken out and laid on the gun carriage. The cortege moved away, the general and the officers being a part of it.

I awoke in the morning feeling as if I had suffered a great strain during the night, though it was rather a spiritual than a physical strain. After breakfast I called the man of the house aside and told him of my nocturnal experience. He said that he was no interpreter of dreams, and that was all the information I got out of him.

Some time after this visit I was telling my visions to a librarian. His interest in my story grew intense as I proceeded. We were in the library at the time, and when I had concluded he went to a shelf, took down a book, opened it at a certain page and handed the volume to me.

I read of a certain house in New Jersey where an officer in the Continental army was wont to visit his young wife. He was betrayed by Tories, and British troops sought to capture him; but, learning of his danger, he escaped before they arrived. The scene I had dreamed—or seen, I know not which—had been enacted during the Revolution in the very house in which I saw it more than a hundred years later.

My friend the librarian hunted for an account of the funeral of the young wife who was killed by a British soldier because she would not give her shawl to stanch the blood of his captain, that officer being the one searching for her husband. No record was found of the obsequies, but it seems probable that a woman who died in the struggle for independence would be given a military funeral and that General Washington, who was then at Morristown, would very likely be present.

## Eight Months' Old Alfalfa Plants



Photo by courtesy of Iowa State college.

As in seeds for other crops, the highest priced alfalfa is the cheapest. In sowing the seed should preferably be put in with an ordinary grain drill and in average soil covered to a depth of about one inch. To distribute the seed uniformly it is a good plan to set the drill so as to sow only about ten pounds per acre and then to go over the land twice—for example, crossing the field north and south first, then east and west. No hay should be removed the year that alfalfa is seeded. Spring seeding may be clipped once or twice when necessary to keep down the weeds, but a good growth should cover the ground for freezing weather. Usually the alfalfa should be cut when about one-tenth of the heads are in bloom, which generally is early in June, as this is the time that the new shoots begin to appear at the bottom of the stalk. If properly handled a small amount of seeds will give a considerable crop in a couple of years.

station. It is not possible to state in pounds just the amount of feed that will be required, but good, sound draft weanlings will pay handsomely if fed all the grain that they will clean up three times per day. Good quality of alfalfa and clover are the best roughages. They are growers of bone and muscle.

Weanlings ought not to be exposed to the elements at night or on the stormiest days. Access to a roomy, closed shed or run in fairs in a roomy box will be found right. The run of a good blue grass field will afford exercise and some feed. Plenty of exercise in the open with the chance to grow a good coat is as essential as feed in making a good frame. Weanlings handled in this manner may look a bit shaggy, but they will do much better than the pampered kind. It is hard to feed too much if the feeding is done regularly.

## FREE HORSES FROM WORMS.

Be sure that your horses are free from worms. A horse afflicted with worms is never thrifty and feed is wasted. A good remedy and a sure one is one level tablespoonful of borax dissolved in a pailful of water, given first thing in the morning. Repeat this dose for four mornings and watch results. If a horse refuses the water, mix the powdered borax in the morning feed for four mornings.

**Chemical Properties of Eggs.**  
Chemical analysis shows that hens' eggs contain 50 per cent water, 16 per cent protein and 33 per cent fat. Duck and goose eggs contain slightly less amounts of water and a trifle more protein and fat, while turkey eggs contain 2 per cent less water, 2 per cent more protein and the same amount of fat.

## WHAT WAS KNOWN IN WASHINGTON'S DAY.

How different it was in Washington's day!

People thought they knew a great deal then.

But in reality, very little was known of many things.

At that time, for example, the scientists knew of less than twenty elements.

There were but few known stars then, and but few known members of the solar system.

The electro magnet and the dynamo, the automatic maxims and the destructive nitroglycerin were unknown.

Pain and gangrene were then regarded as unpreventable evils. Now we

have ether, cocaine, chloroform and antiseptic surgery.

The products of distant countries were rare luxuries at the time of Washington's birth. Now we get them as readily as those of home growth.

History was then the recorded and remembered dates of a silent past. That has all been changed by the amazing kinetoscope and the marvelous phonograph.

These notable inventions and many others have all been a direct help in the social movement to bring about right relations between the individual, society and the nation to which Washington gave the first great impetus.

# Violating the Laws of Gravity

## A Long Wait.

Mr. Evans entered a New York restaurant and saw a friend seated at one of the tables.

"Hello, Lovell," he said, "how are you?"

"Oh, pretty well," replied Lovell.

"What are you doing now?" inquired Evans.

"Well, when I came in here," said Lovell, "about two hours ago I was not in business, but I've changed since then. I'm a waiter now."—Pulitzer's Magazine.

## Not Mutual.



"The hostess has conferred a great honor upon me, Miss Passe."

"She is so gracious and tactful, Mr. Scraggs! By the way, what is the honor?"

"She has paired me off with you at dinner."

"The spiteful old thing!"—Pittsburgh Press.

## Operating on the Exchequer.

Caller—I hear your father is sick. What is the trouble? Little Fred—Two doctors and a nurse.—Exchange.

## A Suspicious Resemblance.

I gather from considerable authentic information that Washington's headquarters had a numerous location.

In fact, it seems, no matter where my optics may be carried, they light upon some domicile.

Where George at some time tarried.

Now, what all this may indicate I don't pretend to mention.

But it would seem that moving had our hero's close attention.

And, though I wouldn't say a word of George that's detrimental, it looks much like the modern plan to keep from paying rental.

## Of Great Assistance.

He was one of a group of men discussing wives.

"My wife and I like to window shop," he said. "My wife never bought a hat in her life when I wasn't with her, and she never bought one that I picked out."—Indianapolis News.

## Useless Waste.

"Poets are born and not made."

"But they ain't born tagged," opined a rural philosopher. "Their fathers consequently hafta go ahead and educate 'em, jest as if they was going to be good for something."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Continual.

"Your husband says that when he is angry he always counts ten before he speaks," said one woman.

"Yes," answered the other, "I wish he'd stop it. Since he got dyspepsia home seems nothing but a class in arithmetic."

## Still at It.

"Where was the new star discovered?" asked one dramatic critic of another.

"In a laundry," was the reply.

"Ah, well, she can't forget her old calling. She's mangling the part."

## Only One Thing Possible.

They were walking in the moonlight on a romantic country road.

"Nothing could ever come between us, could it, dearest?" asked Claude pensively.

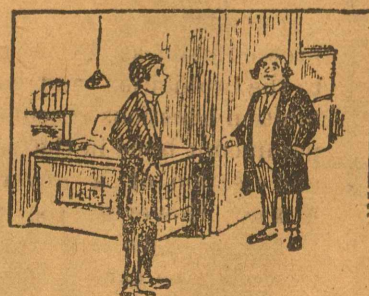
"I can't think of a single thing," replied Elsie, "unless I should become engaged to some other man."—New York Times.

## His Father Never Stayed Out Late.

Wijit—George Washington, you know, could not tell a lie even when his father questioned him about his wrongdoing.

Fijit—Well, if he had had a father like some men I know he would have learned to lie without much delay.

## Did Have to Warn Him.



Employer—If that bore Smithers comes in tell him I'm out—and don't be working or he'll know you're lying!—Oregon Journal.

## Never Missed 'Em.

"I suppose your new automobile made a big hit when you went out in it?"

"Yes, it did. Most of them are hospital cases."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Spiking the Guns.

Wife—When I married you I thought you were a brave man. Husband—So did everybody else!



# 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

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

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

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

For Representative, 105th District:  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah

For District and County Clerk:  
Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin

For Sheriff and Tax Collector  
J. B. Conner

The Farmers Union of Texas has unqualifiedly and fully expressed itself as being opposed to the prohibition and anti-prohibition questions becoming the paramount issue in the selection and election of a governor of Texas. However, the prohibitionists and the anti-prohibitionists will have candidates in the race, and the indications are that unless the farmers of Texas are swayed to one or the other of the whisky factions Jim Ferguson will become the farmers candidate.

We will soon have a bountiful supply of "fire-water"—but it will be of the Spur Brand.

The State Prohibition Convention in Fort Worth Saturday nominated Tom Ball of Houston as the prohibition candidate for governor of Texas. He was the nominee by acclamation, there being no other name presented to the convention, and yet he was not an active candidate in the campaign. Will H. Mayes, W. P. Lane and Thomas, publicly and generally recognized as candidates, and recognizing the direction in which the convention was playing Ball, asked that their names be not presented to the convention.

The Mexico revolution continues uninterruptedly, notwithstanding any possible complications which may arise in the mere murder of one or two foreigners on occasions. However, we understand that all foreigners have been duly warned to get out of that country. The Mexico situation is a big problem now confronting the United States and is not to be dealt with lightly nor inconsiderately.

We note that the anti-prohibitionists also held a meeting in Dallas Saturday for the purpose of selecting a candidate for governor in the present campaign. A definite selection was not made at that time.

The trial of Mrs. Bertie Muncy at Plainview recently resulted in a mistrial, the jury failing to agree. She was charged with the murder of her husband in Floyd county.

The Texas Spur erred in stating last week that the Spur team beat the Crosbyton team in a game of basket ball. The score was nine to eleven in favor of Crosbyton

W. H. and Riley Smith, of several miles south of Spur, were among the business visitors in Spur Saturday. W. H. Smith recently returned from the Coast country where he and family spent about one year. He says that taking all things into consideration the Spur country beats any other section.

Poet Hagins was here Saturday from his farm home in the Duck Creek country and reports everything moving along nicely with respect to crop conditions.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the number of visitors in town Saturday.

J. H. McCamant came in Saturday from his farm and ranch home in the Red Mud country and spent several hours here.

A. Q. Smelser, one of the most prominent citizens of the country, was in the city Saturday from his home north of Spur.

D. D. Hagins, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was here Saturday buying supplies and greeting his many friends.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many visitors in the city Saturday.

John Weathers, a prominent citizen of several miles west, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting friends.

E. R. Rorie was in Saturday from the northeast line camp and spent some time here greeting his friends.

J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast, was in the city Saturday.

C. D. Copeland and wife were in the city Saturday from their farm home six miles east.

Howard Campbell, of several miles southwest, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Campbell is not only one of the best citizens but one of the most successful farmers of the country.

Lost—I will pay \$5.00 reward for return of one deep red cow, five years old, branded Y on side, also Y on hip, marked split in each ear. Strayed from Spur about Aug. 1st.—G. L. Barber.

Miss Lula Martin came in and spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin. Miss Lula is teaching the Spring Creek school this year.

Cecil Bennett and young Mr. Hagins, two prominent young men of the Gilpin country, were in Spur Saturday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

L. W. Davis and family and Miss Ella Garner spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones at their ranch home near old Espeula.

Bob Goodall, one of the leading citizens of the Girard country and a popular candidate for sheriff of Kent county, was in the city Saturday on business and shaking hands with his many friends here.

H. E. Grabener, of seven miles northeast of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday. He reports everything in good shape at this time.

Tom McArthur, of Tap, was among the many visitors here Saturday. Tom reports everything most promising at this time in his section.

A. C. Hindman was in the city Saturday from his home north of town and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

J. P. Gibson was in Saturday from his farm home near Steel Hill.

J. A. Davis, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week.

### Where's Your Proof?

Let's suppose you owed the grocer \$5.00 on account and had handed him a \$5.00 bill in payment and he had forgotten to give you credit. If he tried to collect the account later what would you have to show that you had paid it?

Now, suppose you had given the grocer a check on our bank for the amount and he had not given you credit. You would pull that cancelled check on him promptly and show him his endorsement on the back, wouldn't you. Which plan is the safest? We leave it to you.

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



# Woman and the Home Sphere

## Spring Gowns' Quaint Innovations



Dainty New  
Afternoon  
Dresses

Two effective garments for the spring maid are illustrated here. The one to the right is of satin. The tunic is of white, with a band of black to match the skirt. The little collar, with its narrow fur band, is detachable. Later in the season one trimmed with a band of black satin may be substituted. The other gown is of brocade over a plain satin petticoat. The drapery at the side is caught together with an embroidered motif.

### SMART SPRING COATS.

They Are Gayly Adorned With Russian Embroidery.

One of the smartest new trimmings is Russian embroidery, which is used on the three-quarter length coats. It usually forms the celature. The embroideries are carried out in heavy silk, outlined in metal threads and in all the splendid colorings for which Russia is famous.

The bands are usually eight or ten inches wide and the embroidery executed on very fine kid or suede finished canvas. These coats, of the most marvelous material further enriched with the Russian embroideries, invariably have the ceinture placed halfway between the original waist line and the knees. A coat of this type opens over the most abbreviated of bolero waists, and the contrast is not only startling but rather pleasing.

The mode of the moment seems to be to attract attention by any novelty which is startling. This is true of the prevailing and ugly style of the balloon effect in front below the waist. The result is that the swathed ceinture is tied in front.

There are other and more pleasing methods of arranging the sash. It is the clever person who invents a new method. They are formed of many materials from gauze to the rich velvet brocades. They mold the hip or are of the empire.

### THE NEW COIFFURE.

Waved and Fluffed Hair the Fashion of the Moment.

Much can be said in favor of the new coiffure. After the very simple methods of arranging one's locks it is rather trying to begin again with the marcelle tongs, for the hair must be waved and fluffed to be arranged in the approved style.

One way of arranging the coiffure is to roll the hair from the right to the left side and pile it high on the head in a simple knot, bun or puff. Attractive little curls—"heart catchers," as I heard one American call them—are arranged in front of each ear. The forehead, as has been said many times of late, is in evidence, the hair being brushed back.

Powdered hair continues to be seen, worn and admired.

### Shine on the Serge Office Skirt.

For the business woman who each day presides at a desk and uses a smooth faced office chair, and who soon finds her serge skirt getting that inevitable "shiny look," which sponging and pressing never quite eradicate, there is nothing better than this simple advice:

Always keep on the chair seat a covering of thin, rough leather. This leather seat against the cane or wood will prevent all friction when turning or getting up and down, and the skirt will keep its original finish until worn out.

### STRIKING HOLIDAY CAKE.

A Wonderful Confection For the Washington Birthday Dinner.

The George Washington cake, without which many would think a Washington's birthday dinner lacking, can be made like a shield, a flag, a hatchet or a log by filling in a big cake pan with pieces of wood so cut that the dough will take in the desired mold. The wood must, of course, be carefully greased to keep the cake from sticking to it and crumbling when taken out.

Either the shield or the roll made in imitation of a log is easiest to make according to an expert cook. The real beauty of these cakes is in the icing, which should be as near red, white and blue as is possible. If a woman cannot manage the icing in red the best plan is to just put on a thick plain white sugar icing and across it the alternate pieces of red and blue ribbon to give the shield the appropriate and patriotic colors.

The top of the cake may be covered with a silk flag carefully held in place by small bunches of red and white flowers tied with red ribbons. The simplest method of all would be to plant a good sized silk flag in the center of the cake, or if it is desirable to give each guest a souvenir then put small banners around the edge about an inch apart so that there will be one for each slice.

Washington's picture or a miniature bust can be put on top of the cake and held down by icing if desirable or two busts, one of the first president and another of Martha Washington, if they are not too large or heavy.

### CHERRY GAMES AND PRIZES.

They Are Just the Thing For Washington's Birthday.

Cherry games are appropriate for the Washington's birthday party.

Get a branch of some tree, preferably with leaves, but if bare it can be furnished with tissue paper foliage. To it attach with invisible wire or threads the artificial candy cherries which so exactly simulate the real fruit to the eye. Suspend the branch at one end of the room and gather the players up at the opposite end.

Each guest receives a slip of paper on which he must write down his guess as to the number of cherries on the branch. Each guess must be signed with the name of the guesser. At the end of five minutes collect the slips and discover which person has guessed the exact number. In case no one has hit upon it exactly, the person coming nearest wins the prize.

To make the prize for this gift, bury a ten cent gift of some kind in a handful of cotton wadding, shaping it round like a ball. Then cover with scarlet tissue paper to make a huge cherry.

Cherries made in the same way, containing candy, are splendid consolation prizes for a children's party.

## Effecting a Compromise

By VICTOR C. WHIPPLE

**B**ELLE HINCKLEY was an orphan with a fortune. While she was abroad her guardian wrote her that certain property she owned, the family homestead, could be made valuable for a certain purpose if there were more of it. If the adjoining place could be united with it there would be ample room. Perhaps the union could be effected.

Belle had been abroad two years when this announcement reached her and would receive her property in a few months. She resolved to return to America and look into the matter for herself. On her arrival she learned that the purpose for which the property was wanted was a large manufacturing plant. Those about to establish it had tried to buy the adjoining property, but had failed. After her departure for Europe a man had bought it who wouldn't sell. Belle, who had inherited a business head from her father, saw that he was making a mistake that would involve her as well as himself.

The morning after her arrival she went to the adjoining place to see "Old Wilkinson," as he was called, and try to induce him to sell. As she went up the walk to the house a young man came out to the porch and stood with his hands in his pockets watching the approaching girl.

"Is Mr. Wilkinson in?" she asked.

"No, he is not."

"Can you tell me where I can see him?"

"It is uncertain. Can I be of service to you?"

"I wish to see him with regard to selling his property to the Excelsior Electric works. I own the next place and am interested. The company will not buy unless it can have both places."

"Come in," said the young man, and he led the way into the drawing room. He said he could represent the matter to the owner of the property and invited her to state her case. This she did remarkably well, the young man listening attentively, though he seemed to be so wrapped in admiration of Miss Hinckley that she doubted if he took in all she said. However, after she had finished he promised to represent the matter to the owner in a favorable light. Then he invited her to inspect the place, taking her into the greenhouses and presenting her with some fine American Beauty roses. When she departed he said that as soon as he had anything to report he would call upon her.

Mr. Alexander—that was his name—called two days later and said that, while he had represented the matter as she had given it to him, the owner was still averse to selling. Miss Hinckley asked the young man what rea-

sons had been given for the refusal and was told that no reason whatever had been vouchsafed. He suspected that the owner wished to build on the property himself, or possibly he might be negotiating with other parties.

Belle was very much disappointed. She told the gentleman that but few concerns had the means to purchase so large a property and if the opportunity were not taken advantage of both places would remain as they were, producing no income and paying taxes that would gradually eat them up. The young man said that he would again confer with the owner and endeavor to impress him with this view of the case.

In a few days Mr. Alexander called again to report that he had failed to impress the owner of the property with the reasons Miss Hinckley had brought forth and feared that he had other views for the property. The matter dragged along. The would be purchasers were known to be looking at other sites, and Miss Hinckley was discouraged.

"The only way I know for you to move the old curmudgeon," said Mr. Alexander one day to Belle, "is to marry him. When you have done that you can make him do what you like."

Belle scouted the idea. Indeed, she had taken quite a fancy to this Mr. Alexander, but anyway she wouldn't marry an old man, especially a stubborn one. But she thought of the matter and concluded that she would look the old chap over. Alexander agreed to arrange a meeting, but when he admitted that he could not do so except as the beginning of a matrimonial negotiation Belle balked again; but, receiving an advance on the offer for her property conditional on the purchase of the adjoining estate, she consented. It was arranged that she go the next day to make the call, Mr. Wilkinson having an attack of gout which kept him off his feet.

Miss Hinckley was received at the door by a servant and ushered into the library, where she saw Mr. Alexander sitting in an easy chair with a leg stretched out on a foot rest. But he rose without difficulty and said:

"I am the owner of this property, having bought it the day before your first call here. If you wish me to join you in effecting a sale to these electric men you will have first to promise to marry me. I have got another bid for both places and can make these parties to whom you wish to sell pay double the amount they have offered, for they must have the site."

Miss Hinckley was quite ready to make the promise, and both deals, the marriage and the real estate, went through readily.

Mrs. Alexander facetiously calls her husband "Old Curmudgeon."

## All For the Boys and Girls

### NOVEL HATCHET PARTY.

How Washington's Birthday Can Be Celebrated by the Young Hostess.

Hatchets should be everywhere. Make the hatchets of paper, cardboard or wood.

Have fancy hatchets with mottoes on them.

Use the lettered hatchets as place cards or souvenirs.

Tiny pictures of George Washington may be pasted on the hatchets.

Give each guest a paper or cardboard hatchet cut into six pieces. To the one who succeeds in getting the hatchet together first give a candy hatchet.

For the tree chopping game a small hatchet is given each player, on which he marks his initials.

The target is a big tree drawn on a piece of white paper or cloth, hung conveniently.

The object of the game is to stick the hatchet nearest the line drawn across the base of the tree.

The player is blindfolded, pins are used to fasten the hatchets, and an award of a big sugar hatchet is given.

Have a centerpiece of red carnations or red roses on the supper table. From the ceiling or chandelier above the table suspend red cords or ribbons and allow them to fall on the edge of the table, where cardboard hatchets are attached at equal distances apart.

### Another Apple Game.

Those who like to use their wits will enjoy the following game. Give papers upon which are written these questions, letting the players supply the answers:

What apple is a sovereign? (King.)

What apple is a lady of rank? (Duchess.)

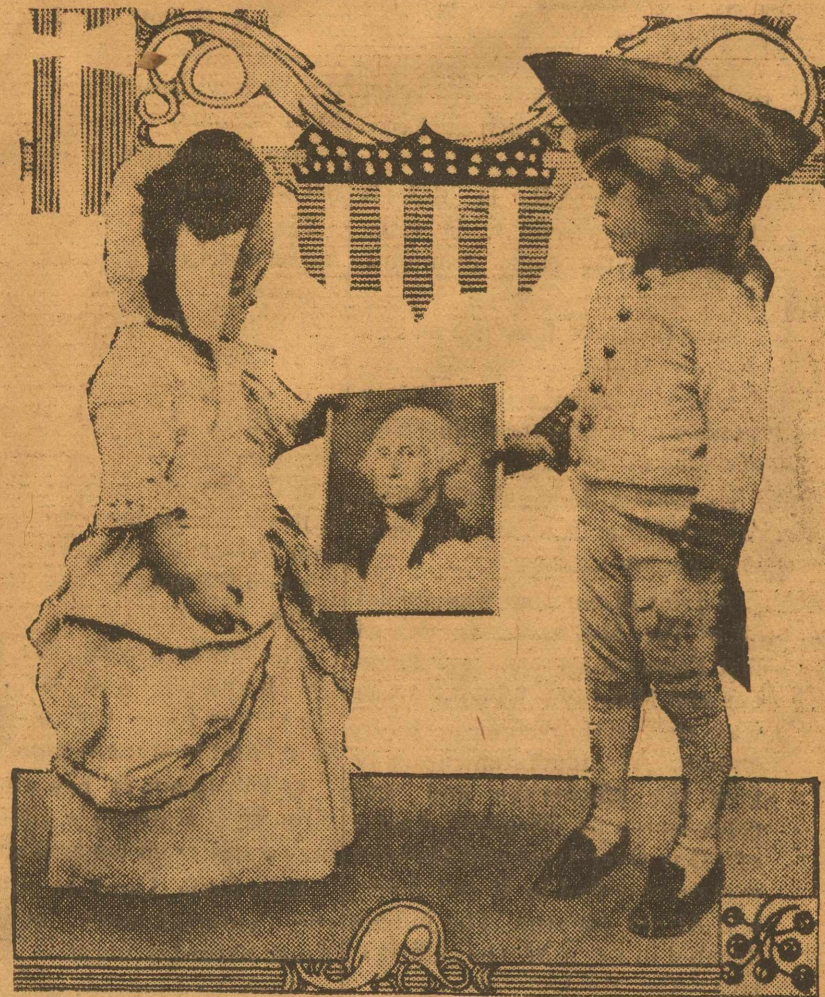
What apple is trimming for a lady's coat? (Astrakhan.)

What apple is a crustacean? (Crab.)

What apple did King David love? (Jonathan.)

What apple is turning verdant? (Greening.)

### Why George Cut the Cherry Tree



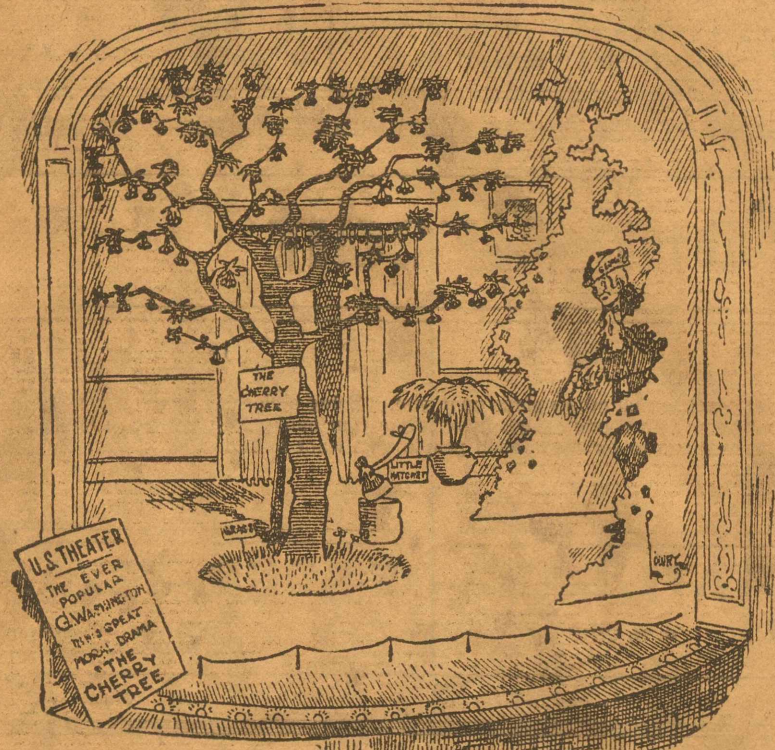
He with cocked hat on white periwig,  
She, too, gowned in colonial rig,  
Hold firmly that immortal face  
Of him they both long to embrace.

They know he fought so they could be  
Both born and bred in this land tree.  
They know he never told a lie,  
So people on him could rely.

They know "he chopped the cherry tree  
'Cause it was tired, so 'rest,' said he."

—J. S.

### The Next Act



—Chicago Chronicle.



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WATCH THIS AD IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE FOR SPECIAL CASH PRICES ONLY ON LISTERS AND DISC HARROWS.

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#### NEW HOPE.

H. P. Cole and family have been visiting friends in our midst.

D. S. Cargile attended church Midway Sunday.

Mr. Wright, who lives near J. M. Jones, is visiting the home of C. M. Buchanan.

Notwithstanding the fact that R. C. Forbis has a new Ford auto, he has not forgotten how to ride horseback. He very often goes to his ranch at Afton horseback.

Vernon, son of R. D. Shields the Dickens merchant, is visiting in the New Hope community.

Miss Hattie Spikes' school celebrated Washington's birthday Friday afternoon with quite a number of appropriate speeches and dialogues.

Ex-County Judge F. C. Gibson attended the Literary at Midway Friday night.

A joint discussion was pulled off at the Midway High School last Friday night between Dickens and Midway. The subject was the Initiative and Referendum. We understand Midway took the affirmative and was represented by Stephen Austin and Guy Overstreet and Dickens was represented by Byron Speer and Alfred Jackson. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.—Oat Meal.

E. J. Cairns, a prominent citizen and one of the leading ranchmen of Kent county, was in Spur several days of this week on business.

#### TAP TELLINGS.

We had a nice little rain last week, an enjoyable sandstorm Sunday, and are having some cold weather at present.

Mrs. M. E. Sparks is still on the sick list but we hope she will soon recover.

J. E. Sparks has been quite sick the past week.

Rev. R. F. Self filled Rev. J. V. Bilberry's appointment Sunday as Rev. Bilberry wasn't able to be with us.

Mrs. Lambert was on the sick list this week.

Mr. Charlie Henson made a business trip to Roaring Springs last week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler is reported quite sick.

Rev. Self and wife took dinner with H. C. Parsons and family Sunday.

I. C. Cravy, who was seriously injured by his horse falling with him Saturday week, is much better and we hope he will soon recover.

The Misses Alcorn, Mr. Henry Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom McArthur were the guests of Miss Minnie Henson Sunday.

Orwin Lambert has returned from B. S. Manning's. He can't stay away from his best girl.

Miss Essie Lambert attended the entertainment at White River Saturday night.

Our school is progressing nicely. We think Miss Perkins is a fine teacher.—Kid-a-lude.

Lost—Odd Fellows emblem chain charm. Finder return to J. I. Mecom. 17-2tp

#### FOR SHERIFF.

The Texas Spur is authorized this week to announce G. T. Snodgrass as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 25th. Mr. Snodgrass is well known to the voters, having lived in the county during the past twelve years. He is a man of the highest integrity and one among the best and most substantial citizenship, and being well qualified and fitted for the office if favored with the nomination and election he will serve the county and constituents not only ably but without fear or favor. We ask that voters give Mr. Snodgrass' candidacy due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot in the July Primary election.

#### TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

A special examination for teachers will be held in Dickens the first Friday and Saturday, and Thursday preceeding, in April, instead of May as heretofore. There will be no May examination this year. The April examination will be limited to State certificates only. The following schedule will be adhered to in all examinations for 1914, except the summer normal series of examinations:

Thursday. Permanent Subjects.

Friday and Saturday. First and Second Grade subjects. Respectfully,—O. S. Ferguson, Ex-officio County Superintendent.

#### FARMERS MEETING.

The Dickens County Agricultural Experiment Station Association will meet in the Dunn building, on the east side, in Spur Saturday, February 28th at 2 p. m.

Every member is urged to be present as very important business will be transacted. Meeting called promptly at 2 p. m.

## F. F. CHRISTIAN

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#### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Yes, there was something happened Sunday. We all remembered it was Washington's birthday, and was celebrated in Gilpin by a great sandstorm.

There was a large crowd in Spur from Gilpin Saturday on business and to hear N. N. Pope.

The Methodist pastor from Spur preached at Duck Creek Sunday.

Mr. Top Hawkins is looking down his nose. He seems to think that he is losing out with his Red Hill girl.

Cecil Bennett made a flying trip to Soldier Mound Saturday, playing a good trick on the teachers of Duck Creek, leaving them to come home in an auto Monday.

Ye scribe made a trip to Girard Sunday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett has the blues. He is beginning to think that he is a widower.

C. M. Carlisle made a business trip to Girard Monday.—A School chap.

We sell Fords for \$595, Buicks \$950, and a chain drive car for \$375.—Bachelor & Godfrey.

#### GREAT REDUCTION

### NEW EXPRESS RATES!!

Free Insurance up to \$50.00  
A Receipt for Each Shipment

ASK THE AGENT

Mrs. Gorham, of the Steel Hill community, was brought to the Standifer Hospital this week and underwent an operation. Mr. Gorham and family recently came from Oregon and settled in the Steel Hill community. At this time Mrs. Gorham is reported doing nicely and is recovering rapidly, we are glad to note.

Wanted—A position by man and wife on ranch or farm. Write or phone, Horace Arledge, Dickens, Texas.

Dr. Bachelor, Dentist. Office east of First State Bank.

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