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"THE SPUR LIMITED" PRE-SENTED BY HOME TALENT

Limited" was presented by Mrs. held here. Mr. Blakeley said Campbell's Sunday School Class that everything is in the very Theatre, the house being crowd- country. Everybody tells us ed to its capacity.

follows: Conductor, Neil Hol- crop prospects than in many Porter, Crede Hale; Fat Man, that this country will grow the Mack Brown; Grandpa Wiggins, biggest crops within its history Faust Collier; Grandma Wiggins, during this year. Margurett Irvin; Miss High Style. Ruth Fox; The Suffragett, Fred Fite; and Her Daughter, Mrs. Lain; Mrs. Deafly, Mrs. Wednesday from his farm home Perry; Mrs. Herbley. Miss Perry; Miss Stutterly, Winnie Holman; The Boggs Family, Luke now has the best season in the Attebury the old man, Creola Richburg the old lady, and Mamie Squires and Leslie Holman that bumper crops of all kinds their children; The Irish Woman, will be harvested this fall. He Witt Springer; The Chinaman, has already planted some feed Roy Montgomery; Miss Susie Alaton, Minnie Lee Springer.

The characters were well represented and the play presented in the most acceptable and en- MAINS AND PIPING FOR joyable manner, demonstrating that "The Spur Limited" was a fast train with a well organized crew and most entertaining passengers.

The play was also presented Friday night at Dickens to an appreciative audience. The door receipts of Spur amounted to more than fifty dollars and will be used by the Ladies Aid in Methodist church work.

A. A. Marshall, formerly of the Steel Hill community but who is making a crop this year near Jayton, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends here. prospects for bumper crops at thanks. this time.

COMMENCEMENT EXER-CISES OF SPUR SCHOOL.

The Commencement Exercises of the Spur High School will be held Sunday morning, April 19th, at the School Auditorium. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by Rev. McMahen, and the Devotional Services will be conducted by Rev. Irvin. Music will be rendered by Miss Trenholm Doyle and Mrs. Bachelor.

Everybody is invited to attend. and especially the patrons of the school are requested to be present on this occasion.

H. C. Cravey, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country was in the city Tuesday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription account. Mr. Cravey reports everything in fine shape in his section with promising prospects of bumper crops.

E. F. Springer has been appointed City Nightwatchman and Marshall in the place of Jack Stephens who left last week for Throckmorton county.

FINEST PROSPECT.

M. L. Blakeley, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of this week attend-A play entitled "The Spur ing the Methodist Conference that this entire territory is now

THE BEST SEASON.

R. L. Overstreet came in in the Afton country after supplies. He says that his section ground of many past years and that every indication now is and will plant cotton and other crops next week.

WATERWORKS ARRIVE.

The water mains and piping for the Spur Waterworks system arrived this week and the work of installing the complete system will now he pushed to comple- in this bereavement. tion. Tile Duratation for the tower and tank is complete, and while some delay has been encountered in completing the well pumping within a very few days.

Mrs. R. E. Boten, of Itasca, arrived in Spur last week and will make her home here with respect to crop conditions and at Itasca, for which she has our

SKELETON OF A MAN UNCOVERED NEAR SPUR

W. T. Wilson was in the city Wednesday and reported the finding of a human skeleton near Thursday night at the Lyric finest shape in his section of the the Wilson Railroad tank six miles east of Spur. The skeleton was about six feet under-The cast of characters was as in better shape with respect to ground and was uncovered while a crew of workmen were digman; Newsboy, Chas. Yates; years, and the indications are ging a ditch for better drainage around the railroad tank dam on the south side. The bones indicated that they had been in the ground for years and years and were probably those of an

The work being done around Wilson tank cost about two hundred and seventy-five dollars and was superintended by Civil Engineer W. C. Allen under the directions of the railway company. This work places the public dirt road in first-class condition and at no expense to the county, and public.

DIED.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan died Saturday at their home several miles southeast of Spur and the remains were interred Sunday in

THANK YOU.

R. R. Johns, a leading citizen it is expected to be ready for and prosperous farmer of two or three miles north, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here greeting friends and attending to business matters. While officers were reelected for the her aunt, Mrs. John Luce. Mrs. here Mr. Johns called at the Mr. Marshall reports everything Bolten called in and had the Texas Spur office and renewed in fine shape in his section with Texas Spur sent to T. S. Oliver his subscription for which he has our thanks.

RECITAL AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The expression and music classes under the direction of Mrs. Mace and Miss Doyle will give a recital on Thursday evening, April 23rd, beginning promptly at 8:15. In as much as full of Buggies, and they are the been made, there will be a charge go over the roads. If you have of 15 cents for children and 25 not the cash and your paper is cents for adults.

DRILL MORE OIL WELLS.

W. A. Wilkenson and Dr. Bach- Oil is cheap since Uncle Bill Hyweek from the Electra oil field where they had been to attend a meeting and reorganization of the Hyatt oil project in that secwere elected and it was decided to begin drilling other wells in which will be appreciated by the connection with the one already completed and producing oil.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

the Spur cemetery. The Texas held its regular annual stock-Spur joins the friends of the holders meeting in Spur Wednes We are trying to keep up with family in extending sincere con- day, electing officers and attend- the procession, so if it is new delence to Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan ing to other business matters of things you want, you can genertending the meeting from out of Goods Depa nt. town were L. C. Browning of Lueders, J. C. Bryant and R. B. Bryant of Stamford, J. N. Campbell of Munday, Frank Poole of Hamlin, Guy Speck of Rochester, J. C. Link of Asperment, Joe H. Payne of Jayton.

We understand that all former ensuing year at this meeting.

W. F. Godfrey spent several days of this week with his parents at Paducah, returning to Spur the latter part of the week.

READY FOR A GOOD TIME THIS SUMMER.

Boys, we have our warehouse Mrs. Mace and Miss Doyle have right kind. Now, we want to been to considerable expense in help you get ready for a good giving these recitals and that at time this summer by selling you former recitals no charge has the snappiest job you have seen good, we will exchange you a buggy for that. Don't fail to see Higginbotham-the Buggy Man. Yes, we have the Stoves you W. L. Hyatt, W. G. Sherrod, need for your summer cooking. elor returned the first of the att is in the oil game, so get one of our New Perfection Four Burner Oil Stoves and keep up with the procession of good

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We are pressed for time this week, so will tell you something funny next week. One thing we want to impress on you and that is we are after your business. Your friends, -Bryant-Link Co.

A. R. Ballard, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Jayton country, was here Thursday and spent several hours on business. While here Mr. Ballard called at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our growing subscription list for which he has our thanks.

Milton Smith, the eighteen years old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of the Tap country, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital, and we ar glad to note that he is reported doing nicely at this time.

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Easter Festivities Held In Mexico Despite Disturbances There

Year—The Fate of Judas Is Settled Annualy, as He Is Hung In Effigy.

E know nothing in this country of the childlike abandon with which the Mexicans throw themselves into their festivals, both religious and political. These are so many and so long drawn out that American residents have been heard to declare that the Mexican year is composed of 300 feast days and sixty-five working days. Despite the stormy days in Mexico today, the Easter festival will be held this year in all its religious fervor.

The holy week celebration has already got a good start. It really begins on the Friday of Sorrows, the last Friday before Palm Sunday.

Friday of Sorrows is observed in a way that is anything but sorrowful. Early in the morning almost the entire population of Mexico City betakes itself to the banks of the Viga. Festivities are at their height by 7 o'clock and practically over by 10.

Floating Gardens.

The traditional reason for this exodus is to procure flowers to decorate the churches. Farther up the canal are the "floating gardens" of the Indians, and their boats, loaded with a picturesque medley of celery, radishes, poppies, marigolds and brown babies. but the babies, which are not for sale. Bands of music are stationed at intervals; tables are spread in the open air, breakfast of tamales and atole (the latter a sort of cornmeal gruel served as black hair, are braiding palm leaves into intricate patterns for Palm Sunday, and the aristocracy of the capital, who are generally taking their morning sleep at this hour, are out in their over the carriage road, which runs parallel with the canal for some distance, any high born lady. It must have but which is practically deserted all the rest of the year.

Mexico City! Outside the door some to occur more than once in a lifetime. beggars are sunning themselves comfortably, an old woman has her little to a sudden and impressive pause. The humanity. Then the figure was nailed his glory (Isa. ii, 4; xi, 9; xxxvii, 6).

Observance of Holy Week In That played to good advantage, while some Indians are still weaving palm leaves Country the Most Important for any who find themselves palmless Religious Celebration of the at the eleventh hour. Within, a throng of the devout, rich and poor, high and low, kneeling together on the rough board floor, their palms waving above their heads, the dark, devout faces peering through the pale yellow branches as the sonorous Latin prayers float down from the high altar; all this against a background of dim old paintings, rich old gilt and quaint old carvings. The prayers cease at last and the procession of priests retires to the sacristy.

It is something of a retreat at the last to get away from the people who crowd in to brush their palms against the fathers' garments. The crowd disperses slowly, some lingering to dip their palms into the holy water before they take them home and fasten them to the outside of the house, where they are supposed to ward off lightning for

Holy Thursday.

There is no other celebration of any consequence until Holy Thursday. The churches have altars and pictures heavily draped with purple curtains, so that the effect is decidedly "triste." On Thursday afternoon, in the cathedral, there occurs the ceremony of foot washing in commemoration of Christ's washing the feet of the disciples. The bishop is to wash the feet of twelve beggars gathered from the streets of Mexico. The city swarms with beggars, so the bishop has a good assortment from which to choose and he has chosen well. He did not commit the artistic excess of bringing do a thriving business in everything in those travesties on the human form with too few or too many limbsfeatures which so distress the passersby that they fling a penny with avert where you may procure an excellent ed face. Three benches are placed at the foot of the altar so as to form three sides of a hollow square, and a beverage); pretty Indian girls, with here we see the beggars, twelve quite wreaths of poppies adorning their respectable looking old men, wearing decent black clothes and having one foot bare, awaiting the bishop's ministrations. And those feet! What hours of scrubbing and soaking must have been expended to bring them to carriages and drive back and forth this condition of whiteness and purity so that they might almost belong to been an object lesson to the beggars, exhorted the people from the pulpit the and vet, doubtless, they regard it Palm Sunday in the old cathedral of merely as part of an honor too great the soldiers went for it through the

robes, attended by three priests bearing a silver ewer and basin and fine white towels. A few drops of water from the ewer fall on the foot of the nearest beggar, are wiped away, the bishop lightly brushes the spot with his lips and the ceremony is over.

Churches Brilliantly Lighted.

Thursday evening is the time of "los monumentos." Every church is brilliant with lights and every altar is gorgeously decorated with candles, bowls of sprouting wheat, oranges bearing little tinsel flags, everything which ingenuity can suggest, with results varying from barbaric to really beautiful light and color effects. It is represented with life size figures in wood or pasteboard and the leading churches vie with one another in the splendor of their decorations. It is the proper thing to visit seven churches on this evening, just stopping for a prayer at each—a pious pilgrimage which gives one an opportunity to compare the decorations of different altars and also has a good effect on the soul for all the year to come.

Then comes Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, a time of deepest sorrow and gloom. On this day there still lingers in Mexico a rude form of the Passion play given by the Indians, with the assistance of the parish priest. However, this has been more and more restricted by law, until now the church images are used for the leading characters, and even in this modified form it has been forbidden in the federal district, so that one must wander far from the capital to find it. and even then it is uncertain and falling into disuse.

It consists of a whole day long dramatic performance. The play is performed in two acts, the trial before Pilate in the morning and the crucifixion in the afternoon. In the parish church at Tacuba, a village near the City of Mexico, the production was performed for the last time several vears ago.

The church is a beautiful, picturesque old building in a large yard surrounded by a curious old wall of inverted arches. The church is not at all interesting inside, with its shoddy modern decoration-everything an imitation of something it is not.

The stage was the space between the altar rail and the purple curtain which hung before the altar.

The Crucifixion.

The crucifixion did not take place until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to be correct with history. While the priest crowd, which made way as well as stock of rosaries and prayer books dis- bishop approaches—a tall man, hand- to the cross the Roman soldiers han- The whole topic of all Scripture may the revelation of himself.

showing as in the morning that nature was stronger than their dramatic edu-

Never can one forget the awful moment when the nails were driven. The priest paused and the sound of the plows resounded through the building while the people wept softly—it was all so real to them. Then the cross bearing the figure was raised and fastened, the Roman soldiers gambled for the clothes, a sponge was held to the men show up very well indeed. mouth of the image and St.' John was brought to the foot of the cross on one side and the Virgin on the other.

The scenes on the streets of Mexico at Easter, in the public squares and particularly in the Zocalo are of a very different character. The Zocalo is the City of Mexico, bounded on the north by the cathedral, east by National palace, south and west by the portales or covered sidewalks. On festival occasions this open space is occupied by a village of temporary booths, a village which springs up in a night and when the festival is over dissolves and vanishes like a dream.

The Last of Judas.

Canvas, matting and poles are combined to form these rude shelters, which rise with no sound of hammer nor saw, as ropes, leather thongs and wooden pegs do the work of screws and nails. There are certain products which are always on sale at these times, various kinds of sweets, fruit drinks, immense heaps of peanuts, native pottery in great variety, baskets and painted gourds. In addition to these standard wares you will find many booths at each festival devoted to the sale of certain things which pertain to that particular occasion and are never seen at any other time. The specialties of Semana Santa are matracas and images of Judas.

During these days of mourning in the churches the bells are silent and, in their stead, great wooden rattles called matracas are whirled, the sound being produced by an arrangement of

Judas has his day in the church calendar, the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, a day devoted to his annual execution. He has been on sale for several days in every form of hideous caricature, from a little black imp at a cent to life size papier mache figures, with very long noses and very red cheeks. The large images are filled with explosive material and are hung over the heads of the populace in the streets to be exploded at 10 o'clock on the morning of Judas' day. At five minutes before 10 there is a premonitory hush, because every one is fairly holding his breath, waiting for the deluge of sound to follow. Ten o'clock! Judas goes up in smoke, noise and sulphur. The church bells break their silence and ring out as though glad to be released.

The next day Judas is forgotten, though not forgiven, and the churches are full of Easter music, Easter flowers and Easter joy.

Sporting Notes

By SQUARE DEAL.

Will Chance Make Good?

It looks as if Frank Chance was going to be able to put a formidable team in the field this season. As far as batting and base stealing records go, his

Channel, who went to the Yankees

from the Denver club, stole thirtyeight bases and batted .337 in 162 games. In twenty-four games with the Yankees Gilhooley stole six bases and batted .341. Cree stole twentytwo bases and had a batting average central plaza, the very heart of the of .271 in 147 games. Walsh batted .255 and stole fifteen bases in ninetyfour games. In 127 games Wolter had an average of .256 and stole fourteen bases. Cook in the even 100 games he played with Austin hit .305 and stole thirty-seven bases, and in twenty games with the Yankees hit .264 and stole one base. This gave him thirtynine stolen bases for the season and average batting figures of .285. Williams, the big first baseman, batted .259 with Galveston and stole thirtythree bases in 118 games. He played twenty-seven games with New York, stealing six bases and hitting .256. He therefore stole thirty-nine bases and averaged about .258 in hitting for the two leagues. Zeider was lame most of last season and therefore some allowance must be made for his figures of six stolen bases and his batting average of .246. Hartzell hit .259 and stole twenty-six bases, and Peckinpaugh hit 268 and stole nineteen bases. In the International league Maisel stole fortyfour bases and batted .283. In the fiftyone games he played with the Yankees he stole twenty-five bases and hit .257, thus giving himself sixty-nine stolen bases and a batting average of .270 for the season.

If we can take the seven men most likely to play regular positions this year and add to them as a battery Caldwell and Sweeney we get nine men with a team batting average of .280 and capable of stealing 242 bases. Of course these figures include bases stolen and hits made against minor as well as major league pitchers and catchers.

When we consider, however, that the figures are but for nine men and that the whole Giant squad stole 296 bases last year it is a remarkable showing. Chance, of course, will have a lot of other players besides those mentioned above, and some of them may make the team.

Wisconsin's share of boxing receipts for three and a half months under the Hedding boxing law reached \$3,944 with the receipt of a check of \$752 from the state athletic commission. State Treasurer Johnson required the commission to submit a detailed state ment of the receipts of each contest.

In the Sunday School Class

13-35. Golden Text, Rom. viii, 34.

There were five appearances of the risen Christ on the resurrection day, to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to Peter, to these two men and later to the ten (Thomas being absent).

As they talked of him and of the things which had happened Jesus him- xix; Deut. xviii; Ps. xxii; Isa. liii, and self drew near and went with them who can tell how many more. Is it (verses 13-15).

The men asked if he was a stranger, because he did not seem to know the great events of the past few days, and they told him all (verses 19-24), evidently with much sadness and disappointment. They talked as if they had never heard that he was to die and rise from the dead on the third day, though he had repeatedly told them that it would be even so (Luke ix, 22; xviii, 31-34). It is written concerning John, whom Jesus loved, who leaned upon his bosom, that even he, as well as Peter, knew not that Jesus must rise again from the dead (John xx, 9). This should lead us to ask ourselves in all sincerity if we are really believing all that is written concerning his present ministry, his coming again and his kingdom and our share by grace in it all.

He told them that their difficulty was that they did not believe all that the prophets had spoken and were therefore foolish men (verses 25, 26), and that evening he said to the eleven and those gathered with them, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning him (verses 33, 44).

Many of these still unfulfilled prophecies are today wholly neglected or spiritualized into mere nothings. Take for example Israel becoming a righteous nation, Jerusalem the throne of cross had stood near the door. At 4 the Lord, his feet standing again upon the Mount of Olives, the nations ceasing from war, Israel filling the earth

Text of the Lesson, Luke xxiv, be summed up in "the sufferings of Christ and the glory that shall follow" (verse 26 and I Pet. 1, 11), of which he spoke to them as he walked, opening to them the Scriptures and expounding to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself (verses 7, 32). I think we may be certain that he did not fail to expound Gen. iii, 15, 21, 24; xxii, 8; Ex. xii; Lev. xvi; Num. your custom when you read your Bible to pray, Lord, by thy Spirit, open to me this Scripture?

He made as though he would have gone further when they reached the end of their journey, for he does not intrude unless desired. It was not difficult to constrain him to abide, for he is glad to enter every door that is opened to him (verses 28, 29; Rev. iii, 20). As he sat at meat with them he took bread and blessed and broke and gave to them, and he was known of them in breaking of bread (verses 30, 31, 35). He convinced the disciples that it was himself by showing them his hands and feet (verse 39). As they knew him he vanished out of their sight, so shall we do when we shall have obtained our resurrection bodies.

They rose up the same hour and started back to Jerusalem with such a heartburn as they probably had not known before. Compare the inward burning of Ps. xxxix, 3; Jer. xx, 9; Job xxxii, 18-20. The eight mile walk back to the city did not seem long to them, as they no doubt rehearsed all that He had told them. They found the disciples and others gathered together, talking of his resurrection and of how he had appeared to Simon; so they told their wonderful story, and as they spake Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you" (verse 36). The two men were sad as he joined them in their walk, and he cared and spent several hours comforting them by the Scriptures. The and troubled, and he quieted them by

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Uncle Wash Robertson was Sheriff Conner came over Monamong the number of business day from Dickens and spent sevvisitors from the Afton country eral hours in Spur on official busthe first of the week. Uncle iness and incidentally meeting Wash is one of the leading citi- the voters in his campaign for zens and most prosperous farm- re-election to the Sheriff's office. ers of the whole country.

G. W. Jackson, a prominent city Monday from the Spur ranchman and leading citizen of Ranch headquarters and spent the Afton country, was in Spur some time here greeting friends Monday on business and greet- and looking after business mat- she has been visiting relatives. ing his many friends.

H. F. Clay came over Monday from Dickens and spent some from his Alamo Stock Farm time in Spur on business and visiting his sons, W. D. and E. L. spent several hours in the city Midway Sunday. Clay.

for, deliver and guarantee all was in Spur Monday and spent work.—W. S. Hunter. 18tf several hours in the city on busi-Furniture repaired. Will call

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SOLDIER MOUND.

Miss Mabel, John and Frank Wyatt visited Dry Lake Sunday. Mrs. Fred O. McFall spent the latter part of last week with her brother, Charlie Austin of

Bill Holloway and Jake Wyatt left the latter part of last week for Arkansas where they are thinking of buying homes.

Elvin Onyen spent Sunday evening at the home of S. R. Bowman.

We had a nice little musical at Mr. Bolden's Friday night and every one enjoyed themselves

Miss Ruth McKnight spent Sunday evening with Miss Bertha Holloway.

Fainass Fanaly spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kimble.

Talila Wyatt spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Annie Cathey.

Alvin and Ollie Hindman spent Sunday evening at Mr. Hollo-Miss Eula Bowman spent Fri-

Ray and Oma McFall spent

Sunday evening at Mr. Wyatt's. Watch out Kid-a-lude, you will freeze to death if it comes another blizzard like the one we had Friday. - Lone Oak.

NEW HOPE.

Will Cobb, of Afton, had business in Dickens last week.

Miss Mae Wilson has just returned from Floydada where

J. J. Rodgers, of Wichita, has been in our community on busi- sick, but is some better.

Me. coner, of Croton, was at

W. T. Clark, of Comanche county, Texas, is visiting his uncle, W. D. Thacker.

Alex Bilberry was elected as a delegate to the Farmers Union Convention which meets at Houston, Texas.

J. T. Whitaker left last Thurs-Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen-See day for Fayettville, Arkansas, Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas. with a carload of horses.

The Farmers Union have organized at Midway, and elected R. L. Overstreet President.

Miss Hattie Spike's school closed Friday evening with an entertainment. The exercises consisted of some two or three most excellent plays, recitations and quite a number of speeches by the primary grades.

One of the best Singing Conventions ever witnessed in Dickens county was held at Midway Sunday. Through the efforts of Chas. H. Rodgers, its president. was present. He is a most excellent singer and an author of Song-singing. There was plenty of dinner and quite a number of people from different parts of the county. The next meeting will be at Croton. - Oat Meal.

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J. W. Johnson came in Monday from his farm home several miles east and spent an hour or two here trading and greeting

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SOLDIER MOUND.

This is a beautiful spring morning and the farmers are working on their farms.

Misses Josie and Euphie Shipman visited their brothers at Draper last Tuesday, returning to Girard Monday.

Little Bertha Holloway is still

Lonesome Kid von ach what Cecil Bennett was doing up here. I am the one to tell you that he sits around and looks sorry while the other boys entertain the

Miss Ruth McKnight spent Sunday with Bertna Holloway.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall and son visited her brother, Charlie Austin who lives on Cottonwood, last Thursday, returning Sunday

Bill Holloway and Jake Wyatt went off on a wild trip. They say they are going to Arkansas, and they wont be at home until they get there.

Lonesome Kid, what's the matter with all of the Steel Hill kids that they have stopped coming over and enjoying themselves with the Soldier Mound kids?-Little Tommy.

J. F. Smith, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was here Monday buying supplies of the W. T. Clark, of Comanche, Tex., Spur merchants and looking after business.

> J. H. Jones came in Monday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent several hours here on business.



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The Sowing of Alderson Cree A Glance at Current Topics

By MARGARET P. MONTAGUE

A Strong Story of Character Building, With Scenes Laid In the West Virginia Mountains Among a Picturesque People

PROLOGUE.

Alderson Cree, a West Virginia mountaineer, ejects his boarder, Kip Reyerson. Alderson while hunting is shot from behind. He exacts a promise from his young son, David, to kill Reyerson, whom he suspects. After David goes for aid. Alderson relents and prays to live long enough to relieve his son from the promise. Only Martha Lamfire, a character of the mountains, hidden behind the bushes, hears his appeal. Reverson is caught, tried, but acquitted. A forest fire is ravaging the mountains. Judith, wife of Alderson Cree, decides to keep up her home without the assistance of rel-

The Vigilance Committee.

HIS crisis in her life, the killing of her husband, Alderson Cree had brought to Judith some-thing new. Before a woman all gentle yielding and placidity, she was become now one of a hard, almost a fierce determination. But it was a determination waked, not creat ed, by her calamity; unguessed it had lain always at the back of her emotions, only heretofore there had been nothing to call it into being.

Watching her as she came across the yard toward him David felt the change in her with the flashing intuition possessed by some children; felt it and, childlike, stored it in his mind as a fact without fully knowing what it was nor whence it came.

As his mother reached him and started to speak, suddenly, looking past his shoulder, the words died on her lips, her eyes dilated and in her throat was a low sound of fear and loathing as though she had seen a snake, and,

the blue curtain of smoke, he made out Kip Ryerson ascending the hill beside the house, evidently returning to the sawmill after his noon meal. At the sight David dropped the ax he held and, his whole small body stiffening with hate, be went swiftly into the house after his mother.

He found her where she had dropped down on a chair, looking white and shaken, and, walking straight up to her, he laid his rough little hand on din boys with "Git er forked stick an' her shoulder, a show of affection which come on help rake.'

"He sha'n't never go by this house ergin, mammy," he said in a low voice muffled by passion. "Not never ergin

-I promise yer.' His wonderful dark eyes looked at her very young and full of tenderness but about his mouth was a determined

look that was years older. That night Robert Reddin's fences were in danger, and many of the men of the Draft turned out to help him line of fencing down to old man Leatherbee's, where he and his three boys turned out to meet them and carry the path around their own lines and on until it safely joined the broad road leading to the farms on the top of

against the wild fire as they went. The usual dark mystery of the mounof lurid smoke and flame, and its stillness was broken by the shouts of the men as they called scraps of news to one another over the crackle and roar tell yer all," David returned. of the fire; by halloos or an occasional lilt of song, as when Orin Snyder, in ing at him curiously. his usual boisterous spirits, heralded

of his lungs: show er fire I ever seed," he cried jovially. "An' I've seed this ole mountain lit up more'n onct."

"You oughtn't ter talk that kereless way erbout this here fire, Orin," Lloyd Johnson, Alderson Cree's brother-inlaw, broke in complainingly. "I take hit this is er erfliction ther Almighty's sent down on this Draft. An' ef ther Lord's pleased ter send us erfliction hit don't seem right fer folks ter try ter git pleasure out er hit."

"Hit ain't no erfliction ter me yit," Snyder returned buoyantly. "Hit ain't caused more than one man a quick teched er rail er my fencin' so fer.'

"Waal, now, there's jest ther difference," a voice struck in out of the he stepped from his perch and stood nearby shadows; "hit's et up forty panel er Lloyd's back fence, so he natchelly thinks hit's an erfliction on ther whole Draft-or was hit ther Ryerson back ter work at ther mill." whole world you said?" The voice paused in polite inquiry.



"Yer cowards!" he cried. "Every one

George crep' out er his hole ter see hit mus' be groun' hog day, sure fists hard together. nough," cried Snyder, whirling upon the shadows, which revealed the storekeeper seated placidly on a log. Hedrick had no love for fighting fire, but the excitement had drawn away from the store all its usual assembly.

"A-ha!" he returned imperturbably to the circle of firelight directly in front of him; "take er right good look at me an' yer won't see nothin' mo than er man tryin' ter bear erfliction like ther Lord would have him do."

Though up and down the fire line panter to one another, yet when the most ran back into the house. David drew together in close knots the talk spun round to look. There, through turned always on Kip Ryerson and his acquittal.

Men were wise when they dropped their voices in talking of Kip Ryerson for fear David might be present some where in the shadows. was right, for early in the evening saw him seated twenty yards or so back of the firing line watching the activity before him, but taking no part in it. When he had first come he had been hailed by one of the small Red-

David demanded.

"We's jest goin' ter rake round Pap py's fences down ter ole man Leatheree's an' then fire an' leave one er two fellers ter see hit don't break over. Reckon we'll be through by 10," the other answered, and one saw that the chief burden of affairs lay upon his young shoulders.

As it neared 10 o'clock and the men were gathering in groups preparatory fight fire. With rakes and forked to going home, David rose and crept sticks they swept a path along all his to the head of the path, and a man raking carelessly there to make everything secure was startled by a pair of blazing eyes and a small white face which came out of the gloom.

"Why, hello, Davy!" he said in a voice a little shaken, for there was Drupe mountain, while the other men something sudden and unusual in the turned back along the path firing boy's appearance. David walked straight up to him.

"Will yer come down ter Mr. Redtain was changed that night to a blaze din's hay barn in the near field when yer git done here?" he demanded. "What fer?"

"Fer ter hear something I've got ter

The man hesitated a moment, look

"I reckon," he said at length. And his approach with a snatch of "Old satisfied, David passed on down the Dan Tucker," shouted out at the top path, bringing the same request to each man he came to. Some tried to "I be dogged ef it ain't ther finest argue and question him; some were half angry, and some-but there were something in the boy's manner and in view of the recent happenings, they one and all came down to the old hay barn, their lanterns swinging circles of light about their legs and the burning mountain at their back sending a

faint glow after them. David waited their coming in silence, seated on an abandoned piece of farm machinery. A strangely small and wistful little figure, the sight of whom | ter say so.' stab of pity.

When at length they were all there up before them.

simply, "that McAdams has took Kip The men were silent at his words, shuffling their feet and looking down;

The Life of a Willful Boy Who Set Upon Himself the Responsibility of Avenging His Father's Murder :: ::

it was no news to most of them. David waited a moment, watching their impassive faces in surprise.

"He went by our house this mawn in'; my mammy seen him," he said surely that they would understand. Still the men were silent. Suddenly it dawned upon him with an overwhelming astonishment that these men knew Kip Ryerson had been taken back at the mill-knew it and had not raised one word in protest.

"Did you all know hit?" he said slowly, in bewilderment. "Did you know McAdams had took him back?

There was such a hurt and stinging reproach in his voice that none of the men found anything to reply, save Lloyd Johnson.

"Ther law says Kip ain't guilty," he was moved to venture in defense.

David caught his breath sharply and

"You know he's guilty!" he flung back, his head up and nostrils quivering. He regarded the still silent group a moment longer, half hopeful-"Waal, I'll be dogged of here ain't ly; then, as there was no response, a sudden white flame of anger leaped up what er little work looks like; reckon in his face and he beat his clinched

"Yer cowards!" he cried. "Every one er yer's cowards, cowards! Yer know Kip Ryerson killed my pappy, what was a good friend ter all er yer. Stole up on him an' shot him in ther back. Yer know he done hit. Every one er yer knows he done hit! And yit yer let him go on stayin' right here cos ther ain't one er yer's got ther sand ter run him out. Yer 'fraid er 'Fraid er him! Every one er yer's 'fraid er him an' 'fraid er Ed McAdams, cos yer might lose yer job

beating his hands together at each word. "'Fraid, 'fraid!"— Suddenly his voice broke in its shrillness and choked away into silence. Panting, he stood before them, a shaken little figure, swallowing hard, his eyes wide and bright with tears and his breath coming in long quivers, and more than one man dropped his eyes, ashamed to stare at the child's bared emotion. For only a moment he stood thus, fighting down his tears; then with a hard caught breath he took hold upon himself, and when at length he spoke again his voice was low and perfectly steady, and for a flash his soul looked out of his eyes.

"I'll be er man some day myself," he said simply, "an' then I'll not be askin' help of any of yer." And turning with his head high and his hands still clinched, he went away into the dark, comforting arms of the night, a proud, defeated little figure.

For a space silence held the group of men, then with a quick, stern gesture George Hedrick pulled his hat hard down over his eyes.

"I'll not sleep ternight," he cried, 'till ther Draft's clear er that devil!" With a whoop Orin Snyder caught up his lantern. "I'm with yer!" he cried. "Dogged of I ain't, too," Robert Reddin cried. And inspired by these three, in a moment the men burst out of the shed like a wave, heading for McAdams' house, even Lloyd Johnson following in the rear. On the way they overtook David, and Orin Snyder flung his great arm around the boy's neck and swept him on with the crowd. Arrived at McAdams' Robert Reddin to that fact. In it they say: and Orin went inside, and after a

"What der yer come here fer er draggin' me out er my bed?" he screamed.

in a cursing fury of rage.

"We come here," said George Hedrick, stepping quietly up to him, "ter tell ver that this here little Draft ain't only a few-laughed. But because of big ernough ter hold you an' us both, an' ther sooner you clear out er hit ther better fer you."

"Who's ter say so?" Ryerson cried defiantly.

Hedrick turned to the group at his back and, little man though he was, there was suddenly something superb

"Who's ter say so?" he cried. "Fellers, step up here an' let him see who's

At his words the men surged forward out of the gloom and spread up the steps and on to the porch of Mc-Adams' house, holding up their lanterns so that the light fell on their "I want ter tell yer all," he said determined faces. And as Ryerson recognized man after man he knew, the angry scarlet of his face fell to a sickly shade of gray.

[To be continued.]

Coxey's Army Again to March. New York, April 7.—General Jacob S. Coxey, who in 1894 made a name for himself when he headed a mighty army of the unemployed that started from all ections of the country to march to Washington, is getting ready to repeat he performance, and if his plans don't miscarry the second Coxey's army will begin its advance on Washington on he morning of April 16. The day set s the general's sixtieth birthday, and is "On to Washington!" is to be his pirthday gift to the nation.

As in 1894, the army will "hike" by divisions and will represent all parts of the country, from points as far east as Boston, as far west as Seattle, as



Photo by American Press Association. General Jacob S. Coxey Will Lead Unemployed to Washington.

far south as New Orleans and as far north as Detroit. The division that the commander in chief will personally lead will be assembled in Massillon, O., the home town of General Coxey The general has made arrangements for a monster division of hapless men sembles in front of the capitol at Washington and lays its grievances before the authorities.

Longer Period of Egg Rolling.

Washington, April 6.—President Wilon could hold office for life if juvenile Washington had its way, for there is jubilation among the children as it is intimated that on Easter Monday the White House grounds will again be kept open two and one-half hours beyond the regular time for the annual egg rolling pranks.

Before President Wilson became the nation's chief the sloping lawn of the White House had been at the disposal of the children for four hours, from 9 to 1 o'clock. This year the gates will not be closed until 3:30 or perhaps even later.

The egg rolling on Easter Monday in the White House grounds is an institution that draws hundreds of children and as many more hundreds of adults to watch the frolic. It has been the custom for the president and his wife to visit among the romping children some time during the morning, and both Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Taft appeared to enjoy the observance.

Observing Shakespeare's Birthday. New York, April 6.—April 23 will be the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth President Churchill and City Superin tendent Maxwell have sent a circular to the public school principals throughout the greater city calling attention

We suggest that this is an eminently fitting opportunity to direct the attention of our pupils to his plays as standing, by short delay brought out Kip Ryerson the common consent of mankind, in foremost rank of poetic and dran compositions. We suggest, further, the most effective way to accomplish this end is to have pupils learn by heart striking passages and dialogues and to recite them before school or class on that day or to sing in chorus some of the lyrics We trust that the time devoted to the

> Under the supervision of the director of music, Dr. Rix, the children will rehearse choruses in some of Shakespeare's lyrics to be sung at the celebration at the Ward statue of Shakespeare in the Mall, Central park, under Prince Henry of Prussia Visits South the auspices of the Shakespeare Club of New York city.

States Co-operate to Prevent Waste. Spokane, Wash., April 6.+Possibilities for utilization of fruits and vegeasserted that from 25 to 60 per cent of German trade.

such products in the northwest are wasted.

The plan is that byproducts factories shall be established wherever the investigation indicates they will be profitable. Many communities have established such factories as co-operative enterprises. It is the intention of the committee to ascertain the reason why some have succeeded and others failed, so that success may be made the

A feeling has developed that much of the northwest land has become so high priced that it is difficult to buy t and make a living from it under present conditions. In many localities the large waste is caused by lack of market. The committee hopes that the byproducts factories not only will turn this waste into profit for the producer, but that it will provide employment for many persons.

Pouring a City of Concrete Houses. Midland, Pa., April 7.—A small city

of concrete houses is being poured here by the Pittsburgh Crucible Steel company for its employees. The houses, two stories in height, are of four rooms each and cost complete about \$1,100 each. This includes a charge of \$25 to cover the expense of the forms, which represent an expenditure of about \$3,000.

Clean looking, with white exteriors, the houses are plain, but far from unattractive in appearance. Across the front of each home extends a railed concrete porch, from which three steps lead to the lawn. The front door opens directly into the living room, 15 by 16½ feet, from which is taken the space which is required for a three foot stairway leading to the upper floor. Back of the living room is a kitchen 15 by 151/2 feet. The dividing partition is of solid concrete and contains the chimney, which extends through the roof.

Of the \$1,100 that each house costs when complete as to woodwork, electric lights, plumbing and painting the abor item is about \$300.

The four room houses can be rented for \$5 a month and at such price show a reasonable return on the investment.

"Man to Mosquito to Man."

Washington, April 7.—"Man to mos quito to man" is the chain of life of federal public health service, and to prevent malaria it is necessary to break the chain somewhere, it announced in a statement recently.

The mosquito is not born with the malarial germs, but to get them must first bite a person who has them in his blood. "Man infects the mosquito," the statement asserts, "and the mosquito in turn infects man."

Heavy Loss by Chestnut Plague. Concord, N. H., April 7.-Standing chestnut timber worth more than a million dollars is threatened with de-struction this year by the rapid advance of the chestnut bark disease in southern New Hampshire.

The state forestry department today urged owners of timber land to cooperate in fighting the plague.

Following Trail of Colonel Roosevelt. Berlin, April 5.—There is talk in high commercial and diplomatic circles here to the effect that the trip of Prince Henry of Prussia, brother to the kaiser, to South America is a mission of commercial and political importance.



America to Advance German Trade.

The relations of Germany with the Argentine Republic, which are particularly warm, are to be extended to Chile and Brazil.

It is believed that the sending of the tables such as are now wasted in kaiser's brother on this mission is in-Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Mon- tended to offset the trip of Colonel tana are being investigated by a com- Roosevelt, in addition to counteracting mittee appointed at the fruit products | the French propaganda in South Amercongress held here in November. It is ica, which is thought to be injuring

The Weekly Farm Budget

Should Not Be In Same Pen With Fattening Hogs.

FARROWING TIME HANDLING.

The Bed or Nest Should Consist of a Small Amount of Straw or Chaff. Make No Changes In Feed Right Be-

Corn, the great fattening feed, which has made possible the great development of the pork industry, is so handy that we feed entirely too much of it

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NEIGHS.

Regularity of feeding and work makes long lived horses.

In fitting horses for hard work increase the grain ration, but not

Horses should never be made to eat moldy hay, as nothing is worse in leading to worrying, whistling and other derangements of the wind.

Money makes the mare go, but perfect fitting harness helps a whole lot.

Who ever heard of a horse getting thrush if his stable and feet

DUCKS OF AMERICA.

Most Prominent Species Are the Peking and Indian Runner.

American quack society, exclusive of humans, consists of the Peking, Indian Runner, Aylesbury, Rouen, Cayuga, East India, Call, Blue Swedish, Muscovy and Crested.

They all descended from the wild mallard except the Muscovy, a native thy, running in for glove thread, "that of South America and the only duck awful hat!" that nests and roosts in trees

America's most prominent ducks are the Peking and Indian Runner, and they head the waddler procession because of peculiar, practical characteris-

The Peking, origin China, has been changed by American experts into the finest market duck in the world. It is large, long bodied, wide backed, broad breasted, deep keeled, of elevated carriage in front, sloping toward rear and is well rounded all around. It is a fast grower, easily forced for market, hardy, reaching in adults twenty-five pounds to the pair, and when well fed presents a most beautiful golden vel low carcass, and it is also an excellent layer of big eggs. It is a creamy white in color, and a flock of big Pekings on green sod is certainly a fine sight. The Peking is the exclusive duck on all the large duck plants of this country.

The Indian Runner; origin India, as its name implies, is not a waddler. It runs, and the way it has run into prominence in this country is remarkable. Its color is fawn and white. It is about half the size of the Peking, has the same yellow carcass, is of delicate flesh and delicious flavor, but its peculiar and remarkable characteristic is its ability to lay an abundance of eggs the year around.

It is called the "Leghorn of the duck family," and well is it named, for there are few flocks of hens that can outdistance this quack on eggs and many that it puts into the shade.

The real Runner lays a large white egg much on the style of the Minorca, and when sold "accidentally on purpose" for the latter epicures declare them the most delicious Minorca eggs they ever ate.

When Calves Have Ringworm.

For ringworm in calves scrub and scrape the spot perfectly free from es and scaps and then rub in some iodine ointment. Repeat the application each other day and the trouble will soon subside. Isolate the calf, as the disease is contagious. Clean up, disinfect, whitewash, perfectly ventilate and sunlight the stable, as ringworm is due to a vegetable parasite (Tricophyton tonsurans) which lives on damp walls and woodwork in insanitary stables as well as on animals.

Examine Mouth of Straw Fed Horse. Horses' mouths should be examined regularly once a week when feeding push to the front. on wheat straw. The beards from the grain ball up in the horse's mouth and penetrate the gums, sometimes causing the animal to have a very sore mouth, and it refuses to eat. The hard | hand enthusiastically. clots are easily removed. A change of feed occasionally for a day helps to Mason's nephew, you know. I think I keep the horses' mouths free from | spoke of him after her house party."

That Awful Easter Hat

By LUCINDA I. ELLIS

wear that hat, are you?" Mildred had tragedy in her

"What, mother, dear," cried Doro-

"Exactly."

"On Easter Monday!" they chimed. "Now, see here," said their mother, whose hat is this?"

"Oh, it's not mine," said Mildred. 'I'll not dispute ownership."

"Don't you want granny to see your lovely new Easter hat with the flowers and the plumes?" coaxed Dorothy. "I don't care to spoil the plumes, and it looks like rain. There's a dripping fog now.

"I think it'll clear," said Mildred hopefully as she pinned on a big plumy hat of her own-gray-blue, like

"I can't see why you girls care so much about this hat today. In the first place, it's an all right hat; in the next place, it will be howlingly stylish for grammy's metropolis; in the third place, we shall see no one we know except grammy, whose affection is not dependent on hats; in the fourth place," she added after a silent moment spent in adjusting her veil, "I'm going to wear it, so you may as well save your splutters.'

In the ferryboat they found a seat for her, but had to stand themselves. "I can't see," murmured Mildred, 'why mother will wear that beast of

"She looks precisely like the head of the biological department," responded Dorothy under cover of mournful sounds from the fog bell.

"Something's got to happen to it," returned Mildred with spirit. "But today! You can't think, Dot, how perfectly elegant he is. I think 'elegant' is a rather cheap word, but I can't think of a single other one that will describe him. Oh, yes, I can, toothoroughbred, that's what he is."

"Well, of all elegant, thoroughbred ways to meet a girl's mother!"

aunt a day soonerwhole party up there was for him- person, you know.' and he said he just couldn't wait a day longer, so at last I told him we were going away, but if I happened to her youthful, clear brown eyes. She see him in the station I'd present him. And now she has on that hat!"

"Humph!" said Dorothy. "You'd better spend a little time thinking what sort of an impression he'll make on the 'little mother.'

"I've been lying awake nights over that, never fear," responded Mildred.

The boat thumped up into the slip, and they joined their mother in the

They found themselves a few minutes early, and as they stood waiting I pened that the Salvation Army for the gates to open a tall young man rushed by to Mildred and seized her

"Mamma, this is Frank Shipley, Mrs.

H. mamma, you're not going to I'y reviewed all her daughter had said anent this most eligible nephew of her own old friend.

"I think you did," she said as she gave him her hand. "Are you going to the country, too, for the Easter hol-

"I'm running down to Salem-a bit of business.

"Oh, you're taking our train, then?" "Am I? How jolly!"

The gates opened then, and he possessed himself of a wrap and an umbrella she was carrying, helped them all on, located her, found a seat for the girls and then dropped down beside Mrs. Bronson a few seats behind her daughters. And if he watched every turn of Mildred's brown head it did not prevent devoted attention to her mother. He kept up a lively chatter until the train had left Woodbury. She led him to talk of himself. She heard of his life in the west, of his college in the east, of his two years abroad, of his plans to go west again almost at once and go on with the work his father's dying hand had laid down a year before and which he felt was waiting for him. "Mrs. Bronson," he said suddenly, "I want to ask you

something.' She looked at him keenly.

"I want Mildred to marry me. 1 want to take her back with me. I feel as if my life was just beginning. and I want her to begin it with me. May I ask her?"

"You haven't already done it?" "She knows I care a lot," he flushed guiltily, but he gazed honestly back into her eyes. "The house party did it. It seems a short time-a weekbut when you live right in the house with a girl and see her day and night

for that time it's long enough." Mrs. Bronson sighed.

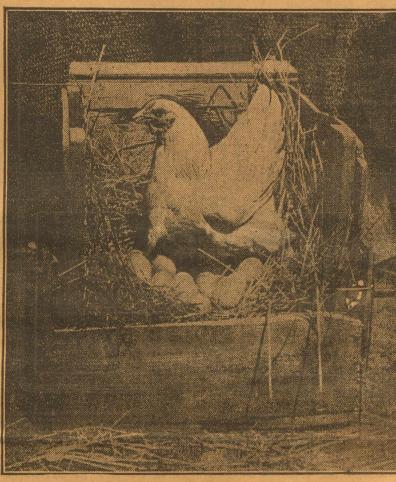
"I've been awfully afraid to ask you. It's so much to ask for, and, besides, I've been afraid of you. My aunt told me you were quite imposing -tremendously stylish, and so on. You can't think how relieved I was when I saw you. I believe," he blundered "He just couldn't get away from his on-"I believe it's your hat. You're an awfully—an awfully homey looking

A deeper color shone in Mrs. Bron son face and a swift gleam lighted leaned forward and called softly. Mildred rose and came back to her.

"Send Dorothy here to me," said her mother, "and take your young man away. I'll have no such stalwart fooking man say I look motherly to him. And he is making remarks about my hat. Maybe you can persuade him to go to Salem another day and get off at the Farms for dinner with us. Bu' take him away, do."

The girls never knew how it hapsoon fell heir to the runabout hat, but after the wedding, as Frank and Mildred were speeding toward their new home in the west, Frank suddenly burst out, "No, sir, I don't see how I should ever have had the courage if The mind of Mildred's mother quick- it hadn't been for that hat!"

An Easter Lay



Small, very deep or public nests mean mixed eggs and omelet.

Try the style shown. It is O. K. and twenty-one inches every way. Fill with wheat straw. Let Biddy shape it for eggs, let hen out once a day for feed and return her before eggs are cold and expect a big hatch if

Better test eggs the seventh day to be sure of fertility, and set two hens at same time to be sure of one full hatch at least, one to be set over in case

Where should nest be located?

Not in the damp, where hens get intestinal colds; not on high, where they

Cut out that damp cellar fad and sod from the bottom of the nest, for under natural incubation eggs get little outside moisture and that most from the hen, so give Biddy a clean, quiet nest on a dry floor and have no empty nests around for her to get into by mistake. Lastly, treat Biddy well

Handle her gently, keep her free from lice, furnish a sunny dust bath for her to roll in, feed her lots of whole corn, flanked with sharp grit and pure water, and she will have an undisturbed digestion.

Under such conditions incubation is no strain, but a rest cure. It assures a big hatch of dandy chicks and a mother in fine fettle to raise them to a splendid maturity.

to the breeding animal. Corn is too deficient in protein to make a good feed for the brood sow. The sow developing a litter must have an abundant supply of protein in the feed, says the Kansas Farmer

The brood sow should never be kept in the same pens with fattening hogs. It is not necessary nor desirable that the sow should be kept in a poor or emaciated condition. The supplying of feeds containing larger amounts of protein, such as oats, bran, oilmeal and last, but not least, all the alfalfa hay she will consume, will keep the sow in a strong, thrifty condition. Where an abundance of alfalfa hay is kept constantly before breeding sows there is probably little necessity for the use of the grains or concentrates suggested. Our most successful hog men have long made a practice of keeping alfalfa hay constantly before the brood sows. This practice invariably results in strong, lusty pigs.

As farrowing time approaches the sow should be placed in the pen by herself three or four days before the pigs are due to arrive. The bed or nest should consist of a small amount of straw or chaff, and if the litter is coming early in the season the house should be good and warm. No changes should be made in the feed immediately preceding farrowing. The mistake most commonly made is to feed the sow too heavily immediately after the pigs are farrowed. The danger to avoid is too heavy feeding at this time. The first twenty-four hours the sow should receive no grain whatever, but should be supplied with all the warm water she can drink. The feeding for the first three or four days should be very light, gradually working up to heavier feeds as the pigs get older and

FINE WOOLED SHEEP.

Feed Animals a Limited Quantity of Food, but of a Dry Character.

The climate has an important influence upon sheep raising. There are seme sections of the country where fine wooled sheep can be raised to bet ter advantage and other sections where mutton sheep produce the greatest

profits, says the Iowa Homestead. In order to develop a good coat of wool an animal must not be limited in the quantity of food, but the food should be of a dry character. Wool of the finest staple and produced in the greatest quantity with the least amount of work is obtained when the follow ing considerations are met:

Good, fine wooled stock must be had to begin with. In the second place, the sheep must be grown in a warm climate. In the third place, dry, nutritious herbage must be provided, and in the last place a dry soil must be had on which the sheep may run.

It is apparent, then, that an arid country is best for raising fine wooled sheep. Experiments in many parts of the world have proved that this is the case. Where there is a great deal of dampness the fine wooled sheep do not do well. They do not thrive as they should and they do not produce wool of the highest quality.

This is the big reason why Australia is so popular as a sheep breeding country. The arid climate in certain parts of Australia seems to be just exactly right for the production of fine wool. In fact, some go so far as to say that this is the best place in the world for raising fine wooled sheep.

There are several sections of the cal but once. United States, however, which have make heavier demands on the sow for climates much resembling that of Australia.

Social Burdens. "Did Miss Brown bring her music

this evening?" "And I understand that young lady who came with her always plays her

"Yes."

"Then I suppose there's nothing to be done now except for some of us to coax her to sing."-Detroit Free Press.

Just Like That!



"They knocked down the form which held your article on electricity. "Well, they simply turned it into current 'pi.' "-Baltimore American.

Saving. "I never saw my daughter economi-

"How did that happen?" "She was buying candles for her birthday cake."-Kansas City Journal. -Baltimore American.

Mary Had an Easter Hat.

Mary had an Easter hat With brim of purple straw, nd everywhere that Mary w'Twas but the hat you saw.

Giving Happiness

It quite obscured her pretty face, It was so very wide, And trimmed with flowers, fruits and

And other things beside.

She wore it to the car one day, A risky thing to do, or when she tried to pass the door

The hat could not get through. So then the "con" made her get off And said she couldn't ride,
But Mary only laughed and said,
"I'm glad the sidewalk's wide."
—Edward W. Lowrey.

Hardly Worth Bothering About. He-I never saw anything like this tide. Here I've been pulling steadily for ten minutes and we don't seem to have moved a foot.

She (after a pause)-Oh, Mr. Stroker, I've just thought of something! The anchor fell overboard a short time ago, and I forgot to tell you. Do you suppose it could have caught on something?"-Philadelphia Ledger.

How Could He Be?

Tom-Your boss is a contradictory sort of man. Bob-How so?

"Why, he said you were his right hand man." "So I am."

"Go on! You're left handed."-Yonkers Statesman.

"We want to present a fine dog to our pastor. What breed would you select?" "Why not give him a shepherd dog?"

Evidence Too Convincing. "I see they are thinking of putting

Boost

meters on the telephone. "It will only cause trouble."

"My wife will insist every month that she never said that much."-Detroit Free Press.

"Good Fellows."



"I thought you and he were friends?"

"But I saw you the other night when you had your arms around each other.' "That wasn't friendship. We were merely going over the story we intended to tell our wives so that it would hang together."-Chicago Record-Her-

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

> 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 cuttiug.

> 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 tresspassers 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 night. 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

Isaac O. Newton (re-election) For District and County Clerk: Cephus Hogan

C. C. Cobb (re-election) For Tax Assessor:

T. J. Harrison (2nd term)

E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector J. B. Conner

T. Wyly Morgan G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge:

O. S. Ferguson (2nd term) For County Treasurer:

B. A. Crego (re-election) J. B. Yantis

at this time.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here paid | rap. the Texas Spur office a fraternal He reports everything moving along nicely in Dickens

J. T. Bural, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur this week.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

has had a howling success in school work and also in the Lit-day from Sweetwater where he erary Societies.

Friday night missed something several weeks. fine. The debate was good, and Steel Hill can say that they have midst Sunday. There must be won a debate fairly now, while some attraction here for Clyde. it was very difficult to talk under the circumstances.

an able sermon at Duck Creek

Top Hawkins looks fine over

Willie Hagins made a fl, ing trip to Girard Sunday, but did not return so fast.

A large number of Gilpin people were in Spur Saturday on

business. But-This to you sweet Maiden Vine, I would: I would: you ever mine. This to you Dear Kid-a-lude.

I quite suspect you're a dude. This to you Old Rambling Bill, Your items are enough to kill. I'm sorry for you Lonesome Kid,

But I like your items and always did. This to you Little Tommy, Your notes are sweet but rather gommy. Here is to you Dear Friend Oat Meal,

Put more vigor in your speil. But here is to you Dear Old Onion. Your items stand out like a bunion.

Now dear friends, if at any time you choose to answer this in rhyme, it will not bother me a

Yours for fun, - A school Chap.

TAP TELLINGS.

Blow wind blow And raise all kind of dust. We've been here before And you can't bother us.

If Uncle John Henson's maize don't show up pretty soon, the Plainview Monday.

Chinamen may drive fat horses Alas! Gilpin has awoke, and next fall, for it's going that way.

H. C. Parsons returned Saturwent to meet his father who ac- And a "norther" on a tare. All who missed the Literary companied him home to spend

Clyde Davis was seen in our at Midway Sunday.

Brit Lippincot has resigned his position with the dog outfit Rev. W. B. Bennett preached and returned to the land of pretty girls and amusements he likes

Owing to the rains our Literhis fighting and debating Friday ary was not pulled off Friday but we are expecting a fine time next Friday night. Everybody come that can. They've pulled ye scribe into it and you may know it will be amusing.

> T. L. Dozier will have roasting them. ears over in the sand.

Judge Ferguson was here last week visiting the schools and looking after his political inter-

Three schools and communities | Give the Texas Spur the readers, came together Sunday at Gyp | 'Twill help him in his fight. Springs. A fine dinner was spread as usual on such occasions and it was hard for ye scribe to tell which was the best pie or cake, as he sampled most of them. In the afternoon the Easter hunt came off which was the childrens delight.

John Henson's daughter, of Dallas, is visiting them this

A fine girl has come to live with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pirkle. The young lady arrived Sunday

Come on brethren with the Rural Route. We need the connection. - Kid-a-lude.

Sol Davis and wife motored to

DRAPER GLEANINGS.

Well! well! After we had "doffed" our winter clothes And donned our summer wear

Here comes another snowstorm

attended the Singing Convetion

Prentiss Counts and Frank

Wright went to Spur the latter his friends of the city. part of last week. Planting crops is the para-

mount issue with the farmers of had business in Spur Monday this neighborhood, but when to and spent several hours here commence, owing to the weather, greeting his friends. is giving us some trouble.

Our honorable contemporary, Who puts our name in rhyme, And proceeds to boost our Editor In poetry grand and fine; Should have "boosted" up the paper, For our Editor is alright;

For the upbuilding of our country, Is our Editor's only dream; And building public schools and churches, Will ever be his theme. Then let us be up and helping With poetry, prose and poem; Until we know the Texas Spur A large number of Draperites Is read in every home.—Rambling Bill.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Uncle Bill Perrins gave the Monday from his Cat Fish farm young folks an Easter egg hunt and ranch home and spent some time here trading with the merchants and shaking hands with

> H. C. Peterson, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country,

Mr. Crosby, an extensive farm-Our Literary meets Friday er and stock-raiser of the Plains night, the 17th. Everybody country, was among the number come and bring somebody with of business visitors in Spur Mon-

> J. E. Cherry, of several miles south, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

> R. L. Collier was a business visitor to Fort Worth last week, returning Sunday.

Let Uncle Sam Help

YOU can do your banking by mail if you care to do so. Let Uncle Sam do the work when you are too busy. It is easier than going to the bank and just as safe and satisfactory. Send in your checks and drafts on other banks. We will at once credit your account and mail you a duplicate deposit slip. Don't carry around checks waiting until you come to town. You may lose out. Get the money placed to your credit promptly. out. Get the money placed to your credit promptly, where it is subject to your check.

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

Fashion and Care of the Home

Bunnies and Chicks Form Interesting Auxiliaries to Easter Decorations Inexpensive and Attractive Ones May



A jolly way of celebrating the Easter week is to give a party for the little folks. There are so many ways of delighting them at this season. Easter bunnies, eggs and flowers all lend their charm to the season. An egg or rabbit hunt will fill almost the entire afternoon with pleasant excitement. The most delightful ideas may be carried out by the hostess, and table decprations that please and delight may be fashioned of crape paper. The attractive pieces known ordinarily as Jack Horner's pies are at this season converted into rabbits' nests. Illustrated here is an attractive table decoration in the form of a well. Around it cluster Easter chicks and rabbits. The eggs or Easter gifts may be placed inside the well. Ribbon streamers attached to souvenirs may be carried to each plate.

THE EASTER TABLE.

Attractive Novelties For Its Embellishment Are Shown In the Shops.

Much artistic ingenuity is now manifested in the designing of Easter table decorations. Just at present the decorations in the way of flowers, cenmade entirely of candy are especially striking. The designs are varied so that the hostess can make her selection with due regard to appropriateness to the vernal season and the pre-dominating color in the decorative scheme of the table.

The various pieces are entirely of candy, which is so made that it acquires a satin, glosslike appearance and is skillfully manipulated into all sorts of ornamental shapes. Flowers Jet is much used and an imitation callare daintily fashioned in candy as perfectly as are the artificial ones used comes in exquisite iridescent tones of in millinery. Large shapes serve as centerpieces.

Imagine an Easter hat in the most approved fashionable broad, flat shape of pale green, garlanded with a wreath of white roses—all made of candy! A lily plant in bloom is realistically reproduced. A large, picturesque, yellow basket decorated with daffodils is entirely of candy, the plaited effect of the straw and the sunny hues of the flowers being surprisingly true to the originals.

Ice cream holders of candy are in pretty designs, such as single flowers or dainty little hats in pink, having long ribbon bows tied at one side. The crown is filled with the delicate mistlike spun sugar. On this ice cream is laid, usually in the shape of a small fruit.

THE EASTER HAT. Ribbon and Flowers Figure Prominently In Its Adornment.

The new ribbons used for bows on Easter hats are very wide and of a particularly heavy quality, especially rich faille, but there are also moires. terpieces, servers, favors and souvenirs | which are not confined to the greater widths. Ribbons are often placed very high on the hat. Flower and feather trimmings of various sorts are used with them. Some of the smartest hats are made entirely of ribbon or of all over silk.

The use of ornaments in the new millinery is very pronounced, and no ribbon, tulle or lace trimming seems complete without a buckle, dagger motif or some such sort of adornment. ed "colored jet." The latter material blue, rose, green and gold and is used for innumerable smart and effective ornamental motifs. The use of rather large headed hatpins with short points is a new idea. These hatpins are ornaments in themselves and are made of various sorts of jet spangles, beads, fruits and feathers.

Velvet, satin and taffeta are all to be used in combination with straw. The straw may form the outside of the brim and crown or only trim the grown, with facing of velvet or silk. Another idea is a crown of ribbon with a brim of straw or velvet facing, or there may be a straw brim, with a grown of black or colored taffeta in radiating plaits.

All cooked food should be thoroughly cooled before placing in the icebox.

EASTER SOUVENIRS.

Be Made at Home.

A bookmark is a pretty Easter gift, made of a strip of heavy water color paper about two and a half inches wide and six or seven long. A single flower with a long step is painted on this slip, the lower petals cut out so that the flower is raised at that point.

The edges of the card should be gilded or silvered and "Easter" lettered in pretty type at the bottom of the book mark. Another style is the envelope corner, cut so that a petal of a violet or pansy extends over the line of the triangle, where the envelope is cut. The fashionable illuminating, if the worker be skilled in lettering, can be done. Some quotation from an Easter poem or prose selection can be outlined in small letters, with an initial at the head, traced from a newspaper or advertisement.

This can be made into a pretty design by the addition of stray flowers or symbols also traced from some artistic ad. in magazine or newspaper. and then a number of duplicates can be made from a gelatin ped upon squares or panel shaped pieces of water color paper. Different colored inks come for this reproduction work, but the ordinary kind of writing ink can-not be used. Very pretty effects can be obtained with violet ink for the lettering and outlines of violets grouped around it, to be filled in with color. Red outlines for berries and leaves, inclosing a line of an Easter poem, are

LITTLE GIRLS' FROCKS.

Serge Is a Popular Material For Simple Easter Dresses.

Fine serge is a favorite fabric for girls' Easter frocks, and all the best designs are as simply made as possible. A charming style for girls in their early teens has a narrow plain skirt with a deep hem, a simple bodice with two rows of buttons applied to give a wide plastron effect. The neck is cut in a tiny V shape outlined with a narrow band of black velvet, and a sash of black charmeuse is fastened in front toward the left side with a long tasseled end.

A picturesque frock for little girls has a short waisted Magyar bodice of liberty velvet, with a plisse chemisette of union or crepe de chine and a skirt of Indian cashmere to match, eased on

The Final Tolling By Charles R. Miller

in which there are the remains of as one reads of in ancient lore. a tower that dates back to the beginning of the fifteen century. At that time clocks began to be used, and this old tower held one of the then new devices for marking time. The

timepiece that was set up in the top of this ancient fortress was cumbersome, as all mechanical contrivances are when they are first invented. There was a great deal of heavy iron and oaken supports, but these conduced to its long life.

For 300 years it struck the hour, but after the expiration of the third century of its being it got out of order was not repaired. For half a century longer it remained in its perch, and those inhabiting the castle dared not go under it, fearing that at any time it might come down.

The last person to inhabit this Andalusian antiquity was one of the dukes of Veragua, a descendant of Columbus, the discoverer of America. It had been given him by one of the kings of Spain as a reward for the services of his distinguished ancestor. The clock had struck for the last time on the day the duke was born. It was the next day-so runs the legend-that it got out of order. A man was sent up to fix it, but returned without doing so, reporting that the damage had been done by one of the supports rotting away and letting down one side of the clock. Later the staircase lead ing up to it fell, and from that time the clock remained out of reach.

The duke lived to enter upon his eightieth year. During this long period the clock remained upon the tower, its heavy iron parts rusting away. Now and again a rotted landing or a piece of staircase would fall, but the iron parts of the clock remained entire. The minute hand finally rusted away and fell to the ground. It was longer than the tallest man. Persons gathered about it and wondered at its size

One night after the duke had entered upon his eightieth birthday those inhabiting the castle and those surrounding it were awakened by the deep toned stroke of a bell. To those within the castle walls the sound seemed to come from above; to those round about it seemed to come from different directions. One said from the east, another from the west, another from up on the heights above, another from the valley below. Every one listened for a secwheezy clangs which seemed to come complete ruin.

N Andalusia, Spain, stands a ruin | from the throat of some monster, such

Then when there came no more strokes every one in the castle turned out into the court, and there was a babel of voices discussing from whence the sounds could have come. An old man, whose youth had been passed in superstitious times, ventured to assert that either angel or devil had resuscitated the old clock and some momentous event had been foretold. A younger person maintained that the sound had come from the sky and was a voice from heaven calling sinners to repentance. There were many the ories, but it was generally believed that the sounds were from some ordinary cause and their importance had been magnified by the imagination.

The only person who did not come out to discuss the phenomenon was the duke. He was a bachelor, and, having no family to minister to him in his old age, no one knew whether of not he had heard the strokes of the bell or what interpretation he pul upon them. The door of his chamber remained closed and all was quiet within. A woman who attended him, followed by some one who loved the old man, listened near the door, but, hearing nothing, told the others to go to bed. The duke had slept through the clanging, and it would be a shame to awaken him.

When it was light enough to see clearly the townspeople went to the old tower and looked up. A support had given way during the night, and the clock was tilted on its side.

"I told you so," said one. "It was the clock that struck by being tilted." "Fool!" replied another. "How could such tilting have caused twelve distinct strokes?"

"Have a care!" cried a third as a gust of wind swept through the ruin. Scarcely had the last words been spoken when the old clock came tumbling down and lay a heap of rotted wood and rusty iron at the bottom.

"The duke is dead," came a voice from another part of the castle. All turned and went toward the speaker.

The duke's door had been opened, and by the pallor on his face it was known that something had happened. A surgeon was called, who declared that the old man had been dead some hours. Then it came to be believed that the old clock tolled his knell as he was dying as well as its own.

After the duke's death the inhabit ond stroke. It came, and another and ants of the castle scattered. It was another, till there had been twelve never again occupied and soon fell into

The Children's Part of the Paper

COLORING EASTER EGGS.

Many Pretty Designs Can Be Had

The old fashioned method of sewing eggs up in figured calico and boiling

them until the design was imprinted seems tedious indeed in these days of varicolored dyes, when all that is needed is to drop the eggs into a colored

But eggs for Easter are much prettier when decorated than when only colored. One way of pleasing the little folks of the family is to cut designs of cats, dogs, birds, etc., out of paper. Wrap them around the eggs and tie in place with cotton string, then drop the eggs into the dye. When paper and string are removed the designs will remain. Names are easily transferred this way by writing them, cutting out and tying on. They appear as if written on the colored egg.

Wrap a geranium or a leaf tightly around an egg and drop into the dye; the blossoms will be perfect when taken out. A spray of violets may be transferred this way or in another way by placing the blossoms arranged carefully on the hot egg after it has been boiled in water; then wrap tightly in a bit of old linen that has been dipped in vinegar, tie a dry cloth around this, and after a couple of hours the blossom will be found reproduced in colors on the egg, the brighter the colors the prettier the effect.

For those who care to take the trouble it will pay to sew an egg up in a bit of pretty ribbon; when boiled half an hour, cooled and the ribbon removed the pattern will be perfect. Plaids and checks and dotted materials all dye eggs well; few are manufactured that will not give off their color in the ong boiling.

Where the Word Magnet Came From. Generally speaking, the word magnet is thought to be derived from the word Magnesia, a city of Lydia, in Asia Minor, where the peculiar magnetic properties of the ore of iron known as lodestone were first discov-

Another authority, however, declares that the word can be traced back to Magnes, the name of a shepherd who was detained on Mount Ida by the iron in his shoes and found himself

The Sad End of the Easter Rabbit



This little girl went to market Right 'fore Easter came round. She bought for herself a rabbit As big as could be found.

She took it home with eagerness And fed it inks and blues,

Thinking to see on Easter morn Rare eggs of brilliant hues.

Now, Bunny wouldn't disappoint (The conscientious elf); But, 'stead of dyeing Easter eggs, It up and died itself.

The Season of First Loves



-Fox in Chicago Evening Post

STEEL HILL ITEMS.

Oh! what a beautiful day. Today (Monday) seems more like Spring than any day previous to this time. We feel like saving as the poet said "The rain is over, the winter has come and gone, the flowers are bloomingthe birds are singing, and the voice of the turtle is heard abroad."

The health of the community is improving.

The farmers are 'looking up' since the rain, and all are busy planting. It is greatly desired that we make a good crop this

The Steel Hill school will close Friday week, the 24th of April. There will be an all day program and dinner on the ground. of the ownership and manage Everybody invited.

Well, the debate between Steel Hill and Duck Creek Friday night was a howling success. This debate settled the championship for all time to come, Tarlton and Pullin, from Steel Hill, winning a unanimous decision with three impartial judges. I guess the boys will take down their sign now. Steel Hill did not care to meet Duck Creek but they insisted and started the thing, and of course we ended it. If Willie and Topy and Profy want to debate again-well, they 1914 had better challenge some body about their calibre.

The Lonesome Kid is sick this ty. week and asked his brother to June 1st, 1915. write in his stead.-Jimmie Fizzle Wig.

Mrs. Minnie Phillips, of Fort Worth, came in Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, and to be with her brother, Milton, who underwent Stamford, was in Spur the latter an operation Wednesday at the part of this week and conducted Standifer Hospital.

Sterling Hart, a newspaper man of Cooper, is in the city and will remain here indefinitely settling the business affairs of his part of the week to attend the sister, Mrs. J. R. Walker.

Lon Greer, of Afton, was here the first of the week looking for a teacher to finish their school at that place.

THE FARMER AND HIS BANK

THE farmer identified with the bank as a depositor is better prepared to take advantage of opportunities than one who has no balance in the bank, no acquaintance there, no banking credit established. And the farmer who knows clearly how to use the bank has a great advantage over the one who does not. The First State Bank gives especial attention to the business of farmers and invites their accounts.

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Oran McClure. Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 8th day of April,

W. F. Godfrey (Seal) Notary Public for Dickens coun-My commission expires

Mr. and Mrs. Bilberry, of the Afton country, were in the city Wednesday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Presiding Elder Hardy, of the third Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church.

Rev. Zinn, of the Afton country, was in the city the latter Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church.

A girl baby was born on the eleventh to Mr. and Mrs. J. A Smith at their home in the city.

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B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, APRIL 19th.

Prayer.

Song. Leader-E. C. Edmonds.

Subject-Zeal and Knowledge in Christian Service.

Zeal Without Knowledge-E. C. Edmonds. Duett-Misses Evelyn Burgoon Texas Cows.

and Dorris Attebury. Knowledge Without Zeal-N

Q. Brannen. Knowledge and Zeal Combined

- Oscar Jackson. Roll Call-Respond by quoting a verse of scripture.

BUSINESS FOR SALE.

I will be in Spur several days for the purpose of disposing of the Spur Grain & Coal Co's. business. A rare opportunity to get a paying business cheap for cash or well secured note. Invoices about \$1,500-Sterling Hart.

J. W. Gaddy, of the Plains country, brought his daughter to the Standifer Hospital for an operation Thursday. We hope that the operation on the young lady will be effective and that she will soon recover.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith, daughter of Mr. Franklin of the city, underwent an operation Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital and is reported doing nicely at this time.

Mrs. R. B. Bryant and little daughter, of Stamford, spent several days of this week in Spur with Mrs. Geo. S. Link and

J. J. Barton, of Wake, was in Spur this week buying supplies and incidentally selling some home raised hams to the trade in

H. O. Satterwhite, a prominent business man of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent some time

NOTICE TO DAIRYMEN.

To Our Customers and Friends:

Do not become, discouraged cents. and neglect your herd of Cows, because the market has gone Firsts is now 22 cents; a year down and down again. For like ago 32 cents. all other records of decline in value of the product we have to telligence possible to our busisell the lowest price is soon ness, and expect something betreached. The reaction begins, ter in the near future. - Peerless and values swing to the other Creamery, Weatherford, Texas, extremes.

Some eight years ago the Dairymen of Oklahoma were compelled to accept 16 cents for butter Fat for a short time caused by a depression in the Butter Market very similar to the one we are experiencing at the present time. But they stuck to their business and did the best possible with their Cows. The result is that they have enjoyed in the city this week buying supseveral years of successful plies of the Spur merchants. Dairying. We say successful from the fact they have been try, spent several days of this willing and anxious to buy every week in Spur with his sons, Sol good cow offered for sale in Tex- and L. W. Davis and families. as at high prices, the result being that Oklahoma has been 11th and 12th. See him about milking Texas-raised cows, and your Eye trouble. then shipping the butter made to butter our bread, and they their home in the Tap country. take the money we have paid

Let us learn a practical lesson from the experience of our neighbors and see if the following out of the same principles may not be a benefit to us.

The open winter caused a fresh supply of Butter that the storage people did not look for. The result unload at cheap prices.

The continued disturbance in Mexico had caused an influx of cheap labor into the U. S., putting many people on short labor and many out of employment entirely. One more reason for shorter demand.

The importation of foreign butter has caused the large buyers of butter to be inactive beyond immediate wants until they could measure its effect.

The market in New York on Firsts is 23 cents; year ago 33

The market in Chicago on

Let us apply the greatest in-D. M. Mebane, Manager.

Mrs. G. T. Brandon left Spur Saturday for Lufkin in response to a message informing her of the critical illness of her sister at that place. Mrs. Brandon arrived Sunday only an hour or two before her sister died.

J. H. Parnell, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was

J. C. Davis, of the Afton coun-

Dr. Daly will be in Spur May

A boy was born Tuesday to from these same cows into Texas Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith at

Extra fine Jersey cows giving them for butter to buy more milk, for sale by C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 24 tf

or Service

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Notary Public in the Office.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That we the undersigned know "CORNOT, the black registered stallion that Scoby-Gideon bought of G. N. Humphrey, of Stamford, Texas. and sold to Frank Holden, Girard, Texas. That he was shipped from Missouri to Stamford, six years ago and sold for \$2,000.00. That he can show more good colts than any other horse that ever stood in Jones county.

T. D. Morrell, W. D. Bourn, I. L. Connally, J. P. Lawson, W. E. Chism, C. B. Walker, Chas. Donohoo, C. N. Humphrey, A. R. Dial, W. D. Nunn.

Will make the season at my place two miles west of Girard. Price: \$12.50. Will also stand my Jack

F. HOLDEN, Girard.