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The War is Now on Between Mexico and U. S.

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO NOW AT WAR.

As a result of the failure of President Huerta of Mexico to salute the American flag in accord with an ultimatum delivered to him by President Wilson the ports and custom houses of Vera Cruz and Tampico were ordered seized by the United States Naval forces and a blockade instituted along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. In carrying out these orders it is reported that four Americans were killed and twenty wounded. Vera Cruz in the hands of American forces and Admiral Fletcher notified the Huerta forces to cease firing in the interest of humanity and to prevent destruction of property, since the American forces were reluctant to shell the city. Later reports state that Carranza, the leader of the Mexican Revolutionist forces, has notified the American forces to evacuate Vera Cruz, and which report is conclusive that the warring factions in Mexico will be united in the war against the United States.

The latest telegraphic report coming to Spur Thursday was to the effect that Vera Cruz is in the hands of Americans and that in a battle Wednesday twelve Americans were killed and fifty wounded. Our American Consul Charge O'Shaughnessy in Mexico City has been given his passports and instructed to leave Mexican territory.

However deplorable may be a declaration of war, there is no question but that a war is now on between the United States and Mexico, and the possibility is that before the end other nations may be involved.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

The Texas Spur is authorized this week to announce the candidacy of Blaine Speer for the office of County Judge of Dickens County, subject to action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 25th. Mr. Speer has been in this section of country a number of years, having taught school in Motley and Dickens counties during the past several years. During the past year he was one of the teachers in the Dickens High School. He is an able and experienced teacher and educator, and being familiar with the needs and demands in the advancement of our school and educational interests, Mr. Speer is in a position, as County School Superintendent in connection with the Judge's office, to give the county and the people intelligent, effective and progressive service. Prof. Speer has no campaign platform further than that he promises to administer the affairs of the office fairly, honestly, intelligently and to the very best of his ability. We ask the voters of the county to give his candidacy due consideration before casting a ballot in the July Primary election.

FOR COMMISSIONER.

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce S. R. Bowman as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Precinct Number Three, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held July 25th, 1914. Mr. Bowman is eminently qualified and fitted for the office. He has been successful in his business of farming, is a progressive citizen and is familiar with the needs of the county. If elected to the office Mr. Bowman will be an able representative of this precinct and administer the county affairs intelligently, fairly, honorably and in a conservative, progressive manner. We ask the voters of this precinct to consider his candidacy before casting a ballot in the Primary election.

MARRIED.

Mr. Almsa Peters and Miss Willie Stegall, a couple of young people from the northern part of Dickens county, were married in Crosbyton Tuesday evening. The ceremony was performed in the court house, County Judge Pink L. Parrish officiating. After the ceremony the newly married couple spent a day or two in town, guests at the City Hotel. —Crosbyton Review.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SPUR SCHOOL.

The commencement exercises, as announced by the Senior Class of the Spur High School, will be held Friday evening at the school auditorium, beginning at eight o'clock. The program is as follows:

Class March, by Donnalita Standifer.

Invocation, by Rev. J. M. McMahan.

Ruby Reagan, "The Alamo Line."

James Harvey Lee, "Master of Men."

Vocal Solo—"Beauty's Eyes" Tosti—Erma Baker.

Florence Ethel Henson, "Having Eyes See Not."

Hester E. Gibson, "Are We Civilized?"

Piano Solo—"Valse Brillante" by Mowskowski—Bessie Burgoon.

Presentation of Diplomas, by Supt. F. F. Mace.

Benediction, by Rev. G. J. Irvin.

The 1914 Graduating Class roll is Ruby Reagan, Hester E. Gibson, Florence Ethel Henson and James Harvey Lee.

Class Motto: "Not Luck But Pluck."

Class Colors: Pink and Fern Green.

Class Flower: Pink Carnation.

BALL GAME.

The Rattlesnakes of the West Pasture and the Spur Ball Team played a match game here Saturday. The game was reported interesting and we understand that the Rattlesnakes were victorious.

IT SOUNDS LIKE WAR.

While this ad is being written Uncle Sam may be bombarding the ports of Old Mexico. If so, that sounds like War, but we can't go, we are busy. We didn't start that fuss, and don't want to help stop it. We have a job anyway, trying to sell merchandise. You know it's a big job too. Takes ten of us to run our business, and then on Saturdays we need help sometimes, but we want more business. We could use a little more cash, and are making some attractive prices together with premiums for cash business on Dry Goods. Now, we are in dead earnest. We want your business. We have the Merchandise of the right kind, at the right prices. We do business on a close margin of profit, sell good merchandise and appreciate your business, and will help to make Spur the best trading point and cotton market in the country. Yes, we will be in the cotton market this fall. We won't tell you how we came out on cotton last fall because it isn't funny.

Ladies, we certainly have the line of Dress Goods you have been looking for, just from New York. Come and see and select.

Now, that the time for taking your spring and summer trips is coming, we want to remind you that we have the biggest line of Suit Cases, Hand Bags and Trunks we have been able to show you. So don't forget how much a nice Hand Bag or Suit Case adds to one's appearance when traveling. The prices are from \$1.00 to \$25.00.

Say folks, you helped us make last Saturday a big day, now we want you to come again. We'll ice the water so you can have a good cool drink. Yes, we like to have you come; want you to feel at home at our store; want you to be our friends as well as customers. You know we only travel this way one time, and we can't afford not to scatter flowers on the way.

Boys, don't forget about our stock of Buggies. We guarantee any young man of good character and marriagable age to get married if he buys one of our buggies and takes our advice. The Buggy costs something but the marriage guarantee is free.

"What's the shape of the earth?" asked the teacher calling suddenly on Willie. "Round." "How do you know it's round?" "All right," said Willie, "it's square then. I don't want to start any argument about it." We're like Willie. We don't care so much about the shape of the world it's your business we need. —Bryant-Link Co.

IMPROVING HOME.

E. H. Blakeley, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday and hauled out posts, wire and salt. He is making improvements on his place which is evidence of prosperity and progress.

GONE TO MEXICO.

O. S. Holcomb, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Monday and called around at the Texas Spur office and settled up his subscription account, stating that he intended to leave for Corona, New Mexico, where he will probably locate and make his home in the future. We regret to note the departure of Mr. Holcomb from this country, but wish him success and prosperity in Mexico.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Ladies of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church wish to express their appreciation and thanks to the young people of Mrs. Campbell's Sunday School Class, and especially those not belonging to the class, who so cheerfully assisted in presenting the "Spur Limited" for the benefit of the Society.—Mrs. Richburg, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Manning, Committee.

HOUSE BURNS IN SPUR.

Tuesday night about two o'clock the two-room residence of Roy Montgomery burned down in the west part of the city. The fire, we understand, was caused by a lamp falling from a table. The residence was insured for two hundred dollars.

RESULT OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION.

At the recent election held in Dickens county for the purpose of electing three members to the County School Board of Trustees, consisting of five members, the following were elected:

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake community, elected Trustee for the County at large; Minor Wilson, of the Liberty community, elected Trustee of Precinct One; and Fred O. McFall, of the Soldier Mound community, elected as Trustee of Third Precinct.

The three gentlemen elected received 47 votes at Dickens, this being the total number of votes polled at that box. At Spur there were only 25 votes polled, the votes being scattered among a number of candidates. Messrs. McFall, Dopson and Wilson are all representative citizens and well qualified to fill the position and will give Dickens county an able and progressive administration of Public County School affairs.

The holdover members of the County Board are M. L. Hale of the Second Precinct, and L. G. Crabtree of the Fourth Precinct.

DIED.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith died Sunday at their home in Spur, and the remains were carried Monday to Tap and interred in the cemetery at that place. The infant was only five or six days old, and we extend our sympathy to the parents in this misfortune.

MAN INJURED BY THE RAILROAD MOTOR CAR.

Friday afternoon while riding on the Stamford & Northwestern motor car with the section crew, Peet Eckert fell off and was run over by the car, sustaining severe injuries. He was riding front with his feet swinging from the car and in some manner his foot caught on one of the cross ties which pulled him from the car. A deep gash was cut in the knee and in passing over him the car struck his shoulder with the result of causing internal injuries. Dr. Morris, in passing the place, made an examination of the injuries and advised that he be brought to town for surgical treatment, and after coming to town Dr. Standifer made two or three stitches in the knee and the patient was sent to the railroad hospital. Mr. Eckert is seventy odd years of age and the injuries will probably detain him in the hospital indefinitely.

ELECTION ORDERED FOR SPUR SCHOOL DISTRICT.

The Spur School Board has ordered an election to be held in the old Commercial Club building Saturday, May 2nd, for the purpose of electing three members to the Board to take the places of the three members whose term expires on that date.

The outgoing members are R. S. Holman, Jas. F. Williams and T. A. Tidwell. The holdover members are J. F. Vernon, I. S. York, Perry Fite and B. D. Glasgow.

As yet there are no announced candidates for the places, and it is presumed that, as has been the former custom, those most interested in the advancement of our school will select the best qualified and available men on the day of the election and run them for the places.

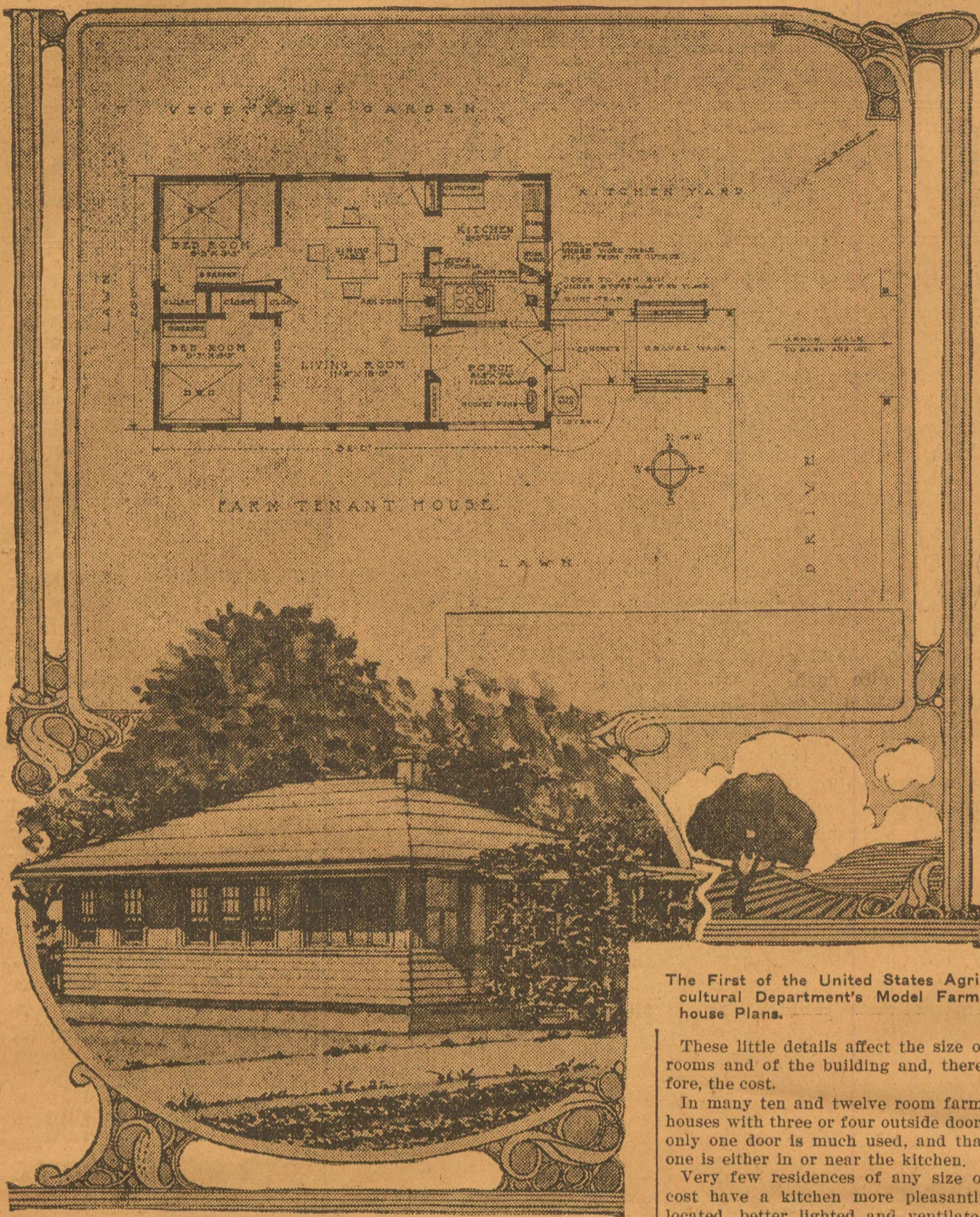
MOVE TO SPUR.

J. I. Greer and wife moved last week to Spur from their farm home in the Tap country. Mr. Greer says that he will not make a crop this year, and we presume that he has made enough money in the business to retire now and enjoy life during the years to come.

MASS MEETING CALLED.

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that a mass meeting will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in the Lyric Theatre for the purpose of organizing a Tom Ball Club. Everybody in the county favoring the candidacy of Tom Ball for governor of Texas is urged to attend this meeting. It is planned to later, through this organization, to get the Hon. Tom Ball to come to Spur and deliver one of his campaign speeches.

Model Farm Houses, Uncle Sam Architect



The First of the United States Agricultural Department's Model Farm-house Plans.

These little details affect the size of rooms and of the building and, therefore, the cost.

In many ten and twelve room farm-houses with three or four outside doors only one door is much used, and that one is either in or near the kitchen.

Very few residences of any size or cost have a kitchen more pleasantly located, better lighted and ventilated and more conveniently arranged than this little four room house. It is brightened by the morning sun, cooled by the southern breezes and shielded from the intense heat of summer afternoons.

It commands a view of the garden, the playgrounds, the barns, the lawn, the gate and the highway. It opens on to a screened porch which in summer is the most livable nook in the house. Much of the kitchen work may be done there away from the fumes and the heat of the stove, which, happily for the other rooms of the house, blow out through the north and east windows.

The stove is well lighted, and, with the porch window closed, it is out of the cross drafts of air. It is within six feet of the most distant fixture in the kitchen and but little farther from the dining table. All stove utensils are within reach and the work table and the fuel in the box beneath it are but two steps away. The ashes drop from the firebox of the stove through a short pipe to the ash bin beneath the concrete floor.

The water problem also has been carefully considered in this little plan. Cistern water may be drawn from the bucket pump on the porch or, if desired, from a pitcher pump at the sink. Hot water is heated and stored in the reservoir of the stove.

This little kitchen excels many others in not being a thoroughfare to other rooms. The men and boys will wash on the porch, leave their hats and raincoats there, and enter the living room without disturbing the kitchen workers.

Screened Porch Small.

The screened porch is as large as the plan will permit, but too small for all the purposes for which it will be in demand. Besides the usual kitchen work, the ironing and perhaps the clothes washing will be done there. The one screen door locks up the house, and butter, meat and milk put on the porch to cool at night will be secure against dogs and cats. The porch will be in demand also as a dining porch, sitting porch, sleeping porch and playroom. Its uses and the comfort of the house in winter may still further be increased by putting in porch sash and a solid door.

The living room is large enough for the longest dining table that harvest days will ever require and, with its two routes to the kitchen, it is unusually convenient for feeding a large number of workmen. With triple windows on the south and two on the north, a screened porch on the east and an alcove bedroom on the west, it is as pleasant a dining and sitting room as a \$5,000 house can afford and, with a glowing fire in the hearth, it may be as comfortable and as cheerful in winter as a steam heated mansion.

good houses vacated by the owners, but many others are living in buildings wholly unsuited to their needs. The cost of these houses commonly is inconsistent with the value of the farms, and the lack of improvements in them too often is in striking contrast with the outbuildings, farming machinery and field equipment.

The important principles of planning, applicable to all buildings, which effect saving in construction and in the performance of indoor work have been carefully considered in these plans. Endeavor has been made to provide good lines and pleasing proportions which are essentials to genuine beauty in all structures and are the production of skillful designing rather than of additional material and labor.

A Little Home.

Special emphasis has been put upon providing a little home that will be conducive to the health of the family, provide for its social and domestic needs and save unnecessary steps and operations on the part of the house-keeper.

The architects' studies seem to make it clear that many homes in towns as well as in the country could have been greatly improved and at the same time built at less expense if they had been studiously planned to meet the family needs, skillfully designed and carefully constructed.

The house, from perspective drawing and plans, is a simple four cornered structure, without bay windows, gables and dormers or any projection save the cornice, which overhangs and protects the walls and window openings. The house is planned for the smallest dimensions and the most inexpensive arrangement consistent with the needs and the convenience of a small family. It has but one chimney.

One Onside Entrance.

The home has but one entrance, which would be insufficient in a town house, and it may be in this one; but another door can be gotten into the plan only by a sacrifice of wall and floor space, which cannot be spared, or by increasing the size and cost of the house, which in connection with this problem cannot be done. If a door is substituted for one of the three windows in the south end of the living room the best part of the room will be ruined. Moving the entrance door to the south side of the porch would not only restrict the uses of the porch, but necessitate an outside door in the kitchen which, in turn, would necessitate a corresponding increase in the floor and wall space of the kitchen. If the door that opens from living room to porch were moved farther from the fireplace valuable floor and wall space in both room and porch would be sacrificed.

Agricultural Department Is Preparing Plans For a Series of Economically Arranged Modern Buildings Suitable For the Man With the Hoe Who Is Looking For Comfortable and Healthful Surroundings.

UNCLE SAM has blossomed out in an entirely new role. For years he has been building for his own use monstrous marble and granite structures. Scattered over the country are postoffices and custom houses which show him off proudly in the eyes of his neighbors. Gigantic battleships have been started, completed and pushed down their ways, all by his strong arm. But now his constructive genius is taking a different path. He is spreading his knowledge of building among the farmers of the country.

The old ramshackle farmhouses, a familiar sight in every rural section, have become an eyesore to the estimable gentleman. He seeks to have those unsightly buildings relegated to the scrap heap and modern structures erected in their stead. Experts in the department of agriculture are preparing a series of plans for houses which will enable farmers to construct inexpensive but better homes for themselves.

Health and Comfort.

The basis of the work is the belief that the farmhouse is the most important building on the farm, and money judiciously expended in its planning and construction is well invested. The objects sought in the plans are to provide structures reasonable in cost and of good material and so arranged as to give the maximum in health, comfort and happiness to the family and added convenience to the housewife in her domestic operations.

The first plans made public are for the construction of an inexpensive farm tenant house, although the house as planned contains many valuable suggestions for owners with small families.

The provision of proper tenant houses on farms, it is believed, is of increasing importance to farm management because of the increasing number of rented farms, the growing demand of tenants for modern houses and a better understanding of the influences of the home upon farm labor and field efficiency.

The census report of 1910 shows an increase during the previous ten years of more than 324,000 rented farms. Many of the new tenants moved into

Topics of the Sport World

By **SQUARE DEAL**

Manager Tinker declared himself satisfied that the Chicago Federals will be a permanent contender and said its speed will make up for deficiencies. The lineup, with the name of the team with which each man played last year, follows:

Pitchers—Ad Brennan, Philadelphia Nationals; Claude Hendrix, Pittsburgh; Tom McGuire, Chicago Federals; Irwin Lang, local semiprofessional; C. J. Watson, Milwaukee; Henry Schmidt, Milwaukee; John Glazer, Chicago semiprofessional; Dave Black, Chicago semiprofessional and Leo Prendergast, Peoria.

Catchers—Arthur Wilson, New York Nationals; Jim Block, Milwaukee; Bill Killefer, Philadelphia Nationals; Jim McDonough, Chicago Federals; and George Mulvaney, Cincinnati semiprofessional.

First Basemen—W. R. Jackson, Spokane; John Kading, Chicago Federals; Fred Beck, Buffalo; Bill Zwilling, St. Joseph.

Second Basemen—John Farrel, Chicago Federals; John Granan, Lake Forest university; Leo Kavanaugh, Chicago semiprofessional.

Third Basemen—Rollie Zelder, New York Americans; James Stanley, Chicago Federals.

Shortstop—Joe Tinker, Cincinnati. **Outfielders**—Al Wickland, Cincinnati; Cad Coles, Baltimore and Elmira; John Muncie, University of Minnesota, and Max Flack, Peoria.

Bits of Baseball.

Joe Wood, the Red Sox pitcher, who is recovering from an operation for appendicitis, will not be able to enter the box until June 1.

Hughey Jannings thinks Jean Dubuc is as great a pinch hitter as either Cobb or Crawford.

The Duke of Manchester is one of the most ardent of fans. He rarely misses a game at the Polo grounds when he is in New York.

Jim Delehanty is one of four of the famous old Tiger team of 1907 to join the Federals.

The Detroit Tigers have signed up a Detroit university school pitcher in Vernon Spencer. He is nineteen years old. He is being molded into a second baseman.

The Red Sox have released Walter Snell, the Brown university catcher, to Toronto.

Strang Army Nine Coach.

Coach Sammy Strang, former utility player of the New York National league club, is now in charge of the Military academy baseball squad at West Point.

Bad Policy.

These baseball magnates who deny their players reasonable salaries and then pay them enormous prices to keep them from jumping to the Fed-

erals remind one of the fellow who walks from the second to the fourth floor to get an elevator to the first.

Prince Hal Chase.

Hal Chase is again playing his consistent game on first base for the Chicago White Sox. When it was first reported that he might accept the offer from the Federal league recently the



Photo by American Press Association. Hal Chase, Who Kept Chicago Fans Guessing.

Sox management fell on the shoulders of Prince Hal and wept tears of regret, it was said. The first sacker after this burst of affection decided that the only team for him was the old team.

In the Sunday School Class

SENIOR BEREAN LESSON.

Golden Text.—Whosoever would save his life shall lose it, and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it (Matt. xvi, 25).

Verses 25-27.—An enacting call.

It was to be expected that such an exceptional teacher as Jesus would have a large following of nondescripts. They went with the tide and were like the fotsam and jetsam on the surface of the waters. Their presence in the company of Jesus created a wrong impression concerning the allegiance which he required of his followers. In their noncommittal and undecided condition they were worthless. * * * The first thing required of a disciple is devotion to his Master, whose claims must always have the right of way. "Hate not." This is a strong expression, but it must not be taken literally, for that would imply a malicious spirit. He who loved his own mother and even on the cross made provision for her needs could surely not have required his disciples to renounce kith and kin in any insane fashion. His meaning can be understood by the parallel passage in Matthew—"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. x, 37). In this way he tightened the bonds between himself and his followers. Since he gave himself unreservedly and sacrificially for them he expected them to subordinate all earthly ties to the supreme demand of discipleship. "Bear his cross." Criminals were frequently punished by crucifixion, and they often carried their own cross to the place of execution. The followers of Jesus will be called on to experience suffering even to the extent of martyrdom. Let them not shrink from this summons, but be ready for it and for any other sacrifices. "Come after me"—show a spirit of loyalty to him under all circumstances.

Verses 28-32.—Impressive illustrations. The task of discipleship is like an important business undertaking. No person enters on any such enterprise pre-

cipitately or impulsively and expects to succeed. He first deliberately counts the cost whether he is equal to it. "Build a tower"—as a place of observation in a vineyard (Matt. xxii, 23) or as an ornament on the grounds of a house. It was an age of extravagant building. Herod had set the example, and some who tried to imitate him were ruined because they did not have his financial resources. * * *

"This man began to build." The person who failed is referred to contemptuously, not because he began to build, but because he began without consideration. "Going to make war." This was also an age of reckless warfare, and there is doubtless an allusion to the attack on Herod made by Aretas, an Arabian king, whose army was destroyed by the stronger forces of Herod. The cause may be just, but inadequate equipment spells disaster. "Sendeth an ambassador." He is a wise king who realizes his weakness in time and makes negotiations toward peace with his enemy before he is hopelessly defeated. It is needless to try to interpret the details of these two illustrations as though some secret meanings were intended. Jesus used them to support his forcible arguments in favor of facing the facts of discipleship. He is honest with them in order that they may be encouraged to strike the heroic note and throw in their lot with him, even though it may involve trials, afflictions and persecutions. But it is worth while at any cost to attach themselves to him.

A conclusive appeal. Jesus was positively determined to have nothing to do with any who would offer their services in the spirit of a trimmer. "Forsaketh not all." Complete self renunciation is the urgent demand made by the Master. This does not mean that a person is called on to give up all property rights and enter upon a life of poverty. Those who have interpreted the teaching of Jesus in this extreme fashion have encouraged unhealthy types of religion. Jesus prayed, not that his disciples should be taken from the world, but that they should be kept from the evil one (John xvii, 15). * * *

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R. S. Holman and wife and daughter, Miss Winnie, and L. N. Riter and C. E. Brannen left Spur Saturday on a prospecting tour of New Mexico. They will probably spend a week or ten days in Mexico before returning to Spur.

J. I. Greer, one of the most prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Monday on business and spent an hour or two here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

C. C. Haile, the merchant of Draper, was transacting business in Spur Saturday.

Furniture repaired. Will call for, deliver and guarantee all work.—W. S. Hunter. 18tt

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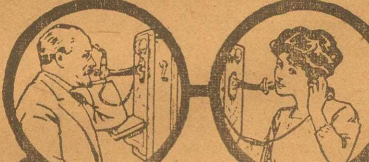
Ed Hulse, a prominent citizen and prosperous truck-grower, of the White River country, was in Spur Saturday on business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in the very finest of shape with respect to crop prospects. Mr. Hulse is one of the largest peanut and truck-growers of the whole country and his efforts are being crowned with success.

Single Comb Mottled AnCona Eggs for Sale. Winter layers as well as summer. First setting \$2.25, second \$1.25, from trap nested layer; 15 eggs setting.—Mrs. Jasper N. Porter, 607 East Reynold Street, Stamford, Texas.

J. H. Fox and family left last week for Colorado where they go for the benefit of his health. They will make the trip through the country in a wagon and will remain in that country indefinitely.

For Pure White Indian Runner Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen—See Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas.

Dr. Daly will be in Spur May 11th and 12th. See him about your Eye trouble.




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DEVELOPMENT BRAINS NEEDED IN WEST TEXAS.

When C. W. Post left Fort Worth several years ago and went to Battle Creek, Michigan, there to manufacture his many cereals the public in general and his many friends did not hesitate to say that this project would be a failure. But he has made a fortune out of a few ears of Indian corn, Kaffir corn, milo maize and a few other products that properly belong to the quadruped. We are going to predict that there is a greater field for some one in West Texas than Mr. Post had. The only thing that is lacking is a man with brains and time to figure it out.

We have hundreds of acres of watermelons that go to waste every year just because they can not be consumed. It is a fact that every housewife knows that watermelon rinds make the finest preserves. Many people preserve them every year, and any one who has ever tried them has found them fine eating. The field that we have reference to is that of manufacturing the watermelon into preserves, jellies or edibles of some kind so there will always be a demand for them. It seems to us a more plausible proposition to manufacture the melon into something to sell from the grocer's shelf than it would be to manufacture corn, maize or sorghum. With the sugar that the meat of the melon contains it looks as though it would be a very easy matter to make a syrup, jelly or something satisfying to the appetite. If such a thing would be done the "bread and butter" proposition of the farmer in the West would be solved. If a market could be supplied for his melons he could take ten acres of this land and make a comfortable living. We do not think such a proposition as above mentioned very hard to accomplish if some man with the means and brains would only do a little experimenting. Post made a fortune off of feed that was intended for the horse. Where is the man who can make his millions off of a product that was intended for the human family?—Ex.

NOTICE

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

N. B. Fuqua, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and left another dollar with us to extend his subscription up another year. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his section of the country at this time with respect to crop prospects and conditions.

L. W. Clark, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

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Those people who proudly boast of the advantages offered by their home town as a desirable place in which to live, and then fail to extend their local merchants their patronage whenever possible, appeal to me as being about as ridiculous as the proprietor of a restaurant who loudly praises the quality of the food and service he offers the public and then eats elsewhere himself.

It may be a fact that your local stores are not as large or as handsomely equipped as some of the big city stores, but surely you will agree with me that your merchants cannot possibly enlarge their business or improve their service beyond the extent of the patronage accorded them. Therefore, if you are interested in bringing about better local shopping facilities, it is up to you and every other resident of your locality to buy in your local market whenever possible, thereby keeping your money at home, where it can work its way through various channels for the improvement and growth of your community.



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The Sowing of Alderson Cree

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 Ryerson. Alderson while hunting is shot from behind. He exacts a promise from his young son, David, to kill Ryerson, 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. Ryerson is arrested, tried, but acquitted. A forest fire is ravaging the mountains. The mountaineers, accused by David of cowardice, band together and order Ryerson out of town.

David Growing to Manhood.

"NOW, Ryerson, reckon yer see who's ter say so," Hedrick continued. "An' reckon yer see hit ain't a lot er men hidin' behind masks an' skeered ter death. An' yer jest listen ter me, Kip Ryerson," he said slowly, bringing his face close to the other's scared white one, "you git cleared out here by tomorrer mawnin', er by tomorrer night there'll be er place in this Draft folks'll show where there was er lynchin' like they do over at Wayside, only this time hit'll be er white man."

At his words, backed by ejaculations of "Dogged of that ain't so!" "That's right!" "A-ha-a!" "Now yer talkin'!" from the other men, a frightened shudder swept over Kip Ryerson, and he was silent.

"Now you've got our word," Hedrick concluded, "an' hit's jest like I tell you, an' yer'd better not stay round these parts studyin' on what we've said too long." Falling back from Ryerson and followed by the others, he stepped off the porch and in a few moments there was nothing left to tell of the visit save the disappearing twinkle of lanterns, the barking of aroused dogs up and down the Draft and in Kip Ryerson's heart a great fear.

David stole away home by himself, crying all the way, partly because he was unstrung, but chiefly because the sight of Ryerson rent him anew with an awful, sickening hatred. At home he crept to his mother's bedside and told her what had happened, and afterward, when he was in his own bed, he heard her, for the first time since his father's death, weeping as though her heart would break.

That night a belated thunderstorm gathered itself toward morning and, sweeping up the valley, fell upon the suffering hillsides in the glad relief of driven sheets of rain, and when next day the sun came up serenely it looked upon mountains sapphire and topaz clear, freed from fire and smoke.

And Kip Ryerson was gone, no one knew where; and in the crystal atmosphere David drew a deep, free breath.

Ten years have changed little in the Draft. George Hedrick, gone a trifle gray on the temples and with a somewhat hunched up stoop, still keeps the store at the crossroads, dispensing the necessities of life and the general gossip—its luxury—to all comers; and for the most part the little farms look across the valley at one another, with the same people toiling in their fields or moving in and out of the doorways of their dwellings as of yore. Certainly the little stretch of meadow land that looks over the county road at the field opposite still belongs to the Cree, and the field it faces is Robert Reddin's as of old.

And in this same field on a May morning, ten years and more since the funeral of Alderson Cree, Robert Reddin, with most of his family to help him, went forth to plant his corn.

"Mary," said Bobbie Reddin, the youngest who took the field that day, a gentleman verging on eight years, who tolled faithfully after his sister, dropping soup beans where she dropped corn, "Mary, I seed Lucy drop pretty nigh ten grains er corn in one hill, an' sted er stoppin' ter pick 'em out she jest tromped 'em all in so's nobody wouldn't see an' went on."

Mary Reddin, from her slender height of eighteen years, smiled sweetly down at the little brother's scandalized face, but she made no reply.

In the depths of Mary's sunbonnet a little dimple looked out of her cheek an instant as she listened to a certain voice which came to her musically across the fragrant field in the soft language of the plow—"Whoa—haw, haw! Geel—Geel! Whoa—haw!"

The voice was that of David Cree, and if any one had told Mary Reddin



"An' you come over huntin' fer Kip Ryerson?" he said. "Lord!"

that her father's voice and that of her oldest brother Jack came over the field from their plows with just the same mellowed intonation as did David's, Mary would have found it hard to believe.

David had only come off the log drive, which the spring rains had brought down the river the day before, and, finding Robert Reddin short of a hand in his cornfield, had come over to put in a day's work for him. He had got home late the previous night after the whole winter spent in camp, and starting in early on the cornfield he and Mary had found time to exchange hardly more than the usual greetings, though both knew there was much waiting to be said.

From the boy of twelve, David was shot up into a giant of a fellow of twenty-two. His face in its dark setting of hair was strong and open and usually serenely untroubled, with the serenity of perfect physical health and strength. But there were times still when a somber look crossed it and when about his mouth and in his eyes there dwelt an expression which showed that he had felt more keenly the edge of life than have most young men of his age.

Physically he was perfect, and among the men of the neighborhood he was accounted the strongest man all up and down the Draft, as his father had been before him. Even in the log camps, where the strong men from several counties are drawn together and where many trials of strength take place, he had not found any that were quite his match. There was something almost terrifying about his great strength. He felt it himself, and many of his movements showed a certain reserve as though he half feared to put forth his whole force. Once, in camp, angered by something David had said in jest, a man had suddenly drawn a pistol upon him. For weeks afterward David felt the curious gritty snap of the man's arm under his furious hands, and the choking leap of anger within himself he never forgot. It was the first time that he had ever really come face to face with the devil of passion and strength which lay within him. It was a subduing knowledge and one that kept him out of many chance fights.

From twelve years old to sixteen he lived a dedicated life, with one great object before him. He worked hard on the farm with the strength and determination of a boy much older, and when little snatches of leisure gave him opportunity he went to school. But always, in all his occupations, one great purpose was before him, and that purpose was the carrying out of the promise given his father. Sixteen, he set himself as the age at which he would be old enough to face Kip Ryerson, and his childish thoughts of his future always stopped short at that age as at a blank wall; beyond that time he never thought or planned. This feeling, as though his life came to an end then, might have had, and perhaps would have had on many boys, a paralyzing effect. Fortunately for David the pressing need of the farm work for very daily existence was constantly present to spur him to activity, and when there chanced a respite from that his eager mind drove him to school. To some boys, too, there might have come a feeling of resentment against his father that he should have laid his own selfish revenge upon his young shoulders, but this thought never crossed David's mind. He had loved his father passionately, and his devotion

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

held no hint of the possibility of the man's wrongdoing. Moreover, he and his father were cast along strangely similar lines, so that what the man did was almost always instinctively what the boy would have done also. Nor was there ever in David's mind a desire to evade his promise. When he had given his oath to his father he had given it at that moment with his very soul, and his father's death had clinched it.

When he came sixteen, in the hazy weather of November, touched by a certain chill of winter, he rose very early on the morning of his birthday and, packing himself some cold store of food and leaving a slip of paper for his mother to say he had gone hunting and would not be back until the next day, he took his father's old rifle down from its rack on the big stone chimney and crept out of the house long before it was light or any one awake to be aware of his departure.

The first gray streaks of dawn found him almost at the Maple spring. To pass the Maple spring was one way to go to Rattlesnake run. There was another which was slightly shorter, but on that morning David chose to go by way of the spring.

When he reached the lonely little hollow lying so breathlessly in the still woods of early dawn he crossed over to the log on which he and his father had sat together on that hunting morning four years before, and in the dull gray light, through which the trees and low bushes showed faint and cold, he dropped down on his knees and took off his hat.

"Pappy!" he whispered, "I promised yer an' I'm goin' now. I promised yer an' I ain't never forgot, pappy!"

But in a moment he laid stern hold upon himself, and, rising, stole out of the hollow and took his way along the path in the direction of Rattlesnake run.

It was a thirty mile tramp to the run, and noon found the boy with still a weary distance before him. He stopped by a little brook and drank deep and ate some of his store of food; afterward he rested for a time, and then, looking carefully to the loading of his rifle, took up his steady, swinging gait once more.

About 4 in the afternoon the path, which for some time had lain between steep and rock slatted mountains, opened out slightly into a long, gentle slope downward, and David guessed he was come to the head of Rattlesnake run. Keeping on a little farther he presently espied a desolate looking farm with a small gray cabin cocked on a grassy hillside in the middle of it.

He left the road and struck a narrow, beaten path across a dried up stream, which presently led him to the house. In the yard a shiftless looking man was at work on a chicken coop, while three unkempt women, two with babies in their arms, watched him with dull interest. As David approached, the dogs set up an excited barking and the man stopped his hammering and turned around. At sight of David he jerked his head in salutation, but did not speak.

"Howdy!" said David. "Kin you tell me where erbouts in this Draft I would be likely ter find Kip Ryerson? I come over ter see him."

The man regarded him a moment longer in silence, then he said slowly: "You'll hev ter travel er right smart farther than this Draft of yer want ter find Kip Ryerson."

"How's that?" said David. "I thought he lived over in here."

"He don't live nowhere no mo'," said the man, expectorating with deliberation and turning back to his work. "He went out west two year ergo, an' word come las' summer that he got kilt in er railroad rick. Where mought you be from?" he inquired, turning around again with some show of interest.

"I come from over in Jumpin' creek," David answered dully. He was stunned by the suddenness with which the possibility of carrying out his promise had been swept away from him.

"Ah-aa!" said the man. "Kip Ryerson was over in ther fer er spell. We heered he'd shot er feller ther—what was his name?"

"Alderson Cree," said David.

"And what mought your name be, stranger?" the man persisted.

"David Cree," the boy answered simply.

At his words the man looked at him quickly and at his rifle.

"An' you come over huntin' fer Kip Ryerson?" he said. "Lord!"

[To be continued.]

A Glance at Current Topics

Becker's New Fight.

New York, April 14.—After he had been in the death house sixteen months the verdict convicting former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker of the murder of Herman Rosenthal was reversed by the court of appeals and a new trial granted him. He was taken to



© 1914, by American Press Association. Charles Becker as He Looked the Day He Left Sing Sing.

the Tombs, where he is now held while engaged in his new fight for life. He has expressed hope of acquittal.

Realizing that his every move is being closely watched by friends of Becker, District Attorney Whitman has carried out his plans for the new trial with absolute secrecy.

Prizes For Gifted Women.

Chicago, April 15.—A movement which is receiving considerable support and arousing much enthusiasm has been inaugurated by the Chicago Woman's Association of Commerce, whereby American recognition is to be accorded the notable achievements of women by the bestowal of a series of prizes similar to the Nobel prizes. It is tentatively suggested that the prizes range from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

The plan will be presented next June to a body of women consisting of the great women writers, artists, musicians, financiers, scientists and thinkers of the age. Calls are being sent all over the world to summon these women to a meeting in Chicago to be held between the 13th and 20th of June. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson will be among those invited.

The biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which will meet in Chicago at that time, will call thousands of women from all over the world to the city. A congress of women's achievements to be held by the Woman's Association of Commerce at that time will provide an appropriate setting for the meeting.

Chicago women interested in the proposed congress are Ella Flagg Young, Jane Addams, Harriette Taylor Treadwell and Florence King, president of the Chicago Woman's Association of Commerce.

To Make Hunting Safer.

New York, April 14.—Legislation which will make hunting less hazardous is outlined in a proposal that is being sent out by the Campfire club. It is suggested that no license be granted unless the applicant shall take an oath "that he will not point any gun or other firearm, loaded or unloaded, in the direction of any person, and, further, that he will not shoot at any object without first ascertaining that said object is not a human being." A hunter who injures any one shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Railroad Instructing Boys.

St. Louis, April 14.—The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad has established a school which, by home study and class instruction, will train the boys, who in time will become master mechanics and officials of the road.

The school is operated in conjunction with the new shops at Springfield, Mo., and gives the boy an opportunity to select the branch of the work to which he is adapted. The work is looked upon as an investment by the company in that it produces skilled mechanics.

The recruit is taught drawing, design and the power of observation. If any talent is observed on a particular subject the student is encouraged along this line.

Eighty-six boys are enrolled.

State Starts Safety Campaign.

Olympia, Wash., April 14.—Safety committees of workmen are being organized in all the mills and factories of the state under the plan outlined by the industrial insurance commission and the state labor commissioner.

Each safety committee, as planned, is to consist of three workmen. To them will be reported any defects in machinery or other dangerous conditions, to be taken up with the employer.

Less than 3 per cent of all accidents, the statistics of the industrial insur-

ance commission show, are attributed to faulty machinery or absence of mechanical safeguards.

Large placards that will attract the eye of the workman and call his attention to the constant need for watchfulness also have been devised by the two state departments. Another plan that is being used is the issuance of a booklet containing safety hints, suggestions for the "first aid" treatment of common injuries.

Rules For Students' Camps.

Washington, April 14.—At the war department it was announced that the army camps for college men this summer will be held at Burlington, Vt.; Asheville, N. C.; Ludington, Mich., and Monterey, Cal.

There is a possibility of a fifth camp at Spokane, Wash. All the camps will be held for five weeks, from July 6 to Aug. 7, with the exception of the Monterey camp, which will be from June 26 to July 31.

Students of recognized colleges and universities and graduates of high schools and colleges between the ages of eighteen and thirty years are eligible to attend the camps. All must attend the full period and pay their own transportation to and from camps, the cost of their army fare, \$17.50 for the five weeks, and the hire of the regular army uniform equipment that they will wear, amounting to about \$7. It is expected that more than 2,000 young men will attend.

A special bulletin has been issued at the war department to inform college students of the conditions.

Sixty Thousand Ton Liner Next.

London, April 12.—Another move in the contest for supremacy between Germany and Great Britain for the biggest Atlantic liner is reported from Belfast.

A steamship which will eclipse in size and tonnage either the Vaterland or her sister ship, now building for Germany, will be constructed. The new vessel will be 60,000 tons.

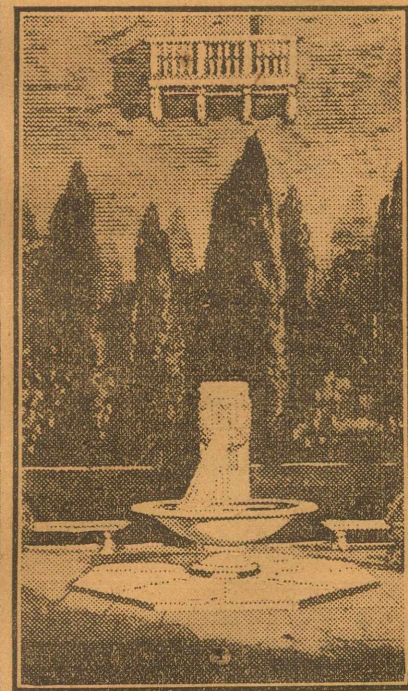
Conference on Spitzbergen.

Christiania, April 12.—The conference on Spitzbergen will take place in Christiania on June 16. Great Britain, France, Holland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Russia and Norway will be represented, and it is expected that the United States also will take part. Nearly five years have elapsed since the Norwegian government suggested that a conference of the powers concerned should meet to discuss the question of Spitzbergen. The political status of this group of arctic islands may now finally be decided.

For Wireless Heroes.

New York, April 14.—A granite fountain with seats will soon be erected in Battery park here as a memorial to Jack Phillips, the wireless operator who perished in the wreck of the Titanic, and six other wireless operators who died heroically at their posts. The fountain will be surrounded by evergreens.

Monuments have been erected to the memory of the many victims of the Titanic disaster, but among them all this one is especially interesting because the majority of the contribu-



Memorial to Wireless Operators Who Went Down With Their Ships.

tions for it have been subscribed by wireless operators inspired by their admiration for Phillips and the indomitable courage that he displayed and for the six other heroes who went down with their ships as follows: George C. Eccles, steamship Ohio, founded Aug. 25, 1909, off Pacific coast; S. F. Szczepanek, steamship Pere Marquette, sank in Lake Michigan Sept. 9, 1910; Lawrence Prudhuit, steamship Rosencrans, sank off Pacific coast Jan. 7, 1913; Donald Campbell Perkins, steamship State of California, sank off Pacific coast Aug. 18, 1913; Ferdinand J. Kuehn, steamship Monroe, sank off Atlantic coast Jan. 30, 1914.

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Saying their good-night prayer.
A little "mother" of seven was praying
A prayer to the God of the orphan saying:
"O! Father in Heaven keep us from stray-
ing—
Thou art ever near.
We never slept on a train before,—
Please send the Sleep Angel through the
door,—
Help us to trust thee more and more,—
Keep us free from sin.
Help us all to love each other—
Make me love little sister and brother—
Bless this man and father and mother
For Jesus sake, amen."

The man in blue uniform standing near
Pulled off his cap and brushed a tear
From his eyes, as he looked on the child-
ren dear,
Whose father and mother were dead.
The little "mother" of seven was trying
To comfort her brother and sister crying
For her whose silent form was lying
Dead in the coach ahead.
They arose from their knees, and the little
"mother"

Kissed her younger sister and brother,
And clinging together they kissed each
other.

"Come!" the conductor said.
And clasping the children to his heart
On each little rosy mouth he pressed
A kiss. And then with a heart distressed,
He tucked them into bed.

To keep back the tears he vainly tried.
"Those children" he said to a friend at
his side,

"Have touched me. I've traveled far and
wide

But never anywhere
Have I seen such courage as they possess—
Such faith in God—may it never be less.
That God their trusting hearts will bless,
Shall be my constant prayer."

The children had boarded the Pullman car
At Denver, enroute to St. Louis afar.
To live with their Aunt. They said, "we
are

Alone. Our mamma is dead."
But the man in the blue uniform already
knew

He had been requested to see them through
Though a stranger, he mourned for the
mother true,

In the baggage coach ahead.
Who had taught her children how to pray,
Trusting in Jesus day by day,
Whom God had from them taken away
The why he could not tell.

"But God will care for them. I know,
Her prayers will shield them wherever
they go."

The man in blue uniform whispered low,
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need of medical service.

"Third in looking over the subscription lists for improving our city streets and public highways, I have failed to find the name of either member of your firm down for one penny to assist the work. Also I have failed to find your name on any of the charity lists where help has been rendered to the poor; in other words, you are not down as a contributor to our Helping Hand Society. In fact, in all the movements for the betterment of our conditions, where our community has needed the united efforts of her public spirited citizens I

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The saddest of the year"
Why yes, the crowd is going some
The candidate is near.
He hunts you up, he shakes your hand,
He tells you why he knows
No other man in all the land
Has just his share of woes.

He that's in can tell you why
That you should keep him there
For he's a Pro—Oh! yes a dry
And did his work with care.
Or—Anti as maybe the case
It's just the same to you
He's sure to win this bloomy race
If you'll only help him through.

He did the work and did it right
No favor has he showed
Now help him out in this one fight
Then he will hit the road.
He has no home—no not a job
And should you turn him out,
He feels that you should surely rob
Him of his share of lout.

Not in the words, but just the same
We feel that's what he means.
To win this race—to win this game
He thinks we're green as greens.
Oh! that's all right old man
Come on and tell your woes
We'll help you if we can
The truth is all that goes.

The one that's out, and wants in
The reason why he tells
He needs the job—he needs the tin
On other things he dwells.
Yes vote me in, this one time
And watch my record through
And should you ever take a shine
I'll do as much for you.

Now, let's treat them right
And ourselves too
Just do it, honor bright
And put the best man through.
If, there's a low and dirty click,
That's running this old game
Just hump yourself and give a kick,
'Twill make them very tame.

Your record boys, is what we want
Your record, good and true
Then you can run, and run with speed
And surely will go through.
Play it fast but play it fair
No dirty work, you see.
A good true man is very rare
But he's the man for me.

—G. S. Jones.

Mrs. E. Haase was in the city
Tuesday from her home several
miles west of Spur and spent
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WE Are Going to Sell you Groceries for ONE WEEK ONLY at Big Reduced Prices, and at the prices we are making you can not afford not to buy your summer Supplies "Now." Just figure what a great per cent. you can save by trading with a Cash Store, and our Entire Stock will be Reduced the same as the few articles quoted below. Courtesy and Honest Weights will be given you "Free." Ask about the Dishes and the Racket Goods of different kinds, because they will be sold "cheap" for the cash only.

COME WITH THE REST OF THE FOLKS WHO WILL BE HERE AND LOAD YOUR WAGONS!

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CALIFORNIA CANNED GOODS	CEREALS	PICKLES	CANNED GOODS REDUCED.
25c Peaches for..... 19c	Post Toasties, per pk..... 12c	15c Bottle Pickles..... 11c	20c Veal Loaf..... 15c
30c " "..... 21c	K. C. Flakes 3 pks..... 25c	30c " "..... 22c	Vienna Sausage 3 for..... 25c
30c Pears..... 22c	2 lb. can Q. Oats 2 pks..... 24c	35c " "..... 27c	5 gallon Kerosene Oil..... 65c
35c " "..... 24c	Postum per pk..... 19c	1 Gal. Bottle Pickles..... 30c	1 Gallon barrel vinegar..... 28c
30c Apricots..... 22c	Cream of Wheat per pk..... 15c	30c Chowchow..... 21c	1 can St. Lawrence cut Beans 10c
25c Grapes..... 18c	P. Wheat " "..... 8c	1 Gal. Vinegar, jug..... 48c	1 can Pie Peaches..... 10c
35c " "..... 24c	P. Rice " "..... 12c	3 cans, 1 lb. Polks Best P & B 25c	1 can, 2 lb. Spinach..... 12c
25c Plums..... 18c	Eric Greenville Tob. per lb. 37c	1 Jar Beach Nut Peanut But. 15c	1 can, 2 lb. Red Salmons..... 18c
30c Cherries..... 22c	Brown Mule " " " 34c	1 Jar Beach Nut Jelly, pure. 21c	1 can, 2 lb. Pink Salmons..... 11c
25c Blackberries..... 18c	Corker " " " 25c	Gladio Flour, the best you	1 can, 2 lb. Early J. Peas..... 10c
35c Strawberries..... 24c	Derby " " " 25c	can buy, per hundred..... \$2.90	1 can, 2 lb. Sifted Early Peas 13c
Spices, all kinds..... 7c	New South " " " 45c	7 bars White Soap..... 25c	1 can, 1 lb. Soup..... 8c
Bulk Black Pepper per lb. 23c	100 lbs. No. 1 Salt..... 55c	4 bars Tar Soap..... 25c	1 can, 3 lb. Tomatoes..... 11c
Lamp Burner..... 7c	100 lbs. Irish Potatoes..... \$2.00	3 bars Lava Soap..... 22c	1 case, 3 lb. Tomatoes..... \$2.40
" Chimney..... 7c	1 Bucket Crusto Lard..... 1.20	3 bars Wild Rose Soap..... 22c	1 can, 2 lb. Tomatoes, best 8 1-3
Macaroni per package..... 7c	1 " Snow Drift..... 1.20	1-2 gal. Maple Syrup O. M. 68c	1 case, 2 lb. Tomatoes..... 1.90
4 pk. Arm & Hammer Soda..... 25c	1 " Swift Jewel..... 1.15	1 gallon Uncle Sam Syrup..... 46c	1 can, 1 lb. Petit Pois Peas..... .10
7 pk M. Yeast..... 25c	1 lb. Breakfast Delight Cof. 30c	1 gallon King Komus Syrup..... 65c	1 can, 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes..... .11
One-half pound Coconut..... 15c	3 lb. Bucket Coffee..... 75c	1 gallon Cryston Corn Syrup..... 46c	1 can, 3 lb. Beets..... .11
One-fourth " "..... 8c	3 lb. Marquette Coffee..... 90c	12 lb. Bucket Honey Comb \$1.25	1 can, 1 lb. Oysters..... .08
One-fourth pound G. L. Tea..... 13c	3 lb. White Swan Coffee..... 1.05	6 bars Clean Easy Soap..... 25c	1 can, 2 lb. A 1 Corn, v. best. .10
" " " W. S. "..... 13c	Fancy Blend Coffee per lb. 17c	7 boxes Washing Powder..... 25c	1 can, 2 lb. Worlds Fav. corn 8 1-3
35c Durkees S. Dressing..... 25c	15c Extracts 3 for..... 25c	1 gal. Castor Machine Oil..... 38c	1 case " "..... 1.90
B. Lye 4 for..... 25c	35c Extracts, pure..... 24c	60c Broom..... 43c	1 can, 2 lb. New Wiser Corn..... .08
G. Lye 4 for..... 25c	Axle Grease, per can..... 7c	8 pk. Tooth Pjcks for..... 25c	1 case " "..... 1.80
Quart Blueing..... 17c	4 oz. Beach Nut Olive Oil..... 28c	Faultless Starch 4 for..... 25c	1 can, 3 lb. Kraut..... .10
Chili Powder..... 21c	35c Pipe..... 21c	One-fourth pound Chocolate..... 6c	1 case " "..... 2.25
Van Houtin..... 20c	25c Pipe..... 14c	One-half lb. Bitter "..... 15c	1 can, 3 lb. Lye Hominy..... .10
			1 case " "..... 2.25
			1 case, 2 lb. String Beans..... 1.50
			12 Boxes Matches..... 38c
			Pearl Tapioca, per pk..... 6c

REMEMBER THAT THIS SALE IS FOR ONE WEEK ONLY!

COME NOW And buy your Grocery Supplies while you can make a saving on every purchase, and save many Dollars on the whole bill of supplies for summer months. We are not only Reducing the prices of a few items, but the price on every article in our entire stock of groceries will be Reduced in accord with the prices mentioned above. Hundreds of families will take advantage of this inducement to buy now and save money and we will expect you to help swell the crowds of Satisfied, Money Saving Purchasers.

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SPUR, TEXAS

Things Farmers Should Know

PAYING PASTURES

Permanent Ones Can Be Made Profitable on Any Priced Land.

GET RID OF USELESS COWS.

Dairyman Should Reduce All Cost and Labor to a Minimum, Otherwise He Might Find Himself Up Against It When He Balances His Books.

As conditions were a quarter of a century ago, pasturing was considered profitable only on low priced lands or on public domain lands. These are a thing of the past, says the National Stockman and Farmer.

Cheap labor is also a thing of the past. Conditions have changed so

THREE OF FARMER'S NEEDS.

Columella, a Spanish-Roman traveler and writer of the first century A. D., said that for successful farming just three things were essential—knowledge, capital and love for the calling. As true today as it was when written, the fact that knowledge is essential is too often lost sight of. Men who have succeeded in other lines of work or in none enter agriculture and fail for the lack of it, then christen it "hard luck." Had Columella been inclined to be a maker of epigrams he would probably have added to his statement that knowledge, capital and love for the calling are essential, the no less true statement that lack of the first is apt to result in loss of the second and third.—Better Farming.

POLLINATION BY BEES.

Experiments Show That the Insects Are Necessary For Transference.

It has been a matter of doubt until recently as to just what agencies were responsible for cross pollination in apple orchards. It was thought that the wind was a factor as well as the honeybees and other insects. It has been proved, however, that the wind has very little to do in aiding cross pollination and that honeybees, wild bees and other insects are very necessary for the transference of pollen.

To determine the importance of the honeybee and other insects as factors in cross pollination an experiment was carried on by the Kansas experiment station under the direction of James W. McCulloch, assistant entomologist. Wind was not considered in the test, because it was found that wherever apples were grown far from an apiary only a small amount of fruit was grown.

It was found that tame bees were the predominating insects visiting the flowers. They visited the trees from early morning until sundown. Cloudy or windy weather seemed to reduce their number, and they did not begin flying until the dew had left the trees.

Rape Forage For Swine.

Professor John M. Evvard, swine expert at the Iowa experiment station, in a recent address pointed out the respects in which corn was deficient as a food for animals and then proceeded to show how this deficiency can best be met. Forage crops, when they can be had, offer the best means of meeting this lack and among these crops rape and alfalfa stand out pre-eminently. In fact, rape is without a peer. It is the best of all forages for swine, feeding value alone considered. It is second to alfalfa only in number of pigs which it can support per acre (twenty-five for rape and forty-three for alfalfa) and in ease of management. In order of general desirability red clover comes next, followed by blue grass and sweet clover.

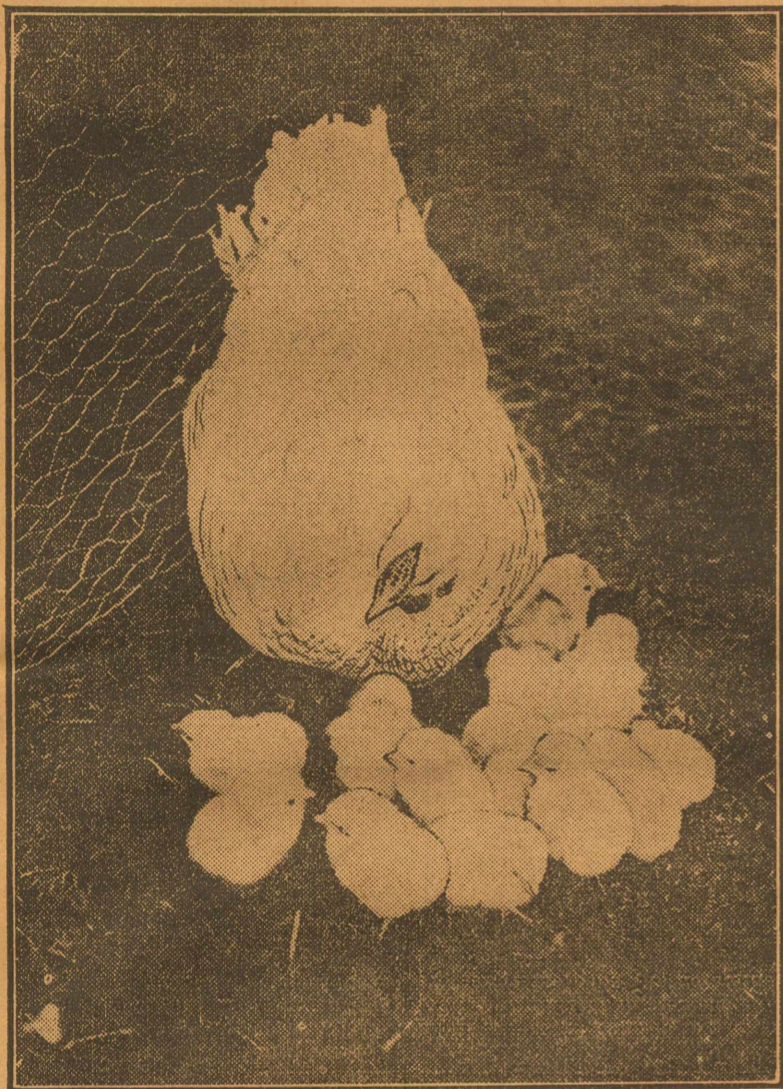
Rye Substitute For Corn.

It may not be generally known, but ground rye forms a very good substitute for corn. Pigs do not seem to relish it as much nor is it considered quite as good, pound for pound, but for general fattening purposes it can take the place of corn to good advantage. If used in the following ration it makes an excellent feed: Eight parts of corn, three parts of ground rye and one part of tankage.

Dirt Causes Hog Cholera.

If it were not for hog cholera pork raisers would be living in the lap of luxury. The time will come when there will be no more excuse for hog cholera than for the human cholera, that until a century or so ago periodically devastated Europe and America.

Know What You Feed Your Chicks



A BUNCH OF BEAUTIES.

"Can hatch 'em, but can't raise 'em," is the explanation given by many for poor success with chicks. "All I could do, they just died off like flies," said a discouraged friend. An investigation of conditions showed two reasons for his failure—he fed too much, and the chick feed he used was stale and adulterated. Our advice to you is feed little, but often.

Analyze carefully that commercial chick feed, and if it does not come up to the line in quality and price then make your own mixture by the following formula:

Pounds.	Pounds.
Cracked wheat	25
Cracked corn	10
Millet	10
Oatmeal	10

This is the basis for true feed on which the chicks will thrive and grow into healthy birds.

After a month or six weeks use this coarser scratch feed:

Pounds.	Pounds.
Whole wheat	20
Coarse cracked corn	15
Oats	15
Kaffir corn	20
Barley	5
Millet	5

rapidly that it was hard for the dairy farmer to keep up with them. Then we purchased bran at \$10, now it is \$30. All other feeds advanced in nearly the same proportion.

The cost of labor is also, multiplied by three and its efficiency by five. Also the price of dairy products has not advanced to cover this increased cost.

To meet the conditions dairymen must reduce the labor necessities to the minimum, reduce the amount of purchased feed wherever possible and beef all the cows that are not making a fair profit under existing conditions.

A good permanent pasture well cared for will be a great labor saver and feed cheaper on many farms. You may have to keep a less number of cows on the farm when you lay down a part of it into pasture, but that is a blessing in disguise if you sell the unprofitable ones you are now feeding.

Pasturing the regular rotation part of the farm is not profitable, as a rule, but a good permanent pasture under existing conditions may be made profitable even on high priced land.

To make and preserve permanent pastures is almost a lost art in many sections. It must be revived, and dairymen must learn the trick or be left in the lurch.

To Keep Horse Fit.

A handful of linseed meal fed to the horses about three times a week will aid to regulate the system, promote health and a glossy coat.

DAIRY CATTLE IN WEST.

Stockmen on Reclaimed Lands Are Increasing Their Cows.

The breeders of good dairy stock in the middle west are awakening to the fact that the national irrigation projects are opening first class markets for their surplus milking cows and registered bulls. During the last two years the settlers on the reclaimed lands have organized numerous co-operative creameries and are constantly increasing the number of cows on their farms. This is only a further evidence that no part of the country can be developed without some corresponding benefit to the whole nation.

Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa herds are being largely drawn upon for fancy stock, a recognition of the well known fact that these states are the leaders in the dairying industry in this country.

The reclamation projects offer a splendid market for registered hogs as well as cattle, and this field should not be overlooked by the breeders.—Kimball's Dairy Farmer.

Live Stock and Farming.

Live stock raising in connection with general farming conserves fertility elements and makes it possible to produce more food on a given area of land. Growing crops and breeding animals should be practiced on every farm of any considerable size if possible, as this kind of farming is surer as a general plan and it saves the farm for future crops.

Becker's Exhibition In Fencing

By ELIHU G. CAROTHERS

A STAGECOACH drove up to a tavern in a far western mining town. A young man with flaxen hair and light blue eyes jumped out nimbly and, walking as if stepping on springs, entered the bar and office rooms and told the landlord that he wished to stay with him for a short time.

"My name is Carl Becker. I hail from Cologne, and I'm going to settle down in this country."

"What did you do thar makin' it necessary for you to leave?" drawled the landlord.

"What I do? How you know I do anything?"

"Waal, most of 'em that comes here have had to light out from whar they come."

"I say notting about why I come from home, except that I must spend a year in a fortress if I stay dare. My vater he say: 'Carl, you spend a year in a fortress, den you serve your time in de army, and when you come out you haf lost a good deal of time. Suppose you go to America. Lots of people go to America, and they all get rich. Vot you say, eh?'"

"I say: 'Vater, I go to America. I spend de time I spend here and in de army makin' money, and then I come back to de vaterland and take care of you and mutter.'"

"A good idee," replied the landlord. "What was they goin' to put you in the fortress for?"

"Vot for dey put me in de fortress? Ach, I think I don't talk about dot!"

"I reckon it wouldn't make much difference about here unless it was for hoss stealin'. That's about the only thing they don't like in these parts. You kin shoot all you like and it's nobody's business but yours, but you take anybody's hoss and if they ketch you you'll have to dance whar the grass is too short."

"Vot you mean, dance?"

"The hangman's jig."

The landlord took young Becker to a room and when he returned remarked to a few persons who happened to be present:

"That's the kind we want out here."

Carl Becker was among the higher grade of emigrants and came not over in the steerage; instead he came first class and when he reached Nevada had \$1,000 in his pocket. That was in the day when silver mining was new in this region, and a new country is proverbially a rough country. The evening of Mr. Becker's arrival he came downstairs with a singular looking cap on his head. A number of the rougher element of the country were standing at the bar drinking. A man with a red beard in sheepskin breeches happened to turn as Becker entered the room and fixed his gaze on the cap.

"Well, now," he remarked, "that's the purtiest piece of headgear I ever seen in these parts. If it had a feather from a peacock's tail stuck into it it would be a dandy ornament for a woman."

Becker heard the criticism, and his lips broke into a beautiful smile.

"Say, young man," pursued the man with the red beard, "whar did you git yer bonnet?"

"My bonnet—ha, ha! You call dot a bonnet?"

"I axed you whar you got it."

"I got dat when I vas in de univer sity."

"Phew, the university! You don't mean you've been to college!"

"Yah, Heidelberg."

"Well, we don't stand no sich rain-bow tops as that out yere." And the speaker, drawing a knife about sixteen inches long from between his shoulder blades and catching Mr. Becker's cap on its point, tossed it on to the floor.

A change came over Carl Becker. He stood looking at the man who had removed his cap with an expression of serious dignity.

"Pick up my cap," he said, "and git it back to me."

"Well, I like that!" replied the other.

"I'd have you know, young man, that we don't take orders out here, and we don't allow young men to wear any headgear except the sombrero of the country. If you want a fair fight you shall have it. Reckon you ain't armed or I'd heered from you afore this. Jim, give the boy a gun or whatever he likes."

The man addressed as Jim thrust a revolver into Carl's hand, but he declined it and said he would take a knife such as had been used in the removal of his cap. A knife the same length as the other was handed him, and he put himself in the posture of a fencer.

"You got a lot of style about you, ain't you?" said Becker's opponent. But before he could finish the young German gave him a cut in the cheek that concentrated his attention on his enemy's knife. He made a thrust at Becker, but Becker nimbly retreated out of reach, and before his enemy could recover for another attempt he received a cut on the other cheek. Then Becker cut off the tip end of his nose. Lastly he gashed his forehead, and the blood running down into his eyes stopped the fight.

"Whar did you learn to handle a knife like that?" asked the landlord of Becker.

"I learned dat at the university. I vas champion of my corps."

"Reckon the reason you came over here was for killin' a man?"

"No, but I came pretty near killing him."

Jokes Still In the Running

Playing Safe.

"Every time Bilkins sees a fight he dives in and takes one side or the other," said Gabe. "He's going to get hurt some day."

"Oh, no, he isn't," replied Steve. "He got tired of being an innocent bystander and taking trips in ambulances."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Inherent Inclination.

"Why does that darned old hen always want to roost on a letter box?" "She was hatched from a parcel post egg."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Lost Sale.



The Florist—Wouldn't you like one of these luxuriant umbrella plants? Mrs. Kuozia—No; some one would borrow it for a rainy day.—Chicago News.

Charged.

"He's a regular human dynamo." "Yes? How so?" "Everything he buys is charged."—Newburg News.

See?

Thomas Edison was discovered by a visitor experimenting with a long coil of wire. He was in the midst of his deep sea soundings.

"What is that for?" the caller asked. "Making sounds," replied Mr. Edison, intent upon his work.

"Ah!" said the other with jocular meaning. "What kind of note does it give off?"

"The deep C, of course," replied the inventor.—Philadelphia Record.

Too Obliging.

"That new head waiter will never do."

"What's the trouble? He seems to be very courteous."

"I know, but he's actually letting our guests sit at the tables they prefer themselves."—Detroit Free Press.

She Was So Glad.

"Don't you know that your husband is walking the floor because of his debts?" "Isn't that fortunate?" replied young Mrs. Torkins sweetly. "You know, the doctor said that Charley simply must take more exercise."—Washington Star.

Something Had to Go.

"Is your engagement broken off finally?"

"Yes. Henry found he could make a first payment on a new car with the price of the diamond ring I insisted on his getting."—Baltimore American.

Lively Jingles.

Poet—Good gracious! Here is your servant asleep.

Hostess—Silly fool! He must have been eavesdropping while you were reading your new poem to me.—Pele Mele.

Bah!

Customer—I think this meat is spoiled. Meat Market Proprietor—Perhaps so, mum, but that meat came from a prize lamb and it may have been petted too much.—Illinois Siren.

Same Old Thing.

"What play did you see when you went to the theater?"

"Romeo and Juliet."

"How did you like it?"

"Well, the costumes were all right. But Romeo couldn't dance, and Juliet wasn't much for looks, and neither one of 'em had any real new stuff."—Washington Star.

Honest.

"At least he was original in his proposal."

"Didn't he claim that you were the only girl he ever loved?"

"No. He asked me if I'd accept the right rightly to demand of him where he had been 'till this hour."—Detroit Free Press.

Listed as a Luxury.



"How well preserved Lord Bawnbast is! Is he not a great swell?"

"Oh, yes!" with a burst of confidence.

"Do you know, when he arrived he was obliged to pay duty on himself as a work of art."—Philadelphia Press.

Dogs and Men.

"Did you see where a woman in Chicago has a dog in the house that talks?"

"Well, there are plenty in more towns than Chicago who have a man in the house that grows all the time."—Baltimore American.

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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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
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)
G. B. Joplin
E. L. Harkey

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
J. B. Conner
T. Wylie Morgan
G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge:
O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)
Blaine Speer

For County Treasurer:
B. A. Crego (re-election)
J. B. Yantis

John Weathers came in Saturday from the South Camp and spent some time here on business and shaking hands with his many friends.

J. A. Neighbors, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Steel Hill country, was among the number of business visitors from that community Saturday.

A School Chap, our highly esteemed correspondent from Gilpin, called in at the Texas Spur office Saturday and loaded up on a new supply of writing material. He is a very affable and intelligent lad and we expect great things of him in the future.

Robt. Nichols was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch home on the Plains and spent some time here buying supplies and looking after other business matters. He reports everything in the finest shape on the Plains.

J. Carlisle, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck Creek community, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

Ben Hagins, of Duck Creek, was in the city Saturday on business and greeting his many friends. Mr. Hagins is one of the oldest settlers of the country.

Will Walker, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of four or five miles east of Spur, spent several hours in the city Saturday on business and while here called at the Texas Spur office.

Lee Payne, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week looking after business matters and shaking hands with his many friends.

Poet Hagins, a prominent citizen of Gilpin, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends.

J. B. Cade, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill community, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

E. B. Shaw and J. H. Driver, two of the most prominent citizens of the Draper country, were in Spur Monday after supplies and looking after other business matters. Mr. Shaw hauled out some lumber and posts to make improvements on his place. He is building sheds and lots to better care for his stock.

Dr. Brandon left Spur Tuesday for Brownwood where he will re-establish his dental business and make his home in the future. Dr. and Mrs. Brandon have many friends in Spur who regret to see them leave but wish them a pleasant and prosperous home in their new location.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor, of the Silver Lake Farm on the Plains, was in the city last week visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Pounds and family. While here Mrs. Taylor called in at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to her, and for which she has our thanks.

F. W. West was in the city Monday from his farm home several miles north of Spur and spent some time here on business. Mr. West recently traded his Spur property for the farm and he and family moved and are now making a crop.

Tom McArthur was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday from the Tap country, spending several hours here shaking hands with friends and attending to other business matters.

Prof. Powell, of Jayton, had business in the city Saturday between trains.

E. R. Rorie was a business visitor from the East Camp Saturday.

Jim Smith, of seven or eight miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his section at this time and everything now indicates bumper crops of all kinds this fall.

Dr. Grace, Jas. F. Williams and C. H. Senning drove up to Crosbyton and Ralls Sunday in the Doctor's Ford, returning in the afternoon to Spur. They report a very pleasant trip and the country looking fine.

Mrs. P. H. Nelson, of Foard county, visited her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Wilson and family at their home six miles east of Spur, the first of this week.

Prof. D. T. Tarlton, principal of the Steel Hill school, was in the city the latter part of last week on business.

W. M. Randall came in Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country and spent several hours here on business.

W. J. Elliot came in Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Elliot reports everything in good shape, fine grass, cattle doing nicely and crop prospects the very best.

J. P. Gibson came in Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill community and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Gibson is one of the leading citizens and most prosperous farmers of that country.

Prof. C. C. Walden, principal of the Duck Creek school, was among the many business visitors from that section Saturday.

W. H. Taylor was among the number of business visitors from Duck Creek Saturday.

Prof. Hale, of Dickens, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

Misses Reynolds and Todd, of Dickens, were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Money to Burn

THERE are other ways to burn money than by simply touching a match to it. For instance, keeping it hid about the house or in the barn or tucked away somewhere out of sight. It may burn that way and your insurance policy will not cover the loss. Insurance companies are too smart to take such chances. Why should you? The safe plan is to deposit your funds with a reliable bank like ours and avoid all risks.

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

Woman's Work and Fashions

Jet Again, Has Wide Popularity



Jet is in fashion again. It is often used for hat ornaments. Jet passementerie decorates many smart French evening frocks. The gown shown here is of black net covered with jet paillettes. The low cut corsage is filled in with flesh colored tulle. The sleeves are merely suggested, the material being caught together on the shoulders by a jet ornament. Jet is enjoying an immense vogue just at present, and for evening wear especially it is popular. Now that high coiffures are pronounced "the thing" enormously high combs are creeping back into favor. Some of these are ornamented in a most original fashion with jet or brilliant stones. Beautiful ornaments for wearing on black velvet neck ribbons and really splendid shoe buckles are also being made by the up to date jewelers.

AROUND THE HOUSE.

The living room table should never be crowded with books. A few are enough. Try beating carpets and rugs on a set of bed springs. They will look as if done by a professional.

If a rug curls moisten it and wrap it around a broomstick in the opposite way from its trend; then tie and let it dry.

Paint the inside of bureau drawers with white enamel if you would have them always fresh and easy to keep clean.

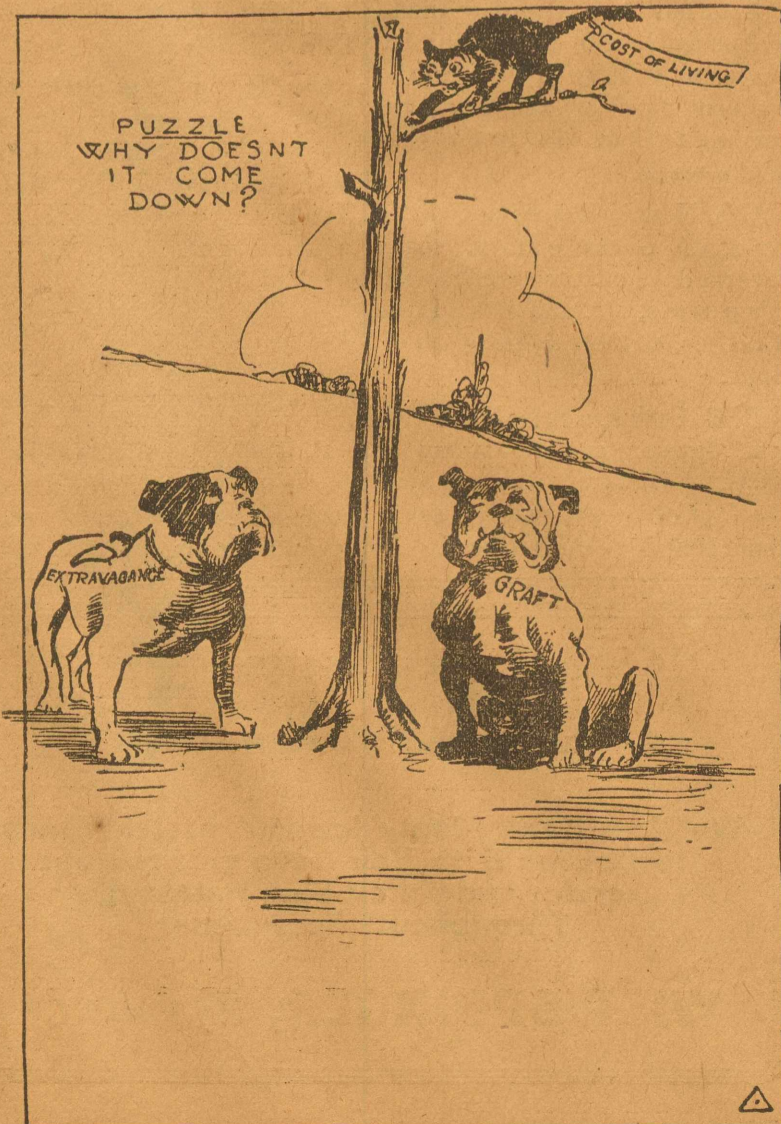
POCKETS IN FASHION.

The fullness now so much the fashion below the waist allows the smart woman pockets for the first time in many years. This is an illustration of the adage about "an ill wind."

A pocket, however small and flat (and it is both even now), is a great comfort. Bags are all very well, but they are easily detachable, soon lost. Millions of handkerchiefs must have been lost since the reign of pockets ceased.

A handkerchief is a necessary article, as one who goes out without one may prove very easily. Provided it be small and thin of texture it may be carried in the new "pannier pocket."

No Relief



—New York Times.

A POPULAR GARMENT.

The Russian Blouse is Smart Worn With Lightweight Skirts.

A garment which any visiting dress-maker should be able to put together correctly is the Russian house blouse to be worn with any lightweight skirt. It is cut in three straight sections—a back and two fronts—and has seams running across the shoulders down the upper side of each sleeve to its elbows and under each arm to just below the hips.

The fronts open to the waist line in V shape over a V cut fancy waistcoat and extend below the elaborately embroidered belt halfway down the hips, where one edge is sloped sharply away, while the other edge falls straight.

In a gold or silver shot satin printed with a flower or leaf pattern in bright colors, its edges finished with skunk or fox and its fronts opening over a jewel studded metallic gauze waistcoat matching the material of the closely fitted undersleeves, this blouse looks exceptionally smart and dressy. In a way it takes the place of a tea gown and may properly be worn at a home or an informal dinner.

LACES.

A little white sugar in hot water, say two lumps to a basinful, is a sufficient stiffening for delicate laces.

Use a mixture of gasoline and flour when cleaning delicate fabrics—laces, ribbons, plumes, etc. Dip the articles into the mixture and rub them thoroughly.

Greeting One's Hostess.

At a reception attended by men as well as women they enter the room together, stand first before the first hostess of the occasion, as there is always a head for such affairs, and greet her. She in turn presents them to any of the others in the receiving line that they are not acquainted with.

At a private house it is the lady of the house who greets them. If they do not know her they can easily introduce themselves, when the man says, "This is Mrs. Blank, is it not?" She replies that it is.

He may then say, "I am Mr. B. and wish to introduce my wife" (or whoever the lady is that is with him). Mrs. Blank should say she is pleased to see him, and in turn she presents him and the lady to the others in the receiving line.

Count Boris' Wife

By WILLIAM T. DREW

THE province of Vyatka, in Russia, borders on Siberia, and, though it is not quite so far north as St. Petersburg, it is a rather wild country. Near its center is a fine estate, in which on a piece of rising ground is a spacious residence. One day a lady rode out from this house on horseback. It was the spring of the year, and the winter had been cold. The lady had been told that wolves from the forests had been driven by hunger to seek food in the more civilized region, and she had pistols and holsters at the pommel of her saddle and a short rifle slung over her shoulder. Two servants, also armed, rode a short distance in her rear. She was going to visit a charitable institution in which she was interested.

During her return a sound of barking and shots was heard behind her, which drew rapidly nearer. Then a sleigh appeared, the driver lashing his horses to escape a pack of wolves. A man in the rear seat of the sleigh fired a shot at the brutes, then threw down his gun. It was evident that he had used his last cartridge. The equestrienne, supported by her servants, began firing at the wolves, which made off into the woods. Then the man in the sleigh thanked them for his life since, had it not been for their coming, in a few minutes more both he and his driver would have been devoured. Handing a card to the lady bearing the name Count Boris Geronsky, he said:

"If you ever come to St. Petersburg please advise me. I trust I shall be able to make your visit there enjoyable."

When the lady read the name on the card the expression on her face changed, but the count, whose nerves had been severely taxed, felt a swimming sensation and did not notice the impression his name had created.

"You need rest and refreshment," she replied to his request. "We are not half a dozen versts from my house. If you will partake of my hospitality I will accept your invitation later, for I shall soon visit the capital."

The count invited her into his sleigh and together they rode to her home, where she entertained him at dinner.

Within a few months Count Geronsky received a card on which was the name of Sonia Maranief, the lady who had saved him from the wolves. He called upon her and begged her to tell him in what way he could best make her visit to the capital enjoyable.

"I live on the edge of a wilderness," she replied, "and have never seen anything of life in a great city. I would

like to be present at one of the functions given at the palace."

"You shall be present," the count answered, "not only at one function, but as many as you please. I am one of the emperor's privy council and can command invitations for the asking."

Sonia Maranief proved a great success in court society. Though she came from a wild country she was refined, and there was about her a greater freshness and ingenuousness than in the women of the city. Moreover, she was beautiful. Since she always gave her name as Sonia Maranief it was supposed that she was unmarried. Many men strove to win her, but she seemed to prefer the attentions of him who had introduced her. Count Boris was devoted to her, but it was generally known that he was a married man and the Russian church does not admit of divorce.

There is a custom in Russia that a man of rank may marry a woman of wealth, giving her the right to bear his name and title for a consideration. Count Geronsky, on coming of age, found his paternal estate involved in debt. A career at court was open to him, but he must have means to achieve it. For 200,000 rubles he had given a wealthy woman the right to call herself Countess Geronsky. The marriage had been by proxy, and he had never seen his bride.

One evening when Sonia was dancing at the Winter palace a lackey stepped up to her with a telegram on a salver which had been forwarded from her abode. She opened it, and it was evident that it contained some distressing news. She straightway left the room, and so absorbed was she that she dropped her telegram. A lady picked it up and read the address, "Countess Geronsky."

The incident was soon common talk. Geronsky was congratulated on his marriage with Sonia Maranief and asked why he had not announced it. The count was astonished and when told of how Sonia had dropped the telegram sought her immediately. He found her in an apartment, waiting for her carriage.

"I learn," he said, "that you have received a telegram bearing my name and title. Are you not Sonia Maranief?"

"I was Sonia Maranief till I became the Countess Geronsky."

The countess had received news of the death of her mother. Her husband went home with her, and after that they lived as man and wife.

Devoted to Our Boys and Girls

GOOD BUT PUZZLING GAME.

"Egyptian Eye" is Played With a Screen With Holes in It.

Egyptian eye is a very simple yet puzzling game. To play it a screen must be put across one end of the room with holes cut in it about the height and size of a human eye, allowing a little variation in the height to include the tall, short and medium sized. A clotheshorse covered with newspapers makes a good screen for the purpose.

Introduce the game by inquiring of those present if they think they can recognize the eyes of their companions under any and all circumstances. You will find that most people are quite confident that they can do so. Invite half the company to step behind the screen and place one eye at the opening cut for that purpose. Then allow each of the remaining portion of the company to examine the single eye and name its proprietor. It will be found almost impossible to recognize with any degree of certainty the eye of even the dearest friend or nearest relative. Noses and mouths visible by themselves through similar appropriate openings are almost as difficult to identify.

Brain Food.

What kind of vice is that which people dislike if they are ever so bad? Ad-vice.

Why is a lazy young dog like an inclined plane? Because it's a slow pup (slope up).

Why is a thief in a garret like an honest man? Because he's above doing a wrong action.

When are tailors and house agents both following the same business? When they gather in the rents.

What is the difference between men and women at a tiresome lecture? Men go to close their eyes, women to eye their clothes.

What is always behind time? The back of a clock.

When is the wind of use to a country engaged in war? When it blows great guns.

Feeding the Animals at the Zoo



Photo by American Press Association.

The animals of the zoos are again permitted to wander from their stuffy quarters, where they have been locked throughout the cold months. Happy they are, too, to get back into the open air and sunshine. Children are feeding them nuts and candies, which they grab at with avidity, and also grown people are often tempted to hand out a bit to the ever hungry beasts. The two camels seen here are eating from the hand of a pretty actress in the London zoo.

A CHILD'S WEIGHT AND HEIGHT.

A scientific writer says that a child from six months to eight years old grows in length about 6 per cent, or nearly two and a half inches, every year.

The weight of the body goes on increasing to the eighth year, rising in boys to fifty pounds and in girls to forty-seven and a half pounds.

From that age until the twelfth year the increase in height is about 55 per cent each year. At twelve children of both sexes weigh on the average about seventy-five pounds. After that age the increase in weight is more rapid, so that at eighteen years the average weight for girls is 127½ pounds and for boys 145 pounds.

ITEMS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY.

BY CORRESPONDENTS.

GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Gilpin people are all smiles since the awful norther and sandstorm. The small rain Saturday night keeps the sand still so the farmers can plant their crops.

Mrs. E. R. Hagins and Miss Bettie Donely made a business trip to Jayton Tuesday.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. Stanten's Friday night and report a nice time.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Midway Sunday, returning Monday. He reports that a good rain fell in that section of the country Saturday night.

A large crowd of Gilpin and Girard people were in Spur Saturday. Some trading, some looking at the town and greeting friends, but most of them courting.

The Duck Creek School is preparing for a great programme for their closing entertainment in May. The School Chap will give the programme next week. We cordially invite all to come and be with us. We will appreciate your company and by giving us your presence you help us. We ask all neighboring schools to come and be with us, also the County School officers.

Little Johnny Hawkins is improving nicely, and we hope she will soon recover.

Miss Lydia Franklin has been crippled in one foot here of late but we are glad to know that she is improving.

The School Chap is rather busy this week with his studies, so will ring off, hoping all other correspondents will have good items this week.—A School Chap.

DRAPER GLEANINGS.

Had another fine shower Saturday night and the farmers are busy planting this week.

Prentiss Counts is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. E. B. Shaw visited Mrs. Murchison Wednesday.

J. A. Murchison came over to Draper Saturday evening to see the ball game. That is going some, isn't it?

Bill Thannish went to Spur Saturday.

Miss Edith Wright is on the sick list this week.

Lonesome Kid, sorry you are sick. Get well and come again.

School Chap, guess again. You thought you saw me but I guess it was a Soldier Mound girl you saw.

Sylvester Lovell and Fred Haile came home from the singing Sunday night by themselves and didn't get scared either.

J. R. Rodgers and family spent several days in Afton last week.

School Chap, in writing up your Uncle, please write your next in prose; we know you are from the backwoods, by the verses you compose.—Rambling Bill.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, APRIL 26th.

Subject—"Life of Abraham"—Mrs. Johnson.

Peculiar Blessings to World Through Life of Abraham—H. F. Murray.

Special Song and Music.

T. C. Copeland, of Kent county, was in Spur Wednesday after supplies and looking after other business matters.

SOLDIER MOUND.

Miss Oma McFall spent Sunday with Ila Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Trammell and nephew, Buford Petty, from Swenson, visited the home of J. T. Holloway last Friday, returning home Sunday.

Miss Eula Bowman spent Saturday with Lolita Wyatt.

John Earnest and Miss Ellen Earnest and Josie and Euphie Shipman visited J. T. Holloway and family Friday, returning Sunday.

Stella Holloway spent Sunday with Mabel Wyatt.

Had a nice party at Frank William's Saturday night. Everyone enjoyed themselves fine.

Miss Bertha Holloway spent Sunday with Miss Gussie McFall.

Had a nice party at J. T. Holloway's Saturday night.

Miss Eula Bowman spent Sunday with Gussie McFall.

Miss Annie Cathey and Lolita Wyatt spent Saturday night with Miss Verda McAteer.

Mrs. McFall and Miss Eula Bowman, Bertha Holloway and Gussie McFall made a short visit to Mrs. Childress' Sunday evening.

Jim Kimble and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.

Fred O. McFall spent Sunday evening at the home of S. R. Bowman.

Mrs. Hail and Mrs. Bolden called on Mrs. S. R. Bowman Sunday evening.

A large crowd attended the singing at Mr. and Mrs. Cook's Sunday night.

Miss Annie Cathey spent Sunday with Lolita Wyatt.

Had a nice singing at Mr. Wyatt's Sunday night.

Well, I will ring off.—Little Tommy.

NEW HOPE.

Since the late rains farmers are beginning to plant their crops.

The fruit crop will be very light on account of late freezes.

Oat Meal had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of C. T. Heller and lady Sunday.

Oscar Holcomb, who has resided in this county the past six years, has decided to return to Roswell, New Mexico, where his mother lives.

Rev. W. B. Bennett filled his regular appointment at Midway Sunday.

Miss Alma Young and sister-in-law have been visiting in our community.

The Afton and Midway High School ball teams met at Roaring Springs Saturday and pulled off a match game. Midway was represented by Arthur Woodburn, first baseman; Steve Austin short-stop, and Tony Holly, pitcher. They played eight innings, the score being 17 to 4 in favor of Midway.—Oat Meal.

FOR SALE.

Thirty-two head of High Grade Jersey Heifers, mostly three year olds, above quarantine line, three-fourths springers.—T. W. Johnson, Haskell, Texas. 2tp

J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Wednesday trading with the merchants.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur greeting his friends and incidentally campaigning for reelection to the office he now holds. While here he paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant call.

Chas. A. Jones returned last week from Freeport and will remain in Spur some time looking after the interests of S. M. Swenson & Sons in the management of the Spur Farm Lands.

For Sale—A \$275.00 vehicle, slightly used barouche and the very finest ever brought to Dickens county. Will sell for less than half price. See Dr. Grace, Spur, Texas.

W. W. Stegall, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday buying supplies of the Spur merchants and looking after other business matters.

Mrs. Mary A. Harvey returned this week from Amarillo and other points on the Plains where she has been spending several weeks.

Mrs. T. D. Ford and children returned the first of the week with her sister to Crowell where they will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

We are informed that Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, will probably be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner from this precinct.

W. M. Childress, a prominent citizen of the Dickens country, was in Spur Wednesday on business and greeting his friends.

W. L. Thannish and daughter, of Draper, were in Spur Saturday. Mr. Thannish reports crop prospects fine at this time and expects to see the best crops this year within the history of the country.

Frank Smith came in Monday from his home several miles south of Spur and spent some time in the city on business. He reports the farmers all busy out his way planting their crops.

Attorney B. D. Glasgow made a business trip this week to Waco and other points in the eastern part of the state, returning to Spur the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Nonnie Rogers and little child, of Garza county, spent several days of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, at their home north of Spur.

R. C. Forbis, a prominent citizen, farmer and ranchman of north of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week and spent some time here on business.

Mayor Geo. S. Link and Oran McClure and family made a trip last week to Post City by way of Crosbyton, Lubbock and Slaton. While in Post we went through the cotton factory which was taking in the cotton at one end and turning out the finished cloth at the other.

Miss Ida Sampson spent several days of this week in Spur with young lady friends, returning the latter part of the week to her home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

Mrs. Perdue and little child, of Amarillo, are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Attebury at the Midway Hotel.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick was in the city Monday from his home north of Dickens and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

C. D. Copeland came in one day this week from his farm home six miles east and reports everything in good shape.

FOR SATURDAY And All The Next Week!

WE HAVE BIG BARGAINS

ITEMS OF STARTLING VALUES at 5c and 10c. We are also placing for your inspection Childrens Dresses at 50c and 1.00, Ladies Gingham Dresses at 1.00, Kimonas 50c and 75c, all shades in Silk Messaline Petticoats "Special Values" 2.75---the material will cost more money and you save the making. Many styles in Ladies, Misses and Childrens Dresses from 50c to \$15.

Come and Take A Look.

NEW SHIPMENT STRAW HATS for Men, Boys and Children, price range 10c to 2.50. Three Big Specials in Mens Suits for One Week Only, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. Don't fail to see these Extra Values. Bring the Boy here for the Best Made Suits and Odd Pants at all prices from the Cheap to the Fine Grades. See our line of Work Pants at \$1.50.

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