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# PRISONERS BREAK JAIL IN DICKENS THURSDAY

as a result one prisoner, Hugh is now at large.

At the time there were six prisoners in the jail, four white men, Hugh Blakley, Jess Blakley and two Prather boys, one Mexican and a negro trusty. The prisoners tore away the metal ceiling overhead, broke the iron bars over the roof trap door, and by heating the irons burned a hole in the wood through which they made their escape. At the time Sheriff Conner was away from the jail, and Mrs. Conner hearing the noise stepped outside to investigate just as one of the prisoners was climbing down the water tower, and immediately gave the alarm. The Mexican was too large to get through the hole, the negro being a trusty had no occasion to make the escape, and Jess Blakley refused to follow the other three white men. Two of the white men, the Prather boys, soon returned, climbed on top of the jail and re-entered the cell through the hole, thus leaving the one prisoner at large.

Sheriff Conner has offered a reward of twenty five dollars for the detention of Hugh Blakley in any jail in the United States, notices to this effect have been mailed over the entire country. Blakley is charged with burglarizing the F. C. Gipson drug store in Dickens several months ago. Sheriff Conner and others are of the opinion that possibly Blakley is wanted elsewhere on a more serious charge, therefore his at tempt to make this escape.

No blame whatever can be attached to Sheriff Conner in this cases of small pox reported in jail delivery, since a twelve year several sections of Dickens counold boy could get out of the jail ty, including the Croton, Afton, in its present condition and ar- Dickens, Girard and Spur comrangement.

# CLEAN UP DAY IN SPUR THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH

Mayor Link has issued a proclamation designating Thursday, March 27th, as general clean-up day in Spur, calling upon every to join in the work of cleaning be a thing of the past. up the individual premises, vacant lots, alleys and streets in every part of the city.

If every man, woman and child will lend their assistance in this one day's work the good results toward a clean town will one among the old timers of this be inestimable. that the business houses of the town close up during the greater part of this day, thereby not only lending assistance but encouragement to others to assist in the work of a cleaner and more sanitary town. Cleanliness going out to various sections of his shop is the only one now in contributes not only to appear- the country. This fact indicates operation from Spur to Roaring thought he could make more western country selling goods to ances of the town but to the substantial improvement prog. Springs, and he is still looking money than here, therefore he merchants and today possibly health and general bearing of ress as well as prosperity over for a man to help him in the will make the change in his there is no man better known to the citizenship.

### PEANUTS.

The peanut is beginning to receive the attention it deserves. It is a machine planted, machine cultivated, machine harvested Prisoners in the County Jail at crop, requiring much less labor

tention to seed selelection.

There are several varieties, but most of the nuts grown in Texas are of Spanish variety, used for feed. Nuts grown for the trade are the Virginia Runner, the Virginia Bunch and the African, or North Carolina.

# SMALL POX WELL IN HAND

We are informed that Dock Edwards and family have been quarantined for some time at their home on Croton Flats on account of small pox. The members of the family have all had the disease in a very light form, the greatest inconvenience and disadvantage being in the fact that they were not permitted to enjoy the liberties of association with the outside world. There has been quite a number of munities, all of which is said to be in a very mild form. However, the County Health officers have been handling the situation in the most effective manner to prevent a general spread of the disease. Many have been vaccinated, and all those who have contracted the disease have been kept under strict quarantine. There is absolutely no alarm felt in any of the communities and individual within the City limits the disease is expected to soon

# A LEADING CITIZEN.

Otho L. Hale, a leading citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several hours here on business. Mr. Hale is We suggest section and for years and years has been a leading factor in the commercial and agricultural development of this great country.

# LUMBER BEING HAULED

the country.

# CONDITIONS WARRANT UN-PRECEDENTED PROGRESS

in selecting peanut seed as in conditions which prevail through choosing seed corn. Take the out the country at this time. best shaped pods from the most The town and the country is in perfect plants producing the a prosperous condition and at no largest number of matured pods, time have crop and general proscure them properly, and keep pects ever been brighter and them dry through the winter more promising than at the pres months. The man who chooses ent time. The year 1915 promhis seed with care should, after ises to be not only one of the two or three years, produce all most prosperous years but one most twice as many bushels per of substantial building and im acre as the man who pays no at- provement progress in both town and country.

# CLOTHING

We have several un-called for Made to Measure Suits which will be disposed of at a remarkably low price, This merchandise is strictly firstclass and Vailor-Made.

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### HOGAN & PATTON SPUR

# DOING BIG BUSINESS.

Uncle Wash Robertson was in Spur Tuesday from Afton and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters. He says that he Every day we see wagon loads is now doing an extensive blackof lumber and building material smithing business at Afton since shop.

# IS PLEASED WITH COUNTRY

Jim Evans, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday buying farming tools, etc., preparatory to making a crop in T. A. Tidwell is having his that section this year. Mr. which if not unprecedented is grow bumper crops this year the town are taking more than Dickens county.

### MARRIED.

Volney Cain, of Spur, and Miss Ola Harris, of the Tap country, the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Cain will make their home in the Fap country. The Texas Spur this young couple enjoy many years of married life and prosper beyond their greatest expectaions.

# DICKENS COUNTY NOT IN PRIZEI CONTEST FOR 1915

Information has just been received from the Texas Industrial Congress that no contestants from this county have entered its prize crop contests for the year 1915. In view of the fact that there is no cost whatever attached to entering any of the pense loaded onto the farmer by competing for the prizes. there is no reason whatever except lack of interest or knowledge of what the contests are to account for the fact that not a single farmer of Dickens county has enrolled in the contests." WESTERM

Ten thousand dollars in gold is to be given to farmers in this state who raise the best crop, cost of production considered. during the year 1915. There are ten classes. The first class is for four-acre model farms, in which the contestants must grow one acre of corn, one acre of cotton, one acre of cowpeas and one acre of kaffir, milo or feterita, making creditable showings.

# WILL MOVE TO ARIZONA.

J. H. WcCamant was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Mc-Camant informed us that he intended to leave at an early date for Arizona where he and family will again make their home. Mr. McCamant said that he is well pleased with this country but that he had a proposition offered residence.

# **ENCOURAGING CANDIDATES** FOR CITY OFFICERS

In view of the fact that a city Dickens effected an escape than cotton, and much more residence in the northwest part Evans came to this country last election will be held in Spur on Thursday night of last week and profitable. A contestant of the of the city remodeled and mak- year from McLennan county and the sixth day of April for the Texas Industrial Congress for ing an addition of several rooms, is well pleased with the country, purpose of electing a mayor and Blakley, charged with burglary, the 1914 prizes realized 1,200 which when complete will make He is convinced that the land one commissioner to serve for pounds of pork from an acre of one of the nicest, most attractive and soil of this section is just as two years, and since Mayor Link peanuts, which at eight and one- and convenient homes in Spur. | rich and productive as the one has let it be known that he will half cents per pound amounts to During the past several weeks hundred and fifty dollar lands not again permit his name to be \$102. The hogs gathered the Spur has enjoyed an era of build- of the eastern parts of the state. placed on the ticket for re-elecnuts, so there was no harvesting ing and improvement progress We hope that Mr. Evans will tion, the citizens and voters of The same care should be used warranted and encouraged by and will later buy land and be- usual interest in the city election. come a permanent citizen of While the interest in this election will probably not be sufficient to encourage any one to announce as a candidate and make a campaign for city office. yet the friends of F. W. Jennings and E. C. Edmonds have were married Sunday in Spur, solicited them to become candi-Justice D. A. Young performing dates for the Mayor's office and their names will probably appear on the ticket for that place. A. Tidwell has been solicited to let his name appear on the tickjoins their many friends in ex- et for City Commissioner, and tending congratulations, and may which he will probably consent to do. We have heard other names mentioned as suitable and acceptable candidates for the two offices, among the number being J. W. Meadows, W. S. Campbell, C. L. Love, Ned Hogan, Carl Patton, C. W. Lowery. and possibly others of the younger citizenship, any of whom would give city affairs conscientious and efficient services.

# BUILDING ROADS.

J. N. Zumwalt was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm and ranch home west of Spur. He reports that he and others of his section have been doing some road grading work contests, and not a cent of ex- on the Crosbyton road and as a result the road is now in good

# A DIVERSIFIED FARMER.

Howard Campbell was in Spur last week marketing chickens, eggs, butter and pigs. This is what we call diversified farming, and the man who practices such farming will prosper.

# GINNING SEASON IN SPUR NOW NEARING THE END

The Farmers Gin Company has advertised the fact that they The first prize in this class is will close down their gin Satur-\$500.00, second prize \$300 00 and day, April 3rd, for this season third prize \$200.00; \$500.00 will and all the cotton to be ginned be awarded other contestants this season is expected to be in by that time.

> Up to this time the two gins of Spur have ginned 9,479 bales of cotton, thus falling short a few bales of the estimated ten thousand bales to be ginned at Spur this season.

# AN OLD TIMER.

George Cox, one of the oldest drummers of Western Texas. was in Spur this week on his regular rounds of the country. More than twenty years ago him in Arizona wherein he George Cox traveled over this

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# SOMETHING WRONG.

Now folks, you may think it easy to write an ad each week that the people will read, and How long 'twill continue we none of us stick to the truth, but it's a hard job. People, it seems, want to be humbugged a little. Did you ever notice how folks buy patent medicine or soap from some two by four wind jammer selling on the street? If our druggist would lie about the merits of their medicines in the same way, they wouldn't last long. Yes, and one of these fellows selling patent rights; telling you you can buy one county right and get rich in sixty days. Now, stated that a gin, oil mill and or of the Pulitzer School of Jourthe fellow who buys one of these other institutions would be put nalism, in a careful analysis of rights had better throw his money in the creek, for the creek might dry up or the fishes swallow it like they did Jonah and spew it up on dry land somewhere, but when a fellow buys a county right it just adds one more sucker to the list for his money is forever gone. much to show how people seem to like to be deceived. Now, we from Mrs. J. L. Law, of Dickens, don't claim to be in the George enclosing one dollar and seventy Washington class, but we do be- five ceuts for the Texas Spur lieve in honest dealing between and Dallas News another year, man and man and in a great for which she has our thanks. hereafter when our actions will be taken in account by the Judge of all judges.

Since Spur was born we have been keeping as good stocks of goods as conditions would justify, and dealing with you as honorably as we knew how, and the growth of our business indicates to us that you appreciate the square deal. We want you to have confidence in us. If you don't we don't want your business. Now, merchandise has to day from his ranch home in Kent be both bought and sold largely on confidence. Men, who have Spur on business and greeting spent their lives selling dry friends. goods for example, will tell you they cannot tell the exact value of a piece of cloth, and the man who says he knows the value of a suit of clothes, even though he has been selling clothing all his line, is the man who misrepresents facts. So what we wanted to bring to your minds was we have to deal with one another on confidence, largely. Now, we buy merchandise ourselves from people we have confidence in. Sometimes we are offered baits, but we find it best to stay with houses that deal squarely all the time. We appreciate the confidence our customers have in us. We would not lose your confidence for all the profit your accounts might make us. We want your business and friendship, and we think we know if you trade with us year in and year out you will find as many have found, our merchandise is right in both price and quality, and our treatment is fair and honest and our advertisements clean and true.

Wherever you go you will find something wrong;

The lecture too dry, or the sermon too

The weather too horrid, or else 'tis too

The veal is too young, or the eggs too old.

The butter too strong, or the coffee too weak:

The neighbors talk gossip, or else do not speak;

The rents are too high, or the wells are

ever you go. Some men are too wealthy, and others so

That life is a burden quite hard to en-

as great,

neighbor has ne'er learned to saw a board straight.

some people are handsome, while others are plain;

pain:

While some without study appear to grow wise:

opened eyes.

still go:

know; Yet, after we've asked, and looked carefully round,

will be found.

-Bryant Link Co.

### LAND OWNER AND PROMOTER.

through Spur Wednesday on his the street. way to Fort Worth. Mr. Ralls in operation in Ralls another season. He says that more than ten thousand acres of new land will be put into cultivation this year in the Ralls territory. is also enjoying an era of sub-

We received a letter this week

Witt Springer made a business trip to Jayton last week. Witt informs us that he has sold his ice business at Jayton and will operate the business only in Spur this year.

Prof. Geo. T. Barnes came over Friday afternoon from his school in the Croton country and spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with Mrs. Barnes and children.

Ed Cairnes was in Spur Tues- everyone present. county, spending some time in

and prosperous farmer of the business matters. Steel Hill community, was a business visitor to Spur this week.

day trading with the merchants | friends. and greeting friends.

Mr. King, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time trading with merchants. here on business.

1st, High School Auditorium.

# PUBLICITY AGENTS ARE

The Texas Journalist, which is the organ of the University of Texas School of Journalism, in its issue of March 15th contains an article warning the editors One makes an invention that marks him of the State against the publicity agent, alias the free space graft-

"An authority," the writer declares, "has recently estimated Some robust and healthy, some victims of that the newspapers of the country are being worked for \$5,000,-000 worth of space each year by Some grope like young kittens with un- free space grafters. How much of that tidy little sum of \$5,000,-So things have been going, and so they 000 are you contributing? How long are we going to continue that folly?

"Our old friends, the politicians, are persistent free space We may find the true cause in ourselves grabbers - when they can get it. Most of us have had experience in boosting certain fellows into office and then having these fellows, when they have been John R. Ralls, extensive land chemically changed from poliowner and promoter of the town ticians to statesmen, look the of Ralls on the Plains, passed other way when they pass us on

"Dr. Talcott Williams, Directthe subject separating publicity that should run free for the general information and welfare of a newspaper's readers and that publicity which should properly Thus it will be noted that Ralls come under the head of free advertising, lays down the general stantial development progress. principle that publicity which involves a profit should be paid for and that which is of public use and advantage should be printed as newas.'

> J. G. Currie, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer and stockman of the Archer county settlement southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and spent several hours here on business. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

> Rev. B. W. Dodson lectured at the Lyric Theatre Monday night under the auspices of the Methodist ladies. The lecture was well attended and enjoyed by

W. P. Sampson, an influential citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck Creek community, was in Spur this week greeting his Ben Hagins, a leading citizen many friends and attending to

Mrs. W. H. Duke returned last week to her home in Dallas after Ed Hulse and wife, of the Tap spending several days in Spur country, were in the city Tues- with her husband and other

> W. A. Smith and wife, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Tuesday visiting friends and

"The Dear Boy Graduate!" "A Case of Suspension" April Good Cast. Plenty of fun. Splendid Moral. Come.

# The War in Europe is Making the Prices High on Necessaries of Life

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# A GIN NEEDED IN THE LEE COUNTY SETTLEMENT

W. D. Eldredge, a leading citzen and farmer of the Lee county settlement on the Plains, was in Spur Wednesday on business. He reports that the new store and postoffice building in that settlement is now under constrction and will probably soon be in operation. That settlement has the finest rural school not only in Dickens county but all of Western Texas. That section is settling and building rapidly, and the greatest need for this year is a gin. The farmers of that section will grow from six hundred to one thousaed bales of cotton, The public is hereby notified and they will also pay not only that hereafter no hunting will the customary price for ginning be allowed in any of the Half but will also pay a liberal bonus Circle S pastures. All parties for ginning. On top of this they will be prosecuted to the full ex- will also haul out the machinery tent of the law for any hunting and help put up the plant if some violations. - A. W. Hudson. 51 6m first-class gin man will help them out by taking advantage of the opportunities presented. If a gin is put in this year the cotton acreage would be nearly doubled the next year,

> J. F. Goodwin returned the first of the week from the Lee County settlement where he has been building a new farm home on one of H. C. Eldredge's places in that settlement. This makes five or six new farm homes to be built in that section this year.

> J, F. Speer, the efficient veterinary surgeon of Dickens, passed through Spur Thursday on his way to Girard and Jayton where he will spend several days doing veterinary work.

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Henley was right when he insisted in a memorable poem that he was the master of his fate, the captain of his soul. The man who never gives up in the face of reverses is the man who has to be taken into account and

reckoned with. The contest between the Apostle Paul and the Roman Empire looked unequal enough. But the indomitable spirit won! Nopoleon, long on the verge of failure, kept on fighting. Washington; in the midst of overwhelming discouragement. re fused to give up. Disraeli insisted that the time would come when the House of Commons would be glad to hear him. Telephones: Luzon 61, Southwestern 3 Gladstone declared that the tide of civilization was on the side of the Liberal program and that it could not be permanently beaten.

Every great forward movement has been repeatedly beaten back by the forces of reaction. But there always have been unconquerable Sauls behind every movement who refuse to recognize defeat. In the end progress has triumphed because of the fighting spirit of forwardlooking men and women.

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### SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Last Friday John Smith, while working with his stock on Blanco Canyon, became very sick and had to return and call the doctor. Saturday it developed that he had an acute case of appendicitis and that an operation would be imperative. The operation was performed Sunday morning at four o'clock by Drs. Guyton of Plainview, Smith and Childers. At first blood poison was feared but the patient has passed the point of danger and it is now considered just a matter of time when he will be well and stout again.-Floydada Hesperian.

### EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

On Monday night, March 29th, there will be Confermation services by Bishop Temple at Presbyterian Church. Special Music. The public is most cordially in-

vited to this service.

H. Estes has been confined to his bed the past several days. Mr. Estes is one of the old original settlers of Spur and although this is recognized as one of the healthiest sections of America, we one and all at times are forced to lay up for repairs. We hope soon to note and report that Mr. Estes is again on the job.

has our thanks.

Oil Stove For Sale-Four burner, practically new and in good condition. A bargain to some one. Call at Texas Spur

visitors in Spur Saturday.

J. Carlise was among the num-

Christ Sunday.



# Almost Like a Face-to-Face Chat

Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

But she was not lonesome, for each day her husband called up for a few minutes' chat by Long Distance Bell Telephone.

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Lost-One brown mare mule. three years old, branded J on the left jaw, mouse colored nose. I will pay five dollars reward to anvone who will bring her to my place. - J. J. Cloud.

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### BUYS BLACKSMITH SHOP.

William Botts, a leading citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the close our stores at seven o'clock latter part of last week and P. M. from April 1st, 1915, to friends and looking after busi- exception of Saturdays. ness matters. Mr. Botts has | Sol Davis, Hogan & Patton, been in the blacksmithing busi- Bryant-Link Co., T. J. McCulloch, J. L. Karr, a leading citizen ness in Dickens for many years, L. A. Hindman, Spur Hardware and prosperous farmer of near and we understand that he will Co., Riter Hardware Co., Luce & old Espeula, called in Monday again resume that business, he Brannen Bros., Love Dry Goods and handed us the wherewith having bought out Mr. Moon Co., Tibwell & Reeves, Campbell for the Texas Spur and Dallas who has been operating that & Campbell. News another year for which he business during the past several

business man of Clairemont, was years, removed this week to in Spur this week visiting his their home in the Tap country. wife who recently underwent a Mr. Hinson is one of our most very serious operation at the substantial citizens and we are J. F. Speer, prominent citizen Standifer Hospital. We are glad glad to welcome him back home. and veterinary surgeon of Dick- to note that Mrs. Hunter is reens, was among tht business covering rapidly and will return home in a few days.

White Moore, prominent citiber of business visitors in Spur zen and prosperous farmer and Monday from the Duck Creek ranchman of several miles west friends. Mr. Blair is one among Elder G. F. Mickey, of Red Mr. Moore is hauling posts and Hill, preached at the Church of and other material which he will use in improving his farm home.

> John Carlisle, one of the leading citizens of the Duck Creek community, was in Spur Monday transacting business and greeting his many friends.

A pair of Standard Computing Scales, good as new, will be sold at a big bargain and for less han half cost. Call at the Tex- same at once.-J. W. Dunn. as Spur office.

J. A. Kerley was in Spur Monday and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Lost-Small boy's coat, dark blue, between my house and Spur. Finder please return same to W. D. Blair.

Mrs. E. F. Springer received a telegram Sunday stating that mer, Texas.

We the undersigned agree to spent some time here greeting September 30th, 1915. With the

P. Hinson and family, who have been making their home Frank Hunter, a prominent near Huntsville the past two

W. D. Blair came in Monday from his farm home two or three miles east of Spur and spent several hours in the city on busiof Spur, was in town Monday. the best citizens and progressive farmers of the whole country.

> Mr. Malone, of Aspermont, was brought to Spur this week to undergo an operation for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to note that he is reported doing nicely.

> All parties knowing themselves indebted to the German Kitchen, please call and settle

A. M. Sprayberry and son, Henry, were in Spur Monday from the Watson settlment with

P. W. Henson, of near Roaring Springs, was a business visitor to Spur the first of the week.

Sheriff J. B. Conner; of Dick-1tp. ens, spent several hours in Spur Monday on official business.

When in Spur drop into The her step-lather was dead at Gil- German Kitchen and get you something to eat. We have it

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A Unique Murder Trial as Described by the Foreman of the Jury, In Which Is Revealed the Most Astounding and Inconceivable Act of Rascality.

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PROLOGUE. The office of foreman on the jury in the People versus Emory case falls to the lot of Mr. Lambert, a literary man, whose qualifications lay in his absolute ignorance of the case. Ferris Barstow, a man of tenacious tendencies, is the lawyer for the accused girl, Alice Emory, former private secretary of Gregory Shaw, who was found murdered mysteriously in his home. In presenting the case to the jury Deake Gilbert, the prosecutor, explains the facts in detail, and the evidence all points to the guilt of the accused. The foreman, homeward bound, assists Barbara Frayne, a young horsewoman, and unwillingly listens to a declaration on the Emory case. Barbara believes Miss Emory to be innocent. The foreman visits the scene of the murder. Viewing the home from the outside, he overhears Madeleine Mapes, the housekeeper, endeavoring to persuade Betty Field, another servant, to forget all about a blue skirt she had seen the former put in the furnace. At this moment Barstow's assistant, Mr. Hunt, visits the women in an effort to get them to leave the neighborhood where their testimony might injure the accused. The trial opens. Lambert forces valuable testimony from the architect who had drawn the plans for the Shaw house. Gilbert produces evidence that forged Shaw checks were made out to the order of Alice Emory. When court adjourns Lambert gets a message to call up 22 Pollicet and is told by Miss Frayne that she occupied Miss Emory's room on the night of the murder and that Miss Emory was not there. Soon thereafter Lambert is approached in a dark lane by a man who Lambert believes is Barstow's assistant, Hunt, but who calls himself Gilbert's assistant and gives the name Corning. This man tries to worm from Lambert his reason for desiring to leave the jury, but fails. Lambert meets the real Corning later. Barstow requests a delay in the court proceedings because of illness, and Lambert, taking advantage of the recess, plans to drive to Hefryville, catching up to Miss Frayne on the way after a chase. She is on her way to visit her friend, the prisoner, and they continue on their separate journeys. Meeting Gilbert soon afterward, Lambert is warned he shouldn't leave for Hefryville without first consulting the judge. Lambert ignores the warning and plays the part of hero, with Barbara a witness, by saving Miss Mapes and Betty Field from what looked like a runaway. The driver is pitched off his seat and is badly hurt. He proves to be Hunt in disguise. The defendant is led into the court leaning heavily on the arm of her lawyer. Bayne, a juror, characterizes it as "sham" to Lambert. Examining Dr. MacLean, Shaw's physician and friend, Barstow elicits the testimony that MacLean never saw Miss Emory sign Shaw's name. The doctor repels the insinuation that his testimony is colored by the fact that the will he believes genuine leaves \$10,000 to him. Gilbert produces evidence to show Shaw swore he was unmarried. Barstow and Gilbert have many tilts, and the latter has the courtroom locked while he examines Madeleine Mapes about the blue skirt which Miss Emory gave her. The testimony further implicates Miss Emory.

Barstow's New Foe.

ESUMING his examination of Miss Mapes, Gilbert next asked the witness:

"Did you look in your closet the morning after Miss Emory had occupied your room to see if the blue skirt was still there, Miss Mapes?"

I turned as the prosecutor rephrased

his significant question. "No, I didn't," Miss Mapes retorted

feebly. "I told you I'd thrown it 'But you said you'd last seen it in

the closet of your room, didn't you?"

'Mr. Stenographer, read the witness's answer to my question on that point."

"I did not. I said"-

The stenographer turned back the leaves of his notebook, and the room was hushed in deathlike silence as he examined them. At last he placed his stance.' pen on one of the pages and, glancing up, nodded at Gilbert.



"I threw it away, I swear to God I"-

"Question" (he read). "When did you last see it?" (the blue cloth skirt). 'Answer. In the closet of my room.' A solemn pause followed, and the prosecutor eyed the witness narrowly as she sat trembling in the chair.

'Well?" he queried at last.

The woman gasped and paused, her eyes again seeking Barstow's with an imploring expression, but the lawyer responded with as cruel a glance as I ever saw in a human face, and the housekeeper cowered under it as she sank back in her chair.

"That is all, Miss Mapes," Gilbert murmured.

Barstow had uttered no word of objection during his adversary's long examination of the witness nor had he assisted her in any way, and I thought he might not attempt a cross examination. He waited only an instant, however, before he sprang at her with a

question, his voice shaking with fury. "Have you now told everything you know about this case?" he demanded

"I have."

"We'll see about that. Was there any love lost between you and the late Gregory Shaw?"

The woman visibly flinched at the question, but recovered herself immediately. "There was no question of love be-

tween us," she answered bravely. "Didn't you hate each other?"

"I don't know what his feelings

"But yours-yours! Tell us about yours! Didn't you hate him?" Barstow leaned toward the witness.

his finger shaking in her face. "I didn't like him." "Like him! Didn't you dislike him?"

"Did you never love him?"

"Yes; I did once."

"Oh! A woman scorned, eh?" Gilbert leaped to his feet, his hand

raised in protest. "Your Honor," he interposed, "I ob-

ject to these brutal and uncalled for comments which are not only insulting to the witness, but unseemly in a

Barstow turned fiercely upon the prosecutor, his eyes flashing danger-

"When murder and manners are more closely allied, I'll take lessons of you, Gilbert," he snapped. "Until then, sit down!"

The prosecutor flushed angrily, but, ignoring his opponent, again addressed

the court. "I move to strike the comments of counsel from the record," he demand-

ed. "and I object to their repetition." "Strike them out, stenographer," Judge Dudley ordered. "Now, Mr.

Barstow." The defendant's counsel waited scowlingly until the prosecutor had resumed his seat, and then sprang at the witness with unabated fury.

"Is there a living being anywhere on this earth who ever heard of your exchanging rooms with this defendant on the night of Shaw's death?"

"Yes, Miss Emory." "Oh, Miss Emory? I thought you were going to give us the name of some dead person-like Shaw, for in-

Gilbert again sprang to his feet protesting.

"Now, your honor, I move to strike that out." he thundered.

Barstow swung savagely upon his adversary. "If you interrupt me again, sir," he

shouted, "I'll make it a personal mat-"Pray don't wait for that, Mr. Bar-

"Gentlemen, this wrangling must cease," interposed the judge. "Mr. Barstow, confine yourself to questions, and remember this is cross examination, Mr. Gilbert."

Again Barstow faced the witness and reopened his furious attack.

'Now tell us about Mr. Shaw's making love to you-give us the dates, the words, the actions, everything-a regular heart to heart talk.'

Miss Mapes turned scarlet, stammered out a few inarticulate sentences and paused. Instantly Barstow was at her with a furious burst of questions, heartless, cruel, brutal inquiries which tore her like murderous fangs and drove her to cover.

Shaw had made love to her, and she had at one time thought him honorable and sincere. She had not hated him until he had proved himself a liar and a coward. That was long ago.

Once more Barstow was at her throat, tearing answers from her with hideous ferocity.

She had remained his housekeeper because she hoped to better herself, hadn't she? She wanted to housekeep for keeps, didn't she? Wasn't she plotting and planning to become Shaw's wife? No-no-and no again! She had come to hate him less of late years because she had neither forgotten nor forgiven. She had known of his making love to Miss Emory for more than a year. She and the secretary were intimate friends. Did Shaw know she was warning the girl against him? No. Had she ever protested to Shaw and demanded that he cease his attentions to her confidential friend? No. Not on "I didn't mean that!" Miss Mapes burst out excitedly. "I don't know where I last saw it. I threw it away. consented to become Shaw's wife? She had already so sworn. Would she swear it again? Yes, as many times as the

questioner chose. Again the witness turned upon her assailant and fought him off, but her strength was ebbing fast, and Barstow, noting this, brought tooth and claw to bear, hurling merciless questions at her with whirlwind force and speed, until the victim fairly reeled and staggered, and the savage spectacle became unendurably revolting.

"Mr. Barstow! The lawyer swung on his heel as he heard his name and found himself confronting the defendant, who stood gazing anxiously at the housekeeper's ashen face.

Instantly he motioned her to her seat, but she paid no attention to his geshe stepped back and, without taking his eyes from the witness, stopped and whispered a few words in his client's ear, to which she responded rapidly and earnestly, and I could see the man's face twitching with annoyance as he listened.

The room had watched the whispered conference in awed astonishment, and as Barstow's harsh voice broke the silence many eyes were still turned upon the defendant standing resolutely beside her chair.

"Now this skirt Miss Emory gave you—was that another secret between you?" "No."

The answer was low and feeble. Barstow put his hand mockingly behind his ear.

"No-do you say?" he thundered. "Give me the name of any living per-

son who knew of her gift!" The witness gazed dumbly at her questioner.

'You can't give any such name, eh?" The housekeeper shook her head at the tigerish eyes glaring hungrily at

"Did you ever wear the skirt?"

"Then why did you accept it?"

"I used the lining."

'Wanted to rip the inside of it out, eh? Well, now, I'm going to rip the inside out of something else." stow stepped forward and shot his finger straight at the woman's eves. "Didn't you destroy that skirt on the morning of Nov. 3?" he thundered

'Deny it if you dare!" Miss Mapes leaned forward in her chair, her lips moving silently and her hands clutching the air. Then she suddenly swayed and fell upon her face. Before an attendant could reach the prostrate woman, Miss Emory darted toward her, but met Barstow's restraining arm. Instantly she freed herself and sprang forward again with such impetuosity that the lawyer had to hold her for a moment in his arms. There was a short struggle, and then she turned upon him with a look which I shall never forget.

"Let me go-you-you coward!" she whispered, fiercely.

[To be continued.]

South Dakota's New Senator.

Washington, March 16.-When the new senators, elected last November, assemble at the capitol to take the oath of office that admonishes and binds them to perform faithfully their duties as members of the national government some changes will be noted. Last November when the first election news was disseminated it appeared that Coe I. Crawford, Republican, who for six years has represent ed the commonwealth of South Dako-



Ed S. Johnson, Senator Elect From South Dakota.

ta, would succeed himself. The final tally of votes, however, showed that Ed S. Johnson, a Democrat, had won the honor. When Senator Crawford was elected six years ago he won by a big vote. Last election Ed Johnson beat him handily.

The new senator, by the way, is something of a character. He is a fundamental as well as a political Democrat. That is probably the reason he was chosen to represent South Dakota in the United States senate. He lives in Yankton and is universally and commonly known as Ed. No frills for Senator Ed S. Johnson. He desires to be known as just plain Ed, and so history in all probability will record him.

Ancient Monastery Damaged by Quake. Naples, March 15.-It has just been learned that the historic monastery of Monte Cassino, near this city, where St. Benedict in 529 A. D. founded the religious order bearing his name, was damaged badly by the recent earthquake. The library is almost at the point of collapse. In Emperor William's hall, so called from the visit paid by the kaiser to the monastery in 1904, there is a large fissure about 200 ture, and when he turned away again she once more uttered his name. Then ing is almost detached from the main and at one time was counsel for a powstructure. This wing stands at the edge of an abyss, into which it would be precipitated, owing to its weakened position, should there be a recurrence of the earthquake.

Alarm is felt for the safety of historic art treasures in the monastery In the library is a priceless codex. The threatened right wing contains many objects associated with the early Christian era and with the middle

The monastery is used as an ecclesiastical training college, which now has 300 students. News of the damage to the monastery has been suppressed hitherto to avoid spreading alarm among the relatives of these students.

War to End In Spring.

New York, March 14.—Several of the foremost astrological students in this city have compared notes of their calculations, and all agree that the European war will end in the spring. These men do not belong to the professional coterie of stargazers, but are sincere students of many years' standing, and their opinion is wholly unprejudiced and without bias.

The planet that figures primarily in the horoscope of the war is Saturn. This is the most malefic and unfortunate of all the planets, and in an individual's chart or the chart of a country Saturn raises havoc when ill placed. The proof of this is shown by the fact that since the latter part of July, 1914, Saturn has been passing through the second half of the celestrial sign Gemni, which rules Belgium. It is unnecessary to comment on what has occurred in Belgium. Saturn is now retrograding 2 degrees in Gemini, so that Belgium will still have her troubles but within a short time Saturn will pass out of Gemini and go into Cancer. Cancer rules Germany, and the unfortunate Saturn therein will lay a strong hand on the German empire and the allies will be pressing her hard. Just at this time the great benefic Jupiter will enter Pisces in fortunate aspect or triangle to Saturn, and this is the time when overtures for peace can be expected. This will occur any time from now until the middle of April, and events will so shape themselves country.

as to make Germany anxious for the cessation of hostilities.

In the meantime no decisive battle will occur, and the same seesaw game will continue, being a mere wearing out process.

It will be interesting to follow the course of events in view of these predictions, which have been carefully calculated.

Philippines' Resources.

Manhattan, Kan., March 15. - The Philippines can produce enough food and wealth to support comfortably 40,000,000 people, according to President Waters of the Kansas State Agricultural college, who has investigated agricultural conditions and possibilities of the islands, a copy of whose report was received at the bureau of insular affairs in Washington.

As compared with Japan, he says, the Philippine farmer gets only one-fifth as much per acre; that, while the latter produces 200,000,000 pesos' worth of wealth annually on the 7,000,000 acres in cultivation, the Japanese farmers produce 2,000,000,000 pesos' worth of wealth on their 14,000,000 acres.

The Philippines would be the leading cane sugar producing country in the world, Cuba excepted, if the planters raised as much per acre as do the planters in Java, says President Waters. Furthermore, they would be the third largest rice exporting country if the Philippine growers obtained as high acre yields as do those of Japan or the United States.

Chiefs Want to Fight.

London, March 14.-A letter from Zakaria Kizito Kisingiri, the native treasurer of the Buganda kingdom, written on behalf of himself and four other Buganda chiefs to the provincial commissioner at Kampala, Uganda, has been issued by the official press bureau. The writer says:

"We would ask the governor to allow us to go to England to join the English army with our 500 men. Our ceason for wishing to join in the war against the Germans is this: Some time ago his highness the kabaka of Buganda and several chiefs paid a visit to England, where they were heartily welcomed and feted everywhere.

The British government, while expressing high appreciation of the chief's offer of assistance, fully concurs in the view of the acting governor of the Uganda Protectorate that the services of the chiefs and their men can be more profitably utilized in the defense of Uganda than in the military operations in Europe.

"Walsh From Kansas."

Kansas City, Mo., March 15.—It has been said of Frank Patrick Walsh, the chairman of the federal commission on industrial relations, that he is one of the most remarkable men in public life. He is a resident of this city, where he is known as the man who does things in an interesting and at one time was counsel for a powerful street railway corporation, but resigned the position in order that he might be unhampered by monopolistic influences. Since then he has built up a big practice and has acquired a large

Mr. Walsh was one of the prime movers in the social center idea and



Photo by American Press Association. Frank P. Walsh, Chairman of Federal Commission on Industrial Relations.

would restore the old freedom of community debate by opening the schoolhouses as centers of meeting and debate of public questions. Several years ago he was chairman of a Missouri Democratic state convention that declared for state wide primaries and had the satisfaction of seeing that reform become a law.

Since the commission began work a little over a year ago it has held sessions in nearly every large city in the

# Golden Greyhound

### By DWIGHT TILTON

A chase after a fair face leads Overton Brill, a wealthy man about town, into assisting in the defeat of the most astounding act of piracy ever attempted on the high seas.

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PROLOGUE.

The action of the story has its real beginning on an ocean liner bound for Europe and just leaving New York. It has been boarded in haste on a winter day by Overton Brill, an impetuous wealthy young bachelor, who, at tracted by a pretty girl accompanied by an elderly gentleman, has followed them aboard. Brill was on his way uptown with Aristides Stebbins, his valet, known as Jay, when he saw the girl, just after purchasing a valuable bracelet as a gift for a Miss Carstairs. The passenger list reveals the names of the pursued as Mr. Andrew Jennison and daughter. Brill finds himself without money and negotiates with a dark individual named Benedict for the sale of the bracelet, receiving \$500 for it, with which he secures a de luxe cabin. At dinner the conversation turns to the weather, and a Professor Pennythorpe's storm prediction is placed before Captain Humphries for judgment. Brill makes the acquaintance of Mr. Jennison, and the two proceed to the captain's cabin to inspect a phenomenal, wonderfully trained canary. At luncheon a jovial person, Christopher C. Marsh, introduces himself to Brill. Starting from a sound sleep, Brill hears through his window Benedict, the professor and Jennison discussing the large shipment of gold aboard. Soon after this he is rewarded by a smile from Marion Jennison for a small courtesy. Marsh is informed that he has been selected to take charge of the Christmas concert, and he chooses Brill, Marion Jennison, the professor | There's no telling what he'll do. They and Mrs. Blucher-Ward as his aids. Brill, known as Mr. Overton, and Miss Jennison, have a pleasant chat togeth-Icebergs and fog are reported. A child dies in the steerage, and Miss Jennison asks Brill to seek the captain's consent to hold the funeral in the first cabin. He finds the chief officer in company with Benedict and wonders. He gets the permit, but the purser officiates at the services. Jennisen, worrying about the gold, becomes sick. Professor Pennythorpe observes that the ship is off its course. Marsh notices that the captain basn't been at the dinner table for several days. Professor Pennythorpe misses his sextant and compass. Brill has a talk with Marion about the concert and is later told by Benedict that the latter objects to his friendship with Marion, whom Benedict calls his fiancee. Brill meets Marsh on deck.

The Mystery of the Stateroom.

WO shadowy forms passed Brill A few sentences they heard clearly.

"He changed the course at 6 bells," said a voice. "I thought he'd made a slip and asked if he meant east by north."

"The old man's fear struck 'count o' this gold," replied the other.

"He says he'll land the passengers at Lisbon rather than risk collision," growled the first. "But when we run out o' the fog he'll"-

The men went on, and their complaining died on the damp air. Marsh that he was himself before the girl. snorted impatiently.

"I used to have respect for the yellow metal, but if it's going to make colossal idiots out of sea captains I'll plainly enough, "Come with me." travel only when I'm sure the cargo is lead and live stock. B-r-r-r! I don't like this measly sort of cold after all. Come to my room a minute, and we'll time the purser himself was on duty go to lunch. Man must eat even if there is-a fog."

Brill was certain that his companion would not have ended his sentence in that way had there been the least bit more familiarity between them. But | forgotten that Captain Humphries took he knew that this keen and sincere the room the other day for the storage man was on his side, and a very power-

ful ally he might become.



noted that its proprietor took a most unreasonable time in the washing of his hands and the arranging of a fresh pair of cuffs. He could even believe that the graceless fellow was purpose-

ly delaying their progress to luncheon. He rose to give the slothful Marsh a hint, when an unusual sound struck his ear. He listened and thought that it proceeded from the adjoining room As he inclined his head toward the partition he saw that Marsh looked at

him sharply. So you hear it too?"

"Sounds like groans. Some one sick next door?" returned Brill.

"You've got me," said Marsh, shaking his head. "Steward says there's one to the other," interposed the capno sick on this corridor. They're all tain, "and perhaps he was under the of Benedict's party.

Both stood quiet for a moment, and the moan was repeated.

"Put your head close to the wall,"

tarily. "Sounds more like stifled cries," he

said as he listened. "That's what I've thought for two

creakings and echoes. I didn't know but it was imagination."

"No. Marsh, it's not that." The man of commerce brought his plump hands together with a resounding smack, then slipped into his coat

with the flexibility of an eel. "Now that some one else has heard it," he cried, "I'm going to find out what it is. ' If any one but Benedict had the rooms I mightn't bother say he made perfect slaves of his men in South America.

Whereupon he made straight for the purser's office, followed by Brill, who was mildly curious.

"Who's in the room next to mine?" he asked of the clerk in charge.

"No one, Mr. Marsh." Marsh shot a peculiar look at Brill. "I thought that belonged to the Ben-

edict people," he said. "No; they have from 27 to 33. Yes,

that's it. Thirty-five and 37, the rooms beyond you, are vacant.' Marsh retreated from the brazen bars with a look of unsatisfied seeking on

his round face. He/said nothing to his companion till after his luncheon had been ordered; then he whispered: "I may be losing my wits, but if I'm not there's some one in that room." Brill, however, was no longer inter-

ested in the mystery, for the Jenuisons had come in, the father giving him a weak smile, the girl a brilliant and Marsh with scraping of and tempting one. He noted with disfeet and mumbling of words. gust that Benedict followed and was soon in animated conversation with Miss Jennison. He tried to read in the girl's face something of her feeling for the Mexican, but his attempt was fruitless. "I've solved it," he heard Marsh say.

Brill found it simplicity itself to begin to talk to Miss Jennison, especially as Benedict was chatting with his right hand neighbor and appeared to take no heed of the intruder. The very nearness of the man stimulated Brill to his best, and for once he felt

Marsh was evidently impatient, and when he arose from the table he gave the young man a glance that said

"I'm going to get at the bottom of this thing," he explained as they proceeded to the purser's office again. This to whom the same queries as before were put and by whom the same an-

swers were given. "I said 35 was vacant," the official added after a moment's pause. "I had of some boxes belonging to the company-books and papers, I believe. Having reached Marsh's room, Brill | They were in the way in his cabin."

lmost touched the brass grill work.

"Purser," he said, "I think there's a passenger you don't know of in 37." The man in uniform showed his surprise in his face, and Marsh did not lessen it by telling him what he had heard and what he surmised.

"We'll investigate at once," said he crisply, turning to the key rack behind him. "Come to think, though, Captain Humphries took both keys. They're connecting rooms, you see, and the papers are valuable.'

A clerk was dispatched to find the captain and get the keys, but he returned with word that the officer was about to visit the room himself and that he would meet the investigators there in ten minutes.

When Marsh and his little party reached the scene they saw that Captain Humphries was just locking the door of room 35. The purser took the key of 37, inserted it deftly and swung open the door.

The room was absolutely vacant, save for the usual fittings of a first class cabin. Marsh stared in and scratched his head gently. It vexed him that Captain Humphries laughed ever so politely, but laughed.

"Well, sir, you see what imagination will do," said the purser, closing and locking the door.

"It's not imagination," returned Marsh in a low tone. "What's below these rooms?

"The hospital, sir," returned the purser, "but there's no one in it at present, and it would be impossible to ear a sound from there if there were." As they all walked away together Marsh's silence told Brill that he was still exercising his active brain over the puzzle, and he was not surprised to hear him say to the purser:

'Suppose I'm foolish, but you said that 35 and 37 connected. Perhaps when we went into 37'

'The stowaway went into 35?" broke in Captain Humphries.

Marsh gave him an instant's scru-

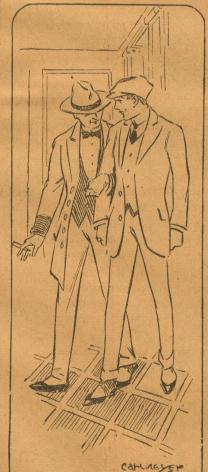
'Just so," he replied.

"But the captain had just been in 35," remarked the purser.

berth"-this with an indulgent smile. But room 35, save for four or five

boxes piled up on one side, resembled 37 very much as one pea does anordered Marsh. Brill obeyed involun- other, Nothing human was to be seen, even though Marsh dared the jests of the officers by peering under the lower berth.

"Well, I'll give it up," he puffed, and days, but boats are queer places for he straightened himself and bade the captain and the purser good day. Brill went to his friend's room, as if in that



The Westerner Greeted Him With Cordiality and Drew Him Aside at Once.

seclusion something more might be learned. He looked at Marsh, and Marsh at him, but no comprehension flashed across their gaze.

"I'd think something the matter with me if you hadn't heard, too," exclaimed the stout host. He went to the wall and listened, then shook his head, "But one thing is certain. They're not books and papers in those boxes. I tried two of 'em, and they're heavy

He opened his steamer trunk, which he had placed across two chairs to obviate the necessity of stooping and took therefrom a box of cigars with a Cuban label.

"Let's go to the smoking room, Think you'll call these an improvement on the ship's brands."

As the two men sat in the smoking room silent and preoccupied. Brill noted that a steward turned off the lights. They were no longer needed, for the fog gloom had vanished, and the cold December sun glittered upon the tiny

Marsh leaned forward till his face | circle of water he could see through a porthole.

"It's the queerest thing, Overton," said Marsh, at last rousing from his revery, "that although we both heard those moans, there was no one there.'

Brill made no reply. He had no heory that seemed to demand one, and his thoughts were far removed from this special topic. He was glad, though, when his companion suggested a stroll on deck. The brightness of the out of doors might pour some of its radiance into his heart.

As the friends passed the main saloon they saw a crowd of the male passengers gathered inside. Professor Pennythorpe was of them, waving his arms violently and pouring forth his rich bass voice prodigally

"Pennythorpe seems to have arranged another of his indignation meetings," observed Marsh, "Shall we

add to the quorum?" Brill would have vetoed the move had he not just then caught sight of Andrew Jennison, careworn in face, but apparently greatly interested in the proceedings. The westerner greeted him with cordiality and drew him aside at once.

"It is incomprehensible, Mr. Overton, this perseverance in holding a southerly course. There are vital-I mean I am especially interested in as speedy a voyage as possible."

What Brill's answer was to be he never knew, for the vast voice of Proessor Pennythorpe, now raised to the second power, suddenly obliterated everything else

"Is it your pleasure, then, gentlemen, hat I wait upon the captain as your

ommittee?" Mr. Jennison was evidently disapointed.

"What use will that be?" he queried petulantly. "Captain Humphries assured me yesterday that the course would be resumed at once. It was, but only for a few hours."

"Do I understand that the question s still under discussion?" Brill asked. The professor stroked his whiskers

a moment, then bowed profoundly. "What can be accomplished by further appeal to the captain, then? He s only obeying orders. Would it not be wiser to apply directly to the controlling power of this line? Why not eek by wireless telegraph an explana-

tion from the steamship company?" "Mr. Overton seems to me to have nade a most sensible suggestion," said Jennison. The others knew the respect that was due the greatest millionaire on board, for "Mr. Overton" was not rated in Bradstreet's, and the result was the appointing of a committee-Pennythorpe, Brill and Jennisonto draw up a telegram of remonstrance to the steamship company. Mr. Jen-nison declined the honor, pleading the first day out." state of his health, and Marsh very

cheerfully took his place. after Pennythorpe's fiery suggestions rioting in his mind. Brill kept science, had been duly extinguished, was a for he knew well enough by this time courteous request for an explanation that his rotund companion would make of the perseverance in a course which some suggestive observation in due must seriously delay the voyage, to the course if let alone. inconvenience and loss of some of the | "Lots of funny things on this boat passengers. The committee on repair-ing to the wireless office found Bene-man of commerce. "One of 'em is dict there, industriously writing on the | what that beetle browed wireless operwindow shelf.

"Humph!" growled Marsh. "He has more wireless messages than any man I ever heard of."

The Mexican gave no heed to the advent of the committee. He continued his writing, slacking his speed it seemed to the impatient waiters. At last Professor Pennythorpe could bear this

deliberation no longer. "Pray excuse me, sir," he began majestically, "but we bear a most important message-from the ship's passengers to the company. We would be glad of the opportunity to send it."

"It's scarcely regular, is it," said Benedict to Pennythorpe, in a careless tone, "to go over the captain's head in this way?'

Brill interposed, angry at the Mexican's contempt.

"It may not be regular, but it appears to be necessary," he said tartly. Benedict appeared to be still ignorant of the young man's existence. "Miguel, do not send that dispatch until Captain Humphries sees it," he commanded.

"This is an outrage, sir. Why do you interfere?" shouted Pennythorpe.

"Simply, my dear sir," replied Benedict, with a smile, "because the young man who is operating the wireless happens to be my employee, and I do not wish him to be guilty of anything so contrary to what I feel must be the regulations."

Pennythorpe fumed uselessly, but Brill summoned a passing steward. He began to have respect for the doctrine of action.

"Please say to Captain Humphries that the wireless operator declines to send a message and ask him if he will not settle the matter at his most immediate convenience."

Marsh, whose keen eyes had been trained on Benedict during the entire colloquy, noted a strange expression on the Mexican's face, part scorn, part amusement, part triumph. Across it there seemed to flit the shadow of a smile, as Pennythorpe regained the message from the shelf where the operator had laid it.

Captain Humphries arrived at the

scene of hostilities in a few moments. 'We offered a message, and this gentleman ordered the operator not to

send it." said Brill to him. The officer turned to Benedict, who was thus indicated, and Marsh was ready to swear that something like comprehension passed between them. "If you see the message, captain," said the Mexican suavely, "you will

understand why I advised my man not to forward it. Brill handed the paper to Captain Humphries, who read it with slow, si ent movements of the lips. Then he looked at Brill.

"Before you give your decision," exclaimed the latter, "may I say a word?" The captain nodded courteously.

"If you prevent this respectful in quiry as to the reasons for the orders taking the Olympiad so far out of her course, will it not be imagined y the already unnerved passengers that something worse than anything they have feared is responsible?"

The officer glanced from Benedict to

Brill, and from Brill to Benedict. "The message strikes me as unnecessary." said Captain Humphries, "for now that the fog has lifted, the ship has been headed straight for South-

ampton. Marsh noted how swiftly the Mexiar's look flew to the sailor's face. out he could decipher nothing of its meaning.

"But of course if you insist on the telegram," continued the captain, "I shall make no further objection.

Thereupon he turned on his heel and went back to the bridge, where Brill could see him inspecting the horizon with the glass he had brought with him to the Marconi room. In a few moments Benedict, too, climbed to the

airy perch. Professor Pennythorpe broke the committee's silence. It was in rather chastened and rueful tone.

"I suppose," said he, "there's not much use' "If you will vouch for the direction

of the ship I think the passengers will be satisfied," broke in Marsh. "I will do so, sir," replied Pennythorpe, moving away with the dignity of a human frigate. No sooner had he gone than Marsh pointed to Benedict, who now stood close to the captain on the bridge. In a few moments the officer handed the Mexican his glass, and the latter, following the direction indicated, gazed-long, then returned the in-

spoke a few words. Captain Humphries nodded his head energetically. "They appear to have seen some thing they wanted to see," observed Marsh. "Seem as thick as peas in a pod. Funny, too, for it struck me Captain Humphries didn't take to him the

strument. His lips showed that he

As they went down to the saloon Marsh fumbled his watch chain furious-The message as evolved by the trio, ly, a sure sign that many thing were

ator said when he thought there was no one near.'

"What was that?" asked Brill. "Talks to himself in Spanish. I've

had to pick up a smattering for South American trade. Roughly Englished, what he said was, 'Funny the senor bothered about a message that couldn't have been sent, anyway.' Now what the devil did he mean by that, I wonder?"

Christopher Columbus Marsh looked ruefully at his cuffs, which he had put on with such suspicious care an hour or two earlier. He "shot" the right one far beyond

his coat, and held it before Brill's gaze; it was covered with penciled hieroglyphics. "What's that?" queried Brill, laugh-

"That ebullient old ass Pennythorpe

While he was buttonholing me at the meeting in the saloon he was using my good linen as a notebook. Come into my room a minute till I get a fresh pair." 'Confound it all," cried the stout

commercial man a moment later, as he stood before his elevated steamer trunk and searched vainly through his pockets for its key. "I could have sworn I had the thing in my vest. Perhaps, now, if you"-

"Certainly, old fellow," replied Brill, beginning the search about the mom that he divined his friend wanted him to undertake.

But with all their digging and poking into places likely and unlikely the missing bit of metal was not to be found. Marsh gave up in disgust.

"I'll go and get Jay," suggested Brill. "Perhaps he can open it for you."

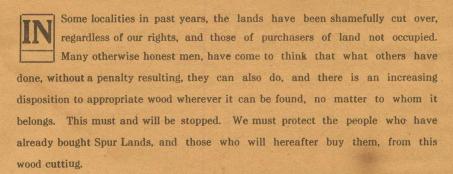
"Don't mean to tell me he's a locksmith?" queried Marsh, with a smile. "He's the handiest chap with tools I ever saw. He's daft on anything

mechanical. "What an invaluable fellow if we should be cast away on a desert island-if there are such things nowadays! Well, bring him along, if you will. I really would like to get inside

that thing. [To be continued.]

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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



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

# Swenson And

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

# SPUR HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE APRIL 2ND

supplemented by a month's sub- recovering. scription school if the enrollment of pupils justifies the teachers in prolonging the length of the

The school has been very successful in every respect this year and it is to be lamented that just as the pupils were looking forward to the completion of their grades and the teachers were preparing to make the necessary promotions the school, in its unfinished condition, had to be stopped on account of lack of funds.

Through the successful management of the Music and Excently been added to the School his friends. library.

give an intertainment on Thurs- Walter Smith who will hereafter day evening April 1st, for the conduct the business at the same benefit of the school library.

The graduating class assisted by some of the pupils in Expression will render, on April 2nd, the famous play "The Dear Boy Graduate." Immediately after the play the Commencement address will be delivered to the class by Rev. E. E. White.

Rev. J. M. McMahen will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at the High School Auditorium on Sunday April 4th at 11 o'clock.

John McKeever, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the week on business.

Mrs. John Awalt, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was operated on this week at the Standifer Sanitarium. The operation was successful in every particu-The Spur Public School closes | lar and her many friends will be on April 2nd. The term will be glad to note that she is rapidly

Brown of Clairemont.

first of the week greeting friends and attending to business mat-

Lucius Haile, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the pression Department a handsome Afton country, was in Spur set of the Harvard Classics, con- Tuesday and spent several hours | Saturday and reports that he citizen of the Draper country, sisting of fifty volumes, has re- here on business and greeting has just about completed the passed through Spur Saturday

The Fine Arts Department will Theatre business last week to stand.

> Mrs. J. S. Langford, of Peacock, was brought in by Dr. Nichols last week and underwent a successful operation at the Standifer Sanitarium.

> Stop at the German Kitchen and get a loaf of home-made bread. Satisfaction guaranteed or no pay. Try a loaf or two.

> Otho L. Hale, a prominent citizen and leading business man of Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Raleigh Harkey, foreman of the Watson settlement, spent the Croton Camp, was in Spur some time in Spur the first of Saturday on business and spent randum book. Finder return to several hours here.

# PIONEER JUDGE OF

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city last week from his farm here were very pleasant callers Southplains Railroad Company and ranch home on Cat Fish. at the Texas Spur office. Mr. against the Lubbock Bonus Com-Bert Brown and Chalk Brown The Judge has been confined to Greer is one of the old timers of mittee, which was tried last were in Spur the latter part of his bed with an attack of pneulast week from the 24 Ranch in monia and we are very glad to Kent county and unloaded one note that he is again able to be of the latest model Hupmobiles out. Judge McClain is one of for their mother, Mrs. Boley the oldest settlers of this country, and was one of the number Croton country, was in Spur the He relates interesting incidents week. The operation was sucyelopment of Dickens county.

Tom McArthur was in the city building of a new farm house on enroute home from Abilene E. E. Kutch sold the Lyric one of his places in the Tap where he spent several days on country. In every section of business and visiting old friends. the country building progress is in America.

> Sam White was in Spur Monreports everything flourishing in business.

ton country.

J. D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday transacting business and greeting his friends.

Lost-A small sized memo-Texas Spur office.

J. I. Greer and wife came in RAILROAD WON BONUS Saturday from their farm and DICKENS COUNTY ranch home twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city trading and greeting friends, and while this year.

who helped to organize Dickens Croton country, was brought to amount of the judgment being W. W. Waldrup, a prominent county, serving as one of the Standifer Hospital where she \$10,000. citizen and ranchman of the first judges of the county courts. underwent an operation last and no doubt could write an in- cessful in every respect and the teresting history of the early many friends of the family will days of the settlement and de- be glad to know that Mrs. Thacker is now reported doing nicely.

M. C. Hobson, a prominent

Emmett Lee returned Saturin evidence, and as the years go day from San Antonio where he by this will become one of the attended the Odd Fellows Conmost highly developed sections vention. He reports a very pleasant trip.

A. A. Allen, a leading citizen day from his ranch home in Kent and prosperous farmer of the county and while here called in Dry Lake community, spent sevat the Texas Spur office. He eral hours in Spur Monday on

P. H. Miller returned Sunday Alec Winkler was in Spur this from points down the Stamford week from his home in the Cro- & Northwestern where he spent several days on business.

> Will McCarty, of Floydada, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Monday and Tuesday.

# SUIT AGAINST LUBBOCK

The case of the Crosbytonthis section and is very opti- week at Tahoka before Judge mistic over the prospect of good Beall of Sweetwater, resulted in crops and general prosperity a judgment in favor of the Railthroughout the Spur country road Company for the sum sued for, together with about \$1,500 Mrs. W. D. Thacker, of the as accrued interest, the total

> The Bonus Committee also took a judgment against about 117 other Lubbock men who had guaranteed the payment of the bonus. It is understood that the case will not be appealed. -Review.

> N. N. Rogers and wife, of Garza county, spent several days of last week in the Spur country visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer. While here Mr. Rogers called in at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our subscription list, and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Rogers reports everything in the very finest shape in his section of the country at this time.

> W. R. Stehhens and family recently moved from the Afton country to the Tap country where they will make their home this year. Mr. Stephens and family formerly lived in this community and we are glad to welcome them back to this sec-

R. L. Self, a leading citizen of the Cat Fish country, was in T. F. Wolfe, a representative Spur the latter part of last week of the Dallas News, was in Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.



# EASTERMILLINERY

BORN OF PARISIAN CREATIONS and our own Designer. Paris may, perhaps, give the Inspiration but it remains for the Artist, American Designer, to take the clay and make a finished vessel. In our Millinery Work Room are minds that take a Vision and make it a Reality, and nimble fingers that add Grace to Charm. Splendid indeed is this Showing of Easter and Spring Hats in this Season's Great Variation of Colors, Shapes and Trimmings, and your immediate approval is invited.

# **Feminine Spring Apparel**

In the entire history of this store's rapid rise and ever broadening scope of service, we have never before shown such a collection of Beautiful Spring and Summer Dress Goods and Trimmings. Our stock is now complete in every line. Our Shoe Department is one of the most complete lines in the West. We also carry some few suits, dresses and a nice line of Ladies Underwear. Our Ready Made Suits for Boys is one of the Best and Most Complete lines, at popular prices. STAR SHOES make your feet glad. Tickle your toes, tickle your feet, then your happiness will be complete. The old cow is dead, her hide is tanned, we are selling shoes to beat the band.

# ASK FOR YOUR RECEIPT 'Tis Worth 5 Per Cent to You

week shaking hands with old week from his farm and ranch first of the week from San Antime friends of the town and home north of Dickens and tonio, Cisco and Moran, where country. Mr. Shaw was among spent some time here on business, she attended the Rebecca Assemthe first business men of Spur, He brought in several bales of bly and also visited friends and having moved to Fort Worth cotton which he sold to Spur relatives. about three years ago where he buyers at the prevailing prices. has since been engaged in the Mr. Windham reports everygrocery and feed business. His thing in good shape in his secmany friends of the Spur coun- tion. try will be glad to know that Mr. Shaw is prospering in his busi-

noon at her home in the city. A place. tained in the most pleasant and Wednesday and spent several agreeable manner.

Wyatt Taylor came in Wednesday from his home on the Plains ing his son, Sanders Taylor.

For Sale-Good work horse. Grain and Coal Company. 20 tf. School Auditoium.

Nat P. Shaw is in Spur this | Chas. Windham came in this

J. J. Rogers was in Spur this iting young lady friends. week from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish and spent Mrs. C. L. Love entertained some time here on business. He the young lady teachers of the hauled out a corn and feed chop-Spur School Wednesday after- per to be used this year on his

sumptuous dinner was served | County Treasurer J. B. Yantis and those present were enter- came over from Dickens hours in Spur on business and greeting his friends here.

A girl baby was born Saturand is spending several days in day to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Spur selling spectacles and visit- Barnes at the home of P. H.

See "The Dear Boy" in the Will weigh 1200 pounds. Spur Senior play April 2nd, at High

Mrs. Perry Fite returned the

city Wednesday from her ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent the day here vis-

this week and handed us a dollar and six bits for the Texas therefore buyers will penalize it Spur and Dallas news another whenever discovered.

The many friends of Mrs. R.-M. Hamby will be glad to know that she is now recovered of an illness of several days of pneu-

farmer and leading citizen of visitors here Wednesday.

in the city this week visiting D. relatives of Spur.

J. W. Brookshire went out to the Tap settlement Tuesday where he has secured a position with Lige Cooper.

Mr, and Mrs. J. C. McNeill were visitors in the city last week from their Alamo Stock

of Leuders, moved last week to Spur and will make this place their home in the future.

R. L. Overstreet, of the Afton country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Poet Hagins, a leading citizen and prominent farmer of Gilpin was here this week on business and greeting friends.

O. E. Maer, general superintendent of the Wichita Valley Railway Company, was in Spur Wednesday on official business

R. M. Hamby made a trip this week to Truscott where he spent a short time with friends.

# HALF-AND-HALF COTTON IS MISREPRESENTED

During the last two years the Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas of a valiety of cotton called "Half and half." It is reported that the seed sold for as much as \$5 per bushel, under the representanion that it is an exceedingly prolific variety, yielding 50 per cent lint, or a 500 pound bale from 1,000 pounds of seed cotton. Many inquiries have been received from planters throughout this section asking for informa- R. L. Collier. tion concerning this cotton.

The department's representatives have examined many samples of "Half-and-half" cotton from these States and have grown it in experimental plantings and have found it far inferior to cotton ordinarily produced in this section.

The department's field tests on numerous varieties have shown that "Half-and-half" does not maintain a high rank in total lint yield per acre. The large proportion of lint to seed apparently results from the fact that the seed are very small and light.

The danger of judging cotton by lint percentages has been explained in Bureau of Plant Industry Circular No. 11, and the caution was repeated in United States Department of Agricul-Other bonds, securities, etc. ture Bulletin No. 60.

The lint of the "Half-and-half" variety is of poor character, irregular, wasty, and very short

Banking house....\$7,750,00

Furniture & fixtures 2,150.00

Other Real Estate owned.... regular, wasty, and very short, a large portion of the samples Miss Ida Sampson was in the examined being less than seveneighths of an inch in length of staple. Cotton less than seveneighths of an inch is untender- Fractional currency, nickles able on future contracts made Fred O. McFall was in the city under the provisions of the United States cotton future act, and

The department is informed that many persons who grew this variety have succeeded in selling it at prevailing prices, but this cannot long continue. When cotton of less than seven-eighths of an inch in length sells for full P. W. Henson, a substantial market price, it is because its true char acter was not detected. several miles west of Spur, was Whenever cotton firms find a among the number of business large part of the cotton in any community falling to seven-J. S. Blackburn, of Kansas, is eighths of an inch or less in G. Hisey and wife and other from the district or they will scale the price on all grades to meet the lower prices which must be expected for such short staple.

> Many interior buyers, as well as practically all the larger cotton firms, have declined to handle this cotton at any price. They state that its lint is far inferior

to that commonly grown in their territory and is not acceptable to their regular customers.

Competent spin ners have stated that this variety as ordinarily grown produces so short a attention of the department has fiber as to render it wholly unbeen directed to the fact that ac- suitable for the class of work tive campaigns have resulted in which now consumes the great introduction into portions of the bulk of the cotton of the western

> County Clerk Crawford Cobb came over Wednesday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business.

> Sam White was in the city Wednesday from his ranch home southwest of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

Mules and hogs for sale. - See

Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and All Kinds of Fruits and Nuts, including the best Pecans, Almonds and Walnuts. Call and see me.

YOUR TRADE APPRECIATED

NO. 10703

Report of the condition of the City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of businese March 4th, 1915.

RESOURCES Loans and discounts. \$89,385.45 1,878.91

owned unpledged (other than stocks), including premiums on same 402.00 9,900,00 2,250.00

Due from approved reserve agents in central rese Due from approved reserve agents in

other reserve and cents. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank 432.44 720.00 Notes of other national banks Specie \_\_\_\_\_1,413.00 Legal-tender note \_2,352.00\_ 3,765.00 Other resources not mentioned

2,775.31 \$149,573.79

LIABILITIES \$40,000.00 Undivided Profits interest, and taxes

paid. 3,531.04 Individual Deposits subject to check \_ 94,883,74 United States 71.82 94.955.56 Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days Liabilities other than those

above stated.... Total. length, buyers will be withdrawn State of Texas, County of Dickens:
I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my

knowledge and belief. E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of March, A. D. 1915. Oscar Jackson, Notary Public. Correct—Attest:

S. R. Davis, T. E. Standifer, P. H. Miller, Directors.

### Farm twenty miles west of Spur. Mrs. Alexander and children.

F. R. HARRINGTON, Prop.

THE SPUR HOTEL

We serve the Best Meals, Have the cleanest and Best Beds, and solicit the patronage of the public with the understanding that in every instance we give value received for your money.

#### The Lyric I heatre

FRIDAY NIGHT — Fourth Episode of "EUDORA". "The Secret of the Haunted Hills", a great picture. "Mutual Girl No. 41." SATURDAY NIGHT - "Sir Galahad of Truelight" a 2-reel American

Keystone Comedy-"Shot in the Excitement. BILLY McLAWS-Banjoist and Black-face Singing Comedian in clean classy vaudeville. Funny songs, jokes and comicalities each night.

# **Business & Pleasure**

THIS Contest is a Business and Pleasure Proposition for men, women and children who like the strike and excitement of business. In a word it costs nothing to participate in this Campaign. Even the votes are given absolutely free with every pur-Ask your friends and chase. relatives to save them for you.

Spur Hardware Co. Lyric Theatre Red Front Drug Store **German Kitchen Midway Hotel** Hogan & Patton **Texas Spur** 

# GRASP A CHANCE

# When You See

O YOUR EASTER SHOPPING before the closing of our White Goods Sale, and get the big benefit of the Great Price Reduction. Saturday will be the last day of this Sale. We have some lots that will be reduced still lower to close out remainder of lots. Specials suitable for your Easter purchase: Ladies White Waists, Oxfords and Sandals, Fine Ready-to-wear Muslins, Dresses, Wash Skirts, Laces and Embroideries, Ribbons cheaper than owned by competition. For Men: Specials in Neckwear, Shirts, Hats, Oxfords and Hosiery. Catch that trading habit that's so popular in Spur where style is correct, prices unquestioned, quality backed by moneys worth guaranteed. Yes, it's at Love's

WILL BE A BIG DAY

DRY GOODS

Spur, Texas

### AFTON.

Dr. Green, of Roaring Springs, Wright. is here examining applicants for the W.O.W.

W. R. Stafford, of Spur, is J. R. Rogers visited his son, transacting business in our town. Elmer Saturday night.

ness trip to his farm in the Rip son visited at the Pitchfork Saw Valley community last Ranch Sunday. week.

their Sunday School and elected Ike Stovall Supt. and Miss Anna Hardit Thannisch is convalescing Mae Stokes Sec.

M. L. Blakeley went to Spur Monday.

ing school.

Rev. Smith filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Midway and Afton High School ball teams crossed bats here calves. Friday afternoon.

A. C. Woodburn was in Afton Saturday greeting his many friends and transacting business. -Oat Meal.

# DRAPER.

Rev. Smith will preach at Wichita the first Sunday in next

Miss Johnny Oldham spent county now. - Rambling Bill.

Saturday night with Miss Edie

Well, Well! such weather as we are having anyhow.

J. H. Reynolds made a busi- J. E. Wright and J. A. Murchi-

Mrs. J. E. Wright spent Sun-The Baptist have re-organized | day with Mrs. J. A. Murchison.

We are glad to learn that little

Billie Waldrup had a very serious accident during the snow last week. It seems that he was Claude Lloyd is away attend- trying to wash his feet and rubbed off four of his toe-nails and Mrs. Averts is on the sick list. tore another one half off. J. E. Wright is prostrate over the accident, because Billie can't go with him anymore soon.

> Uncle Bill Perrin says this is blamed hard weather on little

Marion Inannisch has resign ed his position with Lisenby and is at home again.

My old friend Zeke says he has some corn waist high now, and proved it by Billie Waldrup. They say it isn't in this country but farther north.

Three cheers for the Texas Spur-the best paper in the

### GILPIN.

Farmers are keeping busy in spite of the sand storms and March weather.

Spur Tuesday.

Miss Lily Hagins is suffering

We are sorry to note that Rev. day. of Dickens, was again called to uate." his bedside. He is reported to be resting well at this writing.

regular appointment here Sun-

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thomas visited his parents near Jayton Saturday and Sunday.

W. A. Hawkins made trip to Spur Wednesday.

Willie Hagins spent Sunday evening in Girard.

The Boothe brothers, of near Girard, attended church here

We are glad to note Grandma Carlisle, who has been suffering with rheumatism for some time, is able to visit among us again.

Rambling Bill, we agree with you that now is the time to give our editor boquets, and we Gilpin people appreciate his efforts in giving us such an excellent paper. We notice that ne never howls hard times, he never begs, he never airs any grievances, and he never deals in slander. But he is always cheerful, hopeful and kind. Now let's help him by sending in the news, and helping take subscriptions for his paper, Everybody aught to take the home paper and help him as much as possible.

We enjoy reading the news of the different communities, and wish they were all represented. Rambling Bill we especially en joy your letters. Come again.-A School Girl.

If you want to laugh, and help the "library movement" see "A Case of Suspension," April 1st, at High School Auditorium 8:15 o'clock. Admission 25 and 35.

E. B. Shaw, a leading citizen and extensive farmer of the Draper country, spent several hours in Spur Monday on busi-

Mrs. Moore, of Asperment, was brought to the Standifer Sanitarium the latter part of last week to Truscott to render week and underwent a very medical or surgical aid to Miss serious surgical operation. The Chesher who was seriously operation was successful in every injured by a pole falling on her particular and she is reported to head. The patient is reported be recovering rapidly.

by the senior class, assisted by members of the Expression class, Friday evening, April 2nd, High School Auditorium 8:15 o'clock. No admission.

and prosperous farmer-stockman of the Afton country, was in our city this week greeting his many friends and attending to business matters.

School Auditorium April 1st by me. - Sam White. 8:15 o'clock.

E. D. Chambers, prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of

F. W. West was in the city Tuesday from his farm home north of Spur. Mr. West is one of the most prosperous and successful farmers of the country

P. E. Hagins made a trip to kill blue bugs. For sale by J. B. several hours here trading with Roberts, Spur, Texas.

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer and daugh- other business matters. with a very severe case of sore ters, Mesdames Rogers rnb Gainor, were visittos in the city Sat- citizen and prominent physician

W. B. Bennett, who has been See "The Dear Boy" and his ber of business visitors in pur quite sick for several days, took Sisters and his cousins and his this week. worse Wednesday and Dr. Hale, aunts in "The Dear Boy Grad-

Rev. Ed. E. White returned Saturday from Waco where he Rev. George Rucker filled his attended the funeral of his brother, Joe B. White.

> J. L. Curry, of several miles southeast of Spur, spent several home north of Spur. hours in the city Wednesday on business.

> > poultry healthy

### CALLED TO TRUSCOTT.

Dr. Standifer was called this in a critical condition and it is The Senior Play-"The Dear hoped that Dr. Standifer's ser-Boy Graduate" will be presented vices will be effective in this in-

#### GOOD FARM TO RENT.

150 acres in cultivation, 5 room house, water and grass, to rent Jake Scott, a leading citizen Dickens county. See Dock Edthis year. Land as good as is in wards at once on Croton Flat.

### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught "A Case of Suspension"-A hunting, fishing, shooting, trapcomedy bubbling with humor ping or tresspassing in any way and ludicrous situations. High in any of the pastures controlled

### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the Afton, was among the number fullest extent of the law if caught of business visitors in Spur this hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or tresspassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures. - Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons. By Bert N. Brown, manager.

C. M. Buchanan, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of Dead Shot To Blue Bugs-We several miles north of Dickens, have a preparation guaranteed to was in Spur Tuesday and spent 18 4tp the merchants and looking after

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, a leading of Dickens, was among the num-

Misses Willie Ballard and Kate Mitchel, of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday visiting friends and trading with the local merchants.

J. D. Martin was in the city one day this week from his farm

You'll like "A Case of Suspension."

# We have the remedies and stock foods.

It is not only kindness to deserving animals, but a POCKETBOOK proposition to keep your stock and poultry healthy. Horses will work better; cows give pure milk; hogs stave off cholera and fowls be free from disease.

It is cheaper to PREVENT diseases among animals than to cure them after they come. Don't YOU need some remedies RIGHT NOW?

# Red Front Drug Store

We give you what you ASK for.

# **Cream Business** CROWING.

WE want your Grocery business, and you can pay for for them with Cream. If you are not a cream customer, get in line and start now. It's worth your while. Just think what it means to sell enough cream to pay for your Groceries, and stay out of debt. Come right on. We appreciate your business, and

Can Save You Money

Luce & Brannen Bros.

Spur, Texas