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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

## A NEWSPAPER

For the Homes of Dickens County, and the best advertising medium of this section of West Texas

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### PRISONERS BREAK JAIL IN DICKENS THURSDAY

Prisoners in the County Jail at Dickens effected an escape Thursday night of last week and as a result one prisoner, Hugh Blakley, charged with burglary, 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 attempt to make this escape.

No blame whatever can be attached to Sheriff Conner in this jail delivery, since a twelve year old boy could get out of the jail in its present condition and arrangement.

### 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 individual within the City limits to join in the work of cleaning 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 be inestimable. We suggest 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 contributes not only to appearances of the town but to the health and general bearing of the citizenship.

### PEANUTS.

The peanut is beginning to receive the attention it deserves. It is a machine planted, machine cultivated, machine harvested crop, requiring much less labor than cotton, and much more profitable. A contestant of the Texas Industrial Congress for the 1914 prizes realized 1,200 pounds of pork from an acre of peanuts, which at eight and one-half cents per pound amounts to \$102. The hogs gathered the nuts, so there was no harvesting expense.

The same care should be used in selecting peanut seed as in choosing seed corn. Take the best shaped pods from the most perfect plants producing the largest number of matured pods, cure them properly, and keep them dry through the winter months. The man who chooses his seed with care should, after two or three years, produce almost twice as many bushels per acre as the man who pays no attention to seed selection.

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 OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

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 cases of small pox reported in several sections of Dickens county, including the Croton, Afton, Dickens, Girard and Spur communities, 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 the disease is expected to soon be a thing of the past.

### 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 one among the old timers of this section and for years and years has been a leading factor in the commercial and agricultural development of this great country.

### LUMBER BEING HAULED.

Every day we see wagon loads of lumber and building material going out to various sections of the country. This fact indicates substantial improvement progress as well as prosperity over the country.

### CONDITIONS WARRANT UNPRECEDENTED PROGRESS

T. A. Tidwell is having his residence in the northwest part of the city remodeled and making an addition of several rooms, which when complete will make one of the nicest, most attractive and convenient homes in Spur.

During the past several weeks Spur has enjoyed an era of building and improvement progress which if not unprecedented is warranted and encouraged by conditions which prevail throughout the country at this time. The town and the country is in a prosperous condition and at no time have crop and general prospects ever been brighter and more promising than at the present time. The year 1915 promises to be not only one of the most prosperous years but one of substantial building and improvement progress in both town and country.



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### CURLEE TROUSERS

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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 is now doing an extensive blacksmithing business at Afton since his shop is the only one now in operation from Spur to Roaring Springs, and he is still looking for a man to help him in his 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 that section this year. Mr. Evans came to this country last year from McLennan county and is well pleased with the country. He is convinced that the land and soil of this section is just as rich and productive as the one hundred and fifty dollar lands of the eastern parts of the state. We hope that Mr. Evans will grow bumper crops this year and will later buy land and become a permanent citizen of Dickens county.

### MARRIED.

Volney Cain, of Spur, and Miss Ola Harris, of the Tap country, were married Sunday in Spur, Justice D. A. Young performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Cain will make their home in the Tap country. The Texas Spur joins their many friends in extending congratulations, and may this young couple enjoy many years of married life and prosper beyond their greatest expectations.

### DICKENS COUNTY NOT IN PRIZE 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 contests, and not a cent of expense 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.

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. The first prize in this class is \$500.00, second prize \$300.00 and third prize \$200.00; \$500.00 will be awarded other contestants making creditable showings.

### WILL MOVE TO ARIZONA.

J. H. McCamant was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. McCamant 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 him in Arizona wherein he thought he could make more money than here, therefore he will make the change in his residence.

### ENCOURAGING CANDIDATES FOR CITY OFFICERS

In view of the fact that a city election will be held in Spur on the sixth day of April for the purpose of electing a mayor and one commissioner to serve for two years, and since Mayor Link has let it be known that he will not again permit his name to be placed on the ticket for re-election, the citizens and voters of the town are taking more than usual interest in the city election. 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 solicited them to become candidates for the Mayor's office and their names will probably appear on the ticket for that place. T. A. Tidwell has been solicited to let his name appear on the ticket for City Commissioner, and 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 on the Crosbyton road and as a result the road is now in good shape.

### 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 will close down their gin Saturday, April 3rd, for this season and all the cotton to be ginned 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 George Cox traveled over this western country selling goods to merchants and today possibly there is no man better known to the trade.

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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 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, the fellow who buys one of these 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. So much to show how people seem to like to be deceived. Now, we don't claim to be in the George Washington class, but we do believe in honest dealing between man and man and in a great 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 be both bought and sold largely on confidence. Men, who have spent their lives selling dry 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 life, 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 long;  
The weather too horrid, or else 'tis too cold;  
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 too low;  
There's something wrong always wherever you go.  
Some men are too wealthy, and others so poor  
That life is a burden quite hard to endure;  
One makes an invention that marks him as great,  
His neighbor has ne'er learned to saw a board straight.  
Some people are handsome, while others are plain;  
Some robust and healthy, some victims of pain;  
While some without study appear to grow wise;  
Some grope like young kittens with unopened eyes.  
So things have been going, and so they still go;  
How long 'twill continue we none of us know;  
Yet, after we've asked, and looked carefully round,  
We may find the true cause in ourselves will be found.

—Bryant Link Co.

**LAND OWNER AND PROMOTER.**

John R. Ralls, extensive land owner and promoter of the town of Ralls on the Plains, passed through Spur Wednesday on his way to Fort Worth. Mr. Ralls stated that a gin, oil mill and other institutions would be put 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. Thus it will be noted that Ralls is also enjoying an era of substantial development progress.

We received a letter this week from Mrs. J. L. Law, of Dickens, enclosing one dollar and seventy five cents for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year, for which she has our thanks.

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 Tuesday from his ranch home in Kent county, spending some time in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Ben Hagins, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill community, was a business visitor to Spur this week.

Ed Hulse and wife, of the Tap country, were in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

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

"A Case of Suspension" April 1st, High School Auditorium.

**PUBLICITY AGENTS ARE "FREE SPACE GRAFTERS"**

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 of the State against the publicity agent, alias the free space grafter.

"An authority," the writer declares, "has recently estimated that the newspapers of the country are being worked for \$5,000,000 worth of space each year by free space grafters. How much of that tidy little sum of \$5,000,000 are you contributing? How long are we going to continue that folly?"

"Our old friends, the politicians, are persistent free space 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 chemically changed from politicians to statesmen, look the other way when they pass us on the street.

"Dr. Talcott Williams, Director of the Pulitzer School of Journalism, in a careful analysis of the subject separating publicity that should run free for the general information and welfare of a newspaper's readers and that publicity which should properly come under the head of free advertising, lays down the general principle that publicity which involves a profit should be paid for and that which is of public use and advantage should be printed as news."

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 everyone present.

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

Mrs. W. H. Duke returned last week to her home in Dallas after spending several days in Spur with her husband and other friends.

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

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This is located in the heart of a fine agricultural country; 2,5000 bales of cotton ginned at the town of Swearingen this past year. For further particulars, address

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**A GIN NEEDED IN THE LEE COUNTY SETTLEMENT**

W. D. Eldredge, a leading citizen 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 construction 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 thousand bales of cotton, and they will also pay not only the customary price for ginning but will also pay a liberal bonus for ginning. On top of this they will also haul out the machinery and help put up the plant if some 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.

**The Turning Point**

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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 Napoleon, long on the verge of failure, kept on fighting. Washington, in the midst of overwhelming discouragement, refused to give up. Disraeli insisted that the time would come when the House of Commons would be glad to hear him. 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 forward-looking men and women.

Nobody is licked so long as he keeps on fighting.—Kansas City Star.

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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 Conformation services by Bishop Temple at Presbyterian Church. Special Music. The public is most cordially invited 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.

J. L. Karr, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of near old Espeula, called in Monday and handed us the wherewith for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year for which he has our thanks.

Oil Stove For Sale—Four burner, practically new and in good condition. A bargain to some one. Call at Texas Spur office. 20-tf.

J. F. Speer, prominent citizen and veterinary surgeon of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

J. Carlise was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday from the Duck Creek country.

Elder G. F. Mickey, of Red Hill, preached at the Church of 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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**BUYS BLACKSMITH SHOP.**

William Botts, a leading citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters. Mr. Botts has been in the blacksmithing business in Dickens for many years, and we understand that he will again resume that business, he having bought out Mr. Moon who has been operating that business during the past several months.

Frank Hunter, a prominent business man of Clairemont, was in Spur this week visiting his wife who recently underwent a very serious operation at the Standifer Hospital. We are glad to note that Mrs. Hunter is recovering rapidly and will return home in a few days.

White Moore, prominent citizen and prosperous farmer and ranchman of several miles west of Spur, was in town Monday. Mr. Moore is hauling posts 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 than half cost. Call at the Texas 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. 1td.

Mrs. E. F. Springer received a telegram Sunday stating that her step-father was dead at Gilmer, Texas.

**PETITION.**

We the undersigned agree to close our stores at seven o'clock P. M. from April 1st, 1915, to September 30th, 1915. With the exception of Saturdays.

Sol Davis, Hogan & Patton, Bryant-Link Co., T. J. McCulloch, L. A. Hindman, Spur Hardware Co., Riter Hardware Co., Luce & Brannen Bros., Love Dry Goods Co., Tibwell & Reeves, Campbell & Campbell.

P. Hinson and family, who have been making their home near Huntsville the past two years, removed this week to their home in the Tap country. Mr. Hinson is one of our most substantial citizens and we are glad to welcome him back home.

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 business and greeting his many friends. Mr. Blair is one among 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 same at once.—J. W. Dunn.

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

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

Sheriff J. B. Conner, of Dickens, spent several hours in Spur Monday on official business.

When in Spur drop into The German Kitchen and get you something to eat. We have it

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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.

**R**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?"

"No."

I turned as the prosecutor rephrased his significant question.

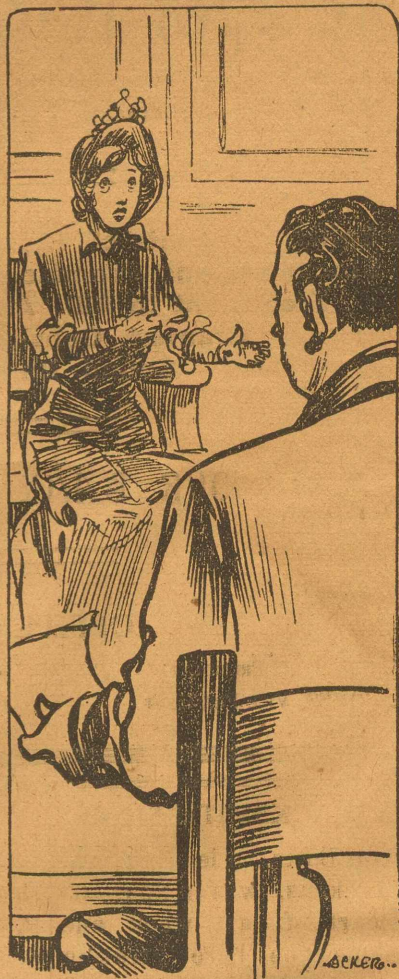
"No, I didn't," Miss Mapes retorted feebly. "I told you I'd thrown it away."

"But you said you'd last seen it in the closet of your room, didn't you?"

"I did not. I said—"

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

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 pen on one of the pages and, glancing up, nodded at Gilbert.



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

"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.

"I didn't mean that!" Miss Mapes burst out excitedly. "I don't know where I last saw it. I threw it away. I swear to God!"

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 covered 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 savagely.

"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 between us," she answered bravely.

"Didn't you hate each other?"

"I don't know what his feelings were."

"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?"

"Yes."

"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 object to these brutal and uncalled for comments which are not only insulting to the witness, but unseemly in a court."

Barstow turned fiercely upon the prosecutor, his eyes flashing dangerously.

"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 demanded, "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 instance."

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 matter."

"Pray don't wait for that, Mr. Barstow!"

"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 the night of the murder? No, nor on any other night. Would she swear she had not heard that Miss Emory had 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 gesture, and when he turned away again she once more uttered his name. Then he 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 person 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 her.

"Did you ever wear the skirt?"

"No."

"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." Barstow stepped forward and shot his finger straight at the woman's eyes.

"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 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 represented the commonwealth of South Dakota,



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 feet long. The right wing of the building is almost detached from the main structure. 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 ages.

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 celestial sign Gemini, 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

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 war against the Germans in 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 way. He is a lawyer by profession 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 income.

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 country.



# 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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### SPUR HIGH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE APRIL 2ND

The Spur Public School closes on April 2nd. The term will be supplemented by a month's subscription school if the enrollment of pupils justifies the teachers in prolonging the length of the term.

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 Expression Department a handsome set of the Harvard Classics, consisting of fifty volumes, has recently been added to the School library.

The Fine Arts Department will give an entertainment on Thursday evening April 1st, for the 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. McMahan 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 Watson settlement, spent some time in Spur the first 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 particular and her many friends will be glad to note that she is rapidly recovering.

Bert Brown and Chalk Brown were in Spur the latter part of last week from the 24 Ranch in Kent county and unloaded one of the latest model Hupmobiles for their mother, Mrs. Boley Brown of Clairmont.

W. W. Waldrup, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the Croton country, was in Spur the first of the week greeting friends and attending to business matters.

Lucius Haile, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here on business and greeting his friends.

E. E. Kutch sold the Lyric Theatre business last week to Walter Smith who will hereafter conduct the business at the same 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 Croton Camp, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

### PIONEER JUDGE OF DICKENS COUNTY

Judge A. J. McClain was in the city last week from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish. The Judge has been confined to his bed with an attack of pneumonia and we are very glad to note that he is again able to be out. Judge McClain is one of the oldest settlers of this country, and was one of the number who helped to organize Dickens county, serving as one of the first judges of the county courts. He relates interesting incidents and no doubt could write an interesting history of the early days of the settlement and development of Dickens county.

Tom McArthur was in the city Saturday and reports that he has just about completed the building of a new farm house on one of his places in the Tap country. In every section of the country building progress is in evidence, and as the years go by this will become one of the most highly developed sections in America.

Sam White was in Spur Monday from his ranch home in Kent county and while here called in at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything flourishing in his section.

Alec Winkler was in Spur this week from his home in the Croton country.

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

Lost—A small sized memorandum book. Finder return to Texas Spur office.

J. I. Greer and wife came in Saturday from their farm and ranch home twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city trading and greeting friends, and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Greer is one of the old timers of this section and is very optimistic over the prospect of good crops and general prosperity throughout the Spur country this year.

Mrs. W. D. Thacker, of the Croton country, was brought to Standifer Hospital where she underwent an operation last week. The operation was successful in every respect and the many friends of the family will be glad to know that Mrs. Thacker is now reported doing nicely.

M. C. Hobson, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, passed through Spur Saturday enroute home from Abilene where he spent several days on business and visiting old friends.

Emmett Lee returned Saturday from San Antonio where he attended the Odd Fellows Convention. He reports a very pleasant trip.

A. A. Allen, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake community, spent several hours in Spur Monday on business.

P. H. Miller returned Sunday from points down the Stamford & Northwestern where he spent several days on business.

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

T. F. Wolfe, a representative of the Dallas News, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday.

### RAILROAD WON BONUS SUIT AGAINST LUBBOCK

The case of the Crosbyton-Southplains Railroad Company against the Lubbock Bonus Committee, which was tried last week at Tahoka before Judge Beall of Sweetwater, resulted in a judgment in favor of the Railroad Company for the sum sued for, together with about \$1,500 as accrued interest, the total amount of the judgment being \$10,000.

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. Stehens 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 section.

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

*Sol Davis*  
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Nat P. Shaw is in Spur this week shaking hands with old time friends of the town and country. Mr. Shaw was among the first business men of Spur, having moved to Fort Worth about three years ago where he has since been engaged in the grocery and feed business. His many friends of the Spur country will be glad to know that Mr. Shaw is prospering in his business.

Mrs. C. L. Love entertained the young lady teachers of the Spur School Wednesday afternoon at her home in the city. A sumptuous dinner was served and those present were entertained in the most pleasant and agreeable manner.

Wyatt Taylor came in Wednesday from his home on the Plains and is spending several days in Spur selling spectacles and visiting his son, Sanders Taylor.

For Sale—Good work horse. Will weigh 1200 pounds. Spur Grain and Coal Company. 20 tf.

Chas. Windham came in this week from his farm and ranch home north of Dickens and spent some time here on business. He brought in several bales of cotton which he sold to Spur buyers at the prevailing prices. Mr. Windham reports everything in good shape in his section.

J. J. Rogers was in Spur this week from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish and spent some time here on business. He hauled out a corn and feed chopper to be used this year on his place.

County Treasurer J. B. Yantis came over from Dickens Wednesday and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting his friends here.

A girl baby was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Barnes at the home of P. H. Miller.

See "The Dear Boy" in the Senior play April 2nd, at High School Auditorium.

Mrs. Perry Fite returned the first of the week from San Antonio, Cisco and Moran, where she attended the Rebecca Assembly and also visited friends and relatives.

Miss Ida Sampson was in the city Wednesday from her ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur and spent the day here visiting young lady friends.

Fred O. McFall was in the city this week and handed us a dollar and six bits for the Texas Spur and Dallas news another year.

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 pneumonia.

P. W. Henson, a substantial farmer and leading citizen of several miles west of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Wednesday.

J. S. Blackburn, of Kansas, is in the city this week visiting D. G. Hisey and wife and other 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 Farm twenty miles west of Spur.

Mrs. Alexander and children, 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 attention of the department has been directed to the fact that active campaigns have resulted in introduction into portions of the Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas of a variety of cotton called "Half and half." It is reported that the seed sold for as much as \$5 per bushel, under the representation 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 information 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 Agriculture Bulletin No. 60.

The lint of the "Half-and-half" variety is of poor character, irregular, wasty, and very short, a large portion of the samples examined being less than seven-eighths of an inch in length of staple. Cotton less than seven-eighths of an inch is untenderable on future contracts made under the provisions of the United States cotton future act, and therefore buyers will penalize it whenever discovered.

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 market price, it is because its true character was not detected. Whenever cotton firms find a large part of the cotton in any community falling to seven-eighths of an inch or less in length, buyers will be withdrawn 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 spinners have stated that this variety as ordinarily grown produces so short a fiber as to render it wholly unsuitable for the class of work which now consumes the great bulk of the cotton of the western belt.

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 R. L. Collier. 9-tf

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#### RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$89,385.45
Overdrafts, unsecured	1,878.91
Other bonds, securities, etc., owned unpledged (other than stocks), including premiums on same	402.00
Banking house	\$7,750.00
Furniture & fixtures	2,150.00
Other Real Estate owned	2,250.00
Due from approved reserve agents in central reserve cities	15,724.88
Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	21,324.35
Fractional currency, nickles and cents	15.45
Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	432.44
Notes of other national banks	720.00
Specie	1,413.00
Legal-tender note	2,352.00
Other resources not mentioned above	2,775.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$149,573.79</b>

#### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$40,000.00
Surplus Fund	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	4,108.68
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	577.64
Individual Deposits subject to check	94,883.74
United States deposits	71.82
Certificates of deposit due on or after 30 days	79.30
Liabilities other than those above stated	7.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$148,573.79</b>

State of Texas, County of Dickens: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named 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.

## 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 purchase. Ask your friends and relatives to save them for you.**

Spur Hardware Co. Lyric Theatre  
Red Front Drug Store German Kitchen  
Hogan & Patton Midway Hotel  
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### THE SPUR HOTEL

F. R. HARRINGTON, Prop.

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.

### At The Lyric Theatre

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.

# GRASP A CHANCE

## When You See It!

**DO 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

**SATURDAY WILL BE A BIG DAY**

**LOVE DRY GOODS CO.,**  
Spur, Texas

### AFTON.

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

W. R. Stafford, of Spur, is transacting business in our town.

J. H. Reynolds made a business trip to his farm in the Rip Saw Valley community last week.

The Baptist have re-organized their Sunday School and elected Ike Stovall Supt. and Miss Anna Mae Stokes Sec.

M. L. Blakeley went to Spur Monday.

Claude Lloyd is away attending school.

Mrs. Averts is on the sick list.

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

Midway and Afton High School ball teams crossed bats here 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 month.

Miss Johnny Oldham spent

Saturday night with Miss Edie Wright.

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

J. R. Rogers visited his son, Elmer Saturday night.

J. E. Wright and J. A. Murchison visited at the Pitchfork Ranch Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Wright spent Sunday with Mrs. J. A. Murchison.

We are glad to learn that little Hardit Thannisch is convalescing

Billie Waldrup had a very serious accident during the snow last week. It seems that he was trying to wash his feet and rubbed off four of his toe-nails and 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 calves.

Marion Thannisch has resigned 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 county now. —Rambling Bill.

### GILPIN.

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

P. E. Hagins made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Miss Lily Hagins is suffering with a very severe case of sore eyes.

We are sorry to note that Rev. W. B. Bennett, who has been quite sick for several days, took worse Wednesday and Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was again called to his bedside. He is reported to be resting well at this writing.

Rev. George Rucker filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

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 Sunday.

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 ought 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 enjoy 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 business.

Mrs. Moore, of Aspermont, was brought to the Standifer Sanitarium the latter part of last week and underwent a very serious surgical operation. The operation was successful in every particular and she is reported to be recovering rapidly.

The Senior Play—"The Dear Boy Graduate" will be presented by the senior class, assisted by members of the Expression class, Friday evening, April 2nd, High School Auditorium 8:15 o'clock. No admission.

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

"A Case of Suspension"—A comedy bubbling with humor and ludicrous situations. High School Auditorium April 1st 8:15 o'clock.

E. D. Chambers, prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of Afton, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

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.

Dead Shot To Blue Bugs—We have a preparation guaranteed to kill blue bugs. For sale by J. B. Roberts, Spur, Texas. 18 4tp

Mrs. I. G. VanLeer and daughters, Mesdames Rogers and Gairnor, were visitos in the city Saturday.

See "The Dear Boy" and his Sisters and his cousins and his aunts in "The Dear Boy Graduate."

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

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

### CALLED TO TRUSCOTT.

Dr. Standifer was called this week to Truscott to render medical or surgical aid to Miss Chesher who was seriously injured by a pole falling on her head. The patient is reported in a critical condition and it is hoped that Dr. Standifer's services will be effective in this instance.

### GOOD FARM TO RENT.

150 acres in cultivation, 5 room house, water and grass, to rent this year. Land as good as is in Dickens county. See Dock Edwards at once on Croton Flat.

### 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 pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52-1f

### 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

C. M. Buchanan, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and looking after other business matters.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, a leading citizen and prominent physician of Dickens, was among the number of business visitors in our city this week.

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 home north of Spur.

You'll like "A Case of Suspension."



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?

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We give you what you ASK for.

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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

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Spur, Texas