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# The Texas Spur

## AND DICKENS ITEM

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### WILL RESUME OIL DRILLING OPERATIONS ON 24-RANCH

In conversation with Chalk Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, one day this week he informed us that he had just had a message from Mr. McFann, the driller, and was informed that he would arrive here within a day or two prepared to complete arrangements with reference to oil and mineral leases incidental to the resumption of drilling operations on the 24-Ranch in the northern part of Kent county.

An oil well has already been drilled on the ranch to a depth of about two hundred feet, drilling being held up at this time for the lack of necessary casing and other equipment.

In this well it is said that a very strong stream of water was encountered, in fact the stream being so strong that it became necessary to case it off before the drilling could be continued.

It is very probable that work will be resumed within a few weeks, and Driller McFann told us that he intended to go down until oil was found.

A number of geologists have gone over the Kent county field and pronounce it as indicating one of the biggest oil fields yet found in the state.

We are just as confident that an oil pool is underneath the soil in this section as we are that bumper crops will be produced throughout this section this year. All that is required to uncover these underground riches is nerve and capital. We have the nerve but not the capital.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE 85 PER CENT OF NORMAL NOW

Since the beginning of school after the holidays and closing for the epidemic, the attendance records eighty five per cent of normal conditions.

Notwithstanding the great disadvantages encountered during this term of the school progress has been made and the year has not been lost by any means. The destruction of the building by fire has been somewhat of a handicap, but under the present arrangements pupils are comfortably situated, and with the loss of time grades will be made and the term will be successful.

We are informed that the trustees have decided to build a brick building and have it ready for the next term of school.

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### MORE THAN 110 TONS SEED COTTON FURNISHED FARMERS

In response to the proposal of S. M. Swenson & Sons to supply farmers of the Spur country with the finest seed cotton obtainable, more than 110 tons or three cars have been applied for by farmers of the surrounding country.

The seed to be supplied is of the Mebane variety, which has been culled, cleaned and sorted and is the finest to be obtained.

This move on the part of S. M. Swenson & Sons through C. B. Jones, manager, will result in great benefit to the farming interests of the Spur country in that the fine seed brought to the country will encourage not only the production of a finer staple but will increase production, with the result that farmers can demand a better price for a larger production of cotton.

This cotton seed is being purchased in large quantities at a low price and is being sold to farmers at actual cost on fall time.

### GEM THEATRE TO OPEN AFTER BEING CLOSE FOR EPIDEMIC

The Gem Theatre will begin showing again Friday night of this week after being closed up for more than a month on account of the influenza epidemic.

Programs will be given Friday and Saturday nights, and again Tuesday Friday and Saturday nights of next week. Good programs have been selected and crowded houses are desired and expected at each show.

Come out and enjoy an hour of pleasant and profitable entertainment, forget the troubles of the past and begin the new year in good spirits.

### DICKENS COUNTY BOY QUITE SICK IN ARMY CAMP HOSPITAL

T. H. Tallant received information that his son, Jno. T. F. Tallant, who is now in the military service, has been and is now quite sick of pneumonia at a hospital in Camp Bevens, Mass. John has been in the service since the early summer, being drafted into service from Dickens county and entrained at Spur. We hope he will soon be recovered, discharged and returned to his home.

### MRS. CAL PARKS DIED MONDAY AT HER HOME NEAR GIRARD

Mrs. Cal Parks, of near Girard, died Monday, two weeks ago, after an illness of several days of Spanish influenza, the remains being interred in the Girard cemetery.

We joins the many friends of the family in extending sincere sympathy and condolence to them in this great bereavement and sorrow.

### DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW OF H. C. ALLEN DIED IN CALI.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, called in Wednesday at the Texas Spur office. He had just received a message informing him of the death of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cudd of California. They were suffering of influenza, and died the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Cudd left six children, whom Mr. Allen will now have to take and care for. This is indeed sad, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen have our sincerest sympathy.

### 13.30 INCHES OF RAIN IN SPUR DURING THE YEAR OF 1918

During the year 1918 13.30 inches of rain fell in Spur, as follows by months:

January, .....	.35
February, .....	.75
March, .....	.34
April, .....	.47
May, .....	2.04
June, .....	2.00
July, .....	.42
August, .....	1.62
September, .....	.87
October, .....	2.34
November, .....	.50
December, .....	1.60
Total, .....	13.30

### SNOW AND ICE NOW SIX TO EIGHT INCHES ON THE PLAINS

Mace Hunter, who recently moved from his farm home east of Spur to his farm and ranch near Meadow on the plains, was in town Saturday shaking hands with friends and attending to business affairs. He says when he left home the snow and ice was six to eight inches deep on the ground, and that they already had a fine bottom season in the ground at this time. The crop indications in that part of the country, as well as here, are now most flattering, and unless some unforeseen calamity befalls we will make bumper crops in 1919.

### REMAINS OF SOLDIER BOY RETURN TO DICKENS FOR BURIAL

The remains of young Mr. Culbert, who died December 31st in Arizona while in the army service, were shipped to Dickens for interment last week in the Dickens cemetery.

Young Mr. Culbert was entrained in Spur in August of 1917 for military service. Influenza was the cause of his death.

All of Dickens county will join the Texas Spur in extending condolence to the bereaved family who live here.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

### ONE BUMPER CROP HERE EQUAL TO FIVE CROPS ELSEWHERE

W. L. Thanisch, of the Draper section of country, was one among the number of business visitors to Spur Monday of this week. He reports the ground wet to the bottom in his part of the country now, and everybody expecting to grow bumper crops this year. One good crop in this part of the state is almost equal to five ordinary crops in other parts, and since we have had only four short crop years here on account of the "drouth", war and other disadvantages, should we this year make a bumper we will all come out ahead after all. Come to West Texas, the greatest country in the world.

### P. H. MILLER ORGANIZING AN OIL COMPANY IN EASTLAND

P. H. Miller left Tuesday of this week for Fort Worth to attend a meeting of the promoters of an oil development company which he and others are now forming. The company, we understand, is already organized and the capital stock already subscribed for 150 thousand dollars. At the meeting to be held this week this capital stock will be increased to 300,000 dollars, or another new company will be organized with one hundred fifty thousand dollars capital on which to operate. The company already has leases on lands in Eastland and Comanche counties on which it is expected to drill at a later date.

### A WAR BABY BORN TO MR. AND MRS. W. R. MOORE MONDAY

Another war baby, the second in Spur, was born Monday to Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman.

Dr. Moore was called into military service several months ago and is now in France or Germany with his troop. It is not known how long he will be in the service, but it is presumed that he will be discharged within the next few months.

Although young Miss Moore made her arrival during troublous times, we wish her a long life of peacefulness, happiness, and in the years to come we are confident she will develop into a charming, beautiful and useful young woman.

### L. H. EDWARDS AND MISS BENSON MARRIED IN DICKENS

December 4th, 1917, L. H. Edwards of the Croton country, and Miss Benson, of Dickens, were married, and are now making their home in the Croton country.

The Texas Spur wishes Mr. and Mrs. Edwards much happiness and prosperity and long years of contented and useful married life.

### KILL THREE LIONS IN A BUNCH WHILE IN NEW MEXICO

Pat Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch west of Spur, was in town one day last week and sold to W. M. Hazel a lion hide which he had killed out in New Mexico December of last year. Pat stated that he and a companion came up on five lions, firing upon them with the result that he killed two and his companion killed one. The other two ran away, one of which was severely wounded. The hide sold to Mr. Hazel measures seven or eight feet long, showing conclusively that the lions encountered were not merely cubs. Mr. Greer states that in the country in which he lived in New Mexico there are lots of lions, bear, deer and other game, and during the time he was there he had lots of real sport, bringing in black-tail deer, lion and bear meat at various times.

### BOY ARRESTED CHARGED WITH THEFT OR HOUSE-BREAKING

Sheriff Barber arrested a young man by the name of Farrell last week on a charge of theft or house breaking. It is charged that he entered Hogan & Patton's store, making an entrance through the skylight, and securing a grip full of clothes, boots, shoes, ties, shirts, etc. The grip was left at the Luce & Brannen store, and after remaining there several weeks it was opened to see to whom it belonged and these goods were noted. They then waited for the owner to call for the grip, which he did later with the result that he was arrested. It is charged also that he entered the Red Front Drug Store, appropriating a watch, ring and other jewelry.

Sheriff Barber has run down three theft or house-breaking cases since taking his office as sheriff. Numerous little thefts from stores have been reported recently, and Sheriff Barber is on the trail and is laying for them.

### RETURN TO SPUR COUNTRY FROM BURKBURNETT FIELDS

J. C. Weir and family and Jim Walker and family returned last week from Burkburnett where they have been the past several months. While in Burkburnett Messrs Walker and Weir were doing team and hauling work, but stated that everything was so muddy and sticky of late that hauling no longer paid, therefore they returned here to make a bumper crop this year. They refused to state whether or not they made their "pile" in the oil field and returned here to enjoy it, or whether they lost what they had and came back to make another stake. At any rate, we are confident they will make bumper crops and surplus to plunge on oil at the end of the year.

## QUALITY

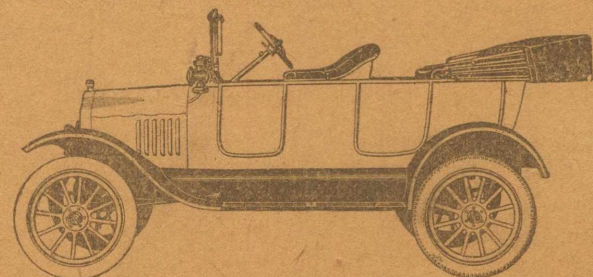
We uphold the quality in everything we sell.

You can come here with full confidence that you will get the best in men's wear at most reasonable prices.

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**PERSONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST  
GATHERED AT CLAIREMONT**

Ed Underwood and son, Latham, transacted business in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Carlos McCombs made a flying trip to Peacock recently, visiting Miss Ruth Whitaker.

Horace Johns made a flying trip to Polar Saturday.

Thora Earnest and Elton Clanton spent several days in town this week. Mrs. John Clanton, their mother, died in September. The children will live with their uncle, Mr. Long, at Polar.

Ena and Ione McFall spent Saturday night in the city.

Nonnie Rome and George Rodgers, several miles north of town, have been spending several days in Clairemont this week.

Warren Hopson, C. O. Thompson and Wesley Osman, from the Sneed Ranch, spent several hours in town this week.

Newman Harrison and Mr. Hagar, from Clipper, were in town Thursday of last week.

Eunice Cargile passed through the city Sunday going to her school several miles north of town.

Miss Anna Hull, the superintendent of Clairemont schools, returned Monday, January 6th. On account of the wet weather and bad roads Miss Hull was not able to return sooner.

Carlos McCombs, who was drafted into military service in the fall, received his discharge last week and is now at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McCombs and Mrs. Vera Gibson made a flying trip to Jayton Sunday.

Lena Hopson is now operator at Jayton. The young people here miss Miss Hopson.

Faye Hart returned home last week from Jayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jay visited folks in town Sunday.

Edd Taylor was in town on business Tuesday.

Ides Glenn left last week for her school where she will remain for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Faye, from Burke, Oklahoma, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hunter this week.

Henry Evans and Erwin Stricklin did trading in Jayton last Friday.

Mrs. Jeff Byrd has the flu, but in a light form.

Joe Earnest made a flying trip to the capital the second.

Floyd and Dick Byrd, of several miles south of Clairemont, spent a few hours here Monday.

Big Tree Smith and Cute Huckleberry, of several miles west of town, made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Haywood have a brand new girl at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tatom entertained the young people new year's night with a polar dance. Cake, hot

chocolate and fruit were served to the following: Misses Ides Glenn, Lena Hopson, Maye Tatom, Jen Adams, Marie and Bernice Taylor, Messrs. Geo. Underwood, Herman Morgan, Jesse Tatom, Henry Evans, Frank Hargrove and Henry Tatom.

D. G. I. Club met Thursday changing the day to meet on and selecting a new author for the coming year.

The young people entertained Mrs. J. B. Taylor Friday night with a storm dance. The following were present: Misses Faye Hart, Lena Hopson, Maye Tatom, Henry and Jessie Tatom, Warren Hopson, Erwin Stricklin, and Henry Evans.

Mr. Long and daughter spent several days in town this week.

R. I. Goodall made a flying trip to Jayton Tuesday.

Mr. H. J. Moreland, of H. J. Moreland & Co., of Jayton, was in Clairemont one day this week transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gee entertained with a polar dance Saturday night, honoring their son, Virgil. Virgil will remain with his folks until next Saturday. Every one enjoyed the dance.

A singing Sunday night at church was enjoyed by the large crowd present.

Bro. Hardin filled his regular appointment here Saturday night and Sunday. He was called as pastor for the Baptist church.

The party at R. Tatom's Monday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Nice five room residence with good well of water with comparatively no gyp, in Spur for sale., good garage, barn, storm house and other out-houses, situated near school house in splendid residence part of town, over \$1,500 of improvements. Quite an ideal home for small family. Will take \$600 down, balance in reasonable time payments. For further information call on E. J. Cowan, Spur. 9-1f

Recently Mr. Lilly advertised in the Texas Spur for a lost automobile hood from a Ford car. The hood was returned to this office this week, the finder being O. M. Beadle of near Girard in Kent county. Advertising always gets results in this paper. The paper is read by thousands of people all over the country.

C. C. Cornelius, of Kent county, was in Spur Tuesday and called in and had the paper sent to young Mr. Cross, for which he has our thanks. He reports everything now in fine condition in Kent county, with reference to both ranch and farming interests. The year 1919 is expected to be a banner year throughout this Western country.

Miss Weltha Monteith, of Abilene, is in Spur this week the guest of her friends here.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

The membership of the Presbyterian church is especially urged to attend communion service next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. You are asked to bring a liberal offering to the Texas Mexican Industrial Institute, which will be the object of our generosity that morning.—T. M. Cunningham, Pastor.

The war is over, the Huns are whipped and our soldiers will soon return to peaceful pursuits—but the Allied Bakery and Restaurant will continue to serve the best "eats" the market affords and will bake the best Victory Bread to be had any where. Call and see when you get hungry.

Hawley Bryant, manager of the Pitchfork Ranch northeast of Spur, was here Monday of this week. Before leaving he handed us a dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Bryant states that ranch interests are now in good shape and a prosperous year is anticipated.

We are running a continued story for a few weeks by A. B. Wilkes, entitled "The Fourth Wise Man." He asks that those who have read the first chapter continue to read the following chapters which will be interesting in finding out who the "fourth wise man" may be.

E. Cross, of Post sent us a check this week for three dollars in renewing his subscription to the Texas Spur. Wren Cross is a whole-souled gentleman and we are glad to number him among the readers of this paper.

Mrs. Addington, of the Red Cross rooms in Spur, requests us to state that all women who have Red Cross sewing at their homes please finish the work and have it returned to the room before the first day of February.

**\$5.00 REWARD.**

One 3 year old gray filly, no brand, heavy bone, blind teeth knots on head. 18 year old sorrel mare, no brand, bad wire scars on front arm and one on foot, lame hind foot caused by ring bone.—Chas. Conatser, Spur. 1tp

**SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH.**

We are requested to announce that services will be held Sunday morning and night by Pastor G. W. Thomas at the Baptist church Sunday. All are urged to be present.

Sam McCombs, of Luzon in Kent county, was in Spur one day this week attending court in a suit filed against him by the Miller Lumber Company of Jayton.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, was in Spur Thursday of this week, spending a few hours here trading and conversing with friends.

W. C. Bennett was in Spur Thursday from Seymour where he is engaged with C. E. Cock in road construction work in that country.

J. W. Davis, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Monday of this week meeting friends and trading with the merchants.

We try to pay the highest price for furs of any buyer in Spur.—Farmers Wagon Yard.

D. E. Thomas, of the Soldier Mound community, was one of the visitors in Spur the first of this week.

C. I. Cannon was here Thursday of this week from his ranch home over in Crosby county.

Sell your fowls at Farmers Wagon Yard.

**SPUR BLACKSMITH SHOP**

I now have charge of the Spur Blacksmith Shop and am in position to give you first class service. Will appreciate your business

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PLAY "SAFETY FIRST"**

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SANITARY**

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**FOR SALE.**

5 wagons and several sets of harness, cheap for cash.—G. L. Barber.

**W. L. GRUBBS LOSES A SACK  
OF FLOUR GOING HOME MONDAY**

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was in Spur Monday purchasing groceries of the merchants. Among other things he bought two sacks of flour. On his way home one of the sacks lost from his buggy and upon nearing his home he missed it, returning to hunt for it, but some one had beat him to it. The finder will now know to whom the flour belongs and probably will replace it. A sack of flour these days is no small item. In fact it keeps us moving about to get the wherewithal with which to keep supplied in bread-stuff, and a loss of a whole sack of flour would somewhat dampen our spirits.

**SOLDIER BOY RETURNS FROM  
ENGLAND TO HOME IN SPUR**

Sherrod Williams returned home last week from the army, having received his discharge from further service. Sherrod was transported almost immediately after being drafted over to England, having spent the greater part of the time in England. He was in the air service department. He will remain at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Williams several weeks and before engaging in any character of work.

**PAUL DOUGLASS HAS PERMANENTLY LOCATED AT GOREE**

Paul Douglass and wife left Spur Wednesday morning for their home in Goree. Mrs. Douglass has been here a week or two with her sister, Mrs. Will Walker, who has been quite sick of the influenza and pneumonia, but is improving at this time. Mr. Douglass came down to accompany Mrs. Douglass home, and remained here only one or two days greeting his many friends here. Paul said that he intended to move back to Spur, but he has several big jobs in tanking, etc., and as a result purchased a home in Goree and will now make that their permanent home.

A. M. Mimms, of Draper, was here Saturday buying supplies and greeting friends.

Dave Taylor returned this week to Spur, having received his discharge from military service.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

**Christian.**  
Bible School at 10 a. m. Preaching and Communion at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. Preaching every Lord's day, morning and evening, except the 4th Sunday.—W. M. LeMay, pastor.

**Methodist.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.—E. E. White, pastor.

**Baptist**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each Sunday. Prayer meeting Wednesday night.—Geo. W. Thomas, pastor.

**Presbyterian.**  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 4th Sunday in each month at 11 a. m.—No regular pastor.

**DICKENS CO. LODGE DIRECTORY  
Spur Lodges.**

Spur Chapter, No. 34, R. A. M., meets Monday night after full moon; R. C. Forbis, H. P.; S. T. Clemmons, Secretary.

Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M., meets Thursday night on or before full moon; Jno. B. Hardin, W. M.; Oscar Jackson, Secretary.

Spur Chapter No. 164, O. E. S., meets Thursday night before and after regular communication of Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M.; Mrs. Lula K. Manning, W. M.; J. C. McNeill, W. P.; Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Sec. Spur I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 771, meets every Monday night; W. H. Putman, N. G.; G. A. Howsley, V. G.; J. W. Carlisle, Secretary.

Spur Rebekah Lodge No. 178 meets every Friday night; Mrs. W. H. Putman, N. G.; Mrs. R. F. Self, Sec.

Spur K. of P. Lodge No. 419 meets every Tuesday night; W. T. Andrews, C. C.; J. F. Vernon, K. of R. & S.

Spur Homestead Lodge No. 3144, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday night; Chas. Whitener, Foreman; Miss Tot Waldron, Corresponding Sec.

Spur Triangle Camp W. O. W. No. 2621, meets 2nd and 4th Saturday nights; J. Mont Taylor, C. C.; F. W. Jennings, Clerk.

**Dickens Lodges.**  
I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 652, meets every Friday night; visiting members cordially invited; B. G. Worswick, N. G.; M. E. Cleveland, Secretary.

W. O. W. Camp No. 582, meets 2nd and 4th Monday nights; L. R. Harkey C. C.; M. Gay, Clerk.

**McAdoo Lodges.**  
Rumfield Camp, W. O. W. No. 3171 meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights; R. I. Wallace, C. C.; J. E. Brannen, Clerk.

**Red Mud Lodges.**  
Red Mud Camp No. 2355, meets every Friday night before each first and 3rd Sunday; W. A. Valentine, C. C.; J. E. Sparks, Clerk.

We want to buy your hides and furs and sell you your feed.—Farmers Wagon Yard. 6tf

C. B. Jones has been suffering this week of an attack of tonsillitis.

Ed Martin, who is now on the J. B. Morrison ranch, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

**..Farm Loans..**

**Buy Vendor's Lien Note**

We are anxious to place \$500,000.00 in Dickens County in buying Vendor's Liens Notes Also \$500,000.00 in Farm Loans.

We inspect land same day we take application--thus avoiding the long delay in sending for an inspector. We also do our own paying out, thus enabling us to give Quick Service. We employ prompt methods and guarantee

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**...If You Want The Cash, Try Us...**

We are also buying notes and making loans in Counties surrounding Dickens.

**Browder & Love, Roaring Springs**



# STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

The Little Pullman Hamberger Stand is back on the corner and we want you to know that we are still putting out those Good Juicy Hamburgers at Ten Cents Each. It is the place to get a cup of coffee worth your while. This stand is run by the same Company that formerly operated it.

Come to see us often

Al Sullivan was here Wednesday of this week from his farm home in the Duck Creek community. Recently Al received two dozen fine hens shipped to him by a fine chicken raiser in the city of Stamford. The bunch of hens were beauties, every one being colored and marked exactly alike. Al will have fine chickens on his farm another year, and those who buy eggs of this farm will be sure of securing the very finest.

J. B. Morrison moved his cattle back from the plains to his ranch south of Spur the first of the year. In driving the cattle through cold, freezing weather caught them, and Bud suffered from frozen ears and face. The cattle, he states, are in fine fix for the winter and with the grass and weeds on his ranch he thinks they will make it through the winter in good shape.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was in the city the first of this week spending a few hours here trading and greeting friends. Tom says the ground is wet to the bottom in his part of the country, and that the season now is as good as could be wished for.

G. S. Jones, of Dry Lake, was in the city Wednesday of this week trading with merchants and looking after other business affairs. He reports the finest season for crops, the influenza epidemic subsiding, and everything now in ideal shape for a happy and prosperous 1919.

J. W. Smith, who has been living in the McAdoo country on the plains, has moved back to the Spur territory where he will farm this year. We welcome him back to Spur and hope he will make a bumper crop this year and have money enough left at the end of the year to go into the banking business.

B. F. Meadows, of four miles west of Spur, was here Tuesday on business and trading with merchants of the commercial hub.

J. C. Dopson, of Dry Lake, is now at home from the army service, having received his discharge.

J. M. Howze, of the Highway community, was among the number here Saturday of the past week. He reports everything lovely now since the influenza epidemic has subsided, the rains have come and the finest crop prospects prevailing.

P. J. Hext, a prominent citizen of near Afton, was in Spur one day last week on business and meeting friends here that day. Mr. Hext is one of the old timers of this country, and is one among the best fixed farmers of the west.

R. R. Wooten, of the plains country was a business visitor in Spur one day this week. Mr. Wooten says that the plains country near McAdoo now has an ideal season in the ground and good crops are now assured.

W. A. Sprayberry met us on the streets one day this week and handed us a dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur, and for which he has our thanks and appreciation.

Huddle Cloud, who has been at his home in the Soldier Mound community, spending a vacation with his parents, returned last week to the Abilene college.

Tom Owen and wife came in Saturday from their ranch home southwest of Spur, spending the afternoon here shopping and visiting with their friends.

A. W. Jordan was here one day this week from Steel Hill. He states that everything indicates good crops this year.

J. E. Johnson is spending several days of this week in Stamford looking after his business interests in that city and country.

O. I. Taylor was here Tuesday from the Duck Creek community, spending an hour or two here trading and on other business.

Bill McArthur came in one day the first of the week from his home near Tap, spending the day here on business and meeting friends.

FROM A FRIEND.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following article appeared in the Stars and Stripes, a soldiers publication in France, and was sent to Mrs. J. E. Stegall, of Spur, by her husband who is in that country and has been for several months.

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:—At the moment when the terrible slaughter has come to an end, thanks to the devoted aid of great America, permit a simple French woman to express her gratitude and admiration for the country which has saved us. I know with what sublime abnegation, with what disregard of danger, those brave children delivered us from the Boche at the time when they were so near Paris. One of my nephews told me about it. He said: "There were ten thousand Americans who fought like lions. They made a rampart for us that stopped the Boche reaching Paris."

And, also, when I see all that you are doing for us, all the orphans you are adopting, for which you get no thanks from the French Government; when I see the merchants who, because you are Americans, charge you three times the value of things, and even food, without any thought of the self-imposed sacrifices you are making with open heart for us, you may be sure that there are times when a true Frenchman is ashamed to be one.

What must you think? I am speaking to you as a person who has suffered greatly mentally and spiritually from the war and who will suffer after it.

Before leaving France please remember that there are French people who esteem and admire you, and who will never forget what you have done for their native land.

I visit the cemetery every week to greet those who have fallen so valiantly in defending us, and I am really grieved not to be able to strew all their graves with flowers.

Pardon me for writing this; I am but expressing all my feelings.

VEUVE A. JALE.

WORK MULES FOR SALE

Or will trade for stock cattle. Also some good Jersey cows to sell for cash—A. B. Morgan, Spur, Texas 9-4tp

W. A. Harris, of the Dry Lake community, was one among the business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

Prof. J. J. Smelser, principal of the Duck Creek school, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies and attending to other affairs.

Earnest Mayfield and family, of Jayton, spent Sunday in Spur with T. M. Maples and family.

Water Jordan, of Steel Hill, was in Spur one day this week trading and greeting friends.

Porter McClain was in Spur Monday from the River View Farm and Ranch on Cat Fish.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was a business visitor to town Monday of this week.

Mrs. J. J. Cloud, of Soldier Mound, was in the city Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

Bill Cherry, of south of Spur, was here Saturday greeting friends and acquaintances.

E. L. Caraway made a business trip the first of the week to Abilene and other points.

W. F. Cathey, of north of Spur, was in the city Monday.

# Best Lump Coal

On the track now every week. Get it at the car and save money.

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STRAYED—One dark sorrel mare, branded inverted V on left hip and 4 on left shoulder. One dark mare mule, 3 years old, not sheared, unbranded. \$20.00 reward for their return to T. A. Randleman, Spur, Texas. 3-2tpf

John Weathers was in town Monday from his ranch home a few miles west, spending several hours here on business and also participating in the operation of a "self-starter" designed by some of the expert mechanics of the city. The starter worked to perfection, and its operation was attractive and amusing to a number of parties who noted its workings.

W. M. Sovall, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in town Saturday for the first time in several weeks. He has had a severe attack of the influenza and pneumonia. His many friends throughout the country will be glad to know that he has recovered and is now able to get about.

H. N. Patten was among the business visitors on the streets Saturday. He has been keeping in pretty close the past few weeks on account of influenza epidemic and recognizes the fact that one can not expose himself these days as he has done heretofore without thought of danger.

B. E. Morgan and Miss Lizzie Morgan returned this week from Anson where they had been called to attend the funeral of Bill Spraberry who died at that place the latter part of last week.

Mrs. I. G. Van Leer called in one day this week and renewed the subscription to Texas Spur now going to her daughter, Miss Mable, at Fort Worth, who is stenographer for oil company.

Mrs. M. H. Brannen and children, of the city, are visiting relatives this week in Dallas.

NOTICE.

Having purchased the dental equipment of the late Dr. M. L. Pierce, I am located at his former offices for the purpose of the general practice of dentistry.—A. L. Brasher, Dentist.

J. N. Zumwalt, of the Highway community trading with our merchants and meeting friends here from the surrounding country.

Miss Estelle Miller, who is one of the teachers of the Duck Creek school this year, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. N. Q. Brannen.

W. R. Farrell, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was one of the many visitors to Spur Saturday of the past week.

Grundy Crego, of Croton, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week buying supplies and looking after other matters.

A. J. Ritchie, of the Croton country was in Spur Saturday trading. He reports everything in fine shape now in that section.

Mr. Shugart, who has been sick of influenza and pneumonia, was in town Saturday for the first time in several weeks.

W. H. Tallant, of near the city, was here Thursday and while here was a caller at the Texas Spur office.

M. M. Morris, a prominent citizen of Afton, was a business visitor to Spur Saturday of last week.

Dr. Hale came over Saturday from Dickens and spent an hour or two in Spur on business.

C. P. Allen, of three or four miles of Spur, was here Saturday trading and on other business.

The following prices will prevail on all cars stored in our Garage, effective January 1st

One Night Only - - 25c  
One Week - - - 1.00  
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No charge will be made for cars left through day unless same is carried over night.

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## NEW JEWELRY SHOP

I am now located at the Wilkes Racket and Second Hand Store with a Jewelry Repair Shop and will fix your clock, watch, gun, sewing machine, etc., at a minimum price. All work guaranteed.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Friday January 10th, 1919.

President Wilson has asked congress for an appropriation of one hundred millions of dollars to aid the suffering and destitute people of Europe.

It is said that soap is in great demand by the people of Germany, and that they will trade almost anything in their possession for a bar of soap.

Billy Sunday closed his six weeks campaign in Fort Worth last Sunday. At the close of the meeting he was presented with a check for more than \$14,000.00.

Ten farmers have been selected to go to Europe and confer with delegates to the peace conference with reference to the interests of farmers of America.

Henry Ford is contesting the seating of T. Newberry, elected to a seat in the senate from Michigan, charging fraud and the expenditure of too much money in his campaign for office.

The greatest fear now in Germany and European countries is the spread of Bolshevism. It is even feared that the United States may become "infected."

Col. Theodore Roosevelt died January 6th at his home at Oyster Bay. He died in his sleep and without pain, it is said. With the passing of Theodore Roosevelt, one of the greatest Americans has gone to his reward. He was known throughout the world and admired by many.

Great excitement is now prevailing at Burkburnett. Oil wells are being brought in almost daily, and but few "dry holes" are encountered. The discovery of oil in this country is one of the biggest items of our day. It has made millionaires and may make Texas the money center of America.

Confidence is the greatest asset to any town, country or individual. In the beginning of Spur people bought lots here because they knew Swenson and knew that a town would be built. On every hand confidence is essential in every undertaking. Without confidence no progress could be made in any line.

Much has been said of West Texas in newspapers throughout the country of late. We would just like to know where West Texas is located. Fort Worth is at the head of the West Texas Commercial organization, the larger oil fields are said to be in West Texas. Where is the dividing line between East and West Texas?

President Wilson is meeting with the European countries with reference to his proposal for a league of nations, and it is probable that the league will be formed. The main object of such a league is to prevent another big world's war. The proposal is a worthy and lofty move, but the success of such an undertaking is questioned. So long as men are born they will differ and will fight when provocation arises. However, a league of nations will have its effect on preventing wars to a certain extent.

**NOTICE TO ALL SINGERS.**

Owing to the continued bad weather and some sickness in the community, I have talked to several of our people and we have decided to call in the convention until our next regular meeting which will be Saturday night before the second Sunday in April. —E. L. Williams, Pres.

A. A. Allen, of Croton, was in Spur Friday and called in at Texas Spur office. He said everything in his section was in the finest shape, and that if we failed to make anything this year we had just as well quit—and we are all of the same opinion.

County Treasurer H. C. Perry was over from Dickens Friday and reports everything all o. k. at the county capital.

Lee Billberry, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in town Friday. He says it is sure wet up on the plains, and good crop indications are now evidenced on every hand.

**WANTED** to buy quilts and other bed clothing. Any one having same for sale write C. S. Haskett, Eastland, Texas. 1tp

I. R. Powell, of Crosbyton, sent us a check this week for the renewal of his subscription to Texas Spur, and for which we thank him.

M. S. Faver and wife, of east of Afton, were in Spur shopping Friday, and while here were very pleasant callers at Texas Spur office.

J. H. Meadors and family, of the city of Dickens, were in Spur one day this week visiting friends in Spur.

Jeff Smith called in Friday and renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur and Dallas News. Thanks.

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in town Friday.

John Self, of Red Mud, was among the visitors in Spur Friday.

W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, was in town Friday.

**N. Q. BRANNEN WILL BE MANAGER OF SOL DAVIS GROCERY**

Wood Williams, manager of the Sol Davis estate, informed us this week that N. Q. Brannen, manager of Luce & Brannen, would hereafter be with the Sol Davis business as manager of the grocery department.

N. Q. Brannen has been in Spur almost since the beginning of the town, first with Morrison and later for himself. He is a fine groceryman, accommodating and knows everybody in the country. N. Q. knows the grocery business from a to z, and the Sol Davis estate is to be congratulated on securing his services.

Luce & Brannen, we understand, will close out their business.

L. H. Edwards and wife, of Croton, were in Spur Tuesday shopping and to be here with John Edwards who underwent an operation for appendicitis of the Standifer Hospital. While here Mr. Edwards renewed his subscription to The Texas Spur in combination with the Dallas News and Fort Worth Record—making a combination unsurpassed in rearing matter of interest.

When you want the best bread, send over and get it from the Allied Bakery and Restaurant at Spur.—The best in the land.

See the show Saturday night at the Gem Theatre—worth the money.

**JOHN EDWARDS UNDERGOES OPERATION AT HOSPITAL**

John Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of Dickens, was brought to the Standifer Hospital last Tuesday for an operation for appendicitis, the operation being successful in every particular and we are glad to state that young Mr. Edwards is now reported doing fine.

The Standifer Hospital is known and recognized far and wide as one of the most successful institutions for surgery not only in West Texas but within the state. Dr. Standifer rarely loses a case and is one of the most able men in the profession of surgery.

W. F. Godfrey returned last week from Polytechnic where he has been nursing a young daughter born recently. He is so proud of the young Miss that he has been unable to look after his business interests.

**TAP TELLINGS.**

Well, friends, as the snow has melted away, and perhaps you think the Spanish influenza has taken me to try the seasons of another world, I will crawl out of my den and go in for supplies for Sallie and the Babies and also pen a line or two for the dear old Texas Spur, the best paper printed in Dickens county.

Yes, that awful epidemic, Spanish influenza, has taken from our little community some of our best citizens. While it is so sad to give them up, may God help us to say His will be done, not ours. To the homes that are broken up may we so live that we will be reunited in heaven.

God make my life a little light,  
Within the world to glow—  
A tiny flame that burneth bright,  
Wherever I may go.

Most farmers here have their crops gathered and are breaking land with the expectation of harvesting a bumper crop this year. With the good rains and snows we are having now, looks promising for early grass and good crops in 1919.

Wallace Hinson and wife and little daughter, Gertrude, are spending the holidays with his father, P. Hinson and family, of Mineral Wells.

W. A. Valentine and family moved this week to near Watson in Garza

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The only expense peace relieves the Government from is that of supplying bullets and powder. The Government must spend \$50,000,000.00 Every day for months to come to take care of the soldiers and sailors. It will take a year to demobilize the army.

Your Money is Needed to Help Pay the Victory Bill. Lend it in War Savings Stamps at Good Interest Rates.

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county. We regret losing this good family from our midst. They are a good, Christian family, good neighbors. Our church and community at large will miss them greatly, but our loss will be Watson's gain.

Jim Henderson and family will occupy the place vacated by W. A. Valentine. We are well acquainted with Jim and family and are glad to have them for neighbors.

Joe Lambert and Irwin Smith came in from Brownsfield Christmas. We don't know whether they came to see Santa Claus or their best girl.

Our school is now progressing nicely with Miss Lottie Ellison of Crosbyton as teacher. Our school is second to none in the country.

Grandma Sparks is suffering with a severe case of asthma and erysipelas. We hope she will soon recover.

Uncle Jesse Griffith and Garland Love will be our batchelor neighbors

on the place recently vacated by R. V. Scogin and family, who moved to Smith county.

Missionary H. L. Burnam and a Brother Parks preached an able sermon for us Sunday night.

Mose Quisenberry has purchased W. A. Valentine's interest in the Tap Telephone line and can now converse with his girl at his own convenience. So you see some are going this way, And some are going that;

But I'm still here

Wearing the same old hat.

But with one more crop failure

Like we've just had

I'll have to borrow that good one

From my old dad.

But here's to a good crop in 1919

to old Dickens and other good counties.

With best wishes to Texas Spur and its many readers, I'll ring off.

KID-A-LUDE.

THE BILL for that lumber you contemplate buying will be a reasonably sized one if you purchase of us. Ask the contractors and home builders in this community about the quality of lumber and fairness of our methods.



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# 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

**I**N 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 be found, no matter to whom it belongs, this must 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.

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

A. G. Rush, of Afton country, came to Spur Thursday. Some time ago he told us that he intended to leave for Kansas or the plains country to work, but now he says on account of the inviting season he will remain on his farm and grow a bumper crop this year. We think he has made a wise decision and we hope he will make a "killing" crop this fall.

O. M. Beadle, a prominent citizen of near Girard, was in Spur one day this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He states that everything is now in fine shape in old Kent county and big crops are anticipated or this year. We hope to make enough from this year's crop to make up for the past four years of short crops.

G. A. Draper, of near Spur, was one of the business visitors here the latter part of the week. Mr. Draper is one of those who "drifted" away from the Spur country a few years ago—but he is now at "home" again, and we welcome him back to the best and greatest country on the globe.

**The Huns are beaten, the war is won and the Allied Bakery and Restaurant will continue to make Victory Bread. Try a loaf. It tastes like**

R. F. Keene, of near the city, was here Thursday. He is one of the number of farmers who have been hit hard by the continued dry weather through out this country, and we hope this year he will make up for the hard years encountered.

Send down and get a loaf of that Victory Bread at the Allied Bakery and Restaurant. They have the best of everything at all hours of the day.

**FOR SALE—Fort Worth Well Machine, 6-horse engine, good shape. Will sell or trade.—Geo. Reetzee. 26f**

T. H. Tallant, of near Gilpin, was in town Thursday of this week greeting his friends. He is optimistic of growing a bumper crop this year. In fact, he said, it had to be done.

It is reported here that Miss Cora Brown, formerly of Spur, and who married a gentleman several months ago, died last week of Spanish influenza at her home in Dallas.

We are informed that Mrs. W. R. Rone, who operated a confectionery business here last year, died recently in Mississippi of influenza.

Miss Vera Hall, who has been employed in the office department of the Bryant-Link Company, has resigned her position and accepted a place with Spur National Bank.

Wanted to buy good second hand double leather harness.—Spur Experimental Station.

Chas. Brindle, of Croton, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

J. B. Ward, one of the leading citizens of Jayton and Kent county, was in Spur Thursday of this week.

A boy baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ponder at their home in the city.

Bring us your chickens and turkeys. We are always here.—Farmers Wagon Yard. 6tf

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, came to Spur Thursday of this week on business.

Sam Jones, of the Perrin Ranch, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday of this week.

### NOTICE

A meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors room of the Spur National Bank on Tuesday, January 14th, 1919, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

M. H. LEE,

Vice-President and Cashier.

Mrs. T. D. Ford and children left Spur Friday of this week for Midlothian where they will join Mr. Ford and make their home in the future. Mr. Ford has a position on the Midlothian newspaper owned by Usery Bros. Horace Usery was a former member of the Texas Spur force as was Mr. Ford.

We received a letter from Rev. W. M. Scott this week requesting that his Texas Spur be mailed to him hereafter at Ladonia, Texas, where he is now located. The Texas Spur joins the numerous friends of Rev. Scott in wishing he and family a happy and prosperous home in Ladonia.

A letter from Will S. Cooper requests that the Texas Spur be sent him at Hamilton, Texas. Up to a recent date he was in the United States Navy and was on board the Mayflower, the President's official yacht.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Williams, of Waco, are in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. P. C. Ellis, Wood Williams and other relatives of the city.

Mebane cotton seed for sale.—G. W. Chancellor, two miles north of Spur. 6tf

I want to buy some mesquite grubs for fire place.—R. C. Forbis, Spur. 8tf

E. Luce is now walking with a cane as the result of injuries sustained in a fall on new year's day. In walking on the frozen pavement he slipped and fell with the result that his hip was severely bruised.

C. C. Haile, prominent citizen of Afton, was in the city of Spur Thursday of this week transacting business and greeting his many friends.

Mrs. M. H. Lee and children are visiting relatives his week in Munday.

Geo. S. Link spent several days of this week in Stamford on business.

### JOE GRACE IN SPUR ON FURLOUGH JUST FROM EUROPE

Joe Grace, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace, returned to his military duties Thursday of this week after spending a ten days furlough with his parents. Joe has been in England and France, arriving in France on the day the armistice was signed. While he saw no actual fighting service, he saw much of the European country. He had a number of pieces of French and English money. The army in Europe is being paid in English and French money. He will probably remain in military service several months yet before receiving his discharge.

### A NOTED CHARACTER IS NOW GETTING READY FOR CAMPAIGN

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was in the city Monday and Tuesday of this week. He has just recovered of a severe attack of the influenza, and it is thought that he was the cause of breaking up the disease in that section. However, we are glad to note that he is now able to get out, and from all indications he is now preparing his fences for the next campaign year—

thinking possibly that his friends and acquaintances have forgotten the misfortune which caused him to withdraw from the recent campaign.

### STILL HOLDING COTTON FOR FORTY CENTS A POUND PRICE

Tom Dodson, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday having another bale of cotton ginned. Tom said that he already had out nine bales of cotton, not having sold a single bale up to this time. He has been holding for forty cents a pound and says should he get this price he will come out of debt. We expect to see cotton sell for forty cents before many months. At any rate we are holding our entire cotton crop for that price, and having it stored in a good place we intend to keep it there until the price goes up.

Wood Williams is now manager of the Sol Davis business. Wood is a good business man in every respect, and will carry on the business in a business like manner. No better selection could have been made, and we congratulate both the business interests and Mr. Williams upon the arrangement in the conduct of the business.

W. F. Cathey, of north of Spur, was in the city Monday.

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J. L. Mann, who was formerly manager of the J. T. Lowery dry goods business in Spur, writes us from Albany to send him the Texas Spur at that place, and which we are very glad to do. Mr. Mann is with the J. T. Lowery firm at Albany.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Monday shopping with merchants and also selling "home grown products." Mrs. Smith is one of the most successful "home producers" of this whole section of country, and her income from this source almost keeps the farm going.

W. M. Hazel, of the Farmers Wagon Yard, has gone into the produce business in connection with his wagon yard business and feed store. He is buying all kinds of farm produce, including chickens, eggs, etc., and is making other business of this character step lively to keep in the procession.

R. C. Forbis was on the streets the first of the week—the first time he has been able to leave his room for a month or more. He had quite a siege of the flu, and his many friends throughout the whole country will be glad to know that he is now up.

W. F. Godfrey returned last week from Polytechnic where he has been nursing a young daughter born recently. He is so proud of the young Miss that he has been unable to look after his business interests.

M. A. Pace, of Tap, was in town the first of the week. He has not yet finished picking out his cotton crop, therefore his move to another place in Spur will be delayed for a few weeks.

To this time the ground has been frozen some fifteen or twenty days. A long freeze will kill all the germs in the soil, and with the moisture now in the ground a bumper crop is assured in the great Spur country.

Austin Putman, who was recently discharged from further military service, spent a short time last week in Spur with his parents, M. and Mrs. W. H. Putman, before going on to his ranch in New Mexico.

W. H. Birdwell, of south of Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city, stating that he had had plenty of rain in his section and everything now in the most promising condition for farming operations.

W. C. Pressley was in town Monday from his ranch home north of Girard, spending the day here meeting his friends and attending to business affairs.

W. D. Blair, of two miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends, marketing produce and attending to other affairs.

Mr. Terry, a prominent citizen of Croton, was one among the number of visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

M. L. Borden and son, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday trading and on other business.

We met J. L. Curry on the streets the other day and he handed us a check for two dollars and twenty five cents for the renewal of his subscriptions to the Texas Spur and Dallas News in combination. J. L. Curry is one among our first subscribers, and he has always kept paid up—which fact makes us appreciate him the more.

M. C. Hobson, of north of Spur, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur the first of the week. He reports that all members of his family are again well after a siege of the influenza. Each member of the family but himself had the disease, he stated, he having a very light touch of it at one time.

L. S. Wilson and wife returned last week to Spur from the army camps where Mr. Wilson has been in service, taking a mechanical course, he having been discharged. They will again make their home in Spur and Mr. Wilson will resume his former position with the Riter Hardware Co.

W. J. Clark, of north of Dickens, was one among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reported everything in the very finest shape in his section of the country at this time, and all anticipate bumper crops this year.

Mrs. Lewis and children moved this week to Jayton from Spur where they made their home until her husband died recently of the influenza. Mrs. Lewis and children have our sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement. May their home in Jayton be both pleasant and prosperous.

J. S. Worsham, of west of Spur on the Highway, came in one day the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, reporting everything in the very finest shape in his section at this time, with bumper crop prospects.



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You get a Receipt in Every Case through the Endorsement of the party to whom the check is made. It is a pretty good thing to have, and saves any question as to whether an account is paid or not. This is only one of the advantages of a bank account; there are many others. If you have no checking account, we would like to have you open one with us. Wont you drop in and talk the matter over.

**THE CITY NATIONAL BANK  
SPUR, TEXAS**

A big, fine, bouncing boy was born Tuesday of last week to Mr. and Mrs. John Hazlewood at the home of Bob Davis north of Spur. Since that time John has been very dignified, and we join his friends in extending our congratulations.

Bob Gipson, of north of Spur, was among the business visitors here the first of the week. He reports every thing in the very finest shape now in his section.

Oma Lee Smith left Monday for Dallas. He will return through the country with a new Ford car for the W. F. Godfrey Ford supply Station.

Jesse Shields, of Dickens, recently returned from the army service, having been discharged.

Mr. Dortch, of the Sol Davis dry goods department, made a business trip this week to Abilene.

Mr. Bridle, of North Carolina, arrived Saturday in Spur and will spend some time visiting his brother who lives in the Croton country. Mr. Brindle informed us that conditions were in fine shape in North Carolina at this time, tobacco, corn and small grain being the principal crops produced in that state.

J. L. Moore came in one day the first of this week from his ranch home west of Spur, spending a short time here on business. He reports every thing all right on the ranch at this time with indications of a profitable year ahead of us. So mote it be.

We received a letter this week from Willis Smith requesting that we send him the Texas Spur in order to keep posted on the happenings of this section. He is now working on a ranch near Gallup, New Mexico.

M. L. Blakeley, of the Midway section, was a recent business visitor in Spur, informing us that the Afton country was now in fine shape for farming and they expect big crops this year.

Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his farm and ranch in the Tap country, spending the day here on business and shaking hands with his friends.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Draper school, was in town Saturday trading and on other business. He reports the Draper school progressing nicely at this time.

J. J. Martin was in one day this week from his farm and ranch, spending several hours here attending to business affairs.

Carl Waldron returned last week from the army camps, having been discharged, and will again make his home in Spur.

J. E. Cherry, of Kent county, was a recent business visitor in Spur, spending a short time here on business and trading with Spur merchants.

J. Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was in town Monday trading and conversing with his friends.

Will Watson, of nine miles east of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday of the past week.

J. A. Zinn, of near Afton, was one of the many visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week. He reports every thing now in the very best shape in the Afton country.

**PRINCE ALBERT**

**SAY, you'll have a streak of smokeluck that'll put pep-in-your-smokemotor, all right, if you'll ring-in with a jimmy pipe or cigarette papers and nail some Prince Albert for packing!**

Just between ourselves, you never will wise-up to high-spot-smoke-joy until you can call a pipe by its first name, *then*, to hit the peak-of-pleasure you land square on that two-fisted-man-tobacco, Prince Albert!

Well, sir, you'll be so all-fired happy you'll want to get a photograph of yourself breezing up the pike with your smokethrottle wide open! *Talk about smoke-sport!* Quality makes Prince Albert so appealing all along the smoke line. Men who never before could smoke a pipe and men who've smoked pipes for years all testify to the delight it hands out! *P. A. can't bite or parch!* Both are cut out by our exclusive patented process!

Right now while the going's good you get out your old jimmy pipe or the papers and land on some P. A. for what ails your particular smokeappetite!

You buy Prince Albert everywhere tobacco is sold. Toppo red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors—and—that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

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# RUSH CALL FOR CASH

## Our Pre-Inventory January Cut Price Sale

WAR, FLU, BAD WEATHER, SHORT CROPS, ALL COMBINED TOGETHER MAKE A WORTHY FOE TO ANY MERCANTILE CONCERN IN WEST TEXAS, BUT WE HAVE BEEN IN THE GAME TOO LONG TO BE WHIPPED BY ANY SUCH CONDITIONS, AND HAVE BROUGHT UP OUR RESERVES, CONSISTING OF A DETERMINATION TO CLEAN OUR SHELVES OF EVERYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE WINTER. TO BE PLAIN, WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT WORTH YOUR WHILE TO LEAVE EVERY DOLLAR YOU SPEND IN JANUARY WITH THE LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY. WE ARE GOING TO SELL YOU THE CHEAPEST GOODS THAT YOU WILL EVER BUY AGAIN DURING 1919!

**.. YOU CAN'T MATCH THESE MATCHLESS BARGAINS ..**

**UNBEATABLE SHOE SALE!**  
The Greatest Bargain in Ladies Shoes you will ever buy this year, Kid or Gun Medal, Lace or Button, Big Values, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.15, \$3.65.

**UNHEARD OF BARGAINS, MENS SHOES.**

A General Clean-Up Sale in Lace or Buttons, all sizes in some kinds. Better Get Busy—Be Quick About It!

**SLEDGE HAMMER PRICES:**  
\$1.95, \$3.40, \$3.95, and \$5.95.

**DON'T FORGET THE BOYS!!**  
Bring Them In! Buster Brown Shoes for Boys Beats the World. See them!  
\$1.95, \$2.85, \$2.95, and \$3.75.

**WOOLEY BOYS KNEE SUITS.**  
The name sounds good—so are the Clothes. We are Cleaning Up on 'em. They are the Best Values on Earth! Just Look Them Over. Price \$4.95 up.

**LADIES TAILOR MADE SUITS.**  
\$17.00 All Wool Serges ..... \$12.95  
\$42.50 Broad Cloth Suits, ... \$29.75  
Cloaks, Jackets, Skirts, Waists. If we have your size, the Price will sell you without a clerk.

**MENS COATS.**  
\$13.50 Mackanaw Mens Coats, \$7.95  
\$16.50 Mackanaw Mens Coats, \$9.95  
These Coats are Worth Former Price!

**MENS SUITS—BEST MADE!**  
\$9.95, \$11.95, \$17.45, \$19.90.

**MENS SHOP MADE BOOTS.**  
A few pair Mens Shop Made French Calf Boots, ..... \$14.95

**35c Values, Yard Wide, Dark Percales, A Matchless Bargain, ..... 25c Yd.**

**25c Values, Double Fold Dark Percales, A Matchless Bargain, ..... 15c Yd.**

**35c Grade Outing Flannel. Bargain at 25c.**

**65c Dress Poplin, all shades in this big sale, A Matchless Bargain, ..... 40c Yd**

**30c Flannelett Dress Goods, A Matchless Bargain, ..... 19c Yd**

**\$1.25 Values, Plaid Dress Serges, A Matchless Bargain, ..... 85c Yd**

**\$1.50 Value French Serges, A Matchless Bargain, ..... \$1.00**

**\$4.50 Value Union Overalls—Bargain, \$3.65**

**Childs Sweaters, ages 4, 6, 8, 10, Less Than Wholesale Price, ..... 40c**

**\$1.50 Mens Heavy Sweaters, Bargain at \$1.00**

**\$2.25 Value Mens Jerseys, Matchless at \$1.50**

**\$1.25 Value Mens Drawers—Bargain at 75c**

**\$1.25 Value Mens Undershirts, Bargain, 75c.**

**\$2.00 Quality Mens Union Suits, Best Bargain in Texas, at ..... \$1.48**

**\$1.50 Quality Boys Union Suits, bargain \$1.00**

**75c Grade Ladies Vests or Pants, only . 48c**

**\$6.50 Grade Mens Fur Caps, Big value \$4.50**

**MENS KHAKI SUITS.**  
Norfolk Style Coat in Best Grade of Materials, Sweet Orr Make. You Can't Rip them—Free Pants if they Rip—None Their Equal. Best Hurry if you want one.  
JANUARY CUT PRICE, .... \$6.50

**CORDUROY MENS PANTS.**  
\$5.00 priced Jack Rabbit Corduroy Mens Pants, while they last, at  
JANUARY CUT PRICE, ..... \$3.95

**MOLESKIN WORK PANTS.**  
Mens Moleskin Work Pants, made the best, heavy cloth, and a money saver.  
JANUARY CUT PRICE, ..... \$2.50

**MENS AND BOYS WINTER CAPS.**  
One big lot Mens and Boys Good, Heavy, Winter Caps with pull down, worth today 75c to 90c,  
JANUARY CUT SALE, ..... 50c

**10 PER CENT CUT ON HATS.**  
Special Cut of ten per cent discount on any Hat sold except Stetson. Under these conditions you will buy hats for less than they are worth in the factory

**MENS ALL WOOL OVERCOATS. LESS THAN HALF PRICE!**  
Mens All-Wool Overcoats for less than Half Price. We have graded them in two grades. You pick your choice in this Sale at ..... \$9.95 and \$12.50  
Some Coats are worth \$22.50.

**GREAT CUT PRICE SALE IS ON!**  
This Great January Cut Price Sale will be a Money-Saving Event which you can not afford to miss—Come!!!

WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES NOT LISTED HERE THAT WILL BE SOLD GREATLY UNDER THE MARKET. LET US IMPRESS UPON YOU TO COME EARLY! DON'T WAIT! WE ARE GOING TO SELL \$5,000 THIS MONTH OF WINTER GOODS. YOU NEED THEM—WE NEED THE CASH ITS EASY TO TRADE IF YOU'LL ONLY INSPECT! WE THANK YOU FOR PAST TRADE, AND WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1919. RESOLVE TO TRADE FOR CASH DURING YEAR 1919.

THE CASH  
STORE  
FOR 1919

**LOVE DRY GOODS CO.**  
SPUR, TEXAS

RESOLVE  
1919 TRADE  
FOR CASH



**DRY LAKE ITEMS.**

Well, as the flu has turned me lose I will try and call again. I tell you this flu epidemic sure has hit this community. Not a family but what some one or all have had it, but we are so thankful that we have no deaths to report out of our community.

Well, as this last week was Christmas week and our editor was kind to us and gave us a Christmas week paper.

Rev. C. Jones preached last Sunday at Dry Lake. Had a real good attendance considering the bad weather and roads.

Dry Lake will have some changes made. Recently W. C. Barley sold his place to Mr. Albin, and W. C. will go to Arizona to hunt a new location. But since we now have such a good season he can't help but boast Dickens on bumper crops another year.

Mr. Lilly has rented a place east of Spur for another year. We all will miss them, for they are good neighbors and fine people. Mr. and Mrs. Lilly's two sons came up to spend Christmas, from Throckmorton.

Mrs. Loyns, from Hood county, was called to Mr. Vernon Powell's to see her daughter who was real sick with pneumonia following influenza. We are glad to report she is up now.

Mrs. Kidd's sister, Mrs. Rusler, of Portales, New Mexico, has been spending the holidays with her.

Miss Lottie Henderson from Red Mud has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Jim Smith, who has been quite ill with the flu.

Mr. Kidd and family, Jim Calvert and wife, Mr. Edd Huffstедler and family visited W. C. Barley's family Sunday.

Oh, yes, weddings have started up again in our community. Mr. Emmett Hairgroves and Miss Annie King of east of Spur, were married. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Hairgroves a long and happy life.

Misses Essie and Earle Hanson are up from Stamford spending the holidays with Bob Davis and family.

Mr. W. C. Barley and all the help he can get is building a new addition to Mr. Hairgroves' house.

W. C. Barley has traded his jitney for a Saxon Six, and when you see him coming you had better get away over to one side for he takes all sides of the road, and wire fences nor gates bother him. Ha, ha.

Mrs. Rogers and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Foreman Sunday.

We are so very sorry to report the death of Mrs. Ben Finley who died Friday, the 27th, of pneumonia, leaving a three days old infant. She was a good Christian wife and mother, and Mr. Finley and children and other relatives have our greatest sympathy. They live in the Highway community.

Well, as our old year is almost gone at this writing, and we have received our last copy of 1918, so wishing every reader, and editor and family a happy and prosperous new year, I will bid you all good night.

**LONELY GIRL.**

**A JUNIOR LEAGUE ORGANIZED IN DICKENS NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Fifty boys and girls of the Dickens High School met in chapel on New Year's morning and resolved to help their home town on the map. They organized a Junior League.

The purpose of the league may be summarized in the words of Judge Lowell who made the first speech of the morning, when he said I am in favor of any organization that will help you to become better citizens, or help this community, this county, the state or the nation. He further emphasized the difference between towns was largely in the people. Nothing counts so much as advertising was

one of the key notes.

Mr. Crawford shaved near the truth when he said cleaning a town up and beautifying it is a point of personal pride, just one step above shaving the neck and polishing the shoes. He declared himself emphatically in favor of the league, and offered his help either personally or financially.

Mr. Gay spoke to the pupils on the benefit of just such a league and showed his willingness to help in anything for the betterment of Dickens City or Dickens county.

The league was formally set on foot when they elected Victor Crabtree Chairman, Cecil Meadors Vice-Chairman; Gilberta Green, Secretary and Treasurer; Edelle Harkey, Reporter.

The Chairman declares that the first object of the league will be to clean up Dickens, paint it up and make it shine like the sun. Then the league will cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce.

MISS EDELE HARKEY, Reporter.

**MRS. J. B. McNERLIN DIED LAST WEEK AT DUCK CREEK HOME**

Mrs. McNerlin, wife of J. B. McNerlin, of the Duck Creek community in Kent county, died Sunday week after an illness of some time of the influenza, her remains being interred in the Jayton cemetery.

Mrs. McNerlin was the daughter of Hon. A. J. Hagins, of near Jayton.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives in their great sorrow.

A letter from J. A. Koon requests that the address of his Texas Spur be changed to Amarillo where he is permanently located as an employee of a wholesale grocery concern.

We received a letter this week from Willis Smith requesting that we send him the Texas Spur in order to keep posted on the happenings of this section. He is now working on a ranch near Gallup, New Mexico.

**THE FOURTH WISE MAN.**

(By A. B. Wilkes)

He was also an astrologer, his wisdom being the wisdom of the maji. Like the three wise men, this fourth was inspired to make the journey to Jerusalem by seeing the same star in the East, which announced the birth of the King of the Jews to them.

He, as they, expected to learn the particulars of His birth at the capital of the Jewish nation. Where was He born and where was He to be found by these visitors who came to see the King. (Gen. Lew Wallace in Ben Hur) pages 29, 30, 31, calls the names of these three wise men, respectively: Balthasar, the Egyptian; Gaspar, the Greek; and Melchior, the Hindoo.) Their interest in the birth seems to have been the result of inspiration of the Almighty, who will have his will performed when He pleases.

I ask the reader to call to mind the words of the Savior when He would be proclaimed the Christ of God, by having "the very stones to cry out," asserting the Divine claim upon the failure of the people to do so. God spoke in easily understood words to one in Arabia, one in Alexandria, and the other in India, it is supposed, and by plain directions they were drawn to meet at a certain place in a desert country to pursue their journey to find the King of the Jews and pay Him homage. They were all astrologers, and understood the language of the stars. These three rode upon white camels which were caparisoned in costly harness. High upon these faithful beasts, seated under a canopy of silk, they rode like royal personages looking straight ahead, never to the right or left, even at the wild denizens of the desert as they were startled by

their strange appearance.

Belshasar, the Egyptian, reached the designated place first, just at the noon hour, whereupon his camel, as was his habit, stopped abruptly. Belshasar called the word used with the camels of Job: "Ikh! Ikh!"—the signal to kneel—and slowly the camel obeyed with his grunt. The rider began to dismount in the usual way. Now he proceeded to prepare a repast for being first, he called himself "host" to the other two whom he was awaiting with assurance that they would come, for he said "he who is leading me is leading them also." He stood scanning the distant waste eagerly, but was not rewarded by the sight of another, near nor far.

Some food for his companions and their beasts were prepared and when ready he looked out upon the wild waste of sand and the stunted shrubs of the deserts again, not at a long winding road but at the trackless reaches stretched far out before him, and was rewarded by seeing a moving object far off, but slowly approaching. And he gave voice to his thoughts: "Ah, I am not disappointed! He comes and the third will surely follow, for we are all led by the same one." Nearer he came with unerring devotion, and when he was in a stone's cast, Belshasar said "God alone is worthy to be praised." When the Hindoo replied, "The very desert rings with the music of hope, for I find you here according to appointment of the Great Ruler of all." Now, they were both glad to await the coming of the remaining one, before partaking of Belshasar's provisions. Nor did they have long to wait till coming from the south to the place of meeting with undeviating advance, the third wise man dismounted from his kneeling camel as the others had done. The greetings were fervent, for they all had traveled without a road or path, and fearlessly, as under the protection of an invincible guide whom they believed, but did not see. The repast was spread before them upon a gorgeous cloth and all reclined at meal, as is the Oriental fashion, and with no leader the three bowed and said, "Father of all—God—we thank thee for these, and acknowledge Thy ways and yield to Thy will at all times."

They all wondered that they each spoke in a tongue strange to each other, yet they understood perfectly what each said. During the feast of food and brotherly love, they all talked of the experiences with the star which was pointing to the place of the birth of the King of the Jews, and spoke of the desire of the other wise man who expected to join them at the ancient temple of the Seven Spheres at Borsippa in Babylonia. This addition of another who had faith in His Star would more firmly confirm their own faith, and from there all four would travel together the lead of His Star.

The Egyptian thought it so marvelous that he could be induced to go so far to see the King of the Jews, remembering their cruel bondage to his own people when the Egyptians imposed such heavy burdens upon them and beat them into submission. And his own people were finally destroyed by the Hebrews. But the God of the Hebrews had so wrought upon his heart that the Star meant so much to him and he was now ready to give his whole soul into His hands. The others joined him that they revered the same Being. When the fourth wise man should join them all would go on to Jerusalem and ask "where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His Star in the East and are come to worship Him?"

In ten days they would all be ready to take up the journey. They would wait that long for the Fourth Wise Man. At the end of ten days wait-

ing at the Ancient Temple, and seeing nothing of the fourth wise man, they gave him just twelve hours more, and that passed they could wait no longer and passed on without him, as they thought he had given up the quest.

The reader must not lose patience with this delay, for the fourth wise man thought he had a valid excuse, and his conscience was clear, for he was manifesting the very spirit of Jesus as "He went about doing good." In the next I will tell the reader why this man, under suspicion of the three who had gone on without him, had delayed till too late to go with them to worship the King.

(Continued next week.)

**SILVER SPURS.**

(By Spruce Signal)

"For just experience tell in every soil, That those that think must govern those that toil."—Goldsmith.

Editor Moon Valley News.

It seemed as if it was but yesterday that Hope Elan had arrived at the inn. She was young and beautiful and strong, a consuming desire to assist in helping to develop the natural resources of the fertile valley which lay between the bluffs of the plains and a circling chain of hills. She moved with a slow grace of energy as she climbed a high hill that gave her the best view to be obtained. The curious beauty of the breaks to the east threw a mystic spell over her. Nature, how beautiful in thy art, she murmured. What a curious beauty of scenic art, the red clay walls broken by deep ravines rose in majestic grandeur—castle walls of dignity. One's fancy ran riot. Who were here then, when those petrified logs were green firs or cedar trees. Hope had stood tense with wonder, took her handkerchief and waved it in solemn salute. Aloud—some day, God willing, we will use you, nature's beautiful park. Then turning she faced the west, where she had a view of the entire valley, held out her arms in tender mothering gesture, "you darling thing how I am going to love you, nestling there like a crescent moon—my dear Moon Valley."

Hope Elan had met Aurel Atole the first day at the inn. After she had explained her mission and ascertained certain facts—the young man was a graduate of a substantial business college—she enlisted his services as secretary and office adviser. He was interested and ambitious to work at an enterprise of this kind.

A large store room, which had been vacant for some time, was leased. The fixtures, which were ordered while she was in Dallas and Fort Worth, had arrived, and Hope went down to town early to the new office where desks were being installed. The express man delivered a long box which young Atole proceeded to unpack and held it up in tones of pride, reading aloud:

"Publicity Department  
Money to Loan on  
Commercial Developments.  
Development Co., Inc."

Hope held her head sideways as she viewed that sign board. She was dreadfully in earnest about this undertaking. She straightened her slender form in approval. "Have it hung out in front at once."

In the afternoon they called on the editor of Moon Valley News; the gentleman was of medium height, stockily framed and nearing his sixtieth birthday; his hair a clean silvery-grey; He habitually wore glasses for which he had no use, for he always looked over the lens to see the person or object worthy of his attention.

The callers explained their business and had a courteous listener.

"It all sounds good to me, let poets and historians record the brave—but me to help in developing subsistence." He took off his specks, wiped them

carefully, then replaced them so as to have them to look over with. "If you have any printing or advertising, be glad to get the work—but I fear Miss Elan this can never be a city—your undertaking is out of the ordinary—extraordinary odd."

"Why, sir, I am astonished at you; I've made inquiry of you and everyone said you were the most loyal of all the citizens." She smiled. Why, sir, you are accused of cheering the minds of the faint and disappointed drought-stricken farmers—actually treat everyone like you respected and trusted them, from a hayseed to representative—all equal in mankind quality with you."

"Well, Miss Elan, there is not a d—, he looked confused—pardon me, it's my worst fault, 'er safety valve—when I get too full of mental steam." Hope nodded. "As I said there is no difference—a gentleman is a gentleman no matter what his occupation or profession; if he is honest and does right—right justifies one to justice."

A mischievous smile lurked in the face of Hope Elan as she rose from the chair; "and, sir, they say you never prevaricate only about the rain."

The editor laughed until his specks danced on his nose, then bounded off on the floor.

Young Atole returned the specks to the editor. "That's true, Miss Elan—that's how I keep from being a prevaricator about fellowman—some how I never felt like the egotistical donkey that imagines 'I am so great, you fellows so small; I wonder why God lets you live at all.' If God loves me, I must love my fellowman."

The young lady's escort replied: "As some one said, no man's abilities are so shining as not to need a proper opportunity, a patron, and even the praises of a friend to recommend them to the notice of the world."

"Won't you help us make this little town a commercial city?" She paused; "do you hesitate because I am a girl?"

"No, no, some have good business ideas—one beneficial effect, women demand a higher standard among men."

"Then, you do not believe in crushing a woman's spirit?"

"No; and this time a mischievous smile was on the lips of the elderly editor; "woman is man's equal—they were turned out of the garden equal." "Business makes tyrants of some men", interrupted Atole.

"Well, Miss Elan, success is first born of an idea—ideas are the motor of progress, the beginning of all enterprise—mental energy aroused—with plenty of money."

Hope Elan took a check book from her purse. This is where the editor gets a jolt, said Aurel Atole to himself. The girl filled out the check for one thousand dollars, payable to the Editor of Moon Valley News, and gave the check to the gentleman.

He looked at it gravely, then over his specks at Hope Elan. "Fool", said young Atole under his breath. The editor was tearing the check into tiny bits and these fell like snowflakes on the floor.

"Miss Elan, I'll be glad to do your printing, then I will send you my bill. If I presented a check for that amount they'd be suspicious—think I had been behind locked doors and scooped all the chips on the table of graft."

Hope held out her hand, Mr. Atole will bring you some ads for next issue, and we will, with your help, succeed. Daddy told me to try you and tell him how you acted."

"Who is your daddy?"

"Jack Elan, of New York."

"What—he's a millionaire?"

"Hope Elan nodded and walked out."

(Continued next week.)