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SPUR COUNTRY MAY BE IN THE IRRIGATED DISTRICT

The following bill authorizing the Secretary of State to cause survey to be made of the Brazos river in Texas, with a view of controlling the flood waters of said stream, and for other purposes, has now been introduced in the House of Congress at Washington, and as the Spur country is on the headwaters of such river, should the Bill pass, as in all probability it will, it may be a matter of no small moment to the people of this country:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause a survey to be made of the Brazos River in the State of Texas, with a view to controlling the flood waters of said stream in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved March first, nineteen hundred and seventeen, known as the flood controll act.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING.

To the people in general and brethren of the Dickens County Baptist Association in particular:

Our next Fifth Sunday Meeting, which comes in March, will be at Espuella where our last one was to have been held but was postponed on account of sickness and bad weather.

There may be a little change in the program, so take notice.

MODERATOR.

NOTICE

DR. MONTGOMERY OF STAMFORD

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Thursday, Friday and all day Saturday

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HALF-FREIGHT RATE EXTENDED TO DROUTH STRICKEN AREA

Hon. Morris Sheppard,
United States Senate.

My dear Senator:—Replying to your letters of January 21st, addressed to the Director General and J. B. Payne, with which were transmitted original and duplicate telegrams from the Spur Commercial Club, in regard to the proposed cancellation of the half rate arrangement for shipments of feed to the drouth stricken section of Texas.

I am glad to be able to comply with your request for an extension of this privilege to March 1, 1919, to the districts where the distressing conditions still prevail.

Yours very truly,
Edward Chambers.

The above letter to Senator Sheppard from Hon. Edward Chambers, director of traffic of the United States Railway Administration, and forwarded to the Spur Commercial Club, is self explanatory.

Through the direct effort of the Spur Commercial Club an extension to March 1st has been given not only Dickens county but all of the drouth stricken area of Texas in the matter of half freight rates on feed and seed shipped into this section.

The granting of this extension of time in receiving feed and seed at the one-half regular freight rates in response to the urgent request of the Spur Commercial Club will be appreciated by the people of the entire drouth stricken territory, since it will be of material benefit to many people now in real distress.

GOOD DERIVED FROM THE CO. DEMONSTRATOR'S WORK

G. L. Crawford, County Demonstration Agent, was in Spur Saturday from his home at Dickens on business connected with his position. Mr. Crawford is one of the liveliest wires we have in the county and his services have been of untold benefit to this country during the past several months. He now has the county organized in the manner he thinks the most good can be derived for everybody concerned, and the next several months will tell the climax of his efforts. Mr. Crawford works all the time at his job and is making careful and systematic farmers out of a great many who had in the past went at their work in a slipshod manner. The direct result is a greater production of farm products on a less amount of rainfall, while his services are had in various other ways almost equally as beneficial to the county. He is the right man in the right place, and we wish him still further success in all his undertakings.

DRILLER MCKAY ARRIVES TO BEGIN OPERATIONS SOON

Frank Hale was in Spur Monday to meet driller Walter McKay who came in to perfect arrangements to begin drilling for oil on the Hale land at an early date. Mr. McKay is interested in the company that is to dig for oil on the Hale land and is an experienced driller. He will have charge of the work and if any production can be had it will be to his interest to bring it in. This country will yet be an oil field of note. Mark our prediction.

BEWARE OF THE WAR SAVINGS STAMPS SCALPERS ACTIVITIES

Beware of the unscrupulous person who offers to buy your War Savings Stamps. No one but a United States Government Postmaster has authority under the law to cash War Savings Stamps. All persons or firms offering to buy, exchange, accept War Savings Stamps on account or take them in trade, are violating government regulations.

Steer clear of the W. S. S. scalper! The following official notice has been issued by the Secretary of the Treasury:

"My attention has been directed to the numerous offers made by unscrupulous persons through advertisements and in other ways to buy War Savings Stamps. As a result of such offers, I am informed that owners of such securities have suffered material losses which could have been avoided by redemption of the War Savings Certificate Stamps at postoffices as provided by law.

"In order that the interests of the owners of War Savings Certificate Stamps of either series, 1918 or 1919, may be safeguarded, I hereby notify all persons to refrain from offers to buy War Savings Stamps or accept the same in trade."—Carter Glass, Secretary United States Treasury.

A United States postoffice is the only agency designated by law to cash War Savings Stamps. If a person has urgent necessity of his money, he has only to file notice with his postmaster to cash his War Savings Stamp and the money will be paid over to him at the expiration of ten days, as provided by law. In view of the government's great need of money now, it would naturally appear that no patriotic American will consider cashing his War Savings Stamps unless his financial condition is such that he has most urgent and compelling need of his money.

As a result of regulations passed by the Postoffice Department the unscrupulous person who accepts War Savings Stamps on account or in payment of debt or the scalper who buys War Savings Stamps will be unable to obtain his money on them. The regulations which make it impossible for the unscrupulous scalper to carry on his unscrupulous trade follow:

"Postmasters are directed not to cash War Savings Certificates on which names of the owners have not been entered or have been erased or changed, since, under the regulations, War Savings Certificates are not transferable and are payable only to the original owners, except in case of death or disability.

"Postmasters are further instructed not to cash any War Savings Certificates presented by persons or firms known to be buying, or publicly offering to buy, War Savings Stamps or Certificates from the owners unless positive evidence is submitted that the Certificates were originally issued to the persons or firms presenting them for payment."

Save and have! The new 1919 War Savings Stamps are on sale at the postoffice. Invest your money in War Savings Stamps. Buy the safest and best security in the world. War Savings Stamps bear four per cent. interest compounded quarterly—they increase constantly in value, and this

OIL DRILLING WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER COURT

Chalk Brown was in the city Monday from his ranch in Kent County transacting business. He stated that they had filed suit for a release of a former oil lease on the Brown land which would come up at the next term of court which is in March, and that drilling by the company now holding a subsequent lease to the one they will have released will begin immediately thereafter. The machinery for digging a test well to the depth of 4,000 feet is on the ground and one well has already been sunk to a depth of approximately two hundred feet. It is understood that this company will dig three wells on the Brown land if oil is not struck in the first ones. The lease contract calls for three holes. This assures that section of country a thorough test of the "hidden treasure," and an oil field will either be developed or it will be demonstrated that the top part of the earth in that section is the only source from which production can be had—cattle and farm products.

FORMER DICKENS CITIZEN DIES AT BURKBURNETT

J. E. Arthur, who formerly resided at Dickens and operated a truck and freight line to Spur, recently died at his home at Burkburnett where he had been making his home several months and engaging in the freighting business.

He was the son of J. E. Arthur, one of the best and oldest settlers of this county, and had been reared near Dickens. His remains were brought to Dickens Saturday and interred in the Dickens cemetery.

The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of the entire citizenship of this country in this great loss and sorrow.

MESSAGE SAYS J. B. CONNER IS DYING OF THE HIC-COUGHES

Mrs. Bill Simpson received a message Monday that her brother-in-law, J. B. Conner, was dying of the hic-coughs at his home in New Mexico. All efforts of the physicians to stop the hic-coughs had proved futile. J. B. Conner is well known in Spur and Dickens county, having served the county as sheriff and tax collector two or three terms prior to moving to New Mexico. His many friends here hope that yet a preventative of the disease may be discovered before Bowse Connor has succumbed to the malady.

constant increase is guaranteed by the government. Save and have! Buy W. S. S.

HENRY L. CLAY,
Postmaster.

J. S. WORSHAM WILL FARM SCIENTIFICALLY THIS YEAR

County Demonstration Agent G. L. Crawford was in Spur Tuesday afternoon en route to his home at Dickens from the J. S. Worsham farm where he had been doing some leveling. The word, leveling, means in this sense so arranging the rows that the water fall will be on a level, and is a great way of conserving the rain in this country. Mr. Worsham's land is of the best quality in the country, and as he anticipates farming it in a scientific manner, we shall watch his success with interest.

ARKANSAS PEOPLE LIVE AT HOME, SAYS JOE RAGSDALE

Joe Ragsdale and wife are in Dickens county visiting relatives and acquaintances. They reside now near Garfield, Arkansas, and Joe is loud in his praise of that country. He says that the farmers there do not handle so much money as a rule as is the case in this country but that they all raise plenty to eat and have a good time. Most of them devote a portion of their time to trading in cattle and other livestock along with their farming operations.

J. J. MARTIN SAYS AIRPLANE VISITED RED MUD COUNTRY

J. J. Martin was in town Monday from his home in the Red Mud community and reported that an airplane recently passed over that community at night. When they first heard the noise they supposed that an auto was stuck in the sand near his house and got up to lend assistance, but discovered that it was an airplane passing over. This is the first report of airplanes coming over the Spur country, but we believe that the day is not far distant that airplanes passing over will be so common that they will cause no undue interest among the people below.

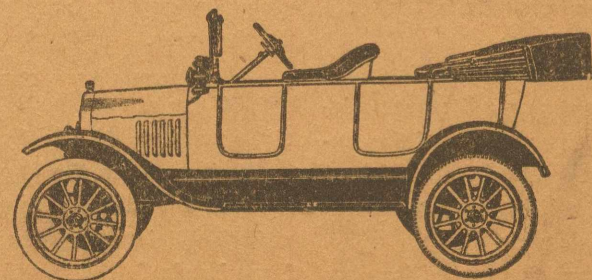
A LITTLE BABY.

A marvel exists over in McCulloch county in the person of a babe when dressed up in his best weighs only one pound at the age of twelve days. A silver dollar just covers the baby's face. It's crying is inaudible unless placing your ear to its mouth. A light is kept burning in order to find it, it's so light they cannot tell when they pick it up.—Banner-Ledger.

STREET IMPROVEMENT WORK NOW IN PROGRESS IN SPUR

During the past week street improvement work has been in progress, a number of streets having been regraded, filled in, etc., T. A. Tidwell superintending the work.

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YOU CAN RELY UPON ANYTHING YOU GET AT OUR DRUG STORE.

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WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

ANTELOPE NEWS.

Mr. J. B. Hooser went to Spur last Friday a week ago to consult with Red Cross officials in regard to getting word about his boy, Corp. Joe F. Hooser, who has been in France for some time and whom he has not heard from since the first of September. It is understood that the Red Cross assists in locating relatives in France for those who are unable to hear about their welfare otherwise.

Mr. John Willis was seen coming from Spur last week with several sacks of feed and it is presumed that he has to buy feed to plow on.

The Miller girl didn't get to go to Lost Lake as usual Sunday on account of the inclemency of the weather.

Kent county has a fine season for a crop this year. 1919 is going to be the banner crop year.

The farmers around Antelope have been plowing for some time. I presume they are getting ready for that bumper crop.

Mr. Walter Jordan was in Spur Saturday on business.

Miss Minnie Hooser spent Friday night at the home of Miss Maurine Jordan and they were seen at Duck Creek at the literary accompanied by Messrs. Joe Morris and George Willis.

I hear that the school at Antelope is fine this year under the leadership of two fine teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Kellett of Lost Lake.

Mr. G. A. Willis recently received a letter from his son, Sergeant Thomas C. Willis, in which he stated he was very anxious to get home. He says that France is about 25 years behind the dear old U. S. A.

M. Fornie Morris was seen in Spur one day last week.

The party at Mr. C. H. Scotts was postponed recently on account of an intended marriage.

Grandma Morris, who had been visiting at the home of her son, Fornie Morris, returned recently to her home with Mr. Noah Morris.

Miss Miller and Marie Willis pulled off a sad stunt at the literary society, I claim. I heard some of the Antelope chaps say that they could beat Duck Creek for literary exercises as easy as they pleased.

It is raining again at this place which sure looks good to the farmers as the previous drought lasted so long and caused so much adversities.

Mr. Bay Harrison visited his father, G. C. Harrison, at Jayton last week. He reports everything wet to the bottom at Jayton.

Miss Tressie Willis spent last Monday night at the home of her friend, Miss Minnie Hooser. They went to Spur Tuesday where they met some former friends and acquaintances who had recently returned from France.

We will all be very glad when all of our soldiers get back from France.

CONTRIBUTED.

LOST LAKE ITEMS.

Will Gardner and Miss Elsie Gilmore have quit arguing politics; at least will stop until next summer.

Benton Standley can't make out by going to see Miss Mae Hahn; he often writes to her, but she can't get the stamps to answer with.

Olive Standley is washing dishes. We wonder why he don't go to Mr. Gilmore's too?

Hewey Modock and Miss Alice Yandell went to Spur to have their pictures made. Hewey asked for a small picture; the artist replied: "Keep your mouth closed."

Jesse Standly said his memorandum showed from Jan. 5th, 1918, to January 5th, 1919, that he had made 49 successful failures in attempts to escort Miss Blanche Hahn home.

As all the girls of Lost Lake have beaux, Morris Yandell has never been out to public gatherings since he came home in January.

Mr. Editor, the Bad Boy went to Spur last Wednesday and in returning home gave Miss Tressie Willis Minnie Hooser and four other young ladies the road. The six ladies are numbered among the best students of the Antelope school.

BAD GIRL.

W. M. Randall was in the city the first of this week from his good farm home in the Steel Hill community purchasing supplies and transacting other business.

W. H. Taylor, substantial and progressive citizen of the Duck Creek community, was in the city Saturday telling of a well that was sunk years ago in the Gopin community to a depth of one hundred feet in which oil was struck. He and others, we understand, will try to arouse interest in a test well for that country.

DRAPER NEWS.

Farming is in full swing out this way and the gentle "gid-ap" of the farmers is heard on all sides.

The singing at H. B. Louis' Sunday night was enjoyed by all present.

Our community was greatly shocked last week over the report that L. G. Crabtree's mules had run away with a plow and tore his ground up. Knowing Mr. Crabtree's mules and knowing that if they are not old they are "sot" in their ways, we investigated and found that Mr. Crabtree had them doing some terracing. We advise Mr. Koonsman, before he attempts to traduce another team of mules, to get some smart man to tell him the difference in scientific farming and a team running away.

Charlie Perrin has quit forecasting the weather and when you ask him what it is going to do, he says damfino.

The citizens of Wichita and Croton met last Friday night to consider an oil well proposition and while we are not at liberty to report the proceedings or the meeting in detail, will say that it was looking pretty greasy before the meeting adjourned.

RAMBLING BILL.

IN MEMORIAM.

Death of Mrs. Jennie Boothe, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Absher. Died December 23rd, 1918, at the age of forty two years and one month. She had obeyed the Gospel at the age of fourteen years, and lived a devoted Christian mother, leaving six children, four boys and two girls. Yes, as the promises of God are in Christ, and she had obeyed the Gospel and lived in faith, she could and did depart this life in peace and awaits the resurrection for glory, honor and immortality. We have lost and heaven won. She has bid us all adieu. She has gone to live in heaven, and her person is lost to view. Be kind to each other, oh brother, oh friend, to one or the other life soon must end—each form must be shrouded, each face be covered up. You know not whose lips must first touch the cup—Death's Angel stands ready at every gate and one must go out and the other must wait. Mother has gone will be the sad expression. Many many times those girls have suffered an irreparable loss. Oh God, heal up the broken hearts and be a comfort in their bereavement is the prayer of the humble writer.

She told her mother she wanted to go home, then said she must go home. Her mother asked, "where is home?" She said "in heaven," with a smile.

This loved one has gone to the grave. Never more will we see her face till we pass down the valley and meet her on the other shore. She has been faithful for the last three years to Christ, and a devoted mother to those girls. She will be missed. A vacant chair at the fire-side at night no aching heart can fill. She will be missed in the church—a vacant seat will be there. She had many trials and troubles in this life, but bore them with all patience. Often for some loving token human hearts have ached and bled: give your blossoms to the living—do not wait till they are dead. This is the will of Him that sent me, that every one that seeth the Son and believeth on Him may

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have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Oh, Father, may her children live in a way so as to have it to say. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing. It is a faithful saying, "For if we be dead with Him we shall also live with Him."

W. H. Young, of ten miles east of Spur, was among the business visitors here Monday.

J. A. Murchison was in the city the first of this week from his farm and ranch home in the Draper community.

A. J. McClain was attending to business in this city Saturday from his River View farm and ranch home on Cat Fish.

Buster Bural, who tills the fertile soil in the Duck Creek community, was talking with friends and trading in Spur Monday.

W. L. McAteer was in the city Saturday from his farm home, "Egypt," and spent several hours mingling with friends and purchasing supplies.

W. W. Ellis, of the Rocking Chair ranch in Kent County, was numbered among those attending to business in Spur Monday.

M. S. Faver, who owns one of the most valuable farms of the county which is located a few miles east of Afton, was in Spur the first part of this week on business.

Arnold Copeland returned Sunday from overseas army service. He saw active service in France and will have this novel experience to relate to interested hearers for years to come.

Mr. Williams, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Monday talking "oil." He and some other parties are leasing land preparatory to sink a test well in the Soldier Mound community, an oil company having agreed to put the well down for a certain amount of lease acreage.

Jeff. D. Harkey, prominent Dickens citizen, was transacting business in the city of Spur Saturday.

Cotton Seed For Sale—Lone Star and Mebane. See R. E. Thomas or telephone No. 910-F4.

J. J. Nolan, who has resided in the Afton country for years, was in this city Monday greeting his numerous friends and attending to other matters of business.

C. N. Kidd was among the farmers in Spur Saturday from the Dry Lake community. He is optimistic over the outlook for bumper crops this year.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.

The Commissioners' Court of Dickens County, Texas, will, at its next regular session on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1919, receive proposals from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in this county as may be desired to be selected as the depository of the funds of the county.

Any banking corporation, association or individual banker in this county desiring to bid, shall deliver to the County Judge on or before the first day of the term of the Commissioners' Court at which the selection of a depository is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the County for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository.

Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the county revenue of the preceeding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted he will enter into a bond hereafter provided and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association or individual banker that may be selected as such depository to give the bond required by law the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages, and the County Judge shall re-advertise for bids.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of January, 1919.

WALTER L. POWELL,
County Judge, Dickens County.

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Chapter IV. Sweet Cream Dairy.

To the one reading this crude story which lacks of literary ethics, perhaps as you read, in perusal of its advancing, you will accept an explanation and be patient with its origin and intention; harmless as a pebble thrown into the sea, rippling waves start skimming o'er the surface of the deep, reach the distant shore, there a k'd. by the proof reader of all intention; as such is the record of lives. If in construction there is an error in placement of verb, an adjective, its literary style stilted; vague in the sequel. There is no apology, it is written as it came to me, plucked like the wood-violet that grew in the dell, companion of grass and ferns, beneath the deep tangled wildwood of the glen; no other environment save a tutor in nature's school of the western wood of rustic opportunity.

Perchance the drought was a blessing in disguise—a hard lesson, Devine—for a sane conservative course teaching facts for future prosperity; business men, bankers, were hurt as well as the ranch men and the farmer; their faith is strong in belief of the Moon Valley, rich and boundless in recuperative powers, and fast the story will tell how it made good her losses. The severe lessons her inhabitants have learned will not have been in vain and its material is a staid conservative class, constitute the lever power with experience to increase respect overcome old time restraints in all directions, making a logic basis between the two extremes, past drought; approaching bountiful crops.

Aurel Atole caught the spirit of instruction and carried out the policies of his employee, tests in every department, everywhere. Spurn the spurious, receive the genuine, its deeds resemble the rowel of the spur are the just due of righteousness, spur—royal like the rays of the sun light up, urge, penetrate points into opposition. Progress and her companion opportunity are too busy and too much courted to be lost sight of or to slight; commerce loves to court and will contract business vows with both, wise spur-pruning in vocation of life

retain the best growth, clean vision will see and insure better times for the future.

All respect to wise ambition of wisdom shares part of her cloak to protect the form and shins of fellowman from the winds of adversity, protected, near your own heart you might love him as a brother, what?—"If every of your wished had a womb, And fertile every wish."

Well the fertile Moon Valley is emerging from the deadly grip of a continued drought.

Hope Elan, daughter of a New York multi-millionaire, arrives with money—determination to assist and promote the public welfare of Moon Valley farmers; she has done this in opposition to her father's wish and had to get the money from others—there is yet an untold reason and the cause of the wish she made but would not yet tell to Aurel Atole. To be instrumental in seeing her wish fulfilled, in bringing love and happiness into her father's life and another who were cruelly wronged years ago when the entire west was an unfenced cattle range.

"I confess this don't look like a good location for a pickle factory," remarked Aurel as he spread out a physical map of Moon Valley which he had drafted at the request of the lady manager. Aurel was a natural physicist, the map almost perfect in the outline of the valley. Pencil in hand, he traced, pointed out the location of ranch, farm and other points of civic worth and districts, the cucumber man sat by his side eagerly following with interested mind and eye the points and places traced.

Hope sat at another desk, partly interested in the proceedings, there was little to be expected of a proposition of this kind, hardly a possibility of a transaction or anything to be derived from his visit or object; Aurel looked up.

"You would need—he paused—tons of cucumbers?"

"Yes, and tons of onions—in fact all kinds of vegetables to can and pickle, fruit for jellies and peanuts for butter."

"Peanuts do fine in certain localities, vegetables do well in the shinery, sandy land and on Red Mud.

This is dockum creek and this is Duck creek starting at the foot hills of the plains, east and west, in the north end of Moon Valley which lays north and south between these hills and the cap rock; Duck creek runs centering through the entire valley; pencil point on a dot, he continues, this is Duck creek school house, a new modern school building—now along this creek on most any of the farms they find soft well water in abundance; the farmers who have windmills irrigate gardens and have vegetables throughout the growing season, and every farmer can raise a fall garden without irrigating," stated Aurel

Hope came over to the two men, "If plenty of water is to be had and farmers who have no windmills, need them to irrigate so as to have vegetables throughout the season, and windmills will insure all of this—windmills they shall have."

"Bully for you, exclaimed the cucumber man, good deeds do more than all the talk from the beginning to the end of time."

"Yes, said Aurel, I have learned from the farmers that the lack of vegetables these dry years is their greatest objection, and it is a vital objection; we know a single course of income, especially when that source is a product that fluctuates greatly in price, is dangerous, when vegetables, potatoes, are grown a long distance from market will keep the farmers that grow cotton and grain only in debt for the former to the extent of injury to the entire country; hundreds of industrious farmers go weekly to the store for these commodities."

"Well, I will put in this factory if I have to ship in part of the goods."

"At first I was not interested, now I am concerned, if expense can thus be reduced and the surplus converted into cash, modify expense of the table and lessen fall debts, and make a pay roll here in town, we are ready to take stock in your pickle factory."

She then instructed Aurel to ascertain how many would need windmills and wells dug—to order the mills in car load lots, contract the well-digging.

"I will advertise and contract for the vegetables, peanuts and fruit, and have the factory ready when the farmer raises them; I will go now to pay the Moon Valley editor a visit."

Aurel turned mechanically to the typewriter to carry out orders. "Come back tomorrow, Mr. Atole will take you out driving in my roadster. I suggest you men visit some of the irrigated gardens, the demonstration farm and the rock springs at the ranch."

The gentleman thanked her, went to call on the newspaper man. August is always a hot month; in some parts of the state people suffer with heat, but rarely if ever do in Moon Valley in its high altitude; a cool breeze blows most of the time; nights are always cool and pleasant.

At the appointed hour the distinguished man called; as they started to leave Hope waved her hand and called out merrily: "Motor out on the graveled highways, there is beauty found at the byways."

In the drive they visited the communities of Steel Hill, Red Mud, back by the way of the demonstration farm; the courteous superintendent piloted the visitors over the farm, explained tests, success took them through by the well-kept orchard.

As the car spun over the level roads, passed farm after farm with their fields of waving, growing crops of kafir and june corn, maize cotton and feterita that glistened like a silvery sea in the bright sunlight, sorghum and melon patches full of large mellons—farmers on riding cultivators laying by their crops.

The engine humming like a gigantic bee in rapid flight, a pone road, down

another, passing continually fields of waving crops. A large commodious farm house attracted their attention, good barn and out buildings conveniently arranged, in the rear of the residence a large stone house, above the door of this a sign 'Sweet Cream Dairy.'

"Gee! look at the sign, please go slow, it is calling me; let's get out and buy a glass of butter milk."

"Alright," replied the driver. A lady came to the door; the man explained their business; they were directed to go around to the dairy house where she came soon with two milk goblets; a windmill near by pumped a constant stream of water to the building; near on a rack in the sun rows of milk cans and crocks were sterilized by the sun; inside a long galvanized trough into which the lead pipe poured a constant stream of cold water; this flowed around the milk crocks in the tank. Another lead pipe through the rock wall piped the water out to the corral, emptied into a steel stock tank.

"My, but this is good butter milk, can we have another glass?"

"Certainly." The lady filled the goblets again. "This is a good way to keep milk," said Aurel, and he thought of telling Hope about it.

"My husband got the idea from the milk house at the rock springs; we sell lots of butter and milk; it takes so much of our time to deliver it—it keeps him out of his crop half of the time."

"We are on our way to the ranch now, and it is late—we must hurry."

As they were leaving, the cucumber man remarked: "I'd bet a coon skin against a mink hide if Miss Elan ever sees this place, drinks a glass of the milk at Sweet Cream Dairy, all king's horses, all king's men cannot keep her from getting some one to put in a creamery at Spur." The driver left the main road, driving through a big pasture. "Say, Atole, it looks like we were leaving civilization." There was no answer to this remark.

"Say, how much is Miss Elan worth?"

"Her father is a millionaire; she will inherit a million left her by her mother, when she marries; her father objected to her coming here; she does not handle his money; all the stockholders in this development company are ladies who live in New York. Miss Elan came out to superintend the venture; she writes to her father often, but he is angry and won't answer her letters.

"Whew—the other one whistled, there must be some mystery, something at the bottom of this. The editor of the Moon Valley News—pleasant old duck—told me that he is well acquainted with her father; they went to the same college in Louisiana; prior to that, Jack Elan used to be a cow boy out here; he liked to

have died in a dugout where some folks found him in a dying condition; They carried him to their dugout in a big bluff somewhere in this valley and nursed him."

"That is all true and Miss Elan and her father have tried for years to locate the family so as to reward them. They left here when there was not a building above the ground and the cattle range all open."

"Do you know their name?"

"Drake, I think—hold on to your seat, here is some rough road." The driver had to mind his business—did not see the expression of astonishment on the man's face—continued, "the editor and myself are the only ones here who knows that Miss Hope is a millionaire's daughter—she prefers it—what I have told you is strictly confidential."

"I shall not speak of it." He was silent several minutes, then remarked: "There are some fine steers in that bunch of cattle."

They were gradually going up grade for a mile, then the low hills seemed to have had a stampede—suddenly halted in their circling and nothing in sight warned one that a habitable habitation was near, just over the top of the hill; the driver adjusted the brake, slowed down as they descended. His companion was surprised; the scene before him looked like one described in a fairy story—a tiny village in a tiny dell. The car stopped; over to the right he saw a luxurious growth of garden vegetables, a lawn spray set out in the center of the garden, making artificial fainfall; it was whirling about flinging drops of water over the rank vegetation; water sparkled on the leaves like due drops in the soft rays of the setting sun.

"Get out," said Atole laughingly—see that apple tree over there in the garden?"

"Yes."

"Well, when the gardner shows us about, don't you dare swipe one."

His companion laughed heartily—I, I, I, promised to be good, he said, for I have acquired certain knowledge about certain things without eating the forbidden fruit."

Aurel looked at him a second, then concluded the man was carrying out the joke. They passed stables where cow ponies were stalled, a building used for a commissary in former days, bunk houses, chuck house and across a little draw where green grass and willows grew, to the rock spring, a small rock milk house built by the spring. The men drank from the basin, the cool stream of water flowing from the low bluff into a concrete basin by the rock house which was used for milk when the place was bustling with activity; other houses were scattered on the low bluffs in a semi-circle.

(Continued)

NEW MACHINE HERE

We have installed a New Bearings Burner Machine which enables us to fit Ford bearings much quicker and do better work. We keep our shop well equipped.

Citizens Garage & Machine Shop

Best Lump Coal

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

P. H. MILLER, SPUR, TEXAS

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.

LEON LOVE

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PROMOTERS OF GOLDEN GOOSE OIL & REF. CO. NOW IN TROUBLE

Last week the Texas Spur carried an advertisement for the Burkburnett Oil and Trade Exchange for the sale of Burkburnett Oil Stock at ten cents a share. We understand that the promoters of this exchange and oil stock have been arrested in Fort Worth on charges of fraud, therefore we warn readers of this paper from participating in the activities and the stocks of the concern advertising the Golden Goose Oil and Refining Company.

The following appeared in the Star Telegram Sunday:

"A chase across the continent ended in Fort Worth Friday night when Postoffice Inspector Maderia of San Francisco and Postoffice Inspector Helmer, of Fort Worth, arrested John F. Barrett, alias John Francis, alias William L. Baker.

"As William L. Baker the man was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mitchell Saturday morning on the charge of using the mails to defraud and is held at the county jail. His bond was fixed at \$10,000.00.

"It is alleged that Barrett, Francis or Baker is the brains and one of the moving spirits in a gigantic stock-dealing scheme and that he and a confederate, J. Armstrong, now under arrest in Kansas City, have operated in nearly all of the big cities of the U. S. and have left thousands of victims in their wake.

Under the name of John Francis the man had during the past few days opened the Burkburnett Oil and Trade Exchange with offices at 112 East 9th Street. The name of John Francis, secretary and treasurer, appears on the stationery of the concern. Francis has been in Fort Worth since January 17th. Kurl Barrett and Franklin Barrett and their wives are in custody in Cincinnati. It is charged that they shared in the proceeds of the fraudulent operations. They were arrested by agents of the postoffice department Wednesday.

"Evidence in the hands of the post office inspectors show that Barrett and Armstrong would open offices and advertise as stock brokers. They would solicit either the buying or selling of all kinds of stocks and their customers never got a cent back, it is said.

Money poured into their various establishments and many people sent in Liberty Bonds to be invested in higher rate securities. When the concern had taken in seven to ten thousand

dollars the plan was to close up and move to another field, say the authorities.

Not only did the men deal in mining and oil stocks, but handled high-grade railroad stocks on commission and pocketed the proceeds.

One person is said to have lost money in five different deals that was made with the same outfit using different names.

The Texas Spur solicits only legitimate advertising, and accepts only such advertising when we are aware of the facts. We do not want to be the means of our readers investing a single dollar in any concern which practices fraud. The advertising of the Golden Goose Oil & Refining Co., was mailed to us. The letter heads gave the names of the president, vice-president and secretary and treasurer and the indications were that this concern was as good as any other oil promoting concern, therefore we accepted the advertisement. However, we have always warned against promiscuous investments in oil concerns. We do not know of a single man who has made big money by investing in oil. We have heard of the oil stock promoters getting rich, but not the investors in the stock who hold it for the big returns—the man who buys a share of stock for one dollar and turns around and sells it to another party for two dollars is the man who makes some money. There are many oil schemers and promoters at this time, and because there is money to be made in the oil business, thousands of people want to put in a little money with the hope of drawing down big money when the chances are ninety nine to one against them. There is a gambling spirit in men which can not be controlled at times. Keep your money and buy Spur Farm Lands if you want to live long, be happy and prosper.

EGGS FOR SALE.

Thoroughbred White Leghorn Eggs at \$6.00 per 100, or \$1.00 per setting.—The White Poultry Farm, Afton, Texas.

Mrs. Will Roberts left Friday of this week for Stephenville where she will meet her husband who is returning from Virginia after spending five months there engaged in government work. After a visit of a few days with relatives and friends in Stephenville Mr. and Mrs. Roberts will return to their home in Spur.

Jeff. D. Harkey, prominent Dickens citizen, was transacting business in the city of Spur Saturday.

Paul Douglass, of Goree, was in the city Wednesday. He has a lease on a large acreage of land, and is now one of the number who is pushing the oil interests of the Goree country. We hope Paul will become a millionaire in the oil game.

Mens Suits, \$9.95, \$12.50, \$17.45. Overcoats \$9.95, \$12.50—about half price.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

CONTENTED TO REMAIN IN THE GREAT SPUR COUNTRY

W. C. Barley was in Spur Monday from his home in the Dry Lake community and spent several hours greeting friends and acquaintances and purchasing supplies. He recently returned from a prospecting trip to New Mexico and Arizona and is now contented to remain in the Spur country. Occasionally some of our citizens imagine they are dissatisfied and want to make a change, but usually a trip into other sections makes them more contented than ever to remain in the great Spur country.

Get your Onion Sets at 50c a gallon at Spot Cash Grocery.

John King made a business trip this week to Plainview.

J. W. Davis, of north of Spur, was in town Thursday.

10 small cans tomatoes for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was in Spur Thursday.

N. B. Fuqua, of Red Mud, was a recent visitor in Spur.

Get your Onion Sets at 50c a gallon at Spot Cash Grocery.

Ben Holly, of near Dickens, was in Spur one day the past week.

Jim Jay, a leading citizen and banker of Kent county, was in Spur Thursday of this week from Girard.

Robt. T. Dopson, of Dry Lake, was among the business visitors in town Thursday.

Coy Dopson, who is moving on to the R. R. Johns farm, was in town Thursday on business.

Boys Suits, Greatest Value you ever saw. Bring in the boys.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

H. T. Garner, of the Prairie View Stock Farm, was in town Thursday greeting friends.

E. J. Cairnes, of the Paddle Ranch, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week.

The Best Flour in town for \$6.25 per hundred pounds at the Spot Cash Grocery, Spur, Texas.

W. P. T. Smith was in town Thursday from his home in the Dry Lake settlement.

L. H. Perry returned last week from a business trip to Stephenville where he spent several days.

Rev. Geo. W. Thomas returned last week from a trip to Fort Worth and other points.

If you need anything in the Drug line, or anything carried in a Drug Store. Come to the City Drug Store.

J. B. McNeerlin, of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur one day this week.

R. S. Holly, of north of Dickens, was in Spur one day last week trading.

John Law, of north of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week.

J. E. Sparks, one of the main cogs in the machinery of the Tap community, was among the numerous traders and business visitors in Spur Monday.

THE WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP

W. P. SIMPSON, Proprietor

Solicits Your Patronage and Guarantees Satisfaction
Good Workmen, Hot and Cold Baths, Good Service

J. P. SIMMONS, DRAYMAN, SPUR

Agt. For Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n.

Heavy and Light Hauling All work guaranteed
Residence Telephone 80

Irish Potatoes for 4c a pound at Spot Cash Grocery.

C. I. Cannon was in Spur one day last week from his ranch over in Crosby county.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

The Best Flour in town for \$6.25 per hundred pounds at the Spot Cash Grocery, Spur, Texas.

Mike M. Young and wife, of near Girard, were in Spur the latter part of the past week, visiting friends and trading with the merchants.

J. J. Albin came in Thursday of this week from the Highway community, spending the day here on business.

W. A. Valentine, of the Watson section of country southwest of Spur, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

E. D. Butler, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur one day the latter part of last week. Mr. Butler said that everything now in that part of the country indicated good crops and a prosperous year.

Rev. M. L. Hardin, of the Lost Lake community, was in Spur one day last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

George Greenwade was in Spur Wednesday from Dickens. He and wife had just returned from Mineral Wells where they have been spending the past several weeks. They will return to their home in Arizona after a visit with relatives at Dickens.

The latest report from Arizona concerning the condition of J. B. Conner is to the effect that he is improving. Mr. Conner was reported earlier in the week to have been in a very critical condition as the result of hiccough following an illness. His numerous friends throughout Dickens county will be glad to hear of his improvement.

Irish Potatoes for 4c a pound at Spot Cash Grocery.

Our food Gospel

eat less
serve less
waste nothing

America's Pledge of Food Gave Heart to the Allies In Their Darkest Hour

Whatever is necessary America will send. That was America's pledge to the interallied food council. And because the American food army had hitherto made good they took heart and went forward.

Farm enterprise and much soft corn increased pork supplies, food conservation increased exports—total shipments doubled.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

J. A. Murchison was in town the latter part of this week from Draper.

10 small cans tomatoes for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

T. M. Verner returned Wednesday from a business trip to Lubbock.

10 small cans tomatoes for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

Tom McArthur was in Spur Thursday.

When in Spur make the City Drug Store your headquarters.

W. G. Mayfield and wife, of Girard, were in Spur Thursday shopping and visiting with friends.

W. D. and H. C. Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, were in Spur Thursday of this week.

8 cans small corn for \$1.00 at the Spot Cash Grocery.

J. C. Stephens, Sr., of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur Thursday of this week.

Jim Ross, formerly of Spur but now of East Texas, is here visiting relatives and friends.

J. C. Stephens, Jr., of the Duck Creek section of country, was in town one day this week.

8 cans small corn for \$1.00 at the Spot Cash Grocery.

J. B. Yantis passed through Spur Thursday on his return to Dickens from a trip out of the country.

8 cans small corn for \$1.00 at the Spot Cash Grocery.

Will Stephens and wife, of the Afton country, were in Spur Thursday trading and visiting with relatives and friends near Spur.

H. C. Eldredge, who resides in the famous McAdoo community and is proud of it, was numbered among the many farmers purchasing supplies in Spur Saturday.

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

S. M. Bailey, prominent citizen of the good McAdoo country, was in the city Saturday with his last bale of bollies from the past year's crop. He is optimistic over the outlook for a bumper crop this year. The McAdoo country has a season that is the best in years and all the farmers who reside there are predicting great things for 1919.

SEED FOR SALE.

Dwarf Maize, Red Top Cane, Shrock Kaffir, Heated Maize.—J. J. Cloud, 2t

COAL HAS GONE DOWN!

Nigger Head Coal, lump, nut and egg for \$10.50 per ton at the yard.—Western Grain & Coal Co., D. H. Sullivan, Manager, Spur, Texas.



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.

BRAZELTON LUMBER COMPANY

Plenty of Cake, Meal and all kinds of Oil Mill products.—Spur Oil Mill Company, Spur, Texas.

Frank and Bryan Speer, of near Dickens, were business visitors in the city of Spur Saturday.

M. C. Hobson and daughter of north of town were visitors and shoppers in Spur Monday.

D. J. Gilbert and daughter, of the Twin Wells community, were visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Johnson Hunter was here Saturday from his farm home five miles east of town.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak farm and ranch, was seeing the sights in town Saturday.

Wanted—Good motorcycle. Call at Ford Service Station.

R. E. Thomas, prominent citizen of the Espeula community, was among those who transacted business in the trade center Monday.

R. P. Davis, one of the stand-bys at Dry Lake, was greeting friends and purchasing supplies in Spur Saturday.

John Latham, substantial booster of the Red Hill community, was among the farmers who had business in the trade center Monday.

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.

H. A. Absher, of one mile east of town, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Monday of this week.

Mr. Quisenberry of the west pasture was numbered among the business visitors and traders in Spur the first of this week.

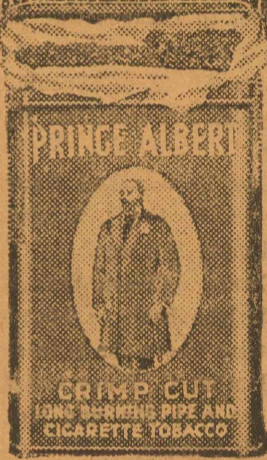
D. E. Thomas, one of the Soldier Mound community good citizens, was transacting business in Spur Monday of this week.

Bill Cherry was in the city Saturday from his home in Kent county transacting business and talking with friends.

OIL, OIL! OIL!!

See P. H. Miller for stock in his new company, Union Oil Production Co. Two locations, 1 mile of famous Duke & Knowles; besides other good locations. Don't wait, but come at once.

PRINCE ALBERT



TALK about smokes, Prince Albert is geared to a joyhandout standard that just lavishes smokehappiness on every man game enough to make a bee line for a tidy red tin and a jimmy pipe—old or new!

Get it straight that what you've hankered for in pipe or cigarette makin's smokes you'll find aplenty in P. A. *That's because P. A. has the quality!*

You can't any more make Prince Albert bite your tongue or parch your throat than you can make a horse drink when he's off the water! Bite and parch are cut out by our exclusive patented process!

You just lay back like a regular fellow and puff to beat the cards and wonder why in samhill you didn't nail a section in the P. A. smokepasture longer than you care to remember back!

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

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.

O. Taylor, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Wednesday of this week greeting friends and acquaintances.

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

John Weathers was in the city Monday from his ranch home in the Tap country.

FOR SALE—Fort Worth Well Machine, 6-horse engine, good shape. Will sell or trade.—Geo. Renfro. 207

J. A. Legg, prominent citizen and farmer of the Croton community, had business in Spur the first of this week.

E. M. Blackmon, who tills the soil in the Highway community for a livelihood, was transacting business in the trade center Saturday.

W. H. Birdwell, industrious farmer of south of town, was here Saturday trading and transacting other business.

J. C. Guthery, who has been at Gasolene and other points picking cotton, has returned to his home near Girard to make another crop.

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 hot cakes.

Jeff Smith, Jr., of the Dry Lake community, was numbered among the thrifty farmers doing business in the city of Spur Saturday.

W. F. Cathey, substantial and industrious farmer of a few miles north of Spur, was trading and greeting his numerous friends here Saturday.

R. A. Brown, substantial farmer of the Highway community west of Spur, was transacting business here Saturday.

J. C. Hindman, substantial farmer of a few miles north of town, was in the city Tuesday trading and attending to matters of business.

Robert T. Dopson, one of the foremost citizens of the Dry Lake community, was trading and greeting his numerous friends in Spur Saturday.

If you know an item of news phone the Texas Spur. We will be glad to have it and thereby you can assist in making the Texas Spur a better and more readable paper.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Horine, of Stamford, visited at the home of L. N. Stevens and wife in Spur the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Scott were in town Saturday from their home in the Duck Creek community and spent several hours in the city.

Jno. D. Hufsteler, prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was attending to matters of business in Spur Saturday.

A. B. Morgan was here Saturday from his farm home in the Espeula community and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting friends.

Jeff Smith was in Spur Saturday from his Dry Lake farm home and spent several hours trading with the merchants and talking with his numerous friends.

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.

W. P. T. Smith, one of the good farmers of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Monday greeting friends and purchasing supplies.

J. H. Boothe, enterprising farmer of two miles southeast of town, was in the city Monday disposing of eggs, butter and other produce raised on his excellent farm.

H. T. Garner was here Saturday from his Prairie View Stock farm and remained in town several hours conversing with friends and trading with the merchants.

Tom Cherry, good farmer citizen of the Dry Lake community, was among the many farmers in town Saturday and spent several hours trading and greeting friends.

Tom McArthur was in the city the first part of this week from his farm home in the Tap community and remained here several hours greeting friends and purchasing supplies.

John Randall, substantial citizen of the Steel Hill community, was among those who transacted business in the city of Spur Saturday.

R. G. Rogers, who has been making Spur his home for the past several years, sold his residence in the west part of town to Earyl Senning and left for Fort Worth where he will reside in the future.

J. S. Worsham was in the city Saturday from his home in the Highway community. He was suffering from the effect of a fall from a load of hay which he was hauling the previous day from Spur to his farm home.



WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.

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

Cyclone Season Is Here

PLAY "SAFETY FIRST"

by building a permanent Storm House.

Go the Concrete Way

SAFE COOL PERMANENT
SANITARY

See
Chas. Whitener
Phone 140

WE BUY EVERYTHING

AND SELL EVERYTHING WE BUY AT THE

Racket and Second Hand Store
J. P. WILKES, Proprietor

The Place to Buy The Place to Sell

10 small cans tomatoes for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

L. H. Lewis, wife and daughter, of Floyd county, and Arch Richardson, of Leeton, Missouri, are visiting at the homes of J. A. Legg and W. M. Perrin of the Croton country.

The Spot Cash Grocery will take your Liberty Bonds at par for groceries every day.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was among the number of visitors in Spur the first of this week. He is beginning his farming work now with optimistic briskness and is just as sure as we are that big crops will be produced.

Shoes! All kinds of shoes. We undersell everybody this week. See us for shoes.—Love Dry Goods Company Spur, Texas.

W. P. Sampson, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday of this week trading and on other business. He reports everything in his section of country now in ideal condition for crop work, and indications point to record breaking crops this fall.

The Allied Bakery and Restaurant can furnish you nice, clean rooms and beds in connection with their restaurant business. The best all-round service in every particular.

Miss Mary Afton Arnett, who has been an employee of the City National Bank the past several months, left Spur Wednesday to accept a position in a new bank at Ranger.

The Spot Cash Grocery will take your Liberty Bonds at par for groceries every day.

W. H. Teague is reported quite ill and in a very critical condition at his home in Spur. It is feared that an operation will be necessary to relieve his condition.

YOU ARE WANTED AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.

Mr. Davis, who has just been discharged from further military service, visited his niece, Mrs. W. T. Andrews, a short time in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Davis was on his way to Roaring Springs to visit his parents before settling down at Ranger where he will engage in business.

The Spot Cash Grocery will take your Liberty Bonds at par for groceries every day.

Roy Cross, was in Spur the latter part of the past week from Girard, spending a short time here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Cross has been cashier of the Girard Bank for some time, having just resigned his place to engage in farming and will move to his farm south of Girard. Ellis Scogin, formerly cashier of the Clairemont Bank and recently of a bank in Hobart, Oklahoma, has returned and accepted the place as cashier of the Girard Bank, taking the place of Mr. Cross.

Flash Lights, and Flash Light Repairs, at the City Drug Store.

Will S. Cooper, who recently returned from Washington where he has been serving in the navy, came over from Clairemont Friday of last week and spent a short time in Spur on business and greeting his friends here. Mr. Cooper was formerly one of the Texas Spur force and made his home in Spur a year or two. His friends here were glad to see him.

Sell your poultry and cow hides at Farmers Wagon Yard.

When you are in town put up at the Farmers Wagon Yard.

Elmer Shugart, since his return from army service, has been suffering of a severe case of the mumps.

We have a few Ladies Tailor-Made Suits you can buy at about Half Price. They must be sold the next few days. Come see them.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

We are glad to have you call on us when you are in the market for feed and hay.—Farmers Wagon Yard.

We will continue our Cut Price Sale until February 15th—that will be the last day.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur, Texas.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr., returned Saturday from a several days visit with her mother and father at Hico, Texas.

H. O. Albin, substantial farmer and citizen of two miles northwest of this city, was transacting business here Saturday.

The Spot Cash Grocery will give you fifty dollars worth of groceries for your fifty dollar Liberty Bond.

J. J. Albin, good farmer of the Highway community, was among the many country people doing business in the commercial center Saturday.

We will continue our Cut Price Sale until February 15th—that will be the last day.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur, Texas.

J. R. McArthur and wife of the Tap community were visitors and shoppers in the trade center Saturday.

The Spot Cash Grocery will give you fifty dollars worth of groceries for your fifty dollar Liberty Bond.

A. W. Jordan, who plays an important part in keeping Steel Hill on the map, was a business visitor and trader in Spur Saturday.

Irish Potatoes for 4c a pound at Spot Cash Grocery.

We will continue our Cut Price Sale until February 15th—that will be the last day.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur, Texas.

C. J. Smith, substantial citizen of the Dry Lake community, was purchasing supplies in the city of Spur Saturday.

The Spot Cash Grocery will give you fifty dollars worth of groceries for your fifty dollar Liberty Bond.

Carl Waldron and his mother left Spur last week for Dallas where they will reside while Carl attends a business college.

The Spot Cash Grocery will give you fifty dollars worth of groceries for your fifty dollar Liberty Bond.

Ollie Bailey, of the McAdoo community on the plains, was recently discharged from army service and has returned home.

Get your Onion Sets at 50c a gallon at Spot Cash Grocery.

Miss Cora Bell McMillan left last week for her home at Fort Worth after a several days visit with Mrs. N. A. Cady in Spur.

The Spot Cash Grocery will take your Liberty Bonds at par for groceries every day.

GILPIN.

The literary given at the Duck Creek school house Friday night was largely attended. Mr. Crawford, our County Demonstrator, was present and entertained us with his educational farm life pictures which were highly appreciated by everybody.

Mrs. Hubbard and baby, of Spur, were the guests of Prof. and Mrs. Smelser several days last week.

Brit McMerlin took a trip last week but we have not yet learned where he went.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Boothe have received the sad news that their daughter, Mrs. Ola Dobbins, is lying at death's door, in Phoenix, Arizona. She had the flu which was followed by an abscess on the brain, causing total blindness and partial paralysis, and at this writing is not expected to live.

Messrs. P. E. Hagins and Reuben Lee made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Mr. Tallent made a trip to Spur Monday and returned Tuesday.

Grandma Carlisle and her sister, Mrs. Mary Jones, are on the sick list this week.

Grandma Rucker is still sick.

Mrs. Buster Bural and baby spent several days last week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

We were very much surprised to read in the Texas Spur that our Mr. W. H. Taylor has been trying to get credit from the Spur merchants—and him with all that money! Guess the editor was joking.

Rev. W. B. Bennett is turning his field up-side down.

There's more news yet, but the clock is striking nine, so I've got to run to school. Father and mother were both mad about our report card last month, so we've got to do better next time.

SCHOOL GIRL.

COAL HAS GONE DOWN!

Nigger Head Coal, lump, nut and egg for \$10.50 per ton at the yard.—Western Grain & Coal Co., D. H. Sullivan, Manager, Spur, Texas.

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M. M. Morris, who has resided in the famous Afton community the past two years and tilled the fertile soil, was in Spur Saturday on business. He has made good crops the past two years despite the drought conditions and thinks this the greatest farming country he ever saw.

\$20.00 REWARD.

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

DRY LAKE ITEMS.

Some sickness again reported in our community. Velma Allen has had the flu the past week and Brother C. Jones has been sick the past week. W. C. Barley has also been real sick this week.

Mildred Hufstедler is among the sick in this community.

Mrs. W. C. Barley and mother, Mrs. M. J. Denson, are visiting sister and daughter, Mrs. Hickman, of Aspermont.

Quite a number of our people made a visit to Dickens City this week to pay taxes and register cars.

Mrs. James, of Espeula, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Tuesday.

Coy Dopson and Dewey Johnson have rented the R. R. Johns place and will move this week.

Dewey Johnson took Miss Esther McKnight back to McAdoo Sunday evening where she is teaching school.

Brother C. Jones and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith Sunday.

W. C. Barley and family took dinner with W. A. Johnson Sunday.

Little Jack Salyers is real sick this week with pneumonia.

Miss Grace Reed and Mr. Marvin Meadows were married last week. We wish them very much happiness and many joys and pleasures.

Mrs. W. C. Barley and children will leave this week for an extended visit in Strawn and Thurber.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Powell entertained the young folks Monday with music, forty two and other games.

Two of our soldier boys have returned, Arthur and Lon Bass. Arthur returned a few days ago from Camp Travis, and Lon from Colorado Wednesday.—LONELY GIRL.

LETTER FROM LUTHER STARK WHO IS NOW IN FRANCE

On active service with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, January 8th, 1919.

Dear Home Folks:—In answer to your letter of October 11th, as that is my last hearing from home, will say I was sure proud to hear and to know that up to that time you all were all well. Of course you did not know at that time that I had sailed for Europe. But I am here and have been so long that I am all ready to sail for the U. S. A. But when we will start for home no one knows as our manager said today in a little lecture he made to the Third Battalion Company, I. K. L. M. He said that our work over here was not yet finished and would not be until every thing was made right and satisfactory to the allied nations. Believe me he sure can talk and every word that he says is true to my notion, for while we are over here let us finish the thing for good or stay till it is finished.

While it is a fact that I came over too late to do any fighting—it was all over before I got into it, and I am not one bit sorry of it, however, and want to come home ever so bad. But on the other hand let us stop to think and when we think of the boys that have been over here and done all the

hard fighting and think of the boys that have given their lives for the sake of our country and its protection. I say when we take all this into consideration why should we not be satisfied and contented that I, as an American, soldier and one that wants to do his part, stay over here till every little thing is settled—it is not always that the big things count, c? So do not worry for me, I am well and doing fine, and hope you all are the same.

Now, mamma, you all do not take it for granted that because I write as I do that I don't care to come home, but think of it this way: that my part of the job has not been completed—and don't think by this that we will not come home soon, but hope that we will all come soon. But let us be patient and do as best we can, and if you all "keep a knocking" that is all I care for.

At the present time the ocean is somewhat rough and storms are raging, so I do not care if we stay on land for a while, then may be our over sea trip will be more pleasant to us.

So much for that. I want you all to brace up again as you did the day I left, and some day I am going to kill the buglar and then come home. I don't want the buglar to come back, c? for he might wake me up some time when I get home, then there would be war in the camp.

In the letter that I got October 11, was the one where Billy said I had a front on me like a cow, savvy?

Oh, yes I know as the Frenchmen say, Compre. This may not be the French way of spelling it, but you can guess. But you little sweet "potato", you know I don't look like that old cow that died with the shinnery a year or two back, neither do I look like old Sunnary.

But I am as fat as a fool any way, and am doing fine. I hope you are all the same.

Must quit now and go wash my face and hands. Tell old Joe Wallace that Uncle Luther loves him the same as ever, and is coming home some time and then we will have some fun. Also tell R. and A. hello for me.

Love and kisses for all the family and if you have any to spare you know where to send them, ha, ha.

All love to you, Big Boy.
Pvt. Luther C. Stark, Co. K.
326 Inf., A. P. O. 742, A. E. F.
Chalancey, France.

FOR SALE.

Lots 8, 9, and 10, in Block 54, at Spur, Texas. For further particulars write T. E. Leckie, Matador, Texas.

W. C. Weir and Jim Walker, of two miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday purchasing farm implements and other essentials to making a bumper crop this year. They recently returned from the Burk Burnett oil fields where they had been employed for several months.

This week we are selling 35 cent Dress Gingham, a Special lot at 25c a yard; Dress Percales at 15c—Big Bargains.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

W. H. Tallant, who resides three miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Monday purchasing supplies and conversing with friends in regard to the prospects in this country for a bumper crop this year. He is very optimistic over the outlook for good times again soon in good old western Texas.

MILK COWS FOR SALE.

These cows are fresh and will sell reasonable.—H. A. C. Brummett, at Spur, Texas.

The Best Flour in town for \$6.25 per hundred pounds at the Spot Cash Grocery, Spur, Texas.

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 may 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.

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

All kinds of Valentines at the City Drug Store. Send her one.

John King of the Riter Hardware Company is out of town on business his week.

Bill McArthur was transacting business in Spur Monday from his farm home in the Tap community.

G. A. Draper, good citizen who resides four miles southwest of Spur, had business in town Monday.

Dr. A. T. Reed, prominent physician of Girard, was in Spur on professional business Monday.

J. B. Yantis, prominent merchant of Dickens, boarded Monday's east bound train.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was a business visitor in Spur Monday from his home at Dickens.

T. J. Harrison, of north of Afton, was noted on the streets of Spur Sunday.

S. W. Rather was in town Monday from his excellent farm home in the Cat Fish country.

John Self, prominent citizen of the Red Mud community, was among the farmers trading in town Monday.

Dr. Standifer returned Saturday after a several days stay in the Eastland county oil field.

Mrs. E. J. Cairnes was a visitor in Spur Saturday from the Paddle ranch in Kent County.

Joe Riley is a new reader of the Texas Spur, he and family having recently moved to Spur.

Miss Gladys Stafford returned Saturday from Cisco where she had been attending school the past several months.

J. N. Zumwalt, of fourteen miles west of Spur, was numbered among the business visitors in the city Monday.

S. B. Scott, who farms on Cat Fish, was here Saturday visiting his family who reside in Spur for the benefit of the school.

J. A. Kerley, who resides in an excellent community ten miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday greeting friends and trading.

Howard Campbell was in the city Monday from the Spring Creek farm and ranch and spent several hours trading and meeting his many friends.

Newt Cravey, one of the main levers in the progressive moves of the Red Mud community, was doing business in the city of Spur Monday.

A. C. George, who farms the earth out in the Highway community, was among the trarers and business visitors in Spur Monday.

J. F. Speer, who owns a fine farm a few miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday attending to matters of business and greeting his many friends who reside in this section of the country.

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.

Wanted to Trade—Practically new Chevrolet auto for mules.—R. E. Thomas. Spur, Texas. 2tp

T. H. Tallant, boosting and progressive citizen of the Alpin community, was transacting business in the city of Spur Monday.

J. E. Sparks was here Monday from his home in the Tap community. He is optimistic over the prospects for a bumper crop this year.

H. C. Parson, of Tap, Was here Monday on business and renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur and the Dallas News.

Ed Ewell is again at the home of his parents in the Dry Lake community, having received an honorable discharge from further army service.

R. J. Williams, of the Red Top community ten miles west of Spur, was a business visitor in the city Monday and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading.

Mrs. C. R. Felmy has resigned her position with the Sol Davis estate store in Spur and has accepted a similar position with a dry goods and millinery concern at Snyder.

S. R. Bowman, who owns one of the finest bodies of land in the Spur country, was here Saturday from his excellent farm home and spent several hours among his many friends and acquaintances.

W. W. Murphy was in the city of Spur Monday on business and shoved his figures to the Texas Spur up a notch. He farmed last year in the Steel Hill community but is moving this year to the old West place near Spur to make a crop.

Fay Brock, of Dickens, who recently returned from the army service, was a visitor in Spur Monday.

W. T. Lovell, promoter of the welfare of the Draper community and Dickens county in general, was in the city of Spur Monday and stayed over night. He says he always spends the night when he comes to Spur, and did not assign any reason.

Mr. Tunnell, superintendent of the Spur schools, reports the school work getting along nicely despite the adverse conditions they have been compelled to face this year.

Spend a pleasant hour at the Gem Theatre Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

W. D. Thacker was in the city Saturday from his excellent farm home in the Draper community.

J. M. Irons returned this week from a business visit to Ranger, Fort Worth and other points. His wife and daughter came with him and will make Spur their future home.

W. D. Blair, progressive farmer of two miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and as usual had produce to dispose of on the Spur market. He always brings something to sell when he comes to town and is numbered among the most substantial farmers of the country.

C. R. Bennett was here Saturday from the Steel Hill community after cotton seed as were a great number of farmers. The manner in which the seed was sold and the distribution of pure cotton seed was handled by the Spur Farm Lands management will result in untold and lasting good to Dickens county.

W. F. Shugart was in Spur Saturday from his farm home ten miles east trading and greeting friends.

Miss Newbury, teacher in the Spur school, spent Saturday with relatives and friends in Knox City.

Mayor T. S. Lambert of the Tap community, was among the prominent business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Jim Smith, who tills the fertile soil in the Dry Lake community, was doing business in Spur Monday.

Mrs. W. J. Elliott was a shopper in Spur Saturday from her home at the Spring Creek farm and ranch.

C. D. Copeland, who resides on an excellent farm ten miles east of Spur, was numbered among the progressive farmers who had business in town Saturday.

W. J. Elliott, one of the county's most substantial stock farmers, was doing business in Spur Monday and remembered the Texas Spur with his renewal for a year. Thanks.

J. A. Formby was in Spur Tuesday from his farm home in the McAdoo country on the plains and spent several hours trading and mingling with his numerous friends.

J. C. Davis was in the city Monday from his ranch home northeast of Spur and spent several hours greeting friends and attending to matters of business.

W. D. Eldredge, substantial and boosting citizen of the McAdoo country on the plains, was attending to business in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city trading and conversing with his numerous friends.

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America earned the gratitude of allied nations during war by sharing food. America's peace may win the world's good will by saving to share.



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"There is no royal road to food conservation. We can only accomplish this by the voluntary action of our whole people, each element in proportion to its needs. It is a matter of equality of burden."

The truth of this statement, made by the United States Food Administration, after we entered the war, has been borne out by the success of our exports. Autocratic food control in the lands of our enemies has broken down. Democratic food sharing has maintained the health and strength of this country and of the Allies.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

G. B. Davis returned the latter part of last week from Burk Burnett and other points in the oil fields where he spent several days.

LOST LAKE RIPPLES.

Well, as the weather has been fair for some days the Bad Boy will venture out again to see what has happened since he has been all dried up.

Our farmers are certainly taking advantage of the pretty weather to plow these days.

From the way Mr. Sam Yandell has been going early and late the past week, he must expect to make a big crop this year.

I wonder where Tobe Westfall has been keeping himself. His plow has been constantly moving early and late, but from the looks of the driver I don't think Tobe was on the job.

The Cook brothers, who are working the Henry Moreland farm, are making a big showing in their field. I guess they think that the "early bird gets the worm."

Ollie Stanley is holding down the Kelts Williams Ranch. He says he is going to batch and get rich. I rather think he will get married if he gets the chance.

Mr. Jim Wilson, of north Duck Creek has been rushing his double rig around among us lately. We admire your grit old boy. Your disappointment was a pill indeed to take, but if at first you don't succeed keep on and you will seed after a while.

Benton Stanley, of Stanley Chapel, used to be a constant visitor at the Lake, but from some unknown cause he suddenly stopped. The Bad Boy has been wondering what is the matter with him. Take courage, old boy. back your ears and take a running new start.

Will Gardner, who has been at work in Wichita Falls for quite a while, came in a few days ago. From the way he took to the middle buster the Bad Boy don't think he invested in oil. If he did he just plows and says nothing about it.

Mr. George Gilmore is ahead of us all. He has already put his land in

shape for a bumper crop.

From the way Mark Hardin and Morris Yandell go to the city they must not have much to do.

Mr. Kelts Williams is now in the wood business. He has made two trips to town this week with stove wood. The Bad Boy wishes he knew just where Mr. Williams' wood pile is located. If he did he might not have to cut so much stove wood.

Messrs. Hardin and Gardner made a flying trip to Spur Wednesday. Why don't you all get an airship so you could make a quicker trip?

Mr. Clate Barton made his weekly trip to Jayton this week, but he failed to carry a load of wood. From the way he has been grubbing lately he will have lots of wood to haul.

We are told that Mr. John Merchant was going to come back to the farm in the near future. He is having Mr. R. R. James to list up his land, and from the looks of the field Robert is well on to his job.

Last Saturday night a merry party of young people met at Ernest Gilmore's and pulled off a Nancy Jane. The boy was afraid to go, but from the lateness of the hour it broke they must have had a laripan time.

Uncle Marion Hahn has kept those "hard-tails" going for the past week. He is one of our proseprous farmers that shoves his work and don't let his work shove him.

Henry Harris has kept old Buck and his three partners on the constant move for the past week.

We are sad to relate that a small child of Mr. John Murdock, fell in a tub of hot water, some time ago. The last we heard the child was resting very well.

During the time Prof. B. F. Kellett is in the school room he keeps a hand at work breaking his land. He says he is bound to make a bumper crop.

Fred McGaha is smarter than he was last year. He must expect to do better in the future than in the past, by the way he keeps his plow going.

The winter grain that was bit back

by the hard freeze we had is again looking green.

From the way lots of our neighbors are talking Lost Lake will soon have on a new dress. The Bad Boy earnestly thinks that there is room for a radical change spiritually as well as financially.

During the destructive season of the flu things got pretty dull, but our pastor will soon be with us again and resume his regular appointment. Rev. James Harris has been with us, once a month, cold or hot, sick or well, the old brother has passed his three score and ten, but he is still able and hearty, and we are all glad for the Sunday to come when Grandpa is to preach.

We are glad to report Mrs. Cook better. She has been suffering from a cancer on her hand. We have been reliably informed that under the treatment of the doctor, the ulcer has been driven out.

Well, as the weather is fair and balmy, the Bad Boy will stop for the present and take a long tramp, and later on report what he saw on his wanderings.

The rain clouds have vanished, a cool norther has blown up, the sun is so bright that the Bad Boy just can't keep out of devilment.

Mr. and Mrs. John Boland entertained the youngsters with a Nancy Jane last Friday night. From the report of Pete White and Red Murdock they had the time of their lives.

We were indeed glad to have Rev. Luther Bilberry with us again, as it had been about four months since he had been with us. In the future he will preach for us on the first Sunday of each month. Grandpa Harris will also change his appointment from the second to the third Sunday. Services were well attended Saturday and Sunday and Singing Sunday evening was enjoyed by a full house. We had quite a number of the Antelopes with us. Come again, we are always glad to have you with us.

Mr. Will Harris, wife and daughter Mrs. Smith and daughter, all of Dry

Lake, made a short visit to the home of Grandpa Harris Sunday evening. They also attended singing Sunday evening.

Mrs. Tobe Westfall is on the sick list.

Mrs. Frasher, of Jayton, was a guest in the home of her sister, Mrs. Cook.

Mrs. Grantham, of Red Hill, was a visitor in the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ira Hahn Saturday and Sunday.

We were all thrown into quite an excitement Sunday evening. From the way Jim Wilson was running his horse up and down the road trying to locate the whereabouts of Preacher Bilberry, we were sure that wedding bells were fixing to ring. But after everything got quiet it was found out that the said Jim only wanted to borrow the preacher's car to carry a bunch of youngsters out joy-riding.

On account of the flu at Clairemont Rev. M. L. Hardin did not go to fill his regular appointment there. We have been informed that beginning with next second Sunday that he will have a monthly appointment at Antelope.

The Bad Boy would sure be glad to meet the celebrated poet of Steel Hill. The Bad Boy had a bad spell of the wampas cholic the other day and he is of the opinion that if he could meet that renowned writer he would not have another bad spell.

Oh, yes, Mr. Editor, we are all taking the oil fever and some of our temperatures are running very high. We are expecting great things in the near future.

Well, as many people are stirring about this fine morning the Bad Boy will crawl in his den for the present and make his appearance later on.

BAD BOY.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CLAIREMONT AND COUNTRY

Will Cooper spent the week end in Spur and Jayton.

Dr. Wray, from Jayton, has been

called to Clairemont several times this week to see flu patients.

B. C. Cairnes, of several miles southwest of town, was here trading Saturday.

Dick and Floyd Byrd were in town Saturday.

Sam Johnston made several trips to town here of late.

Rome, Nonnie and Jack Rogers, of the Rogers Ranch, were here on business Thursday.

C. O. Thompson, from the Sneed Ranch, was visiting home folks Thursday and Friday.

Miss Jeanett Wade returned to Peacock Friday, after a vacation of several days on account of the flu.

Shep Dean, of Paris, is visiting sick relatives here now.

Messrs. Greenwood, of Pitts, spent several days with friends here this week.

Mrs. Cates, from Cisco, spent several days with relatives here this past week.

Mrs. Elnora Rodgers returned home Friday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Eva Hart.

J. B. Jay, of Girard, spent the latter part of the week here on business.

Jim Cuteman, from Hart Ranch, was here on business Thursday.

Charlie Cargile spent Saturday afternoon on the streets of Clairemont.

George Rodgers and Willie Chaffon were in town one day this week.

Miss Evelyn Fox, from Jayton, spent Saturday night and Sunday in Clairemont with her parents.

Mrs. T. B. Cross and daughters, Opal and Loma, were in town Monday.

Mrs. D. B. Jay and children were in town Tuesday.

Mr. Carlos McCombs has been visiting the Jay ranch again.

Miss Marie Taylor is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jay, this week.

We are glad to report most of our "flu" has now gone.

Dick Sampson was in town one day this week.

Most of our farmers have begun work again with hopes for better success than last year.

W. O. McFall was in town with a load of wood this week.

Mrs. L. Stuart has been in our town nursing several cases of flu this week.

We are glad to state that Miss Bernice Taylor is able to be up since Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Taylor and baby are still sick of the flu.

Messrs. Neil Smith, Henry Evans and A. P. Garnett were in town Monday.

Nonnie Rodgers and Berry Hart were in town Monday.

Mrs. Bashie Bridges, of the Rodgers Ranch, spent the week end in town.

L. C. Dial, from the Sneed Ranch, made a flying trip home Sunday.

J. W. Waggoner and Roy Cross, of Girard, passed through town Sunday.

We are sorry to say that our county Judge, B. P. Vardiman, has the flu. Oren Taylor is on the flu list this week.

Bert Jay and children were in town Sunday.

Mr. Carlos McCombs was in town Monday.

Mrs. Ott Gibson is visiting home folks.

Miss Georgia Morgan has been very ill of the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Johns still have about two cases of the flu in their home. Everybody is now getting well.

See the show Saturday night

AT GEM THEATRE

Friday, Feb. 7th
'The Chaperon,'---a good one

Saturday, Feb. 8th
'The Heart of The Hills'---will please you

Friday, Feb. 14
'Satan's Private Door'

Saturday, 15
'The Law of the North'

GOOD SHOW TUESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS