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### SHEEP FEEDERS TO MEET IN SPUR MARCH FIRST

The sheepmen of Texas who are interested in the finishing of lambs for market are invited to attend the Second Annual Sheep Feeders Meeting scheduled to be held at Spur, Dickens County, Texas, March 1st. The results of the lamb feeding test in which several crosses are being compared with the straight Rambouillet will be announced at the meeting. The morning session will be held at the feed lots of the Experiment Station and the results of the experiment will be given in detail. A program is being arranged to be held in town during the afternoon. A number of livestock specialists, prominent stockmen and business men have been invited to discuss important topics, and it is hoped that all stockmen in the surrounding country will arrange their affairs in order that they might be in attendance at this meeting. The program which is being arranged will be available for publication within the next few days.

J. M. JONES,  
Chief, Division of Animal Industry.

### EASTER BAZAAR

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will have a bazaar at the Red Front drug store Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5. Many useful articles will be on sale. Your patronage is solicited. Don't forget the date. Further announcements will be made.

### NOTICE

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February 20, 21 and 22

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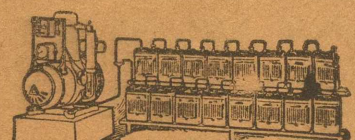
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### SHEEP FEEDERS WILL HOLD ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SPUR

Under the auspices of the Experiment Station and the County Demonstrator one of the biggest treats that has ever been offered to West Texas will be presented at the Gem Theatre on March 1st. The sheep feeders will hold their second annual convention. In the morning two addresses will be delivered at the Station feed lots and the interesting results obtained will be discussed by Messrs. Hubbard and Jones. The pens of sheep on feed will be on exhibit. The Station showed at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show last March and brought home the bacon in the form of 21 ribbons and the majority portion of the premium money. The work has been materially increased and the Station flock is again slated for the big show.

In the afternoon a program will be rendered at the Gem Theatre that will appeal to all alike. Honorable J. E. Boogscott, of Coleman, will tell of his early experience on the range as only a Scotchman can tell it. Colonel P. L. Downs, of Temple, with a life long experience in the prominent banking and ranching circles of Texas, will tell of the relationship of banker to ranchman. C. C. French of Fort Worth and M. W. Coff of College Station, both well known to the Texas public, will appear on the program. Prof. R. F. Miller, formerly of California, now head of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College Division of Animal Husbandry, will tell of the place that the sheep should have on West Texas farms and ranches. Mr. C. B. Jones of Spur will be on the program but has not yet stated the subject of his address. Needless to state to the Spur people that it will be good.

### FARMER IS THE IMMEDIATE BENEFICIARY OF OIL

The money that has been paid out for leases and royalties by the large companies has literally saved West Texas from bankruptcy and placed it on a cash basis. In fact the West Texas farmer is the person who has made the real money out of the development that is now underway. The large companies that are doing the developing have not made a penny, and with the most favorable results, it will be at least three years before they will begin to earn even interest on the huge investment they are making.

It is quite different from the farmer, however. As a rule he is paid a cash consideration for his lease, followed by a semi-annual rental and royalty on all production. He has all to gain and nothing to lose. If the test proves successful the initial production is sold and the farmer is the first one to realize on the transaction. He is the only immediate beneficiary of the vast activity that is underway in the western counties and up to the present time he has been paid over \$150,000,000.00 for leases and royalties and his lands have been enhanced in value over a billion dollars during the past year. Oil development has almost doubled the population of West Texas; it has placed more than half a billion dollars in circulation, and has caused the greatest of industrial activities in the state's history.—Breckenridge Democrat.

### TOTAL OF 814 POLL TAXES PAID IN DICKENS COUNTY

A total of 814 poll tax receipts were issued in Dickens county this year, as follows:

Dickens	87
Liberty	42
Afton	148
Dry Lake	84
Red Mud	25
Duck Creek	33
Wichita	33
Dumont	15
Croton	20
Spur	239
McAdoo	66

Notwithstanding the severe drought we have experienced the past two or three years our citizens are staying on the job, as the above poll tax payments will show. They have seen the productiveness of this country exemplified when it has half a chance and are willing to take their chances in a country where prosperity abounds when conditions are anything like half way favorable.

### FAREWELL SERVICES AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday, February 16, the pastor will preach his farewell sermon to the Spur congregation. There will be special music at both the morning and evening hours—duets and solos by Miss Louise Cates and Rev. T. M. Cunningham.

The pastor wishes to express his sincere gratitude for the many ways in which the congregation has rallied to his assistance during the short eight months of his supply work here. With their cooperation, and especially that of the Ladies Aid, the resident membership of the church has been increased 25 per cent since last July. In many ways the church has grown, and may look with much hope to a bright future of development and accomplishments in the Master's kingdom. As he recalls the friendships formed and the kindly deeds done him by the Spur people generally, the retiring pastor would remember them all as generously as he may with his best wishes and good will.

T. M. CUNNINGHAM.

### NEAR FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT OCCURRED LAST THURSDAY

What came near being a fatal automobile accident occurred last Thursday afternoon about 5:20 at the Hindman corner on the Spur-Dickens graveled highway when an auto driven by Lee Davis became unmanageable and went through the wire fence instead of making the turn. Lonnie Harris who was the other occupant of the car, was seriously cut about the throat and elsewhere on the body in some seven or eight places. The jugular vein could be plainly seen in the wound at his throat and it is by the slightest move of good fortune that the boy is here to tell the story.

Lee Davis was only slightly injured, the steering wheel protecting him against the wire. A car immediately behind them picked them up and brought them to the Standifer hospital where surgical attention was given young Harris who at this time is considered out of all danger.

Lottie and Artie Mae Fite returned this week from Eastland where they have been attending school.

### DR. BLACKWELL AGAIN LOCATES AT DICKENS

Lieut. Dr. T. H. Blackwell was over from Dickens the first of this week on business and greeting his many acquaintances and friends. He ordered an advertisement placed in the columns of the Texas Spur to the effect that he is again located at Dickens for the practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Blackwell has been in Dickens county longer than any other practicing physician and his friends and patrons over the entire country will be pleased to know that he has received leave of absence from the army service and will again practice his profession at Dickens.

### ESPEULA BAPTIST CHURCH ORDAINED TWO DEACONS

On Sunday, February 9th, 1919, at 11:00 a. m., the Espeula Missionary Baptist Church assembled in a special session for the purpose of ordaining two deacons: Brethren R. F. Keene and R. C. Jones.

The ordination council was composed of the following named brethren: Revs. R. F. Self, W. B. Bennett, A. B. Wilkes and C. Jones; Deacons W. A. Harris, E. J. Bilberry and W. F. Cathey.

Rev. R. F. Self preached the ordination sermon. C. Jones examined the candidates, A. B. Wilkes led the ordination prayer, and W. B. Bennett delivered the charge to the candidates, and Bro. R. F. Self delivered the charge to the church.

### NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS IN DICKENS COUNTY

The Highway Department has imposed upon the County Tax Collector the collecting of the car license. They require every owner of a car before operating on the highway to have a 1919 seal, also a license number on the front and back of the car. I ask all who have not complied with this law to kindly do so at once as I expect to enforce this law without favor.

Respectfully,  
G. L. BARBER, Tax  
Collector.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH CALLS A PASTOR

D. M. McCarroll, of Stratford, Texas, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Christian Church of Spur and will move his family here at an early date to take active charge of the work.

Rev. McCarroll held a series of services in Spur last week and those who heard his sermons speak well of him as a preacher and pulpit man.

### J. W. BAKER CALLED TO BELLEVUE BY DEATH MESSAGE

J. W. Baker left Saturday for Bellevue, Clay County, Texas, in response to a message stating that his old friend and business associate J. B. Duncan had been accidentally killed while at work in his gin at that place by becoming entangled in a line shaft.

W. Neilon, the writer and others in the Spur country were well acquainted with J. B. Duncan who had made his home at Bellevue since an early day, and are indeed grieved to hear of his untimely death.

### CROTON AND WICHITA FARMERS IN SPUR AFTER SEED OATS

A. A. Allen, W. T. Lovell and other farmers of the Croton and Wichita communities were in the city of Spur the latter part of last week after seed oats to plant for a spring crop.

When the seasons are right spring oats do well in this country, and as they are an earlier feed crop than the other food stuffs adapted to this country, it might behoove a great number of farmers to try and cut down the feed expense by raising an early crop of spring oats.

### AT METHODIST CHURCH.

The subject of the sermon Sunday morning will be, "The Church's place in reconstruction." Every member is urged to be present. Visitors are welcome. Be on hand for Sunday school promptly at ten o'clock.

We will call in our service Sunday evening and go to hear Brother Cunningham's farewell message.

J. O. HAYMES.

Dr. J. H. Grace went to Stamford Sunday.

### Announcement!

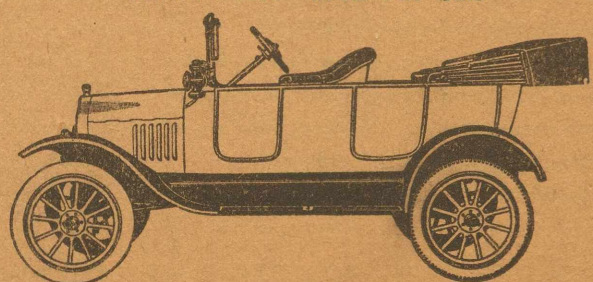
I wish to announce to the public that I have resumed the practice of medicine and surgery at my former location, Dickens, Texas, and shall be pleased to serve you to the best of my ability whenever the occasion arises.

Very Respectfully,

LIEUT. T. H. BLACKWELL,  
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SEVEN "MISTRESSES OF SEA"

Including Tyre, Only That Number of Nations Have Right to Title of High Honor.

Mark Sullivan, writing in Collier's on "America's Part in the New World—The Heritage of Tyre," quotes another writer as follows, referring to nations that have held the position of the "Mistress of the Seas":

"Since the day that man first straddled a floating log and started humanly adventuring by sea, the intervening centuries have seen only seven nations possessed of sufficient genius to dominate the earth's deep waters. During 2,248 years Tyre has had but seven true heirs. Tyre, in her time, was the inspiration of all commerce, irrespective of nationality, all who trafficked by sea were called 'merchants of Tyre,' and all vessels of burden ships of Tyre. Dynasties lived by grace of Tyre's credit, and died at the calling of her loans. With the passing of Tyre, the position went to Carthage; after Carthage to the Italian cities, Venice, Genoa, Florence and Naples. Italy held her dominion for 700 years, until the Hansatic League of Cities took the crown of commerce to the Baltic sea. Then Portugal forced herself to the front. That was preceding the discovery of America by Spain. With the aggressiveness of which that discovery was characteristic, Spain took the leadership away from Portugal. Spain held it 200 years and lost it to Holland. Holland held it for some generations and lost it to Great Britain."

PLANT DESERVING OF PRAISE

Witch Hazel Has Many Qualities Which Entitle It to Commendation—Valuable in Medicine.

In an article "On Nature's Trail" in Boys' Life, Dr. Edward S. Bigelow writes of the last flower of the season, the witch hazel, as follows:

"If we should look at the witch hazel as the last flower of the season, to it we would award the booby prize. But if we consider it in connection with its braving of the cold weather in an effort to beautify the woods, we would give it the first prize. No other flower of the year so bravely withstands the cold weather. It begins to bloom in November or even a little earlier, and clings persistently to its twigs until the first of January or even later, sprinkling the shades of the woods with its feathery, dainty golden bloom. It is said also that it has valuable medicinal qualities. It now is one of the ingredients of various well-known extracts of witch hazel. There is also a curious old-time superstition in regard to its unanny ability as a divining rod. It is said to be able to point out underground deposits of water and of precious ores. That myth probably originated from a misunderstanding or a misconstruing of its name. This is not primarily witch but wych, which had some relation to a salt spring or sairy house, and was sometimes spelled wick."

"Old King Cole."

The first reference to "Old King Cole," the "merry old soul" of the famous nursery rhyme, was made in a book written by Dr. William King, who was born in 1633. It is probable that the song was composed in the seventeenth century, although some investigators think it much older. Halliwell identifies the merry monarch with Cole or Coel, a semi-mythical king of Britain who is supposed to have reigned in the third

century. The Scots also have an "Old King Coull," said to have lived in the fifth century. Freeman and other historians say a King Cole ruled Britain in the sixth century. There are many who assert that the reference to the pipe indicates that Old King Cole lived at a period after Raleigh had introduced tobacco into Europe, but this does not necessarily follow, as a pipe might mean a musical instrument.

Superstitions About Shoes.

Many superstitions are connected with shoes. It is thought unlucky to put either shoe on the wrong foot. Because Augustus Caesar was nearly assassinated by a mutineer one day when he put on his left shoe first, a saying has arisen that the right shoe must be put on first unless its owner wishes to court misfortune. Pythagoras, the old Greek sage, told his disciples to put their left foot into their bath first. In Anglo-Saxon marriages the father-in-law gave the bride's shoe to the bridegroom, who, touched her on the head with it to denote his lordly authority.

At one time—in the fourteenth or fifteenth century—people wore the points or beaks of their shoes so long that they tumbled over them when they walked, and were forced to tie them to their knees by laces or chains.

Found a Way Out.

Several times had the priest remonstrated with Pat against his wasteful habit of treating when attending market and made him promise to keep his change in his pocket until he reached home and then hand it over to his wife. A short time afterward the priest, passing through the market place, noticed Pat and some companions leaving a public house. "Now, Pat," he said, "what did you promise me?" "Och, sure Oi couldn't help it yer rivinence," answered Pat. "Sure Oi jist found a hole in me trousers pocket, an' wuz afeard Oi'd lose the change afore Oi'd got home!"—London Tatler.

ONE TO THINK OVER.

When John Quincy Adams was 80 years old he met in the streets of Boston and old friend, who shook his trembling hand and said, "Good morning and how is John Quincy Adams today?"

"Thank you," was the ex-president's answer, "John Quincy Adams himself is well, sir, I thank you, but the house in which he lives at the present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon its foundation. Time and seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out, its walls are much shattered and it trembles with every wind. The old tenement is becoming uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon, but he himself is quite well, sir, quite well!"

With that the venerable sixth president of the United States moved on with the aid of his staff. It was not long afterward that he had his second and fatal stroke of paralysis in the Capitol at Washington. "This is the last of earth," he said, "I am content."—National Republican.

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

SURELY POSSESSED OF NERVE

How Apparently Embarrassed Man Thanked Kind-Hearted Girl Who Paid His Fare.

Miss Doris Faithful is a front-row girl and the other day she lived right up to her name. She boarded a plebeian street car en route to her home, writes the New York York correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch. As she entered the car she became one of the platform audience to an altercation in progress between the conductor and a well-dressed, middle-aged man, who gave every evidence of wealth. The middle-aged one had tendered the conductor a \$10 bill for his fare, and the latter declared that he could not make change. Also the conductor, after some debate, asserted that unless the man could produce a nickel he would be forced to leave the car. This is where Miss Faithful eased her way into the spotlight. Noting the man's discomfiture she politely offered him the loan of his fare. He accepted with protestations of gratitude, and insisted upon having her name and address. When she related her story to her sisters in art they all agreed she had made a financial coup, and that she would surely be rewarded by a handsome gift, and perhaps also be mentioned in the middle-aged one's will. Expectation ran high, therefore, when at the theater in the evening she opened an envelope which had been left for her at the stage door by one whose description corresponded with that of the man she had befriended on the street car. "Some check," she muttered, as with trembling fingers she tore open the envelope. Inside she found a lengthy letter expressing appreciation of "one who had the time and willingness to be courteous to a stranger," and postage stamps to the extent of five cents, in payment of the financial obligation incurred. That was all disappointing enough, but the real blow came in a postscript which read: "I should like to see you as you appear professionally and would appreciate a pass for two any night."

WHERE RAIN SELDOM FALLS

Chilean Provinces a Desert Region, Though the Climate Is Healthy Because Free From Germs.

The Chilean provinces of Atacama, Tarapaca and Taena are in the rainless region, or desert country west of the Andes, and are entirely devoid of vegetation. The winds in all of this region are from the east, and in passing over the elevated perpetual snows of the Andes are stripped of their moisture and arrive on the coast perfectly dry.

The last rain, a slight shower which fell in Antofagasta, in Atacama province, was the first rain which had fallen in 16 years. The last rain which fell in Iquique, in Tarapaca province, was the first in 24 years. With both of these showers a notable phenomenon occurred. The bare hills back of these cities assumed a green tint from a little plant which sprang up almost in a night. The query is: "From where did this plant come?"

The whole of the coast presents a most dismal and discouraging appearance from the sea, but the climate is healthful, being especially adapted to pulmonary and throat troubles from its extreme dryness and freedom from germs. The heat is modified by a local sea breeze, and the sea bathing is most invigorating, as the water is cold.

Welcome Gift.

A learned professor often became so interested in his lecture that when the noon bell rang he kept the class five or ten minutes over the hour. Some of the students decided to give him a gentle hint, and accordingly bought an alarm clock, which they set to go off precisely at noon, and the next time they came in to one of his lectures placed it on the desk, trusting that as he was somewhat absent-minded he would not notice it. When the noon hour struck the alarm clock went off with a crash. Very quietly the professor waited until the alarm was over; then, turning to the class, he said: "Gentlemen, I thank you for this little gift; I had quite forgotten it was my birthday. An alarm clock is something my wife has been wanting for some time. It is a very kindly remembrance on your part." He then calmly proceeded to finish the demonstration.

The Largest Tree.

The most remarkable tree in the world, perhaps, is the baobab, of India. A tree of this species, on an island in the Nerbudda river, is believed to be the same one that is mentioned by Alexander the Great. The branches send down numerous "aerial" roots that grow down to the soil and form props or additional trunks, until a single tree often covers so large an area that it will shelter thousands of men. At the time of Alexander the Great's visit, one tree covered so extensive an area that it sheltered ten

thousand men. Under the protecting shade of these trees the Indian merchants still conduct their markets. The merchants are known as "banians," because they abstained from meat for many centuries, but modern customs have driven out many of the Hindu's traditions.—People's Home Journal.

Unpleasant Subject.

Newrich—Young man, I had to work hard for my money.  
Son—Well, dad, enough people in our set are throwing that up to me without your talking about it.—Boston Transcript.

NEW ENGLAND PLAGUE SPOT

"Merrymount" a Resort for the World's Riffraff, Until Wiped Out by Captain Standish.

An interesting chapter on "The Tares" in the New England Canaan in Roland G. Usher's book, "The Pilgrims and Their History," pays special attention to Merrymount, which other writers on New England have always noticed at length, and which gave Hawthorne material for a story. Morton, who founded it, arrived in Massachusetts only five years after the Pilgrims had landed, and being a gentleman of choicely cultivated vices, disliked the atmosphere of the place. He was a sort of junior partner or helper to one Captain Wollaston, who had a number of indentured servants with him; Wollaston went to Virginia and wrote Morton to bring on these servants to the same place, where they could be sold at an advantageous figure. But with an eye to the main chance, Morton proposed that instead the servants go with him into the wilderness, and found a settlement where they could be (under his loose authority) their own masters. They did so, and this settlement of Merrymount became a sort of gambling-hell and drunkard's resort for all the riffraff of the region. Morton, captain of a crew of desperate white sailors and settlers, rogues, runaway servants, and even dissolute Indian women, held high sway for a time—till Captain Standish appeared on the scene.

Curious.

You would perhaps not notice this cowlike face and fur collar unless you should use a pocket lens, which every scout should have. Then you will find the Mohamms, or sawyer beetle, extremely interesting, says Edward F. Bigelow, scout naturalist, discussing this curious insect in Boys' Life. These beautiful brown and gray beetles are, including the antennae, about an inch and a quarter long. The antennae or feelers are as long as the body in the case of the female, and twice as long in the male.

Where shall you look for these curious beetles? Search among the needle-like leaves of the pine and fir. The larvae are found in the sound wood of these trees. Sometimes the mature beetles occur in such numbers as to do real injury to the trees, but ordinarily they are not very plentiful, and most scouts are not familiar with them, even where they are fairly abundant.

J. H. Randleman, one of the good citizens and farmers of the Spur country, was in the city Saturday on business and spent several hours here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.


NOT SO MANY MILLIONAIRES.

America is rich, but the number of millionaires in the country is less than is generally believed. The Bankers Trust Company of New York has published some illuminating facts bearing on the wealth of the country and its distribution. No man with an income of less than \$50,000 a year can be classed as a millionaire unless his possessions consist largely of unimproved real estate. According to this carefully compiled pamphlet 23,500,000 families and unmarried persons in America have incomes of \$1,000 a year or more. Of these 21,375,000 are in the class of between \$1,000 and \$2,000 a year and have a total income of \$40,615,063,500, while the income of all over \$2,000 a year amounts to only \$12,234,936,500, making the total income of all who have \$1,000 a year \$52,850,000 more than the latter. The millionaire group of persons and families having incomes of \$50,000 a year totals \$2,780,255,000 a year. It will surprise many to hear that there are less than 20,000 millionaires in America, and that if their entire incomes were confiscated the levy would yield only about one-third of the \$8,000,000,000 taxes provided in the new revenue bill. Corporations are reported as having profit and loss surpluses for the year of \$7,150,000,000, which makes total national income of \$60,000,000,000. These corporations are expected to pay \$4,000,000,000 in taxes and to buy \$2,000,000,000 in bonds, which will reduce their total surpluses to \$1,150,000,000. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo said in Carnegie Hall that of the 18,000,000 subscribers to the third Liberty loan but 23,500, including corporations, bought \$10,000 or more of these bonds. When we find that there are less than 20,000 millionaires in the country these figures are not surprising.—New York Commercial.

Jake Ballard was over from the city of Dickens Monday on business and remained in the city several hours.

Lee Payne, of Dickens, was in the city of Spur Monday greeting friends and attending to matters of business.

G. W. Dodson, one of the best farmers and citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday transacting business and mingling with his friends. Mr. Dodson makes some crop every year on his valuable land and usually makes a bumper one. He expects to excel all former efforts this year and market more stuff than during the past two years put together.



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.

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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 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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CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

Butler Adams, of near Ralls, passed through Spur Saturday en route to the Eastland county oil fields. He has made some investments in that county that have proved very remunerative and he has the "oil fever" pretty bad. The disease is quite common in this state and is very prevalent in this immediate section of 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.

H. A. Absher, who resides on one of the twenty-acre blocks near Spur, was transacting business here Saturday. Mr. Absher thinks this is a good country but feels that the high altitude doesn't agree with him and is contemplating moving to South Texas near San Antonio before another winter.

C. H. Parr, substantial and boosting citizen of four miles west of the town of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, renewing his subscription and also ordering the paper to the address of his father who resides near Spur.

Joe Ragsdale was in the city of Spur Monday greeting friends and acquaintances and before leaving called around at the Texas Spur office and left a dollar and a half to be applied on his subscription. He lives at Garfield, Arkansas, and is greatly pleased with that country.

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

George Greenwade, who with his wife and children, is visiting relatives and friends at Dickens, was in Spur Saturday mingling with his friends and acquaintances. They will leave some time soon for their ranch home in New Mexico.

The Ralls Banner states that Dr. Haney has been discharged from military service and will again locate in that city. Dr. Haney was a former citizen of Spur and has many friends here who wish him success wherever he goes.

Towns Taylor returned Saturday, having received an honorable discharge from further army service. His many friends in Spur and throughout the country are glad to see him back home.

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.

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.

J. E. Taylor and wife returned Sunday from Eastland county where they had been the past several weeks with their children and other relatives who had been having a siege of the flu.

Rev. Bennett, of the Gilpin community east of Spur, was in the city Saturday mingling with his many friends and purchasing supplies from the Spur merchants.

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

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.

John Law, prominent farmer and citizen of north of Dickens, was numbered among those who were transacting business in the city of Spur the first of this week.

Charlie Perrin, prominent farmer and ranchman of the Draper community, was in Spur Saturday greeting his many friends and trading with the merchants.

C. D. Copeland was in town Saturday from his excellent farm home several miles east of town and spent several hours greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

### FOR SALE.

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

Charlie Brindle was in Spur last week from his farm home and spent several hours transacting business and greeting friends.

Elmer Peters, progressive young farmer of the country north of the town of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

Charlie Gunn, who owns an excellent farm near Dickens, was numbered among the traders and visitors in Spur last week.

Verner Shields was over from the city of Dickens Saturday and spent several hours mingling with his numerous friends.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

T. A. Tidwell says that the Texas Spur slandered him last week in stating that he was superintending the grading work on the streets of this city. He says that he was actually doing the grading work and not the superintending alone. We gladly apologize to Mr. Tidwell and are more than pleased to make the correction in the Texas Spur. Just because a man has not worked any for the past seventy-five or eighty years is no reason he has not gone to work and will make an industrious hand the balance of his life. We should have further investigated Mr. Tidwell's position on the street-working force before maligning his name by accusing him of being superintendent.

County Clerk M. Gay and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday afternoon visiting friends and trading with the Spur merchants. M. Gay is a good county official, knows his work from a to z and has many staunch supporters in this section of the country.

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

W. F. Cathey was among the numerous farmers trading and greeting their friends in the city of Spur Saturday. Mr. Cathey has a valuable tract of land between Spur and Dickens and is numbered among the county's best and most substantial citizens.

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

Tom McArthur, one of the hustling citizens of the Spur country, was in town Saturday mingling with the many traders and visitors.

Frank Speer, of near Dickens, was in

town Saturday on business. He is expecting to harvest a bumper crop this year along with the balance of the good farmers of Dickens county.

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.

Nyles N. Morris and brother, Troy, of Ralls, were in the city of Spur the first part of this week.

The Gem Theatre will appreciate your presence on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

### MILK COWS FOR SALE.

These cows are fresh and will sell reasonable.—H. A. C. Brummett, at Spur, Texas. 2tp

### REV. J. W. HUNT SPEAKS AT SPUR FOR MISSIONS

Rev. J. W. Hunt returned Saturday night from Spur, where he delivered an address before a packed house at the Gem Theatre for the benefit of the Missionary society of the Methodist church at Spur. The receipts were handsome and will be used by the society for the prosecution of its church work.

Rev. Mr. Hunt stated that the people of the section about Spur were very optimistic over crop prospects for the year, the county having been specially blessed with copious rains and deep snows.

Rev. Joe Haymes is pastor of the Methodist church at Spur and his congregation is giving him liberal support in the uplift work.—Abilene Reporter.

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

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**Goldsmith a Poor Physician.**

There is a long list of men distinguished in various spheres of life, who began their careers in medicine. One of the most striking examples is that of Dr. Oliver Goldsmith, though nobody knows him by that title today. As a medical man the creator of "The Vicar of Wakefield" was held in such low repute that his appointment as a physician to the East India company was revoked before he got the chance to tamper with any one's ailments, says the New York Telegraph. Even when he presented himself at Surgeons' hall as an applicant for the humble position of mate in a naval hospital he failed to pass the examination.

**Dogs That Follow by Sight.**

Hound is a term that embraces all dogs which follow game either by scent or sight. Of those which follow by sight the leading variety of the present time is the greyhound, and along with this class are also the Irish wolfhound, the Scottish deerhound and the Russian wolfhound.

Of the hounds that follow the quarry by scent are the bloodhound, foxhound, beagle and basset. At one time there was the large foxhound called the staghound or buckhound, which was used in deer hunting, but this variety has practically died out.

**Pa's Subterfuge.**

"Say, pa," called the well-known and off-hand voice.

"What can I do for you, my son?" asked pa.

"Is the chairman of a standing committee a sitting position, er-er?"

"Here is a quarter," interrupted pa. "Go out and buy yourself a stick of candy."

**Biggest Block of Jade Ever Found.**

A bowlder of jade, or nephrite, is on exhibition in the foyer of the New York Museum of Natural History. This is the largest block of jade ever found; it weighs 4,710 pounds, is seven feet long, two feet wide and one foot thick.

The Scientific American says it is large enough to have furnished material for all the prehistoric objects of nephrite that have been found in Europe.

As this huge block was dug from a quarry in Germany, there is no need to suppose, as has been done, that prehistoric man got his jade from China or Burma.

**Prefers Home Folks.**

"Mother, if I were to die, would God let me take my Teddy bear up to heaven to play with?"

"In the first place, you are not going to die," said mother, severely, "and in the next place, when you go to heaven you will have the angels to play with."

"Then I want to go where I can have my Teddy bear, 'cause I know him better than the angels."

**EGGS FOR SALE.**

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

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

**RED MAN'S GOOD QUALITIES**

As a Race, and Individually, the American Indian Has Proved Capable of Many Things.

It is very worth while to give the Indian a square deal. He has proved himself capable of great things. Two presidents of Peru have been Indians. One of Mexico's greatest presidents was an Indian, and Bolivia has had at least one great Indian president. One expects them to excel in warfare. The Araucanian Lantare was the greatest military chieftain South America has produced except San Martin, and we have had Gen. John A. Logan and Gen. Eli S. Parker. Numbers of our senators and congressmen have been proud of their Indian blood, and Thomas C. Moffett, who knows the red man well, says that "in the professional world today, on farms among leaders in business affairs, the Indian, educated and Christianized, is taking his place; clever Indian lawyers are looking out for the interests of their tribes; capable Indian physicians are ministering to the needs of their own people; earnest Indian preachers and teachers are spreading among the reservations the seed of the gospel message; aggressive Indian agricultural experts are teaching the younger generation how to improve land and crops; the new Indian is helping the forward movement activities of his country."

The white man's diseases and vices have burdened the Indian, but his schools, medicine, Christian morals and faith can, if he so wills it, lift that burden and make his red brother once again a free man.—Evangeline Cole, in World's Outlook.

**VALUE OF MUSICAL TRAINING**

Sound Reasons Why Physicians Should Have Thorough Knowledge of Sound and of Rhythm.

The great value of musical training to the practicing physician is pointed out by Dr. Ernest Zueblin, associate professor of medicine in the University of Cincinnati, in an article contributed to American Medicine. Appreciation of the pitch, intensity and duration of sounds, and of rhythm, which must be acquired by the musician in the study of his art, are also necessary to the doctor, who is obliged to take note of these same sound qualities in making many of his diagnoses. The objective signs of disease, Dr. Zueblin points out, are closely related to acoustic phenomena, such as conductivity, quality, tonality, pitch, intensity, duration and rhythm. The conductivity of sound, for instance, is quite different in a normal lung from one where there is fluid between the lung and the chest wall. The quality and tonality of sounds produced within the lungs or heart or transmitted through the abdominal viscera, are essential for the diagnostician. The better the musical training, the sharper the personal perception of the student, the more he will excel his competitors.

**Traits of Bird Lovers.**

Years ago, during a winter's visit in London, I used to watch the persons who regularly fed the birds in Hyde park. I noticed that most of them were people of apparently humble circumstances, a few pretty close to underfeeding themselves. It was delightful to see how much pleasure they all took in keeping these birds from hunger.

Two that I saw each day for a week or so, evidently husband and wife, I ventured to speak to. Eagerly they talked about the birds as they might have talked about children, noting and relishing individual characteristics.

"We have become so fond of them," said the wife. "They recognize us now, many of them, and a few come to us quite fearlessly. We should feel quite uncomfortable if we should miss a day. They are like members of the family that have to be cared for."—Exchange.

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**CRUELTY NOT FEMININE VICE**

Unfair to Lay Individual Cases of Thoughtlessness at the Door of the Entire Sex.

An official of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals complains of "cruel women who come to the meetings of the society wearing aigrettes of the plumage of birds that are obtained by the slaughter of the mother bird and the starvation of the brood."

On this solid foundation of fact one might feel secure in concluding that women are, as a sex, more cruel than men.

All eyes have seen the women with the bird on her hat. She wears this particular badge of her cruelty where it cannot escape being seen and for the sole reason that it may be seen.

But is it not unfair to condemn women as utterly cruel because of this one fault? After all, it is not so much a fault as a frailty. Women's vanity is an overpowering passion, and if they must feed it upon the plumage of slaughtered birds, are they any worse than men who glut their greed upon the fruits of others' life-crushing toil?

Cruelty is really a very infrequent vice among women. Even bird-wearing is far from being universal among them. It is impossible not to remember that the whole structure of the movement on behalf of humanity to all creatures which has reached greater proportions in this country than in any other, is founded in the first instance on the tender-heartedness of American women. It would be interesting to know how far the S. P. C. A. movement would ever have progressed but for the inspiration and enthusiasm that have come from women.—Christian Herald.

**DEFENDS LOWER BIRTH-RATE**

Writer in Leading Scottish Publication Sees No Cause for Alarm in Its Continuance.

This is the rule of evolution—fewer offspring, a longer period of infancy, and more careful parental care. Whenever one looks in the animal kingdom he finds that rule working, a writer in the Edinburgh Review points out.

Among fishes, species that exhibit no sort of parental care, the average of 49 gives 1,040,000 eggs to a female each year; while among those which make nests or any apology for nests the number is only about 10,000.

Coming down through human history one finds the same law working. Among savage or semicivilized peoples the birthrate is very high, as is also the deathrate through enemies and disease. But, as fast as civilization makes its influence felt, the result is seen in a lowered birthrate, accompanied by better care of the fewer children who are born.

Havelock Ellis recently pointed out that the nations in Europe which were most ready and eager for war—Germany, Russia, Serbia, Austria—are the countries of highest birthrate, and hence of greatest economic pressure. And he adds: "Those who would seek to restore the birthrate of half a century ago are engaged in a task which would be criminal if it were not based on ignorance and which is in any case fatuous."

**Knitting, Revived Art.**

Knitting, as a handicraft, almost universal among our grandmothers, and now being revived by women all over the world, received its deathblow from the invention of Isaac Wixan Lamb, who was born in Salem, Mich., about 78 years ago.

Lamb's invention of the knitting machine, the first perfected apparatus of its kind, transformed the art of knitting from a home occupation to a great manufacturing industry. His machine is capable of producing more than 30 varieties of knit goods and makes 4,000 loops a minute at ordinary speed, turning out both flat and tubular work. Later inventors have worked improvements in the process. As one result of the war knitting needles are again in vogue, and their click may now be heard in the homes, in the theaters, in the street cars and every other place. In all probability, however, home knitting will pass with the years.

Have your printing done at home.

**CLAIREMONT NOTES OF INTEREST TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY**

Henry Evans, from the Smith ranch near here, made a flying trip to town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Floyd, of Jayton, were visitors in Clairemont Wednesday.

Mr. John Wade is now our telephone operator. John has the big-head.

Clem Haywood, of three miles to the north of town, was here Wednesday on business.

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day on business.

Dennis Eteridge, of south of town, was here Wednesday greeting friends and on business.

R. Tatom made a business trip to Jayton one day this week.

Steve Peek, of Girard, and Rufus Duke, of DeLeon, were in Clairemont Wednesday.

C. O. Thompson, of Sneed ranch, was here Wednesday.

Wesley Osman was in town one day this week.

Dad Scoggins was able to be on the streets today.

Sam Johnston, of the Taylor ranch near Jayton, was in town on business Thursday.

R. I. Goodall has been in Girard some this week on official business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dunn made a flying trip to town this week.

Miss Jennie Adams was here Monday visiting her many friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. P. McCombs states that she is going away. Mrs. McCombs has been our telephone operator for some time and has been a good one. She and her little son, George, are going to her brother near Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jay and children were in town Thursday.

Mr. Carlos McCombs was also in town from the Jay ranch one day this week.

Miss Marie Taylor returned to her home this week after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Jay.

Dr. Wray, of Jayton, was in town again Thursday.

Mr. G. C. Dial is on the sick list now.

Dick Sampson was in town Thursday on business.

Warren Hopson, of the Sneed ranch near Clairemont, was hauling water here Thursday.

Mr. S. A. Stanley and son were in town Thursday.

Messrs. Nonnie and Rome Rogers and Bery Hart were here from the Rogers ranch.

Mr. J. B. Sneed, his brother, wife and little girl, passed through town Thursday.

H. W. Johns made a flying trip to Jayton Thursday.

Will Cooper returned to Clairemont Wednesday night.

Sam Johnston made a flying trip to Jayton Wednesday.

We are glad to state our flu is now much better.

Floyd and Dick Byrd were in town Friday.

Mr. G. W. Morgan, of several miles northeast of town, was here Friday.

Mrs. Dick Sampson, who has been to Cisco for treatment, returned to her home Monday.

Dick Sampson, of the Paddle ranch, was here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. I. McCombs, who have been in Dallas for some time, for the treatment of Mrs. McCombs, returned to their home Monday. We are glad to have them back home again.

Misses Eva and Ione McFall, of four miles north of town, were here Monday.

Miss Ides Glenn, who has been in Clairemont for some time, returned to her school at Cedar Bayou Sunday.

Mr. Henry Tatom and Misses May Tatom and Fanny Bell McCombs accompanied her.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Lowrance, of Jayton, called on Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fox Sunday. They also made a flying trip to the Brown ranch Sunday afternoon.

Horace Shipp, from the Paddle Ranch, was here Monday.

Mr. B. C. Cairnes passed through town Monday from his ranch.

Mr. Ervin Stricklin, who has been visiting sick relatives at Paducah, returned home Sunday.

Misses Marie and Bernice Taylor, Messrs. Carlos McCombs and Ervin Stricklin, made a flying trip to Clipper Sunday evening.

Messrs. Carlos, Ira and Mack McCombs, Charlie Stoneman, made a trip to Post City Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Waggoner and family, of Girard, were here Sunday visiting relatives.

Mrs. G. W. Morgan, of north of town, has been assisting in the attention of her little grand daughter, Sylvia Taylor, who has been ill of bronchial pneumonia. She is now better, we are glad to report.

Dr. Wray was called to Clairemont to see Mrs. W. M. Wade who now has the flu.

Messrs. Naith and Ed Underwood, of several miles south of town, were here on business Monday.

Mr. Sam Johnston and Mr. Carlos McCombs made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Mr. Ed Taylor was in town Monday.

Miss Marie Taylor left for the Taylor ranch to help take care of the sick there.

Mr. T. B. Cross and daughter, Opal, were in town Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jay have been to town several times this week.

Mr. Bert Jay and Mr. H. W. Johns made a trip Saturday to Snyder.

Carlos McCombs made a flying trip to the Taylor ranch Saturday.

Mr. Rufus Duke was here from De Leon this week.

Mr. Steve Peek, from Girard, was here several days this week.

Charlie Peek passed through town Saturday on his way to Girard.

Misses Marie and Bernice Taylor entertained Mr. Rufus Duke and Mr. Carlos McCombs Friday night.

Berry Hart, from the Rogers ranch, was here Monday on a load of wood.

We are glad to report that Miss Faye Hart is again able to be up.

Mr. G. C. Dial has been sick this week.

C. O. Thompson is among those who are numbered on the sick list.

Willie Chaffon, Jack and I. J. Rogers were here Saturday.

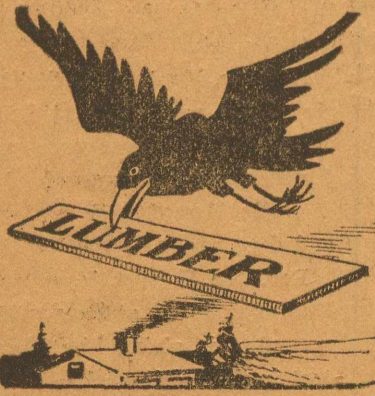
County court was in session this week.

J. W. Cargile was here this week on business.

Bill Aaron was among the traders and visitors in Clairemont this week.

Mr. Bert Brown was among the visitors in our little city this week.

—BROWN EYES.



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**OIL MEN IN SPUR THIS WEEK TO SECURE LEASES FOR A TEST**

Oil men from Burkburnett, accompanied by geologists, were in Spur this week viewing the country with the intention or prospect of securing leases for the purposes of sinking one or more deep test wells for oil.

The oil men, we are informed, only required a lease on approximately 30 thousand acres of land with a view of sinking a number of deep wells, thus giving the locality a thorough test for oil.

We are informed that the acreage required can be had, and if the men will make sufficient bond to insure the land holders that they not only mean business but that the wells will be drilled, we will see real oil development here within a short time.

The fact that a well approximately five thousand feet deep was sunk near Spur, has always been somewhat of a knock to oil development progress in this immediate territory. Yet all geologists state that oil could possibly be found at a much less depth not more than half a mile from the deep well already drilled; and others state that if this well had been sunk through the rock formation in which the drilling was suspended, the probability is that oil would have been uncovered.

We have always believed that oil some day would be uncovered in this section, and we still entertain this belief.

The development of the world's greatest oil fields in Eastland and adjoining counties after drilling operations extending over a period of twenty five years, has made that section "oil mad", and this madness in a milder form is now extending through this and other outlying sections. This "madness" will bring about further and more extensive oil developments not only here but elsewhere.

**MOTLEY COUNTY RAILROAD WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE**

The Motley county railroad has been operating at a loss for some time, and there was talk of suspension of operations, but this seems to have passed, and the road is still running and there is no intention of its being tied up at this time.

Like most short lines, the Motley County Railroad has not been a paying proposition, and it was probably expected that it never would be a money-maker, but it was regarded as a necessity from the standpoint of convenience, and very material to the interests of our county seat.

The unprecedented business depression due to successive crop failures and the war, have been telling and disastrous to all enterprises in this section, and especially have the railroads been made to suffer, particularly short lines and local lines, but those behind the Motley County road show the proper spirit in their determination to keep the road operating. —Roaring Springs Report.

**Johnson as Literary Autocrat.**

The Great Cham of Literature was a term formerly general in its application to Samuel Johnson, arising from a reference to that quaint and autocratic master of letters in a letter from Doctor Smollett to John Wilkes in 1759. The term suggests the Great Cham (sometimes Chan) of Tartary whom many writers of that day employed as a figure typifying despotism. In the letter referred to, however, the term is used somewhat ironically, for the so-called Great Cham had appealed to Smollett to secure the discharge of his negro servant from the navy and it was through Wilkes, who had nursed a grudge against Johnson, that the discharge was procured. Smollett's inference was that under such circumstances the Great Cham was a humble man.

Dr. B. F. Hale, of Dickens, returned Thursday from the oil fields of Eastland county. He got his "feet wet."

**WAR ON WINTER GOODS UNTIL FEB'Y 22**

**We have just completed our inventory and find that there are yet many winter goods that must be sold to make room for spring merchandise that will soon be arriving.**

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**SUCCUMB TO ARCTIC TENSION**

Few Explorers in High Latitudes Successfully Resist Peculiar Psychological Effects.

In a paper dealing with the University of Oxford expedition to Siberia, of which he was a member, H. U. Hall of the University of Pennsylvania referred to the striking psychological effects of long daylight and long darkness in high latitudes, the Scientific American states.

As to the former, apart from the tendency to shorten sleeping hours in order to make the greatest possible use of the long day, there seems to be a kind of stimulation of the nervous system, urging people to a feverish and purposeless activity. This is especially noticed in newcomers, but the natives are not exempt from it. On the other hand, the coming of the long winter night is followed by a kind of reaction, though no general depression of vitality is apparent.

With the cessation of work the period of sociability begins, and the circumstances favor a lapse of self-control. This is the time when "Arctic hysteria" is likely to show itself. Such, for instance, is a form of hysterical seizure for which the Tungus have a special name, in which the patient sings improvisations of his own which are likely to contain absurd exaggerations or laughable glorifications of himself.

**Cherokee Once Powerful.**

The Cherokees are an important tribe of North American Indians. The name means upland field, the tribe being peculiarly upland. They may have so designated themselves to their first European visitors. They are probably the people known traditionally to the Delawares as Talligowi, a powerful body which once occupied the valleys of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and afterward was driven south by the Delawares and Iroquois. When first known to Europeans their center was in the southern Alleghenies, and they occupied the mountains of southern Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Their chief settlements were on the head waters of the Savannah and Tennessee rivers, and were respectively called Elati Tsalaki, or Lower Cherokee, and Atali Tsalaki, or Upper Cherokee, speaking two different dialects. As the white settlers pressed upon them they retreated westward until by the treaty of 1835, they sold all their remaining country, and the main body removed to a tract assigned to them west of the Mississippi. A considerable number remained behind, and gradually concentrating in western North Carolina, are now known as the eastern band of Cherokees, numbering about 2,000.

W. F. Cathey returned Friday from the Ranger oil fields.

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**THE MATADORS ARE PUTTING DOWN A DEEP WELL NOW**

Everything that you see smells or savors of oil in these days, but the operation going on at the head of Panther Canyon, about five miles west of town certainly means something.

The Matador Land & Cattle Company, which is putting down a big, deep well at that point, certainly has something more in mind than the procuring of stock water at a place where there is a running stream that never goes dry.

No one except the promoters know what it means, but we do know that they have had the country surveyed and re-surveyed by geologists, and there is every reason to believe that something was located.

The work is being done by the McDonald Construction Company.—The Roaring Springs Report.

**OIL POSSIBILITIES DEVELOPING NOW NEAR McADOO**

This is an age of unprecedented happenings and unforeseen possibilities, especially in the matter of oil development, and it would appear that this section will sooner or later break into the game, on a great or small scale. We have about the same percentage of wise ones who have always known that there was oil under us, and these wont be supposed to become excited.

The latest excitement comes from a place occupied by J. T. Foster, three miles southwest of McAdoo, where a driller who was putting down a well for water, acted like he struck something, and this was borne out by a strictly oily odor that came from the hole.

The operator, who knew somebody in the Oklahoma oil fields became very secretive, plugged the hole, hid the switch key to the engine and either wrote or went home.

There may or may not be anything to it, but some of our people are inclined to think that there is, and we understand Floydada operators and speculators are getting busy.—Roaring Springs Report.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CLIPPER COMMUNITY**

The Gallagher brothers took seven bales of cotton to Rotan to market last week.

John Harrison made a flying trip to Jayton Friday.

Lee J. and Newman Harison went to the gin at Jayton Saturday with cotton.

Mr. Mat Harrison made a business trip to Clairemont Friday of the past week.

Miss Bessie Grice entertained Mr. Lee J. Harrison and Miss Olive Adams with a forty-two game Friday evening.

Messrs. Frank, Mat and Robert Harrison made a business call on Geo. Harrison, Sr., Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison entertained the young folks of Clipper with a dinner dance Saturday night of the past week. Among the guests were Misses Bessie and Ruth, Aaron and Myrtle Gee, of A. B. C.

Mr. Oscar Hamlin made a call on Lee J. Harrison Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Tate spent last week with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Gallagher.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Grice, of Stamford, are visiting his parents, Lewis Grice

Mr. Buck Phillips is now employed by J. E. Gallagher to help put his land up for the bumper crop of 1919.

Mr. Babe Grice, of Rotan, was in Clipper on business last week.

Messrs. Carlos McCombs, Ervin Stricklin, Lee J. Harrison, Misses Olive Adams, Marie and Bernice Taylor enjoyed a kodaking trip Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number of the young folks of Clipper visited Mrs. Hall, of Jayton, Sunday.

Mrs. Vesta Jones is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tate, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman Harrison spent Sunday with Mrs. Hagar, of the Rosewood community.

Frank and Robert Harrison attended Sunday school at Rosewood Sunday afternoon.

Buck Phillips and Coleman Gallagher attended the musical entertainment given by J. H. Donahue Saturday evening.

Thomas Lewis was a business caller at Jayton Saturday.

Messrs. G. W. Newman and Lee J. Harrison were business visitors in Jayton Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Harrison, Misses Ollie and Mary Harrison, Jessie Coop and Robert Harrison spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. G. W. Harrison.

Frank and Ben Harrison are transacting business this week in Spur.

Mat and Jim Harrison and Oscar Hamlin made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Mrs. Eunice Harrison and Miss Jessie Coop were visitors in Jayton Tuesday.

**A. REPORTER.**

George S. Link returned Sunday from the Eastern markets where he bought an immense stock of merchandise for the Bryant-Link Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Oliver recently received a card bearing the following: "Announcing the arrival of Miss Eugenia Harrett Butler on Jan. 27th, weight 8 pounds. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Butler."

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LAND INNOCENT OF BATHTUBS

In Turkey the Stationary Tub, So Familiar in Western Lands, Is Absolutely Unknown.

The Turk in spite of his constant bathing (bathing being enjoined by the Mohammedan religion) has no stationary tubs nor wash bowls—indeed, Turkish houses are quite innocent of plumbing, says Edith Giffalin, in an article on the colorful ancient capital of the Ottoman empire. But as the Turk never bathes save in running water the brick floors contain drains that carry the water to the garden outside. Always before eating, a servant pours, from a pitcher, water over an oriental's hands, which seems a wise provision, for they do not use knives nor forks; spoons only are used to eat soup or sherbets.

They do not sit around a table as we do, but sit on cushions round foot-high table trays. All over the near east they have but two meals. Breakfast is a sort of movable feast up to eleven o'clock. It consists of coffee, fruit and various hot breads. The Turk is enabled to sustain life until his dinner at sunset by drinking innumerable cups of thick, hot, heavily-sweetened coffee.

Dinner, which is consumed in the evening, is the only meal the Turk takes in the bosom of his family. It often is an elaborate affair of twelve courses: Tomatoes and squash and eggplant and other vegetables stuffed with rice or minced meat or cheese, fish swimming in oil, mutton stews, goat fricassees, roasted chickens, rich pastries and candies, preserves, of plum and quince and fig and peach, and always coffee and the marghile-waterpipe.

At some of these dinners they drink a sort of brandy called raki; but alcoholic drinks are anathema to the orthodox Turk.

SOLDIER OF FORTUNE PASSES

World Soon to Have Little Use for Picturesque Character Whose Fortune Was His Sword.

If it shall now come to pass, as it well may, that there shall be an end put to wars, the old-time soldier of fortune will become an extinct species.

The world, of course, can get along very well without him, and yet he will be missed. For he is a very ancient institution, indeed. He was with Alexander and Caesar, Napoleon, the captains and the kings of every nation under the sun wherever there was a knife to stick or a bullet to shoot.

Slowly but surely, however, the ground has been cut from under the feet of the soldier of fortune, and now it seems that, at last, he is to disappear completely.

He had a good time, though, while it lasted, and it did last a long time, at that. For there was always, somewhere, a job waiting for him. If things went stale on the Spanish Main, he could cross over to the other side of the world and find another banner under which to fight.

It was all the same to him, which side he fought with or against. He had no enmities, no hatreds; he had no grudge to satisfy. His business was fighting. The doubloon of Spain looked just as good to him as the sovereign of England or the yen of Japan.

To Get Cash From Bank Vaults.

An ambitious young yegzeman once approached a famous safe cracker in the penitentiary where both were sejourning. The young man was about to leave prison and wanted to know a sure method of getting money from a bank's vault.

"Go," said the famous safeblower, "to your home town. Get a job. Visit the bank every Saturday evening and deposit a small amount of your week's wages. Thus you will gain the confidence of the bank officials and people in general. Get a better job as soon as you can. Continue your weekly visits. In time you'll find yourself universally trusted."

"And then?" the young yegzeman asked expectantly.

"Then," the wise old crook answered, "you will be drawing interest out of the bank vault; and that is the only sure and safe method of getting money from such a place."

System Brings Results.

It's not necessary to become a recluse to gain fitness. The very fact that you grow makes present tasks easy. That gives additional time that can be applied in still greater attainments. Self-mastery begets self-confidence that reacts again in greater self-mastery. And that leads to the mastery of other things. Each new attainment helps to make work easier. The wise man knows he must have recreation and diversion so he does not become a grind. He just systematizes his time and marshals his resources in such a way as to startle the careless worker. The result is continued growth in efficiency. Every day brings added satisfaction for

there is joy in achievement.—Exchange.

Glazing Soles of Shoes.

Shoe soles that are occasionally glazed have exceptional wearing qualities, and it was by this process that our grandparents made a single pair of shoes last an entire season, without resoling. A thin varnish should be used, two coats of it being applied the first time and only a single coat after that. Once a fortnight is often enough to glaze the soles, and it can be done either on new or old shoes.

SEEK ONLY TO PLEASE EYE

Japanese Dinner Entertainments Far From Satisfying the Requirements of the Inner Man.

In the matter of eating it is agreed that the Japanese cuisine is not of the richest in nutritive culture. It is not inexpensive; Japanese dinners are elaborate in preparation, artistic in presentation, but for satisfying the inner man are far inferior to European or even Chinese cooking. The chief characteristic of a purely Japanese dinner is to please the eye, not the palate or stomach. It is a national joke that one must eat a meal before going to or after returning from a Japanese dinner.

Oh, how much labor and expense are lavished on a gochiso (entertainment) to make it nice to look at! That is all sheer waste and luxury and is to be condemned. Providence has kindly put in the power of every Japanese to live in the most economical manner, so the Japanese dinner is a blasphemous abuse of providential beneficence. It is an anachronistic relic of feudalism, reminiscent of the morbid tastes of the idle, luxurious overlords! A monstrous fact is that these customs are not going out of fashion.—Exchange.

Corsicans Hard Fighters.

In the matter of utter disregard for death, of complete forgetfulness of self, French officers agree that the Corsicans are superior to all other soldiers of France. Impetuous and vindictive, they hate the enemy with a passionate ferocity that blinds them to any thought of danger. Besides this, they are intensely proud of the fact that they come from the island that produced Napoleon, and cherish above all else the recollection of the military valor of the greatest of Corsicans. To them cowardice is the unforgivable sin, and to falter in the face of danger is to win the eternal contempt of comrades.

The Corsicans have a long warlike history, and years ago fought side by side with the British. For a brief period in the eighteenth century Corsica was under the protection of Great Britain, and the people acknowledged George III as their king.

Easy to Exterminate Skunk.

Some authorities hold that skunks are the most abundant of all wild animals. This is hard to believe after one has long watched the squirrels and the rabbits, but it may be true. It must be remembered that the daylight skunks are the exceptions, and that most of the tribe only show themselves by starlight. For all we know, every field may be chock full of skunks at midnight. If it be true that they are our most plentiful species it must be apparent that the harm they do is not tremendous. It would be comparatively easy to exterminate them as so many of our small woodland species have been exterminated. Besides, skunk pelts are valuable. With the double incentive of revenge and profit skunk hunters should be able to make mephitic extinct in a few years.

Heart Pumps 70 Gallons Every Hour.

The heart weighs only half a pound, and it must pump 70 gallons of blood through the human system every hour, or, as Joseph Jackson in the Philadelphia Public Ledger estimates, 1,265,000 gallons each year.

It has the power to propel the blood through the arterial system at the rate of 621 feet a minute and this means that the blood requires about 27 seconds in an adult to make a complete circuit of the blood vessels. Being pumped over and over again, the blood travels a distance of 61,000 miles in a year, or more than twice the circumference of the globe. The hurried man abuses it so constantly that the increase in deaths from heart diseases are enormous. The remedy is: more exercise; less hurry; and more careful eating.

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.

J. A. Blair, who resides at Dickens and operates a well drill for a livelihood, was in Spur Monday on business.

BECOME EDUCATED TO SOUND

Meanings That Would Be Unnoticed by Ordinary Man Picked Up by the Trained Ear.

The head barber called one of his barbers over to him and said: "You'd better hone that razor before you use it again."

"How'd you know his razor needed honing?" he was asked.

"I could tell by the sound of it as he drew it over the man's face. I can stand here working and tell how every razor in this shop is working by the sound as the barbers shave their customers."

The Guachos of South America have very acute powers of hearing. They count the units when the galloping of horses or cattle is heard a long time before they can be seen, and by their count the Guachos can tell just how many cattle or horses there are in the herd, or if it is a party of mounted men, how many are mounted and whether they are driving horses or cattle before them. The Guachos can also tell by the thunder of hoofs whether a stampede is caused by Indians or threatening weather.

The majority of locomotive engineers can tell when a storm is approaching by the sound of their engine.

There are 2,500 telegraph wires all clattering at once in an office on Congress street, yet each operator sits at his own instrument, and reads what it says unmindful of the confusion all around him. To the uninitiated it sounds more like a machine shop; but the trained ear of the telegrapher reads it as easily as the musician reads his notes.

A freight trainman riding on top can tell by the sound when there's a flat wheel in his train, and when he does hear it he "goes over the top" after it, in order to set the car out at the first siding to prevent ruining the wheels.

Some railroads were in the habit of paying the brakemen a premium of 25 cents for every flat wheel they found.

ALIVE TO HIS SHORTCOMINGS

Tolstoy a Harsh Critic of Even Petty Failings, as Has Been Revealed in His Diary.

Count Leo Tolstoy in his youth laid down a large number of rules for his own guidance, says Every Week. The first one was this: "Fulfill everything which you have set yourself." And the second was: "Regard feminine society as an inevitable evil of social life, and, in so far as you can, avoid it." His failure to heed his own warnings filled the pages of his diary with a gloomy record of shortcomings:

"March 8th. Yesterday it was late before I opened my eyes, but eventually I got the better of myself. Then I wrote (hurriedly and without reflection) a letter to Nikolinka, and also one, in the stupid form which I have now adopted, to the office (self-delusion). My gymnastics I did carelessly, and with too little balancing of myself against my strength. This failing I shall term in general presumption. At gymnastics I showed off (boastfulness). Also I tried to impart to Kobylin my candid opinion of myself (petty vanity); I went to Volkonsky's without first finishing what I had to do (lack of continuity); I gorged myself upon sweets; sat up too late; and I told several falsehoods."

Harmful Loss of Temper.

Although unbridled rage is helpful in fight among the lower animals, needless to say it is the reverse of serviceable in the deliberate fighting of man against man, as in boxing and fencing, for here anger interferes with those cautious methods of attack and defense which are essential to success. To lose one's temper in fighting of this kind may be to lose the fight. With this reservation it is curious to note the close kinship between the combatant instinct of man and of the lower animals. The untamed man, when enraged, assumes in very truth the aspect of the tiger; he puts himself in a threatening attitude, frowns, glares, rolls his eyes, grinds his teeth, snarls, growls, even roars—thus instinctively seeking to strike terror into his opponent.

T. M. Green was in Spur Saturday from his farm and ranch home near Dickens on business.

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ALL RESPECT POWER OF MACE

Emblem of Authority Raised in House of Representatives Has a Marvelously Quieting Effect.

The American house of representatives is modeled closely after the house of commons, and at the time of its organization the mace was also adopted as its symbol of authority. The first one to be used was destroyed when the British burned the capitol building at Washington in 1814, and from that time down to 1842 a model of the original, made of painted wood, was used. In the latter year the present mace was made and put into use. It is composed of a bundle of ebony rods, three feet long, bound together by silver bands, after the manner of the fasces. From the center of one end protrudes a slender silver stem, representative of the ax of the ancient models. On this is mounted a solid silver globe, five inches in diameter, while crowning the top of this globe stands a silver eagle with outstretched wings.

This is the emblem of the house and whenever that body becomes unruly, as often happens, and the speaker is unable to restore order, the sergeant-at-arms is summoned and, lifting the mace from its place on the pedestal, raises it aloft and carries it up and down the aisles. Order is instantly restored; every member sinks into his seat and absolute silence reigns.

Such is the power of the mace. Every member must respect its authority, and should any fail to do so, he is liable to a heavy fine or even expulsion.

Best-Known Hunting Dogs.

Two distinct breeds of hunting dogs in ancient times were the greyhound and the bloodhound, and their origin is lost in the misty ages of the long ago. Tablets unearthed at Nineveh show by pictures that both dogs were common in that ancient day. The bloodhound was first selected on account of his good nose in scenting the trail of game. He is a pendulous eared, or droop-eared dog. Finally he became the limmer of olden days, that is, the bloodhound led in leash or line to track the quarry to its lair or harbor. He was used only to locate the game and was never off the lead, while the greyhound's mission was to race at the game and pin it by the nose.

High Ideals Marked Indians.

The law of hospitality was general among the savage tribes of this continent. It was rare, or indeed unknown, that an enemy who had accepted hospitality ever violated that rule which made his host as sacred as himself had been. Among our most savage tribes the liar always was a man despised. The man who fought in the open was the man respected. The forked tongue ranked a man where such a man belonged and always will belong—with the snake that crawled on its belly. The Indian sign for that was a sign of contempt and detestation.

Good work horse for sale. See I. G. Van Leer, Spur, Texas. 14-1tptf

WOODROW AND THE KING.

Man is a queer critter. Apparently he loves to make him a fetiah, crawl in front of it on his belly and beat his forehead on the ground in abject submission. Since the dawn of history men have made and unmade kings as easily as a child makes mud pies. They have lifted one of their number on the throne, worshipped him, trembled at his power, kissed his feet, and, tiring of him, they have often killed him as the ox is slaughtered. Again and again they have proved that kings are common clay depending for their perogatives solely upon the acquiescence of their equals, yet the worshipping of royal personages as though they were the appointees of the deity has continued to this day.

Woodrow Wilson's grandfather was a humble subject of the mighty British king. Woodrow Wilson sat at the king's table, the elective representative of the richest, most powerful nation on earth. Woodrow Wilson addressed the king. But he did not say "Your Majesty" or "Your Royal Highness." Knowing that the elective head of a hundred million occupies a more exalted position than the hereditary, titular and nominal ruler of forty million, knowing the hollow emptiness of royal pomp andappings, knowing the character of the common clay of which kings are made, Woodrow Wilson declined by humble speech to give homage where none was due and smashed another precedent and addressed the king as plain "sir" and "you."—February Sunset.

BOY THROWS STONE AT CONDUCTOR SMITH, STAMFORD

Last Thursday night, the 23rd, as the south bound Wichita Valley was leaving Stamford, somebody threw a stone and knocked the glasses from Conductor Smith's nose. The call was a close one, and Mr. Smith, on reaching Anson, wired back to officers here. Chief of Police Sanders got on the trail of the game and along the first of this week located a fourteen year old boy about town who is identified by other boys as throwing the rock. Now, just why that boy did that, nobody knows. But, a few more tricks like this of his and others and we will do no more talking for boys of this town on the curfew line.—Western-Enterprise, Anson.

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### PARADISE FOR THE POETS

World Surely Would Be Pleasant Dwelling Place If All Sweet Singers Were Endowed.

A contemporary suggests that poets and poetry—be endowed.

Should such a great and holy reform be established the stream of poesy will at last be undammed. The singer will break his chains. The world may finally slake its burning thirst in limpid pools of truth. The lyre will be heard in every town and hamlet. Men will read poetry at meals, then improvise it in their sleep. Newspapers and magazines will teem with it. There will be swarms of poets, like mosquitoes, catching inspiration from every twig and leaf—and fat government subsidies.

Nor is this all. The poet will become a sort of public utility, like the fire department. His job will be to kindle fire, not extinguish it. He will be rushed to the scene of action in a municipal auto, there fittingly to commemorate great deeds. A poet will be available by night or day for all occasions—public as well as private.

But how shall a poet qualify? How become officially endowed? By length of servitude or quantity and quality of product? What the remuneration? Shall we form a poet's zoo, each with his own cage and a yard and trough? Ah, here we become lost in a maze of difficulties. Who will administer the fund? Think how Parnassus might be corrupted!

Yet 'tis worth the experiment. Gargery will be all the world's portion when the poet, jealous of his monetary grant, is found training his muse to jump and bark at pleasure of politics.—Toledo Blade.

### Great Poet's Pretty Idea.

Among other delightful little glimpses of Longfellow, Mrs. James T. Fields in her book, "Authors and Friends," gives this bit from a letter of his:

"I have been kept home this evening by a little dancing party. I write this arrayed in my dress coat with a rose in my buttonhole, a circumstance I think worth mentioning. It reminds me of Buffon, who used to array himself in his full dress for writing 'Natural History.' Why should we not always do it when we write letters? We should, no doubt, be more courtly and polite, and perhaps say handsome things to each other. It was said of Villemain that when he spoke to a lady he seemed to be presenting her a bouquet. Allow me to present you this postscript in the same polite manner, to make good my theory of the rose in the buttonhole."

Mrs. W. T. Andrews' uncle visited her the latter part of last week, going from here to Ranger where he expects to reside in the future. He was recently discharged from army service.

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### PEST SPREAD BY MOSQUITO

Scientists Have Traced Cause of Disease That Has Long Been Prevalent in the Tropics.

One of the most peculiar of all diseases is filariasis, common in the tropics. In the blood of persons suffering from it there are found innumerable little worms that can be seen only by the aid of a microscope. These are present only at night in the blood that is circulating. At about five o'clock in the afternoon they begin to appear in the blood, having been hidden away in the body until this time, and then they remain in the circulation until about midnight, when they begin to diminish. By eight or nine o'clock in the morning they have all disappeared, and a search of the blood under the microscope after this fails to reveal any. They are now collected in certain large blood vessels deep in the body, especially in the lungs, where they remain hidden until they go out on their next nocturnal excursion.

The parasite is conveyed to human beings by the bite of certain kinds of mosquitoes. The mosquito bites and takes from a man, or from some animal, as the case may be, blood which contains these small worms. In the stomach of the mosquito (the intermediate host) the parasite goes through certain definite changes or metamorphoses, which are just as necessary to its complete life as are the different phases in the lives of butterflies, moths and a great many insects. First it escapes from a skin or shell in which it has existed. Then it bores its way through the wall of the mosquito's stomach and travels forward through the body until it arrives at the base of the bill or proboscis.

### ODD BELIEF ABOUT GEESE

Long Ago It Was Universally Thought That They Originated From the Barnacle.

The popular sixteenth century belief that geese originated from the barnacle was not confined to the uneducated, but was shared even by naturalists. John Gerard, in his "Herball (or General Historie of Plantes)" (printed in London in 1597), in giving a description of this marvel, says he only tells "what our eyes have seen and hands have touched." "On the Pile of Foulders," he goes on to say, "are founde certaine shels, wherein is contained a thing in forme like a lace finely woven; one end whereof is fastned unto the incide of the shell; the other end is made fast unto a rude mass, which in time cometh to the shape of a bird. In short space after it cometh to maturity, and falleth into the sea, where it gathereth feathers and groweth to a fowle which the people of Lancashire call by no other name then a tree goose."

He goes on to testify to their abundance by saying that the best of them could be bought for three-pence, and challenges the incredulous to "repaire unto me and I shall satisfie them by the testimonie of good witnesses."

The Pile of Foulders is the small island now known as Piel Island, near Barrow-in-Furness.

### Keep Moving Up.

To be worth moving up you must keep up. There are thousands of things in which you must keep up. It's not enough to think well in terms of business. The average business man must watch his habits, dress, speech, and companionship. They are all signboards of his standing. The man above the average takes care of everything that advertises him and his business. He can afford to let others exploit the freakish and the startling. He takes care that whatever he does or wears tells of the man of judgment and good taste. Call it waste time if you want to. A few years of observation will show the wisdom of his position. So the thing is to mentally and efficiently move up. The visible transfer will come with the bigger pay as soon as you are prepared to handle the job.—Grit.

### Hindu Snake Superstition.

The pious Hindu believes the snake to be the reincarnation of some human being, possibly a great philosopher, and he has the assurance that the deities he worships will protect him from these venomous reptiles. Sometimes one sees a Hindu before an altar in a temple, with a serpent in the folds of his cloak. Suddenly he permits the snake to sting him, showing the blood flowing from an undisputed wound. He then takes a black stone from his pocket, rubs it over the bleeding spot, then muttering many incantations he makes passes over his body. A few moments later he assures his audience that the bite, which would have been poisonous otherwise, was made harmless by his prayers and incantations offered to the deity.

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### Birch Bark.

The bark of the yellow birch can be compared with nothing else. The tree is unique among trees. The yellow birch, often better called the silver birch, has a bark more tinsel-like than that of any other tree. It seems to have been made for campers to admire, or perhaps, in an emergency, to use to kindle the camp fire. But do not allow the appreciation of the useful to overcome your appreciation of the beautiful. It is true that the bark may thus be used for kindling, and it is also probably true that the removal of the loose bark does not injure the tree, but such removal injures the beauty of the tree, as you then deprive it of its chief characteristic. The manner in which the bark breaks on the main trunk, expands and rolls back in ribbon-like curls and strips, which long remain attached and rustle in every passing breeze could not fail to elicit the admiration of every lover of the forest.

It is noticeable that on old trunks the character of the bark is different, as there it is roughened by irregular plate-like scales.—Boys' Life.

### Canton a City of Canals.

At Canton, the oldest city in southern China, the river is, in effect, canalized, and the shipping is heavy and varied. The water is deep enough for ships of 1,000 tons burden as far as the city, but foreign boats come up only as far as Whampoa, nine miles to the southeast, where there are extensive docks. Here the loading and unloading is done by native boats. Vessels of deep draft lie outside the bar. Forty miles below is the Boca Tigris (Mouth of the Tiger), and the water widens into a wide estuary. Water divides the old from the new town and surrounds the island and the suburbs, where the Europeans live, so that Canton has an abundance of picturesque water life, including a big houseboat population.

### Most Costly Gown.

What is the most valuable costume in the world? The New York Outlook asks, and says in answer: "An inventory of the dresses of queens, of the wives of the maharajahs of India, and of the princesses of fashion in every land would no doubt include costumes of fabulous value, but could any of them match two gowns mentioned in Theophile Gautier's 'Italy.' "The sacristy of the cathedral at Milan contains a treasure which could not surprise those who have seen the wardrobe of Notre Dame at Toledo, Spain, in which a single robe covered with white and black pearls is worth 7,000,000 francs (\$1,400,000), and yet that of Milan is fully as valuable."

### Planting Bulbs.

The easiest way to plant bulbs is to use a dibble or a bulb-planter. A dibble is, in its simplest form, only a round stick slightly larger than the bulbs, with one end pointed. Those purchased at the stores usually have a curved handle. A very good dibble can be made from an old garden fork or spade handle by cutting it off about a foot from the end. The handle will be found convenient. You can be sure of planting the bulbs at a uniform depth, if you measure the distance on the dibble and drive a nail into the wood or make a chalk mark at the right place. Some gardeners paint bands an inch apart on their dibles for convenience.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Foster were in Spur Saturday from their ranch home several miles northwest of town and spent several hours conversing with friends and acquaintances and purchasing supplies.

### HAS WORRYING EVER HELPED?

In all your life did you ever gain anything, ever get the slightest benefit from worrying over any situation? Did it ever help you to bear your burden better or to make it lighter? What have all the years of worrying in the past done for you? You know that the worrying has done nothing but sap your vitality, lower your courage, weaken your initiative, handicap your executive ability and distress and confuse your mind, thus unfitting you for clear thinking and decisive acting. It has possibly cut off years of your possible life. It has deepened the furrows in your face, whitened your hair, put a drag on your steps, and taken the spontaneity and buoyancy out of your life. It has made you a poorer husband, a poorer father, a poorer friend, a less agreeable and less effective partner and comrade, whether in business or in social life. It has crippled your efforts and your business. Multitudes of days have been pretty nearly ruined by worry and anxiety. The fear of disaster, misfortune, of possible failure, has been your worst enemy. You have harbored it, welcomed it, encouraged it by dwelling upon it, listening to its doubts and dire predictions. Multitudes of people who have harbored it have been ruined by it. It has filled our poor houses, our insane asylums, our hospitals. Fear is the great human curse.—Orison Sweet Marden in The New Success Magazine.

### MAN IS A FAILURE

When he has no confidence in himself nor his fellow-men.  
When he loves his own plans and interests more than humanity.  
When his friends like him for what he has more than for what he is.  
When he becomes so absorbed in his work that he cannot say that life is greater than work.  
When he lets a day go by without making some one happier and more comfortable.  
When he tries to get ahead in the world by climbing over the shoulders of others.  
When he values wealth above health self-respect and the good opinion of his fellows.  
When he is so burdened by his business that he can find no time for rest and recreation.  
When he envies others because they have more ability, talent or wealth than he has.  
When he does not care what happens to his neighbor or to his friends so long as he is prosperous.  
When he is so busy doing work that he has no time for smiles and cheering words.

—Haskell Free Press.

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 THE SATISFACTORY STORE-- Hardware, Furniture and Coffins

**DISABLED MEN DO NOT NEED TO TAKE "CHARITY" JOBS**

Washington.—Many a man has come back more or less disabled and has been placed in some sort of a job in which charity is a moving consideration. A patriotic employer of labor takes on one or more of these men. They are not doing anything of value—they are not expected to. It is an evidence of patriotism that employers are ready to do this, and the motives actuating them are most praiseworthy, though misguided.

But how long will those jobs last after the first fever of patriotic impulses has waned? In the after years the war spirit will inevitably calm down. In the sharp competition of business the useless expenses must be cut, the handicap of dead weights eliminated, and for one reason or another, these disabled men will find themselves out of work with no special ability to do anything well and small chance to find anything else to do in competition with skilled men.

Those men who have been passed upon as eligible for or who may be eligible for, or who are drawing compensation from the War Risk Insurance Bureau, are entitled to free specialized education by which they may fit themselves for some occupation and become expert in a particular line.

The experience of Canada and other countries shows that these men are able to really earn more money after being retrained than they could ever hope to receive as holders of semi-charity jobs. Better still, they become really valuable men and in periods of retrenchment instead of being the first to do, are bound to be secure.

It would pay all war disabled men now holding these unskilled jobs to abandon them and take the training offered them free by the United States Government. If single they are allowed \$65 per month support fund, have absolutely all expenses of the specialized education paid, and are provided with suitable employment after they have finished their course of retraining.

A postal card or letter addressed to the Federal Board for Vocational Education, Washington, will bring the details of this great scheme of government justice.

**DUCK CREEK ITEMS.**

The farmers in this community are all busy preparing for a bumper crop this year.

The party at Al Taylor's last Friday night was enjoyed by a large crowd of young folks.

B. J. Hagins, from Lamesa, is visiting his friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. John Willis was the guest of Mrs. Buster Bural last Sunday and Sunday night.

Grandma Rucker, who has been sick for several days, is at this time reported doing nicely.

Miss Delreo Tyler and Mrs. Lorado Hagins were the guests of Miss Sallie Taylor last Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Bural made a flying trip to Spur Saturday.

Mr. Walter Driggers was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Henry were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Carlisle Sunday at Girard.

Mrs. W. P. Marshall was the guest of Mrs. John Randall Sunday.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan has been on the sick list, and is reported no better at this time we are sorry to note.

—HUSKY JANE.

**NEWS FROM GILPIN.**

Messrs. P. E. Hagins and D. G. Simmons made a trip to Dickens this week.

Engineer Cocke, of Seymour, was in our midst Sunday evening.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan is quite sick.

There will be a pie supper at the Duck Creek school house Friday night for the benefit of the school. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

We wish to tell the Antelope chaps that Duck Creek would like for them to show us first and then brag about their literary. Now, we might brag a little also but mother always taught us not to brag on ourselves. She says if we are worthy of praise our friends will bestow it and we will be relieved of the embarrassment of praising ourselves.

Mrs. Parnell is becoming uneasy about her son who is supposed to be somewhere in France. She has not heard from him since he arrived. The Red Cross is trying to find him for her, and we hope that she will hear good news of him soon, or better still, see him face to face.

Top Hawkins, who is teaching the school at Centerview, was shaking hands with his friends here Sunday.

Rev. W. B. Bennett made a trip to Espeula Sunday.

Mr. Finis Bilberry made a trip to Spur Saturday evening.

Mr. Tatum made a business trip to Girard Monday.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins and little ones visited her sister, Mrs. Lucy Stephens of near Girard, last week.

Prof. Smelser went to Spur Saturday.

Our primary teacher, Miss Miller, visited relatives in Spur Friday evening and Saturday.

Cecil Bennett writes that another fine rain fell at Seymour last Saturday.

**SCHOOL GIRL.**

**TAP TELLINGS.**

Farmers are very busy tilling the soil.

W. G. Hinson is sporting a new roadster car.

Orwin Lambert returned home this week from Montgomery, Alabama, where he has been in training for the past six months.

Ed Fuqua was in our midst this week having moved his cattle from his ranch in Kent county to his stalk field at Tap.

The young folks enjoyed a social at Tom Love's Saturday night.

Grandpa Sparks is suffering from a severe attack of la grippe.

R. F. Harrell is freighting for Bert Brown this week.

Mose Quisenberry is reported on the sick list, but was able to fill his regular appointment Sunday evening.

Jim Henderson has purchased another good team and is farming with renewed energy.

L. S. Scott moved his dwelling from his Cat Fish place to near his home here, and which will be used by his tenants.

L. S. Scott is operating a big farm and always raises plenty of everything for himself and also a surplus for his neighbors.

Doc Love has a position on the Bill McArthur farm, pulling the lines over four going to yon end and back.

Ye scribe made a flying trip to Spur this week.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks received the sad news this week of the death of one of her brothers, Cecil Pirkle, of Happy, Texas.

KID-A-LUDE.

**WHY WASTE ONE'S LIFETIME?**

After All, as Lincoln Said, the World Will Little Know Nor Long Remember.

In an article in the American Magazine one man says to another who was very sensitive and worried a great deal:

"Exactly," he grunted. "A few years ago they were live men like you and me. They grew up and did their business and loved and married and died. Some of them passed happily along their way, believing the best of their fellows, doing their jobs whole heartedly and well, spreading a bit of sunshine among the folks they came in contact with extracting every drop of sweetness from every single day. And others went through, wrapped up inside their own little selves, envying their neighbors, fancying themselves abused, worrying over trifles, always on the lookout for slights, spoiling a full 50 per cent of their days through their own pettiness. And a few days pass, and they all are laid out here together, the men who laughed their way through life and made others laugh a little more, and the men who gnawed their hearts out. All lying side by side, never to live again.

"Think of the things that those dead men worried about. What do they amount to now? Think of the good luck that they enjoyed in other fellows. Who in the world remembers it? They had one little lifetime to live, and they spoiled it by over-sensitiveness and jealousy. Doesn't it strike you as an awfully foolish way to waste a lifetime, when it's the only lifetime that you will ever have?"

**LEARNED TO NEWSPAPER WORK**

Andrew Carnegie's Early Ambition Was to Be Great Editor—Burns Resisted Lure of Journalism.

Andrew Carnegie in his early days had an ambition to enter the newspaper business, but when he failed to obtain a position on the Pittsburgh Dispatch, he turned his talents in other directions and finally became America's leading iron and steel manufacturer.

Robert Burns, on the other hand, spurned efforts to induce him to go into journalism and thus made the way clear for his becoming the most beloved of Scottish bards. These points were brought out in an address given by William Will, president of the London Burns club.

The first attempt to get Burns in the newspaper line was when Peter Stuart of the London Morning Post started the Star. Burns declined to give active assistance in turning out the paper, although he occasionally contributed articles. Later James Perry, proprietor of the London Morning Chronicle, offered Burns £5 a week to join the staff. Burns refused the offer on the plea that his duties as an excise officer would prevent him from attending to the work. Nothing ever resulted, either, from the suggestions that Burns write a three-act comic opera.

**Proper Care of Pet Fish.**

Fish are not hard to raise. The greatest danger to which they are subjected in disease is the fungous growth that attacks the fins and tail. This can be detected by the drooping off of bits of the fins and tail, and by the tiny red streaks that mark the part that remains. To treat, give the fish a bath in a strong solution of salt water, letting him remain in this until he flops over on his side. Repeat in the course of a day or two until the growth is checked. For more severe cases, a weak solution of permanganate of potassium is used. Allow the fish to lie in this a minute or two, then replace in fresh water.—Kansas City Star.

**Cracking Palm Nuts.**

In Central America ten tons of palm nuts an hour are cracked by a machine including a fast revolving drum-wheel into which the nuts are fed from a hopper. A force of 1,800 pounds is required to crack the half-inch shells, but the drum-wheel, making 800 revolutions per minute, shatters each one into several pieces by hurling it two feet on a tangent against the breaker blocks continuously lining the inner surface of the main drum shaped casting. The wheel rotates on a vertical spindle. The blocks deflect the fragments downward into a discharge pipe, and air from blowers separates the shells from the useful portion of the nuts.

Mr. Farmer—I will insure your car at \$5 a year against fire, tornado, lightning and theft. Why not?—C. Earyl Senning.

**NOTICE.**

I will complete all unfinished work of Dr. Pierce's.—A. L. Brasher, in offices formerly occupied by Dr. Pierce.

**THE FAMOUS WATERMAN FOUNTAIN PENS AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.**

This week I am going to sell a six-room house, well improved, east front, dirt cheap. Do you want to buy this place like paying rent?—C. Earyl Senning.

Mrs. L. H. Edwards, of the Croton community, is at the Standifer hospital convalescing from a surgical operation. Her condition was considered serious for a while. In fact it was reported that L. H. was entertaining quite a few smiles from prospective Mrs. Edwards's; but the timely work of the skilled surgeons blighted the hope of the girls who will have to look elsewhere for matrimonial subjects.

Hot barbecue at the Central Market Friday and Saturday. Bring your bucket and get some gravy with it.

W. A. Johnson, prominent citizen of a few miles northwest of Spur, was transacting business in the good town Saturday.

G. C. Pass, of Ralls, was in the city of Spur Thursday en route home from the oil field in Eastland county. He stated that he expected to return to the oil fields at an early date to engage in some kind of business. He was a citizen of Spur when this town first opened up.

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Jack Mecom returned Monday after a several week's stay in Burk Burnett, Electra and other points in the oil belt. He states that wages are the best in the country but that the high cost of living evens up the high wage and that a nominal price for work in this country is as good if not better than the high wages there.

Hughes Regal Chocolate—none better—at the City Drug Store.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Spencer, of Crosbyton, were in the city Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Taylor have returned from Mangum, Texas, where they were called on account of the serious illness of their daughter, Mrs. John Dunn, whom they left greatly improved.

C. L. Love left Wednesday for Eastern markets where he will purchase the spring stock of dry goods for the Love Dry Goods Co.

See the new line of stationery at the City Drug Store.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton returned Thursday from San Antonio where Mr. Patton had been in military service the past several months.

J. N. Porter, Roadmaster for the Wichita Valley and Stamford and Northwestern, was in the city of Spur Thursday.

**SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR MONTH ENDING JANUARY 21**

The following pupils of the Spur school, because of not having made less than 90 per cent on any subject, department included, during the past month, deserve to have their names appear on the school honor roll:

**Eleventh grade**

Nina Grace

**Tenth grade**

Birdie Mae Allday

**Ninth grade**

Lera Albin

**Eighth grade**

Lillian Crittenden

Alton Chapman

Bona Mae Ford

Allene Williams

**Seventh grade**

Claude Williams

Geo. S. Link Jr.

Hix Harrington

Homer Farmer

Bernice Tidwell

Leila Grabener

Carl Benson

Allie Powell

**Sixth grade**

Joe Potts

Barrown Chapman

Ruby Vernon

Marvin Ford

Cecil Burnam

**Fifth grade**

John Albin

Horace Hyatt

Arthur Neilon

Addie Joe Addington

Ella Mae Hogan

**Fourth grade**

Clarence Self

Viola Morgan

**Third grade**

Edith McCulloch

Mathis Chapman

Elizabeth Harkey

R. K. Baker

Zena Mae Lee

John A. Davis

**Second grade**

Freeman Edmonds

Jack Hogan

Nellie Goff

Sibyl Clay

Sam Clemmons

Hub Hyatt

**First grade**

Curtis Harkey

Elise Brothers

Louise Clay

Dorothy Fite

Hella Gene Ford

Lucy Gardner

Pauline Oliver

Louise Rogers

Mittie Reynolds

Henry Albin

J. W. Hyatt

Morril Morgan

J. D. Powell

Sam Vernon

F. S. Hastings, of Stamford, has been here this week looking after the S. M. Swenson Bros. ranch interests.

Sherrod Williams and Mack Brown spent last Sunday in Matador.

Just received a fresh and complete line of standard cigars at the City Drug Store. Smoke with us.

C. B. Jones was called to Denver, Colorado, this week on account of the serious illness of his wife who has been spending the winter in Denver.

Mrs. Kate Senning spent part of last week in Sweetwater where she went as a delegate to a convention of Home Service Workers of the Red Cross, held in that city.