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LONG LOST LEAD MINE HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN DICKENS

G. W. Dodson, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday of the past week meeting his many friends. For a number of years an unsuccessful search has been made throughout this whole country for a "lost lead mine." Mr. Dodson informed us that he had located this old mine, but refused to make public just where the mine is now located. Mr. Dodson had some of the products from this location assayed, proving that it was very rich—even richer than would be a big flowing oil well. Mr. Dodson is an old miner himself and will probably develop this mine with the assistance of capitalists.

We have always known that Dickens county soil was not only rich in agricultural resources but also in underground resources. We are just now on the eve of oil development activity, and together with this mining development Dickens county will be one of the foremost counties of all of Texas with respect to oil, rich ore and mineral products, as well as agriculture and livestock interests.

KENT COUNTY HAS THE MOST LAW-ABIDING CITIZENSHIP

So far as the information goes, as given a reporter, but few alleged law violations are pending investigation by the grand jury which is to convene at Clairemont March 10th, and it now appears that very few, if any, bills of indictment will be returned.

The dockets, both criminal and civil, are light for this term of District court, and it is considered that court will be adjourned within the same week it is convened.

There is not a more lawabiding citizenship to be found anywhere than the citizenship of Kent county, as is attested by the jail being vacant practically the year around, and by the very small number of offenses charged in the courts of the county.

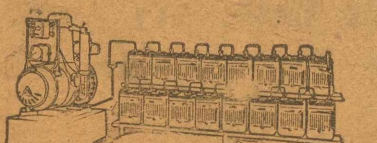
NOTICE.

We will have a car of Pure Mebane re-cleaned, Culled planting seed which we can deliver on or about March 10, at \$2.50 per bushel in three-bushel sacks. All desiring to purchase planting seed please call and we will book you for what you want before they are all gone.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

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DICKENS COUNTY NOW ASSURED OF OIL DEVELOPMENTS

The securing of leases on two twenty thousand acre tracts of land to the northeast and northwest of Spur by Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Lynch, together with the fact that two bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars each has been placed in the two banks of Spur as a guarantee that four test wells will be drilled to a depth of four thousand feet, is substantial assurance that Dickens county will immediately become active in the development of oil resources.

Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Lynch, formerly of Lorenzo, and who have made fortunes the past year operating in the oil fields of Eastland county, having been assured by geologists that oil exists under the soil of Dickens county, will now devote a considerable portion of their fortunes in developing probable oil resources of Dickens county. These gentlemen have agreed to sink two test wells on each of two twenty thousand acre tracts of land provided the landholders will give them oil leases on the required acreage, making bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars in each instance to the effect that these wells will be sunk four thousand feet unless oil is encountered at a lesser depth, and that drilling activity will be commenced within four months time.

We are informed that the required acreage has already been secured and that the contracts will be closed immediately or just as soon as a few more leases are secured in order to completely block up the territory to be developed.

Since the activities of leasing lands has been in progress the entire citizenship has become enthused over the oil prospects, the Spur Farm Lands management has been kept busy selling lands, there having been twenty or more Spur people who have purchased lands in the neighborhood of the leased tracts of land, and propositions to buy leases and royalties are already being made at this time.

That Dickens county is within the oil belt is almost certain, notwithstanding the fact that the deep well drilled at the beginning of Spur failed to bring in anything. Geologists, who are considered the most reliable source of knowledge and information in oil matters, state that there is a permian formation extending from the Eastland county fields northwest into New Mexico, and from which great oil fields will develop. Dickens county is near the center of this formation and the prospects for oil here are unequalled by any undeveloped section.

Regardless of what may be the outcome of the active development progress now under way in Dickens county, we are already feeling the stimulating effects. The fact is that the "oil boom" is now on in Dickens county and we will all reap material benefits therefrom, even though the great oil pool is not encountered. But we are going to get the oil. Within twelve months from today you may view hundreds of oil derricks strung out over the country, and who knows but that among the number will be gushers unsurpassed even by the Ranger fields.

New Gingham, 25c yard; Percales 15c yard; New goods arriving every day.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

We come to you, friends, not with oil stock, royalties or leases to sell you. We know many are thinking in terms of millions, and we hope their fondest dreams come true. But we are just common merchants dealing in merchandise, and we want to sell you. And you must have some goods even though you are the possessor of great oil fields in reality, or just have dreams of a gusher on your claim.

We have the largest stock of dry goods we have ever had in Spur, and we are making prices that will surprise you under market conditions.

We especially want everybody to visit our new Ready-to-Wear Department when it is finished, which will be by the time you read this. We have always tried to carry some nice things in ladies wear, but for lack of room and proper cases to care for the nicer Dresses, Suits, Skirts, etc., we have never carried the stock we felt the town and country should have to select from. But now we are prepared to carry the very things you will want, especially will our dress and suit lines be strong this season, and we will save you money for our prices are cheaper than city prices—and as to styles we know we are right. We expect to build a great Ladies Ready-to-Wear Business in Spur and know we must have the right styles and prices if we do so. We especially invite the ladies from surrounding towns to visit our store this season. We know we can please you if you give us a chance.

It is not luck. It is not all opportunity. It is not chance. It is what you, yourself, are. I, myself, am happiness or misery, success or failure, for we largely are the makers of the beds we lie upon. With our own hands we shape our destiny, and write tags. Now comes the testing time for the men and women of West Texas, and we believe they are made of the metal that will stand the final test.

Yes, sometimes we see our hopes tossed heavenward by an awful sand storm, and we feel as though the calm would never come, but it does. The flowers will bloom again as in days of old; the grass will wave over the prairies inviting the lowing herds; the fields will yield their harvest, and we will forget the years of drought and disappointment. But we must do our part if we find life worth while. Happiness is not bought with gold, but is that state of mind caused by deeds well done, and appreciation to our Father above for all His blessings.

Yes, we have Harts, Shaffner & Marx Clothes for men who wear only the best, and Style-Plus which is known the world over as the best medium priced line of mens suits.

Come on you fellows and get a new suit. Dress doesn't make the man, but nothing adds more to his appearance and every man owes it to himself, his family, his sweetheart, to the community in which he lives to look his best. Let us sell you your spring suit.

Everybody wants the best—sure you do—then when it's Flour you are speaking of it is Light Crust—not the cheapest, but the best.

Cash is what we need and you will find our grocery prices right. Our cash business is better than at this time last year. Come on, spend your money where you get both quality and price.

We must not forget our Millinery

SPUR FARM LANDS NOW SELLING LIKE "HOT CAKES."

As a result of oil lease activities and the proposition to sink four deep test wells near Spur for oil, the Spur Farm Lands management has been doing a "land office" business throughout the week.

Up to the present time the following citizens of Spur have invested in lands, practically all of which is located near the leases upon which the test wells will be sunk: Ira Sullivan and Mrs. F. M. Sullivan, Geo. S. Link, S. R. Bowman, E. C. Edmonds, W. S. Campbell, C. A. Love, Miss Vera Hall, E. F. Hall, C. L. Love, F. W. Jennings, A. L. Brasher, J. W. Meadows, Mrs. W. R. Moore, W. H. McGee, Miss Lula Kelsey, Edgar McGee, Oran McClure and others whose names we have not obtained. Other sales are being made daily, some buying more than one tract, and it is very probable that before actual drilling operations have commenced that every tract of land within the territory adjacent to the drilling leases will have been sold.

Parties from a distance have come in the past two days, buying as much as a section of land in a body.

Those who have purchased lands are not only evidencing their faith in the parties who are making the drilling leases, but in the probability that oil will be brought in, as well as the value of land itself for agricultural purposes.

Our faith in Spur and the great Spur country has never wavered for one instant since the beginning of the town. It has not only demonstrated its advantages and superiority in agricultural and livestock resources, but is now destined to develop into one of the greatest oil producing sections of America. Come to Dickens county.

C. R. CROSS NOW MANAGER OF J. L. JONES MERCANTILE CO.

C. R. Cross, formerly cashier of the Girard Bank, is now manager of the J. L. Jones Mercantile Company of Girard, J. H. Deaver having resigned the place as manager and moved with his family to other sections of the country to the east.

SHOES—Mens, Ladies, Boys and Girls. Anything you want found here for less money!—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

Department. We are just delighted that we have Miss Dehn in charge of this department, and she has had a wonderful business. Come on and get your new hat and help make spring come.

We want to serve you this year. We can't do as much credit business as we have in past years, but we can use your cash.

Your Friends,
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

EVERYBODY SHOULD COME TO SPUR THE FIRST OF MARCH

The first day of March will be a day of great importance to farmers of the whole country, and especially to those contemplating raising sheep in connection with farming operations, since the Sheep Feeders Meeting will convene in Spur on that day. Representative men from all sections of Texas will be here to enlighten those who attend upon matters pertaining to sheep raising and feeding. Among the noted personages to participate in the program of the day will be Boog Scott, an old-time Westerner of wide knowledge and experience.

Hundreds of people from every section of this country are expected to come to Spur March 1st and attend this meeting which will be of material interest and benefit to all.

SPUR COUNTRY NOW SURE OF OIL DEVELOPMENTS

George Renfroe came in Saturday from his ranch northeast of Spur, spending the day here assisting in the closing up of oil lease contracts required by Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Lynch, who will sink four test wells on the leased acreage, making contract to begin operations within four months and to sink four test wells to depth of four thousand feet should oil or gas in paying quantities not be found at a lesser depth. The Spur country is now sure of being developed with respect to oil possibilities, since the required acreage has been secured and the contracts now probably all closed.

Boys Suits, Boys Pants, Boys Caps—Everything for the boys.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

Announcement!

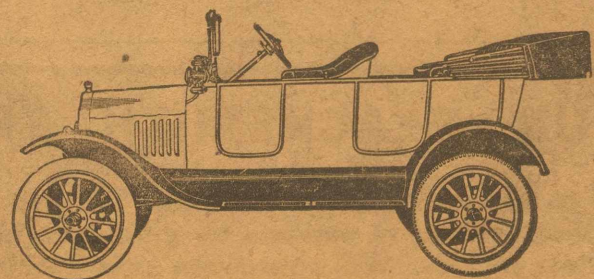
I wish to announce to the public that I have resumed the practice of medicine and surgery at my former location, Dickens, Texas, and shall be pleased to serve you to the best of my ability whenever the occasion arises.

Very Respectfully,

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THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE
"We Give You What You Ask For."
SPUR, TEXAS

J. C. Stephens, Jr., of the Duck Creek community, had business here Saturday afternoon of the past week. He reports everything in his section now indicating bumper crops, and he with other farmers of that section are preparing now for such conditions by preparing their lands in the most acceptable and inviting manner for varied and diversified farming operations at the proper time.

J. I. Greer, who recently returned from an extended stay in New Mexico, came in Saturday from his Lone Oak Farm and Ranch. He refused to state whether or not he intended to go back out to New Mexico, but we infer that he is here now to stay, and we are glad to have him back. He knows how to stay—even though the wolves do howl—but those days are of the past.

Al Sullivan was in town Saturday for the first time in several weeks. It is thought that he is now laboring faithfully and persistently in preparation for that bumper crop which is predicted for this year. We hope he makes a "killing" this year.

W. F. Godfrey, wife and little daughter arrived in Spur Monday of this week from Polytechnic where Mrs. Godfrey has been with her mother several months.

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.

Mrs. C. R. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday afternoon shopping, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Have your printing done at home. The Gem Theatre will appreciate your presence on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Rev. Firm Self conducted the services Sunday at the Baptist church, this being his "goodby" sermon, since he and family are moving to the plains country where he owns farm lands. Rev. Self also owns property here, and it is not very probable that they will live permanently elsewhere. Rev. Self left Tuesday with a car load of household effects, cattle, etc., and will return for Mrs. Self and children at an early date. We wish them a very pleasant and prosperous stay in their new home.

Mrs. C. R. Fellmy left Monday for Ennis where she has a position with Mrs. T. B. Allen who conducts a millinery and ladies ready-to-wear establishment. Mrs. Fellmy will return to Spur after four months' spent in Ennis.

W. F. Foreman was in town Monday from his farm home in the Espeula community, spending several hours here trading and on other business.

Ben Holly, who recently removed to the Steel Hill community from near Dickens, was in town Saturday meeting friends.

Jim Walker and W. C. Weir, of a few miles east of Spur, came in Saturday afternoon for a few hours in the city.

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

J. L. Karr, of Espeula, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week.

FOR SALE.

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

SAYS CONTRACT IS CONTRACT

Here, according to the office attorney, is a point of law that should be as much interest to breeders as it is to land buyers: When a man offers by to sell a farm or anything else, the bargain is completely closed the moment the other deposits his letter of acceptance in the post office. Even should the letter never be delivered a binding contract is held to exist.—American Hereford Journal.

Wayne Van Leer, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He recently sold his farm and ranch lands and says he is now out of a house and home. However, while in Spur he was pricing Spur Farm Lands, and kinder looking around as if he intended to soon again possess himself a house and home. Wayne Van Leer is one of our most substantial citizens and we want to see him again permanently located in our midst.

J. W. Smith, who recently moved from the plains country to a farm between Spur and Dickens, was in town Tuesday of this week meeting friends and acquaintances and also trading with the Spur merchants. He is very optimistic concerning the present prospects for crops throughout this whole section.

Sheriff Barber left Tuesday or Wednesday for Stephenville to take a little child to its mother, Mrs. Alice Martin. The child had recently been granted by the court in Erath county to the mother after a divorce suit.

Mrs. J. A. Conatzer, of the McAdoo country, recently underwent a successful operation at the Standifer Hospital, being returned Sunday to her some the first of the week.

STRAYED—Red, white face yearling, marked crop the left ear, branded F on left shoulder. Will be glad to locate it.—Mrs. C. Fite.

J. E. Taylor and wife recently returned from Putnam where they were called on account of the illness of a daughter.

G. W. Chancellor returned last week from a trip to Austin, San Antonio and Stamford where he spent several days.

FOR SALE—Black Jersey cow, will be fresh with milk soon. Will sell at reasonable price.—Mrs. W. G. Potts.

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

NOTICE.

Taken up on my place about January 10th, 1918, one heifer yearling; branded VH (connected) on left side, left fore-leg been broken and crooked, with knee slightly large.

Owner can get same by paying feed and pasture bill and advertising.

Will sell at Spur on March 8th, at public auction, if not claimed in meantime—J. L. Karr, at Old Espeula.

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

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S. H. Twaddell, of the Soldier Mound community, was one of the number of visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Twaddell has been a leader in the movement to obtain oil developments in that section. This activity has already been crowned with success, since contracts have already been made with drillers to sink two test wells on two twenty thousand acre lease tracts, and this drilling work will be commenced immediately. The oil possibilities are very flattering, notwithstanding the fact that a well was drilled nearly five thousand feet deep in Spur several years ago without striking anything. Geologists say that oil is here. We believe it and we expect to see oil spouting from at least one of the four wells to be drilled immediately.

C. L. Love returned Saturday of the past week from the Eastern markets where he spent ten days or two weeks buying goods for the Love Dry Goods Company. He stated to a reporter that conditions throughout the country at this time were encouraging and that money was easy everywhere. Easy money indicates that prosperous times await us.

While in Spur Tuesday W. P. T. Smith informed us that he had just returned from a trip to Waco where he accompanied Mesdames Buren Smith and Williams, both of whom will remain at that point to be with their husbands until they have been discharged from military service.

THE FAMOUS WATERMAN FOUNTAIN PENS AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.

A. W. Jordan, of Steel Hill, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week.

W. M. Randall was among the visitors in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill community.

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

W. A. Stevens, of near Espeula, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Rev. Geo. W. Thomas and family left Spur Monday for Fort Worth where he will enter a theological seminary. Rev. Thomas has been pastor of the Baptist church at Spur during the past year, having resigned his pastorate to complete his studies. During his pastorate in Spur Rev. Thomas endeared himself not only to the membership of the Baptist church but to all with whom he became associated. He did lasting good here and his work here will live after him. We wish him great accomplishments in his field of labors.

A. Fry and A. A. Fry and families, of the Cat Fish country to the west of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and also shaking hands with their friends of the town and surrounding country.

Johnson Hunter, of four miles east of Spur, was in town Saturday. Johnson has his lands prepared for planting and is in the best of spirits regarding the present prospects for crops.

Chas. Cannon came in Monday of this week from his ranch home over in Crosby county, spending the day here on business and meeting his numerous friends.

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. W. Davis, of the Soldier Mound community, was one among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

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

Clyde Davis, of a few miles north of Spur, was one of the number here Saturday.

Al Sullivan was among the number in town Saturday from the Duck Creek community.

W. W. Sample is now in Marlin for the bath and mineral treatment.

..Farm Loans..

Buy Vendor's Lien Note

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MAT BINGHAM, Proprietor

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Friday, February 28th, 1919.

The house rules committee has proposed that the government contract on the telephone and telegraph systems be cancelled December 31st. But very few will regret the change.

Conscientious objectors with reference to military service are maintaining their attitude by now refusing to accept government money paid them upon their discharge from custody.

The finest crop prospects and conditions now prevail throughout all of Western Texas. With bumper crops and gushing oil wells, West Texas people will "come into their own."

It is announced that hundreds of thousands of soldiers will soon return to America. 212,000 men are scheduled to return in March; 221,000 in April; 248,000 in May; and 207,000 in June.

According to the estimates made, the final war debt will be one billion two hundred million dollars a year for the next twenty five years. These oil wells are coming in at the right time to save us from bankruptcy.

A number of alien Spaniards were arrested in New York charged with having plotted to assassinate President Wilson upon his return to America from Europe. The plot, as charged, reveals that two of the plotters were to be sent to Boston where a bomb would be thrown at the president at the first opportunity.

There appears to have developed a plot on the part of anarchists to kill out all the rulers and heads of governments throughout the world. Already several Old World rulers have been assassinated, and an attempt has been made to bomb President Wilson upon his return to America from Europe.

The "oil boom" is now on throughout the state of Texas. People from the east line to the western border are talking oil and dreaming of vast riches to be thrust upon them over night. The discovery of oil is a great thing for the country and the people. We hope every community within the state borders will be favored with gushers, even though the price drops to fifteen cents. On with the oil boom but let us not forget to take care of our agricultural and commercial resources in the mean time.

LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Chalency, France, Jan. 16, 1919
Dear Home Folks:—How are you all—fine I hope. I am all o. k. and gaining every day. I sure have had the good luck of keeping my health since I have been in the army, and if I can dodge the flu I will be all o. k. Well, I hope we will not be here in France much longer, but we can't tell until we have landed in New York for they change the orders so quick and so often that no one can give any idea of what is next.

How is everybody and everything at home?

Listen, folks, I got my Christmas box the 14th of this month. You can't ever know how much I appreciated it. Everything was in fine shape and, say, I am sending you in the same box some souvenirs, and I want you to keep the box for me. It is a good one, and is all I have ever had that I could try to get anything home in. In this is a little bunch of evergreens for the remembrance of Jubie. The box is not large enough to send them in, but I want to send him something with your presents. Also here is a little poem I composed in remembrance of Jubie:

In our hearts his love is burning,
And in our lives for him were yearning.

May this occur to his friends as well,
And when life on earth is finished
Then in Heaven with him we'll dwell.

Well, I must quit now, so be good
and I will come home soon, I hope.

Love to all and lots of kisses from
Your son,
LUTHER C. STARK.

C. R. Gollihar, of near McAdoo, returned this week from Whitney where he has been several weeks. While gone he had an attack of appendicitis and underwent an operation. He has turned his farming interests here over to E. B. Buckner and John Clark, and will move either to Wichita Falls or Burkburnett and engage in the oil business.

Lloyd Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barber, arrived in Spur Wednesday from military camps along the border of Mexico. Lloyd has been in hospital for several months as the result of gun shot wounds sustained while on duty. We are glad to see him return home well.

U. E. Cook, of near McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday buying feed on which to make a crop this year.

Ralph McLaughlin, of near McAdoo on the plains, had business in Spur the first of this week.

M. C. West, of south of Spur, was one of the many in Spur Saturday on business.

George Renfroe came in Wednesday from his ranch home northeast of Spur.

R. G. Rush was here Wednesday of this week from the Afton country.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR NEXT SUNDAY AT CHURCHES

I have before me the authoritative literature of all the four churches in Spur: the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Presbyterian, and intend each week to prepare the Sunday school lesson for the next Sunday out of this literature, giving the best thoughts found in each under appropriate heads so that readers may select any explanation of the Scripture text or all of them as "helps" to grow in Scriptural knowledge and conform his life to its immutable teachings.

Lesson Text, same in all, follows:
Time: B. C. 1489. Place: Kadech-Varnea, the well known oasis now called Wady-Kadis, in the wilderness to the south of Palestine proper. Main thought: the one fatal sin, unbelief. The earnest worker.

God is leading us toward a good land, a heavenly land. Wherever He leads it is good for us to go. It is not so important to know the way as to know the leader. And as we make our way through life we may meet with difficulties and dangers, hardships and hindrances. But it will never do to turn back or turn aside from the plain path of duty.—The Lookout

This world is full of beauty like other worlds above, and if we did our duty it would be full of love. The people of this place called Kadech-Varnea were at the very gateway of the land in which Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had dwelt and which they understood it was the divine intention to give to their descendants. Nothing really remained but to go and occupy the whole territory which had been shown to those patriarchs and which they had been told, over and over again, was to be their possession. Moses had clearly announced to them that it was the will of God for them to go now and take it for themselves. But at commencement of their opportunity the element of doubt entered into their minds and they must first send and see if God had spoken the truth about it. Surely a reasoning people would not willingly stay in such surroundings as they were encompassed with, such an awful barren wilderness as that from which they had just emerged, but there is no accounting for the opinions of the doubting people who give more regard to their short-sightedness than to the commands of the Lord.

The actions of Caleb and Joshua before this people were most courageous. They tore their robes in great grief and stated their position was not altered one whit since they had found it unpopular. They agreed that the land was very good; that the inhabitants were powerful; but they were confident that the land was theirs if they would only behave. Why should such noble, patriotic speech not only fail to convince but stir up murderous hatred? First of all, a mob has no vision, the mob spirit knows itself to be powerless in argument against the faith of the two seers, so its only answer must be force, stones.—The Lookout, (Christian.)

Here is the type of religious life. The world with its forgetfulness of God is barren to the Spirit. Obstacles are put in the way to develop faith and courage. Troubles experienced are meant to create the yearning for a better country. If life is to have a successful issue it must be in strict following of God's guidance. It should be easy to learn how unsafe a counselor is our own unaided judgment; how treacherous our minds upon what is even wise, important or judicious. (Rom. 8, 6-8; Gal. 5:17.) No man can come after me except he deny himself, take up his cross and follow me, Jesus.—Adult Bible Class, Baptist

"But all the congregation bade stone him with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the taberna-

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

House Joint Resolution No. 1.

A resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, by amending Article 16, Section 20 thereof by striking out and repealing said section and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section; providing that until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject of the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medicinal purposes shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to certain regulations with reference to the same; providing that this amendment shall be self-operative, and until the Legislature shall provide other or different penalties, the violation of any part of this constitutional provision shall be deemed a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for a term of years specified, without the benefit of any law providing for suspended sentence; conferring authority upon the District Courts and judges thereof, under their equity powers, to issue upon suit of the Attorney General injunctions against infractions or threatened infractions of any part of this constitutional provision; providing that, without affecting the provisions herein, intoxicating liquors are declared to be subject to the general police power of this State; declaring that the Legislature shall have power to pass any additional prohibitory laws in aid thereof which it may deem advisable; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment and prescribing certain rules and regulations with reference to the same; declaring that the provisions of the General Election Law shall govern in all respects as to qualification of electors and method of holding the election and in all other respects where applicable; directing proclamation for the election and making certain provisions for the election and ballots thereof and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State; and making an appropriation to carry out this resolution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof and substituting in lieu of said section 20 the following:

Sec. 20. (a.) The manufacture, sale, barter and exchange, in the State of Texas, of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, are each and all hereby prohibited.

The Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section.

(b) Until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject, the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medical purposes shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon the prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to the regulations applicable to sales under prescriptions in prohibited territory by virtue of Article 598, Chapter 7, Title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas.

(c) This amendment is self-operative, and until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different penalties, any person acting for himself or in behalf of another, or in behalf of any partnership, corporation or association of persons, who shall, after the adoption of this amendment, violate any part of this constitutional provision shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall, upon conviction in a prosecution commenced, carried on and concluded in the manner prescribed by law in cases of felonies, be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not less than one year nor more than five years, without the benefit of any law providing for suspended sentence. And the district courts and the judges thereof, under their equity powers, shall have the authority to issue, upon suit of the Attorney General, injunctions against infractions of any part of this constitutional provision.

(d) Without affecting the provisions herein, intoxicating liquors are declared to be subject to the general police power of the State; and the Legislature shall have the power to pass any additional prohibitory laws, or laws in aid thereof, which it may deem advisable.

(e) Liability for violating any liquor laws in force at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall not be affected by this amendment, and all remedies, civil and criminal, for such violations shall be preserved.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, being the twenty fourth day thereof, A. D. 1919. At said election, the vote shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed or written at the top thereof in plain letters the words, "Official Ballot." Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words, "For Prohibition," and the words, "Against Prohibition."

All voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against Prohibition" by making a mark through the same; and those opposing it shall erase the words "For Prohibition," making a mark through the same. Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words "For Prohibition," and the words "Against Prohibition."

If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Prohibition," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes shall be "Against Prohibition," said amendment shall be lost, and so declared.

All of the provisions of the General Election Laws as amended and in force at the time of said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding such election, and all other respects so far as such election law can be made applicable.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation and election.

GEO. F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

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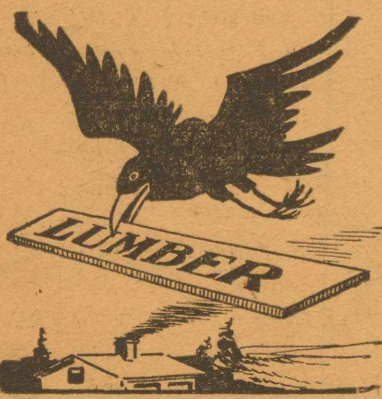
cle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.—10th verse of the text.

See the danger which threatened Moses and Aaron, Joshua and Caleb, how the multitude of Israel was on the point of stoning them, and how they were rescued by the manipulation of the divine glory which blazed in the face of the raging mob and reduced them to abject submission. Study the rest of this chapter which shows how Moses intervened to save Israel from immediate destruction;

and how instead of sudden death a sentence of lingering destruction was imposed upon them, to be executed through the forty years of wandering in the wilderness, during which all that generation of adult Israelites perished.—Earnest Worker, (Presbyterian.)

W. W. Waldrup, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in town Wednesday meeting friends.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, GIVING THE LEGISLATURE POWER TO GIVE OR LEND, OR AUTHORIZE THE GIVING OR LENDING, OF THE CREDIT OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING CITIZENS, HEADS OF FAMILIES, TO ACQUIRE OR IMPROVE THEIR HOMES.

House Joint Resolution No. 19.

To amend Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend, or authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire, or improve their homes; authorizing the State to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to create such agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section; providing that obligations created under this section shall never be taxed; and providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted thereunder; and providing for the classification of lands acquired under this Act, and limiting acreage sold to any person where lands are classed as agricultural.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 50, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. 50. The Legislature shall have no power to give or lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State in aid of or to any person, association, or corporation, whether municipal or other, or to pledge the credit of the State in any manner whatsoever, for the payment of the liabilities, present or prospective, or any individual, association of individuals municipal or other corporation, whatsoever, except that the Legislature shall have the power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting native born or naturalized citizens who are heads of families and who will become in good faith actual occupants, to acquire or improve their homes; and for this purpose the State is authorized to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon such terms and conditions and in such manner and subject to such limitations as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe. Provided that no land shall be acquired by the State under the terms of this amendment to the Constitution until the said lands are examined, and the value of said lands is appraised and ascertained as to its actual value for agricultural purposes, by a commission hereby authorized, composed of the Governor, Attorney General, Land Commissioner, Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer; and their report shall be available to all prospective land purchasers. The Legislature shall have authority to create by law such agencies as may be deemed necessary to effect the purpose of the Act. Obligations created under this section shall never be taxed, and the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and in addition to the usual liens may secure the same by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; provided, however, the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into with the State under this provision or any statute enacted hereunder. The terms of this Act shall not apply, or be extended to any person who is not a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas and who has not been such citizen at least two years prior to the extension of such aid, nor shall the terms of this Act ever be applied to any lands outside of the State of Texas. Provided further that all land acquired by the State under the provisions of this section for which the State may lend its credit shall be classified as agricultural lands or otherwise, and if classified as agricultural lands, then no more than 200 acres shall be sold to any one person under the provisions herein.

Sec. 2.—The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at an election to be held throughout the State on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1919, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

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HOW PETROLEUM IS FORMED

Some of the elements of oil geology were briefly discussed by W. E. Wrather. He explained the organic theory, showing how oil is formed by the slow decomposition of vegetable or animal matter, this made possible by its excluding from the air being covered by water.

"The gas from a mucky swamp will from 70 to 90 per cent natural gas of the same quality as that which comes from an oil well," he said. "This bears out the organic theory. Some of the vegetation producing oil consists of trees. In Southern Louisiana I have seen them drill 3000 feet through large logs as light as cork, in process of decomposition."

Mr Wrather explained how oil is a combination of carbon and hydrogen. Each of these being aqisitive, other properties are drawn into the combination. As the proportion of carbon and hydrogen vary the result is either gas, oil or a solid, such as coal. Refining is the process of segregating the different products of crude oil, he explained. He gave as an example the oil fields in Central Ohio, where the producing formation was limestone. Sulphur occurred in the oil, rendering it objectionable for lubricating purposes, as the sulphur tended to corrode metals. It was only after long experimenting that a chemist figured out a simple formula that would eliminate sulphur.

The specific gravity of oil is its direct comparison with water as to the weight, it was explained. This is usually expressed by what is known as the Baume scale. The gravity of the oil of the Burburnett field is from 38 to 42 he said, and from this 38 per cent can be made into gasoline. The remainder, however, is not very good for lubricating purposes. The exact opposite maintains in the Ranger field. The crude there is remarkably free from sulphur, Mr. Wrather said, and compares more favorably with the Pennsylvania crude for lubricating purposes than does that of any other field in the United States.

"Ranger came in just when Pennsylvania fields were weakening and this was most fortunate for the world" he said. He pointed out that the Ranger crude would make no more than 14 or 15 per cent gasoline.

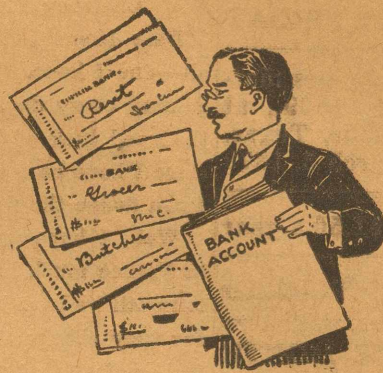
"A question most frequently asked a geologist is whether oil occurs in streams or lakes underground," Mr. Wrather said. "The oil is produced from a saturation of sand or other substance. If it is a hard substance, as at Burburnett, it is a long time before it gives up the oil rapidly.

"It would seem, however, that there are instances where oil occurs in streams or lakes, judging by a well in Mexico that had a production record of 300,000 barrels a day. To show the vast amount of oil that can be taken from some fields, I have estimated that in a few months oil was secured from a Kansas field that, if placed on the surface, would have meant a lake 5.6 feet in depth over the entire producing area."

He explained briefly how some oils when found have a beautiful amber, cherry or mahogany color and a pleasant odor, requiring but little refining to rid it of impurities. He also discussed briefly the domes, anticlines and synclines caused by a warping of the earth's surface. These, especially the domes and anticlines, he said, form catchment areas for oil, and to locate them is the job of the oil geologist.—Quannah Tribune.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton section of country, was among the visitors in Spur Saturday.

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



WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.

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

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK SPUR, TEXAS

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, passed through Spur Tuesday on his way down into the oil belt where he has considerable lease interests. He is going down to confer with drillers in making a drilling contract on his lease and it is probable that soon a well will be going down on his lease.

County Treasurer C. H. Perry came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent the afternoon here greeting friends. He reports everything moving along nicely and smoothly in official circles of the county.

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Nolan is one of the best citizens of the whole country and we are always glad to see him.

John D. Hufstetler came in Saturday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community, spending the afternoon here trading and conversing with friends.

W. C. Barley, a leading citizen of the Dry Lake community, was one of the many visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

S. R. Bowman was in town Monday looking after business matters and also investing in more Spur Farm Lands.

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

Tom McArthur was in town Saturday from his farm and ranch in the Tap country.

John Smith, of the lower Red Mud community, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

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

W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, was in town Monday. He informed us that his family had had a siege of the mumps, but that all were now doing well. Mr. Shugart's family also suffered from the general epidemic of influenza. We hope now that an era of good health will be their lot, and that at no distant date they may have a big, spouting oil well on their home place.

Mrs. W. O. McFall, of south of Spur in Kent county, was called to Quitaqua recently on account of the death of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ware. The child contracted influenza which resulted in its death.

J. C. McNeill and family, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, were in the city Saturday afternoon shopping and visiting with friends of the city.

W. H. Birdwell and wife, of several miles south of Spur, were here Saturday shopping and visiting with their friends.

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

J. N. Zumwalt, of the Highway section of country, was in town Monday of this week.

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

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in Spur Saturday afternoon of the past week.

We have bran, shorts, barley chops in transit. See us for special prices.—Farmers Wagon Yard.

R. E. Thomas, of the Espeula section of country, was among the number of visitors here Saturday.

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March 6, 1919
 William S. Hart
 In "Border Wireless" and
 Fatty Arbuckle

March 7, 1919
 Mary Pickford
 In "The Little American" and
 Fatty Arbuckle

March 8, 1919
 Marguerite Clark
 In "Little Miss Hoover"
 Fatty Arbuckle

We have been successful in booking the above pictures for these dates at a greater expense than ever before, feeling that the people of Spur would appreciate high class entertainment. Mr. Hart, Miss Pickford and Miss Clark are among the leading artists and we are sure will please all. Arbuckle, Sennett and Flagg, as comedians, have never failed to carry the house. We have arranged with three of the different aids of the city to sell tickets for us, allowing them twenty per cent of their sales. Come out and assist us in bringing high-class entertainment to this theatre. The price of admission to these shows is as low as possible.

All Three On One Ticket, \$1.00. At The Window, 50c. Each

For the benefit of the country people, and town people as well, we will have **Matinee Saturday, March 8, at 2:30 P. M. Admission 30c.** Children for all shows under twelve years of age for half price. Night shows will start promptly at 7:30. Two shows if necessary.

HELP THE AIDS GEM THEATRE AND HELP US

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.

W. H. Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, was in town Monday talking oil. He stated that he wanted to get in the oil game, but that he would not consider any fifteen cent deals. He is "gunning for big game." The "big game" will be here before you are thinking of it.

Lieutenant Dr. Blackwell came over Saturday from Dickens, spending a short time in Spur on business and meeting his friends. The Doctor had just returned from the Ranger oil fields where he has acquired some oil interests. We hope his interests will make him a millionaire.

Poet Hagins, of Gilpin, came to Spur Saturday, spending the day in town trading and looking after other affairs.

E. J. Cairnes and wife are now temporarily making their home in Spur, being located at the Spur Inn.

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

Have your printing done at home.

Frank Williams, who together with S. H. Twaddell, of the Soldier Mound community, has been most active in promoting oil developments in this section, was in town Monday winding up the lease contracts in giving the drillers the required two twenty thousand acre tracts to sink two test wells on each of the two tracts. Mr. Williams stated that the required acreage had now been secured and the drilling will be commenced just as soon as rigs can be shipped in.

Mrs. R. E. Gholston, who formerly lived at Aspermont but is now making her home in Arizona or New Mexico, left on Monday afternoon's train for Van Zandt county to visit relatives, after spending sometime in the Highway community visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Albin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, of the city of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday evening visiting friends, and also attending the show at Gem Theatre that night.

W. L. Thanisch, of Draper, was in Spur Monday. He reports everything in the Draper country in fine shape for crops at this time, and everybody hopeful of bumper yields.

R. T. Dopson and family were in Spur the first of the week from their home in the Dry Lake community.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE CLIPPER COMMUNITY

Clipper is almost buried as a result of the sand storm last week.

Clint Jenkins, from overseas, is now spending the week with friends in Clipper.

Quite a number of the Clairemont people attended the dance at John Harrison's Friday night, given in honor of Clint Jenkins.

Miss Olive Adams entertained her pupils with a valentine post office last Friday afternoon.

Quite a number of the Clipper people were visitors in Jayton Saturday.

Merlin and Eugene Murphy spent Saturday night and Sunday in Clipper.

Newman Harrison and Oscar Hamlin made a flying trip to Clairemont Tuesday.

G. C. Harrison entertained with a forty two party Monday night.

Oscar Hamlin, Misses Baker and Hamlin visited Ollie and Mary Lou Mary Harrison attended church Sunday.

The young folks of Clipper attended church at Rosewood last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate visited Mrs. Tate's sister, Mrs. Jones, of Red Mud, last week.

Little Cora Lee McGee is on the sick list this week.

Mat Harrison made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Jim Harrison made an afternoon call on Miss Bessie Aaron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison entertained the young folks with a dance Saturday night.

Miss Jessie Coop and Ollie and Mary Harrison Sunday.

Thomas Lewis made a flying trip to Jayton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hilton and Miss Edna Bonine were business visitors in Jayton Saturday.

W. S. Hunter, who is this year farming on the Al Sullivan farm in the Duck Creek country, was in town Saturday and handed us the coin of the realm to enter his name again on our subscription list. Mr. Hunter strayed off into Oklahoma and Arkansas last year, but like all others—they will come back—and we are glad to welcome them.

Dr. Morris recently made a business trip to Fort Worth. On his return he stopped over in the oil belt towns where he met a number of former acquaintances and friends.

E. D. Jackson, of the Dumont section of country to the northeast, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week.

Jeff Smith, of the Dry Lake section of country, was one among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday.

Ed Hulse and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Saturday shopping with merchants and looking after other affairs.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake community, was here Saturday meeting friends in the crowds lining our busy streets.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, came in Monday and spent the day here on business.

John Weathers came in Monday of this week from his farm and ranch west of Spur, spending several hours here talking with friends and becoming enthused at the oil prospects and possibilities existing today. The fact is that we are all just now on the eve of great oil developments and within a few months you will see wells being drilled and within a year you will observe derricks scattered over the territory promiscuously. We have long been waiting for this very thing.

W. G. Sherrod, formerly cashier and active vice-president of the Spur National Bank, but who is now an oil magnate of the Burkburnett and the Wichita fields, spent several days in Spur this week. He is interested in an oil well proposition and is selling stock to those who desire to take a "shot" with him in this field.

Mike M. Young, of the Girard section of country, was a Spur visitor Saturday, spending a short time on the streets conversing with his many friends of the Spur country.

W. F. Walker, of near Spur, was among the many here Saturday. He reports everything all o. k. up to this time.

J. J. Albin and family were in the city Monday from their home in the

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

NEW JEWELRY SHOP

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

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The Place to Sell

A REPORTER.

Miss Ilva Deavers, assistant tax collector of Kent county, came over the latter part of the week from Clairemon einps,tngdwJmvgkqj-) 2*TH mont, spending Sunday with Mrs. Roy Russell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love.

J. C. Hindman, of a mile or two to the north of Spur, was a business visitor here Saturday.

M. W. Coll and W. T. MaGee, who are with the extension work of the sheep industry, are spending several days in Dickens county to organize a county organization to further sheep interests in this section.

Rev. J. T. Hicks, of Stamford, will preach Sunday at the Methodist tabernacle. All are invited to attend.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.

A resolution to amend Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as follows: Strike out the words "Four Thousands," found in the third line of Section 5, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Ten Thousand," and adding after the word "furniture" the words, "and this clause shall be self-enacting," and making an appropriation to pay necessary expenses hereof.

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section No. 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 5. ARTICLE IV. GOVERNOR'S SALARY AND MANSION. He shall at stated times receive compensation for his service an annual salary of ten thousand dollars, and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's Mansion, fixtures and furniture, and this clause shall be self-enacting.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, same being the twenty fourth day of May, A. D. 1919, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to make the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same duly published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the general election laws of the State and the official ballot shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the words, "OFFICIAL BALLOT," and also the words, "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," and also the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas."

All voters favoring such amendment shall erase, by making a mark through the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," and all voters opposing such amendment shall erase by making a mark through the words "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas." If a majority of votes cast shall be "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes cast shall be "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be lost and shall be so declared.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the necessary expense attached to the proclamation and publication of this amendment, and the Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation and cause the same to be duly published.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO EQUAL SUFFRAGE.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

Proposing to amend Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas so that it shall hereafter, in substance, provide that every person, male or female, subject to no constitutional disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall reside in this state one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; declaring that the electors living in any unorganized county may vote at an election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; providing that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she shall offer to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing that poll tax has been paid before the first day of February next preceding such election; declaring that if said voter shall have lost or misplaced such tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote, upon making affidavit that such tax receipt has been lost, which affidavit must be in writing and left with the judge of the election. And declaring that all laws now on the statutes relating to qualified voters and governing and regulating elections shall apply to male and female voters alike; and all laws relating to elections shall remain in full force & effect until changed or modified by the Legislature, and declaring that this amendment to the Constitution shall be self-enacting.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so that hereafter said election shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 2. Every person, male or female, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this state one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and provided further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she offers to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing such poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. All laws now on the statutes of this State relating to qualified voters in both primary and general elections shall apply to and govern and regulate both male and female voters, and shall be in effect until such statutes are changed or amended by the Legislature. And this amendment to the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation.

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, the same being the twenty-fourth day of said month; at said election, the votes shall be placed on an official ballot which shall have printed, or written, thereon the words, "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters," and also the words, "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters." All voters favoring this proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and those opposing it shall erase the words, "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters," which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with a pencil, or pen through said words. All ballots cast, as above provided, shall be counted as cast for or against a proposed amendment, and if a majority shall be for the amendment it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment, said amendment shall be lost. All provisions of the general election laws, as amended and enforced at the time said election is held, shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding said elections, and in all other respects so far as such election laws can be made applicable.

Sec. 4. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and have same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 5. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,
GEO. F. HOWARD,
Secretary of State.

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M. H. Lee, cashier of the Spur National Bank, returned the first of the week from Fort Worth where he attended the bankers convention held at that place. This meeting was most interesting from several standpoints, in that development progress was the keynote of the program.

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LOST LAKE NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Editor, don't tell who the sweet girl is.

The Bad Boy and Bad Girl have been writing about the sweet girl. Now is the time for her to say something.

Mr. Joe Morris took Miss Mae Hahn home Sunday night.

Mr. Jesse Stanley goes to Miss Blanche's home every Sunday.

Mr. Red Murdock is going to Mr. Gilmore's now. I wonder why? Some said Mr. Gilmore has corn bread to eat. I wonder if Miss Lola Gilmore fed him on corn bread?

It has been reported that Mr. Terrell Haile has been taking Miss Smith car riding. I hope he will succeed in "getting" her.

Mr. Will Gardner and Miss Annie Harris, we think, would make a good couple—for they both stay at home.

We nice children don't see why Mr. Ollie Stanley don't come out to the singing.

Mr. Tom Haile said that his Red Mud girl has gone back on him. I sure feel sorry for him.

The Sweet Girl has got to get her history lesson.

Alice Yandell took dinner with Mrs. Hardin Sunday. Tom Haile did also.

Mr. Sam Yandell and one son and daughter went to Mrs. Darden's who lives near Girard, last Sunday.

Mr. Morris Yandell saw a big time Sunday evening.

Mr. Benton Stanley took supper with Morris Yandell Sunday night. We wonder why he didn't go with Miss Mae Hahn?

The two Misses Miller were out at singing Sunday.

Miss Pollie told some of the girls the reason why she didn't stay for meeting Sunday was because she did not have any powder on her face.

Miss Blanche Hahn couldn't see Mr. Jesse Stanley only on Sundays, so he sent her his picture to look at every day.—SWEET GIRL.

Have your printing done at home.

GILPIN.

Mr. Ben Hagins, formerly of the Duck Creek country, who has been visiting relatives here and attending to business, has returned to his home at Lamesa. Mr. Hagins is well pleased with his new home. He says his cattle are doing fine on the grass with a good season in the ground, and fine prospects for the future.

The literary at the Duck Creek school house Friday nite was enjoyed by a large audience.

Mrs. Crompton, Mr. and Mrs. Pedis and daughter, Miss Jessie, and Mr. Willie Blankenship, of near Spur, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett Sunday.

Mr. Buster Bural, of the Duck Creek settlement, is gone to Quitaque after his horses which he took to the pastures last fall.

Little Maxine, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tatum, is quite sick.

Mr. John Tallent has returned from the training camps sound and well, which is a cause for great rejoicing, considering the fact that he was in the hospital or nine months. We congratulate him on his safe return and hope that our other boys will be as lucky as he.

Mr. Odis Drigger, of the Coast Artillery, is expected home any day. We hope he will not disappoint us, but will make a safe return soon.

Mrs. Buster Bural and baby are spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

Mr. P. E. Hagins made a trip to the city of Spur Wednesday.

The farmers of our community are all about up with their work, and a number are now hauling gravel on the highway.

Wouldn't you like to slip up on "Tricky Sal" while he—excuse me—she is composing his—oh her—items in verse.

Our primary teacher, Miss Miller, and Miss Lillian Smelser, made a trip to Spur Saturday.

The singing given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Billberry Sunday night was largely attended.

SPUR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY
 THE SATISFACTORY STORE-- Hardware, Furniture and Coffins

SHEEP RAISERS ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN SPUR MARCH 15

College Station.—One of the most important meetings of its kind in recent years will be held in Spur March 1st, 1919, when the sheep raisers of that section and the state will hear reports on the sheep investigating work that is being carried on at the Experiment Sub-Station there. Results on the 1918-19 lamb feeding tests will be given out in detail. Many prominent sheep men of the state and experts from A. & M. College and the State Experiment Station are on the program arranged for the afternoon. The morning session of the meeting will be at the Sub-Station, while the afternoon session will be in town. The extensive program is as follows:

Morning, Beginning at 10 O'Clock.
 Address—Report on progress of sheep investigations under way at substation No. 7, by J. M. Jones, Chief Division of Animal Husbandry Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

2. Address—Results of 1918-19 in lamb feeding tests—C. M. Hubbard, Assistant Animal Husbandman.

3. Discussion of results obtained.

4. Address—W. T. McGee, Sheep Specialist U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry.

Afternoon, Beginning at 2 O'Clock.

Invocation—Rev. J. O. Haymes, pastor First Methodist Church, Spur.

1. Address of Welcome—Mayor W. D. Wilson of Spur.

2. Address—Sheep production in the Panhandle of Texas—Prof. R. F. Miller, Animal Husbandry Dept. A. & M. College.

3. Address—Sheep feeding prospects in the grain sorghum districts—C. C. French, A. & M. Extension Service.

4. Address—Benefits to be derived from county sheep and wool growers organizations—M. W. Coll, sheep specialist Extension Service.

Solo—Miss Louise Cates.

5. Address—Experiences in grazing sheep and cattle on the same range—J. E. Boog Scott of Experiment Station governing board.

6. Address—C. B. Jones, manager Spur Farm Lands.

7. The commission merchants part in restocking farms with sheep—Tom Frazier of Fort Worth.

8. Address—The bankers and the stockmen—Col. F. L. Downs, member governing board Texas Experiment Stations.

9. Address—Accomplishments of extension service—T. O. Walton, A. & M. Extension Ser-

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DRILLING WILL BE RESUMED ON THE 24-RANCH IN APRIL

Bert and Chalk Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county were in town Monday and in conversation with a reporter Chalk stated that drilling operations would probably be resumed on the ranch about April 1st.

The drilling on the deep well test, which is now approximately two hundred feet deep, was suspended some time ago pending the settlement of a controversy with respect to a former lease which in reality had been forfeited but is still of record in the records of Kent county. A suit has been instituted to clear the title to the lands of these former leases. The suit will come up for hearing at the March term of District court in Kent county. No contest is anticipated in this suit, and should it be favorably decided, of which there is little doubt, the drilling operations will be resumed immediately.

The oil development activity of this whole section of Western Texas is now being stimulated. Oil men have their eyes on this section, and both Kent and Dickens county are scheduled for great development activity.

The fact is that several drilling concerns are already here, have secured leases and other rigs and equipments will soon be on the ground for actual drilling work. Other oil men are coming, and the probability is that before the end of 1919 many derricks will be located throughout our territory.

We believe as firmly as we believe anything that a big oil field will be brought in here. Geologists, without a single exception, have said that oil is underneath our soil. They concur in the opinion that somewhere near the Cap Rock of the Great Staked plains will be found the greatest pool of oil yet uncovered in any field. It takes capital to develop an oil field. The capital is coming since it has been advised of the prospects of this section.

EVERYBODY BOOSTING FOR OIL IN THE GIRARD COUNTRY

G. W. Wilson and Ted Darden, of near Girard, made a business trip Wednesday to Spur. They report the very finest prospects for good crops in that section of Kent county, and say that everybody is "boosting for oil." Let the oil resources be developed. We can use the oil to good advantage and can enjoy life more with the income from the oil products.

Mens Suits, Work Clothes—Values that make you buy. Come see them!—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

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CAT FISH CITIZENS WANT TO SEE OIL DEVELOPMENTS

A. J. McClain and son, Porter, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Saturday afternoon, spending several hours here conversing with their many friends. The Judge informed us that there was a move now on foot in his part of the country to begin the oil development progress. The indications for oil are just as inviting in that territory as anywhere in the whole country, and the fact is that unless movements of this kind are encouraged and stimulated the probability is that the underground resources will continue to lie dormant for years to come. There is no question in our mind but that our greatest resources are underground, therefore let us all join hands and push development progress. Personally we have not enough money to drill an oil well, but if the land owners of this or any other section of the country will give us the lease on lands, we will insure drilling operations if we have to go to Ranger, Burkburnett and other drilling fields to persuade the drillers to risk something in this section. While we lack finances, we have the "boosting", pushing spirit and can, maybe, get action on the part of moneyed interests. We want to see every resource of this country developed and the people enjoying the riches from mother earth.

MARRIED.

Sunday afternoon, February 23rd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. Grubach and Miss Love were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mr. and Mrs. Grubach are both prominent young people of the Tap community and will continue to make their home in that section.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Grubach, and may their married lives extend over many years of happiness and prosperity.

GREAT WORLD'S WAR COST OVER 179 BILLION DOLLARS

Washington, Feb. 15.—Exclusive of the expenditure by Belgium and Portugal, Austria-Hungaria and Bulgaria, the total cost of the war was fixed at \$179,000,000,000 in an official statement made public today.

The expenditures of the United States for the period closing with Jan. 21 were \$18,481,000,000.

Great Britain leads with \$37,100,000,000; France second with \$27,000,000,000; the United States is third. Russia, Italy and Siberia follow in order with \$18,000,000,000, \$10,000,000,000 and \$8,000,000,000 respectively.

The total expenditures of Germany are given at \$36,500,000,000.

C. C. Cornelius was in Spur Tuesday from his ranch home in Kent county. He reports that Grady and Island Cross are still in Italy in the military service of Uncle Sam, and it is not known how long it will be until they are discharged from service.

NOTICE.

We will have a car of Pure Mebane re-cleaned, Culled planting seed which we can deliver on or about March 10, at \$2.50 per bushel in three-bushel sacks. All desiring to purchase planting seed please call and we will book you for what you want before they are all gone.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

NEW NAMES RECENTLY ADDED TO THE TEXAS SPUR LIST

It is very gratifying to us to know that the Texas Spur is appreciated, as is evidenced by the number of new names being added to our subscription list, together with the fact that many are renewing old subscriptions each week. Following is a list of new readers added recently to our list:

L. W. Langston, Davidson, Okla.; Miss Mary Copeland, Dallas; Joe F. Ragsdale, Garfield, Ark.; Mrs. M. E. Swearingen, Albany; J. I. Shields, Tacoma, Wash.; Miss Clairebel Brown, Nashville, Tenn.; W. M. Buck, Muskogee, Okla.; and J. H. Reese, J. F. Parr, Dr. A. L. Brasher, Joe Riley, H. C. Cheely, Newt Harkey, Mrs Bert N. Brown, R. C. James, H. J. Parks, Chalk Brown, C. W. Barrett, M. W. Chapman, Tom Clark, W. W. Murphy, and C. Burns, all of Spur; W. B. Chapman, Prosper, Texas; U. E. Cook, McAdoo; J. R. Harkey, Katemcy; J. M. Harkey, Sheffield; F. O. McFall, Venus, N. M.; W. R. Ellis, Dublin; J. R. Lair, Saskatchewan Landing, Sask, Canada; Watson Blair, Robstown; H. J. McCarty, Eldorado, Okla.; Tom Cross, Sierra Blanco; Wilis Smith, Gallup, N. M.; Mrs. Jos. Cox, Perea, N. M.; L. T. Cochran, Amarillo; J. M. McMahan, Eastland; and others

We appreciate every reader and want more. Get in the list of Texas Spur readers.

OIL BOOM IS NOW STIMULATING CITIZENS OF AFTON

While in the city Tuesday J. V. McCormick informed us that the citizens of the Afton country were becoming interested in the oil development activities of the country, and that they were now working on a proposition to interests drillers in sinking test wells in that section.

The oil possibilities of this whole country, as yet are undeveloped, but the time is now here that action in drilling and developing has begun, and everything possible should be done by every citizen to stimulate and accelerate such development progress. The fact is that those who stand in the way and retard such development not only are standing in their own light but detracting from the material interests of others as well as the whole country.

Let us all work together in harmony and accord to the end that our underground resources be brought to light and fully developed to the benefit of all.

C. B. Jones returned the first of the week from Fort Worth where he attended the bankers convention held in that city. One interesting feature of the program was talks upon the "oil question" and the possibilities of the developing fields of Texas. That oil possibilities throughout the state will be developed is now a certainty, and those who take advantages of the opportunities now offered in this field will be those who reap the richest harvests in the days to come.

Mrs. Roy Winter, who has been making her home in Jayton the past several months, left Tuesday for the West Pasture where she will visit at the Swenson Ranch headquarters.

W. H. West, of southwest of Spur, was here Saturday trading and meeting friends.

FOR SALE—2nd hand farm implements.—Mrs. Kate Senning. It

SOUTH PLAINS OIL CO. TO LEASE AND DRILL IN McADOO COUNTRY

S. W. Stephenson, of near McAdoo on the plains in Dickens county, was in Spur Wednesday and informed us that a South Plains Oil Company representative had been in the McAdoo country the past week securing leases with a proposition to sink deep test wells in that section for oil.

Citizens of McAdoo have long been of the opinion that oil is underground in that part of the plains, and although that territory is level and void of all "domes," "anticlines" and oil ridges, yet oil indications are not lacking. A number of wells in that immediate territory periodically "blow gas" and at times can be set on fire. In some places oil is observed on water coming from the wells, and along the Cap Rock pure oil can be noted seeping from the ground. An old oil man who has had practical experience in oil fields of former years told us a long time ago that he would stake not only his reputation but all he possessed that a great pool of oil is beneath McAdoo soil, and we doubt not his statement in the least.

The whole world is now interested in oil. Now is the appointed time to push development propositions, and we want to see the McAdoo field thoroughly tested.

A ROUSING "HOME-COMING" RECEPTION FOR OUR SOLDIERS

It has been suggested by citizens of Spur who do things, and preparations are now under way to give our returning soldier boys a big reception and a rousing welcome upon their home-coming.

It is being planned in connection with the proposed reception to give a big barbecue in their honor as soon as all have been discharged. Upon their departure the boys were accorded honors and the proper spirit was evidenced by the entire population, but since they are returning intermittently and by ones and two and without due notice it is impossible to meet them and accord to them the welcome and honor which is their due. However, when they all get home, the people of Spur and Dickens county will give them a rousing reception and recognition which will evidence our esteem, appreciation and love for those who went forth to do battle for us.

TOM DODSON NOW UP AFTER FORTY DAYS OF ILLNESS

Tom Dodson, of north of Dickens, who has been confined to his bed the past forty days suffering of pneumonia and an abscess on his lungs, we are very glad to note is now reported able to sit up.

Mrs. E. B. Buckner, of the McAdoo country, recently underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital and is now reported doing nicely and recovering. Mrs. Buckner is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Elsby of near McAdoo, and her many friends will be glad to hear that she is now recovering her former good health.

E. H. Blakley, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday. We are very glad to note that Mr. Blakley is apparently improving in health.

Mrs. G. Burns authorized us to place her name on the Texas Spur subscription list for which she has our thanks.

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting. Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

John T. F. Tallent came to town Saturday from the Gilpin country, spending several hours here. He has just returned from the army camps, and relates many incidents of interest. The "war experiences" of those called into service will be worth much to them. In fact they have gained information and knowledge that could not have been acquired in any other manner.

R. J. Hairgrove, of near the city, came in one day last week and made us more optimistic by shoving up his subscription another notch. You can hardly imagine how much a "boost" of this kind helps a newspaper man along.

Persons desiring subscriptions or renewals to any or all of the following publications, see Mrs. W. O. McCrary authorized agent: The Ladies Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post and Country Gentleman. Phone 143.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, came to Spur last Saturday. He was accompanied by J. A. Murchison and Chas. Perrin, two of the best citizens of the country, which insured W. T. in "getting by" with most any undertaking.

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.

W. H. Tallent came in Saturday of the past week from his farm home to the south of Spur, spending several hours here trading and on other business.

Chas. Perrin, of Draper, was in the city Saturday, spending only a short time here on business.

While in Eastland county recently we met J. H. Jones who is now temporarily located there looking after some land interests he has in that section. He will probably not attempt to make a crop here this year, since his land interests are within the real oil belt of Eastland county, and he no doubt will stay there and look after his interests. There is more money in Eastland county today than we ever imagined existed in the whole world. They consider a hundred thousand dollar proposition there with as little concern as we consider the amount to a year's subscription to the Texas Spur. The real truth is that they have more money than they know what to do with.

L. A. Hindman came to Spur one day the past week from his farm and ranch west of town, spending some time here greeting friends. Luther is just recovering of an attack of the flu, and he states upon authority that it "gets your goat."

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.

W. P. Marshall and wife, of the Duck Creek country, were in Spur Saturday afternoon trading and visiting with friends.

We have home raised, new crop of cane and maize seed, 6 cents per lb. Buy now before these seed are all gone.—Farmers Wagon Yard.

J. L. Moore was here one day the first of this week from his ranch home six miles west of Spur.

Sell your poultry and cow hides at Farmers Wagon Yard.

C. J. Smith of the Dry Lake country, came to town Saturday and spent the afternoon here trading and attending to business affairs. He reports everything most promising throughout his section now, and all farmers are expecting to harvest big yields this fall.

Jim Smith was here Saturday seeing his friends and trading with the merchants. Jim is another one of the optimistic citizens of this country—in fact the people of this country are the most progressive and optimistic of any class of people on earth.

H. O. Albin, of a few miles northeast of town, was in the city the first of this week greeting friends and attending to business affairs.

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

W. P. T. Smith, of the Dry Lake community, was one among the number here Saturday meeting friends.

HUGHES FAMOUS CANDIES ARE THE VERY BEST—AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.

G. S. Jones, of the Dry Lake settlement, was one among the large number in Spur Saturday.

S. B. Scott came in Saturday from his farm home and spent Sunday in town with his family.

H. C. Cravey, of Lower Red Mud, came in Monday and spent a short time in Spur on business.

WOOD FOR SALE.

Cord wood at \$2.50 per cord on my place 10 miles southwest of Spur.—J. B. Morrison.

I. J. Jopling and wife left Monday for Phoenix, Arizona, where they will make their home in the future, at least temporarily. Mr. Jopling has been sick the past several months, and it is hopes of benefitting his health that he and wife are going to Arizona at this time.

S. J. Ousley returned last week from Anson where he had been with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hudman House. Mr. House has been suffering of influenza, and we are glad to note that Mr. House is now improving.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was one of the many business visitors in the city Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in the Tap country at this time.

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.

Tom Owen and wife left on the Monday afternoon train, he going to the Burkburnett oil fields while Mrs. Owen will visit with relatives at Jayton and surrounding country.

S. W. Rather, one of the "old timers" of the country and one among our best citizens, was in Spur Saturday from his farm and ranch on Cat Fish.

My Red Hens are Winter Layers, mated with cocks from 200 egg strain. Eggs, \$1.00 for 18.—Mrs. Nannie Fletcher, 1 mile east of Spur.

C. H. Scott and wife, of several miles southeast of Spur, were among the shoppers and visitors in the city Saturday.

W. C. Mitchell, of the Tap section of country, was in town Saturday and hauled out some new farm implements which indicates that he intends to keep in the procession of up-to-date farming. W. C. Mitchell is not only an up-to-date farmer but one among our best citizens. Here is hoping he will make a bale of cotton to the acre and many surplus tons of feed stuff with which to supply the many new settlers sure to land here this fall. We are just now on one of the biggest "booms" Western Texas has ever known.

HUGHES FAMOUS CANDIES ARE THE VERY BEST—AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.

Bob Inglish, a good citizen of the Highway community, was among the visitors here Saturday, spending several hours in town trading and conversing with friends.

Tom Greer came in Saturday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, spending the day here trading and meeting his friends.

J. A. Murchison, a prominent citizen of the Draper country, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Plenty of Cake, Meal and Flour of Oil Mill products of the Spur Oil Mill Company, Spur, Texas.

W. J. Elliot and family, were visitors in the city Saturday from their ranch home southwest of Spur.

Bill McArthur had business in the city Monday, coming in from his farm home near Tap. He was accompanied by his wife and children. They were making individual plans for the coming year. Good Luck to all. Van Leer, of the Tap section, is now making a bumper crop this fall, and is now making individual plans for the coming year. G. A. Brown was here this week, talking oil to growers.

10. Address—The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Austin, Texas. J. M. Jones, Chief Division of Agricultural Projects as conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Austin, Texas. GATES. GINER J. V. McCormick, of Draper, was in Spur Tuesday and informed us that he had closed down his gin for the season. During the season he was in the city Saturday from his ranch home southwest of Spur. He was accompanied by his wife and children. They were making individual plans for the coming year. Good Luck to all. Van Leer, of the Tap section, is now making a bumper crop this fall, and is now making individual plans for the coming year. G. A. Brown was here this week, talking oil to growers.