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AND DICKENS ITEM



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THE FIRST DEEP TEST FOR OIL WILL BE ON SECTION 313

The first deep test well for oil on the McGee, Kelsey and Lynch lease northeast of Spur will be on section 313, five miles northeast of Spur and owned by J. C. Davis. This location was made public last week, and those who have no map may more accurately point out same in that it is the section of land just north of the J. H. Farmer home four miles northeast of Spur.

The rig timbers arrived in Spur Wednesday and will be unloaded Thursday and hauled out to the well location by Will Walker who has the hauling contract. The construction of the derrick will begin immediately.

Unless delays of which we know nothing about occurs, the drill will probably be going down within the next thirty or sixty days, and the drillers, we understand, expect to get a flowing oil well at a depth of about thirty two hundred feet. Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Lynch are just as confident that oil will be found as they are that the drill will go down, and would not give five cents for any one to insure them oil. This confidence is also indulged by many local citizens, and the result of the test will be anxiously awaited by the whole country.

HE PREDICTS ONE OF BEST CROPS EVER KNOWN IN WEST

W. J. Young was here Saturday last week from his farm home several miles southeast of Spur in Kent county. Mr. Young stated that the farmers of that section were well up with their work and that several of them had commenced to seed their land to the staple crops. "Unless some unsuspected calamity overtakes us, the farmers of my community will harvest one of the best crops this year ever known in West Texas," stated Mr. Young when asked about conditions as affecting the farmers of his section.

H. P. COLE COMPLETES A NEW HOME NEAR DICKENS

Carpenter J. A. Marsh informs us that he has just completed a fine, modern five room home for H. P. Cole on his place about one mile to the south and east of Dickens. Mr. Cole recently sold his farm and ranch home to J. H. Edwards, and we are glad to know that he is again comfortably and permanently located with us.

BROTHERS WILL DRIVE HERD TO PASTURE NEAR COLORADO

During the week B. J. Brothers has been rounding up a herd of cattle from the ranch and will drive them through the country to pasture near Colorado City, a distance of about one hundred miles.

DICKENS CITIZENS MAKE DRILLING CONTRACT FOR OIL

A drilling contract was closed this week by Dickens citizens with Messrs. Cole and Shepherd for a lease on approximately twenty thousand acres of land to the northwest of Dickens, with the understanding that one well be drilled to depth of four thousand feet or two wells to a depth of thirty five hundred feet in a test for oil. The drilling operations are to begin within ninety days after signing the contract, there being some preliminary adjustments yet to be made before the contract is signed.

Messrs. Cole and Shepherd are also figuring on a lease for a drilling contract to the southwest of Spur in the Steel Hill and Duck Creek communities.

This drilling contract together with four test wells contracted to be drilled by Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Lynch between Dickens and Spur and also one well to be drilled by J. H. Edwards on the Cole place two miles south of Dickens will give this territory a thorough test for oil, and within the year we will probably know whether or not Dickens county will be considered an oil belt. There are many of us who are confident that oil will be uncovered, but of course should the developments prove otherwise we will continue to live happily and contented and enjoy unprecedented prosperity as the result of ideal crop conditions and bountiful harvests, since no country has better crop prospects than now prevail throughout Dickens county and all of Western Texas. Should oil be developed in connection with our ideal crop conditions no one can conceive of the progress and development activity which will take place. The conditions at Ranger and in Eastland county will not be a circumstance. Oil development is a slow process and we should not become impatient at delays. In Eastland county they were drilling for oil twenty years ago and it is just now beginning to develop in a substantial way. We will patiently await the developments in the Dickens county field and in the meantime we will not dispose of our "birthright" for a mess of pottage.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB.

Thursday afternoon from four to six o'clock Mrs. L. R. Barrett delightfully entertained the Friday Afternoon Club and a number of their friends, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love. The score cards were emblematic of the Easter season, and after several games of the ever fascinating game of 42 delicious refreshments of pineapple ice cream, cut cake and cherries imbedded in marshmallows were served and dainty miniature potted flowers were given as plate favors. All present voted Mrs. Barrett a most delightful hostess.

Mrs. Jim Sample was hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club on April 17. After a number of interesting games of 42 delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served to the following ladies: Mesdames Brannen, Holly of Temple, Love, Glasgow, Whitener, Powell of Crosbyton, Dickson, Lee, Perry, Ned Hogan, Lee of Wichita Falls, Brasher, Morris, Edmonds, Manning, Lacey of Temple, Andrews, Caraway, Barrett, Gruben, and Miss Sample.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

How good and thankful we all feel this week, and we should, for when we remember last year at this time we had both drouth and war and we knew not when they would end. Now the war is over and we never had better seasons at this time of year—just the conditions we have all hoped and prayed for. Now we must work and use to the best advantage the good conditions. If we neglect doing our part we may come out in 1919 as poor as we did in 1918. It is up to us.

Now we come wanting you to spend your cash with us, and we are offering you the very best merchandise. All who have traded with us know we carry the best. Light Crust Flour—nobody claims to have better. Some say their flour is just as good as Light Crust. All other lines of groceries of similar quality, and at prices as low as good merchandise can be sold.

Yes, we are having the biggest dry goods business we have ever done. People come from other towns and communities to buy their dry goods, Dresses, Suits, Coats, Skirts, Waists, etc. New goods coming all the time. We don't care where you go you can't find more up-to-date merchandise than we carry in our Ladies Department. And Millinery, we are having a great season and we are continuing to wire in orders for new goods in this line. Come on and get your real spring hat now, for winter is over for sure.

Yes, we are proud of our Hardware Department, and business in this line is picking up fast. We want your business—if it is something we haven't in stock, let us know. We will do our best to get it for you.

Buy Victory Liberty Bonds. They are good as gold. Help the ones who have fought for you. Count the value of our liberty compared with many other countries. It is worth while.

Don't kick because your purse is flat
And hunger is your plight:
You should be mighty thankful that
You have an appetite.

Don't kick because your shoes have holes;
Don't kick, man, I repeat.
Remember there are some poor souls
Who haven't any feet.

Yes, the rains have come and we have several cars of oil wells coming, so they say. Wont things hum! There will be work for everybody, even father. Don't worry about the oil ruining your crop; look out for the weeds, though. Somebody is going to lose their crops; don't let that somebody be you.

Everybody all together for a good 1919. Nature is doing her part.

Come on with the crowds to Bryant-Link Co's. We have stayed on through the drouth and want to make Spur our future home. Spend your cash with us; we give you your money's worth.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

A SUBSCRIPTION SCHOOL.

A subscription school is now in progress in Spur. This school is being conducted in order that the pupils who did not complete their courses in the term just closed might have the opportunity to make their grades and thus be promoted to the higher grades at the beginning of the next term of school.

GRAVELING WORK ON THE HIGHWAY IS COMPLETED

J. T. Rose & Son last week completed the work of grading and graveling six miles of the Highway into Spur from the east. The completion of this work now gives us permanent hardsurfaced roadway from the east county line into Spur, a piece of roadway excelled by none and equalled by few roadways in all of Western Texas.

Dickens county now has more hardsurfaced paved roads than any county in the West. The road from Spur leading north through Dickens and Afton, a distance of approximately thirty miles, is hardsurfaced and one of the smoothest, best and most durable roads in West Texas. The road from Draper through Dickens and to the Cap Rock is graveled with the exception of a few miles west of Dickens and which will be completed some day. The Highway west of Spur is graveled out two miles and another ten miles will be added to this at an early date.

It is a pleasure to get back into Dickens county after traveling over the country.

Observe the slogan, "Keep Out of Ruts" and thus prolong the life of these roadways. They are of inestimable value to the country and the people.

T. H. TALLANT WELL NEAR GILPIN IS PUMPING PURE OIL

We heard that the T. H. Tallant well near Gilpin was pumping oil with water, and being somewhat skeptical we stopped one day last week to see about it. On the water in the tank was a scum of oil, and in the trough which empties into the tank and into which the well pumps its water, a heavy scum of oil was very evident. Thinking perhaps the oil could have been poured in the trough, we turned on the windmill and as it pumped water oil in considerable quantities came out with the water.

The well is only about one hundred and sixty-five feet deep and has been drilled for a number of years. We put some of the oil on a stick and it would easily burn after drying a short time.

Whether or not this flow of oil is an indication of a great pool somewhere underneath is problematic, but there is no question but that a high grade of oil in no inconsiderable quantities is being pumped from the Tallant well near Gilpin.

CO-OPERATIVE MEETING

The second of the co-operative services which are being conducted at the various churches will be at the First Christian Church next Sunday evening at 8:45 o'clock. Everybody is urged to participate in these services. Following is the program:

- Song. "Come Thou Fount."
- Song. "Love Lifted Me."
- Prayer. Sanders Taylor.
- Male quartet.
- Song. "Standing on The Promises."
- Prayer. Geo. S. Link.
- Incidental offering.
- Duet. Misses Minnie Fite and Louise Cates.
- Sermon. "The Man Out Of Place" J. O. Haymes.
- Song. "Jesus is Calling."
- Benediction.

BIG RAINS FALL OVER THE ENTIRE WESTERN COUNTRY

It commenced raining throughout the country Thursday night of last week, continuing intermittently until Sunday night, the total rainfall amounting to more than three inches.

Never was the whole country in better shape with respect to seasons, nor were bumper crop yields of all kinds more promising than at the present time. The long dry years have been forgotten. We are now looking ahead with not only visions but undoubted realities of waving fields of grain, corn, maize and feed stuff in superabundance and cotton sufficient to clothe the world. You just can't keep West Texas down—we are coming.

Up to the first day of May last year we had only 1.91 inches of rain, with a total rainfall during the year of 13.53 inches. Up to the present time this year we have already had 8.72 inches of rain with prospects of more yet to come. In January we .30 inches; in February .25; in March 3.91, and in April up to this time 4.16 inches, making a total of 8.72 inches of rain in 1919.

Farmers are planting now with the assurance of bountiful yields, and with good prices in the fall the disadvantages and hardships of the past two or three years will be only a memory—an incident gone by in a land of peace, prosperity and plenty.

WELLS ON THE TAYLOR FARM TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR OIL

W. H. Taylor, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Monday. He had with him a small jar of what appeared to be salt, soda and alum which he had boiled from a half-gallon of water coming from one of the several wells on his place. Mr. Taylor has three wells on his place, ranging in depth from ninety feet to two hundred twenty feet. The water in each well differs very materially from the others. One has salt, soda and alum, another has a gyp, brashy water and another is somewhat mixed with oil which covers the water. Experienced oil men are taking notice to the wells on this place, and it is possible, says Mr. Taylor, that an oil company will sink a test well on his place. At least they are coming out to thoroughly investigate the oil possibilities on his tract of land with the intention of developing should the indications prove sufficient to warrant the expenditure. The T. H. Tallant well near the Taylor place is pumping considerable oil, and from all the indications in that section it is very evident that a pool of oil is somewhere near, and it is only a question of time until the drills will be going down to uncover the pools which are buried under our soil.

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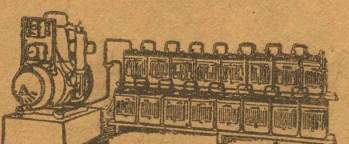
Elmer McClellan and bride arrived Thursday of last week in Spur from Wise county where they were married Wednesday. The bride was Miss Nona Strickland, and Mr. and Mrs. McClellan were formerly schoolmates and sweethearts.

Elmer McClellan is one of the foremost young men of Dickens county, and his many friends here join the Texas Spur in wishing he and bride many years of happiness and prosperity. They will make their home in the Steel Hill community.

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The complete Electric Light and Power Plant

Simple in construction, durable dependable, efficient in operation



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MATADOR, TEXAS



THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT ARE SUCH TENDER ORGANISMS THAT THE LEAST VARIATION IN PURITY OF THE MEDICINES YOU USE FOR THEM MAY HAVE A PERMANENTLY INJURIOUS EFFECT. YOU DON'T WANT TO BE BLIND OR DEAF. THEN COME TO US FOR YOUR MEDICINES. YOU HAVE MANY DRUG NEEDS, BUT YOU HAVE JUST ONE DRUG STORE; LET IT BE OURS.

THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

"We Give You What You Ask For."

SPUR, TEXAS

ENTERTAIN WITH A DANCE AT SUNSHINE RANCH

Frank Hale came in Saturday from the Sunshine Ranch several miles southwest of Spur in Kent county and while here paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant visit. On Thursday night of last week Mr. and Mrs. Hale entertained with a dance at the ranch, the merry guests, of which there were a large number, tripping to the light fantastic until Friday morning. Delicious refreshments of iced desserts and cake were served by the hostess. All the young people who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hale on this occasion declare them a most charming host and hostess and will await with anticipated pleasure the time when Mr. and Mrs. Hale again entertain.

Million dollars to loan farmers at 5 1-2 per cent interest. Federal Land Bank, Houston, Texas. I will be in Spur about ten days to take applications of all those who wish to take advantage of this cheap money. See C. L. Glenn, secretary, and treasurer, Roaring Springs National Farm Loan Association, Matador, Texas.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours in the city. Dr. Blackwell is interested with other citizens of Dickens in the contract recently closed with drillers for sinking a test well for oil near that place.

J. S. Worsham, of four miles west of Spur, was in the city Monday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Worsham reported plenty rain and the very best of prospects for making a good crop in his section.

Otho L. Hale, of Afton and successful merchant of that place, was in Spur last week, spending some time in the city looking after his interests here and incidentally greeting his many friends.

J. H. Latham, of the Red Hill community several miles east of Spur, was in the city one day recently and purchased supplies of the merchants.

W. D. Blair was in Spur Saturday from his home two miles east of the city.

CITY ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to prohibit the shooting of fire-arms on or across any street or alley in the City of Spur, or within one hundred yards of any business house or dwelling within said city, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SPUR:

Sec. 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to shoot or discharge any gun, pistol or fire-arms of any kind whatsoever on or across any street or alley within the city of Spur, or within one hundred yards of any business house or dwelling within said city of Spur.

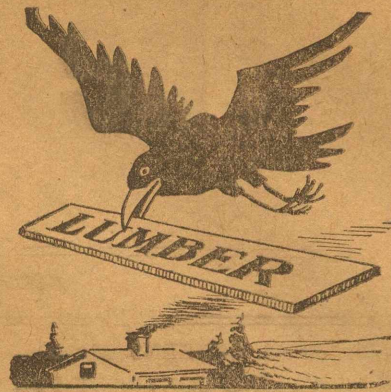
Sec. 2. Any person violating Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

Sec. 3. This Ordinance shall not apply to peace officers in the lawful discharge of the duties of their office, nor to any person, in case of fire or other emergency, who may shoot fire-arms to give alarm or to kill any mad-dog or other animal dangerous to the public.

Passed April 28, 1919.

Approved, W. D. WILSON, Mayor.

Attest: E. J. COWAN, City Secretary.



BRAZELTON LUMBER COMPANY

COTTON SEED.

Improved Mebane planting seed now on hand at \$2.50 per bushel.—Spur Grain & Coal Co. 22tf

Dr. Grace and J. D. Harkey returned recently from the oil belt after spending a few days in the interest of their holdings there. It is said that the nature of their trip down into the oil belt at this time was to close the contract with drillers for sinking one or more test wells.

A. C. George, of the Highway community, came in Saturday and spent several hours in Spur trading and on other business. Mr. George reported that conditions in the Highway community continued to be ideal.

Dr. Blackwell and wife were here Monday from Dickens.

Bring Repair Work to the Second Hand Store and get it made new.

THE BILL

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

NOTICE

Those having accounts against me will please send same to me at Gorman and I will mail check.—W. C. Harrel. 11p

J. G. Currie, of McAdoo, was here Saturday, spending several hours in the city trading with the merchants and greeting his many friends who were in Spur that day.

R. L. English, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city one day this week, reporting the finest rains and the very best crop prospects throughout his part of the country.

Tom Greer came in Saturday from his farm home ten miles west of Spur and spent some time in the city attending to business affairs.

200-egg Safety Hatch incubator, practically new, for sale cheap.—J. S. Worsham. 25-2tp

CITY ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to prohibit the throwing of stones and missiles and the shooting of air-guns and nigger-shooters on or across any street or alley in the City of Spur, and prescribing a penalty.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SPUR:

Sec. 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any person to throw or discharge, by any means whatever, any stone or other missile of any description, or to shoot or discharge any air-gun or nigger-shooter on or across any street or alley within the city of Spur.

Sec. 2. Any person violating Section 1 of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished in any sum not exceeding One Hundred Dollars.

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Attest: E. J. COWAN, City Secretary.

Henry Mitchell, of near Dickens, was in Spur recently, and informed us that he intended to go down into the oil fields and work a while to raise the necessary funds with which to tide over the depressing situation as a result of former dry years.

Oscar Henry was in Spur Monday from Duck Creek.

COTTON SEED.

Improved Mebane planting seed now on hand at \$2.50 per bushel.—Spur Grain & Coal Co. 22tf

Will Stephens and wife were in Spur Monday from their farm home at Duck Creek. Mr. Stephens brought in one of the lost hats advertised for by Mr. Wofford, also of Duck Creek. This is another demonstration of the fact that advertising in the Texas Spur brings results.

George Greenwade was in the city Monday and spent a short time here looking after some business matters. Mr. and Mrs. Greenwade are on an extended visit with relatives at Dickens. Their home is in Arizona.

W. W. Waldrup, of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week on business. He reported everything progressing nicely at the county capital.

J. H. Meadors, one of the leading business men of Dickens, was in the city Monday looking after his interests in Spur.

Wayne VanLeer came over from Dickens Monday and spent a short time in Spur greeting friends and on business.

WOOD FOR SALE.

Cord wood at \$2.50 per cord on my place 10 miles southwest of Spur.—J. B. Morrison. 1f

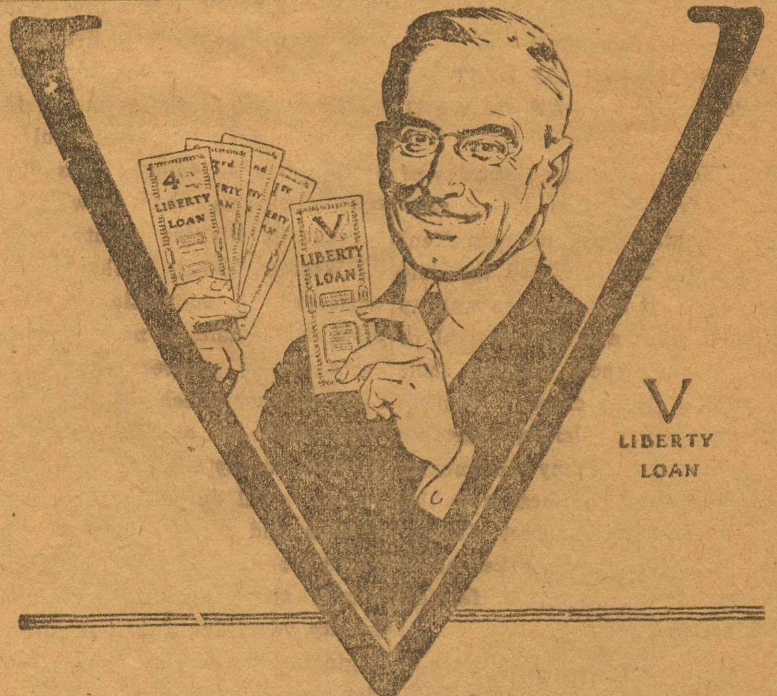
The Rain Has Come Flies Are Coming

Do Your Screening Now

Before the Flies Come

We Can Supply Your Wants

P. H. Miller Lumber Co.



Not Four Loans But FIVE

He's got a full hand now—and a clear conscience. More than that, he has an investment that will pay dividends of cash and the consciousness of duty well done.

Four loans have gone over. Do your part to make the fifth and final one a success that will blaze its way thro' history.

Victory Liberty Loan Committee

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NEGROES JOIN TO SLAY ALL WHITES

Amazing Story of Harebrained Plot of a Negro Wallingford.

BUSINESS MEN GET FACTS

Deliberately Planned Insurrection of Negroes Against Whites in Arkansas Directed by Negro Who Saw Chance for Easy Money.

Helena, Ark.—How the "ignorance and superstition of a race of children was played upon for monetary gain and for the banding together of negroes to slay whites" was revealed in a statement issued here to the Associated Press by E. M. Allen, a member of the committee of seven, who has heard virtually all of the prisoners' confessions following the uprising in this section of Arkansas.

The committee of seven is composed of leading Helena business men. It had been authorized to carry on the investigation both by the municipal and county authorities and by Governor Brough of Arkansas.

The Harebrained Scheme.

Mr. Allen's statement follows: "The present trouble with the negroes in Phillips county is not a race riot. It is a deliberately planned insurrection of the negroes against the whites, directed by an organization known as the Progressive Farmers and Household Union of America, established for the sole purpose of banding negroes together for the killing of white people.

"This union was started by Robert L. Hill, a negro, twenty-six years of age, of Winchester, Ark., who saw in it an opportunity of easy money. He had been a farmer all his life, but lately had been posing as a 'private detective doing work in this and all foreign countries.'

"He started his first union in April. He organized the 'Ratio lodge' in May. He chose Ratio because his mother happened to be living there.

"He told the darkies he was an agent of the government, and because the senators and representatives at Washington were white men and in sympathy with the white men of the South, it was impossible for the negroes to get the rights that had been promised them for service in the army, and so the government had called into existence this organization, which would be supported by the government in defense of the negroes against the white people.

"He told them that it was necessary for all members to arm themselves for the day when they should be called upon to attack their white oppressors.

"The slogan of the organization is 'We battle for our rights.' The password was 'We have just begun.'

"He told them that those members who were unable to buy ammunition would be supplied from the government storehouse at Winchester.

How the Money Rolled In!

"Negro men were charged \$1.50 entrance fee and negro women 50 cents. At the second or third meeting he would bring Dr. V. E. Powell as examining physician for the government in its work of registering the negroes.

"A certificate was filled out and signed by the doctor and given to each negro upon payment of 50 cents. This certificate was supposed to be the registration document.

"Those negroes who had from \$5 to \$25 were enrolled in an advanced section of the union and upon payment of whatever sum he (Hill) could procure in excess of \$5 a certificate was given entitling the holder to attend the congresses of the union at Winchester and speak on the floor of the meeting regarding any questions brought up and to assist in keeping the Constitution of the United States from being questioned.

"Another form of extortion was to sell shares of \$10 each to the negroes in a building to be erected at Winchester. Hill would find out what negroes possessed Thrift Stamps and Liberty bonds and would issue a certificate stating that so many shares had been purchased at \$10 a share, and all negroes buying five or more shares were told their names would be engraved in the building.

"In other words, he had so planned his campaign that any negro possessing from 50 cents to \$50 was given an opportunity to invest in something connected with the union."

The harpy was sent to a rescue home and became a woman. She who was old only in experience again learned the simple love of a child. She was saved for the world.

HUNT LONG FOR BURIED FORTUNE

Hidden Treasure Has Lured Men to Toil for Half Century on Iowa Farm.

TRAGEDY WOVEN IN ROMANCE

Murder of Man 46 Years Ago Brings Strange Characters Into a Court—Mystery Yet to Be Solved.

Bedford, Ia.—The mystery of a hidden treasure, a mystery that has puzzled the people of southwestern Iowa for half a century, has been brought nearer solution by an investigation which has shown how a little group of picturesque characters of that section of the state toiled for years in quest of riches buried, according to tradition, on the Klondike farm. The evil spell the buried treasure has worked upon those intimately connected with it has held to the last. One by one the fortune hunters are passing from the stage, their dreams ending in misery or poverty.

Lying 15 miles southwest of Bedford, Ia., is the Huntsman farm, and adjoining it is the Anderson homestead. Pitted with holes and scarred with many excavations, the farms prove the arduous toil of men driven by dreams of gold. First it was Dr. C. R. Huntsman and his brother, Bates, who searched for the treasure. Now it is Bates and his two sons and their families.

Searching for the Treasure.

Samuel Anderson moved to Iowa in the early seventies. Soon after he located on the farm Anderson received a call from the Huntsmans, who told him that there was a lot of gold buried on the place and that they wanted to dig for it. Anderson was asked to aid in the work. For nearly a quarter century the three dug, plowed and excavated.

One day 17 years ago the searchers uncovered three stakes set in a direct line pointing to a spring. Anderson, inspired by the vision of his share of the fortune, dug on feverishly. He first came onto some white sand that he knew was not common to that part of the country. Anderson then uncovered a big rock, under which was a metal box. One of the Huntsmans told Anderson that he could go, promising him his share of the fortune when the money was counted. He never saw the box again nor learned of its contents.

Soon after the discovery of the metal box the elder Huntsman died suddenly. Samuel Anderson, wearying of long waiting for his share of the treasure he believed he had uncovered, filed a suit against Bates Huntsman, asking pay for his years of toil. So peculiar was his story that state officials became interested. An investigation followed, and other persons acquainted with some of the circumstances of the affair were found. One of these was Maria Collins Porter of Quitman, Mo., who spent her girlhood in the vicinity.

The woman's story seemed to throw clear light on the source of the treasure the Huntsmans had sought so long. The story, too, seemed to link the treasure with the hoard found in the cabin of old Dr. A. M. Golliday of Bedford, whose body was found in his cabin 11 years ago. It was a story of a murder gang, of stolen thousands, of a crime committed so far back in time that even the identity of the victim was a matter of uncertainty.

Held on Murder Charge.

Following swiftly upon the story of Maria Collins Porter came the arrest of Bates Huntsman, Sam Scrivner, a rich farmer, and John and Hank Damewood. They were charged with the murder of a man of unknown identity, presumably a rich cattle buyer from Missouri, 46 years ago. Even before the trial began speculation as to the identity of the murdered man became rife. Although there were found to be many contradictions in the evidence presented by some of the witnesses the case of the state might have proceeded further but for one of the primary technicalities of the law of homicide. The state could not establish the existence of the man alleged to have been killed. The young attorney for the aged defendants only had to move that the case be dismissed to have this action taken.

Curfew for Pianos.

Appleton, Wis.—It will be a misdemeanor for anyone to play a piano or other musical instrument in his home here after 11 p. m., if the common council adopts a proposed ordinance. The ordinance provides a fine of from \$1 to \$35 or imprisonment in jail for not more than ten days. The ordinance is aimed at saloon men who have been permitting piano playing in their business places at all hours of the night since July 1.



Lay a bet on rolling 'em with

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

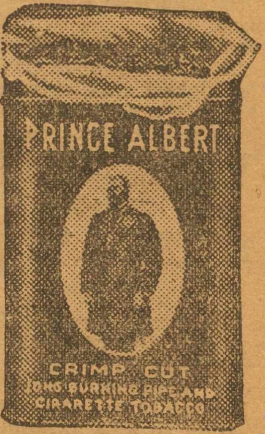
ROLLING your own cigarettes with Prince Albert is just about as joy'us a sideline as you ever carried around in your grip! For, take it at any angle, you never got such quality, flavor, fragrance and coolness in a makin's cigarette in your life as every "P. A. home-made" will present you!

Prince Albert puts new smokenotions under your bonnet! It's so delightful rolled into a cigarette—and, so easy to roll! And, you just take to it like you been doing it since away back! You see, P. A. is crimp cut and a cinch to handle! It stays put—and you don't lose a lot when you start to hug the paper around the tobacco!

You'll like Prince Albert in a jimmy pipe as much as you do in a home-rolled cigarette, too! Bite and parch are cut out by our exclusive patented process. You know P. A. is the tobacco that has led three men to smoke pipes where one was smoked before. Yes sir, Prince Albert blazed the way. And, me-o-my, what a wad of smokesport will ripple your way every time you fill up!

Awaiting your say-so, you'll find teppy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors—and—that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps Prince Albert in such perfect condition!

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



TAMES "OUTLAW" SHIP

Youngest Commander in Navy Performs Feat.

"Crankiest Ship Afloat" Comes to Be Real Peaceable Army Transport.

San Francisco.—The "devils" have been cast out of the good ship Great Northern.

Chastened by the grim spectacle of war, in which she nobly "did her bit" by transporting 60,000 Yankee soldiers across the Atlantic, the one-time "crankiest ship afloat" came back home a few days ago, obedient to the hand of the youngest commander in the United States navy.

He is Charles H. Porta, born in Turin, Italy, thirty-four years ago. His father is Prof. Albert F. Porta, noted archaeologist, scientist and sun-spot observer.

"A ship is just like a grand opera prima donna," he says. "She needs a bit of petting and pampering to keep her in good humor—but there's nothing uncanny about her. And when she is right—boys, how she can sing!"

The Great Northern traveled more than 200,000 miles in the coastwise and Honolulu passenger service before America entered the war. In those days she was forever "stubbing her toe"—blundering into pier heads, breaking her machinery and "fussing" generally. At that, she was the fleetest and sweetest craft on the western ocean.

Then Uncle Sam shouldered arms and the big "prima donna" of the sea donned a gray uniform and went east as a transport. Coincidentally she dropped the nonsense somewhere between San Francisco and Hoboken and never went back to look for it. From then on she was all business.

Once in the North sea the Great Northern ran afoul of a British patrolboat and lost two of her after compartments, but she gamely struggled into port with her cargo of about 4,000 doughboys, spent a week in dry dock and went back to work. In all she steamed 125,000 miles between America and France during and immediately after the war.

Just now she is operating as a troop ship between San Francisco and Vladivostok, but rumor says she will soon be back on the Pacific passenger run, and that Commander Porta will continue to "skipper" her between the mainland and Hawaii.

TAKE NOTICE.

Please do not ask us to charge feed and coal, as we pay cash for what we buy.—Farmers Wagon Yard. 507f



AND YOUNG LADIES AGREE THAT A BOX OF CONFECTIONERY IS THE SWEET-KIND OF A GIFT!

They may differ about other things, but they are all one mind in declaring our candy the most delicious made. Take a box with you on your next call. The sweetness of her smile will match the sweetness of the candy.

Spur Drug Co.
DRUGS, CIGARS AND SODA.

FREE

WE WANT TO PROVE TO YOU Entirely at Our Risk Just How Rich-Tone Is Producing Such Astonishing Health Building Results

Not one penny will Rich-Tone cost you, if it doesn't prove of genuine worth in treating your case.

You are to be the judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy, a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up, then Rich-Tone will be free to you—it will not cost you anything—not one penny.

You owe it to yourself to try this marvelous remedy. You owe it to your family and friends to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brisk of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips!

On each bottle is plainly printed—"money cheerfully refunded if not entirely satisfactory," and your own local druggist will let you try Rich-Tone on this money-back guarantee.

One user says: "I was run down after a bad case of 'flu,' was in bed four months, under the care of five doctors, had nervous prostration, could not sleep and ate very little. I got a bottle of your wonderful tonic, Rich-Tone, and am now eating three times a day and I sure sleep sound. I cannot say enough for your wonderful tonic, Rich-Tone. It is worth its weight in gold. It saved me \$50.00 or \$60.00 as I was going to Mineral Wells, but I do not need to go now, thanks to Rich-Tone."

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles, enriches and purifies the blood, contains all the elements needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves, restores appetite, induces healthful sleep—it gives to you all those things which mean energy and well being. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee.

Sold and guaranteed locally by THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE

A New Car of Wagons Just Unloaded!!

WE HAVE JUST UNLOADED A CAR OF BAIN WAGONS AND WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE YOU LOOK THEM OVER. -- THIS WILL BE THE LAST CAR WE WILL HAVE AND IF YOU WANT THE BEST IN A WAGON, GET ONE OF THESE

Cotton Mattresses COTTON MATTRESSES ARE HARD TO GET, BUT WE HAVE A FAIR SUPPLY ON HAND. BETTER COME FOR YOURS NOW.

Watch this space each week. It will tell you of the arrival of new shipments of goods in which you are interested.

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO., "The Satisfactory Store"

Builders Hardware, Coal Oil Stoves, Ranges, Windmills and Well Supplies, Furniture, Sealy Mattresses, Linoleum, Coffins, Talking Machines, Complete line Automobile Accessories

COTTON CLASSING OFFICE IS BUILT AT THE COTTON YARD

An office building has been constructed at the cotton yard for the use of Leon Hairston, the cotton classifier under the supervision of the government. This office was placed at the cotton yard for the convenience of the farmers who may have their cotton classed, taking only the classing ticketto buyers for bids on the staple.

By having cotton classed in this manner, the farmer is assured of knowing the grade of his staple and the market price.

The fact that a government cotton classifier is established at Spur is a big item to the farmers of the country as well as for the town. Already samples are being mailed here for classification from surrounding points, and many bales of cotton will be marketed here that otherwise would have gone elsewhere.

Farmers who bring cotton to Spur are assured of a proper classification and the highest market prices. In fact during the past week buyers of Spur have paid no attention to a decline in the market, continuing to pay above the market quotations.

DICKENS COUNTY BAPTISTS IN THE 75-MILLION CAMPAIGN

The Missionary, Rev. B. H. Lasseter, was with Brother Duke and the Watson church Sunday morning, and with the Verbena church Sunday night, helping them to complete their organization for the 75-Million Campaign, and to get ready to go over the top in a great way.

Rev. L. S. Bilberry was in Spur Saturday. He reports that the church at Lost Lake is taking hold of the work of the campaign in a great way and that he hopes to be able to get his other churches to get into the work in like manner. The writer will be with him at Steel Hill church Sunday afternoon.

Encouraging reports come from A. P. Stokes. We are sure that the churches to which he ministers will go over the top in good shape before the end of "Victory Week." With every shurrh doing its best Dirkens County Association will ring with the shouts of praise when the reports are all in.

Rev. H. L. Burnam has accepted the care of the Friendship church and we are persuaded that he is leading that good people to a jofous obedience to the call of God in the 75-Million Campaign. We are basing ur judgment on the talks made at the Spur church Sunday night by Brethren Victor Crabtree and G. W. Jackson.

We feel sure that Rev. L. R. Stegall and the churches at Afton and Roaring Springs are determined to win out in the campaign although they are so quiet that we hear nothing from them, not even seeing anything in the papers from them. Bro. Stegall, let us hear from you. Tell us what you are doing in your end of the association.

The writer and the Spur church had a very fine day Sunday. People continue to come in to the church, both by letter and baptism. The writer also spoke for Bro. Burnam's people at Espuela Sunday afternoon. They are ehopeful and we believe that they will go over the top for the Master in hte campaign.—A. B. Miller, Pub.Dir.

A "SPOOK" PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained Friday evening with a Hollow 'een party at their home in the west part of the city. The guests all came masked, bein gunmasked only as they were recognized for the forty two games. The rooms were decorated for the occasion with cats, bats and pumpkins. At the conclusion of the games a salad course was served. It was a delightful and pleasant occasion.

H. G. Perry made a business trip this week to the markets, buying groceries for the Soldiers Cash Grocery.

A FEW NOTES TO THE SCHOOL PATRONS OF SPUR SCHOOLS

At the end of the present week the school will have been in session for one month. Generally speaking its progress has been eminently satisfactory, considering the fact that conditions were unsettled when we began. Our seats for the auditorium have not arrived; neither have the chairs for the teachers, the laboratory apparatus, a few of the text books, and some other minor equipment. All these things are expected at any time. The debris from the ruins of the old building is still on the grounds, but we hope to have things cleaned up soon. A new library, which will fill all of the state requirements, is being ordered. In addition, a move has been started among the women of the town for the betterment of the library. When everything is done, very few schools of our size can come up to us in the matter of equipment and comfort. The new desks are all that was hoped for; and the new heating system is working excellently. And I just want to give the public this assurance about my colleagues: They make as fine a corps of teachers as one could wish for. They are earnest energetic and efficient. The community should feel proud of them—and friends of the school should endeavor to make life pleasant for them while they are among us. They will do everything in their power to make the school year a good one.

We have enrolled only about 260 thus far. A great many students are in the cotton fields. This can't be helped. But I am under the impression that a few are neither in school nor in the fields. These I would warn to get into school immediately, because the compulsory law will one of these days put you in school and you will be behind.

There are a few things that I hope the parents will help us do. First, I shall say that we are being troubled by the preposterously early arrival of

some students. We do not want the children coming to school before 8:30 in the morning. Keep them at home until 8:30 if you live anywhere within average distance from the building. But we are even more averse to their arrival after 9:00 o'clock. We must not have tardies. Then I hope parents will insist on considerable home study, particularly for larger students. The average student can't do good work without it; and the most of them who neglect it will fail at the end of the year. Trips t the picture show, parties, etc., should be confined to Friday and Saturday nights. At the end of every month we will give to each pupil a card showing a report of his work. Parents should examine these reports—both parents—and should call for them when the card is not voluntarily brought in.

The public will no doubt be glad to know that the school has just been awarded special aid from the funds recently voted by the legislature to the extent of \$750.00, \$500.00 for the maintenance fund and \$250.00 to assist in buying a library. But that will not be enough. If the unprecedented wave of prosperity now sweeping over this section does not result in something good for the schools, it will be to the shame of those who hold the stakes. These boys and girls need a full year's schooling worse than the parent need new automobiles and fine blooded stock, and other things that are entirely proper but not so badly needed as is an education for the children.—T. A. Tunnell.

ENTRE NOUS.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson was hostess to the Entre Nous Club and a number of friends last Friday afternoon with a Halloween party. The rooms were appropriately decorated for the occasion. Those enjoying the afternoon's pleasure were Mesdames Lee, Kate Senning, C. E. Senning, Edmonds, McClure, Richbourg, Andrews, Tunnell, E. A. Lang of Los Angeles, Chas. Whitener and W. Neilon.

SAVE ALL YOUR COTTON SEED. THAT IS SUITABLE TO PLANT.

In 1917-18 a large part of our state mainly central, northwest and southwest, practically made no cotton, and was compelled to buy seed from the more favored sections.

More than half of the state must buy planting seed next year, and these seed must come from central and the northwest part of Texas, where the best seed are now to be had. From these sections seed for planting next crop must be obtained, and it is now urged that every farmer not only hold cotton but to also hold seed suitable for planting. Planting seed will bring the top price. If seed ar esoa to mills they will be crushed or held for speculation. Store in a dry place and hold your planting seed for they will be in demand another year.

BOYS ESCAPE JAIL BUT RE-CAPTURED FOLLOWING MORNING

The two boys, Jack Phillips and W. L. Griffin, arrested last week by Sheriff Barber, on a charge of stealing an automobile near Albuquerque, N. M., escaped jail Saturday night about eleven o'clock. The boys headed out to the north and west of Dickens, going across shinnery and pastures, hitting the plains below McAdoo. They became lost, waking up Rush McLaughlin to find out where they were and in what direction they were going. Sheriff Barber was told the following morning of the escape, and phoned immediately to McLaughlin's, and in less than an hour after it was discovered that the boys were gone they were again in the custody of the sheriff.

The sheriff at Albuquerque arrived here Saturday for the prisoners, and after their recapture he left immediately with them for New Mexico.

Mr. and Ms. K. C. Cake, of Seymour moved this week to Spur and will make their home here in the future.

The Big Rush is Now On

NEVER BEFORE WAS THERE SUCH A GREAT DEMAND FOR MERCHANDISE!!

AND NEVER BEFORE WAS MERCHANDISE SO SCARCE ON SOME LINES. WE WERE EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL THIS WEEK. OUR SHOWINGS ARE STRONG ON

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| LADIES DRESSES | MENS PANTS | TIES AND SOCKS | MENS SHIRTS |
| LADIES SWEATERS | LADIES SHOES | UNDERWEAR | MIDDIES |
| BOYS SUITS | MENS SWEATERS | CHILDRENS SHOES | NEW SILKS |
| OUTING FLANNELS | CHILDRENS DRESSES | LADIES SUITS | HATS AND CAPS |
| SILK HOSIERY | DRESS GINGHAMS | LADIES CLOAKS | NEW WAISTS |
| GLOVES | BAGS AND PURSES | MENS SUITS | MENS SHOES |

Delay Means Disappointment!

TAKE OUR ADVICE, GET BUSY, SHOP EARLY. EVERY DAY PRICES CONTINUE TO SOAR HIGHER. WE ARE UNDER THEM ALL PRICE AND QUALITY COMBINED. LET US SHOW YOU. DELAYS MEAN DISAPPOINTMENTS!!

THE CASH STORE LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY THE CASH STORE

SPUR, TEXAS



Has Your Boy Come Home?

From the foreign battlefields where he fought to save the world from political autocracy?

If so, why not make a thank offering to God for that boy's return by doing the liberal thing in the

Baptist 75 Million Campaign?

This is a drive for cash and pledges redeemable in five years for the spread of the gospel and its blessings to all parts of the world.

If the boy will never return why not memorialize his sacrifice by contributing toward a fund for the regeneration of the world, a task which your son and the others who fell only began?

Cash and subscriptions to be paid in five years will be solicited during

Victory Week, November 30—December 7

Begin now your plans to have a worthy part in the raising of

"MILLIONS FOR THE MASTER"

The Space Contributed By

Lumber has more than doubled in price; have you increased your insurance?—C. Earyl Senning. 1f

J. R. McArthur and wife were in the city Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

Boney Scott was in town the other day. He is making enough cotton this year to have made a man rich in the days gone by—but in this day and time men talk about twenty or thirty thousand dollars as if it was a very common thing.

R. D. Williams, of Red Top, was in Spur transacting business Saturday. Mr. Williams is recognized as one of the champion old fiddlers of the country, having been awarded the premium in a contest at the flower show Friday night of last week.

Is your farm dwelling insured? You can't afford to be without protection.—C. Earyl Senning. 1f

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was here the latter part of this week. He was suffering of a bone-felon or rising on one of his fingers which he had lanced. This is a critical time for a man to have a sore hand, since one with nimble fingers can make from ten to fifteen dollars a day picking cotton.

W. A. Valentine, of the Watson community, was among the number here during the week ginning and selling cotton. This is the day of the cotton farmer, and if he has lots of it to sell and has little to buy, he is now in a position to get on his feet and be hereafter recognized as the real leader in business affairs.

Jeff D. Harkey was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week.

Ben Rutledge, of a mile or two west of town, dropped in Thursday and left three dollars with us to pay up his subscription and renew for another year. He says he started to leave here at the beginning of the year, but is glad now that he decided to stay, having made a bumper crop and getting good prices. He has rented a place for next year and will stay with us. We hope he makes enough this year and next to buy a farm home of his own and become a permanent citizen of the greatest country in the world.

W. B. Bennett was in town last week from Gilpin. He brought in a bale of cotton several days before, which he said the ginners would not gin on account of being wet, storing it for future ginning. This delay in ginning netted Mr. Bennett about fifty dollars, since the price continued to go up while he was waiting and anxious to get the staple on the market. The price is now on the road to fifty cents a pound, and a little delay in marketing will probably not hurt anybody.

The Citizens Garage and Machine Shop has a new Fairbanks-Morse lighting system on the road and which will be installed soon. This equipment is similar to the Delco system, but is thought to be superior. When it is installed, they will have the use not only of stored electricity but will be prepared to restore batteries, etc. The modern improvements in the electrical line is wonderful and a great benefit.

J. W. Clark has not recovered his Blue Bell stove wicks and bottle of medicine which he placed in a new Ford car recently by mistake. Evidently this driver of the new Ford does not read the Texas Spur. Will some one please tell him about this mistake.

W. E. Fletcher came in one day the latter part of the past week, grumbling because of the uninviting weather for cotton picking. However, this week has been fine and the cotton has been rolling in. The fact is that the gin yards have been full and overflowing all the week, ginning both day and night.

R. A. Brown told us Thursday that he had heard from his family at Stamford and that his daughter was doing nicely and would be able to come home soon.

J. A. Caple dropped in Wednesday and had the paper sent to Mrs. Caple who is in Dallas with her daughter for treatment. Mr. Caple was recently injured by his team running away, the wagon running over him and bunting him up pretty severely.

Grundy Crego and family, of Croton, were in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

The gins were shut down a day or two last week on account of wet cotton. Ginning wet cotton is expensive to both the ginner and the farmer.

Mrs. E. L. Caraway and children returned Saturday from an extended visit to her mother and other relatives at Peacock.

Mrs. C. Fite is visiting her son and wife at Kingold.

N. Q. Brannen came up from Breckenridge and spent several days of the past week with his family in Spur.

W. C. Presley and wife were in the city Wednesday of this week from their ranch home several miles east of the city.

We met Tom McArthur on the streets the other day and he handed us a five dollar bill and said, "credit our subscription", and which we are doing with pleasure and thanks.

H. W. Johs, of Clairemont, was a business visitor in Spur one day this week.

Sheriff Bob Goodall, of Kent county, was a recent business visitor in the city.

W. C. Garrett was ere the first of the week disposing of some of his high priced cotton.

Frank Trawick spent several days of this week in Spur on business. His family recently moved from Spur to Clarendon.

Jesse Fletcher was in town Saturday.

John Weathers and family spent Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Oma Lee Smith.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of the Dry Lake community, was in the city shopping Saturday.

We have one consolation in holding down this office by ourself—if we make anything it will be all our own.

H. A. Boothe made a business trip to Roaring Springs Monday.

Official confirmation of reports that Martin Lopez, right hand man of Francisco Villa, had died on September 13, at San Juan del Rio, Durango, has been received by Meade Fierro, Mexican consul at Galveston.

For the third successive time, Major R. W. Schroeder, chief test pilot at McCook Field, near Dayton, Ohio, has broken the world's two-man airplane altitude record, when he ascended to an indicated height of 30,900 feet, or approximately six miles.

The illiteracy commission of South Carolina, operating under the state department of education, is conducting a well-organized campaign to wipe out the blight of illiteracy in that state. Statistics show that one-fourth of the state's population can neither read nor write.

Adoption of a resolution pledging support of President Wilson's peace plans and ratification of the terms of the league of nations without any changes was a principal feature of the convention of Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, in session at New Orleans.

Prices of groceries quoted in the semi-weekly lists issued by the "fair price" committee of New York are 15 per cent lower than they were the first of the year, while prices of meats declined from 8 to 10 per cent, Arthur Williams, federal food administrator, has announced.

A committee representing the citizens of the Texas side of Texarkana has deposited in a bank at DeKalb the sum of \$50,000, which amount has been raised to be used in the purchase of a site for a courthouse in the event Texarkana wins in the county seat election.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUG. 24, 1912.

Of The Texas Spur, published weekly at Spur, Texas, for October 1st, 1919. State of Texas, County of Dickens:

Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Oran McClure, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor and owner of The Texas Spur, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Oran McClure, Spur, Texas.

2. That the owners are: Oran McClure, Spur, Texas.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: Mergenthaler Linotype Co., New Orleans, La. ORAN MCCLURE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of October, 1919.

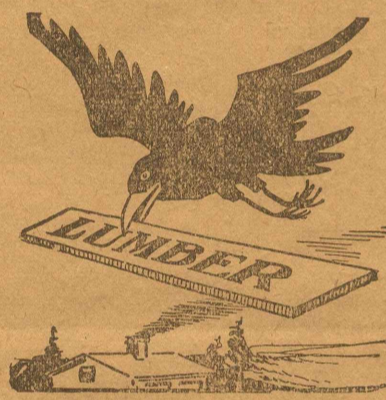
E. J. COWAN, Notary Public.

NOTICE.

On and after November 1st we will sell for cash only. Coal and feed stuffs are bought by us for the cash only, and together with the small margin of profits we have in our business, and the high cost of labor and drayage we are compelled to sell the same way.

We thank each and every one of our customers for the business you have given us and trust that we may have a continuance of the same. We will endeavor to give you good coal and feed for your money, or at least the very best that we can buy.

SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO., M. E. Manning, Prop.



THE BILL

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

BRAZELTON LUMBER COMPANY

R. J. Hairgrove was among the many business visitors in town during the week.

Mrs. Gertrude Pursley was in the city from her ranch home the latter part of the past week.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in town Monday of this week.

A. M. Hoover met us on the streets Thursday and handed us a dollar and fifty cents, having his name added to our subscription list. We like to put new names on the list.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was in town Monday.

W. R. Chapman, of two or three miles west of town, was among the business visitors here Monday.

C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek community, was in town Wednesday.

Tom McArthur was here Monday from Tap.

R. L. English last week purchased the E. Haase farm and crop, the consideration being \$35 an acre for crop and land. Mr. Haase is trying to get a house in town to move to.

Found a brown overcoat on the streets Thursday. Owner call for it at Texas Spur office and pay for this notice.

FOUND—A ladies cloak on the road west of Spur. Owner call for it at Texas Spur office and pay for this notice.

J. H. Meadors and family attended the flower show here Saturday.

Mr. Yopp, of Fisher county, spent several days of this week in Spur with his brother, J. O. Yopp and family. Mr. Yopp says that Fisher county is once more in fine shape and everybody now prosperous.

J. W. Davis claims to have the champion cotton picker in the whole country. He is a seven hundred pound picker. Who can beat him?

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EPITOMIZED NEWS OF ESPECIAL INTEREST

IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE ENTIRE WEEK REDUCED FOR BUSY READERS.

BOTH FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

Carefully Prepared for Those Who Desire to Keep Thoroughly Posted on Events.

FOREIGN—

Americans have purchased extensive coal mines in Silesia, according to a Berlin dispatch, quoting Teschen advices.

King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Crown Prince Leopold have departed on board the steamer George Washington for the voyage to the United States.

American naval forces have taken a hand in the swiftly moving events along the eastern shore of the Adriatic, according to advices from Copenhagen.

The deconcentration of the French army is now entirely completed, all troops except those on the Rhine having returned to their usual garrison posts.

The city soviet of Petrograd has empowered the people's commissaries to begin peace negotiations with the allies on the basis of conditions fixed by the allied powers.

The Mexican government has canceled its plans to send an extensive exhibit and a representative delegation of Mexican business men to the 1919 state fair of Texas.

Plans to fly by airship from London to Buenos Ayres have been temporarily abandoned as a result of the government's commandeering the R30, Vickers-Vimy superairship.

The Dutch minister in Paris has been advised that Holland within two weeks will receive a demand for the extradition of former Emperor William on behalf of the allies.

The Italian government has appealed to the allied powers to send an allied force, exclusive of Italians, to drive D'Annunzio out of Fiume, according to reports reaching Washington.

The loss from the fire at the American camp at Miramas, France, is estimated at \$1,000,000. The camp at which American military stocks were kept was totally destroyed.

A movement is on foot in Hungary to restore the monarchy with the former Archduke Francis Joseph Otto, eldest son of former Emperor Charles, as king, according to a Budapest dispatch.

Additional reinforcements to Gabriele D'Annunzio forces have raised the military strength of his contingent to more than 12,000 men, according to the estimate of allied officers returning from Fiume.

The time of reckoning for German criminals is approaching. The Belgian department of justice is hastening work on the list of enemy subjects accused of violations of the laws of war and of international law.

The American Federation of Labor has made public the names of its delegates to the round-table conference Oct. 6, which includes Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor.

DOMESTIC—

New national and international long-distance flight records are expected to be made in the national balloon race to start from St. Louis this week.

Judge W. F. Ramsey has accepted the state chairmanship for the victory campaign of the Texas Sunday School association, having been proffered the office some time ago.

Demands that President Wilson give farmers equal representation with labor unions in the economic conference to be held in Washington Oct. 6, were incorporated in a resolution recently adopted at St. Louis.

With relief measures in charge of the American Red Cross and Salvation Army workers, Corpus Christians made homeless and destitute by the recent tidal wave are being cared for in every particular, while the work of rehabilitation goes on.

AMERICANS HELP HUNGRY AND ILL

Unbelievable Conditions Found in Territory East of River Bug.

DISEASE AND HUNGER STAY

Red Cross and Jewish Relief Committee Working Hand in Hand to Help Sufferers—Fresh Clothing Dire Need.

New York.—The River Bug, which served until recently as a boundary of the bolshevik fighting, is today a boundary of another kind.

Its eastern shore bounds on one side the hungriest and most diseased and the most stricken territory in the world today. Five million people are at the point of starvation east of the River Bug, according to figures given out by the American Jewish Relief committee and compiled by the American Red Cross and American Jewish Relief agents. A great number of them are Jews. The war has left 6,000,000 destitute and stricken Jews in Eastern Europe utterly helpless, in many cases ill, in every case hungry and dependent.

East of the River Bug these people are living in devastated houses, in stalls of old stables, on roofless platforms built for refugee families, one family to a platform, in old freight cars, in holes in the ground or under the open sky. They are weak from many months of semi-starvation, for they have gone for five years without one square meal. They are still terror-stricken from the war. Their number is being reduced every day by a series of the most terrible epidemics that ever swept any section of the world.

Typhus, Cholera and Smallpox. Typhus, cholera and smallpox are all raging in the territory east of the River Bug. The first and most general of these epidemics is carried simply by body lice. At least one member out of every fifth or sixth family is stricken with some form of it, as is inevitable among a people clad in five-year-old rags, people who have not had a bath with soap or a change of clothing since the beginning of the war. No estimate of the actual number of those smitten with typhus in Poland has yet been compiled, but it probably is greater than in Siberia, where the American Red Cross found 100,000 cases.

Dirt and malnutrition are the two great causes of the epidemic of disease. All through Poland may be found children eight or ten years old no larger than youngsters half their age ordinarily are. Two out of three infants do not survive their first year of life. The average child in the territory east of the Bug river has never tasted milk, even mother's milk. American Red Cross investigators say that an abnormal number of children are born blind because of the malnutrition of their mothers. American Jewish Relief investigators discovered a new eye disease that had attacked thousands of children, beginning with constant blinking and ending in total blindness, resulting when long continued starvation had affected the muscles of the eye.

So the great expanse of "the department of the East," which sounds like any other part of the map to the people of the United States, is a wilderness of horror and desolation to the American workers in Poland who are familiar with the unbelievable suffering there. In the battle against disease and starvation which is going on in the territory east of the Bug river, the American Red Cross is fighting the former, with medicines and physicians and nurses, and attempts toward cleanliness, while the American Jewish relief workers have entered the lists against hunger with soup kitchens and milk stations, and Children's Relief bureaus, established here and there, all through the vast stretch of territory.

Fresh Clothing the Dire Need. If all the people in the territory east of the Bug river could be fed properly at once, disease would soon disappear, physicians in the afflicted region say. If they could replace the rags which they have worn since the beginning of the war with fresh clothing, the epidemics would cease to spread. If their living places could be made habitable and clean, it would no longer be as it is today the most desolate expanse of land in the world. It is toward this end that the two great organizations, one of Gentiles and the other of Jews, are working hand in hand, difference of creed forgotten, in the great practical need that they face.

The Red Cross personnel has been trebled in the last few weeks in this district. American Jewish Relief agencies are feeding hundreds of children there.

FOOD FROM AIR, LIGHT AND WATER

Harvard Professor Discloses Way to Make Sugar by Synthetic Process.

HIGH LIVING COST BEATEN

Plan Worked Out in Laboratory to Reduce Atmosphere Into Basic Food Product—Other Ways of Making Sugar.

New York.—During the present agitation over the high cost of living it is interesting to note several recent discoveries made in the field of synthetic chemistry. Dr. Winthrop John Vanleuven Osterhout, Ph. D., professor of botany at Harvard university, has hit upon a plan of making nutritious food from sunlight, air and water.

Although this process of food making is as yet confined to the laboratory stage Prof. Osterhout points out that many discoveries remained some time in the laboratory stage before they could be placed on a commercial basis. As an instance he cites the many doubters of the practical value of electricity, and the long uphill road Edison had to travel before he gained recognition commercially.

Ahead the production of nutritious food in the laboratory Prof. Osterhout, who is in no sense a visionary, but whose manner would indicate a practical hardheaded business man, says: "Analyzing food we learn that the three chief components are sugar, fats and protein. Until recently it was impossible to manufacture sugar synthetically, but now we have solved the riddle in several different ways. Iron rust exposed to the prismatic rays of the sun through water makes formaldehyde, since the rays of the sun acting upon the rust as a contact agent, mixed with the carbon dioxide of the air and water makes this powerful chemical. From formaldehyde certain forms of sugar may be obtained. Other ways of making sugar synthetically are through the employment of ultra-violet rays, radium and electricity.

"Part of our research work at Harvard's botanical laboratory has been to observe the process by which the plant transforms the carbon dioxide gas and water together into sugar, and later into starch, either of which forms can be preserved.

"So much for obtaining sugar. Protein is composed of amino acids. It has been found possible in the laboratory to take the carbon dioxide of the air, water and ammonia, which is also found in the air in small quantities, to form a simple kind of protein. Now through the combination of sugar and protein, both of which have been manufactured in the laboratory, the necessary fat is obtained, with the resultant nutritious food.

The Great Obstacle. "Of course one of the greatest obstacles standing in the way of the production of food through this method is in the present cost of making sugar, which can only be manufactured as yet in small quantities. Our greatest competitor in this important field is the plant itself, which thus far undersells the synthetic method."

Prof. Osterhout, who has taught at many of the large universities throughout the United States, and has attained an international reputation as a man of science, is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In addition to many other scientific and research societies he has been a professor of botany since 1913.

Credited with being the founder and writer of the first constitution of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mrs. Harriett C. McCabe, died at her home in Delaware, Ohio, aged 92.

A branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve bank will not be established at this time to serve Oklahoma, or the southeast section of the tenth district, it was decided at a meeting of the directors of the reserve bank.

Dislikes Collar, Dog Buries It. Winsted, Conn.—Averse to wearing a heavy collar, Jerry, a French bulldog owned by Andrew Saxe, picked up the collar after it had been temporarily removed from his neck and quietly left the veranda of the Saxe cottage at Highland Lake. Jerry reappeared with his nose covered with fresh earth. Members of the family found the collar buried beneath the cottage. Jerry had dug a hole with his paws, pushed the collar into it and completely covered it.

AUSTRIA FORCED WAR

Minutes of Mutiny of Privy Council Reveal Secret.

Count Von Berchtold Solely Responsible for Outbreak of Hostilities.

Vienna.—There were made public from the archives of the former Austria-Hungarian government minutes of the meeting of the privy council on July 7, 1914, at which it was virtually decided to begin war on Serbia.

According to this publication the ministry of Austria-Hungary, especially Count Leopold von Berchtold, foreign minister, was solely responsible for the outbreak of hostilities. The minutes show the meeting to have been opened by Count von Berchtold, who pleaded for an immediate resort to arms against Serbia, stating that Italy and Roumania "could be compensated afterward for not having been consulted beforehand."

Count Stephen Tisza, then Hungarian premier, opposed the war, demanding that diplomatic action be taken first and then that an ultimatum of an acceptable nature be sent. Only in case both failed would he have resorted to arms.

Count von Berchtold thereupon said: "Now, is the right moment because Germany is ready to assist."

Count Tisza again warned against the danger of a general European war as a result of steps which were contemplated, whereupon Count von Berchtold said: "The opportunity is so favorable that immediate action is necessary."

Finally a resolution was adopted that such far-reaching demands be made of Serbia that she could not fulfill them and thus a way would be opened to a resort to arms.

Maybe the Next Batch of Pets Will Be Skunks

Portchester, N. Y.—It will not be possible to keep goats in tenement houses hereafter if the board of health has its way. After pigs were barred from dwellings during the influenza epidemic last fall, families adopted goats as pets. According to Sanitary Inspector Bitz, the animals are kept on second, third and even fourth floors. He suggests that they be licensed, the same as dogs.

HUNT SHIP, OBEYING SPIRIT

Message From Other World Says Spanish Steamer Valbanera Did Not Sink.

Havana.—Chartered by members of the Dr. Antonio Valetti society, an organization of spiritualists, a tugboat is expected to leave this port shortly in search of the long overdue Spanish steamship Valbanera, which official reports declare sank recently near Cape Sal. They declare it their belief that the steamship still helplessly drifting at sea and that while many of those on board have perished, 30 survivors have been picked up by a small schooner which is proceeding to some distant port.

Sunday Funerals Barred. Mobile, Ala.—Burial of the dead here on Sunday is punishable by a fine of \$100 under a city ordinance just adopted. Passage of the ordinance was the result of a petition to the city commission by ministers, undertakers and grave diggers.

BREAK NELL GWYNN SUNDIAL

English Workmen Destroy Interesting Relic of Times of Charles II.

London.—A sundial known as "Nell Gwynn's Sundial," which for years has been in position on the terrace at Lauderdale house, Highgate, was broken beyond repair while workmen were trying to change its position. There is still in the house Nell Gwynn's original bath, which is much older than the sundial, and was placed there when she was installed in the palace by Charles II.

Farmer Gets \$900. Vincennes, Ind.—While digging muskels in the Wabash river recently Martin Straw, a farmer, found a pearl which he sold to Mr. Orin Hill, jeweler for \$900. Mr. Straw had only dug one pound of shells when he started cooking them and made the find.

ESPUELA ITEMS.

Brother Anderson filled his regular appointment here last Sunday, altho there was only a small crowd present. The "Wedding Bells" have rung again at Espuela. Mr. Ralph Karr and Miss Minnie Hobson were married Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Hobson. Quite a number of young people serenaded them Sunday night.

Luther Smith and wife, of Soldier Mound, attended Sunday school here in the afternoon.

The Death Angel again visited Mr. and Mrs. Luther Karr, taking away a precious babe, only two months and seven days old. Mr. and Mrs. Karr and relatives have our sincere sympathy in this great bereavement.

Messrs. Elby Stevens and Carl Tree and Misses Stella Holloway and Hassie Earnest all visited Dickens City Sunday afternoon. Wonder what for? Mrs. J. C. Sellman was the guest of Mrs. Foreman Sunday.

Miss Grace McBride, of Draper, was at Espuela Sunday. J. M. Aston and family, Mr. Aston's mother, also Mrs. Bell, of Alpine, were the guests of A. M. Miller and family Sunday.

Misses Zora Holloway, Willie Emert, Johnnie and Francis Carleton, and Garvie Boothe ate supper with Miss Lucile Miller Sunday night. Also Mr. and Mrs. Selman took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

Miss Eula Shockley was the guest of Misses Lillie and Maggie Hobson Sunday night.

The parents of Mrs. Carleton left Sunday.

N. A. Hinson and family and Mrs. Carleton made a ying-trip to Roaring Springs Sunday.

Mr. Miller went to Spur Monday.

R. C. James and W. A. Smith went to Spur Tuesday.

J. N. Luce and wife, of Spur, were the guests of W. A. Smith and wife Sunday afternoon.

Mr. James has purchased a Ford.

Dan Karr returned home Monday. He has been gone for quite a while, in the naval service.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brinnell took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Smith Sunday night.

Homer McBride and Miss Beal Karr attended church here Sunday night.

Ralph Karr and wife attended church Sunday night.

Miss Mabel Thomas was the guest of Miss Zora Mae Miller Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Brinnell made a business trip to Spur Monday afternoon.

The dance at Mr. Shadden's Friday night was greatly enjoyed.

—Espuela Twins.

STEEL HILL

The Steel Hill farmers are so restless on account of so much wet weather and so much cotton open in the fields. I am afraid it would not do to say much about them. A number of the farmers of this district have made trips to East Texas after hands, and met with very little success. C. E. McClellan left October 29th for East Texas. We hope he will meet with success in getting hands. L. D. Tunnell, of Oklahoma City, is trying to pick cotton near Steel Hill, but we are afraid he will lose him if it doesn't quit raining so much, as he has a widow sweetheart in Oklahoma, and that is all he can talk about here of late.

A. W. Jordan is in the lead on cotton picking, having cut forty bales. There are a number of farmers in the Steel Hill district who have hardly begun picking yet.

Rev. L. S. Bilberry will fill his regular appointment at Steel Hill, the 2nd Saturday and Sunday. Rev. A. B. Miller, of Spur, will preach at Steel Hill the second Sunday evening. Everybody come. We hope to have a large attendance on that evening.

The ways of men are hard to tell. There's some it seems can only grow while others prosper very well. And some can only howl and howl. Because the weather is too wet. We hear somebody rear and snort. Or else because he could not get. The prices right when he bought. They are always on the other side. An' want everything to go their way. These kind are never satisfied.

It makes no difference what you pay. Some men will never be content. They keep up a mighty roar. If they had all the money that's spent They would still be gobbling for more. Now what good will money do. Just so you have enough to buy. You can't take a cent with you and when your time has come to die. So take life easy if you can. Don't be afraid of starvation. For God has fed every man. Ever since man's creation. So remember God will feed. And He will shelter overhead. And give us everything we need. Take care of us when we are dead. The cotton price I know is high. But we must remember as we go. That we are just as sure to die. As people were when it was low. God is first, so don't forget. To pay up every single cent. Don't leave out a single debt. To face you at the great Judgement.

—Trickey Sal.

C. P. Harris

C. P. Harris has been suffering of the flu and rheumatism the past day or two.

Robert Nickles was in Spur Monday from the McAadoo country, stating that they were now getting out their cotton.

Jay Bird of Garza county, had business in Spur one day this week and Bill Clump was here with cotton Tuesday from Garza county.

Johnson Hunter was in town Saturday.

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.

R. C. Forbis came in from his ranch home, spending Saturday and Sunday in Spur with his family.

Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur one day this past week.

Mrs. Frank Laverty and Miss Winnie Gilbert are now assisting in the postoffice. Miss Abernathy has accepted a place at the bank.

W. M. Austin, of Afton, was here recently on business. Reports everything fine now in his section.

J. E. Brannen, postmaster and merchant of McAadoo, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Andy Wooten, of near McAadoo, was in Spur Saturday transacting business matters.

E. J. Cairnes and family were visitors in the city this week.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was a visitor in the city Monday from the Alamo Stock Farm.

Tol Merriman was among the number here Saturday trading and on other business.

E. M. Adair, of the Highway community, sold his 160 acre farm to M. E. Tree and W. A. VanZandt for a consideration of \$27.50 per acre.

W. D. Clay came up from Ranger and spent a day or two here on business this week.

Wife's Love Is Lost; Asks Two Millions

New York.—George E. Lothrop, Sr., a Boston theatrical manager and producer, has been sued for \$2,000,000 damages by Raymond C. Keller, a New York artist, who alleges Lothrop alienated the affections of Jane Keller, to whom the plaintiff was married on April 5, 1918. Keller alleges in his affidavit that the defendant, well knowing Jane Keller to be his wife, by gifts of money, jewelry and other presents, estranged her affection from the plaintiff and gained it for himself.

Additional levee construction work, which has for its purpose the reclamation of more than 30,000 acres in Dallas and adjoining counties, has been started.

Tom Cross, of Kent county, shipped three cars of cattle Monday to the Fort Worth market from Spur.

Mrs. Weiser and two daughters, of Hico, are in the city the guests of her daughter, Mrs. T. A. Tunnel, and family.

W. H. Birdwell returned last week from the East, bringing back several ree cotton pickers who pick from 500 to 700 pounds each.

GERMANS SEEK TRADE

Workmen Labor 14 Hours a Day to Be Ready.

London Merchant Finds Empire Is Recuperating Fastest of All Nations.

London.—"Germany is out again to beat the world," said the senior member of a city firm.

"I have just returned from a visit to our commercial connections in Switzerland. I met there the chairman of an important firm of machine manufacturers. He was obviously a German, with his square head and bad French, and for once I pretended to be pro-German, and spoke with him in his own language.

"He let the cat out of the bag. All the labor in the Schwarzwald and in South Germany, where the allies have no representatives, he told me, has refused to recognize the eight-hour day.

"The men are working furiously, without pressure of any sort, up to fourteen hours a day to be ready to enter the world's markets again at the first opportunity.

"This German chairman of a Swiss concern simply chuckled with glee when he said: 'Our good German workmen know their hands. They do not want this easy day of eight hours; they want wealth, and they will have it.'

"Germany is recuperating after the war faster than any other nation, simply because, instead of giving way to the reaction of peace and demanding the impossible by means of strikes, she is working as hard as human strength and brain allow to regain her old commercial pinnacle and again be the pre-war Germany.

"In France, and among the allies generally, there are traders who have already forgotten the war and care only to buy in the cheapest market.

"Germany is out, I repeat, to provide that market, and our eight-hour industrial day will spell disaster for us if we do not wake up."

Vast Petroleum Beds in England.
London.—Drilling operations in the Norfolk shale fields south of King's Lynn have already brought 200,000,000 tons of petroleum products. Geologists estimate five times this amount will be found, materially helping to solve England's fuel problem.

DRAPER.
The sun shines bright, 'tis the farmers delight,
To have the weather looking so fine;
Their cotton they can gather, so fine is the weather,
And no one is lurking behind.

Prof. D. Hairgrove has moved to Wichita and will teach the Wichita school. The school will begin the 27 of November. In the meantime he is picking cotton for Alfred Jackson. Prof. Hairgrove is both energetic and industrious, and believes in making in making hay while the sun shines.

W. D. Thacker is still in the East looking for cotton pickers.

R. W. Dismuke has gone to Arkansas to get some hands. Hope he will be successful.

Sam Jones and Hugh Swearingen went west Sunday. Wonder what for?

J. A. Murchison has been having night sweats over getting his feed cut before the frost gets it. We don't blame him for he sure has some fine feed.

Charlie Perrin spends his idle time these days ooking at catalogues. We guess he is going to order something.

Bryan Speer and wife are picking cotton for W. T. Lovell, taking in the spondulix at the rate of about \$10.00 per day. Nearly breaks Lovell's heart to have to pay them that much.

H. B. Lewis motored to Dickens last Sunday.

Uncle Eb Shaw is wearing a smile lately. Guess he has sold some cotton.

We saw A. A. Allen, of Croton, wearing a tie the other day. Is he selling cotton or is he just wanting to sell some?

Rambling Bill.

A. Stiffler came up Monday from Ranger, being under the impression that district court convened in Dickens on that day. Mr. Stiffler is now in the garage business at Ranger, and says that money is as plentiful there as cotton is here.

B. G. Ford and family recently moved back to Spur from Ranger where they have been living some time. Mr. Ford is now employed at the Farmers Gin Company.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to the J. J. Moon blacksmith shop please call and settle at once. Those having accounts against the shop please present them for payment. The shop is now for sale.—Mrs. J. J. Moon, Dickens, Texas. 50-2tp

WAGONS—WAGONS—WAGONS!

Just received a car of Mitchell Farm Trucks, 36x44 wheels, 3 1/2 inch tire, complete with N. Y. Eversens and Stay Chains. Price, gear only, \$105. We have just unloaded a car of Barb Wire.—Plains Mercantile Co., Crosbyton, Texas. 50-2t

CITIZENS GIN COMPANY IS READY TO DO YOUR WORK

We wish to thank you for your liberal patronage in the past, and want to say, as we have doubled our ginning capacity, we feel that we are better prepared to take care of your interests in his line. Bring us your cotton and we will do you good work.

CITIZENS GIN COMPANY,
Eb Johnson, Manager.

We have a span of small work mules to sell you. Come see them.

The Red Cross membership campaign is now in full swing here and throughout the country. Everybody is keeping up his membership, paying the one dollar membership fee. While the war has ended, yet there is plenty work for the Red Cross, and they are doing it. It is one of the greatest organizations in the world.

George Renfroe shipped a train load of cattle to market this week.

Tol Merriman was here Saturday of the past week greeting his many friends.

The Allied Bakery

Airplane Quality



Submarine Prices



WHEN IN SPUR TRY

The City Cafe

CLEANLINESS AND QUICK SERVICE IS OUR MOTTO.

L. N. STEVENS, Proprietor.

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FOUR ISSUES COUNT A MONTH

Friday, November 7th, 1919.

THE FLOWER SHOW A SUCCESS IN EVERY PARTICULAR

The Flower Show under the direction of the Christian Ladies Aid of Spur, held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, was a success in every particular, being one of the most pleasant and beneficial events since the beginning of Spur.

The display of flowers, needle work, canned fruits, cookies and art was attractively arranged in the several booths and superintended by the ladies. The exhibits were not only arranged attractively but comprised the very finest showings in every department.

Entertaining programs were given each night, the first night's program being by Miss Flora Mae Scudder, the second night the old fiddlers' contest and the third night a play by Mrs. R. E. Dickson. These programs were highly entertaining and appreciated by large audiences.

In the old fiddlers contest Friday night there were five contestants, R. D. Williams being awarded first prize of \$7.50; I. J. Houston second prize of \$5.00; and Tom Greer third prize of \$2.00. Dock Greer and Ruf Henderson being the two unfortunate contestants.

The following prizes were awarded in the Flower Show:

Flowers.
Crysanthemums, with greatest number of blooms, Ladies Aid, \$10.00
Best five blooms cut, any variety, Mrs. E. F. Hall, \$4.00
Best vase red roses, Spur Inn, \$5.00
Best five blooms of roses, any color variety, Mrs. R. M. Hamby, \$10.00
Best fern, Mrs. Twaddell, \$5.00
2nd prize, Mrs. Twaddell, \$2.50
Best porch box, Mrs. W. H. Putman, \$3.00
2nd prize, Mrs. Putman, \$2.50
Best pot plant without blooms, Mrs. J. B. Richbourg, \$2.50
Best pot plant with blooms, Mrs. N. B. Bigham, \$2.50

Needle Work.
Best piece of white embroidery, Mrs. N. B. Bigham, \$10.00
2nd prize, Mrs. W. P. Simpson, \$2.50
Best piece of colored embroidery, Miss Ophelia Moore, \$7.50
Best piece of crochet, Miss Blanche Miller, \$2.50
Best piece of filet crochet, Mrs. Crawford, \$5.00
Best piece of tatting, Mrs. M. L. Pierce, \$5.00
Best piece of hardanger, Mrs. S. H. Twaddell, \$2.50
Best knitted sweater, Miss Ophelia Moore, \$5.00
Best piece of needle work by child under 14 years, Inez Sikes, \$5.00
Best piece of tatting by lady not younger than 60 years, Mrs. E. J. Brannen, \$5.00

Canned Fruits and Cakes.
Best angel food cake, Mrs. Newt Johnson, \$10.00
2nd prize, Mrs. S. R. Bowman, \$2.50
Best white loaf cake, Mrs. W. R. Moore, \$5.00
Best devil food cake, Mrs. E. L. Adams, \$5.00
Best old fashioned pound cake, Mrs. S. R. Bowman, \$5.00
Best pound of butter, Mrs. S. H. Twaddell, \$3.50
Best loaf light bread, Miss Ettie

Fite, \$2.50
Best collection of fruit, Mrs. Harrington, \$5.00
Best three glasses of jelly, Mrs. S. R. Bowman, \$3.50
Best quart peach preserves, Mrs. S. R. Bowman, Preserving Kettle
Best cake by child under 14 years, Willie Richbourg, \$5.00

Art.
Best threepieces hand painted china Gladys Stafford, \$5.00
2nd prize, Gladys Stafford, \$2.50
Best oil painting, Miss Velma Putman, \$5.00
2nd prize, Mrs. Sikes, \$2.50
Best Water Colors, Mrs. Hail, \$5.00
2nd prize, Mrs. Moore, \$2.50
The ladies of the Christian Ladies Aid deserve much credit for the success of the Flower Show, which no doubt will become an annual event in Spur.

HIS DREAMS.
The Bolshevik sat at the twilight hour
And pulled at his whiskers long;
"The time draws near when people will hear,
The Soviet's National Song."
"Down with the rich, up with the poor
His miserable, shriveled soul cried.
O, if I could fight, I'd do my might
For they whom the rich defied."

The twilight hours grew smaller,
And still he sat and thought;
He thought of the ones who fought
with their guns
That freedom might be bought.
He thought of the men in the capital
Who makes the laws of our land;
Such men as he could never be free,
While they ruled with iron hand.

The Soviets soon would be here,
Then from the rich he'd take
Their houses and lands that they with
strong hands
Had worked a life time to make.
The I. W. W. would help him;
The Socialists loved such a deal.
The steel men will get what they're
after yet,
The newspapers soon would reveal.

The miners are growing restless,
They want but a word from our
band,
To stop digging coal, even fill up the
hole,
'Till they get what their leaders demand.

We'll teach the rich men up yonder
If we have to go down to hell;
We're not afraid, old satan will aid
While his cohorts ring th ebell.

At last the Soviet fell asleep,
His dream was like his thought;
He could see in the lead the men they
had freed
From poverty, the demon they'd
fought.
No more worrying, no more sighing
About the hard things of life;
They'd have milk and honey, plenty of
money
And no more wars and strife.

The sun crept over the hill top
The Soviet 'woke with a frown.
He'd start in to day, he'd never delay
A moment till the rich were down.
Hunger gnawed at his vitals,
Yes, he must have something to eat
So he crept away from his bed of hay
To beg of his neighbor some meat.

Should he be pitied, this fellow,
This enemy to our state?
The law should reach out and turn
him about,
The jail should be his fate
And all the others in this land
That wear his badge and manner,
Should be turned about face, and
marched with all grace,
To the tune of The Star Spangled
Banner.
W. C. Bennett.

Frank Williams was here with a
bale of cotton Monday. A bale of
cotton now represents about two hundred and fifty dollars.

MRS. NEILON ENTERTAINS.
Mrs. Walter Neilon pleasantly entertained a number of friends, honoring her sister, Mrs. E. A. Lang of Los Angeles, California, who is her guest. There were several tables of 500 in play. Lovely yellow chrysanthemums lent their charm and beauty to the rooms. Miss Donnalita Standifer was the recipient of the high score favor, the consolation going to Miss Weisel. At the close of the evening's pleasure delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames W. D. Wilson, M. H. Lee, Kate Senning, C. E. Senning, F. W. Jennings, M. H. Brannen, W. R. Moore, T. E. Standifer, G. W. McFann, R. E. Dickson, T. A. Tunnell, C. L. Love, E. A. Lang, Misses Weiser, Putman, Brown, Robbie and Donnalita Standifer.

NOTICE.
I have moved goods and am now making headquarters at J. C. Keene's in west part of Spur on the Highway.
—E. C. Golden, the Watkins Man. 3tp

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, GREETING:—
You are hereby commanded to summon Viola Hawkins (colored) by making publication of this citation once each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, to be and appear before the Hon. District Court of Dickens County, Texas, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Dickens, Texas on the Twenty-first Monday after the First Monday in July, 1919, same being the First day of December, 1919, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of Oct., 1919, in cause No. 594 on the docket of said court, wherein Tom Hawkins (colored) is defendant, said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were married in Robertson county, Texas, on or about the 20th day of December, 1911, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about the 1st day of March, 1914, when defendant, without cause, or the procurement or consent of plaintiff, and contrary to his wish and desire, voluntarily left plaintiff's bed and board with the intention of permanently abandoning him, and has continuously since said date remained away from and refused to live with plaintiff as his wife for the space of more than three years; with prayer that the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant be dissolved and that plaintiff be granted a divorce from defendant.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness: M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 6th day of October, 1919.

M. GAY, Clerk
District Court, Dickens County, Texas
By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.
Issued this 6th day of October, 1919.
M. GAY, Clerk
District Court, Dickens County, Texas
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Program

OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF THE DICKENS COUNTY ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD WITH THE DUCK CREEK CHURCH, BEGINNING THURSDAY, NOV. 27, 10 A. M.

Thursday Morning.
10:30—Devotional.
11:00—Introductory Sermon by H. L. Burnam
12:00—Dinner.
2:00—Devotional, Claude James
2:30—Stewardship of My Spiritual Gifts, A. P. Stokes
4:30—Adjournment.

Thursday Night.
8:00—Devotional, G. W. Jackson
8:30—Sermon, W. E. Duke

Friday Morning.
9:30—Devotional, Lewis Bowman
10:00—Stewardship of My Possessions, L. R. Stegall
11:00—Sermon, A. P. Stokes
12:00—Dinner.
2:00—Devotional, W. F. Godfrey
2:30—Laymen's Movement as Related to the 75-Million Campaign. Program prepared by S. F. Starrett

Friday Night.
8:00—Devotional, W. P. Sampson
8:30—Sermon, L. R. Stegall

Saturday Morning.
9:30—Devotional, L. G. Crabtree
10:00—The 75-Million Campaign, What it Will do for Kingdom Movements, for Our Local Churches, for the Glory of Christ—A. B. Miller, L. S. Billberry, H. L. Burnam, A. P. Stokes.
12:00—Dinner.
2:00—Devotional, T. S. Lambert
2:30—Explanation of Pledge Cards and Instruction to Workers, A. P. Stokes
3:30—Board Meeting.

Saturday Night.
8:00—Devotional, L. W. Billberry
8:30—Sermon, A. B. Miller

Sunday Morning.
11:00—Sermon, B. H. Lassetter

Dinner will be served on the ground Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Everybody is invited to come.

CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the kindnesses shown us and assistance given us in the illness and death of our babies. We will always remember each of you, and our desire is that not one of you will have a similar sorrow and affliction, but if so our heart felt sympathies will go out to you.—Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr.

NOTICE TO CONFEDERATES.
John A. Green Camp Confederate Soldiers will meet in Spur at the directors room of the Spur National Bank, Saturday, November 22. Every member of the camp is urged to attend, since business of importance is to be transacted.

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TO TAX PAYERS.
I will be at the following places and dates to receive taxes:
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McAdoo, November 26.
Spur, Nov. 28 and 29th.
G. L. BARBER, Tax Collector.

NOTICE.
Wood cutting, hunting, trapping, and trespassing in any manner upon the ranch of Frank Corn is prohibited under penalty of law.—I. R. Powell.

WANTED. At once, wagons and teams to haul cotton from Afton to Roaring Springs, for \$1.50 per bale. Also plenty maize to haul.—Hale Hardware & Grocery Co. 49 tf

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller have moved back from Arkansas and will again make their home in Spur. We knew they would come back, and we welcome them.

If you want to buy a span of good, little mules, come to the Texas Spur office before they are sold to some one else.

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