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\$2,000,000 FOR RURAL SCHOOLS APPORTIONED BY THE STATE

Austin, Dec. 1.—Allotment of the two million dollar appropriation made by the legislature for assisting the rural schools of the state, has been completed by the State Department of Education.

Rural school supervisors are now checking up a number of applications, which may yet qualify for such state aid. Where the schools have not been accurate in their statements the allotment is likely to be withdrawn, but it is not anticipated that there will be many instances of this kind.

This state aid is to go mainly toward the payment of salaries to the teachers in rural districts where the average pay for teachers is considered abnormally low, while the local funds of these schools are used for making improvements and adding equipment. The real purpose of state aid, however, is to assure not less than a six months school term in the rural districts.

There are 4,333 rural schools in Texas listed in the various counties to which aid has been extended. This state aid may be also used for acquisition of a library, supplementing the free text books; it may also be used for transporting the children to and from school. Hunt county has the largest number of rural schools receiving state aid, the number being eighty five, while Hopkins and Van Zandt have eighty four each, and Fannin eighty three. In Bexar county only nine rural schools receive aid and the amount allotted is \$3,815.

1100 BALES COTTON GINNED TO DATE AT THE AFTON GIN

J. V. McCormick was in Spur Wednesday from Afton. He reports having ginned 1100 bales of cotton up to this date at Afton, stating that probably there would be that many more bales yet to gin in that section.

BANK STATEMENTS INDICATE PROSPERITY OF COUNTRY

The statements made by both the City and Spur National Banks indicate the prosperous condition of the country. On Nov. 17th, when the statements were made, the individual deposits subject to check of both the banks amounted to \$927,571.50—nearly a million dollars.

The bank clerks are now kept busy taking in deposits and cashing notes instead of making loans as heretofore. There is more money in the country today than ever before. Crops of the country are now about half gathered, and when this work is completed more money will come into the country.

CAMPAIGN FOR NEW M. E. CHURCH WILL BEGIN SUNDAY

The campaign for raising funds to build a new Methodist church on Burlington Avenue will be launched next Sunday, December 7th. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks, will preach. Everybody come and help in this great undertaking.—J. O. Haymes.

FIVE BILLIONS ASKED FOR GOVERNMENT EXPENSES 1920

Only the sum of five billions of dollars is asked of congress for appropriations to meet the expenses of government for the fiscal year ending in 1921. When congress first reached the billion dollar mark of expenditures, the people thought the limit had been reached. Now we have a five billion dollar proposal for peace time expenditures by the government. The world is absolutely going "money mad," but there appears to be plenty of it to meet every requirement, and even a surplus for luxurious living.

The Washington dispatch states that according to the annual estimate of expenditures, it will cost more than five times as much to conduct peace time affairs of the government as it did in the year immediately preceding the world war. The yearly interest on the war debt is \$1,017,500,000, which sum alone is greater than all the appropriations for all purposes whatsoever of any peace time congress.

All in all, the estimates justify the predictions made on the floor of congress during consideration of the war tax bills, that the present generation would not see the government conducted at an expense of less than four billion dollars a year.

The estimated appropriations for the principal government departments were presented as follows: Congress, \$9,925,772.25; White House and its departments, \$149,111,463.77; Judicial, \$1,654,190; Army, \$289,578,657.20; Navy, \$542,031,894.80; Pensions, \$2,770,000; Public Works, \$283,921,810.17; Miscellaneous, \$83,717,681.90; Unassigned, \$11,243,250.00.

The total of all estimates, including some comparatively minor items not included in the foregoing, is \$4,865,410,031.62, the greatest sum ever asked of any congress when the country was not actually at war.

THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO NEAR A WAR DECLARATION

The recent arrest and confinement in the penitentiary by the Mexican government of American Consular Agent W. O. Jenkins at Puebla, Mexico, together with other violations of international laws, has brought Mexico and the United States near the "breaking" point.

We can see ahead war with Mexico. This consular matter may be adjusted but Mexico has it "in" for the United States and eventually war will come about.

WINTER WEATHER NOW PREVAILS THRUOUT COUNTRY

During the past week we have experienced real winter weather. Cold, rain, sleet and some snow, and as a consequence cotton picking has been slow.

According to weather prophets, we may expect the severest weather ever experienced here between now and Christmas—and it is coming at a time when we are short on coal and with little prospects of relief in the fuel shortage.

DISTRICT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION AT DICKENS CITY

District Court convened Monday in Dickens, and quite a number of citizens from all parts of the county are in attendance.

The following citizens were sworn in Monday as grand jurors and are now serving in that capacity: W. H. Bryant, J. C. Christopher, M. E. Stovall, H. E. Grabener, R. T. Dopson, J. P. Middleton, J. P. Goen, F. C. Gipson, F. W. Jennings, W. M. Vaughn, P. H. Miller, W. A. Johnson.

Citizens served by the sheriff for petit jurymen for the week are as follows: P. A. Ramsey, Frank Goff, J. W. Hilton, W. A. Harris, A. J. Kelsey, J. M. Aston, A. Lollar, M. M. Morris, Howard Campbell, W. A. Conatser, J. A. Murchison, C. R. Bennett, D. F. Capshaw, T. L. Dozier, W. F. Clements, J. H. Gibson, J. M. Robertson, R. S. Harkey, J. T. Hale, W. P. Harvey, J. H. Sample, J. D. Powell, S. E. Hurst, T. J. Harvey, R. J. Hargrove, C. W. Avery, C. C. Cobb, J. R. Hill, A. M. Miller.

We understand that the petit jurymen have been excused for the week, since only civil and non jury cases only will be heard this week.

THE REAL TEST IN THE COAL SITUATION IS YET TO COME

All conferences looking to the settlement of coal miners strike has failed up to this date, and the country continues to wait and suffer for coal.

The government is taking a hand to relieve the situation by inaugurating stringent regulations for the conservation of fuel throughout the country, and also posting notices in the mines offering miners the proposed increase of 14 per cent in wages, with the view of giving protection to those who accept the offer and return to work.

The committees on fuel conservation have taken charge of stocks of coal in many states, have closed non-essential industries, and regulated hours for operating stores, theatres and office buildings. In Missouri, Nebraska and other states schools have been closed until the fuel shortage has been relieved.

Up to this time the striking miners have not accepted the government offer of a 14 per cent raise in wages, and our individual opinion is that they will not return to work until they are granted the amount asked for in the beginning of the strike. The mines think their claims are just and may be somewhat "bull-headed", regardless of the fact that the country is suffering. If the government can get inexperienced men enough to do the mining, the country may get immediate relief, otherwise we look for a continuation of present conditions with respect to fuel shortage.

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McADOO CONTINUES TO EXPOSE MINE OPERATORS IN COAL

New York, Nov. 28.—Profits several times in excess of the capital invested have come back to coal operators in 1917, William G. McAdoo declared in a further statement relative to the coal controversy. He asserted those operators "must now be on velvet."

The statement follows: "The coal operators assert that I gave out confidential information when I stated that profits of the mine owners in 1917 ranged from 15 to 2,000 per cent on capital stock before deduction of taxes. This was not confidential information. The treasury department may publish statistical matter of this character any time. In fact information concerning this very subject was furnished by me to the United States Senate in response to a resolution introduced by Senator Borah concerning profiteering and was published July 5, 1918.

"In this report the returns of several hundred coal companies showed profits ranging from 15 to 800 per cent of their invested capital in 1917. The range of profits was higher on capital stock. In short many coal operators got back their entire invested capital several times out of their profits in 1917 as shown by the reports and must now be on velvet."

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RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS ARE NOW ON SALE FOR YOU

E. C. Edmonds, county chairman of the Red Cross Christmas Seal stamps, has completed the organization throughout the county, having the Christmas Seals placed with various concerns for sale. Everybody is expected to use these seals on letters, parcels and especially Christmas packages.

The quota assigned to Dickens county is \$210.00. Ninety per cent of this fund will be used in the state in combating tuberculosis, while the remaining ten per cent will go to the American Red Cross organization to be used by the organization and the National Tuberculosis Association for their health programs, and a part of this fund will revert to Texas.

This is a worthy and needy cause, and when you use the Red Cross Christmas Seal you are contributing to the cure and prevention of one of the greatest menaces to the health of our country.

DISTRICT COURT DISMISSED THURSDAY FOR THE TERM

District Court was dismissed Thursday for the term, and Judge Milam requested the Texas Spur to announce that the jurymen and others summoned for next week will not be required to attend.

Judge Milam stated that he would probably return Monday week to hear the evidence in the White-Johnson suit, but that no jury would be required.

REV. J. W. HUNT TO PREACH AT METHODIST CHURCH SUN.

Rev. J. W. Hunt, of Abilene, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday, December 7th. We will have a great rally at eleven o'clock and launch the campaign for a new church building in Spur.

Everybody come and hear a great message, and do all you can to help in this great undertaking. It means much to our community as well as to the church.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. T. Hicks, also will be present, and on Saturday he will hold the first Quarterly Conference.

Come to Sunday School.
Sincerely,
J. O. HAYMES.

THE STATE RAILROAD LOSING \$50,000.00 NOW EVERY YEAR

Austin, Nov. 25.—The State Railroad has lost about \$300,000.00 since starting operations, and is now running behind about \$50,000 each year.

Defects due to governmental operation are cited as the principal contributing cause.

SUNDAY WAS "COAL DAY" IN THE CITY OF SPUR

Sunday morning early wagons from every part of the country began coming in, lining up two and three deep for two blocks leading to the Western Gran & Coal Co. scales.

Two cars of coal were received, and those being fortunate enough to get any at all were limited to from five hundred to a thousand pounds each.

The country had fair warning of the coming of this coal shortage, but the majority of the people were as powerless to avoid it as were the coal dealers to buy it up and hold it for them. The fact is that the country is making the best of an unavoidable situation, and it is hoped that the dealers will be in position to secure at least enough coal to prevent real suffering on the part of the general public.

THANKSGIVING BANQUET

On Thanksgiving evening, November 27th, the employees of Bryant-Link Company were entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner at the Spur Inn by the manager, Mr. Geo. S. Link.

Six-thirty o'clock found the lady members of the Bryant-Link Co. seated around the base burner in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link, being highly entertained by the choice artists of the world from the Edison. Afterwards they joined the other employees at the Spur Inn.

The dining room doors were opened and bid them welcome to a beautifully arranged table where covers were laid for twenty six guests. The following course dinner was served: celery, pickles, fruit cocktail, fresh salmon a la mayonnaise with saratoga chips, oyster soup, cranberries, roast turkey, oyster dressing, mashed potatoes, peas, apricot ice, tomato and asparagus salad with French dressing, English plum pudding, pumpkin pie, rolls and coffee.

After the first course, Miss Creola Richbourg, in behalf of her fellow workers, toasted the host, Mr. Geo. S. Link. The guests stood, and with pure, clear water pledged themselves to render to Mr. Link faithful and loyal service throughout the coming year. Mr. Hooker then proposed a toast to one they esteem, the manager's wife, Mrs. Geo. S. Link.

When the last course had been served, Mr. Link responded with a heart to heart talk in which he expressed his appreciation of each and every employee's friendship and service.

After a hearty applause the guests were further entertained by a picture show at the Gem Theatre. After the picture show the guests departed for their respective homes, each declaring an evening of real pleasure and enjoyment.—One of the number.

Lon Goodrich, a prominent young citizen of the Jayton country, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

BIRDS SEEN ON BATTLEFIELDS

Paid Little Attention to Fire of Artillery.

EXPERT GIVES OBSERVATIONS

Soldier Who Was Also an Ornithologist Writes of His Experiences in France—Bullfinches Peacefully Feed, Headless of Fokkers Droning Directly Overhead—Robin Sings on While Big Shells Explode Nearby—Bird Hunt Interrupted.

Stories of birds taking their chances in the din and ravages of battle are supplemented by the personal experiences of Ludlow Griscom, who gave such time to his favorite study of ornithology as he could spare from his duties as a soldier and who records his observations in the journal of the Museum of Natural History. He found in the zone abundance of crows, magpies, blue jays, rooks, titmice, wood pigeons, swallows, martins, chaffinches, jays, larks, starlings, buntings, goldfinches and other species. Writing of one trip as a dispatch carrier, which took him to Saint-Die, through the spruce forests of the Vosges, Mr. Griscom says:

"Saint-Die itself was partly in ruins, and was considered an unhealthy spot due to constant bombing, shelling and gassing—the last apparently the favorite method of annoyance. Everybody carried a gas mask at all times, and had picked a cellar into which to retire rapidly when a yearning for seclusion seized him. It was astonishing, therefore, to see the full quota of house sparrows quarreling on the roof tops, the swallows flying up and down the main street. They had no gas masks, and it is hardly likely that they descended to cellars. Just what they did was a mystery."

Did Not Mind Fokkers.

"When the dusk gathered the great guns began to thunder a scant mile away. In the garden of the old chateau which was used as headquarters was a tree laden with fruit. Here by the light of the setting sun, three beautiful bullfinches were peacefully feeding on the crimson berries, heedless of three Fokkers which droned directly overhead. Unperturbed and unhurried they finished their meal, and then disappeared in the gathering gloom, leaving behind an impression so strong by its sharp contrast that it is graven deeply on my memory.

At the end of October I was ordered to the first army sector. The hills northwest of Verdun had been selected as an excellent sending station for a certain type of balloon, and I was sent there on November 2 to start a station. As we approached Verdun the country appeared more and more wrecked until it could be described as totally ruined in the hills to the northwest. There, where the flower of young French manhood had died by the tens of thousands, there was nothing but a succession of shell holes. The trenches were partly fallen in, the barbed wire entanglements were just as they had been left at the last triumphant advance, and here and there a few blasted tree trunks did duty for a wood. Vegetation even was scant. A kestrel hovered over the dreary waste, a flock of goldfinches twittered around a thistle, and a great gray shrike had taken up his quarters in a barbed wire entanglement.

Heard a Wren Singing.

"As dusk fell we descended into a steep little valley to the ruined village of Fremenville, and elected to spend the night in one of the few houses which still boasted of a roof. That night the artillery fire at the front rose to the intensity of drum fire. The allied heavy guns were concealed in the hills along a line lying a mile or two south of us. These joined merrily in the chorus, so that in the early morning the ground fairly shook.

"The approach of dawn brought quiet, permitting a brief cat nap, and I was astonished to hear a wren singing in the rafters nearby, as I woke up. A bird hunt in this ruined village and its outskirts started immediately. Wrens were common, the smashed roofs and torn rafters furnishing them an abundance of hiding places among which they ducked and bobbed. Robin redbreasts were also common, singing sweetly in every bush that remained. Along the little brook flowing through the village was a solitary white wagtail, and a great tit kept it some sort of company in a willow bush near by. House sparrows were chattering around the church, and a flock of tree sparrows were feeding around the horse pond. Add a flock of rooks flying past overhead and a pair of yellow buntings in a field just outside the village, and we have quite a list for such a locality. Later on a few shells burst on a hillside about a quarter of a mile away, to which the birds in the village paid not the slightest attention.

Bird Hunt Interrupted.

"Somewhat late," he writes, "the bird hunt was rudely interrupted by the scream of a shell which fell near a field hospital in the outskirts of the village. A second shell, a 14-inch high explosive, ploughed through the roof of the church. Right opposite me was a bush, on each side of which masonry was piled in such a way that down among the roots there was quite a little pit, an excellent retreat from the bird's point of view. A robin redbreast had been singing in this bush all the morning, and I was pleased to discover it among the roots, apparently alive and well, in spite of the fact that a high-powered shell had burst only 100 feet away. One might think the concussion would have killed so small a bird, for it was a bad enough jar to the human frame. Knowing possibly more about shells than the bird, I would appear immediately after the last piece of masonry had fallen down. The bird would be down among the roots, as still as a mouse, and would not show any signs of life for about one minute, when it would begin to work up very cautiously toward the top of the bush. The scream of the next shell was the signal for both of us to dive hastily back into our respective retreats. Five minutes after the last shell had fallen, this particular redbreast was singing sweetly from the top branches of its bush, joined by several others in various parts of the village, in marked contrast with the solemn-faced and quiet men who emerged somewhat later from scattered dugouts all over the hillside to take stock of the damage done, the lives lost and the wounded who needed immediate attention. It is, of course, obvious that a small bird has a better chance of not being hit by a shell fragment than a man. If, therefore, its resistance to shell shock and concussion were about equal to that of man we would have partial explanation of the existence of bird life in the war zone. Although it is highly improbable that a bird is equally resistant, we must not overlook the best of preventatives, a barrier. Here again it is obvious that a tree trunk, a brick, a rafter would serve as an excellent deflector of concussion and sound waves for a bird crouched behind it, whereas these objects would totally fail to help a man."

HAS COLONIAL FLASK

George Washington Carried a "Dram" Bottle.

George Washington's "dram" bottle, used by him in Revolutionary war times, has come forth from its resting place in a Webster (Ky.) farm home after a rest of nearly 150 years, for most of which time it has been kept under lock and key.

In possession of its present owner, J. I. Sutton, a farmer, to whom it has been handed down as an heirloom, the small hand-painted flask, which was presented by General Washington to one of his colonial friends named Briscoe, was brought to Dixon this week and exhibited. Older residents of the county vouch for the history of the flask and its historical connections are authenticated well.

The flask was presented by one Briscoe to one Bridwell, ancestor of the Bridwell families of this county, and later was passed to Miss Martha Melton, who became the wife of Sutton. It is of a glazed composition, half-pint capacity, and bears evidence of its age. A leather case, used to sling the flask from the shoulder, was discarded 20 years ago by Sutton because of its time-worn condition. The bottle is temporarily in possession of County Judge A. L. Hall.

ALIENS EAGER TO RETURN

Brief Post-War Visit to Native Country Enough for Them.

Aliens who rushed back to their native countries at the end of the war are returning to the United States after brief visits to European countries. They are shocked by the poverty and desolation found in the war zones, and surprised to find the cost of food and clothing higher in Europe than in the United States.

Greeks, among the first to be granted passports after the war, are returning to the United States in great numbers. Similar conditions are apparent in Italy, where more than 2,000 Italians now are waiting passports to return to the United States.

There is little emigration now from Russia and Poland, but a general exodus is expected as soon as conditions become more settled. Thousands of people are leaving Siberia for the United States.

Aunty Would Help.

Bill Bush of L.A.A.C. was showing an elderly lady the virtues of the car he sells. He made many turns and at the proper times extended his arm as a turning signal.

The old lady watched the proceeding for some time. Then she craned her neck and looked at the sky.

"Mister," she said sternly, tapping Bill on the shoulder, "you just tend to your driving. It don't look like rain no how, but if it should, I'll let you know."—Los Angeles Times.

HUGE CHICKEN SNAKE

Swallowed a Copperhead That Carried Many Little Ones.

A sure enough snake story comes from Buckusburg, Calloway county, Kentucky, and is reported by F. H. Guler and son Dennis, whose record for truth and veracity cannot be questioned.

While the two men were sucking tobacco one day their attention was attracted by the family dog barking and making a peculiar alarm. They went to the dog and saw the animal grab a big snake and begin shaking it.

In doing so young snakes the size and length of a lead pencil began to scatter about him. The men examined the young reptiles and found them to be copperheads, but the snake which the dog attacked was a big chicken snake four feet long.

They were not satisfied with this strange condition and on further examination they found that the chicken snake had swallowed a copperhead snake two and a half feet long, which contained the little snakes.

Seven of the youngsters were found, but there might have been more in the lot that were scattered about when the dog began to shake the big one.

BORN IN AUTO

A Twin Soon Followed It and Thus Added to Family.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rathbun of Grover, Pa., started the other day with a neighbor on an automobile ride. When they returned home twins had been added to the family.

The party had gone only a few miles from home when the driver, who had paid no attention to his friends in the rear of the car, was asked to stop. Turning his head he was startled to find Rathbun holding a new born baby wrapped in one of the automobile robes. He drove to a farm house, into which the mother and child were carried.

Before an ambulance could be called to take the woman home she gave birth to a second child. The first twin was a boy and the second a girl.

PAYS FOR COOKIES

Conscience Stricken Person Sends \$1 After Many Years.

About 24 years ago Louis Michaels drove a wagon for a candy company in Milwaukee. Among the wares he sold were cookies. One day a boy stole a handful of cookies from the wagon, but Michaels thought no more of the prank until he received a letter inclosing \$1.

That the man had apparently become conscience stricken as a result of religious studies is indicated by the inclosure of pamphlets on theology and a copy of his letter:

"Inclosed you will find a dollar bill in payment of theft committed 24 years ago for a handful of cookies. Jesus says no thief, liar, deadbeat or murderer of a person can get into the kingdom of heaven unless he repents for his sins."

SECRET JOBS PAY WELL

German Officers Getting Rich Driving Garbage Wagons.

Rather than enter a store or office where they would receive only 400 marks a month, two German officers have become garbage wagon drivers in Vienna. Counting the tips they receive from householders they get more than 1,000 marks a month.

The nature of their work is kept a secret from their old associates, while the high price enables them to mingle more or less in aristocratic circles.

Lovers Blow Themselves to Atoms.

Thirty-five pounds of melinite, set off by a detonator, was the means employed by Adrien Thumerel and his fiancée to end their lives at Chateau Thierry, France. Thumerel was charged with the theft of some hams from stores destined for war prisoners. The explosion was heard for miles.

Gold Teeth for Dog.

Bonnie Lad, a Scotch collie owned by John Gallagher of the Kansas City Kennel club, is the envy of all the dogs in that part of the country. Bonnie Lad had but two teeth, having lost his others in a fight with a bulldog. His master took him to one of the dentists here, and now Bonnie Lad has a full set of false teeth, two of them gold, to make him appear a little more aristocratic among the dogs of his acquaintance.

NOTICE.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Texas, County of Dickens By virtue of an execution, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Jones County, on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1919, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Louise Snodgrass versus Stamford Gas & Electric Company et al, No. 4037, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I did on the 7th day of November, 1919, at 5:45 o'clock p. m. levy upon and I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in

January, A. D. 1920, it being the 6th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, the following described property, to-wit:

Situated in Dickens County, Texas, and being all of the undivided interest of the said defendant, Geo. E. White, in and to all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26 in Block No. 5, of the town of Spur, as shown by the original plat of said town now of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Dickens County, Texas, and being the same property conveyed to J. E. Johnson and G. E. White by The Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Company by deed of date the 16th day of November, A. D. 1910, together with the Electric Light Plant, Gin, Mill, Buildings, Engines, Boilers, Gin Stands, Machinery, Scales, Fixtures, and together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances unto said above described premises belonging and all electric lines, poles, transformers, meters in service, easements, rights of way and all other rights, property, improvements and fixtures composing the Gin, Mill and Electric Light Plant in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, situated on said above described premises and used in any manner with said Gin Plant, Mill Plant and Electric Light Plant whether situated on said premises or elsewhere in said town of Spur, and all of the above property whether real, personal or mixed, and all of the interest of Geo. E. White in and to Three cars of cotton seed; Five Hundred and Eighty patterns of baggings and ties; two-thirds barrel cylinder oil; two-thirds barrel engine oil with the barrels and containers; twenty-seven tons of coal; all office furniture and fixtures; all electric merchandise and supplies; all tools; wrenches; belts and belt lacing equipment; seed forks; scoops; firing tools; slice bar; clinker hook; fire extinguisher and buckets; fire hose; and all books, open accounts and bills receivable and to include all the personal property; choses in action; supplies; fuel; furnishings and equipments situated on the above described premises or in any manner used in connection with said Gin Plant Light Plant and Mill Plant and either or all of them whether situated on said above described premises or not, levied on as the property of Geo. E. White as a partner with J. E. Johnson and as the property of said Geo. E. White jointly with the said J. E. Johnson and individually to satisfy a judgment in favor of J. E. Johnson on his cross-action in said suit against the said Geo. E. White, on the 14th day of February, 1919, amounting to Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-eight & No-100 (\$4,628.00) Dollars, with six per cent interest per annum thereon from said date, and in addition thereto for all such sums of money as the said J. E. Johnson may be required to pay on judgment of plaintiff, Louise Snodgrass, against the said J. E. Johnson and Geo. E. White as partners and jointly and severally for the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Six & 02-100 (\$12,986.02) Dollars with interest from said date at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of November, A. D. 1919.

G. L. BARBER,
Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas

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SHERIFF'S SALE.


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Situated in Dickens County, Texas, and being all of lots No's. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26 in Block No. 5, of the town of Spur, as shown by the original plat of said town now of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Dickens County, Texas, and being the same property conveyed to J. E. Johnson and G. E. White by The Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Company by deed dated the 16th day of November, A. D. 1910, together with the Electric Light Plant, Gin, Mill, Buildings, Engines, Boilers, Gin Stands, Machinery, Scales, Fixtures and together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances unto said above described premises belonging and all electric lines, poles, transformers, meters in service, easements, rights of way, and all other rights, property, improvements, and fixtures composing the Gin, Mill, and Electric Light Plant in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, situated on said above described premises and used in any manner with said Gin Plant, Mill Plant and Electric Light Plant, whether situated on said premises or elsewhere in said town of Spur, and all of the above property whether real, personal or mixed, and three cars of cotton seed; Five Hundred and Eighty patterns of baggings and ties; two-thirds barrel cylinder oil; two-thirds barrel engine oil with the barrels and containers; twenty-seven tons of coal; all office furniture and fixtures; all electric merchandise and supplies; all tools; wrenches; belts and belt lacing equipment; seed forks; scoops; firing tools; slice bars; clinker hooks; fire extinguishers and buckets; fire hose; and all books, open accounts and bills receivable, and to include all the personal property, choses in action, supplies, fuel, furnishings and equipment situated on the above described premises or in any manner used in connection with the said Gin Plant, Light Plant and Mill Plant and either or all of them whether situated on said above described premises or not.

Levied on as the property of J. E. Johnson and Geo. E. White as partners and jointly and severally to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$12,986.02 with ten per cent interest per annum thereon from date of judgment rendered on February 14th, 1919, in favor of plaintiff, Louise Snodgrass, against J. E. Johnson and Geo. E. White as partners and jointly and severally and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 7th day of November, A. D. 1919.

G. L. BARBER,
Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas.



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

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FARMERS SHOULD HELP ON CENSUS

Urged by Agricultural Department to Give Full Information.

TO THEIR OWN ADVANTAGE

Farmers Asked to Acquaint Themselves With the Requirements and Make-up of the Census Questions—Only the Uninformed Farmer Shies From the Census Enumerator—Information Used to Better Agricultural Conditions.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In an advisory capacity, the United States department of agriculture is assisting the bureau of the census in preparations for taking the 1920 census. Because the farmer usually is busy in the early spring and also because the farm herds and flocks are not as replete at this period as at some other season, the date of the census has been changed to January 1, 1920, instead of April 1. Hence, on January 1 in all sections of the country enumerators will begin the work of visiting the 7,000,000 farms peopled by 35,000,000 rural citizens, who comprise practically one-third of the total population of the United States.

Farmers over the country are urged by the federal department of agriculture to acquaint themselves as thoroughly as possible with the requirements and make-up of the census questions. Considerable figuring and accounting must be done by the farmer—although the computations are in no respect as complicated as those essential in figuring his income-tax return—to answer accurately and fully the questions which will be put to him by the enumerator. Many of these questions cover subject matter heretofore not included. As the statistics obtained from the agricultural census will largely determine the future land policy of the federal government, it is every farmer's duty to make individual answers as accurately as possible. Such information involves some little study on his part previous to the appearance of the enumerator.

It is only the uninformed farmer who shies from the census enumerator as though he were an objectionable book agent. Others are glad to aid this work of assembling specific facts and figures about all the farming operations and farms of this country, since they are aware that this information is used directly for the promotion and development of better agricultural conditions throughout the country.

New Questions in Summary.

The agricultural census statistics are divided into facts covering farm tenure; farm acreage; farm encumbrances; farm values; farm expenses; uses of the land in 1919; drainage crops produced in 1919; live stock maintained, including an enumeration of the various numbers of each class and grade on every farm; farm facilities, such as tractors, automobiles, trucks, and other farm conveniences; co-operative marketing; pure-bred animals maintained; fruits; nuts; and forest products.

Information will be secured which will enable the United States department of agriculture to figure up the length of the "agricultural ladder"—how long it takes the young farmer to learn the rudiments of his trade, so that he is able to graduate from the position of hired man to that of cash or share tenant, and later on to change from tenant into owner. Furthermore, the name and address of the owner of each piece of land in the United States will be obtained. This information will be secured by new questions, such as: How many years, if any, did you work on a farm for wages? How many years have you been, or were you, a tenant? How many years have you farmed as an owner? How long have you operated this farm? If you rent all of this farm what do you pay as rent? If you rent any farm land from others or manage any farm land for others, give name and address of owner of land.

Other new questions in the coming census involve the amount of land from which no crop was harvested this year because of crop failure; crop land lying idle or fallow in 1919; pasture land in each farm. The farmer is also requested to give the total value of his farm January 1, 1920, as well as the value of all buildings on the farm and the value of implements and machinery belonging to the farm. If any encumbrances exist against the property, he is asked to specify the total amount of debt on the land on the day the census is taken, and the rate of interest he pays on this debt.

Under the head of farm expenses each farmer is asked to state the amount expended in 1919 for hay, grain, mill feed, and other products not raised on the farm which he used

as feed for domestic animals and poultry; the amounts of cash expended for manure and fertilizer and for farm labor, exclusive of housework. He also is to give the estimated value of the house rent and board furnished farm laborers in 1919 in addition to the cash wages.

Information on Unimproved Land. Special attention is also given to the matter of drainage, particularly with regard to the area of the farm which has been improved by drainage and whether a drainage or levee district or some form of stock company was organized to handle drainage. He is asked to tell the amount of land provided by artificial drainage and the additional area needing drainage only, drainage and clearing, or clearing only. The statistics for the crop and livestock reports are quite similar to those used during previous years, although some minor modifications have been made.

There are other new items listed under the caption of farm facilities which include particulars regarding the number of tractors on the farm, the number of automobiles, motor trucks, whether the farm has a telephone, water system, and gas or electric lights. Information is also requested as to whether there is a local co-operative marketing club, and farmers are asked to give the value of all farm products sold through or to such organizations in 1919, and also the cost of supplies purchased through the assistance of such an association.

Complete information is also asked regarding the orchard fruits, subtropical fruits, nuts, small fruits, fruit products, grapes or grape products, and greenhouse and hothouse areas and equipments which are produced or which are used on each farm.

In order to ascertain the timber and lumber resources of each farm, three forestry questions are asked: The number of acres of merchantable timber, consisting principally of trees of saw-log size; the value of all forest products of the farm at the date specified which have been sold or are for sale, and the value of all homegrown forest products which have been or will be used on the farm.

\$70,000 for Families of Blimp Victims. Heirs of 11 victims of the dirigible balloon which fell in the business district of Chicago will receive \$70,000 from the owners of the airship. Two death claims remain to be settled.

Our Creed...

TO COURT AND DESERVE THE FULLEST MEASURE OF CONFIDENCE; TO PROTECT OUR CUSTOMERS' INTERESTS IN EVERY WAY THAT LIES WITHIN OUR POWER, HANDLING WITH SCRUPULOUS CARE ALL MATTERS ENTRUSTED TO US; TO RENDER SERVICE IN KEEPING WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE BANKER'S CALLING, ALWAYS REMEMBERING THAT OUR BANK EXISTS AND HAS A RIGHT TO EXIST ONLY SO LONG AS IT IS OF REAL PUBLIC SERVICE—THIS IS OUR "CREED."

The Spur National Bank

M. H. LEE, V. P. & CASHIER

GREAT EXPONENT OF LIBERTY

Simon de Montfort, Earl of Leicester, Known as "Father of English House of Commons."

The first great democrat in England was Simon de Montfort, earl of Leicester, who was slain in battle 654 years ago as the leader of the rebellious barons. Simon de Montfort was also the spokesman for the great masses of the people, and he held that it was the duty of the nobles to stand between the people and the monarch as guardians of their liberties, to watch over the exercise of the royal power and prevent its abuse. In the great battle of Lewes in 1264 the barons, under the command of de Montfort, completely defeated the king and the royalist party. In the battle of Evesham on August 4 of the following year the tables were turned and the democratic earl was killed and the barons sustained a ruinous defeat. During the brief period of Simon's ascendancy, however, he had laid the foundation for the house of commons and had inspired in the breasts of the people a devotion to liberty and democracy never to be stamped out by royal oppression. "Every king is ruled by the laws," declared Simon de Montfort, and he held that the "generality" should have a hand in the making of the laws by which they, as well as the monarch, were to be governed.

Simon de Montfort's immortal place in history is indicated by the reverent title historians have given him—"the Father of the English House of Commons."

GREEKS HAD FORM OF TENNIS

That the Game Is an Old One Is Sure, but Its Origin Is Hard to Trace.

Discussion of possible changes in the terminology of tennis naturally includes the name itself; and here there are many possible origins. The game, in one form or another, is very old. The Greeks knocked a ball back and forth and called the exercise "phennis," for which the Roman name was "tenifudum." "Phennis" and "tenifudum" were ancestors probably of the similar French sport in the middle ages, and modern tennis may, for that matter, have been named from the province of Tennes, where this game was exceedingly popular. Possibly, but improbably, the name is derived

from the French "tenez," in the sense of "get it," "Deuce" is generally accepted as another form of the French "deux," but "racquets" has several possible sources, the most likely perhaps being the old medieval word "rachte," meaning the palm of the hand, when the game was played like modern handball. Chancer and Shakespeare both knew the game in England, and, whether or not they played it, had doubtless looked on with satisfaction, as did Queen Elizabeth.

Would Seem to Be His Right.

A suggestion has been made that if the British flag is to be again unfurled above Helgoland, Henry Hedger, verger of the parish at Herne Bay, Kent, Eng., be engaged to raise the emblem. He it was who hauled down the Union Jack August 9, 1890, when the island passed into the control of the German empire. He was then a coast guardsman, and is now a vigorous man of between 60 and 70 years.

Mrs. Hedger recalls her four years on the island chiefly by the birth of their youngest son, who grew up to be one of the contemptibles, who helped to hinder Prussia's march through France, but fell in the attempt. The family left the island the day it was taken out of British control, and while the pier was decorated with flags and bunting prior to the visit of the kaiser. All the British official population left at the same time.

Animals With Third Eyelid.

Sir John Bland-Sutton, senior surgeon of Middlesex Hospital Medical school in London, is authority for the statement that all animals, except men and monkeys, possess a third eyelid. Many people have noticed how birds, notably the turkey, operates this third lid by means of special muscles. The turkey is constantly winking without knowing that it does so. The third lid in this case is an opaque white curtain, but in certain birds and animals, and in some fishes, the third lid is a transparent covering. The lizard of trans-Caspian deserts uses its transparent lid as a protection against sand, while the American fish known as the star-gazer uses it effectively for watching its prey. It is interesting to note that the prey is secured through the operation of powerful electrical muscles, and considerably over 50 small swimming fish so caught have been found in the interior of a star-gazer.

OFFICERS SEEK MORE OF WAR

Britishers Seek Military Service in Other Lands.

RUSSIA MOST ATTRACTIVE

Soldiers of Fortune Are Joining With Russians, Poles and Czecho-Slovaks—Demand in Russia Is for Those with Technical Knowledge Who Can Serve as Instructors—Poland Also in Field for Instructors.

Hundreds of British ex-officers are seeking new fields in which to fight. British soldiers of fortune promise to be as common on the continent as they were in the days of the Thirty Years' war.

Russia at present holds out the greatest attractions for the adventurers. After north Russia come Estonia, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia. All foreign governments engaged in small wars or in licking their armies into shape are offering posts to demobilized British officers.

On the books of the Russian embassy are the names of more than 100 officers who have volunteered to serve. The demand is for those with technical knowledge who can act as instructors. At the moment the only front to which the Russian government is sending officers is to north Russia, so recently evacuated by British forces.

Shipping Difficulties.

Shipping facilities are surrounded with difficulties, but they are being obtained. On that northern front, before the British left, the bolshevists sought to lure British officers to their service. A pamphlet was issued offering them large salaries.

Russian authorities are still considering the matter of pay. As the matter is arranged at present British officers, excepting in case of flying officers, will receive the Russian pay of their rank, which in most cases is hardly more than \$50 a month. The Estonian government has engaged several officers to conduct aerial operations and their pay is even higher than that in the British air forces.

The drawback is that the adventurer is paid in the currency of the country for which he fights and it may or may not be redeemable in future years. North Russian government rubles, until the British forces left, were guaranteed by Great Britain. The currency of Gen. Yudenitch and of the southern armies in Russia was hardly in the same category, but chances of redeeming their money are not deterring the seekers after war.

Poland in Field.

Poland is newly arrived in the field of competition for foreign officers and positions as instructors are being offered to demobilized British officers. The monthly pay is at the rate of 800 marks for a captain and 600 marks for a lieutenant. Thirty days leave in England a year and assurance of medical care and assistance are included in the conditions. The Polish war office has opened a special department at Warsaw to deal with the affairs of foreign officers.

A visit to the Czecho-Slovak legation in London reveals that twenty ex-officers of the British army have applied to Prague for service in the Czech army. The trouble with all foreign governments at this moment is their lack of ready funds, but that is an old story. Soldiers of fortune were continuously impecunious. South America may provide a better field for the adventurers. Mexican armies have had and still have many British officers fighting for them.

REDS USE FALSE PASSES

Mystery of How They Get to Copenhagen Solved.

The secret police service of Copenhagen has solved a mystery which for several months had puzzled both the police and the government. Some time ago it was discovered that lots of people were crossing the Schleswig border on passports not issued by the German authorities. They came to Copenhagen, where they were supported by the Danish bolsheviks.

The police, on investigating the matter further, discovered that all the refugees were prominent German Spartacist leaders, who tried to hide in Copenhagen. It was also detected that the Danish bolshevik had formed a secret bureau for making out false passports and had supplied all their German Spartacist friends with them to return. The Danish bolshevik organization got great sums of money from the Spartacists.

Nearly 200 Freight Cars Built Daily.

Only 19,000 of the 100,000 freight cars ordered by the railroad administration remain to be built, Director General Hines has announced. From October 18 to 25 an average of 193

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FOUR ISSUES COUNT A MONTH

Friday, December 5th, 1919.

DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1920:

For District and County Clerk:
O. C. ARTHUR
S. L. DAVIS

Chas. A. Jones came up last week from Freeport and will spend some time in Spur. Mr. Jones "fathered" the town of Spur from the beginning up until it was solidly on its feet as a trade center and metropolis of this part of the great West, later turning the management of townsite matters over to his son, Clifford B. Jones, who now is continuing its guidance with ability. We "old timers" here are always glad to welcome Mr. Jones back to Spur. In fact we consider Chas. A. Jones a man among men—big enough and broad enough to fill any position, and we would like to see him in the governor's office for just one term.

W. C. Bennett and wife returned last week from Seymour where they have been making their home the past several months, and are now making their home at Gilpin where he will farm next year. Mr. Bennett has been with Engineer Cook on road work in Throckmorton county, but resigned his position for the more lucrative one of farming in the great Spur country. We hope he will make a bale of cotton to the acre another year and get fifty cents a pound for the staple.

Howard Campbell came in Tuesday and moved his subscription up to the year 1920. This year he came near making a crop failure. He planted over once or twice and then the hoppers got all but six bales of his cotton. However, is not the least discouraged, stating that he and his family are now making from thirty to forty dollars per day picking cotton for those who did make good crops. This is really and truly the day of the laboring man.

S. R. Bowman, of two or three miles north of Spur, was in town Tuesday and dropped in to find out if we had heard of an Overland crank which he lost and advertised for some time ago. The crank has never been heard of.

Economy..

IN THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES WE OWE A DUTY TO OURSELVES AND FAMILIES TO ECONOMIZE.

AND ONE OF THE VERY BEST WAYS TO ECONOMIZE IS TO BUY YOUR GROCERIES WHERE YOUR MONEY WILL GO THE FARTHER—EST.

WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU BUY YOUR GROCERIES IN LARGE QUANTITIES, AS ALL GROCERIES IS ADVANCING AND WE WILL SURELY SEE HIGHER PRICES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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Spur

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In order that your glasses may be properly fitted and render maximum service, it is important that the work be executed by one who is expert in adjusting. In this connection the style of your glasses should be given due consideration. We have a large stock of frames and mountings from which to select. Those that are the most becoming and best suited to your features and defective sight should be had. Defective sight is one of the greatest drawbacks to the health and development of children, and many times is responsible for the backwardness in school. Perhaps your youngster's vision is faulty. It won't require much effort on your part to find out, and you will certainly be better satisfied to know.

Call at the Red Front Drug Store.
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Of Dallas, Located at Spur, Texas.

TRUE TO LIFE.

I desire to let the people see, those who do not know, the condition of the "crucial school teacher," hoping to make you understand why the teachers are decreasing in numbers.

First we notice of the teacher is after completing the eighth grade, they receive an inspiration to be a "great and noble" school teacher. With this worthy object in view the pupil starts his review work. He studies when he should play; loses his youth; ruins his eyes; or in other words he grows old before his time. At night when he racks his brain over some knotty problem while others are peacefully sleeping, he recalls and is comforted by the wise words:

"Heights by great men, reached and kept,
Were not attained by sudden flight;
But they, while their companions slept,
Were toiling upward in the night."

In an exalted frame of mind this pupil toils on until a late hour, bending over his sookb by a smoky students lamp. Weary and exhausted he goes to bed and dreams, not of a golden future, but of the dry text books that he is compelled to study.

Later on comes the examination he must take before preparation for this grand calling can be continued. If he passes it is well. Fail and generally the pupil becomes discouraged and quits, counting his time lost.

Finally comes the crowning glory! The crowning glory of human intelligence! The happiest moment of his life. By some good trustee he is offered a school beginning in January and ending in June.

Do you wonder that school teachers are decreasing in number?—A Teacher.

WOOD FOR SALE.

Cord wood at \$3.00 per cord on my place 10 miles southwest of Spur.—J. B. Morrison.

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.

E. F. Hall came all the way down to the Texas Spur office this week to tell us that the City Drug Store is real headquarters for Christmas shopping, and urges everybody to come in and see his big stock of Christmas goods before it is broken by the many daily sales. Heer you can get any kind of gift you want for your father, mother, brother, sister or sweetheart, and one that will be enjoyed and appreciated.

ESPUELA ITEMS.

Sunday school here Sunday, as usual, but a much appreciated sermon followed Sunday afternoon by Bro. Burnam, the highly esteemed pastor of the Baptist church.

We are having more bad weather this week. It is a great hindrance to the farmers of the country, as they can't get their crops gathered.

Messrs. R. E. Thomas and Jent Carr have sold out their places. We hope they wont leave, as they are two fine neighbors and Espuela would be lost without them.

Garvie Boothe and Erlow Boling, of Wilson Draw, attended church at Espuela Sunday.

Rance Thomas and family spent Sunday with A. M. Miller and family.

Quite a lot of the Dry Lake people attended church here Sunday afternoon.

We believe Miss Lucile Miller had the "blues" Sunday evening, as a certain young gentleman didn't come.

Sim Stevens and wife attended church here Sunday.

Brother Anderson and wife were at Sunday school Sunday morning.

Miss Francis Carleton was the dinner guest of Miss Beulah Billberry Sunday.

Miss Maggie Hobson was all smiles Sunday. Wonder why? Ask Erwin Smith.

Albert Puckett was at church Sunday.

Misses Marie and Alla Smith attended church Sunday at Espuela.

Homer McBride and Beall Karr attended church Sunday.

Henry Smith and wife, of Dry Lake, were among those who came to Espuela Sunday.

Jesse Hobson attended church Sunday.

Miss Lillie Mings was at Sunday school Sunday.

We must get our sun-bonnets and go.—Espuela Twins.

GILPIN.

Rev. Geo. F. Fair filled his regular appointment here Sunday, which was his last one. Our pastor for the coming year will be Rev. Anderson.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett spent Saturday night and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Buster Bural.

Grandpa Carlisle is on the sick list this week.

Little James Henry, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan, is quite sick at this writing.

Walter Driggers and Misses Marie Willis, Lela Ayers, Lorine Simmons and Carrie Smith were the guests of Miss Mattie Hagins Sunday.

Master Emmett Hagins has been on the sick list.

The fifth Sunday meeting will begin Thursday, having a special program for Thanksgiving. Every one is invited to attend.

There will be a box-supper given at the Duck Creek school house December the 6th. Everybody is cordially invited and your help will be

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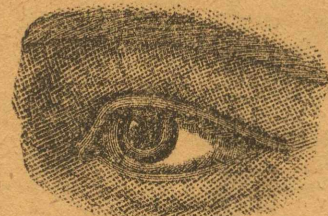
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Charter No. 9611. Reserve District No. 11
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT
 SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS
 ON NOVEMBER 17, 1919.**

RESOURCES.	
1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, -----	\$422,151.41
2. Overdrafts, unsecured, -----	4,377.49
5. U. S. Government Securities Owned:	
a Deposited to secure cir. (U. S. bonds par value) 25,000.00	
f Owned and unpledged -----	13,300.00
h War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps owned, 78.73	
Total U. S. Government securities, -----	38,378.73
6. Other Bonds, Securities, Etc.:	
e Securities other than U. S. bonds owned and unpledged, -----	304.40
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, (50 per cent of subscription) -----	3,750.00
9. a Value of banking house owned and unincumbered -----	25,000.00
10. Furniture and fixtures, -----	5,000.00
11. Real estate owned other than banking house -----	500.00
12. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank -----	41,002.34
14. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks -----	141,787.57
17. Checks on other banks in same city as reporting bank -----	2,735.96
Total of Items 13, 14 15 16 and 17, \$144,523.53	
18. Checks on banks outside of city of reporting bank, -----	7,313.47
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. T. 1,250.00	
20. Interest earned but not collected on notes and bills rec. -----	3,375.38
21. Other assets, Int. earned not collected, past due, -----	755.62
Total, -----	\$697,682.37

LIABILITIES.	
22. Capital stock paid in -----	100,000.00
23. Surplus fund -----	25,000.00
24. a Undivided profits -----	\$32,711.27
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, -----	10,296.06
25. Interest and discount collected or credited in adv not earned, 3,825.31	
28. Circulating notes outstanding -----	25,000.00
30. Net amounts due to national banks, -----	50,000.00
32. Certified checks outstanding -----	2,300.00
33. Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding -----	2,403.98
Total of Items 30, 31, 32 and 33, \$54,703.98	
34. Individual deposits subject to check -----	459,402.56
35. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days -----	5,935.01
Total of demand deposits subject to reserve, \$465,337.87	
51. Letters of credit and Travelers' Checks sold for cash and outst. 1,400.00	
Total, -----	\$697,682.37
State of Texas, County of Oickens, ss: I, M. H. Lee, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—M. H. LEE, Cashier.	
Correct—Attest: C. A. Jones, Clifford B. Jones, T. E. Standifer, Directors.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Nov. 1919.	
S. T. Clemmons, Notary Public.	

Charter No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT
 SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS
 NOVEMBER 17, 1919.**

RESOURCES.	
1. a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, -----	\$388,315.42
d Notes and bills rediscounted -----	\$61,537.60
2. Overdrafts unsecured, -----	7,982.78
5. U. S. Government Securities Owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation, (U.S.B. par val) \$10,000.00	
f Owned and unpledged, -----	6,400.00
h War Savings Cer. and Thrift Stamps actually owned, 332.22	
Total U. S. Government Securities, -----	16,733.22
6. Other Bonds, Securities, Etc.:	
e Securities, other than U. S. bonds, owned and unpledged -----	1,192.10
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank, (50 per cent of subscription) -----	1,500.00
9. a Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered, -----	7,750.00
10. Furniture and fixtures, -----	2,500.00
11. Real estate owned other than banking house, -----	305.44
12. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank, -----	54,823.51
14. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks, -----	122,644.60
17. Checks on other banks in same city or town as reporting bank, 5,048.60	
18. Checks on banks located outside of city of reporting bank, -----	2,398.03
19. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. T. 500.00	
20. Interest earned but not collected on notes and bills rec., not due, 200.00	
21. Other assets, if any, Int. 5th L. L. paid for customers, -----	1,923.31
Total, -----	\$552,279.47

LIABILITIES.	
22. Capital stock paid in -----	40,000.00
23. Surplus fund, -----	10,000.00
24. a Undivided profits -----	\$29,033.45
b Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid, -----	5,978.19
25. Interest and discount collected or credited in advance, not earned, 925.57	
28. Circulating notes outstanding -----	9,600.00
33. Cashier's checks outstanding on own bank, -----	25.35
34. Individual deposits subject to check, -----	468,168.66
40. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed) -----	475.00
54. Liabilities than above stated, -----	29.67
Total, -----	552,279.47
55. a Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with F.R.B. -----	61,537.60
Total contingent liabilities, -----	\$618,817.07
State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—E. C. Edmonds, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of Nov. 1919.	
Jennie Shields, Notary Public.	
Correct —Attest: P. H. Miller, C. Hogan, J. D. Harkey, Directors.	

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Stephen R. Austin, of the Afton country, came to the Spur gin this week, being caught here by the bad weather and remaining over two or three days. He says he made pretty good crops this year, but can't get help to gather it. Notwithstanding the high prices for farm products, Mr. Austin is inclined to engage in other business for the future, and we hope he gets into a business more suitable.

While in town Saturday W. W. Franklin had us place his name on our subscription list again. During the past year Mr. Franklin has been laboring in the oil fields and over in Louisiana, leaving his farm here for others to work. He says there is plenty of money to be made in the oil belts, but that it requires some money on which to operate. He will remain here another year and make a crop on his place east of Spur on the Highway.

Doc Ellis and wife, formerly of the West Pasture but now of Throckmorton county, were in the Spur country last week, spending a night with T. M. Maples and family. Doc Ellis was for many years with the Swenson cattle interests here, and is now manager of the Swenson ranch in Throckmorton county. He and wife have many friends here who are always glad to see and hear from them.

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The War Risk Insurance Bureau is making special efforts along the lines of reinstatement of lapsed government insurance. The Red Cross is co-operating in every way and is bringing to the attention of discharged service men the rules under which reinstatement can be made.
 Insurance can be reinstated no matter how long it has lapsed, provided application is made before December 31st, 1919. All that need be done is: Send two months premium to the disbursing clerk, Bureau of War Risk Insurance. Make application for reinstatement in writing and send statement by man that he is in as good health as on the date of discharge or expiration of grace period, whichever is later. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Treasurer of United States. All applications should give soldier's full military organization, serial number and home address.—C. Earyl Senning.

Carpenters Wanted by J. E. Sanders, contractor. 3tf

MILK COWS FOR SALE.
 I will have a car load of pure bred Holstein cows in Spur about December 15th. Interested parties see Mr. M. H. Lee at Spur National Bank and leave name and he will notify you just what day cows will arrive.
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TAKE NOTICE.
 Please do not ask us to charge feed and coal, as we pay cash for what we buy.—Farmers Wagon Yard. 50tf

STRAYED—Dark, dun horse, 15 hands high, short clipped mane, and known as the "Shorty Allen horse." \$5.00 reward.—Racket Store. 4tf

VICTIM OF SPY FRAMEUP IS SAVED FROM DEATH
 Shows Methods of German Espionage Service During the War.
 An action brought by a German agent, claiming \$6,000 damages for falsely incriminating him with the French military authorities and nearly getting him shot as spy, which is a present being heard before the Zurich tribunal throws a strange light on the methods and activities of the German espionage service during the war. M. Auguste Fallet, a Swiss tradesman, paid a business visit to Bordeaux in January, 1918. During his absence his mother received a letter from a Herr Jules Holtz of Hamburg, asking her to forward to her son any postcards which arrived for him from Marseilles.
 Two unsigned postcards bearing a few ordinary and banal words did arrive from Marseilles shortly afterward, and Mme. Fallet duly sent them on to her son in Bordeaux, where M. Fallet was promptly arrested by the French military authorities as a German spy. The censor, it seemed, had discovered important military secrets written on the postcards in invisible ink.
 M. Fallet in vain protested his innocence. He was formally tried and sentenced to death. He would undoubtedly have been shot but for a strange coincidence which occurred at Lausanne, where a woman named David was caught in a similar trap by Herr T. Otten of Hamburg, who was known to be in close relations with Holtz.
 The Swiss authorities immediately communicated with the French, and on a second trial Fallet was acquitted and returned home.

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OIL WILDCATTING AS A FINE ART

How the Swindler Plays the Game in Texas.

LAW CANNOT REACH THEM

"Blue Sky" Legislation Fails to Provide Way of Bringing Offenders to Justice—With an Initial Capital of 25,000 Many Easily Make Profit of \$100,000 to \$200,000 Within a Few Months.

Notwithstanding the accumulating evidence that systematic oil well swindles are being perpetrated on an extensive scale in Texas, no way has as yet been discovered for bringing offenders within the reaches of the law. It has been found that the so-called "blue-sky" law of Texas is practically worthless, so far as preventing the organization of irresponsible oil companies and the sale of stock which has no value.

It is in the wildcat well-drilling game that the biggest swindles are pulled off. It has been proved time after time that it is possible for a man or set of men with an initial capital of \$25,000 to easily make a profit of \$100,000 to \$200,000 within a period of a few months at the game of drilling wells in wildcat territory. The money in most instances comes from the people of the community in which the fake well is drilled. There is hardly a county in Texas that has not been the scene of one or more well-drilling operations of this kind. Of course, there are a great many legitimate companies that are drilling or have drilled wildcat wells, and in many instances these holes have had to be abandoned, for one reason or another, before they were completed. It is the professional swindler of whom the land owners and people generally are beginning to complain loudly. Enormous blocks of stocks of these swindling companies have been sold to people outside of Texas.

How It is Worked.

J. C. Burkett of Taylor county describes how the wildcat oil well men operate:

"All at once there will appear upon the streets of the town two or three strangers, and in a few days they will let it out in some way that they are making investigations to know if there are men in the section who will lease their land for oil purposes. They walk about among the farmers and ranchmen and soon secure 15,000 or 20,000 acres for a dollar an acre or less.

"Then they send for an 'expert' geologist to go over the land and locate a place to put in a well. He makes an examination and gives a favorable report. In a short time a man is employed to put down a well, and in a few weeks the derrick is put up, and the owners of the leases begin to make arrangements to sell leases at high prices. After the well is down 300 or 400 feet, the owners of the leases make it known that the 'log' of the well is first class—just like the wells at Ranger, Caddo, or some other oil field. This creates a little more excitement, and some of the leases that cost 50 cents or a dollar now sell for \$5 or \$10 per acre. But the greatest excitement has not come yet. Wait until they get down about 1,500 feet and then see what will take place.

"All at once the report goes out like wildfire over the town and the country where the well is located that they have struck a 'showing of gas,' and the excitement runs a little higher and leases go up again.

"If you are not careful a bit will get hung about this time, but it may be a little later on.

Then Comes the Cleanup.

"When they get down about 100 feet farther, then the thing comes off just right; they strike a showing of oil. By this time the oil dealers are wild with excitement and the leases go up again.

"Now they get ready and put a guard about the well and allow no one except some oil 'expert' to go about it. Soon afterward a bit gets hung or a casing is pulled apart, and there is a six-weeks' delay, and during this delay the owners get busy and sell at several thousand dollars per acre near the well.

"Just as soon as the excitement begins to die down they send out a report that the bit is hung and it is impossible to pull it, and they take down the derrick and leave the country with a fine bag of money and the community in wonder as to why they did not get more than a 'showing' of oil."

The fakers got just what they went after—the people's money, and when they got that they pulled up and left. Once in a hundred times it may be that such men really find oil and the neighbors make money, but in most

cases the well is a fake and poor men and women are stripped of their money.

Dying Act Saves Passengers.

A dying motorman's last act was to apply the brakes to his car to prevent it from going over the precipitous incline on the Hudson palisades at Edgewater, N. J. Thrown from their seats by the sudden stopping of the car, the 30 passengers found the motorman, Alexander Rabb, dead from heart disease. The car had stopped on the edge of the precipice.

Individual Cups for Cows.

The Jersey herd of Ralph Ballou is now provided with individual drinking bowls. Each stall is connected with the water system and has an automatic bowl about ten inches in diameter and six inches deep. When the cow sticks her nose in the bowl to drink she turns the water on and as the bowl fills she raises her head and cuts the water off. This method avoids having to fill the trough or breaking ice for the cows when it is cold.—Monroe County Appeal.

Rear Admiral Richardson Clover, U. S. N., retired, died on a train west of Cheyenne, Wyo., recently. He was on his way to his home in Washington, D. C., from California. Admiral Clover was 73 years of age.

A cash dividend amounting to 20 per cent of the yearly salary to be given to all employees of the City National Bank of Dallas was authorized by a unanimous vote of the directors of that bank in a recent meeting.

PROVED THAT COURTESY PAYS

New York Business Man Dates Beginning of Success From Little Act That Seemed Insignificant.

In System Leopold Wertheimer describes the methods that helped his business grow from a tiny shop to a chain of five big department stores in New York city. Speaking of his start in business, he says:

"One of the merchandising plans that I learned the first day in my little store is that the unusual courtesies which a merchant gives his customers are often the most appreciated. As a corollary to that, the man or woman who actually spends the money is not always the most profitable person toward whom a merchant can direct his good-will-building efforts.

"One of my first customers was a nursemaid who hesitated in front of the door; just what to do with the baby carriage seemed a puzzle. I stepped over, held open the door and said: 'Madam, baby carriages are very welcome in my store. Wheel it right inside.'

"The girl it turned out was nurse in the family of a successful young lawyer. Soon the lawyer's wife began to buy in my store; a very few days after that her husband stepped up to the men's furnishings department, introduced himself and bought a nice bill of goods. The whole family soon came to be listed as perhaps my best customers—all as a result of my courtesy to a maid.

"Soon I put a sign in the window: 'Baby carriages welcome.' My baby carriage trade increased so much that there was not room in my store for the carriages at times. I hired a girl, dressed her up as a maid and had her take care of the carriages that were standing outside on the sidewalk. The mothers and nurses did not have to worry about them, you see.

"Special courtesies to maids and children—that is now one of my big important policies. For I have been shown time and again by experience that when a store controls the trade of the children and the servants the whole trade of the family is likely to go there."

Waltzing Mouse Going.

And what about waltzing mice? There was a time when they were as common as goldfish, the Minneapolis Journal states.

Pet lovers would house dizzy families of them. They would whirl around, in pairs, on any small space, such as an inverted tumbler, till they looked like spokes in a black and white wheel.

But nowadays, if you decided to make a jolly present to your youngest nephew, you couldn't find a Japanese waltzing mouse in the country.

It is true that their dervish dance is out of date in this age of shimmy shakers. But that doesn't account for their extinction.

The war, which took so many lives, reached even to the mouse world. Breeders no longer raise these eccentric little creatures, according to Ed Hoey, the bird and fish man. Perhaps they still live in Japan, where they are kept through immigration laws. But as far as this country goes, these busy pets of children are now but a memory.

COLONEL SEEKING JOB IS SHOCKED

Finds Former Orderly in Charge of Bureau.

MANY SUCH CASES IN CANADA

Many Men of Modest Station in Civil Life Won Deserved Promotion in War—Wherever Possible Recognition of Efficiency in Army Is Being Awarded—Bulk of Army Slipping Back Into Civil Life Without Creating a Ripple.

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colonel did not apply for a job, but took advantage of the opportunity to exchange greetings and good wishes and utter a few platitudes about the weather.

Another officer of high rank took a position soliciting advertising. Humbly approaching the owner of a smart cigar store, he found himself face to face with a former private in his ranks with whom he had many unpleasant collisions. The ex-major executed a tactical retirement by purchasing a package of cigarettes.

Many Won Better Jobs.

The case of a Calgary barber who enlisted as a private and earned promotion on the field to the rank of major, who now doesn't fancy a return in barbering, has many parallels throughout the country. Generally speaking the private who attained high rank during the war is regarded as having developed qualities which, no matter what his former occupation was, ought to find recognition on his return to civil life. Wherever possible this recognition is being awarded.

John I. Girvan, a sorter in the Toronto general post office, enlisted as a private in August, 1914. In the closing campaign of the war Private Girvan had become Major Girvan, acting lieutenant in command of his battalion, with D. S. C., M. C., and Croix de Guerre ribbons on his breast. A few weeks ago Major Girvan reported for duty to the post office where five years ago he had laid down the position of sorter. The post office authorities took council and decided not to send Major Girvan back to his sorter's position. Instead they made him assistant to the superintendent and gave him charge of the night staff, a position ordinarily reached only after a lifetime's work in the civil service.

Ex-Major Rings Up Fares.

Other cases have not been so satisfactorily disposed of. A former major is serving as a street car conductor, the same position he occupied when he enlisted as a private at the beginning of the war. Asked why he did not endeavor to secure a position more in keeping with his rank in the army, he said: "This is the one job in civil life I know. If I tried to pitchfork myself into some other job I might make a fizzle of it and become a bum for the rest of my life."

The fact is that the great bulk of Canada's army is slipping back into civil life without creating a ripple on the surface. According to government figures recently announced, 316,589 men have been released from the army since the signing of the armistice. Of this total no less than 189,000 men have made no application for employment and have presumably slipped back into places that were waiting for them. Out of 68,773 men who have applied for employment, 61,278 have been placed.

From these it appears that since the armistice more than 200,000 men have been reabsorbed into Canadian civil life and that some 60,000 still remain to be absorbed. Many of these latter are doubtless students, candidates for vocational training, or young men taking things easy for a time before seeking employment.

Killed Father-in-Law to Keep Husband.

Declaring that her father-in-law tried to separate her from her husband, Mrs. Maggie Gardshire shot and killed her relative at Chattanooga, Tenn.



WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.

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

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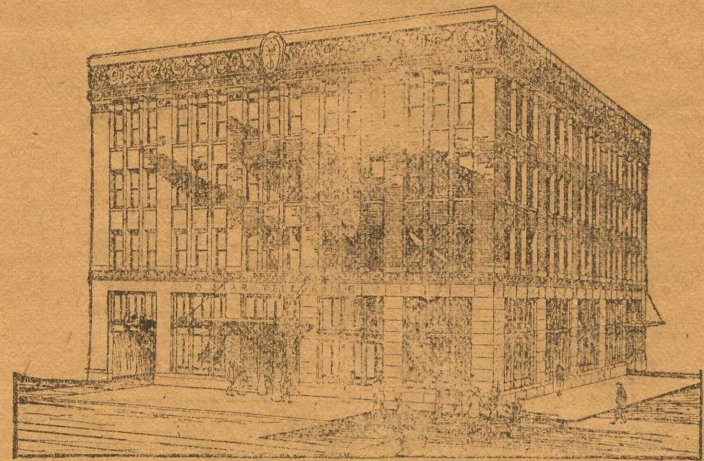
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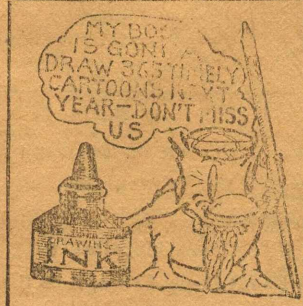
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ORDERS TAKEN AT THIS OFFICE

A. Fry, of the Cat Fish country, was here trading and meeting friends the first of the week.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was in the city the first of the week transacting business and meeting friends.

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 eat, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

J. W. Oakes and family moved to Spur last week from the southern part of the state. In unloading his effects from the train he placed his teams in the shipping pens at the depot, leaving the back gate open and permitting them to escape. We are glad to know that people from a distance are now more generally recognizing the advantages of this country as an agricultural section.

Mrs. Newt Harkey underwent an operation Thursday of last week at a Lubbock hospital, and the many friends of the family will be glad to learn that Mrs. Harkey stood the operation nicely and is now reported recovering rapidly.

FOR SALE—160 acres as fine farm land as there is in Dickens county, on public road and close to school. Write to Box 302, Spur, Texas. 1tp

We hear the names of both J. E. Sparks and Crawford Cobb mentioned as probable candidates for the office of district and county clerk. O. C. Arthur and S. L. Davis have already announced for this office, and with a number of others yet as prospective candidates, this race promises to be warmly contested in the July primary elections.

LOST OR STOLEN—New "American Beauty" buggy and harness from back of postoffice Saturday night. A suitable reward for information of its whereabouts.—Will Watson. 1tp

LOST—Between Spur and Dry Lake one mud chain off car. Finder return to postoffice.—Carrier. 1tp

Miss Vera Hall is reported quite sick this week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hall.

Smallest Bank in the World.

There is a saying among country people that "the smaller the bank the safer the money," and therefore the Wake County Savings bank, at Raleigh, N. C., should be the safest bank in America, since it is the smallest.

Of course, it is a trifle larger than a sock and easier to get money out of than the tin banks or the china pigs of one's childhood, but it manages to gather in a very great deal of money in the minimum space.

As a matter of fact, originally the space occupied by the bank was a hallway into the building back of it. Some changes in the architecture of the place made the hallway unnecessary, and so the savings bank decided on an "office" there. Now it is a "regular bank," with an imposing entrance—and that is about all. Its frontage, to be exact, is 7½ feet.

"Bachelor of Commerce."

The plan of the University of London to grant degrees in commerce is attracting much attention. Under this scheme it is proposed to grant the degree of bachelor of commerce to candidates who pass the necessary examinations after a three years' course of study. Those who so desire may later proceed to the degree of master of commerce, after a minimum of two years' practical experience in the particular trade or industry taken up.

The first year's course comprises the compulsory subjects of organization of industry, banking, trade and transport; modern economic development of the British empire and of the chief foreign countries; elementary commercial law, and statistical method. The second and final year will be devoted to specialization.

Placing Himself.

Luther Burbank, like Thomas A. Edison, has had his brain incorporated and capitalized. He has done many wonderful things, one of the biggest being the perfecting of the spineless cactus, which is a great cattle food staple. Also to his credit are the Shasta daisy, the seedless prune and the seedless grape. His patience is wonderful and they say that at one time he raised 50,000,000 lillies to get a single half-dozen that were perfect. "No wonder they call you the 'wizard' of California," remarked a Los Angeles reporter once. Burbank laughed, and replied: "They might better call me the gizzard of California."

C. D. Copeland was among those in Spur Tuesday.

Ms. W. T. Andrews entertained the Friday Afternoon Club Thursday afternoon at her in the west part of the city, progressive forty two being the entertaining feature, followed by delightful refreshments graciously served by the hostess. A diversion in the games was in the place cards, small copies bearing the names of the players were arranged in the respective places at table.

LAND FOR SALE.

165 acres land, 50 acres in cultivation, good water, plenty wood and grass, 3 miles southeast Spur. Will sell for \$30 acre, \$1800 cash, terms on balance.—T. A. Hudgpeth. 1tp

JERSEY COWS TO SELL.

Have 21 head Jersey cows, with and without calves to sell from \$85.00 to \$100.00. See them at Farmers Wagon Yard.—T. A. Hudgpeth. 1tp

One or two car loads of mules were shipped in here this week. They were easily sold out to the farmers of the surrounding country at prices ranging from four to six hundred dollars a span.

STRAYED—From near McAdoo, Nov. 25, 2 horse mules; one gray mule, 6 or 7 years old, about 14 1-2 hands high; and 1 red mule, 6 or 7 years old, 14 1-2 hands high, in good shape and fresh sheared. Last seen at the Cap Rock going towards Spur. Will give \$5 reward to any one that will put them up and phone J. E. Brannen at McAdoo.—S. W. Stephenson, owner. 1t

A. Stiffler came up Tuesday from Ranger to attend district court. Mr. Stiffler is now operating a garage business at Ranegr and is enjoying some of the great prosperity which abounds in the oil belt.

To subscribe for the Ladies Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post or The Country Gentleman, phone 143.—Mrs. McCreary.

R. E. Thomas, of Espuela, was in town Monday, spending the greater part of the day here meeting friends and attending to business matters.

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Christmas is Now Almost Here!

YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT TO BUY FOR A DESIRABLE PRESENT. BUY EARLY AND BE CONSERVATIVE. BUY SOMETHING THAT WILL BE OF A PERMANENT NATURE, AND THE ONE WHO RECEIVES YOUR GIFT WILL HAVE MANY YEARS OF USEFUL SERVICE TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR. LOOK OVER OUR LINE OF CABINETS, DAVENPORTS, ROCKERS, DINING TABLES, RUGS, Etc. NOTHING COULD GIVE MORE PLEASURE THAN ONE OF OUR MANDEL PHONOGRAPHS.

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

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THANKSGIVING ORIGINATED IN ANCIENT JEWISH FESTIVAL

The feast of Thanksgiving and appropriate religious services in connection therewith is as old almost as time itself. Its observance was brought over to America by the Pilgrim fathers in 1610 and was taken by them from the ancient Jewish festival of Sukkoth of the feast of Tabernacles. The Biblical injunction calling for the observance of a Thanksgiving may be found in the book of Leviticus, chapt. 22, verses 39-43.

The early Puritans observed it the first year they landed on the bleak coast of New England and made a crop. The ancient Jews observed the ceremony for eight days, the first and last days being considered holy days. The first Jewish Thanksgiving was celebrated while the children of Israel were still sojourning in the wilderness on their historic journey from Egypt into the Land of Promise. According to American history in the time of the colonies, it was the purpose of the pioneer Puritans to establish a government in America fashioned after the ancient Kingdom of Jews under Solomon, David and the Judges.

The Puritans celebrated their first Thanksgiving day the first year after they successfully established themselves on the New England coast and made a good crop. The use of turkey as the fowl for Thanksgiving day dinner was inaugurated by the Puritans who went into the woods and killed wild turkeys that abounded at

that time.

The turkey is an American fowl and was propagated from the wild bird of its kind found in sections of the United States.

The feast of Thanksgiving is also observed by Scottish rite Masons, who closely follow the tenets of the Old Testament.

In the ancient days the Jews celebrated the feast by living in tents. All the people gathered at Jerusalem when they had garnered their crops and held Thanksgiving services in the temple. They lived in booths decorated with products of the fields and forests.

It was known as the feast of Ingathering. It was a festival held under the old Mosaic law to make the people bring into remembrance the merciful guidance of God who had watched over them through the year, during their journey through the wilderness and protected them in their frail tents amidst the storms and dangers that surrounded them. It was just such a feast as the ancient Hebrews enjoyed and observed that the early pilgrims celebrated in Massachusetts and other New England colonies.

The Jewish people today observe the festival. With the orthodox Jews at the ancient rites are observed. Booths are erected in the synagogues and the palm branch is waved and the paens sung while the elders lead the procession around the house of worship.

The reform Jews also celebrate it as a Thanksgiving festival, and they, too, erect a booth decorated with the

first fruits of the field and forests. Hymns of praise are sung and prayers said, thanking an all-wise Providence for the blessings of the past year.—Chopsis Welsh.

IS ANYBODY HAPPIER?

Is anybody happier because you passed their way?

Does any one remember that you spoke to them today? The day is almost over and its golden rays have vanished.

Is there any one to think a kindly thought of you?

Have you shown a happy face to the ones you met today?

Or with a smiling "howdy" and then go on your way?

Is the world a little brighter just on account of you?

Or can you bear the burdens that it takes to be a man?

Have you ever thought that the day is nearly gone?

Was there something left undone that would cause some heart ache?

Is there just a single deed that would cause some one to say,

"He has lent a helping hand to the many he has passed."

Did you meet some one discouraged who was glad you passed his way?

Did you leave a trail of kindness or a path of discontent?

As you stroll among the roses do you think some one will say,

"You have earned one more tomorrow for deeds you did today."

—Martin Koonsman.

JUNIOR CLASS ORGANIZED

The Junior Class of the Spur High School met and organized on Wednesday, November 26th, 1919.

The house was called to order by Miss Lera Albin who acted as chairman, and the following officers were elected: Mr. William Manning, President; Miss Virginia Forbis, Secretary; Treasurer; Miss Lillian Crittenden, Class Adviser; Miss Vesta Brannen, Press Reporter. The colors adopted were purple and gold; class flower, violet; class motto, climb though the rocks be rugged.

The class adjourned to meet again on December 10th.—Press Reporter.

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The Government or business concerns will start you at \$1,100 to \$1,500 as bookkeeper or stenographer—this we guarantee—when we train you. Thousands of positions to be filled. By new method, indorsed by business men, we train you in half usual time. 300,000 Draughton-trained students have made good. Clip and send this in for special rates.—Draughton's College, Abilene, Texas.

Get your Christmas presents early—and E. F. Hall advises you that the City Drug Store is the place to do your Christmas buying. A big stock of Christmas goods is now on display at the City Drug Store where your wants will be supplied by the most courteous and obliging salespeople. Call in and select your present early, to be sure to get what you want.

THE WILL LUMAN CASE WAS REVERSED BY APPEAL COURT

A dispatch from Austin Wednesday said that the Court of Criminal Appeals had reversed and remanded the Will Luman case which was carried to the higher court from Haskell county.

Will Luman was charged with manslaughter in connection with the killing of J. T. Bostic in Kent county in 1916. The case was transferred from Fisher county, the killing occurring near Rotan.

NOTICE.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors Room of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, on the 2nd Tuesday in January, 1920, being the 13th day of said month, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said meeting.

M. H. LEE,
4tf Vice President & Cashier.

Tom Cross was in town Wednesday from his ranch home over in Kent county. He this year had a few acres of cotton on the ranch, and this experiment has demonstrated to him that growing cotton is more profitable than even raising cattle—especially this year.

Look Out For The Great Christmas Rush!

TAKE OUR ADVICE NOW! STOP AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDER!

WOULD It Not be Wise to Shop Early and Avoid the Big Rush of Later Buyers? All kinds of Merchandise is getting Scarcer Every Day. By Christmas you will find very little desirable goods. Right now we are well prepared in High-Class, Useful Articles for Christmas takers.

LADIES WAITS
SILK PETTY COAT
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DRESS SERGE
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LADIES GLOVES

Mens Silk Shirts
Middy Blouses
Suspenders
Mens Suits
Ladies Skirts
Ladies Shoes
Towels
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Boy Caps
Men Gloves

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FUR CAP
MEN SHOES
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KRIT CAP
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Avoid the rush! Avoid disappointment! Trade right now while you can find your wants. Every delay means a smaller assortment for selection. Spur never had such heavy business and with shortage of goods. You will be right if you take our advice: "TRADE RIGHT NOW"

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