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to this beginning, and soon we will nia on business. However, the work have permanent roadways. When this is expected to be resumed within the money is spent in merely grading up next week or ten days. It is thought

to travel and haul loads over The money spent for road building machinery is well spent. The fact is that Dickens county today has the finest roads in all of West Texas roads that are commented upon by all who pass through. By continuing progressive men at the head of county affairs we will always have the best

CARLETON ANNOUNCES FOR TAX ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

This week we are authorized to announce R. L. Carleton for the office of only those men and women who have tax assesor of Dickens county, subject to the action of the democratic primary elections to be held in July.

R. L. Carleton came to this country four years ago, being now a resident farmer of the Espeula community He has had practical experience in this all, and if voters do not qualify to exoffice and is familiar with every detail of the work, having assessed taxes as deputy and did practically all of the work for six years in Runnells and San Saba counties. He taught school twenty three years, and for sixteen years taught in one school. In asking voters for the place as tax assessor of Dickens county, Mr. Carleton stated that he would do all of the work him-self, an dif favored with the place he would ask for only two terms, and would not ask for nor accept the place for a third term—two terms being the democratic custom of the country

R. L. Carleton is a good citizen, worthy of public confidence and is qualified to fill the office of tax assessor efficientl yand satisfactorily, and we ask that his candidcay be given due consideration by voters in the primary elections.

and when more funds come in, add it been called to his home in Pennsylva | land. If this is true, we can see our | We understand that Robt. T. Dopand plowing up the roads, the same ex by th drillers that oil in paying quanpense must be met again the next tities will be encountered in this well

WOMEN MUST PAY POLL TAX TO VOTE IN COMING ELECTIONS

Up to the present time only thirty women of this precinct have paid a poll tax, there being a total of 150 poll taxes issued to men and women in the Spur voting box.

The law requires that women to be qualified to vote must pay a poll tax, the same as men, not ater than Jan-

uary 31st.

This is election year, and officers from constable up to president will be selected. In the primary elections, paid poll taxes within the required time will be permitted to participate in the elections. Tax Collector Barber has provided blanks which can be had at either bank in Spur, in order that both men and women who can not go to Dickens may pay the tax here This is a convenience to by agents. ercise the voting privilege no one is to blame but self.

Go today and pay your poll tax. -66 SWENSONS TO GET OUT POSTS AND SHIP HERE FOR FENCING

Mat Bingham returned this week from a trip to the Strawn country where he had gone to investigate the possibility of cutting a sufficient number of fence posts for use in doing fencing for the Swenson interests on the ranch. Mr. Bingham will take a crew of men down to that section and posts for use here.

ham has been building fences for the Swenson interests, both here and on gin it", yes, "a gin it."—M. M. Morris the Tongue River Ranch.

CO. AGENCY WORK STANDS 3RD IN RELATION TO CIVILIZATION

Editor of Spur Paper: I notice in the last issue of your paper on the editorial page, I suppose is from you, a question, "Shall Dickens County Dispense With County Agent?"

It was quite a surprise to me to read of such a movement. I am proud you have given this the atten-tion you have, and of the way and manner you handled the subject, and

I agree with you in the main.
You say "the proposition of economy is not a real consideration in the questin as to whether or not the place of a County Agent be dispensed with." differ with you on this point. believe economy is or ought to be a consideration in all questions. The question is, as I see it, is it economy under our present circumstances to dispense with our County Agent. Con. dispense with our County Agent. Considering this question from a standpoint of principle, as all questions should be considered. Men pass away and are gone and their works do folas God Himself—they live forever. low them; but principles are as eternal Turn them down today, they will meet four tomorrow; turn them down in your life time and they will rise and meet the next generation. Is the and meet the next generation. state relation service a good principle? If so why will we raise our hands against our county's part of it after using it through two lean years? Is it because our land has produced so much it is so impoverished that the valuation will have to be lowered to starvation, or wiping our county's ben efactors off o fthe map? How does this strike you? Unreasonable, does it not?

Yes, and the way our land is valued and we are paying taxes, is just as unreasonable. Our lann is valued enunreasonable. Our lann is valued entirely too low, and we ought to have at east five classes of land. When our land is fairly valued and the percent can be adjusted in reason, then we will have plenty of money to keep our county in the forefront in progress with all other counties of the state, with permanent and scientific construction to the profit and pleasure of our people and those that mingle with us. Time has worked those things face to face with us. What will be done about it? Will our old methods be cherished an our county The new tractor and road grader purchased by Dickens county has arrived and is now probably doing work on the part of the commissioners. We not the roads in the north part of the continue which a few feet of shall road and more dollars in building as we have a smuch fine road and more dollars and when more funds come in, add it to this beginning, and some well as the fundation of the more funds come in, add it to the white fundation in the success of land. When more funds come in, add it will be done about it? Will our old micholast the work and the work of the County. We are continued the work will be done about it? Will our old micholast the work and easily under the work and the work of the County was presented. The court and setentific the work and steethift to the will have been will have been will have been adjusted in reason, then easily that the per cent can be at east fivilly and in the per control to the per county. It is not the white the work of the County. We continue the work of the County that the work of the county. We note that a special was the work and easily to the

> in its relation to civilization, and first the small pox in days gone by. in a successful business lfe. preaching of the true gospel of God is the first and best service to man, and a free public school, such as our s is next or second best service to men; and our state relation service with our county and home demonstration agents becomes third in cooperation with second they become stepping stones for each other in making a more efficient and successful business

itizen of this and all other counties. Who is it that wants to do away with any of the three? What proof have we that we can't sustain the third, when we are enjoying such great bessings from our God and the county having the greatest prosperity in its history? Then say our chil-dren can't have access to those bene-Santa Claus can beat that When we can buy Ford cars so fast till they can't be delivered for eight months and then—well, there is no need of me calling all of those things to your mind. You no doubt heard of "agin it." When we go to get good roads we have those that are "agin it", and when we want better schools we have the "gin it". Go to do away with whiskey we have the "gin its"; when we go to do away with the pool hall we have the "gin it" and when we go to do away with gambling houses and other places of wicked pleasures and vices, we have the "gin i

I humbly submit this letter for the get out approximately thirty thousand profit and benefit of our people as 1 see it. Will close with the last sen-Throughout the past year Mat Bing | tence of our editor, "Do you think this Afton, Texas.

Ginning Cotton Is Our Business

WE ARE NOW READY TO GIN AND WILL APPRECIATE A PART OF YOUR BUSINESS. YOU COME TO SPUR WITH COT. TON, REMEMBER

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people are not getting service on a fair basis with other portions of the state. Let's make such corrections as need correcting and go ahead with the state of the small pox in mild form. These are the only two cases we have this good and beneficial work. It heard of in the country, and since evyear or sooner, whereas a permanent roadbed calls for little maintainance expense and one mile is worth forty

this good and beneficial work. It heard of in the country, and since every precaution is being observed, no hundred feet.

general items could be carried individently will be easily done. No need to stop and cut out the work that is most fear sare entertained of its spreading more people, quicker and more effect needed in our industrial life. eded in our industrial life. Over the country. In fact, we pre-Space forbids me taking up in de-sume that most of the people of the tail the various benefits we receive town and country have been vaccinat. from our County Agent's work. In ed, and possibly the most of those who its function of service it stands third have not been vaccinated have had

SHERIFF BARBER HAS AUTO THEIF CAUGHT AT DUBLIN

Sheriff Barber left Wednesday after Homer Arthur, charged with the theft of two cars, and who was captur-ed at Dublin. It will be remembered that some time ago the two cars were driven through here, a wreck causing

In going after this party, Sheriff Barebr will take I. A. Zeagler, who has been in the Dickens jail some time, to Seymour, he having asked for a change of venue in order that he may plead guilty to a charge of for- will be a banner crop year throughout gery and begin any sentence he may get at an earlier date than if kept in jail here until court meets.

-06 SOLD OUT

Every sack of Smiths Best Flour We have just returned from Fort that we expect in a car to arrive soon, Worth with a new stove and other has been sold. This seems a pretty good evidence that we have a better for business again week after next, flour. We will have another car soon. Better let us book you ahead for some of this. It's worth more, but rosts you less. All our groceries are of like quality and at the right price. Try us.—Soldiers Cash Grocery, Spur Hardware Co. Building.

---in Spur spending some time.

COMMISSIONERS DECIDE TO CON TINUE COUNTY AGENT WORK

At a meeting of the commissioners' court held Monday of this week the petition bearing=114 names asking that the work of the County Agent be discontinued, was presented. The court voted unanimously to continue the work, and both G. L. Crawford and Miss Forrest will be retained as agents for another year.

There are those who think that the county agency work is of little mos-

citizenship and general public. tion to the general public. Of course more people, quicker and more effectively than by any other course. Ad vertising is one of the greatest factors in the progress of the world.

-00 SNOW AND RAIN GIVES COUN-TRY AN IDEAL SEASON

The snows and rains of this and the past week gives this whole country an ideal season for crop preparations and many farmers are taking advantage of the conditions by getting land in shape—and many regret not having land in shape to take and retain this season. The majority of farmers now recognize that, although the soil one of the cars to be abandoned on is rich and productive, scientific meththe Dickens-Spur road, the other one being sold to some one on the plains near McAdoo.

In going after this party, Sheriff lands as early as possible for the plant ling season. Many farmers have put lands as here in the Dickens jail some a hig crop of samll crain will also be a big crop of samll grain will also be produced here this year.

Everything now indicates that 1920 Western Texas.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The White Swan Cafe will be closed next week for repairs and remodeling. equipments and expect to be ready lic.—Stephens Bros.

----STEAM LAUNDRY AGENCY.

I have bought the steam laundry agency in Spur and will appreciate your patronage, and will give prompt and good service. Will call for and delivery deliver your laundry. Office located Monday and Wednesday-O. L. Smith

We Are Going to Add Another Chapter To Selling Winter Goods

SATURDAY MORNING WILL START SOME STRIKING FEATURES TO WINTER GOODS MOVEMENT. WE ARE JUST THROUGH INVEN-TORY, AND WILL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF ALL HEAVY GOODS. JUST THE GOODS YOU NEED ARE THE ONES THAT WILL BE COME EARLY AND GEST BEST PICK. ALL LADIES COATS AND SUITS AS WELL AS DRESSES, MENS OVERCOATS, AND SUCH GOODS MUST GO FOR SPOT CASH. DON'T ASK THESE GOODS TO BE CHARGED, FOR THE SPOT CASH IS THE THING THAT WILL MAKE THEM CHEAP.

WE MOVE ALL GOODS WHEN THE SEASON'S DEMANDS ARE OVER

Mr. Smith, a relative of Chas. Gunn of north of Spur, and who has been city Tuesday. On account of the spending some time here in the interest of an oil development proposition, returned Monday from a trip down them into town. into the oil belt where he spent several days.

on business and greeting his friends. | Kansas City.

J. B. Morrison and wife were in the

George Greenwade came over from Dr. Hale came over Tuesday from time here on business. George recent Dickens and spent some time in Spur ly made a trip up to Saint Louis and

J. H. Edwards, of Dickens, was in town Thursday to see about getting lumber with which to build some hous-es on his places near Dickens. Not-

J. H. Reese, of west of Spur, this week called in, paid up his subscription and had his paper sent to him at Girard, he and family moving to a farm near Girard this week and where they will live throughout the year We hope Mr. Reese will make bumper crops and ave a pleasant as well as profitable home in the Girard country.

W. R. Horn, of near Girard, was in Spur Tuesday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in the finest shape in his section now with good seasons and finest prospects for bumper crops.

-1920-C. W. Avery and family moved this week to the plains country where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Avery recently sold his place near Spur to J. E. Sparks. Mr. Avery is a good citizen and we regret to see him leave the country.

-1920-W. H. Talor was in town Tuesday from the Duck Creek country. He looked as pleased as ever, and notwithstanding the fact that he has plenty of Money, he does not have the appearance of an overworked man.

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Ol Taylor was in town the first of

Ol Taylor was in town the first of the week from the Duck Creek country, spending the day here trading and attending to other affairs.

John Selmon and Tom Jenkins and families left ast week for Stamford. They will be employed there on the Swenson Ranch.

George S. Link and wife returned last week from Stamford and Aspermont where they visited with relatives and friends. -1920-

D. G. Simmons, a leading citizen and farmer of the Duck Creek country was among the visitors in Spur during

Mace Hunter was in town Wednesday. He and family recently moved back from on the plains to their farm

C. B. Jones returned Monday from a trip to Ls Angeles, Califrnia, where he had spent several days. B. M. Blackmon, of west of Spur,

Otho L. Hale made a business trip up to Afton the first of this week.

was among the business visitors here

Creek country, was in the city Monday shopping and attending to business affairs. Mrs. Hunter reported that Mr. Hunter had been quite sick the past week. They recently purchased a twenty acre block east of chased a twenty acre block east of superior on thaving fuel.

W. Nellon has install a new lighting with the system at the Gem Theatre and heredafter will operate the show with his sell at bargain. Want to quit business on account of my health.—E. Lawley, Dickens, Texas.

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We are yoing to have a complete line of the purest and best Gorden & Field Seed for Spring. See us for what you need.—Soldiers Cash Grocery, Spur Hardware Co. Bldg.

T. Croft and son were in town on Thursday and called in to watch the Texas Spur linotype machine in oper-

New shipment of Pure Uvalde Honey at the Soldiers Cash Grocery, and we have a price that will surprise you.

Mrs. W. T .Andrews, Jr., left Spur nursday for Iredell to visit her par-

W. Neilon has install a new lighting RAWLEIGH BUSINESS FOR SALE

-1920-Dr. Harp is now in the city on business, having recently returned from the plains country.

Have good Cream Separator for sale.—J. R. Henkel, Box 7, Afton, Texas.

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EUROPE'S DROP IN BIRTH RATE CAUSES SCARE

Condition More Vital Than Another War—Or Than Ten Others.

YELLOW SPECTER IS SEEN

United States Looked To as Savior,
With National Decay as War's Aftermath—Middle Class Most
Affected—Babies Fewer
in ' Germany.

London.—"Well, it's not my funeral," said the sprucely dressed young Englishman with a collar of pre-war glossiness, reading out the following paragraph in the corner of a London club:

"The birth rate per 1,000 persons living in England and Wales in 1918 was 17.7, as compared with 34.1 per 1,000 in the ten years 1851-60. The rate in Cheshire is only 19.9 per 1,000, and that in London 16.1. The end of the war shows no check in what is really national suicide.

"It's not my funeral," he repeated.

It was not only his funeral, but perhaps the funeral of a race. "D—n posterity!" said the Irishman. "What has posterity ever done for me?" The Duropean is saying the same.

This is no scare. It is a fact. It is more vital than another European war—or than ten others. It is more mortal than the influenza. It is more dangerous than an anarchist bomb in every street. For Europe, it is the only thing that matters.

It is a very old world.

Here in London at election time we run two giant ladders side by side up the face of one of our tallest buildings. As the results come in, the figures on the ladders, representing the Liberal and tory parties, race each other up the building. Rearing their height over Europe's weary, war worn masses, two ladders are seen today. On one is the figure of death. On the other, the figure of a little rosy child, death racing against life. And death is winning.

"The End of the Race."

"The End of the Race," a current cartoon, shows Europe's last baby in the year 2,000. A halo is shown about its wizened head. Its bones show through its tortured skin. It is surrounded by adoring millions of aged Europeans of both sexes, the last of their race. It is only a cartoon. But—?

In the death that comes in the roar of a gun and the crash of a shell we have forgotten the death of the great silence.

Twenty years ago France used to be held up as Europe's horrible example—France, the country where, after America, the baby was king. There are those who say today that the war has completed what the French nation began. There are skilled sociologists who believe that France, once the glory of the old world, is dying—dying because she refuses to live. Patriotism and pride keep closed the mouths of her great men. But is not today's Europe a greater France?

Except in this one thing figures can be made to prove anything. But the mathematics of birth and death are inexorable. There is no room for doubt.

Europe, to use a pungent Americanism, is "on the toboggan." There are omens as portentous and inevitable as that sinking feeling before seasiekness. "Bonuses for babies" is Europe's. Here in England we have already raised that S. O. S. France tried it and failed. Will Europe?

The above applies to all classes, but to the middle class it comes with fateful intensity.

intensity. Middle Class Most Affected.

While, with better conditions, a falling death rate among the working classes has during the last 30 years to some extent compensated for a falling birth rate, the accentuated fall of the middle class birth rate has no falling death rate of any kind to compensate. A prominent medical man has just written in the Times: "What we are witnessing is the death of the middle class." Upon the coffin of that class will be inscribed the epitaph: "A class that died because it could not live." Not because it would not, but because it could not. Are we going to see Europe given over to the working class? And then?

The once great middle class, in its last struggle for survival, will be forced into one of two things; either to sell out and go over bodily to organized labor, or to form a European middle class trade union, both for offense and defense. It will say to Europe: "If you want doctors, lawyers, clergymen, you must pay for it,

er we won't serve you."

But Europe, alas! is beginning to do without the clergyman. The state lawyer is beginning to supplant the private practitioner. Only the doctor is left, and he, poor devil, is being nationalized under national health regulations.

Here in England the middle class family of four or five has become two or three. Medical men, without exception, are united in their opinion that during the past ten years the birth rate of that class has been going headlong to perdition.

Now come the figures of the marriage age, published a few days ago. Between 1911-14 39 per cent of all bachelors married; in 1917 only 37.6 per cent. In 1886-90 50 per cent married. The proportion of bachelors who marry at over thirty-five has been steadily rising, with a swift upward climb in 1916 and 1917. Only 54.8 per cent of spinsters marrying during 1917 were under twenty-five years of age.

Among the middle classes the age is rising at an alarming pace. It looks as though within a comparatively short time here in England the middle class will, with the increased age of marriage, give to the race only those stunted specimens of child life which are so often, though not always, the fruit of late unions.

It is significant that no single person has come forward to contest the above. It cannot be contested. We are looking on the passing of a class.

Members of parliament are beginning to sit up and take note.

Babies Fewer in Germany, Even.
Even Germany, the nursery of Europe, which produced its million babies at tile bidding of the war lord as food for his cannons, is fast depopulating. The war has done this. The Germans of the cities refuse to have children. "We cannot feed them," they say. "We cannot even feed ourselves."

During the war the German professors solemnly debated polygamy as a remedy. Some of them approved it. But Germany is no Utah and Berlin no Salt Lake City. Today's Fatherland is strictly monogamous. Economy is the father of morality. The modern German finds it hard enough to keep one wife. He does not want half a dozen.

For ten years before the war England, like the rest of Europe, had begun to yield herself to the pleasure craze. With the war and that frantic desire to forget which became a cult, that craze passed into frenzy. Today, over 12 months after the war, the music halls and picture palaces are crowded to the doors. I have made the experiment of listening to the conversation of 17 couples of business girls in the early trams and busses. Of this number no fewer than 11 used the expression: "Where are you going tonight?" but what has all this to do with the birth rate?

Everything. Pleasure to the Englishman, as to the European, has become a narcotic as essential as tobacco or alcohol. Pleasure costs money. Pleasure excessful means selfishness. Pleasure means effort and effort absorbs vitality. Pleasure means the breakup of the home. The modern European

has to choose between pleasure ând children. He chooses pleasure.

The Unborn Suffers.

Then comes the cost of living, the European's nightmare. The war has practivally halved incomes. Wage and salary increase has done little to balance the lift in the cost of living. The middle class man who before the war just made both ends meet on \$1,500 a year is fighting fate upon the \$750 that income is now worth. Europe is suffering from a shortage of bricks and mortar. The war has pulverized billions of bricks and millions of tons of mortar. The German housebreakers alone have knocked the buildings of the best part of a country into smithereens. People are snuggling together in single rooms. They herd like the beasts that perish. And they do perish.

And they do perish.

Take London. London today is the problem of seven millions crouching over a chalk pit. That seven is soon going to be ten. During the war alone London, the octopus, sucked in another million. Possibly a quarter of a million need houses as I write. The Londoner is becoming a sort of city nomad. He shifts from room to room. He crouches under the slates. He is a troglodyte. He burrows into the earth. Building has scarcely begun.

earth. Building has scarcely begun.
Crowd human beings and you kill them as surely as if they were rabbits. And many of these hunted, harried people are rabbits. Nibbling at adversity. With the brains of rabbits. Seeing today—but neither yesterday nor tomorrow. But that is a picture of Europe itself.

Will such people have children? Can you expect them to have children? Can you expect them to think of the dignity of the race—traditionless, hopeless as they are? Can you believe that they will give heirs to posterity? "D—— posterity! What has posterity done for us?" you would hear them say if they could speak. But they are past speech. It is that which makes them dangerous.

Yellow Peril Seen Afar.

And all this in the face of yellow millions. Articles are once more streaming the European press about the yellow challenge. -A book just written upon the awakening of Asia by one of the most brilliant living Englishmen has focussed the attention of thinkers in every country. One can see the multitudinous babies pouring out in a resistless yellow stream of slant-eyed young devils from the overflowing cornucopia of the east. Bright eyed, interesting, interested young devils! The yellow challenge. The yellow peril.

And all this in the face of young America.

America.

Europe seems to look more and more to America. Today it is an unconscious groping across the Atlantic, as of a blind man. Tomorrow it is going to be a conscious call. Europe's S. O. S!

Can America do it? Can America give to Europe the desire to live? Can the land of exuberant vitality and exuberant effort give to the mother from whom she drew her own life a transfusion of youth? Can she?—Shaw Desmond, in New York Sun.

vitality. Pleasure means the breakup of the home. The modern European city the latter part of the past week.

Empires That Have Fallen.

Six empires have disappeared within the memory of living men, remarks a writer in the Brooklyn Eagle. Nearly 800,000,000 people, close to one-half the world's population, have been released from the shackles of imperialism since 1871. History has no parallel for such changes. In the retrospect of history 50 years are but a flash in the march of the ages and yet since 1871 the doctrine of republicanism has been embraced by half the world. Not all the preceding 2,000 years of mankind's march toward liberty records such progress.

Six emperors have laid down crown and scepter since Theodore Roosevelt became the exponent of the strenuous life. Three have died, one was murdered, the other two are in exile, while of the three still living, only one, the boy emperor of China, is still enjoying the luxuries that sweeten life for those in high places. It was Napoleon III who led this debacle of imperialism, Dom Pedro of Brazil was next and the last of the Manchu dynasty followed. The crash of the three remaining European empires, Russia, Austria-Hungary and Germany, resulted from the war for democracy. When it comes to mere kings, memory cannot recall them all, for they have tumbled everywhere from Hawaii to Portugal, from Saxony to Bulgaria.

Record Apple Profit Seen.

The apple growers in four northwestern states will receive \$21,000,000 for their 1918 apple crop, according to reports from those states. This is considerably the largest sum they have ever received for their apples and is not due to the large crop, as the 1918 crop was not a record crop. The larger returns from the Northwestern orchards the last year is due mainly to the exceptionally high prices that have been and are being received.

A fair estimate on the 1918 production in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana puts the apple crop at 18,500 cars. A car of apples this year means 756 boxes, as against 680 in former years. This gives a total production of approximately 13,986,000 boxes.—Rural Life.

World's Wheat Consumption.

Per capita consumption of wheat for all purposes during the ten years, 1902-1911, averaged 8.80 bushels per year in France, 8.20 bushels in Belgium, 6.31 bushels in the United States, 6.21 bushels in Italy, 6.17 bushels in the United Kingdom, 4.60 bushels in Austria-Hungary, 4.29 bushels in Germany (rye consumption being high), 0.85 bushel in British India, and 0.52 bushel in Japan, rice consumption being high in the last two countries.

The Better Kind.

"Don't you think pilot gunboats when they go to sea in a fog ought to take signal guns?"

"I should think they could thread their way better with needle guns."

Tightwad.

"Why don't you ever call me up?"
"Since they put in metered service
I'm not as liberal with my conversation as I and to be."

VOODOO RITES BRING KILLINGS

Cuba Excited Gver Disappearanse of White Children.

SEVERAL NEGROES LYNCHED

Strange Rites Brought to Cuba With First African Negro Slaves Still Persist Wherever Remnant of These People Is Found—White Children Offered as Sacrifices to Their Deities—Blending of Heathen and Christian Practices Is Astonishing.

The disappearance of young white children, who are believed to have been carried off by negroes and sacrificed in voodoo rites, has greatly excited public opinion in Cuba, and for the first time since the cessation of Spanish rule cases of lynching have occurred.

Voodooism has been practiced in Cuba under the name of "Brujeria" ever since the first African negro slaves were imported as laborers on the sugar plantations, about 400 years ago. It persists wherever any remnant of these people is found.

Brujeria is based on the belief in the power of certain idols to effect cures for physical and mental ailments and to grant requests concerning love affairs and curses, etc., the believer having to make certain sacrifices.

Use Images of Saints.

It is noteworthy that in Cuba the negroes utilize images of Catholic saints and assign to them the powers supposed to belong to their idols. where visits have been made to the houses of these people, altars have been found somewhat resembling Catholic altars, the images of the saints being dressed in special colors corresponding to the idols they are supposed to represent, and around are fruits and vegetables, calabashes, strings of colored beads, and the everpresent tom-tom, without which the seances are never held. The blending of Christian and heathen practices is astonishing, and even the voodoo prayers resemble Christian prayers.

To comply with the law many colored societies have been formed, such as institutions for mutual succor, instruction and recreation, but under this cover negroes in many cases have carried on their fetish worship.

In modern times the "Brujos" apparently satisfied the demands of their deities by the sacrifice of animals, either white or black fowls, goats, or cats, etc., although cases had been known where they had taken away bodies from cemeteries. But about eleven years ago cases were registered where it was demonstrated that the Brujos were trying to obtain young white children for their sacrifices. Since then a number of young white children have disappeared and it is the general belief that these children have been murdered with the object of taking their blood and entrails for the Brujos' witch doctors, these being considered strong fetishes for the cure of ailments.

Though it has been difficult to prove the charges against any individual the sacrifices being carried out in remote regions—several negroes have been convicted and have received heavy sentences.

Find Bodies of Victims.

In several cases no trace has been obtained of very young white girls who have disappeared from their homes, but where the bodies have been discovered it has usually been found that the viscera have been removed.

These outrages growing in number greatly excited public opinion, and in June of this year the first case of lynching occurred, the place being the Guanabacoa suburb of Havana. In this case a young white girl had been sent on an errand, but failed to return. She was eventually found in the company of a negro. By this time the indignation of the crowd had been aroused, one end of a rope was tied round the neck of the negro and the other end to the tail of a bareback mule, and the mule flogged to a gallop.

Soon after this occurrence another case again excited public indignation. At Matanzas a white girl disappeared, and after some time information was obtained that the body had been buried in the cemetery under cover of night, and upon this body being exhumed it was found to lack the brains. heart, tongue and blood. Five negroes known to be Brujos were detained on suspicion of having been implicated in this sacrifice. The crowd attacked the prison, but were beaten off by soldiers. However, the negroes lost their lives. It appears that they tried to escape and were shot down and killed by the soldiers. Since these happenings other negroes have been arrested on charges of a similar char-

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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS The Texas Spur is authorized to an-neunce 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 For County Judge: CHAS. McLAUGHLIN F. N. OLIVER For Tax Assessor:
G. B. JOPLING

D. A. Young an wife returned last week from a month's visit with relatives and friends in and near Corsicana. Mr. and Mrs. Young formerly lived in that country, and Mr. Young expressed himself as being well pleased with his move to West Texas, after spending a month in that sction. When one once breathes the free game of West Texas he is never again ozone of West Texas he is never again content without the bounds of the Western atmosphere.

-1920-W. H. McGee has gone down the line of railroads to hunt up an ngine for the deep well test on the J. J. Albin well west of Spur. This engine has been in transit for months, and is supposed to be sidetracked somewhere along the way. Just as soon as it can be located and forwarded on into Spur this third test well will begin to go down to see what is underneath the soil here. Mr. McGee stated that he did not intend to return until the missing machinery was located and started on here to its dstination.

-1920 J. E. Sparks was in from his place west of Spur Tuesday, and while here called in and spent a short time with Mr. Sparks contempates getting in the race for county and district clerk this year, havin ghad encourage-ment to do so by his many friends. J. E. Sparks has been here a long time, the people know him to be straight and worthy of confidence, and should he decide to get in the race he will make others in the race do some running to beat him.

ton seed to planters of those sections. In those sections farmers are short on seed, and they culd not do better than to buy the "West Texas prouct." A few years ago those East Texas folks would be the f A few years ago those East Texas folks would have laughed at you if you had stated that possibly in future West Texas would be supplying them with seed products. Within the next few years West Texas will be not only the agricultural centre but the center of population. They are now "coming West."

Willie Eldredge, of the plains section of country near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week on business. Mr. Eldredge is this year doing extensive farming operations with the expectation of making a "killing" this fall, and we hope he does. He is sure to make good crops, and the big risk is only in the price to eb paid for products during the selling season. While the farmers of this country are

beginning to get on their feet, yet they as a whole are not yet quite in a position to market products only as the market requires it. When they get in position to do this, then we will have almost if not complete standard prices for the varioss farm products.

B. G. Worswick came over Wednes day from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business matters. Judge Worswick has had a number of solicitations to get in the race for county judge, and is now considering the matter. Judge Worswick was judge here years ago, and since the organization of the county has been closely identified with legal and official matters, contributing more than any other one man to public official matters. He is unquestionably qualified for the office, knows every detail of county affairs, and he stated to us that he would like to hold the judge's office as much for sentimenta reasons as for the emoluments.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was in the city Tuesday. He has for some time been looking forward to this cam-paign year, and declares his intention of making the race for sheriff on the Socialist platform. However, he refuses to make his announcement thru the press at this time. Lovell would make a good sheric, all right, but it is questionable as to his success in the campaign on his platform. The platform may be all right, too, but it is not popular enough in this section at this time. However, Lovell, himself is very popular, especially with the ladies, and it may be possible that his individual popularity may overcome any aversion of his platform. At any rate we intend to lend encourage ment to his campaign to the extent if possible of securing his announcement fee without any reduction in the standard price.

A New Year Has Just Opened Up..

NOW THAT THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER AND THE NEW YEAR HAS JUST OPENED UP WITH SUCH BRIGHT PROSPECTS, IT IS RIGHT AND PROPER THAT WE PUT OUR SHOULDERS TO THE WHEEL AND GET DOWN TO WORK AND PUSH FORWARD WITH RENEW ED ENERGY AND MAKE 1920 THE GREATEST YEAR IN OUR HIS-AND IN ORDER TO REALIZE OUR IDEALS AND MUTU-ALLY INCREASE OUR BANK ACCOUNTS, IT BECOMES NECESSA-RY FOR US TO BUY GROCERIES WHERE WE CAN GET THE MOST FOR OUR MONEY. WE WOULD ADVISE EARLY BUYING AND BUYING IN LARGE QUANTITIES, AS ALL GROCERIES ARE AD-VANCING IN PRICE VERY RAPIDLY.

WE CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK OF GROCERIES AND ARE ANX-IOUS TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

OTHO L. HALE Phone 28 Spur

W. E. Fletcher was in town Wednes W. W. Waldrup left Spur Tuesday for the eastern part of the state and portions of Lousiana and Arkansas where he goes to sell high grade cotton seed to planters of these section.

At a meeting of the directors of the City National Bank this week E. C. Edmonds was elected as president of the bank and Cephus Hogan as cashier. Mr. Hogan is no longer with the Red Front Drug Store, Mr. Elkins, of Brownwood, having purchased the interest of Mr. Edmonds in the drug store and has assumed the management of the business. Mr. Elkins is an experienced druggist and

friends in Spur. Mr. Baker came up to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co. Mrs. Carl Patton and litte chiid, who have been Patton and litte chiid, who have been respectively. Patton and litte chiid, who have been respectively. The Happy Hollow boys have gotten the Juvenile Act.

The Happy Hollow boys have gotten their jitneys at last. Look out ten their jitneys at last. Look out to run girls, they don't know how to run them yet.

District are hereby admonished to gotten the send cuck children to school as respending some time here with friends, send such children to school, as re-returned with Mr. and Mrs. Baker to quired by law. If on account of sickreturned with Mr. and Mrs. Baker to quired by law. If on account of sick-

-1920-M. O. Danforth, brother of Fred Danforth, is in Spur new with a view of buying a home and locating here. knew and were associated with Ir. Denforth several years ago down a Fisher county. The last few years he has spent sp on the piains, as far up a Amarillo. We will se very read have Mr. Danforth located tere

Oma Lee Sm.th returned this week from a business trip to New Merico where he spent several days. eturn was delayed on account of heavy snow, being much heavier on the pains than here. He reports hav-ing had an interesting and "enjoyable" drive back home thorugh mud

A little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W Wison, of near Girard, died Tuesday nilght after a brief illness, the remains being interred Wednesday in the Girard cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have the sympathy of the whole community in their bereave-

-1920-Mrs. L. H. Perry and daughter re-turned ast Saturday from Carlsbad, New Mexico, where they have been visiting with Mrs. Perry's parents and other relatives.

Wilbor Perry, of Dublin, and brother of H.G.Perry, is now in Spur and will be with both the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co. and the Soldiers Cash

FOR SALE-Bundle Sorghum, mile and a half north of town.—G. W. A good Ford for sale cheap.

Chancellor. 11-2tp L. A. Hindman.

WARNING TO PARENTS.

The compulsory school law requires in each scholastic year, provided the school term lasts that long, with certain exceptions in case of sickness, etc when attendance may be excused by the teachers, on the written excuse of parents or guardians.

Parents, guardians and others having the custody of children within the compulsory age are required to see that such children attend school for the required time, and if they fail to do so, are liable to prosecution and fine, and each day they fail or refuse to send such children to school constitutes a separate offense. And in stitutes a separate offense. And in sev. We understand that it is constituted in the wild get over it. The latter is suppose, is just tired of gathering his big crop. For I heard my papa say I used to snuff and cry in prose. So you see if that is truth, I am not a whit to blame. addition to prosecution and fine of valescent will be an addition to the town as a parents and others having the custody of children, the children failing or refusing to attend school for the required length of time may be prosecuted as delinquent children under the saveral of his neighbors going with him.

> under the provisions of the Compulsory School Law.
> —TRUSTEES SPUR IND. SCHOOL

DISTRICT, Spur, Texas.

INSTALLATION SERVICE. At the Methodist church next Sunday evening, January 18th, at seven o'clock, there will be a special service at which the following officers of the Woman's Missionary Society will

be installed:

Mrs. Manning, _____ President
Mrs. Richbourg, _ Vice-President
Mrs. Lee, ___Supt. Young People
Mrs. Haymes, ___ Supt. Children
Mrs. McCrar, Supt. Study & Pub.
Mrs. Fite, ___Supt. Social Service
Miss Etta Fite, ___Supt. Supplies
Mrs. Smelser, ___Recording Sec.
Mrs. Shields, _Corresponding Sec.
Mrs. Laine, ____ Treasurer Vice-President Mrs. Laine, _____ Treasurer Mrs. Cade, __Assistant Treasurer Mrs. Jopling, Missionary Voice Agt.

HAMILTONIAN HORSE AND POLAND CHINA HOGS

The public is cordially invited to attend this service.—J. O. Haymes, Pas.

Will stand this year at my barn two miles north of Spur on the Dickens road.—ED DUNCAN. 11-2tp ---1920-FOR SALE—Two horses, 6 and 8 years old, for sale.—See Robt. Davis as Sol Davis' store. 10-3tp

Yes, the weather king is dealing us another hand, and it is some cold, too. ever ychild from 8 to 14 years of age another hand, and it is some cold, too. to attend school in the district of its However, it is giving us a good season residence for not less than 100 days and that will insure us a good crop

We are glad to report Walter Murchison still improving.

Mrs. W. T. Lovell is very sick at

this writing R. W. Dismuke went to Roaring Springs last week, and hasn't come home yet. But I don't think they are

uneasy about him.
Eb. Hash has the East Texas fever but wethink he will get over it. He

Charlie Perrin is having trouble

ness or other cause they are excepted were surprised to learn that there from the compulsory attenadnce law were any one in Dickens county who see the teachers at once and have the children excused; and all those whose children are not excused, who fail to heed this admonition, are hereby warned that they will be prosecuted think we have the right man in the

HOOL
10-2t
Tam three times as old as my youngest son; he is three times as old as our baby, but in four more years the baby will be one-half as old as our young-est boy. How old am I, and what is our combined ages.

Mr. Dan Shaw has gone west to grow up with the country. He left a host of friends who will miss him, and some of them are very sad and lonely. Cheer up, girls, he will surely come back, and maybe he will stay

Bob Rogers has gone to Mexico to see his parents. Guess he is snowbound out there. RAMBLING BILL.

Bill Ingram returned this week from a trip out into New Mexico. ___1920____

their neighborhood, and we are indeed thankful for the onethat will move in to our midst when G. B. Morris moves out. We extend to him a hearty welcome as we have known Mr. Bill Gregson for some time. We know that we are getting a good neighbor if we are losing a good one.

The Steel Hill school opened up the first Monday in January with twenty or moree pupils, and wethink maybe they have a book or two each. We are sorry that the books have been delayed, but we hope to have plenty of books for our school before Inng.

We are glad t report that we have

The farmers of Steel Hill had a big time during Christmas, and have re-turned with their cotton sacks once

turned with their cotton sacks once more to the fleecy fields of white, and wit ha few days of sunshine days they will all be done with their 1919 cotton crops, and will all be preparing their lands for another bumper crop. We believe with the good season that we now have that we will all make another good crop if we do our part. Everybody in the Steel Hill district has made plenty of feed and lots of cotton the past year, and they are all facing the new ear of 1920 with a big smile on their faces, which makes everybody feel good.

We are sorry to report that G. B.

We are sorry to report that G. B. Morris has sold his farm one mile north of the Steel Hill church, and has

bought another in the Watson com-munity. We are sorry to lose a good neighbor like G. B. Morris, but we can assure the Watson community that they will never regret his coming to

their neighborhood, and we are indeed

books for our school before Inng.

We are glad t report that we have a good teacher in Miss Ruth Vandiver.

Her home is in Blooming Grove, near Corsicana. She is boarding at Mr. Cheely's, and every since the social at Mr. Cheely's ney year's night, Mr. G. E. McClelland has been talking of going to school. If the trustees would let him go to Steel Hill. But we have not been abe to learn whether he has made his arrangements yet or not.

let him go to Steel Hill. But we have not been abe to learn whether he has made his arrangements yet or not.

N. M. Morris has sold his crop in the field to U. Z. Jones, so I guess he will have lots of time to run his jitney.

H. F. Morris has just recovered of a severe spell of pneumonia. We are glad to report that he is up and hope he will take good care of himself for pneumonia is deaded by all men.

I understand that J. O. Yopp, of Spur, will live on the Finch place this year. We are sorry to lose Mrs. Finche's folks for they are good neighbors. We extend to J. O. Yopp a hearty welcome and hope he will make a big crop for he is a big man.

I understand that Clayton Willis Is in the market for a Ford car, as he can't make the trip to Mr. Allen's every Sunday evening. He says the weather is too cold and the drive is too hard on his horses.

Mr. Steve Carlisle, of East Texas, will live this year on his brother, J. W. Carlisle's place. We are glad to have them in our midst, and gad to report that Mr. Cox, who has lived on the Carlisle place the past year, will still be our neighbor, as he is moving on W. T. Wilson's farm for his 1920 crop, and we hope it will be a bumper. I've told everything for this time, But why on earth can't I write, Without this doleful little rhime. It surely is my delight, Without this doleful little rhime. It surely is my delight, I don't know why I write this way, But it's natural I suppose, begin it in my youth, Perhaps before I got a name.

Now, Mr. Elitor, you may doubt it,
But for my sake don't get mad,
For pa can tell you all about it, and you bet he is a tr

WEDDING BELLS. Miss Stella Holloway, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hollo vay of Espuela, was married Saturday night, January 10, 1920, to Mr. Albert Puckett, the highly esteemed son of Mr. and Mrs. Puckett of Dickers. They were accompanied by a large crowd of friends and relatives to the Spark Park and the state. to the Spur Ranch where the ceremony was solemnized at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Anderson. Following the ceremony, Mrs. Anderson gave a few beautiful renditions of music on

-TRICKEY SAL.

the piano.
We wish Mr. and Mrs. Puckett, Jr., a long, happy and prosperous married life.—Friends.

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TURN TO OIL AS FUEL FOR SHIPS

Coal Strike Adds Impetus to Movement to Change Propelling Power.

MANY ADVANTAGES IN OIL

Eight American Merchant Lines Contemplate Installation of New System-Economy of Labor and Space Strong Arguments.

New York .- For months naval authorities and private steamship companies have been seriously considering the conversion of vessels from coal to oil burners and some have already made that change. The coal mine strike has quickened plans to make fuel oil the ship-propelling power of the future, and many companies have announced their purpose to run their craft with oil instead of coal.

Oil, it is argued by engineers engaged in making the change, will cut large slices from the expenses of operation, the size of crews, eliminating coal stokers and increasing cargo space by releasing much space now given over to coal.

The shipping board is investigating the practicability of making the Leviathan an oil burner. It is no secret that she is considered a failure, from



Coaling Ship in Modern Style.

the point of view of commercial profits, will be enormously cut.

Converting Merchant Ships.

The International Mercantile Marine has already perfected plans for conversion into oil burners of the Harrisburg, Plattsburg, St. Paul, Manchuria, Mongolia, Troy, Kroonland and Finland, all of which played notable war parts as transports.

The United Fruit company, which has found its experiment with the Matapan successful, is preparing to convert its entire fleet into an oil-using line. The Panama Railroad Steamship company, operated by the government, is about to install the system on the Ancon and Cristobal. Furness, Withy & Co. are reconstructing the Fort Hamilton and Fort Victoria with White oil burners, for service between this port and Bermuda. This company already has placed White oil burners on the Achilles and Ulysses.

The shipping board has ordered installation of oil fuel systems on the Aeolus, DeKalb, Huron, Amphion, Suwanee and Otsego.

The government today operates 486 vessels that use oil as fuel, with a total deadweight tonnage of 3,798,733. In addition there are 49 oil-burning freighters that have been turned back to their pre-war owners by the shipping board, besides 18 others that have been sold by the shipping board. Of 720 vessels now under construction for the board, 636 are to be oil burners, aggregating in deadweight tonnage

Many Advantages in Oil.

Asked by a reporter for The World the advantages of oil over coal a shipping expert said:

"Oil requires less bunker space for a given steaming radius. It can be carried between double bottoms and to bring \$10 a week to continue his in other places where neither coal nor savings investment. cargo can be stored. The space saved

can be used by freight-paying cargo. "Bunkering can be effected with greater dispatch and is not interfered with by darkness or weather. Dirt and other discomforts attending the loading and use of coal are missing with oil. There is no need of machinery such as is required for handling ashes. Stoking is eliminated, reducing the number of men necessary. Uniform steam pressure is more easily maintained, insuring a steady rate of speed and reducing the degree of deterioration of furnaces and boilers resulting from uneven temperatures."

Armenians Make Meat Staple Article of Diet.

Methods of Preparing It Seem Strange to Those Accustomed to Western Cooking-Eggplant a Favorite Vegetable.

Lamb appears to be the basic item of the Armenian diet if one is to judge by the number of Armenian dishes in which it plays a part. No less than 23 ways of using this meat are given in a list of typical Armenian dishes prepared by an expert.

Roast lamb with matzoon sauce and lamb broiled whole are substantial features of Armenian banquets. Then there is boiled lamb, lamb roasted in paper, lamb roasted with tomato. whole spring lamb roasted, lamb stuffed with rice, steamed lamb, lamb broiled, hunter style; lamb grilled on skewers, braised lamb with wine sauce, braised lamb with currie, braised lamb with tomato sauce, braised lamb with onions and braised lamb in paper dishes seasoned with peas.

Kouzou kapama is an elaborate lamb dish in which the meat is steamed with scallion and lettuce; kouzou guvey is lamb roasted in an earthen pot with rice and tomatoes.

Eggplant is a favorite Armenian vegetable which is often used with the lamb to make a delicious dish. Hunkair beyendi is mashed eggplant and potted lamb; patijan cheop kebab is fried lamb and eggplant grilled on skewers; eggplant stewed in lamb broth and braised lamb and eggplant are other savory dishes.

All sorts of vegetables and ever fruits are stewed in lamb broth to give them that richness which is a feature of the national taste in cook ery. Fresh peas, artichokes, string beans, celery, leeks, spinach and quinces are mentioned in Armenian culinary lore as being the better for simmering slowly for some time in the lamb broth. A variation dish is nohud yahni, Turkish peas stewed with onions in lamb broth.

Ouscoumri dolma is an elaborate Armenian dish, composed of mackerel stuffed with onions, pinenuts and currants, fried in olive oil and served cold. Eggplant stuffed with rice and onions and cooked in olive oil is also served cold. Fassouli pulaki is beans stewed with vegetables and olive oil and serv-

that by using oil the expenses of fuel ingredients of stuffing, appearing not only in the stuffed mackerel but also with rice as a stuffing for turkey in a dish called Hindi dolma. Harpoot keofteh are delicious boiled meat balls prepared with cracked wheat and stuffed with meat, pinenuts and currants. Stuffed vine leaves, yalanji dolman and yaprak sarma are other favorite dishes. The leaves of the grapevine are used for the outer wrappings of these viands. In the yalanji dolman rice and onions already cooked; through are wrapped in the vine leaves; and strengthened America which the and the whole again subjected to a new census taker will find. He will slow simmering process in olive oil.; observe and record the effects of the In the yaprak sarma the rice and meat i war upon our industrial life. He will are cooked together or, rather, the rice I report also the exact number of our is cooked in a rich stock and then; citizens by races and ages. It will be wrapped in the vine leaves and sim- possible to determine how far General mered in oil.

The names of these Armenian dishes cannot be translated according to their sound, for hashiama is not an effort to orientalize the well-known boarding house viand of lamb hash, but plain boiled lamb, and shish lebab instead of being a Turkish form of TNT, is a mild and savory dish of lamb | ed our rate of increase. Despite this, grilled on skewers.

Making Thrift Compulsory.

In the police courts of New York state it is getting to be a common practice to sentence minor offenders to a term of saving, and in Syracuse last year \$5,000 was invested in this way in War Savings stamps, all later returned to the men or used to help their families. At Niagara Falls, when David Broderick was placed on probation six months ago and ordered to give the probation officer \$12 a week for War Savings stamps, he complained bitterly. At the end of six months he received \$230.50 worth of stamps, and he voluntarily placed himself on indefinite probation, promising

LEAVE IT TO "PAL"

Dog's Owner Relies on Animal's Intelligence.

Offspring of Gray Wolf and Highly Bred Scottish Guardian of Sheep, Four-Footed Companion Is Beyond Value.

While in Alabama I made the acquaintance with the strangest dog I have ever heard of-the most unique creature it has been my province to get acquainted with, writes George F. Burba in the Columbus Dispatch. He belongs to a man living at Tysonville, but is known all over the state. and his name is "Pal."

Pal's mother was a shepherd and lived on the plains out West, where she looked after a big herd of sheep. In fact, she was one of the best sheep dogs in the whole region. His father was a gray wolf. So Pal is half wolf and half dog-a common enough thing out West.

Pal grew up with the sheep his mother looked after, and learned all the tricks of rounding them up and bringing them in. But he learned a whole lot more than the average sheep dog knows. He learned that every other animal as well as sheep can be directed and guided and taken care of if you know how to do it. So when Pal's owner wants any certain animal on the farm brought in, he simply tells the dog what he wants and Pal attends to it. He can tell the dog to go to the pasture a mile away and bring in a certain mule and he goes and brings it in. He can direct him to bring in a certain cow or calf or hog and it is done.

But the strange thing about it is that Pal also brings in other dogs. His owner has numerous bird dogs, which he trains upon the plantation. Pal helps train them. If a dog gets too far away, the trainer says, "Pal, bring him in," and Pal does so. He runs to the dog and crowds him toward the owner. He simply will not let him go in any other direction. He doesn't fight the other dog, although at times it may be necessary for him to take hold of an ear and nip it a little. But he annoys the dog until there is nothing else for it to do but to be guided by Pal.

Then Pal is the high sheriff or po liceman of the whole plantation. He keeps the peace between the other animals. If two dogs get into a fight, Pal separates them. If he finds a couple of hogs or chickens fighting, he does the same thing. He doesn't bother anything upon the plantation unless it is doing something it ought not to do, and then he takes a hand in the matter and settles it. If he finds a pig in a field where it doesn't belong, he drives it out without being directed to do so. If a horse slips ts bridle while hitched to the hitch ing post and cavorts down the road, it is only for a few moments, for Pal is close upon its heels or at its nose and he brings it back and keeps it standing where it was left.

Taking the Next Census.

The government takes stock of its resources this year. July 1, 1919, begins the next decennial census of the population and industries of the United States. It comes fittingly at an important epoch in the nation's destiny and at a time when we are launching upon a new era of expansion and forelgn interest, Thomas R. Logan says in Leslie's. Our statesmen and students will be deeply concerned in the data accumulated as to the value of our industries as well as to their extent. It will be a greatly energized Crowder's draft registration fell short of the actual number of population of draft age. The last census showed 98,781,324 population. Guesses as to the present population range from 105,-000,000 to as high as 112,000,000. Inroads of the war, of influenza, without compensating immigration, have abatthe totals may surprise us.

Some Kicks.

"And you say the mule kicked you, Sam?

"'Deed he did, boss." "How far did he kick you?" "Watcher mean, boss?

"How far were you from him after he kicked you?"

"Does you mean how fur was I from him after he kicked me de first or de las' time, boss?"-Yonkers Statesman.

Land for National Forests. To date the national forest reservation commission has approved for purchase 1,751,115 acres for national forest purposes in the mountain areas of the eastern national forests.



WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.

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

> THE CITY NATIONAL BANK SPUR. TEXAS

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If it is in Town, You Find it at

JOE'S PLACE

HEMSTITCHING and PICOTING

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I have a special machine for this work, installed in my home.

MRS. P. A. RAMSEY

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W. W. Allen recently bought a under penalty of law.-I. R. Powell. house and lot in Spur and he and family will become resident citizens of

-1920for farm and house work, board furnished.—Ed Duncan, 2 miles north of Morris is a progressive citizen as well Spur on Dickens road.

TO RENT—We want to rent a house of two, three four or five rooms. Will make contract by year or month. Call at Texas Spur office.

TAKE NOTICE.

Dear Editor, as we have been having some real wintry weather and everybody has had to stay at home, there is not very much news, so I will write you a little poem.

Regrets.
Oh the bitter tears we shed
O'er the graves of our loved ones gone
Are for tender and loving words un-

And kind deeds we left undone. Had she but known ear sweetheart, How I love him he never knew, These are the thoughts we think, like

These are the thoughts we think, fixe arrows sarp,

That pierce our sad hearts through.
Oh if we just had them back,
We would be, say, and do so much,
But now they are gone—they feel not

Of our loving words and touch. But others to us are spared, And the loving words left unsaid, We may speak to them—let them

know we cared, For them ere they're cold and dead.

-Knight of The Square Circle.

NOTICE.

Wood c tting, hunting, trapping, and trespassing in any manner upon the ranch of Frank Corn is prohibited

M. M. Morris, a leading citizen and ssiul farmer of the Afton coun try, was in Spur Tuesday of this week WANTED-Negro man and woman and while here was a very pleasant 11-2tp as farmer, and of real benefit to the

Tom Greer came in Tuesday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, and spent the day here greeting friends and looking after other affairs.

Please do not ask us to charge feed and coal, as we pay cash for what we buy.—Farmers Wagon Yard. 50tf terian church. Everybody has an invitation to attend the services.

WILL HAVE A CAR OF JERSEY COWS HERE FRIDAY FOR SALE OR TRADE FOR STOCKER OR FAT CAT-TLE, AT THE FARMERS WAGON YARD, SPUR, TEXAS

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LOANS CAN BE PAID OFF ANY NOTES TAKEN UP & EXTENDED.

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SPELLS DEATH OF PERFECT WOMEN

Famous South Sea Belles Are Now a Drunken, Degraded Race.

LIVE IN AN ALLURING EDEN

Remnant of Marquesan Race Is Be yond Redemption - French Can Only Allow Natives to Die Off as Speedily as Possible.

Washington.-"There can be no doubt that today this drunken, disease ridden remnant of the Marquesan race is beyond redemption and all the French colonial administration can do is to pursue its present policy of nominal supervision and let the natives die off as speedily as possible."

Such is the pathetic epitaph, written by John W. Church, in a communication to the National Geographic society, of a people whose women were pronounced the most beautiful in the south seas, whose dances were the most joyous, whose tattooing was a fine art and whose island home was an alluring Eden before the white man

"To describe the dainty, graceful Marquesanne as she unquestionably was, will, I fear, lay me open to the charge of exaggeration," writes Mr.

Attractions Beyond Compare.

"When a woman possesses beautiful, luxuriant hair, fine eyes, perfect teeth, a slender, graceful form, a skin of velvet texture and unblemished surface, and these physical attractions are combined with a vivacity of spirit and action exaggeration becomes difficult and unless all chroniclers of the islands have for several centuries agreed to deceive the world such was the Marquesanne, and so she is today when sickness has not diminished her

"I doubt seriously if a more carefree or contented maiden ever existed. Her domestic duties were light and agreeable. The furnishings of her thatched shelter consisted of a few pandanus sleeping mats-nothing more. Outside on the stone platform was an assortment of bowls, crudely carved by the men in their intervals from warfare. These held poipoi, fish, fruit or whatever of food might be prepared for the only daily meal.

"Then there were dainty coconut shells, ground thin and polished by rubbing on stone under water, often carved, which held the coco oil and other preparations for the toilet, dear to the heart of the Marquesanne.

"I have mentioned the use of coco oil by the Marquesans. Probably no race ever attained a greater skill in the art of massage-certainly none ever practiced it more constantly. The oil was obtained by filling large wooden bowls with the meat of broken coconuts and placing them in the sun. Into the oil thus drawn the intensely fragrant blossoms of pua or the seeds thrown, scenting it with a delightful

Much Time Spent at Toilet.

"Men and women alike were daily massaged with this scented oil, every muscle being gently manipulated, with a skill seldom found in a modern masseuse. Usually two or three hours were required for the operation. At its conclusion the skin was like velvet in texture, without a trace of oiliness. They treated their hair in a similar manner and the wonderful, luxuriant tresses were probably due to the attention given them in the use of coco oil and massage.

"Beyond the preparation of the single daily meal, her massage and such tappa or mat making as desire or necessity prompted, the life of the Marquesanne was devoted entirely to pleasure.

"The marriage of the Marquesan maiden to the youth of her choice was an interesting ceremony. A home for their occupation was built by their friends and the various necessities for connubial happiness placed therein.

"The maiden was taken in charge by several young matrons, to be massaged with perfumed oils and her hair and body decorated with wreaths and garlands of flowers. The youth was consigned to the ministrations of two older women, who rendered him a similar service, besides smoking him thoroughly with the fumes of sandalwood. At the appointed time the scented and garlanded pair were escorted by the village to their fae, of hut, where the king with much ceremony declared them tapu for two weeks.

"For the period of the tapu none might speak to them or in any way disturb their honeymoon. Food was left each morning on their terrace, together with baskets of flowers to be woven into wreaths and garlands by the happy couple.'

FOSSIL SEARCH **NEEDS EXPERTS**

Scientific Expeditions Made Up of Men Who Are Trained Geologists.

AMATEUR RUINS SKELETONS

American Museum Hunters Are Under Direction of Curator of Fossil Vertebrates-Search Is Serious Work.

Washington.-The expedition of the American Museum which for several months has been searching for the skeletons of ancient animals in a sandstone quarry at Agate, Neb., has discovered many bones of the little rhinoceros. The deposits containing these bones have been cut into blocks which will be shipped to the museum, where the bones will be placed on exhibition.

The little rhinoceros, or diceratherium, as he is scientifically called, was about the size of a half grown calf and roamed at large during the miocene period. Hé had two horns side by side in front of the skull instead of one or of one behind the other. The expedition has been working under the direction of Dr. William D. Matthew, curator of fossil vertebrates at the museum.

Few persons have any idea of the vast amount of care and work that a large scientific institution takes in planning and preparing for an expedition which seeks the remains of these ancient beasts in the hope that they will shed additional light on the dim and distant evolutionary periods of an early world. They have various objectives in view. Sometimes they are planned to fill in a gap of scientific

Must Know Many Things.

It may be desirable to know what animals inhabited a particular region which has remained unexplored, or to find out what kind of animals lived in a particular geological epoch, or to trace the ancestry of some species of animals back to geological times. A scientist setting out on such an expedition must have as a preliminary a general knowledge of geology, and of the geology of the region which he is to explore. He must be acquainted with the areas where the formations of the geological period he is to visit are to be found. He needs to have many records of fossils that have been discovered in the past. Scientific institutions have many observations of the occurrence of fossils in regions in which they are interested.

One of the most remarkable fossil birds ever discovered was brought to light three years ago in the Big Horn basin in an area which had been thoroughly explored by fossil hunters since 1891, and yet practically no trace of this great bird know as the diatryna had been found there.

American museum explorers have gone over many old stamping grounds which had been searched again and again, and have discovered something

It is important that such kind of prospecting and mining be done by trained men. An inexperienced man who undertakes to remove such skeletons is pretty sure to ruin them, and the chances are that he will render them entirely worthless.

To become a successful collector, it is not so much a matter of the technic of collecting as it is a practical field knowledge of formations. The collector must have a trained judgment in order to know what prospects are worth investigating, and how best to go about It It is for this reason that the American Museum and other institutions have had to decline offers of voluntary assistance on expeditions.

Four Men Go Together.

Generally speaking, a collecting expedition, Dr. Matthew said, consists of from two to four men. It is not considered good for a man to be alone and take risks. It does not pay to have more than four men, otherwise they are likely to be in one another's way. Expeditions are usually organized at a town or railroad point where equipment may be shipped to them.

In prospecting for fossils each memher of the expedition usually sets out in a different direction in the morning. He takes with him his lunch and a canteen of water, and explores as much ground as he can before nightfall. He is intent on finding what appears to him a good prospect on which to begin work.

The instructions always issued to such expeditions are not to take risks. Yet the collector in his zeal and en thusiasm for his work would scarcely be human if he followed these instructions to the letter, and he frequently takes risks of many kinds. In such expeditions of the museum it is not recalled that any of their men have been dangerously injured. They have had, to be sure, attacks of mountain sickness which is a sort of fever.

HAS 60,000 REDS TO BE WATCHED

Tab on Agitators.

WORK HAS GROWN ENORMOUS

Increasingly Dangerous Radical Activities Severe Test on the Machinery of the Department-Hundreds of Claims Growing Out of War Must Be Fought Out in the Courts-Echoes of the Draft Act Found in Department's

The department of justice is confronted with "increasingly dangerous radical activities," Attorney General Palmer said in his annual report.

Mr. Palmer did not go into details as to "red" activities in general, but said that of the total of 365,295 index record cards, 71,000 Bertillon records and 262,712 finger print records now in the department, some 60,000 represented data concerning "reds" and their work. He mentioned that the department had increased steadily its contributory sources of investigation, adding that this meant better facilities for running down persons whose lives bore marks of crime.

Investigation Only Begun.

Mr. Palmer said that while other government agencies during the last year were rounding out their labors incident to the war, his department found itself only half way through its scores of investigations and litigated questions. Countless hundreds of claims growing out of the war have been made against the government, he said, and must be fought through the courts.

Cases in which the government seeks to recover funds paid out through error or fraud provide another source of supply for litigation. Alleged infringement of patent rights by the government in its manufacture of war materials, as well as similar claims arising from private manufacture of war supplies on the cost-plus arrangement, also puts litigation on shoulders of the department's staff.

The department policy of resuming prosecution of trusts has restored to activity other investigations and crime proving machinery, the attorney general added.

In addition to these, Mr. Palmer said, the department will be burdened for months to come with its prosecution of violators of the sedition and selective service acts. Under the latter, the number of cases runs high, he said. Department agents are engaged now in gathering all necessary data through records of local draft boards which have been assembled in Washington and prosecution of the cases will proceed immediately upon completion of that work.

Investigations and trial arguments during the year have shown loopholes in many statutes, Mr. Palmer said. He called attention to the fact that, under existing law, it is not a crime to send threatening letters through the mails defraud or as a means of extortion. Pointing out that letters threatening personal injury or destruction of property may be sent with impunity, he urged revision of the law to cover such

New Statute Needed.

Mr. Palmer said also there was great need for a statute providing punishment for an individual attempting to defraud the United States. Present statutes, he said, provided punishment only in the event that two or more persons conspire to defraud the govern-

Recommendation also was made that criminal procedure be changed to make more simple the removal of indicted persons to the districts where the indictments were returned. He described the present system as "grievously defective," and as making removal proceedings "infinitely more cumbersome" than extradition.

The attorney general recommended creation of a pardon and parole board of three fully empowered to handle all pardon and parole cases, thus relieving the attorney general's office of duties which are becoming increasingly heavy and onerous." Jurisdiction of penal institutions also should be vested in this board, he said.

THINKS CORN ANCIENT

Missionary Woman Declares Grain Was Grown Long Ago in China.

Theories that corn is only a product of the Indians of North America received a severe blow when a communication was received from Miss M. Moninger, a Mashalltown (Ia.) woman engaged in missionary work in Hainan. China.

She graduated from Grinnell in 1913. Miss Moninger states that corn is now being grown and used by the highland

Department of Justice Keeps Perfection's Price In Tire Building

A tire-maker's first problem is to decide how much he can give for the money. This, and every other question in tire building, depends upon policies.

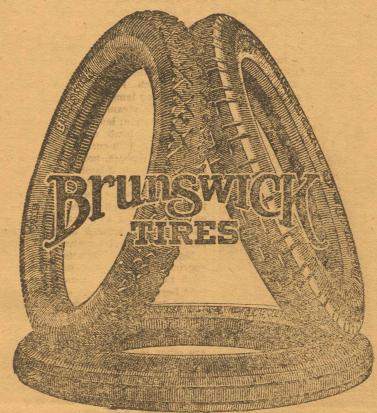
A super-tire, such as The Brunswick, can be made only by a concern which knows well and appreciates that there is nothing exclusive in the tire industry except high standards.

Since 1845 the House of Brunswick has held first place in every line it entered. Brunswick Tires, as more and more motorists come to know them, will certainly be awarded that coveted place held only by the superfine.

Motorists who buy one Brunswick usually adopt it for complete equipment. Yet this is not strange, since the first one so completely proves its superiority.

If the name of Brunswick certifies to you, as to most men. an extraordinary tire, at no higher price, would it not be good business to test one or two Brunswick Tires?

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320 acres of good land, 6 miles north of Dickens, 1 mile west, 265 acres in cultivation, under 4-wire fence, 2 boxed houses and cribs, wind-Will make good terms. further information see J. E. Stegall, Plumber and Tinner at Spur. -1920-

W. C. Bennett called in Tuesday, be healthy.—LEE BURKHEAD. Risspending a few minutes with us. He ing, Star, Texas is this year farming near Gilpin, and we hope he makes bumper crops.

was in the city Tuesday spending a short time here trading and on other business.

SEWING WANTED-Plain and fancy sewing of all kinds. See Mrs. Gin, Spur, Texas.

Myrtle Hale at the Walter Smith residence, Spur, Texas.

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!! See H. T. Garner for all the wood and oblige. you want to grub.

REGISTERED 5-YEAR OLD HOLSTEIN BULL FOR SALE For \$250.00 cash I will sell my holstein bull, will weigh over 1800 .-

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e hope he makes bumper crops.

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J. R. McArthur, of west of Spur, vice.-J. B. Rutledge, Spur, B 495. 4t -1920-

STRAYED—2 red pigs, sow and boar, unmarked, 9 or 10 weeks old. Notify M. C. Reynolds at the Farmers -1920-

LOST—A \$5.00 bill between the City Cafe and Meat Market. Finder please return to the City Cafe, Spur, -1920-

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Phone 51

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

> 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 whereever it may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting. Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

Swenson And

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

FLAT ROOFS FOR HOT LANDS

American Indian Desert Dwellers Knew Secret of Home Building We Seem to Have Forgotten.

We dwelt with Colonel Roosevelt upon the historic and cultural value of the ancient Indian towns of Arizona which, had they been in Europe, would doubtless have been preserved unchanged as living records of successful communistic forms of government, fered a study of the greatest possible importance to our knowledge of mankind as a whole. And we asked: What right have we in "free Amerito stretch forth an autocratic hand arbitrarily to change the village life of this ancient and peaceful folk?

We spoke of the characteristic architecture of the pueblos, by many centuries the oldest inhabited towns in America, whose flat-roofed, terraced houses are not only in utter harmony with natural surroundings, but constitute, from a practical standpoint, the most successful type of building for desert cities. High above the sands, the flat roof forms a porch for the open-air Indian, whereon at certain seasons he works, rests, receives his guests, eats, and sleeps.

In North Africa, in Spain, in Asia Minor, where climatic conditions are similar to those in Hopi Land, the same flat roof may be found. But we whink we know better! In a land of burning sun, the slanting, hot, tin roofs of the government dwellings clinging in an inherited architecture of rainsoaked central Europe, cut their incongruous outline against a rainless sky, impotent in their longing to shed water! And the sun streamed into their big European windows, inviting myriads of flies, and forming a contrast indeed to the shadowed cool of the thick-walled Indian houses, whose open fireplaces insured at all seasons wholesome ventilation, in spite of high, narrow windows.

And yet the white man's unpractical mansplanted house, brought from far •ther climes, is urged upon the Indians as "civilized." With no eye to either beauty or fitness, our arbitrary standards (rarely, in the Indians' case, put to the test of experimentation first) are forced upon a people who through centuries of experience have learned how to conquer conditions foreign to w. Improvements there might certainby be in the Indian's manner of life, but why not along those lines which nature has taught as most appropri ate?-Natalie Curtis. in the Outlook.

The Attractive City.

In a word, then, so far as I am personally concerned, you will not make your city more attractive to me by buildings, parks or monuments—what other city has not these things? But if you can show the heart that I know is in your breast, if you can forget to look straight ahead in order to cast a look of friendly interest on a passing stranger, if you can cease to fear being "done" and become inspired by the desire once in a while to show that you are a human being amidst your bricks and stones, just to that extent will you do your part in making your city attractive. Oil may draw money to Tulsa; social exclusiveness will always make Newport and Palm Beach desirable to a limited number; the palaces of Pasadena will attract other millionaires there. But you'll prefer smoky old Pittsburgh or noisy Kansas City, or St. Joseph, or any other city that shows its heart beneath the grime and takes the lid off its smile.-J. Breckenridge Ellis in the Twilight Hour Mag-

Removing Warts From the Face.

One of the difficult disfiguring things to get rid of is the eruption of many small warts on the face. The British Medical Journal tells how Dr. Charles Ind has succeeded in eradicating them. He paints the warts three times in one day with a saturated solution of salicylic acid in alcohol and the following morning he cuts them off with a flat sharp steel instrument, beveled on one side only. This is painless, but it leaves a tiny bleeding point at the site of the wart This he immediately paints again with the salicylic acid solution, which is applied twice again the same day. On the second morning the sites of the warts have small brown scabs, which are bathed once a day with pure al cohol till they drop off, leaving a healthy skin.

New Electric Lamp.

An electrical lamp has been developed in Europe which virtually consists of a metallic arc inside of a sealed bulb containing attenuated helium and neon gases. The wire anode terminates so closely to the edge of the hemispherical iron cathode that the current discharges across the gap spontaneously. The rays have an orange hue and are only slightly actinic, making the lamp useful in photographic dark rooms. It is also recommended for use in mines, and other places where inflammable gases may be present, bear

SILVER DOLLARS TO ORIENT

Exports Decided Upon by Government to Stabilize American Exchange.

ing the silver monetary standard to stabilize American exchange. An arrangement has been consummated between the treasury and federal reserve heard whereby silver deliars with the deed is in the Wilsonville district, and is known as a splendid farm. be released for export to countries that have a balance of trade against the United States and where the dollar is below parity.

This action will save the gold surplus of the country and will save the gold supply for the gold standard countries so seriously in need of metal. Gold going to the Orient never returns, and silver, the authorities agree, will bring greater results in restoring the dollar to parity.

Use of silver dollars for this purpose will not be permitted to lower the reserve held against silver currency. Silver certificates still can be redeemed in silver dollars at any time on demand. Silver dollars that are free in the treasury will be used for export. They will be delivered against other forms of money to the foreign exchange of the federal reserve board, which will handle the exports through the Federal Reserve bank in New

WILL VIEW ALL BEAUTIES

French Claim Right to Feast Eyes on Charmers From All Lands.

Paris.—"Men have the inalienable right to feast their eyes upon the feminine beauties of all nations."

Such was the reply of the fashionable Epatant club to the protest against the display of English prize beauties at the Marigny theater, when French women rose in indignation and

"Aren't there enough beautiful wom-

en in France?" "What object is there in beauty unless it is destined to fascinate men?" inquired Maurice de Kobra, speaking on behalf of the club. "From the earliest times a man has never admitted that it is his duty to find his mate within his own country's borders. The boulevardiers of Paris and all France emphatically claim the right to welcome the beauties of all nations."

ANCIENT DEED IS FILED

Land Covered by It is Farmed by Chinamen.

A deed sixty-four years old was filed Washington.—Silver dollars are to be exported by the government to the Orient and countries elsewhere having the ciliary to the countries of the ciliary to the ciliary to

be released for export to countries that Clackamas Hop Farm company and is now being farmed by Chinese. is said that the place has been sold to the Orientals. That portion of this county was then in Yamhill county, and on January 12, 1856, the deed was filed for record in the Yamhill county recorder's office.

The striking thing about the deed, which is yellow with age, is the ink. So legible is the writing that it looks as though it were written only recently. The wording of the form of conveyance is quaint.

GIRL HYPNOTIZES BEAR

Young Squirrel Hunter Stares at Bruin and He Runs Away.

Hunting squirrels with only a 20gauge shotgun loaded with birdshot, Miss Iva M. Kinney of Duhring, Pa. found she was facing a huge black bear. She had been watching for smaller game when the bear rose on his haunches ten feet in front of her. The bear and the woman faced each other for fully ten minutes-at least Miss Kinney says it semed that long. All that time Miss Kinney kept her gaze fixed steadily on the eyes of the bear. Then the bear retired.

Watch Stops Shot.

While at work on a lawn at Fort Augusta, Pa., C. F. Boyer of Sunbury transferred his big silver watch from his vest to his hip pocket, and to this he attributes a possible escape from death. A few minutes later he wanted to see what time it was, and found the timepiece stopped, the hands broken off and a big dent in the back. A high power rifle bullet was also in his pocket, and a hole in the cloth told how it went in.

-1920-Tom Dodson, of the Afton country, was in town recently and while here called in to see us. Tom is making his preparations and calculations now will not be disappointed.

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Office at Red Front Drug Store.

J. M. Howze, of the Highway community, was in town Tuesday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He recentpurchased a farm out on the pains near Lamesa, and which he now wants to rent for the year, having an ad in last week's paper to that effect. one desiring to move up on the plains should see him at once before this place is rented.

-1920-John Awalt came in Tuesday from his farm home southwest of Spur and had us send him the Texas Spur in combination with the Dallas News. Mr. Awalt gets is mail at Justiceburg instead of Spur, on account of being in a position to get it twice a week at that point, whereas a specia trip would have to be made to get mail at

SALESMEN Wanted to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Lenox Oil & Paint Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

1920 Dr. Blackwell was in Spur Tuesday to gather bumper crops again this fall from Dickens, spending an hour or and every indication now is that he two here on business and greeting his

The Spur Hardware & Furniture Co'y.

Mr. Farmer, Read This

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Spilling Over.

Conversation Fest Shows Great Advantages of a Little Hardship That Increases Man's Appreciation of His Privileges.

"Don't hurry away, Bud; sit down and talk; that's the popular recreation nowadays," said Leonard V. Whenne, the village philosopher, to the interested listener, Glenn M. Farley writes in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "We have progressed so fast and so far in the last two or three decades, and arrived at such a complicated and finely organized system of civilization, that we are practically tied up in a web of our own weaving; the war has thrown us into confusion, so the world has called a square man's meeting, and we are trying to talk ourselves out of it. Elverybody has a remedy for repairing the system, and we are all standing around giving our views, and the resultant chorus is something to make angels weep."

"Three-a-day, a place to sleep and a little amusement is all I want of it," said the Interested Listener. "What are they arguing about? My idea would be for the whole gang to stop talking and go to work.'

"Did you read about that shipwrecked sailor they took off a Pacific island the other day?" said Whenne. "He was washed ashore, with a barrel of port wine, a phonograph and a box of soda crackers, and, by gum, he fought the rescuing party. They had to handcuff him and carry him aboard ship. He was in favor of the simple life, but they brought him back home and dumped him into a longshoremen's strike. Man wants but little here below, but he makes an awful fuss about getting

"I know," said the Listener. "Our landlady gave us ten thousand enraged words at the breakfast table because the phone was out of order, the butcher's boy was late with the meat and the electric lights were short circuited."

"The more people get," said Whenne, "the more they want, and the harder they are to please. Things have come so easy they have lost their appetite. A little hardship is a good thing once in a while, if for nothing more than for government foodstuffs is the fate to increase a man's appreciation of his privileges. Everything is relative; sunshine and fresh air, without any trimmings at all, are heaven enough to the it is claimed

guy who gets up from a sick bed, and even a ham sandwich is a blessed privilege to a hungry man. Here is America, full of food and comfort to the neck, standing around and wondering To Take Care of Job and Quit what is the matter, and listening to the orators of discontent. In hard times all people pray for is a job, and want an endowment. Probably the Almighty sends us into tough going to make us appreciate our good fortune when it comes.

"Well, I get my little lesson between pay days," said the Listener. "When I get the little envelope I'm so full of joy and optimism that I spill over."

"That is what the world has yet to learn," said Whenne. "It's got to learn to take care of its job, and quit spilling over.'

Aren Fiber.

It seems probable, says the Board of Trade Journal, that a considerable trade may develop in the Netherlands East Indies in the preparation and export of aren fiber, which is obtained from the fibrous mass found on the leaf sheaths of the aren palm (Arenga saccharifera Labill) after the fall of the old leaf stem. The material can be cut from the stem in strips, and is used by the natives for thatching, ropes and small, stiff brooms, and also as a binding material in native house construction and canoes. There is also a European demand for aren fiber; arising from its great resistance to water, which makes the fiber markedly suitable for covering submarine cables. Aren fiber does not appear to be utilizable in the paper industry.

A Lost Opportunity.

Mrs. O'gar (a typical product of the Kentucky mountains) came to a small Missouri town to live. One of the many new diversions she found was the picture show. Recently she attended a "movie," and during the interval between parts, a picture for the fourth liberty loan was thrown on the screen. It portrayed the kaiser in dire distress on his knees to Uncle Sam, while Our Uncle wrathfully shook his fist at the despised creature. After the show Mrs. O'gar was heard to say disgustedly to her "better half": "Mike, I can't see why in the world if Uncle Sam got that close to the kaiser he didn't kill him."-Film Fun.

City Uses New Jail for Storehouse.

Converted into a cold storage plant of the new \$12,000 jail in Meridian, Miss. The city no longer needs the jail as a result of the "hone dry" law.

STRANGE VISITORS TO INDIANS

Savages Not Unnaturally Alarmed When Airmen "Dropped In" to Their Village.

Army aviators stationed at France field, near Cristobal, in the Panama canal zone, are required to do much of their flying over water and along the flight to the Gulf of St. Blas, which is situated on the Atlantic coast about one hundred miles west of France field. gulf are inhabited by Indians, who are very unfriendly.

one of the pilots was compelled to de scend, and landed on one of the most populous of the islands. His companion in the second airplane followed him. Consternation reigned among the natives when the two airplanes "taxfed" up to the dugout village and came to a halt. What followed is described in the bulletin of the air service which

contains an official report of the trip: "It is doubtful who was the most fearful on this occasion, for when the begoggled pilots alighted from their machines the entire population of the island was lined up, armed to the teeth. The chief of the village very reluctantly took his place at the head of this aggregation and with a machete in his hand greeted the visitors with a scowl.

"One of the pilots was a new arrival in Panama and unfamiliar with stories about the unfriendliness of the Indians. As soon as he stepped on the beach he rushed up and greeted the chief in a very effusive manner, and fortunately his friendly smile was properly interpreted. After this the pilots were permitted to go through the village, and by way of courtesy the chief was ask ed by means of signs to take a ride in one of the airplanes, which invitation was not accepted."

The pilots tried to take pictures of the Indians, but the appearance of the camera aroused such hostility that they finally gave up the attempt. Before leaving the village the chief and a few of the young men were induced to smoke cigarettes which the aviators produced.

Has Biblical Sanction.

The American Humane Education society thinks it has made a point by showing that "Spare the rod and spoil the child" cannot be found in the Bible, but was written by Samuel Butler in 1663. Butler probably got the alliterative "spare and spoil" from Ralph Venning, who used it in 1649 but the idea goes back to Proverbs 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him with the Humane society (and the chastening) in questioning the dominance of unselfish love in the average "chastening," but carnot approve of its quibbling as to the quotation, so far as substantial sanction goes.

But most people would be surprised to learn that the exect words were not scriptural, just as they would be to learn that there is no direct statement about the lion and the lamb ly-But most people would be surprised coast. Recently two pilots made a ment about the lion and the lamb lying down together. Many still think "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" is from the Bible, although The mainland and small islands in the Sterne quoted it, without credit, from Henry Estienne. Wesley's vague quotation of an ancient Hebrew's sounds like Bible. Numerous pasages from hymns are also erroneously ascribed to scripture.-New York

Criterion of Civilization.

It is impossible to contemplate whinout interest the struggle made by some visible symbol of thoughtthat agency by which the mind of nication with the minds of a whole community. The want of such a symbol is itself the greatest impediment to the progress of civilization. For what is it but to imprison the thought

within the bosom of its author. or of the small circle who come in contact with him, instead of sending it abroad to give light to thousands and to generations vet unborn! Not only is such a symbol an essential element of civilization, but it may be assumed as the very criterion of civilization, for the intellectual advancement of a people will keep pace pretty nearly with its faculties for intellectual ens County, Texas. communication.-William Prescott in "The Conquest of Peru."

Undersea Photos.

Prof. W. H. Longley, of Gouray college, Baltimore, has completed a set of thirty-two under-water photographs of the brilliantly colored tropical fish which inhabit the waters of Hawaii. Taken with a specially designed camera, Prof. Longley hopes to develop the plates to reproduce the natural colors. He believes they are the first photographs of the kind taken. The plates have been packed in airtight cases for shipment to Baltimore, where they will be developed.

Transformation. "Has life in the military camp done

your husband any good?" "He's a different man, my dear. He sweeps the floor, washes the dishes and pee's the peratoes without a word."--Browning's Magazine.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To he Sherik or Any Constable of the County of Dickens, GREETING:—
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published for at least twenty days a copy of the following notice, in a newspaper of general cir-

County of Dickens
In County Court, January Term, 1920
To All to Whom These Presents May
Come, GREETING.
Know ye, that J. E. Brannen, administrator of the estate of Joseph
Brannen and Mary F. Brannen de-

Brannen and Mary E. Brannen, deceased, having on hhe 15h.—day of December A. D. 1919, filed in the Texas, application to sell the follow ing described land belonging o said es_ tate. lying and being situated in the County of Hill, in the State of Texas,

135 acres of land, being a part of the different nations, as they emerge from E. W. Williams Survey, Abstract 949. barbarism, to supply themselves with | being the former home stead of thte said Joseph Brannen.

Now, therefore, These are to notify the individual may be put in commu- all persons interested in said estate to be and personally appear at the next regular term of Honorable. County Court, to be holden thereof at the court house of said county, in Dickens on the third Monday in Jan., A. D. 1920, same being the 19th. day of said month, then and there show cause why such sale should not be made should they choose to do so.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you excused the same

Witness my hand and seal of office at Dickens, Texas, this 16th. day of December, A. D. 1919. M. Gay Clerk, County Court, Dick-

By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.

-1920-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 meeting.
before the said meeting.
M. H. LEE, other business as may properly come

Vice President & Cashier.

DUROC PIGS FOR SALE. 125 highly bred Duroc Pigs, 3 and 4 months old, for sale, guaranteed to be healthy.—LEE BURKHEAD. Rising, Star, Texas 10-2t

Nice Jersey stuff, heavy springers, to sell. Have nice Jersey nale and a revistered O. I. C. male hog for service.-J. B. Rutledge, Spur, B 495. 4t