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CHOLERA REPORTED IN THE SPUR COUNTRY NOW

During the past week Bob Morgan lost about fifty head of hogs, and a number of other farmers lost a few head each, as the result of cholera infection.

County Agent Crawford called in a representative of the State Department, and after looking over the situation, stated that hog cholera was the cause of the loss in hogs.

We are informed that the disease originated from a single infected hog which was moved first to Spur and then to the A. R. Brown place near the Highway School House. While this one infected hog was on the Brown place some of Morgan's hogs got out of their pens and went over to Brown's. They were returned to Mr. Morgan's place where his whole herd of hogs became infected with the result that fifty or more died.

It is urged by the state department representative that the dead hogs be burned immediately as the most effective preventative of further spread of the disease.

There are comparatively few hogs now in the country, and should the cholera get a good foothold it would be a real calamity. Every precaution should be observed to prevent a general spread of the disease, and every man who has a hog or hogs should watch them closely for signs of cholera. The disease can be handled and stamped out by proper cooperation and methods of handling the situation.

THE SPUR COUNTRY NOW GETTING ON A CASH BASIS

C. M. Jackson, of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday and while there was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He is one of the few farmers who is now preparing his land for planting, having finished gathering his crops. In talking with Mr. Jackson with reference to the credit business, he stated that he and nearly all of the farmers of his section with whom he had talked, intended this year to do business on a cash basis, those having enough cash to carry the year will arrange with banks for the cash with which to buy their supplies. It is very gratifying to know that the farmers of the Spur country are awaking to the realization and conviction that the credit method of doing business is a millstone around their necks. While in the years past credit merchants have been "life preservers" to the country they will greet this dawning of a cash business era with the same spirit of helpfulness and cooperation to the end that community progress will be stimulated commercial intercourse more satisfactory and the country as a whole more prosperous and inviting.

BUILDING FINE HOME IN EASTERN PART OF SPUR

W. L. Baugh, who recently moved to Spur purchasing a small home in the eastern part of town, is now having the place worked over, adding several rooms and making a more commodious and modern home, the inside finish of which is as nice and fine as any home in the country. The high price of building material does not interrupt the building and improvement progress of the town, since there are a number of new buildings under construction, several homes being added to and other building improvements under way. Had building material escaped the "high tariff" Spur would have experienced the greatest building and improvement era this year within its history.

TWO DRY LAKE CITIZENS LEAVE THE COUNTRY MAD

Dickens county has lost two of its most substantial and progressive citizens. R. P. Davis and family and R. T. Dopson and family, both of the Dry Lake community, departed last week for their new homes recently purchased on the plains. They stated that when they took whiskey out of the country they became discontented, but that when they also took sugar away from them they decided to get out of such a country. Mr. Davis went to Slide and Mr. Dopson to Lamesa, both towns on the plains. We hope they will never go hungry for sugar and that they can get all the whiskey needed, and heartily commend them to the citizenship of their respective communities as good and law-abiding citizens and always sober as judges.

TWO DAYS SHORT COURSE HELD IN SPUR THIS WEEK

A very interesting two days short course was held at the Gem Theatre Monday and Tuesday under the supervision of Mary Ella Forrest, home demonstration agent for this county. There were a series of excellent lectures and demonstrations. Monday morning Miss Elma Taylor, specialist in home economics, College Station, Texas, gave a very interesting talk on textiles, showing the different sources from which we get our clothing material, also giving tests by which we may be able to buy more economically. This was followed by a very practical demonstration on the making of salads and salad dressing by Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, District Home Demonstration Agent for this district. In the afternoon Miss Taylor gave two demonstrations in cake making, Mrs. Barnes talked on appropriateness in dress, and Mrs. Maggie Barry of College Station gave the women's agricultural program for 1920.

The program for Tuesday consisted of talks and demonstrations on "Balanced Meals and Menus," "School Lunches," "Furnishing the Home" and "Use of Commercial Patterns." Mrs. Barry gave a very interesting program at Dickens Monday night on "Poetry in Home and School."

Those attending this short course were very interested in these practical demonstrations.

U. S. CASUALTIES IN WORLD WAR WERE 302,612

Washington, Feb. 7.—Ten men in the A. E. F. were executed on the orders of general courts martial, according to statistics included in a summary of casualties issued by the War Department this week.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. T. A. Tunnell most pleasantly entertained Friday Afternoon Club January 30th, with progressive "42." Quite a number of games were enjoyed by the Club members, Messdames Link, McClure, Whitener; Bert Brown; Dickson; L. R. Barrett; Davis Pemberton; Edmons; Love; Manning; Forbis; Morris; Richbourg; Godfrey.

SURVEY MADE FOR OIL POSSIBILITIES ON PITCHFORKS

W. H. Bryant and wife, were in the city Monday from the Pitchfork Ranch. We understand that they came in specially to bring in a geologist who had been on the Pitchfork Ranch several days making a survey for oil possibilities. However, nothing has been given out except that a rock or ledge of rocks were examined minutely and investigated thoroughly. That there is oil somewhere in this country the experts are thoroughly convinced, and it is only a question of time until the pool will be drilled into by the many drills which will be going down within the year.

MARRIAGES

Mrs. Jesse Monteith and I. B. Wells of Girard, were married Sunday at that place. They will make their home near Girard.

George Floyd King and Mrs. Rosa Lee Lafoon, of the Steel Hill community, were married in Spur Saturday afternoon, Justice F. N. Oliver performing the ceremony.

Joe Lee, of Jones county, and Miss Willie Hyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt of Spur, were married Sunday at Dickens.

We are informed that John T. F. Tallant and a young lady of the Gilpin community, were married Sunday.

The Texas Spur extends congratulations to each of the newly weds, and may they sail the matrimonial barque safely over the troublous waters of life's voyage together.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Coming! Yes, Spring will soon be here with its birds and flowers, hopes and opportunities—the time when we all are "reborn" for we feel the impulse of childhood, of youth, again permeating our very being. Yes, the red blood courses through our veins and we are just children in heart and mind, wanting to ramble through the woods, climb some difficult tree, swim in the old blue water hole, fish on the far side of the creek where we know the big fish are.

Spring reminds us of childhood. The trees are reborn, the grass that was brown and dead with old age becomes green and new; the tiny seed that lay dormant all winter bursts forth and becomes a sweet flower, sending out its greetings both by its beauty and fragrance. We, too, should be cheerful and happy and feel young though the frosts of many winters have gathered on our foreheads. We are as young as we think, as we act, as we live. Nobody loves a grinch but everybody loves a cheerful booster. Happiness is a state of mind and can not be purchased with money. Happy homes are not necessarily spacious mansions—in fact it is not the house we live in that makes us happy and satisfied, but the way we live in the house.

Yes, we want to sell merchandise too as we go along, and we have lots of new things to sell. Every day new suits and dresses are coming into our Ready-to-Wear Department and we are having a wonderful business in that line. We have an exclusive Ready-to-Wear Department in charge of Mrs. Simpson who is an experienced "Ladies Wear" woman and gives this department her entire time, so we feel we are better prepared to serve you than any store in many miles of Spur. So come on and join the well dressed procession. You will find in this department the newest creations from New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, and Saint Louis.

MILLINERY—We are delighted to tell you that Miss Dehn is with us again in this department and will be assisted by Miss Richbourg, and we are expecting the greatest season in the history of our business. Come in and see the new hats as they come from fashion's centers and are created by these two young ladies both of whom we are proud. We feel that Spur is entitled to the best and we are striving to give the very best in millinery to our customers.

Hot air will take a balloon up a long way, but it won't keep it there. All we ask is that you investigate and look for yourself when we tell you about the relative merits of our goods.

John, I heard Smith was fined a dollar and ten cents for striking his mother-in-law. I can understand the dollar, but why the ten cents. John—Ten percent tax on amusements.

A private in the British army who thought he had been ill treated, took great delight upon his discharge in writing to his colonel: "Sir, it gives me pleasure to tell you and the army to go to hell." In due course he received this official reply: "In answer to your letter, it is necessary to state that all orders for movements of the troops must be on form 2142, a copy of which I enclose."

Bain Wagons just received, a car of low wheels, standard tread and long beds. Figure with us on your new wagon.

John Deere two-row Planters have no equals. We have a car coming. John Deere two-row Cultivators, decidedly the best two-row cultivator ever built. You can't afford to buy any other but the best.

Groceries cash this year. Why? Because we feel it's best for ourselves and for the people to pay for your groceries as you go, and your bills will be lighter this fall. We feel that now is a time to be conservative. We look for a good crop this year but we never know. And we should all remember the hole we have been in during the drought and not allow ourselves to drift back into the same condition, and we feel that paying cash for groceries will help. In fact we think the time has come when the farmer that doesn't pay cash for what groceries he buys and raise more stuff at home to live on is blown up.

Come on with the crowds who spend their cash with us. Get aluminum ware free. Hundreds are supplying their kitchens with the best ware known to the world, and it costs them nothing. If you have failed to take advantage of our wonderful free goods, do so now.

1920 will be for us what we make it—the best year in our history.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH, DESIGNATED AS CLEAN UP DAY IN SPUR

BODY OF MAN MURDERED IS FOUND IN KENT COUNTY

The body of an unknown man was found this week hid in the big weeds by the side of the Clearmont and Jayton road in Kent county.

It is thought that the body found is that of a man who picked cotton for or near Henry Gee's place. This man had some money on his person, together with a check for ninety dollars. He started to the railroad accompanied by the two Gee boys, it is said. Later this ninety dollar check is said to have been cashed at Peacock by one of the Gee boys, who is now under arrest charged with the murder of the man. The man's head was crushed on both sides as if struck with a club. The case is now being thoroughly investigated by Sheriff Goodall of Kent county.

GOVERNMENT COTTON CLASSING OFFICE MAY CLOSE FIRST

The Texas Spur is requested to announce that the government cotton classing office in Spur will probably close the season's work in Spur by the first of March. All farmers who want to have their cotton graded by the government classer should have it done not later than March 1st.

When classed by a government man your grading will be recognized any where in the United States.

D. J. GILBERT SUFFERS BROKEN ARM WHILE DRAGGING ROAD

Friday of last week D. J. Gilbert had the misfortune of breaking one of his arms. He was dragging the road south of Spur, and while riding the drag it struck a grub, throwing Mr. Gilbert to the ground with the result that he fell on his arm breaking the bones near the wrist. He was carried to the Standifer Hospital where the arm was reset and bandaged.

POET HAGINS ANNOUNCES FOR COMMISSIONER OF PRECINCT 3

We are this week authorized to announce P. E. Hagins, of Gilpin, as a candidate for County-Commissioner of Precinct Number 3, of Dickens county, subject of course to the action of the democratic primary election.

P. E. Hagins is one of the old timers here, is familiar with the conditions, knows the needs of the country and the people, is progressive and will give the county an economical as well as progressive administration of public and financial affairs. Poet Hagins is one of the best men in the country, and no more suitable man for commissioner could be selected, and we ask voters of this precinct to give him candidacy a due and deserved consideration in the approaching elections.

THIRD ANNUAL SHEEP FEEDERS MEETING AT SPUR FEB 27th

Friday, February 27, will witness the third annual gathering of stockmen and farmers of Dickens and surrounding counties at Spur to ascertain the results of the Lamb Feeding experiment that has been under way during the past 90 days, at substation No. 7, at Spur. Six lots of lambs with 20 lambs to each lot, are being fed the following ration: Lot 1, ground milo heads, 9 parts, cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay. Lot 2, ground threshed feterita 9 parts, cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay. Lot 3, ground threshed milo 9 parts, cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay. Lot 4, ground corn 9 parts, cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay. Lot 5, ground feterita heads 9 parts; cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay. Lot 6, ground threshed kafir 9 parts, cotton seed meal 1 part, and alfalfa hay.

The test now under way at substation No. 7, is one of the most interesting that has been conducted since the sheep investigational work was transferred to the station more than five years ago. The results will be given at the feed lots of the Experiment Station at ten a. m., February 27th.

In the afternoon the stockmen will assemble at the Spur Theatre where an interesting program will be rendered. A number of prominent stockmen and business men of Texas have promised to be on hand to participate in this meeting.

The following program has been arranged: 10:00 a. m.—Meeting at Experiment Station. Results of Lamb feeding experiment, by J. M. Jones, Chief Division Animal Industry Texas Experiment Stations, and Roy A. Brewer, Assistant Animal Husbandman. Afternoon: 2:00 p. m.—At Picture show building—R. E. Dickson, Superintendent Sub Station No. 7, Chairman of the meeting. Address of Welcome—Mr. C. B. Jones, of Spur. Address—Activities of Extension Work A. & M. College of Texas, by W. B. Lanham, assistant director of College Station, Texas. Address—Cooperation—by Mr. Porter Whaley, Manager West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Stamford. Address—Boys and Girls Sheep Clubs in Dickens County—by G. L. Crawford, County Agent. Address—Sheep Production—by W. T. McGee, Sheep Specialist Extension Service A. & M. College. Address—Sheep Investigations Under Way—by J. M. Jones. All stockmen and farmers are urged to bring their children to these meetings. Dickens county, through the untiring efforts of Mr. G. L. Crawford, has organized the first Boys and Girls Lamb Club in the state.

The meeting on February 27th will offer an exceptional opportunity for the boys and girls of Dickens county to assemble at the Experiment Station in order to secure some valuable information about sheep feeding and management.

Mrs. L. N. Stevens returned last week from a visit to friends at Aspermont, where she also recuperated from a siege of the flu.

BETTER TAILORS BETTER SERVICE

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THE SPUR TAILOR SHOP
IRA SULLIVAN, Prop.

OPERATIONS ON TEST WELLS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

Work on both the 24 Ranch test well and the Davis well is now temporarily suspended for lack of necessary equipment which is expected to be received any day. G. W. McMann, of the 24 Ranch well, underwent an operation this week at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and for that reason is unable to be on the ground to rush matters.

It is expected that the Albin well will be spudded in by the Spur Oil Co. next week. The delay has been occasioned by lack of brick with which to build a furnace. All machinery is on the ground awaiting the furnace construction.

The Davis well is now down about six hundred feet, having already had a showing of oil in a sand just drilled through.

The 24 Ranch well is about sixteen hundred feet, drilling in shale with a fine showing of oil. The drillers on this well expect a paying sand under the shale.

We are all going to know within the year what the result of these test wells will be—and we are hoping for big gushers which is now generously indicated.

JAPAN DRY SOON

Returning Prohibition Leader Says Philippines Also in Line.

The Philippine islands are going dry, and Japan will not be far behind, according to Dr. D. M. Gandier, prohibition leader of California, who arrived at Vancouver from Japan.

"I will not be surprised if prohibition is the national policy of Japan inside of five years," said Dr. Gandier. "The Philippine legislature now in session is almost certain to pass a prohibition law for the islands."

Dr. Gandier spent several months in China, the Philippines and Japan as a representative of the Anti-Saloon League of America.

"The leaders of Japan," said Dr. Gandier, "like the British leaders, are beginning to see that America, like an athlete, is training for world leadership through the adoption of prohibition."

BIRD PUZZLES WOODMEN

Strange Catch of a New York State Pheasant Hunter.

Martin Schledorn of Danville, N. Y., a recently returned overseas service man, went shooting pheasants the other day. He came home with a large bird which he shot on the wing, thinking it a pheasant.

Its coloring is beautiful, the great wings, lined with white and gray feathers, measuring 42 inches from tip to tip. The tail is of brown feathers with a breast of cream and brown mottled, the back a dark gray and white. Its curved beak and huge talons look like those of a young eagle, but the older hunters here think it is an unusually large hen hawk. The bird was shot in a swale on the Ossian hills.

Cow Produced 1,000 Pounds of Butter. A registered yearling, Lulu Alpha of Ashburn, N. Y., produced 13,660 pounds of milk, from which 1,000 pounds of butter was made in the year ending November 1. This is believed to break all records for butter production.

H. T. Garner and wife went down Saturday to the Luther Jones ranch in Kent county, spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

RAILROAD HEARING HELD AT SPUR FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

On Friday of last week an investigation of railroad facilities was held at Spur by Felix M. Williams, special representative of the Railroad Administration at Washington.

His presence here is due to the urgency of the officials of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which is becoming an important factor in public matters in West Texas, and to the timely interest taken by the representatives in Congress, Messrs. Jones, Hudspeth, Lanham and Parrish.

Mr. Williams held hearings at Stamford, Spur, Crosbyton and Floydada, Lubbock; Post; Snyder and Sweetwater and has reported to Washington the conditions found.

At Spur he was informed that approximately forty five hundred bales of cotton and a considerable quantity of cotton seed awaited privilege of shipment, and that the embargo between the dates of December 24th, 1919, and January 28th, 1920, had cost the farmers of this community an incalculable loss. Favorable report was made to him concerning the efficiency of the local agent, Mr. Neilson.

He was advised of the fact that Spur is entirely out of coal and has been at frequent intervals during the winter.

We anticipate prompt relief through this special representative of the Railroad Administration who reports direct to Washington. In fact the lifting of the embargo was coincident with his arrival in this territory.

This community is especially indebted to the activity of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, to the West Texas Congressmen at Washington, and to the Railway Commission of Texas, all of whom have taken an active interest in relieving the serious situation reported to them through local sources.

HOG CHOLERA IS NOW IN DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

It has been definitely determined from post mortem examination by Dr. Nye, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, that we have hog cholera in Dickens county. Mr. Bob Morgan, of about ten miles west of Spur, lost about forty hogs with this disease. The veterinarian advised those living within a radius of a mile and a half of Mr. Morgan's place to have their hogs vaccinated. Also, hogs have been dying in Spur with the cholera.

Before people realized that it was the cholera the carcasses were not burned or buried, but in some instances left by the roadside.

The state laws concerning hog cholera are that the carcasses should be burned or buried in a bushel of quick lime four feet under the ground. This disease can be spread throughout the country by birds, wolves, dogs etc. However, with the cooperation of every man, we hope to have the hog cholera stamped out within the next three weeks.

We would appreciate any one with sick hogs notifying us at once.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN PROMISES TO BE A RED HOT ONE

The state political campaign now promises to become a red hot affair before the July primary. Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey has thrown his hat in the ring as a candidate for governor. Bailey is a red hot campaigner as well as politician and statesman of the old school, and there is no question but that there will be something doing before the campaign ends.

R. L. Henry has withdrawn from the governor's race in favor of Bailey. We used to think Bailey was the man for president, but later revelations in connection with his official life, changed our opinion of his fitness for such a high place. Bailey has the brains and the ability to fill the presidential chair as well as that of governor, but the 'Bailey issues' of years ago will make it hard for him to come back in politics in Texas—notwithstanding staunch and powerful friends to help him.

THE PEOPLE THINK SOMETHING DOING ON WHITE FLAT WELL

Clyde Hindman came down Thursday from Roaring Springs and spent an hour or two in Spur visiting with relatives and friends. He reported that the test well for oil near White Flat in the north part of Motley county is now about seventeen hundred feet deep and showing good for oil. In fact, he stated that the well had been shut down supposedly to get in shape to take care of the oil. It is said that the drillers punched a small hole in the bottom of the well to a considerable depth, and after making this test immediately started other rigs to the field. While there is no authoritative statement to this effect, yet the people of that section infer that the drillers and promoters have already convinced themselves that oil is there and intend to have a number of wells down before one is brought in. That section of country looks oily and we are already convinced that somewhere in this great Western country a big oil field will be discovered, and when discovered it may extend throughout all of Western Texas.

N. B. Fuqua, of Red Mud, was trading one day during the

MANUFACTURERS COULD PAY \$1 A POUND FOR COTTON

In a recent circular we called your attention to some of the immense profits made by manufacturers out of your cotton. We did this to show our farmers that cotton is selling at about \$60 per bale under value, and that federal influences are exerted to beat down prices. We called your attention to the difference between what the speculators and the Government call a "fair price" as compared to our cost of production and a profit price.

Mr. Wannamaker, President of American Cotton Association, in the Manufacturers' Record of January 8, 1920 on page 102, after investigating, on one shipment of strict middle cotton that had been sold at 41 cents per pound, the manufactured goods sold for 1.43 per pound. The cost of manufacturing was 22 cents. This left the manufacturer 80 cents additional profit. He (the manufacturer) frankly stated that he could pay \$1.00 for cotton, basis middling, and still make a handsome profit.

We will suppose that the above was a 500 pound bale. It brought the farmer \$205. It cost 22 cents per pound or \$110 per bale to manufacture it into cloth which gives as the total cost to the manufacturer of \$3.10 for the bale, his profit is \$1.90. Some Spread.

This Department recently called your attention to the influence of Federal influences to force down the price of cotton to the so-called market price while the agricultural department's figures show that this "market price" is from \$40 to \$60 below cost of production, or from eight to twelve cents below the price for which we are contending, which is forty five cents per pound. Are we asking too much when the manufacturer says that he can pay \$1.00 per pound and still make a good profit?

One manufacturer declared: "I frankly acknowledge that we are now making enormous and excess profits out of every pound of cotton, but then we are giving a great part of these profits to the government, and if the profits were distributed among the host of producers, the government would not get the benefit of them." Does this make the government a party to profiteering? Can it be possible that these government boards are forcing down prices to the producer and up to the consumer to get money to run the government? Or is it a manufacturer's camouflage to justify profiteering?

Granting that the government did this as a war measure, if it did it at all. The war is over, the soldiers are demobilized and honorably discharged. People no longer talk war. It is now charged that when these excess profits are paid into the U. S. treasury, they are later charged back to the consumer. If this is true, then the consumer pays about \$2.50 in increased prices to get one dollar for the government; in the meantime, who is profiteering? If we do not break the backbone of the speculator, speculation will break the backbone of production. Farmers of Texas, organize your institutes, as it is only through organization that your voice may be heard and your rights protected.—J. W. Neill.

H. W. Johns, of Clairmont, was in Spur Saturday creating friends. For a number of years Mr. Johns was clerk of Kent county. He is at present the only abstractor in Kent county and maintains an office in the court house. He is expecting to see things hum in the abstract business before many months, since it is thought that the 24 Ranch well will be flowing oil within sixty or ninety days—and we all hope that these expectations will be realized.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in town Saturday. Mr. Rogers is not a Socialist but believes that conditions could be improved greatly if farmers would stand together and demand their rights.

Look At These Bargains In Bain Wagons

You are going to need a wagon! In order to reduce our stock, we quote these unheard of prices on Genuine Bain Wagons until March 1st.

3-INCH COMPLETE - \$175.00

3 1-4 INCH COMPLETE - \$177.50

This is a saving of from \$25 to \$35 on a wagon, Wagons will be higher this Fall. Don't miss this opportunity to save money. Money saved is money made. See us about one now. We want your business.

Spur Hardware & Furniture Company

C. A. Gladdish, of north of Dickens was a recent visitor in Spur.

F. M. Morris of near Dickens, was here recently greeting his friends.

H. N. Patton was in town Thursday mingling with the crowds here that day.

Luther Jones was in Spur the first of the week from his Kent county ranch home.

Frank Holden, a leading citizen of near McAdoo had business in Spur Monday.

E. C. Edmonds made a business trip recently to Wichita Falls and other points where he spent several days.

Ben Holly was here Saturday from the Duck Creek community. He is one of the optimistic farmers this year and expects to grow as big crops ever before since locating in the great Spur country.

C. R. Cross and wife, of near Girard, passed through Spur Monday on their way to the Cross Ranch over in Kent county where they will spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Cross.

Jeff D. Harkey came over Wednesday from Dickens. He has been planning to take a trip down to Cuba, but on account of the necessary red tape he has decided to postpone his excursion trip until a later date.

W. P. Marshall was in town one day the past week from his home over at Duck Creek. He was recently fined for using an axe handle on a negro. We suspect that if more axe handles were used that the negroes would step around to better advantage to all concerned.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in town Wednesday. He is recuperating from a recent operation—and since John Barleycorn has decamped one has to be very careful of one's health, therefore Grandpa is seldom in town during these days of inclement weather.

WORLD FINANCING.

From the fact that the American dollar is about the only world money at par, and furthermore due to an unlimited supply over here, while there is shortage in many other countries, the United States is expected to finance the world without any regard for home industries. It may be good policy to build up English, French and Belgium industries with American money and then with a Free-Trade Tariff allow the products made with American capital to come back and be sold in the United States in competition with home-made goods. This is what is happening at the present time, and the loan issues for our foreign competitors is on the increase and estimated to reach a billion dollars. It is not easy for thinking men and women to be worked into a war-time frenzy to subscribe money for a low interest world financing scheme, when the same newspapers expounding such a plan they read that English, French and Italian money in huge amounts is being put in to speculative industries, mines and wild cat issues, and that their government loans are not attractive.

It looks to be a case of "Let George do it." We stepped in at the right time and won the war for the Allies and now we can pay for it. Home interests can sink or swim unless they are in the ring. Our banks will urge denials to subscribe to the British loan for instance and turn down with out ceremony the request for help from the average home manufacturer of small means unless he has 500 per cent gilt edged collateral to cover his loan. And we are wondering why we are in such a period of unrest.

There are at least 100 competent mill men anxious to start a small manufacturing business, but lack of capital prevents. Will any bank or financial factory help them? We have not heard of a case yet, unless the proposed plant and business was hooked with the man's house and lot and his personal belongings almost to his shirt, yet it is part of the campaign to educate the public that it is patriotic to subscribe to a foreign loan or a world financing scheme.—Boston Fibre and Fabric.

C. C. Haile this week purchased the Wiley Clay residence in the northeast part of Spur, and will move his family here about the first of the month. Mr. Haile has quit the farming business and will hereafter devote his time to the real estate business. He is a good booster and salesman, having already located a number of farmers here this year. We are glad to welcome him and family to Spur and hope he will be the means of bringing many substantial citizens to the Spur country in the future.

Fred Phillips, who has been with the Monarch Tractor people in Dallas for some time, is now in Spur associated with Newton Johnson in the sale of Monarch Tractors in the Spur country. They have some tractors on the road, expecting them here by the middle of the week for demonstration purposes. Farm tractors are "coming" in this country, and within a few years every farm will have one in operation. This is an age of motors and machinery.

R. S. Holly, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Holly is one of the old time citizens—the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He does not attempt to keep up with the fashions of the day, but he does the right thing on all occasions. We are glad to know these old fashioned citizens and claim them as friends.

H. E. Evans, of the Twin Wells community, was among the number of business visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Evans made good crops the past year but had hard luck in that he was in the hospital some time for an operation. However, this year he is in good shape and hopes to realize some thing out of his crops.

W. M. Stovall was in Spur one day this week from Floydada.

LONG IN HOLY CITY

American Resident of Jerusalem for Many Years.

M. M. Whelan First to Welcome British Troops When They Entered—Was Representative There of the Bible Society.

Although it is a year since Allenby's victorious army entered Jerusalem, and the greatest Christian shrine in the world was wrested forever from the clutches of the infidel Turk, one of the most striking episodes of all those that marked that entry has only recently become known.

To Americans this episode is of especial interest, since it came as the climax of perhaps the most picturesque of all the many services that have been rendered by the allied nations, and to humanity generally, by individual Americans, from Gerard and Brand Whitlock down, since the beginning of the war.

In February, 1915, or soon after Turkey threw in her lot with the central powers, the Bible society's depot in Jerusalem, which contained many thousands of volumes, had to be abandoned hastily. The workers there were brought to Egypt on an American warship. From that day until quite recently nothing whatever was known regarding the fate of the depot or its contents. It was assumed that both had probably been destroyed by the Turks. But then came a letter from the society's secretary at Port Said enclosing one from the commander of the London Scottish, the first British regiment to enter the Holy City. In this officer's letter the striking story was told of how a venerable American resident of Jerusalem, by name M. M. Whelan, came forward spontaneously after the abandonment of the Bible society's depot; took up his residence therein and courageously "carried on" as its custodian.

"It may interest you to know," this officer wrote, "that as I entered Jerusalem with the first troops, I was met by a quaint old American, named Whelan, seventy years of age, who told me he represented the Bible society, and presented me with a beautiful copy of the Scriptures."

Beyond the fact that M. M. Whelan is a naturalized Irish citizen of the United States, and that he had been living in Jerusalem for several years before the war, little is known by the Bible society at present regarding the picturesque character to whom it owes so great a debt of gratitude. It is not even known from what part of the United States he comes. The society has, however, received a photograph of its venerable American benefactor, which shows him to be a truly patriarchal type.

Unpatriotic. "Why did you change your boarding house?" "My landlady got too enthusiastic about this food conservation."

Its Meaning. "What is elastic currency, pop?" "It is my Christmas money this year, son. It had to keep stretching to cover everything."

C. J. Smith was in town Saturday.

E. N. Brown was here from McAdoo several days ago.

Joe Lambert, who has been carrying his aim in a sling the past several weeks as the result of cranking an unidentified car, has now removed the bandages and giving the broken limb free and unrestrained exercise.

A. E. Huckabee, of near McAdoo, called in one day this week and told us he was going back to old Alabama to live, but stated that he reserved the right to return to this country at any time he desired. We give him just one year to get back to old Dickens county.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in town Thursday.

J. J. Noland, of Afton, had business in Spur recently.

J. N. Zumwalt, of near Highway was here one day during the week. He reports everything all o. k. in his section.

J. M. Howze of near Highway, was in town one day this week. He returned last week from a trip to Lamesa where he has purchased a farm. He may intend to move to that section later. However, he owns a fine farm where he is living, and unless he gets too rich from his oil royalties will probably continue to live there.

PROGRAM

Of The Dickens County Association to be Held With Duck Creek Church, Beginning February 24, 1920

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| THURSDAY NIGHT | |
| 8:00 Devotional | G. W. Jackson |
| 8:30 Introductory Sermon | W. E. Duke |
| FRIDAY MORNING | |
| 9:30 Devotional | Lewis Bowman |
| 10:00 Exegesis of John 3; 5; lead by | L. R. Stegall |
| Round Table. | |
| 11:00 Sermon | L. S. Bilberry |
| 12:00 Dinner | |
| 2:00 Devotional | P. H. Miller |
| 2:30 Layman movement as related to soul winning by S. F. Starrett, followed by P. H. Miller. | |
| FRIDAY NIGHT | |
| 8:00 Devotional. | |
| 8:30 Sermon | A. P. Stokes |
| SATURDAY MORNING | |
| 9:30 Devotional | L. G. Crabtree |
| 10:00 Church and Kingdom, their relations to each other, led by A. B. Miller, H. L. Burnam. Round Table. | |
| 12:00 Dinner | |
| 2:00 Devotional | T. S. Lambert |
| 2:30 Old Time Mourners Bench | H. L. Burnam |
| 3:30 Board Meeting. | |
| SATURDAY NIGHT | |
| 8:00 Devotional | L. W. Bilberry |
| 8:30 Sermon | A. B. Miller |
| SUNDAY MORNING | |
| 10:00 Women's Work | Mrs. A. B. Miller and Mrs. E. B. Johnson |
| 11:00 Sermon | To be appointed |

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

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of the County of King,—GREETING: You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Rowland W. Oliver, deceased, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of King County, to be held at the court house thereof in the town of Guthrie, on the fifth Monday in March, 1920, being the 29th day of March, A. D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1920, in cause No. 176, wherein Isum Lynn is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Rowland W. Oliver, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

The action being in the form of Trespass to try title, plaintiff alleging title in fee simple, in and to 640 acres of land, situated in the county of King, Texas, being Survey Number 153, Certificate No. 1-845, Beatty, Seale and Forwood, Original Grantee, patented to Rowland W. Oliver, Patent No. 528, Volume No. 22.

That defendants are asserting an adverse claim to said land and premises, Plaintiff prays title to said land and premises by prescription under the five and ten year statute of limitation, and asserts title thereunder.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for four successive weeks to the return day hereof in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness: W. F. Ballard, Clerk of the District Court of King County, Texas.

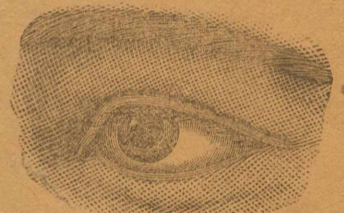
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Guthrie, this the 10th day of January, A. D. 1920.

W. F. BALLARD,
Clerk of the District Court of King County, Texas.
Issued this the 10th day of January, A. D. 1920.

W. F. BALLARD,
Clerk of the District Court of King County, Texas. 13-11

—1920—

HAVE YOUR GLASSES PROPERLY FITTED



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

CARD OF THANKS

I desire to express my sincere and heart felt thanks to the people of Spur for their generous aid and contributions to us during illness with small pox. Especially do we appreciate the services of Doctors Grace and Standifer as well as every individual. The people have been good to us, and we want them to know that we appreciate it to the fullest.—Mrs. Goodwin and children.

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TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

In the race for Sheriff and Tax Collector, Mr. Barber has two opponents, and according to all investigations, Mr. Barber has filled the office efficiently in every respect, and I think he is entitled to the office the second term.

It looks very simple for a man that hasn't been in the county over twelve months to announce against a man as well known as Mr. Barber is in Dickens county.

According to the Democratic custom, Mr. Barber is entitled to the office the second term. He hasn't made any big talk about what he has done, but has done his duty in every respect toward enforcing the law. Now voters, take things under consideration. Do not vote for a man only because he hands you a glad hand—vote for the man who has made good, which Mr. Barber has done on his first term. There is no man that can please everybody, no matter what he does.—Published by Ed Duncan. Political Adv.

Growing Sugar Cane Under Paper.

A new and very odd method of growing sugar cane is proving highly successful in the Hawaiian islands. When the cane is beginning to sprout, yard-wide strips are laid lengthwise over the rows of little plants and held in place with cane-field trash. The paper is strong enough to keep down and smother the starting weeds, but not to kill the stout and hardy young cane. In five or six weeks the weed seeds beneath the paper have all germinated and been smothered to death, but the cane shoots have either forced their way through or erected themselves sufficiently to make little tent-like elevations. Laborers then pass along the rows and with long knives make slits in the sheets, permitting the shoots to come through. The liberated shoots at first are blanched white, but quickly turn green and lusty. Weeding thereafter is almost wholly needless, because there are very few weeds. There is an increase of ten tons (about 28 per cent) in the yield of cane per acre. Half the labor is saved and the production of actual sugar per acre is augmented by more than a ton. The paper used is made out of "bagasse," which is the residue of the cane after the sugary sap has been squeezed out of it.

"At Attention" Before God.

Paying tribute to the services performed by the British Y. M. C. A., W. Gordon Spriggs, writing in Association Men, the organ of the American "Y," is reminded of the reply made by Field Marshal Sir George White to an inquiry addressed to him at the close of the three months' siege of Ladysmith, South Africa, in the Boer war. Sir George was asked to explain how he maintained his cheerfulness and upheld the spirit and morale of his weary troops amidst so much discomfort, depression and uncertainty. "Because," said the field marshal, "I stand at attention before God every morning so that I may receive my daily marching orders."

Here's Flapjack Frying Record.

Here's the world's flapjack frying record: Eight thousand six hundred and forty in 20 hours, all fried on one hot cake plate, four feet square, at the rate of 36 every five minutes. The big flapjack fry started at 7:30 o'clock one morning up at the front and continued without intermission till 3:30 o'clock the next morning. Yanks just out of the trenches ate the hot cakes, swimming in rich sirup. The frying crew was made up of Salvation Army men, led by Ensign Fred Henderson.

Hostilities Are at an End.

Jane had broken her second doll that morning, and mother, very much provoked, was putting the careless baby through the third degree when from the depths of the apron in which the sweaty little face was buried came the words: "Mother, did you know the doll was over?"

Yank Artillery Made Record.

The French take more pride in their artillery than in almost any other feature of their military service, writes C. W. Barron in the Wall Street Journal. In this war they made world records in effective gunnery. The American boys watched the French move 13½-inch guns into position in 45 minutes with horses and motors. Then the Frenchmen saw the American boys do it in 12½ minutes, and they did not use either horses or motors.

Fifty American officers and men put the gun into place and they were the talk of the town at that French camp. Afterward the French called upon their officers for themselves and all their man power to do this work when the tractor was not about.

When the Germans met the American gunners they thought a new kind of rapid-fire three-inch gun had come into the war because it shot so much more rapidly.

How He Got Needed Umbrella.

W. M. Hughes, the premier of Australia, once came by an umbrella through illicit means. He is fond of telling the tale against himself.

While he was walking home one pitch-black night a sudden storm broke and, seeking shelter from the rain, he hastened to the nearest doorway. After waiting there for a few minutes, he spied a small boy coming along with an enormous umbrella.

The premier, thinking the owner might offer to share, called out sharply: "Hi, there, young man! Where are you going with that umbrella?"

The lad, startled at the sound which apparently emanated from nowhere, dropped the umbrella and fled up the street as hard as his legs would carry him. He vanished utterly, and Mr. Hughes' predicament was solved.

Some Fliers Are Anchored.

"I picked you out to write to because I can see by your eyes you're the lonesome kid," gushed a letter addressed to the handsome young aviator whose likeness had just appeared in the Great Lakes Recruit.

The handsome young aviator is a Kansas City man. "Now, Mary," he wrote to his wife, "in case you don't feel toward me as you used to, this is the time to speak up, as you will observe by the inclosed." And he sent her the letter.

Lived Long After Burial Alive.

John Boyle, who died at Jersey City, N. J., recently, was one of the four men rescued alive in 1891 from the Jeanville mines of J. C. Hayden & Co., when 21 miners were entombed for 19 days by a rush of water. The four survivors ate a mine mule drowned with their 17 comrades.

Boyle was widely known as a fiddler in the Lehigh field, but lost his taste for the coal regions after his 19 days of darkness and moved to New Jersey.

The Banner is yet receiving many requests for free advertising to help boost some plan for raising money for various charities at home and abroad. How many of these plans are grafts, and how many are worthy, it is difficult to determine, but certain it is that the American people have been well milked and are becoming suspicious of plans of any kind that call for money, especially for organizations that existed during the war, and should have been disbanded long ago. That some enterprising individuals are feathering their nests in the name of the war is not unlikely—Ralls Banner. This is just about what we have thought but never said.

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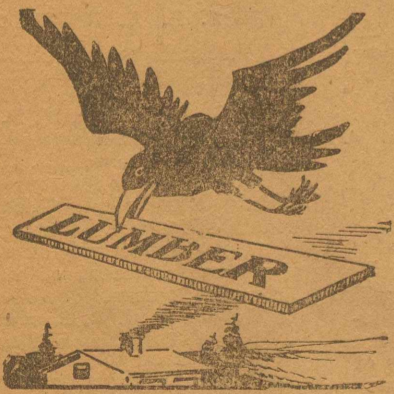
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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1920:

- For District and County Clerk: O. C. ARTHUR S. L. DAVIS
- For County Judge: CHAS. McLAUGHLIN F. N. OLIVER B. G. WORSWICK
- For Tax Assessor: G. B. JOPLING R. L. CARLETON
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: G. BARBER (Re-Election) B. G. FORD H. J. PARKS
- For County Treasurer: C. H. PERRY

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—Highway Garage, E. L. Caraway, Spur, Texas. 151f

1920
John Smith, of the plains country, is now in the Standifer Hospital, having had an operation for appendicitis. He is only eleven years of age, stood the operation like a man and is now recovering rapidly.

1920
Mrs. Perry, who has been in the Standifer Hospital the past two weeks as the result of an operation, was able last week to be removed to her home and is now rapidly regaining former good health.

1920
Mrs. Payne, of west of Spur, has just been removed from the Standifer Hospital to her home after an operation performed ten days or two weeks ago.

1920
Break your land with a Fordson Tractor. See them at the Ford Service Station, Godfrey & Smart, Dealers.

1920
Mrs. Steve Peak was removed this week to her home at Girard, after a successful operation at the Standifer Hospital.

1920
EGGS AND ROOSTERS—Pure Rock Roosters and eggs for sale. T. Cozby, 2 1-2 miles east of Spur. 14 4tp

NOTICE
\$10.00 reward for mare and horse, both roached mane, both bays. Mare branded Y on left hip. Horse branded U 3 on left shoulder, wire cut on left hip just below flank. Have been gone since February 12th. Drop a card or call W. T. Lee, Spur, Texas, box 384.

1920
Miss Lillie Alexander, of the Croton country, was brought to the Standifer Hospital last week for an operation for appendicitis. Her friends and acquaintances will be glad to know that Miss Alexander is now doing nicely and will soon be able to be removed from the hospital.

1920
J. I. Greer came in Monday from his Lone Oak farm and ranch. He is now getting things in shape to make another trip out into New Mexico. He goes to Hot Springs, and we have been unable to determine whether he takes the water cure or the rest cure.

1920
Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Young, of near Girard, passed through Spur Tuesday going to Dickens to be with Mrs. Berry Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gipson, who is reported critically ill. Mrs. Young will remain with Mrs. Watson until her condition improves.

1920
FOR SALE—We are now booking orders for Nancy Hall, Southern Queen, Buckskin Yam and Black Spanish potato slips (3 early kinds) will have cabbage, tomato and pepper plants.—T. Jones & Co., Clarendon, Texas. 15 2t pd.

1920
J. B. Morrison received a telegram Saturday informing him of the death of his brother-in-law, Lloyd Canfil, which occurred in Missouri. Lloyd Canfil formerly lived in this country and was married to Miss Morrison a number of years ago in New Mexico. His remains were shipped to Sweetwater for interment.

1920
Miss Eva McFall, of near Clairemont, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis the past week at the Standifer Hospital. The many friends of Miss McFall and family in both Kent and Dickens counties, will be glad to learn that she is doing nicely and will soon be able to return home.

1920
Frank York, of the Soldier Mound community, has been in a very critical condition, suffering of a combination of influenza, pneumonia and appendicitis. He is now in the Standifer Hospital for treatment and an operation as soon as his condition will permit. Mr. York's condition is considered very serious, and everything within the scope of medical science and surgical skill is being done for his relief with hopes of success.

1920
Ed Fuqua, of Red Mud, was here one day the past week.

SHOW WAR'S APPALLING COST

Figures Reveal Price World Paid to Prevent Hunnish Hordes Extinguishing Light of Liberty.

Some comparative figures which force a realization of the magnitude of the world war are given in Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent, from which is quoted:

"There were 19 major wars fought in the world in the 117 years from 1793 to 1910. The late war cost 50 per cent more in lives and cost 700 per cent more in money spent than the whole 19 other wars put together.

"The most costly in lives of the previous wars was that between England and France, 1793-1815, a total of 1,900,000 men having perished.

"Next came the war of 1854-56, in which England, France, Sardinia, Turkey, Austria and Russia fought; 609,797 men were killed.

The more recent war between Russia and Japan came third, claiming the lives of 555,900 men.

"In our own Civil war both sides together lost 494,400 men, ranking fourth in loss of life in the great wars previous to the late one.

"In the struggle between France and Germany, so disastrous to France and which played a very important part in the recent peace settlement, 311,000 lives were lost.

"We Americans who remember or have read of the Civil war, of Gettysburg, of Pickett's charge, of Sherman's march to the sea, of Andersonville, have been wont to look on it as one of terrible slaughter—and it was.

"But Russia alone lost more than three times as many men in the late war as were lost by both the North and the South in the Civil war.

Germany lost more than three times as many.

"France lost nearly three times as many.

"Great Britain lost nearly twice as many.

"Austria lost nearly twice as many.

"So great has been the development in the engines of death that it is almost impossible to conceive the increase of fatalities in the late war as compared with previous wars.

"There were 69 years of war among the various nations in the 117 years prior to 1910.

"As nearly as can be learned, 5,008,097 men lost their lives in those wars.

"That would mean 73,885 lives lost a year, or about 200 a day.

"In the late war there were 200 men killed an hour, about 4,800 for every day of the war; a total of 7,450,200, according to the best available figures. That would be about 1,750,000 a year.

"In money cost of previous wars the French-English war, 1793-1815, comes first with its tax of \$6,250,000,000."

Alaskan Fur Seals.

A tentative annual census of the Alaskan fur seals just made by Dr. G. Dallas Hanna indicates the strength of the herd as 524,290 animals of all ages, compared with 496,432 seals in 1918. The number of pups born, equivalent to the number of breeding cows, was 157,172, an increase over 1918 of 10 per cent in each class. The aggregate figures for 1919 do not include the seals taken for their skins.

According to the telegraphic reports, 22,027 fur-seal skins have been taken on St. Paul Island and 3,354 on St. George Island through the regular killing season ending Aug. 10. A special effort has been made to reduce the excess of large male seals, with the result that over 6,400 such skins have been taken.

Sympathetic Neighborhood.

"How do you go about locating a 'still' in these parts?" asked the stranger.

"Be you a revenuer?" asked the ancient mountaineer.

"Oh, no. I'm a newspaper man, spending my vacation up here in the hills."

"Is that so? Well, I never yet heard tell of one of yer paper fellers that just set around a spell, sonny, an' some of 'll' boys'll git so durned sorry fur you they'll come right up an' offer to lead you to a 'still.'—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Agreeable Outlook.

"I just now overheard an argument between a theorist and a hard headed business man."

"I presume the theorist said the business man lacked vision?"

"Oh, yes. That's a stock phrase among theorists who can't pay their board bills, but the business man said he could see a net profit of not less than \$200,000 next year, with a little fling at Saratoga, Palm Beach or Monterey, and that was vision enough for him."

Latest Excuse.

The Missus (at 2 a. m.)—Nice hour to arrive home and a nice state to arrive in. I must say! Explain, you brute!

Himself—O! friend asked me to help him gather ev'idence of violations of the wartime prohibition law, n'dear, an' I jus' (hic) couldn't refuse.—Buffalo Express.

When you want White Leghorns or English Strain, see Mrs. W. P. Fretwell, Afton, Texas. 16 2t pd.

1920
Fordson Tractors for immediate delivery.—Godfrey & Smart, Dealers.

Texas Spur:

Kindly allow me space to correct Mr. Jackson's correction.

I did not question the County Agent's qualifications, but said: I challenge any one to show anything done by them that people could not and should not do for themselves, and I stand by that assertion.

I say Mr. Jackson should have hired a veterinary to doctor his horse if he could not do so himself, and should have paid for such service. If it is the Government's business to doctor his stock, it is also the Government's business to doctor him or his family, and if so, where is the Government's duty to end? Mr. Jackson should go to Soviet, Russia, where the government does everything.

Mr. Jackson would resent a subscription to pay a doctor for his stock, but seems willing for the Tax Collector to take it from the people for that purpose.

The writer thinks the Government should hands off of everything possible. We see what a mess the Government made of railroad and telegraph lines. Let the people alone—force them to help themselves as Hoover advised in regard to Europe.

This is Democratic—any other way is Socialism.

I desire to say for Mr. Crawford, that I believe him to be a very efficient and proficient man. I had him out to my farm to vaccinate my calves, also had him when boll worms were destroying my cotton. He came promptly and cheerfully and did his work well. But I and my boys did this before and after he was there and we think we did just as well. The directions for using serum instruments are so plain that I cannot see why anyone of average intelligence cannot do as well.

Whenever you notice that Mr. Crawford has vaccinated stock for any one, it is probably because said stock owner does it just because it saves him expense of hiring a man.

I do not believe it pays to terrace Dickens County land. Land is too cheap to justify the expense. Land needs to be kept from blowing rather than washing. To prevent either use the lister. To prevent washing, run your rows up and down the slopes so each row will carry its own water. To prevent blowing, run rows North and South until planting time, then East and West.

Will some one kindly tell us what has become of the "keep a mulch" crowd of about 3 years ago? They held meetings at the school house and the slogan was, "keep a dust mulch." Last spring put a Maxim Silencer on these gentlemen, and where is the Campbell Packer and Silo man, and many other boosted things? Now the cry is, "speed up production!" Prize hogs, etc. Too much is being raised now. More than can be gathered or find a market for.

Harking back to Mr. Jackson, I think he must be mistaken about Dr. Bureson saying if you cannot reach the sun, get the moon. Dr. Bureson was the greatest of all Texans, and hated a Satellite. Many times in Chapel services and elsewhere I heard him say: "Young man, hitch your wagon to a star." Stars shine by their own light, borrowed from the sun, and has no warmth at all. Agriculture boosters out this far get their light from A. & M. and by the time it is reflected on Mr. Jackson, it is pretty dim but probably light enough to spell "Booster."

Also I have heard Dr. Bureson say it would cause him to turn in his grave for one of his students to become a "Barker" for fakes.

Respectfully,
W. A. Craddock.

1920
Ed Duncan will exhibit on the first Monday in March at Spur, one of the best Hamiltonian Stallions in Dickens County. To the farmers, if you are interested in improving your work stock, you should see this horse. This horse is 5 years old, blood bay, 17 1-2 hands high and weighs 1500 pounds. Will stand the season at my barn two miles North of Spur. It pd.

1920
W. G. Crego and wife, of Croton, were in Spur Monday visiting T. G. Harkey and family and shopping with Spur merchants. While here Mrs. Crego had her name added to the Texas Spur list of readers and for which she has our sincere thanks. It is one of the greatest pleasures of the news paper business to add new names to the subscription book.

1920
S. R. Austin, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday. He informed us that he did not intend to farm this year, but had a position holding to build better roads in Dickens county. The road work is now being done on the sandy lands in the Johns Windmill community.

1920
W. A. Valentine of the Watson section of country, was in town Thursday of this week, reporting everything in the very finest shape in his section at this time.

1920
Miss Ruth Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Austin of Afton, left for her home the past week after a week or two in the Standifer Hospital.

1920
Get your typewriter supplies, including ribbons, carbon paper and typewriter paper, at the City Drug Store. A full supply is always on hand.

1920
My Black Spanish Jack will stand the season at my place ten miles west of Spur.—B. M. Blackmon. 14tf

1920
Mrs. J. H. Deaver, of Jayton, was one of the number of visitors in Spur Monday.

1920
Good blooded Jack for sale at bargain. See J. F. Vernon. 15-2t

1920
The Racket Store buys and sells Everything. 1920

1920
Fordson Tractors, \$800 delivered. Godfrey & Smart, Dealers.



WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.

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

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

The French Ruby Cafe

SPUR, TEXAS

Right here's the place to fill your face and get your money's worth. Each meal is square, we treat you fair and serve the best on earth. Select pies for hungry guys, the kind that mother made. The best of veal and good oatmeal; hash, chilli, lemonade, Assorted steaks, buckwheat cakes, and doughnuts brown and round. United here is high-class cheer in "eats" both clean and sound. Romp in for lunch, we have a hunch that you will call again. All meals we serve will help your nerve and never give you pain. No phoney brews or sloppy stews are served in here, old pard. This rhyme will show you where to go, so keep this little card.

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NOTICE

Dr. Montgomery, of Stamford, will be in Spur three days, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th prepared to treat diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat. Remove tonsils and adenoids and fit glasses. Office with Dr. Morris.

1920
Attorney Garrett and family, of Santa Anna, are in Spur with view of locating here and will do so if a house can be secured. Attorney Garrett is a lawyer of good repute, and should be successful in obtaining a residence, will practice his profession here.

1920
W. C. Cantrell, of the Prairie View Stock Farm northeast of Spur, was in town Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Cantrell is expecting bumper crops this year. At least the conditions now are as favorable as could be wished for anywhere.

1920
Another fresh shipment of pure Uvalde Honey at 30c a pound, at Soldiers Cash Grocery. Try us for your grocery wants and save money. Better try a sack of Smith's Best Flour.

1920
Pure White Orpington Roosters for sale, \$2.50 each. Eggs \$2.50 per setting.—Mrs. J. F. Vernon. 15-4t

1920
Buy toilet paper at a roll at the City Drug Store.

J. M. GAINES,

Always has Fresh

FRUITS
NUTS
CANDIES, and
Cakes.

If it is in Town, You Find it at

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

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1920
NOTICE.
Wood cutting, hunting, trapping, and trespassing in any manner upon the ranch of Frank Corn is prohibited under penalty of law.—I. R. Powell.

1920
Luther Jones was in Spur Tuesday from his Kent county ranch home, spending the day here on business and greeting friends.

1920
A girl baby was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Berry Watson who are at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gipson, of Dickens.

1920
A supply of all kinds of typewriter ribbons have just arrived at The City Drug Store.

1920
NuBone Corsets, made to measure. Phone or write Mrs. C. H. Perry, at Dickens, Texas. 14-6t

1920
All styles and kinds of typewriter ribbons can now be had at the City Drug Store.

1920
WANTED—All round girl to work. Apply to Ruby Rooming House, Spur, Texas. 14tf

1920
When you need a ribbon of any kind, call on the City Drug Store.

To All Land Owners in Dickens OR ADJOINING COUNTIES

We would like to see you this week or next. If you have land notes to pay off, we will be glad to pay them off and extend them for ten years. You will only have to pay us the interest, or can pay past or all any time. Come in and let's talk it over. We will carry half your investment while your land is doubling in value.

If you have land to sell, come in and list it with us. We have so many land buyers we can't locate.

Jackson Realty Co.
SPUR, :: :: TEXAS

Alec Winkler, of the Croton county, was in town Thursday. His brogan arm is now about well.

J. S. Worsham, of west of Spur, was here one day during the week. He recently sold his farm for \$52.50 an acre. He will farm the place this year and move another year to another place which he has purchased.

W. A. Stevens, of near Espuela, was in Spur one day this week reporting everything moving along nicely in that section.

S. T. Johnson, of near Dickens, was an agreeable caller Thursday at the Texas Spur office, having his name placed on our growing subscription list. He made good crops the past year and is expected to make bigger crops this year. Here is hoping that the big crop production expected will be realized, and that the prediction made by cotton experts that cotton will sell for a dollar a pound may be also realized in this country.

B. G. Worswick was over from the county capitol one day this week. He is already campaigning for the county judge's office and meeting the voters with a smiling countenance. No voter in the county can question Judge Worswick's qualifications to fill this office, and as the head of the commissioners' court is in a position to direct county affairs in a most efficient and conservative and economical manner. He is familiar with every detail of county affairs and for this reason is eminently fitted as the head of county affairs.

C. I. Cannon was in town Wednesday from his Crosby county ranch.

C. H. Scott was here Saturday from his place on Duck Creek.

W. C. Messer, of the Espuela community, was a business visitor in the city the latter part of the week.

W. E. Duke, a leading citizen and one of the most successful and scientific farmers of the whole country, was here one day this week from his home on the pains.

E. S. McArthur was here the first of the week. He is another of the farmers west of Spur who does not depend entirely on cotton for a living. This past year he had a number of acres in peanuts which he said made him more money to the acre than his cotton. People sometimes laugh at peanut farmers, but they always have the coin. Plant more peanuts and pifs and the country will be richer.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, dropped in at the Texas Spur office one day the past week and showed up his subscription for another year. He reports the Croton county now in the best crop condition possible and a bumper crop expected for 1920. We had heard that some of the voters of the Croton precinct had been after Mr. Koonsman to run for commissioner from that precinct, but he informed us that he would not accept the place, stating that L. G. Crabtree was the man for the place, already had his hand in on the job and could be imposed upon to continue in the office.

OTHO L. HALE

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WE CARRY AT ALL TIMES A COMPLETE LINE OF

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WE ARE HERE TO STAY AND WILL MAKE PRICES OF GROCERIES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS. NO BILL TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL FOR US TO FIGURE.

GIVE US A CHANCE TO FIGURE YOUR BILLS, AND THEREBY SAVE MONEY.

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PHONE 28.

THE COST OF THE WORLD WAR IN MEN AND MONEY

More than four times as many lives were lost in the four and a half years of the great war as were sacrificed in all the Napoleonic conflicts from 1790 to 1815. More than twice as many persons were killed as in the preceding century and a quarter from the French Revolution in 1789 to the close of the Balkan wars in 1913. Such are the astounding conclusions of statisticians who have been figuring closely on the result of the last twelve months. According to the best obtainable calculations the following is the loss in killed and wounded of the different nations:

| Country | Known Dead | Wounded |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| Russia | 1,762,064 | 1,000,000 |
| France | 1,427,800 | 700,000 |
| Great Britain | 807,451 | 617,740 |
| Serbia | 707,343 | 322,000 |
| Italy | 507,160 | 500,000 |
| Roumania | 339,117 | 200,000 |
| Belgium | 267,000 | 40,000 |
| United States | 117,151 | 43,000 |
| Greece | 15,000 | 10,000 |
| Portugal | 4,000 | 5,000 |
| Japan | 300 | 400 |
| Total Allies | 5,954,336 | 3,438,140 |
| Germany | 1,611,104 | 1,600,000 |
| Austria-Hungary | 911,000 | 350,000 |
| Turkey | 101,224 | 300,000 |
| Total enemies | 3,060,302 | 2,857,772 |
| Grand Total | 9,014,638 | 6,295,912 |

While these tables are approximately correct, they give little idea of the damage inflicted on each country, which obviously depends on the country's population and resources. Serbia, for instance, lost about sixteen per cent of her entire population, while Russia, losing more than twice as many men, had her population impaired only about one per cent. Estimates vary greatly as to the money cost of the war. The Copenhagen War Study Society made it \$13,785,000,000 for the first year and \$33,065,000,000 for the second. Another authority figured the third year at \$39,247,900,000. This would make \$91,097,900,000. These are close to the figures of the Liberty Loan Bureau of the Treasury department which estimated the cost for the three years at \$89,721,500,000. The Swiss Bank of Geneva estimated that the fourth year cost as much as the other three years together, which would make the total cost \$180,000,000,000. Secretary Baker's figures to the close of the war were \$197,000,000,000. Edgar Crammond, the English statistician figured it at \$210,175,000,000. The net cost, deducting advances by one state to another, are thus given: Great Britain, \$35,334,011,863; France, 24,265,582,800; United States, 22,625,252,843; Russia, 22,593,950,000; Italy, 12,413,998,000; British Colonies, 4,493,813,072; Other Allies, 3,963,867,914; Total cost to Allies, 125,690,476,497; Germany, \$37,775,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 20,622,260,000; Bulgaria, 1,245,000,000; Turkey, 1,000,000,000; Cost to enemies, \$60,643,160,600; Grand total, \$186,333,637,097.

A. C. George, of the Highway community, was one among the number in Spur Saturday trading and on other

THE PRODUCER IS THE MAN ENTITLED TO CONSIDERATION

Put one hundred men on an island where fish is a staple article of sustenance. Twenty five of the men catch fish. Twenty five others clean the fish. Twenty five cook the sh. Twenty five hunt fruit and vegetables. The entire company eats what thus is gathered and prepared. So long as everybody works there is plenty. All hands are happy.

Ten of the allotted fish catchers stop catching fish. Ten more dry and hide part of the fish they catch.

Five continue to catch fish, but work only part of the day at it. Fewer fish go into the community kitchen.

But the same number of men insist on having the same amount of fish to eat as they had before.

The fifty men who formerly cleaned and cooked the fish have less to do owing to the undersupply of fish. But they continue to demand food.

Gradually the great burdens are laid upon the fruit and vegetable hunters. These insist upon a large share of fish in return for their larger efforts in gathering fruit and vegetables. It is denied them and soon twenty of the twenty five quit gathering fruit and vegetables.

But the entire one hundred men continue to insist upon their right to eat.

The daily food supply gradually shrinks. The man with two fish demands three bananas in exchange for one of them. The man with two bananas refuse to part with one for fewer than three fish.

Finally the ten remaining at work quit in disgust. Everybody continues to eat. The hidden fish are brought to light and consumed. Comes a day when there is no food of any kind. Everybody on the island blames everybody else.

What would seem to be the solution? Exactly. We thought you would guess it.

For we repeat that you can't eat, buy, sell, steal, give away, hoard or wear, use, play with or gamble with what isn't.—Chicago Herald and Examiner.

1920
The Misses Moore, of Steel Hill, were shoppers in Spur recently.

H. O. Albin is reported ill of the flu at his home near Spur.

W. R. Heatherington was among the business visitors here Saturday.

John Aston came in one day this week.

W. L. Gragson, of Dry Lake, was a recent business visitor in the city.

J. J. Albin was here Saturday. He had been under the weather, but was apparently in good shape while here.

C. A. Brinnell of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was a business visitor here one day during the week.

Tom Cherry, of Dry Lake, was in town Saturday buying supplies, meeting friends and enjoying life.

George Renfro and family were in Spur Wednesday from their ranch home northeast of Spur.

Tol Merriman was here Saturday shaking hands with his numerous friends of the town and country.

R. W. Moore was in town the latter part of the past week from the Steel Hill community.

Mrs. J. A. Sullivan and children, of Duck Creek, were recent visitors and shoppers in Spur.

W. H. Taylor has been laid up with the flu the past week or two. All members of his family we are informed, have been suffering of the flu.

T. B. Cross was in Spur recently from his Kent county ranch home, spending a few hours in Spur buying supplies and meeting his friends.

W. S. Hunter is selling everything; he has preparatory to moving elsewhere. He has moved from here once or twice before, and we expect to see him "trekking" it back again after a year's absence.

Robt. Nickels of near McAdoo, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday of this week. He contemplates making bumper crops this year on the plains, and is now making all arrangements to that end.

Mrs. D. G. Hisey left Thursday for Waco and Marlin where she will visit for some time. She intends to also visit relatives in Oklahoma before returning to Spur. Uncle Dan will probably join her on her visit to the state of Oklahoma.

W. F. Shugart recently bought another quarter section of land adjoining his already extensive farm holdings. This last purchase was made of L. C. Arrington, the price being thirty dollars an acre. Thirty dollars may sound big today, but it will be a hundred dollars within a few years.

J. M. Jones of College Station, was in Spur Wednesday and Tuesday looking after the animal department of the Spur Experiment Station. Mr. Jones was formerly located in Spur, but is now general superintendent of the animal husbandry department of the several stations throughout the state.

Hugh Squires recently bought one hundred and sixty acres of land near Spur. He will clear the land and build a residence for the next year's crop. Hugh Squires is a good citizen and we welcome him and family back to Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Squires lived in Spur during the early days of the town.

This Bank Will be Closed Monday, February 23rd

THE OLD TRADITION OF HIS HONESTY IS UNDYING, AND THE HISTORY OF HIS CHIVALRY AS A GENTLEMAN, HIS BRILLIANCE AS AN OFFICER, HIS GREAT WISDOM AND FINELY PROPORTIONED TRAITS OF CHARACTER AS A STATESMAN HAVE MERITED FOR HIM THE NOBLE TITLE OF "FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY."

HIS LIFE WAS A RECORD WORTHY OF THE ADMIRATION AND ESTEEM OF THE WORLD'S BEST AND NOBLEST. A STRONG PERSONALITY, HEROIC WILL THAT ENABLED HIM TO REJECT THE PROMPTINGS OF AN AMBITION THAT HE MIGHT SEEK ONLY TO PROMOTE THE HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY AND GOOD GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY HE LOVED.

NO HOMAGE IS TOO GREAT FOR US TO PAY TO THE MEMORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The Spur National Bank

Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown were in Spur Monday from the 24 Ranch.

Tom Owen was in Spur Tuesday from his farm and ranch southwest of the city.

Miss Esther McKnight is now office clerk for Sheriff Goodall at Clairemont in Kent county.

J. C. McNeill was in town Wednesday from the Alamo Stock Farm fifty or twenty miles west of Spur.

W. P. Sampson was here Wednesday from Dickens, spending a few hours here on business and meeting his friends.

G. B. Morris was here one day the past week from the Duck Creek country, spending his money and meeting friends.

John Selmon was in Spur a Sunday or two ago. He is now range boss on the Flat Top Ranch in Jones county. Al Bingham took John's place on the Spur Ranch as range boss.

Al Sullivan was in town one day this week looking happy and contented as usual. He made lots of money the past year and knows how to enjoy the fruits of his labors.

L. A. Hindman is now recovering from a second attack of the flu. This disease is a hard proposition—easy to contract but hard to shake. Science has not yet been able to solve the flu problem.

J. V. McCormick was here again this week from Afton, stating that he continued to gin the cotton of his territory, and that "Snookum", his youngest heir to the Wayside Place, is doing fine and bossing the family.

Jake Scott was here one day the past week looking pleased and contented.

M. E. Stovall, of Afton, had business here one day the past week.

Big Bone Poland China pigs, two months old, for sale at \$20 each—R. W. Dismuke Draper, Texas. 16-2tp

Mr. Kutch, of Kent county, was in Spur Monday of this week transacting business affairs.

Dick Sampson and wife were in the city Wednesday from the Paddle Ranch.

S. I. Powell and family recently returned from Big Springs where they spent two weeks with relatives and friends.

Hugh Gray, of west of town, was here recently. He is one of the best farmers of the country and made big crops the past year. He expects to do so again this year.

H. C. Allen was in town Saturday from Dry Lake, reporting that on account of the flu, bad weather and decline in the price of cotton he has little encouragement to look pleasant of recent days.

S. J. Ousley was on the streets again Thursday after a siege of the grip. The flu this year is not killing many but it makes them all look like thirty cents.

W. P. T. Smith was in town the first of the week. He and family had just moved into their new farm home vacated by R. T. Dopson and family. Mr. Smith bought this Dopson place some time ago for a consideration of sixty dollars an acre, having sold his home place for fifty dollars an acre.

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THE UNIVERSAL CAR

Car Load of
Fordson Tractors
Just Arrived

Godfrey & Smart
DEALERS
SPUR, TEXAS

WAS TOO PREVIOUS

Sarcasm That Berlin Newspaper Probably Regrets.

Prophecy That American Soldiers Would Soon Cross the Rhine and Enter German Fortresses Has Been Very Literally Fulfilled.

The most biting irony that came out of Germany during the war was contained in the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger, a little more than a year ago. Several of our soldiers had been captured by the Germans. They were dragged all over the empire and exhibited to the enraged populace, just to show the Germans that the Americans were "not to be feared." The day the unfortunate prisoners arrived in Berlin the paper printed the following under the heading, "Good Morning, Boys:"

"Three cheers for the Americans! Clever chaps they are, it cannot be denied. Scarcely have they touched the soil of this putrefied Europe when already they are forcing their way into Germany. Before long they will cross the Rhine and also enter our fortresses. That is express train speed for American smartness.

"It is our good fortune that we are equipped to entertain numerous guests and that we shall be able to provide quarters for these gentlemen. However, we cannot promise them doughnuts or jam, and to this extent they will be obliged to recede from their former standard of living.

"As Americans are accustomed to travel in luxury and comfort, we assume that these advance arrivals merely represent couriers for larger numbers to follow.

"We are sure the latter will come and be gathered in by us. At home they believe they possess the biggest and most colossal everything, but such establishments as we have here they have not seen.

"Look here, my boys, here is the big firm of Hindenburg & Co., with which you want to compete. Look at its accomplishments and consider whether it would not be better to haul down your sign and engage in some other line.

"Perhaps your boss, Wilson, will reconsider his newest line of business before we grab off more of his young people."

"Clever chaps they are, it cannot be denied." Yes, they were "clever chaps." So clever that today, a short year after the sarcasm was printed in the Berlin newspaper, they are actually crossing the Rhine and entering fortresses which seemed so secure when the flippant editor glibbed the little handful of soldiers who had been overcome.

LADIES' SPRING SUITS

We Are Showing Some Few Styles Of Spring Suits

MORE ARE COMING DAILY. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO NEW SILK WAISTS, DRESSES AND SILK UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY & MANY STYLES OF WASH GOODS AND SILKS OF EVERY STYLE AND SHADE. YOU MAY DEPEND ON THIS STORE SHOWING YOU THE NEW CREATIONS AS FAST AS THEY APPEAR FROM THE MANUFACTURER. WE HAVE SOME VERY NEW EFFECTS IN HAIR ORNAMENTS, BEADS, INCLUDING JETS. THE LATTER IS VERY GOOD FOR SPRING. TO THE BUYER OF ALL STAPLE COTTON GOODS WE WANT TO SAY THAT THIS STORE HAS NOT NEGLECTED YOUR INTERESTS. WE ARE TODAY SELLING YOU STAPLES ON THE MARKET OF SIX MONTHS BACK. THIS CAN NOT LAST MUCH LONGER AND WILL LIKELY BE THE LAST NOTICE OF THIS LINE OF GOODS. NEW SHIPMENTS WILL COST YOU MORE MONEY. BETTER GET WISE AND BUY YOUR FUTURE NEEDS NOW! IN HOSIERY, BOTH SILK AND COTTON, THIS STORE IS OFFERING YOU A LINE THAT COVERS ALL NEEDS, AND PRICE IS BEYOND REPROACH. GIVE US A CALL—IT'S A MUTUAL AFFAIR TO THOSE WHO KNOW THE REAL VALUE GIVEN THAT IS AWAITING YOUR CALL! BETTER INVESTIGATE THE SPECIAL PRICES ON LADIES DRESS SHOES—A SAVING OF FROM \$2.00 TO \$5.00—THEY MUST MOVE OUT.

LOVE DRY GOODS COMP'Y.

THE STORE AHEAD!

SPUR, TEXAS

BAPTIST LADIES AID HAS AN-NIVERSARY MEETING THE 14

The anniversary meeting of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society was held last week at the Baptist Parsonage, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Miller. The rooms were decorated with pink hearts in keeping with the Saint Valentine season. Readings were given by Mesdames Godfrey and McClure, and interesting talks were made by Mesdames P. H. Miller and Eb Johnson, reviewing the organization, work and progress of the society in the beginning of Spur. The Ladies Aid was organized on February 14th after the opening of Spur, there being five charter members. The society has accomplished a great work during the ten years of its life, and will continue to do much good in the years to come.

Refreshments were served to the number of members and guests present. The occasion was one also of praising the preacher and wife.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

Mrs. Geo. Link entertained the Club on Thursday, February 6th. 42 was enjoyed by the following members and guests: Mesdames Brothers; McClure; Sample; Edmonds; Davis; Forbis; Pierce; Love; Tunnell; Pemberton; Richburg; Morris; Manning; Sennings; Barrett.

Refreshments served were not tea, pressed chicken, olives, nut cake.

A CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends each and every one who was so kind and faithful to help us through the sickness and death of our wife and mother. May God's richest blessings go with you all through life is the sincere wish of our sad hearts.

Respectfully,
M. S. Faver and Children.

6 Duroc sows that will pig in March and 3 good young Jersey cows, one young registered Jersey bull, and a good separator, for sale worth the money.—C. C. Haile. 16-2tp

The Horseshoe Won.

The print of a horseshoe in soft earth will always have the power to stir a young Missouri soldier, even if he lives long enough to forget the sounds of war.

"I don't know yet how I went through a shelling on Friday, the 13th, without getting hit," writes Lieut. Lawrence Settles of Fayette, with an artillery company of the Eighty-ninth division.

"The Boches had been putting over a lot of high explosives. We had been digging in at night, keeping in shallow shelters all day and trusting to luck. I know one thing, however—a little jest about the superstition of the old horseshoe saved my life once on that day, anyhow.

"My sergeant and I picked out a low fold in the ground for temporary shelter and were proceeding toward it, when I saw the print of a horseshoe in a shell hole.

"Well, I said, 'as this is Friday, and the 13th, sergeant, let's sit on the old horseshoe.'

"We crept in and a minute later the low fold we had first started for was blown to the winds. That was one time, you can bet, I was not ashamed of having been superstitious."

Art to Be Recovered.

One of the arts which must be repaired after the war is the art of conversation. A subcommittee in the ministry of reconstruction might look into it. It will be to small purpose that we have reclaimed thousands of acres, achieved the citizenship of women, improved the art of cooking and performed many other unexpected feats, if the genial reflection of all this, and indeed the very stimulus to action, is dried up or muddy. The link between cookery and conversation is a notorious and not a freakish one. It is the chef's aim to set us free for ideal pleasures. We must talk at meals, but we need not talk about our food. We have all been doing that too long.—London Times.

Furs From the Arctic.

Capt. Louis L. Lane, a veteran of the Arctic trader and miner, is on his way to northern Canada as an advance scout for a vast chain of fur supply stations to be operated by a Boston firm. More than \$1,000,000 worth of choice furs annually will be shipped to Seattle, Wash., from the company's stations and then distributed throughout the country.

"We have 28 fur stations along the Athabaska, Peace and Mackenzie rivers and expect to establish 25 more," said Lane when he departed. "From the mouth of the Mackenzie the furs will be shipped around Point Barrow to Seattle, a distance of 3,500 miles."

The Long Arm.

The war has furnished many strange coincidences. Here is another. A young officer came home on leave and brought his fiancée a piece of a shell fired by the Germans, but which had evidently been among ammunition captured from us. He thought it would interest her, and it did, for she was able to identify it as having come from the munition works in which she worked. It interested her still more when she found her own mark on it.

Their Revenge.

"The Yanks in Russia must be having great fun."
"In what way?"
"In hearing the Russian correspondents worry over the English and American names."

1920

FOR SALE—154 acres land located on Highway, plenty water, 75 acres in cultivation, 2-room house, \$30 an acre, good tax.—E. J. C.

If we were to mention all who had the flu, an extra edition of this paper would be required.

1920
County Commissioner McCarty, of Afton, was in Spur one day this week trading and on other business.

1920
Mr. Cheeley of near Spur, was here transacting business one day during the week.

1920
FOR SALE
Full blood Rhode Island Red setting eggs, \$1.00 per 15.—Mrs. W. E. Fletcher. 15 4t pd

1920
M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was in Spur Friday of this week on business. He reports other members of his family who have had the flu to be now convalescing, we are glad to note.

1920
Miss Jennie Shields is now taking the census in Spur. Everyone should cooperate with her to the end that every individual will be enumerated, thus giving Spur and Dickens county a fair representation in all public matters.

1920
Mr. Davis, of the townsite office, is assisting in the organization of an American Legion for Spur and Dickens county. The organization will be composed of discharged soldiers, and should it be given as many as fifteen charter members, Spur will be designated as a Post in the organization of America.

1920
G. W. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having his subscription marked up another year. He informed us that his father, W. L. Grubbs, is now in California enjoying life, having gone there to avoid the flu epidemic expected here this year. Mr. Grubbs is getting up in years, but gets about like a much younger man.

1920
R. L. Carleton, who is now teaching the Wilson Draw school, was in town Saturday. Mr. Carleton is also in the campaign for the tax assessor's office and states that he will make a thorough canvass of the county when he gets out of the school room. He had us supply him with a lot of candidate cards to keep his name before the voters.

MRS. BERT BROWN ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Bert Brown entertained members of the Friday Afternoon Club and other guests last Friday at her home on the 24 Ranch. Refreshments of punch and a salad course were served upon their arrival and following a number of interesting games of forty two. One diversion was in the manner of designated partners and table numbers. A well of rocks on the front porch contained small bottles which were fished up with hair pins, and in which were table and coupe numbers. Quite a number of ladies from Spur attended. Geo. S. Link, E. C. Edmonds and Oran McClure accompanied them as chauffeurs and during the progress of the entertainment, viewed the deep well drilling with Mr. Brown. We enjoyed the occasion but for a single incident, in that we failed to return from the well in time to partake of the refreshments which we know was left for us.

PRESIDENT WILSON LOSES AN OTHER SECRETARY OF STATE

Secretary of State Lansing has tired from his political position, one of the cabinet officers. The retirement came about on account of differences of opinions to that of the president.

William Jennings Bryan also signed the same place earlier in the Wilson administration, for similar reasons.

AUTO OWNERS TAKE NOTICE

There is a few owners of cars who have not registered their cars. Time has passed when all cars should have been registered. There is ready a penalty of 25 per cent and a liability for taxation. It is my duty to collect these taxes. are required to attach your 1920 on the front end of your car. Have it in your car does not protect you from prosecution. To save unnecessary expense and embarrassment to both, I ask you to kindly take notice as I am now enforcing this law with out favor.—Respt., G. L. BARBER, Sheriff.

SHADE AND ORNAMENTAL TREES CAN BE HAD AT COST

R. E. Dickson, superintendent of the Spur Experiment Station, phoned us to announce that those who desire can now get shade and ornamental trees to put out from the station at a cost of approximately ten cents each, actual cost.

Among the lot of trees are black locust, umbrella china; catalpa; green ash; American elm; poplar, 'bois d'arc, ect. Trees are two and three years old, and would cost from seventy five cents to a dollar and a half at a nursery.

Mr. Dickson said further that for any parks of Spur or public places would be supplied free of cost if the trees would be properly put out.

Under such a generous proposition Spur should have the most beautiful parks and driveways of any city in West Texas.

HOGS, HOGS, HOGS! HOGS! SICK HOGS! IMMUNE HOGS! CRADDOCK'S HOGS!!

January 31st I unloaded a car of hogs. I complied with all inspection laws, and so far as I know, none of these hogs have ever been sick. I am often asked how are your hogs? Heard lots of hogs were dying, etc.

These cars of hogs were shipped in and sold before my car. It seems that if a hog got sick I got the credit or rather the knock.

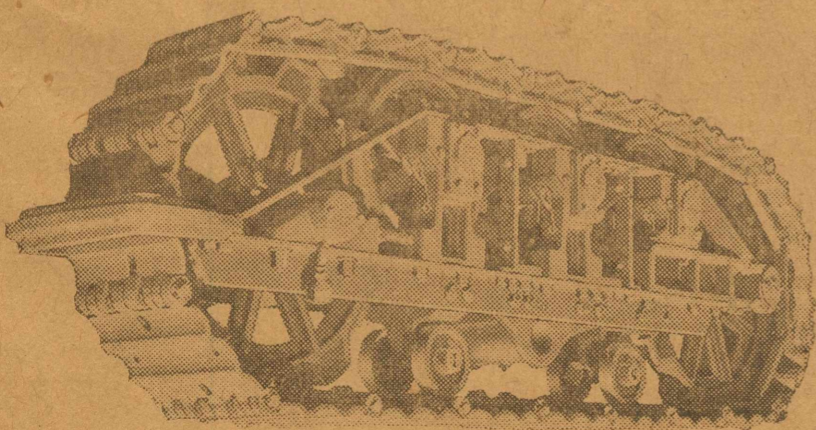
I have at my place north of town 15 nice, healthy, fat barrows, also lately all right. I want to close these out—people need the meat. Prices are right, 15c live weight, 20c dressed. I will have a wagon load in Spur next Saturday, between Riter Hardware Co. and postoffice. If interested see them.

Also I am offering my own raising 8 brood sows, one boar; all full blood Poland China (not registered) but as good as any when bred to farrow in May; 20 cents pound live weight. Now running at large on my farm.—W. A. CRADDOCK.

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