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WORK ON NEW METHODIST CHURCH IN PROGRESS NOW

Work is in progress on the new concrete Methodist church on the east side of Burlington Avenue. H. F. Murray has the contract and is now making excavation for the basement. The building is to be entirely of reinforced concrete, with classrooms for Sunday school in basement, and large auditorium and galleries for the regular services. The building will cost approximately thirty thousand dollars, completed and furnished.

CONTRACT TO GRAVEL HIGH- WAY IS LET FOR \$20,000.00

The County Commissioners let the contract last week to C. L. and C. Douglass for grading and graveling seven and one-half miles of the Fort Worth-Roswell Highway leading west from Spur to the county line, the contract price being twenty thousand dollars.

Chas. Whitener was given the contract for all concrete work on the highway. The total amount of money available for this work is thirty-seven thousand dollars, and all of this amount will probably be expended in putting this roadway in first-class shape.

The time is not far distant when every roadway within Dickens county will be hard-surfaced. Dickens county can now boast of the best and finest system of highways of any county in all of Western Texas—and we expect to continue to be a leader in the construction of good roads.

SOLDIERS CASH GROCERY IN SPUR HARDWARE CO. BLDG.

At the beginning of the fall trade period we wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have been kind enough to favor us with a share of their business during the year. We have tried to always give you three things: First, THE BEST QUALITY OF GROCERIES OBTAINABLE; Second, COURTEOUS SERVICE AND GUARANTEED SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK; and Third, AS LOW PRICES AS A LEGITIMATE SALE WOULD PERMIT.

By cutting all unnecessary expense and very careful buying and selling by spot cash, we believe we can sell you the same goods cheaper. We have a well assorted stock, and are better prepared than ever before to serve you.

We ask a share of your business. Our SMITHS BEST FLOUR and ADMIRATION COFFEE make permanent customers of all who try either. THE SOLDIERS CASH GROCERY, Spur Hardware Company Building.

MR. AND MRS. WOFFORD, FORMERLY OF SPUR, NOW DEAD

The report came this week to Spur of the death of both Mr. and Mrs. Wofford, former residents of Spur, but who have been making their home in Waco the past few months. Mr. Wofford operated a delivery wagon in Spur, and only left here a few months ago.

The telegram did not state the cause of death, but we understand they are dead of razor and pistol wounds, the husband killing the wife and then himself.

COUNTY AGENT JOHNSTON IS NOW ON THE JOB HERE

R. B. Johnston arrived in Spur the latter part of last week, and is now "on the job" as County Agent of Dickens County, taking the place of G. L. Crawford who recently resigned for a place in New Mexico.

Mr. Johnston comes from Houston, and is highly recommended as a man who is well informed and of practical experience and who will give active, efficient service to farmers and stockmen in his work as County Agent. We are very glad to welcome Mr. Johnston to Dickens county, and bespeak for him the hearty cooperation on the part of the people in every community of the county in his work and in promoting the agricultural and livestock interests of this section.

FINEST CROPS OF A LIFE-TIME NOW GROWING IN THE COUNTY

C. A. Jones, of the Afton country, passed through Spur one day the past week on his way down to Houston to see about his cotton stored at that point, and also to get cotton pickers to help pick the bumper crops now materializing throughout this entire country. Mr. Jones has been here about fifteen years, and he told us that he now had the best crops that he ever had in his life-time of farming—and he has made some bumper crops in his day—and is not a one-crop farmer—being a corn farmer as well as a cotton farmer. The fact is that West Texas this year, is making the finest crops to compare with any country, including small grain, corn and all kinds of feed, as well as cotton. We have always said and known that West Texas is the finest farming country in the world. This fact is now being demonstrated and becoming generally recognized outside of our own territory. C. A. Jones is a good farmer, and it is such men as he who contribute most to the earlier recognition and settlement of the country by the real developer and home-builder.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

We note with some degree of pride that Mr. Cox and Mr. Harding, the aspirants for the presidency, were both reared on the farm. It makes us feel that we have one of the qualifications for presidential timber—that of having been reared on the farm, and perhaps that is why Jim Ferguson thinks he should be president. It really is encouraging to the country boy to know such men as Cox, Harding and Coolidge were farmer boys and had to fight their way up by hard work and study; these are the kind of men who stand the test and we predict that we will have a good president if either Cox or Harding are elected. You know since the writer discovered the U. S. we have always had good men for president, whether they were democrats or republicans. We believe if we could get as good men in all offices as we have gotten for president, that this would be even a better country than it is; and we think it is the best in the world now.

You just ought to see the new Suits, Dresses and Coats we are receiving. Remember the short plush coats are good this season, and there is no material that makes a real coat except plush. We have a wonderful showing of Plush Coats. Don't fail to visit this department. We have a great line of Silk, Serge and Tricolette Dresses and at prices much lower than last season. Our buyers shopped carefully in the New York market and we know we have the right styles. We are having a good business in ladies wear, and we never had our millinery department to start with such a business. We feel that we have the best milliner in charge of this department we have ever had. Mrs. Melroy has charge. Come and meet her and incidentally buy your early fall hat. The hats are pretty this season, and can be worn by every style of beauty and will even make ugly folks pretty. So rush right on and get in the well dressed procession who buy their good looking togs from Bryant-Link Company.

Big car of corrugated roofing in our warehouse.

Big car of Jno. Deere row binders also ready to care for the feed crops.

Two big cars of wagons coming—one Jno. Deere, and one Peter Schutler—some wide, some narrow tread. We want to wagon you. We must not forget to tell you ladies that we have our fall gingham, At the Bailey speaking I tried to and we have Red Seal. The patterns are beautiful. Now is the time to select the pretty patterns—school days are coming soon—and your childrens school dresses must be ready. Buy your gingham now.

Yes, it rained but we are glad it did, for we remember 1917 and 18—how we hoped and prayed for rain, how parched and dead the fields and prairies were, how poor the horses and cows and how few and feeble were the squeal of the pigs, and the crows of the chickens. Say, rain makes things look different, so lets be glad. Don't make any difference whether it was Joe Bailey or Pat Neff that sent it. You know we are glad that our destinies are not guided by men. We believe there is One who knows our needs and guides our feet in the paths that are best, though sometimes we may not think it so.

Say, folks, this is a good world to live in, and Bryant-Link Co's. is a good place to trade. We are sure we are right in these two latter statements.

Boost A Bit.

Here! you discontented knocker, Growlin' 'bout the country's ills; Chloroform your dismal talker; Take a course of liver pills. Stop your dern ki-o-tee howlin'; Chaw some sand and git some grit; Don't sit in the dumps a' growlin', Jump the roost an' boost a bit!

Fall in while the band's a playin', Ketch the step an' march along—'Stead o' pessimistic brayin' Jine the hallelujah song. Drop yer hammer—do some rootin' Grab a horn, you cuss, and sp'it Every echo with yer tootin'— Jump the roost an' boost a bit!

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Mrs. W. P. Simpson returned the first of the week from Dallas and other points where she spent her vacation visiting with relatives and friends, and is again at the Bryant-Link Company.

Miss Wade, of Jayton, is in the Spur Sanitarium recovering from an operation the past week. Rev. and Mrs. Wade have been here the greater part of the week with her.

SENATOR BAILEY HEARD IN SPUR BY LARGE AUDIENCE

The coming of Joseph Weldon Bailey brought thousands of people to Spur Friday of last week to hear him speak, and at ten thirty o'clock the grand stand at the fair park was filled to its capacity, other hundreds stood crowded round the speakers stand on the outside and surrounded by parked cars filled with people anxious to hear the issues discussed in the campaign for governor.

The speech was somewhat disappointing to many, in that Senator Bailey's voice was impaired from continuous speaking in the open, under adverse conditions and could not be plainly heard by the large audience. Then, too, the Senator was not at his best, he having made two speeches the evening before, was brought overland through mud and water a distance of more than a hundred miles, arriving in Spur in the wee small hours of the morning—and under such conditions the wonder is that he was able to speak at all. However, his coming to Spur under such conditions is a real distinction to Spur and an honor to supporters and admirers in Dickens county.

The greater part of his speech was taken up in answering and denying the many charges made against him personally and politically, having time merely to touch only a few points pertaining to the real issues of the campaign.

In speaking of the charges made against his "war record," Bailey said that he bought liberty bonds, did not refuse to make speeches for the sale of bonds, and that his two sons volunteered their services to the war department and were in the front ranks before the draft law was passed—he being too old to be accepted as an army recruit. He said that some of those who are criticizing his "war record" were hanging around Washington peddling war contracts involving thousands of dollars.

Referring to the charge that Bailey wants to be governor in order to bring whiskey back into the country, he said that he never voted the anti-prohibition ticket in his life that he was making speeches over Texas for prohibition when some of those who are now making false charges against him were campaigning against prohibition in the state, and that he could not if he would and would not if he could bring whiskey back.

He charged that a political oligarchy composed of five men, with headquarters in Dallas, now ruled Texas politically, naming them as Crane, Thomas, Love, Wolfe and Johnson, and saying that all of them got what they wanted in the conventions but lost out in the issues brought before the people. He said that Texas was misrepresented by the delegation to the national convention, and that the only way whiskey could ever be brought back would be to travel the route of the Texas convention delegation. He said that the Texas legislature disregarded the explicit instructions of twenty five thousand majority of the voters in passing the suffrage amendment following a primary ballot on the proposition. Regardless of individual opinion, he said the will of the majority is the democratic way and should be carried out. He opposed woman suffrage because he thought engaging in politics would have a tendency to degrade good women more than they would have a tendency to elevate politics—citing instances of women engaging in political brawls in other states, and stating that since given the ballot in primary elections all good women should vote in order to counteract the influences of the he-women and shemen in this campaign. Being asked from the audience if he favored national woman suffrage, Bailey replied "no," being a firm believer in "states rights" he considered this and other questions should be settled within the state and not by federal authority and supervision.

Bailey said he was going to be elected governor, and when he took charge of the office he would make a clean sweep, cut down the number of appointees holding office, reduce taxes materially and give the people a better government at much less expense than heretofore. He said Neff's "land plank" was socialistic, impractical and could not be put into operation, and is being used merely as a "vote catcher" from the uninformed.

In brief, Bailey is opposed to labor ruling; opposed to the church ruling; stating his doctrine is that the people of Texas, without distinction of creed or class, should rule in this imperial state. He favors the open shop in opposition to the rule of labor unions. He is opposed to the eight-hour day by law, saying the shorter hour-day contributes to the high cost of living, and that labor unions demand shorter hours, more pay, and in the same breath declaim against high cost of living. He says the farmer who sells

his produce on a basis of twelve hours work a day should not be required to purchase the manufactured products on an eight-hour day basis, and that if legal work hours are established its application should include all workers and not a favored few.

It is regrettable that the campaign for governor, on both sides, is degenerating into personalities and bitterness rather than remaining on the high plane of state issues. Personally, we entertain no malice nor bitterness, and feel confident that our state government will not be radically affected with either Bailey or Neff at its head. Every voter has a right and ought to vote for the man whom he thinks will make Texas the best governor. During the campaign no man ought to say anything which will make his friends think less of him after it is all over, and when the campaign ends we expect to have as much respect for our friends who voted for Bailey as we have for those who voted for Neff. Friends should not become enemies because of a difference in political preference, and after Aug. 28 we will willingly and without bitterness, bow to the will of the majority as expressed in the primary.

MISCELLANEOUS SHOWER HONORING MINNIE LEE SPRINGER

Tuesday morning at nine o'clock Mrs. C. Fite entertained at her home with a miscellaneous shower, honoring Miss Minnie Lee Springer, who is to become the bride of Mr. Earl Van Winkle, of Coffeeville, Kansas, on Thursday, at one o'clock.

After the guests had assembled at the home, Mrs. Dickson sang an appropriate song, after which little Misses Nannie Joe Haymes and Virginia Ellison entered the room, drawing a wagon loaded with gifts, and followed by Mrs. Manning who presented them to the bride-to-be. As punch was being served, Mrs. Andrews gave a toast to the bride and groom. A "round-table" of "wishes for the bride" was a very pleasant event of the occasion, and conveyed to Miss Minnie Lee not only the good wishes but the love and high regard in which she is held by her many friends.

The home of Mrs. Fite was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion which was a pleasant event of love and remembrance to the bride-to-be.

BEN D. GLASGOW DIED LAST FRIDAY MORNING AT SPUR

After an illness of a year or more Ben D. Glasgow died Friday morning at his suburban home north of Spur. Since the influenza epidemic last year he had been in ill health, and it is thought that as a result of an attack of the flu, tuberculosis was contracted which caused his death at this time.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday afternoon, the body being interred with Masonic honors at the Spur Cemetery immediately following.

In the early days of Spur, Ben Glasgow served as prosecuting attorney for this 50th Judicial District, being recognized as one of the most able and successful prosecutors of law violations in all Western Texas. Following his retirement from the prosecuting attorney's office, Judge Glasgow practised his profession as an attorney, in combination with his abstract business in Spur, and demonstrated ability in the defense of clients as well as in the prosecution of law violations.

We knew Ben Glasgow and was intimately associated with him. He had his faults, or weaknesses, but was every inch a man. He entertained high ideals and aspirations. He was on the right side of propositions of interest and moment to his community and country. Truly, a good man and useful citizen has gone to his reward.

The bereaved family and relatives have our sincere sympathy and condolence in their sorrow and bereavement.

NEW POSTMASTER TO BE APPOINTED FOR AFTON

We understand the Postmaster Warren C. Squyers, of Afton, has resigned his position and will follow other postmaster is appointed to fill the postmaster is appointed to fill the place.

An examination will be held at Spur, September 10th, for the purpose of filling the vacancy. The office paid \$524.00 last year. Any applicant for the place must reside within the territory supplied by the post-office.

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

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

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CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mr. Morrison and family, of Bronco, New Mexico, spent several days of the past week in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, and also his brother, J. E. Morrison of southwest of Spur. Mr. Morrison informed us that crops in his part of the country were good, but that they had not had as much rain as we have had up to date.

Registered Poland China Boar for service at my place one and a half miles west of Dickens.—J. P. Middleton. 30-3mop

W. E. Putman and wife were in the city Monday visiting with relatives and shopping with Spur merchants.

John Ham, who is attending college at Stillwater, Oklahoma, is now spending his summer vacation in Spur with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster. He will return soon to take up his studies in the college. While here he had his name added to The Texas Spur subscription list and we will try to keep him posted on what this country is doing.

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Bob Worswick, of Dickens, was in Spur one day the first of the week. Bob has been confined to his room and bed as the result of a stroke of paralysis recently, and we are glad to see him able to get about, even with the aid of crutches. The paralysis, it is thought, came on him as a result of injuries sustained on the head, by falling from his motorcycle.

Miss Mollie Wilhite and little Miss Buena Wilhite returned the past week from Rotan where they spent a week or two visiting with relatives and attending the big Rotan picnic and barbecue.

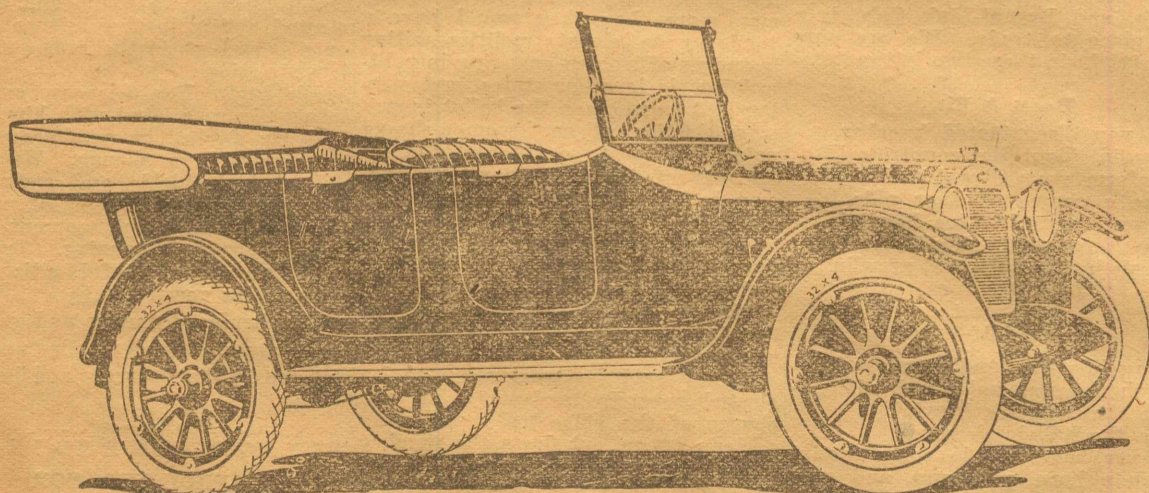
E. L. Williams, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, spent a day or two this week in Spur, trading and on other business—the continued rains probably detaining him here longer than he would otherwise have been here. He reports crops throughout his section promising the biggest yields ever before known to the country—and there has been some big crops produced here in the years gone by.

We have added barbecued meats to our business and can furnish you on short notice. Nice stuff.—City Cafe. 36 tf

H. F. Sheppard, of Oklahoma, arrived in Spur this week and will spend some time with his son, H. F. Sheppard of Spur. Mr. Sheppard is also here with a view of making Spur his home in the future, and Mrs. Sheppard will be here soon to visit and view the situation.

If you have a house to rent see me at The Texas Spur office.—Howard Roach.

W. B. Lee, active vice-president of the Spur National Bank, was out of the city last week on business.



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Mrs. C. D. Copeland returned Tuesday of this week from an extended visit with her parents and other relatives and friends at Marquez, Mart and other points.

Mrs. A. C. Hyatt and children, who have been visiting relatives and friends at and near Ralls, returned through Spur Friday on their way to their home at Albany.

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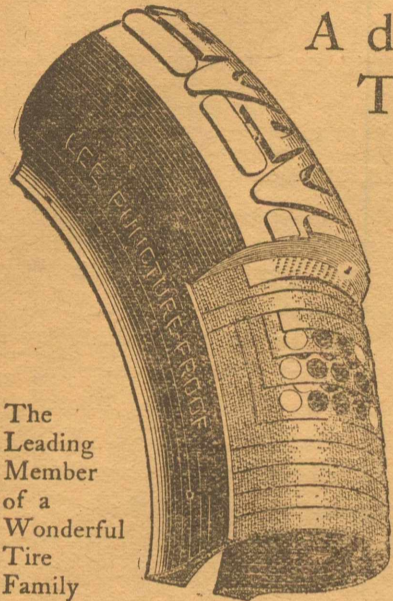
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Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur one day the latter part of the past week shopping with the merchants and also marketing some of her home farm products. Mrs. Smith is one of the women of the great Spur country who sells about as much or more than she buys, and thereby "lives at home" and prospers. When this method of living becomes more generally practiced, West Texas will "come into her own."

J. W. Langford, who owns a farm near Spur, accompanied by J. A. Dickerson, both of Davidson, Oklahoma, passed through Spur this week on their way to the plains country. They will make an extensive trip over the plains before returning home. Mr. Dickerson, we understand is looking over the country with a view of later buying a farm home.

J. H. Latham, a leading citizen of the Red Hill community, was one of the many business visitors on the streets of Spur during the week. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his part of the great Spur country.

Jeff Smith came in one day during the week from his home in the Dry Lake settlement, spending a few hours here trading and on other business.

H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was among the many who were on the streets during the week. Mr. Grabener is considered one of the best farmers of the country and this year has fine crop prospects considering the destructive hail which visited that and other sections.

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PHONE 71

J. N. Zumwalt, of the Highway section of country, was here shaking the hands of friends Saturday. He is looking well pleased and contented at the general prevailing conditions and prospects for bumper crop yields this fall. The indications now are that the biggest draw-back will be in getting enough hands to half-way gather the crops sure to be made.

W. D. Blair, of two miles east of Spur, left this week for an extended visit to his parents and other relatives in Mississippi. Mr. Blair told us that his crops are very promising, and that this fall he expected bumper harvests.

Miss Robbie Weir, of east of the city, was a visitor and shopper in Spur during the first of the week.

Will Stephens, of northeast of the city two or three miles on the H. T. Garner place, was here Monday on business. Mr. Stephens was among the many who lost heavily by the recent hail storm, having had to replant his entire crop. However, the late crops of cotton are now looking fine, and with a late freeze the hail belt will make almost as much cotton as can be gathered by the help to be had. The real fact is that Western Texas always wastes as much as many other sections make.

W. A. Stevens, of the Espuela section of country, was here Saturday meeting the crowds here that day. We venture the assertion that there are as many people in Spur every Saturday as there are in other towns of West Texas every day in the week.

Otho L. Hale and family left Spur Sunday on a trip through the Western part of Texas and into New Mexico. They went by the way of Matador where Mrs. Hale's father, Uncle Jesse Hodges, will join them on the trip. They expect to be gone several weeks.

The Misses Adams, of the Red Top community east of Spur, were among the shoppers and visitors in the city the past week. These young ladies were in the Eastern part of the state the past year teaching school, and are now at home for the summer's vacation.

AUTHORIZING ONE AND ONE-HALF PER CENT AD VALOREM TAX BY CITIES AND TOWNS OR FIVE THOUSAND OR LESS POPULATION

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.

Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less than one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent, and making appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. That Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 4. Cities and towns having a population of five thousand or less may be chartered alone by general law. They may levy, assess and collect such taxes as may be authorized by law, but no tax for any purpose shall ever be lawful for any one year which shall exceed one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of such city; and all taxes shall be collectable only in current money, and all licenses and occupation taxes levied, and all fines, forfeitures and penalties accruing to said cities and towns shall be collectable only in current money.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the Constitution increasing the total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year," and all voters opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "Against the amendment of Section 4, Article XI of the constitution increasing total tax rate that may be levied by towns and cities having a population of five thousand or less from one-fourth of one per cent to not exceeding one and one-half per cent of any one year."

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

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

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PALL-BEARER PAT NEFF AND "THE PATTERSON CASE"

"People of Texas are familiar with the death of former Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, Jno. S. Patterson, as a result of bullet wounds received while making an inspection of a bank in Central Texas.

"Mr. Neff had been a close friend of Mr. Patterson, notwithstanding his denial to the contrary, and assisted the Pattersons during the last hours of Mr. Patterson. Later Mr. Neff, notwithstanding his former acquaintance and friendship of the Pattersons, assumed the defence of those responsible for Mr. Patterson's death.

"You will find here a signed letter

from Mrs. Jno. Patterson, outlining the facts in the case as concerned Mr. Neff.

"Mr. Neff's defence is that he took the case as any lawyer might take any case and contends no violation of the ethics of his profession. While technically there may be no violation of professional ethics the question has been and can be logically raised as to whether there was a violation of a higher code of ethics which includes gratitude and friendship.

"The Patterson letter follows:

"Mr. R. E. Pedigo, Austin, Texas.

Dear Mr. Pedigo:

"I have tried so hard to put aside and dwell as little as possible on the injustice that has been done my husband, knowing that he has gone where the unworthiness of men cannot harm him. However, I appreciate your action in the matter and will state as nearly as possible the facts in the case.

"My husband always considered Mr. Neff as his warmest of friends. They began the practice of law about the same time at the Waco bar, and while Mr. Patterson lived at Moody, his practice took him to Waco several times each week. Naturally he form-

ed warm friends among the young lawyers, always speaking of P. N. as among the closest. The years went by; my husband never failed to give him support whenever he sought an office. They called each other by their given names and acted in the customary way of men who are friends. Not a month before my husband's death he remarked to me that P. N. would likely be in the next Governor's race and that he expected to support him.

"When we brought Mr. Patterson to Waco, Pat Neff was the first to meet us. Soon the sanitarium was thronged with Waco friends and hosts of relatives from Moody. The doctors were anxious to keep the room free of people on account of my darlings' labored breathing. Most everyone came out of the room, I, myself, sitting in the doorway. But this 'mere acquaintance,' as he called himself, who 'only came because Cullen Thomas had phoned him and asked him to make inquiry as to Mr. Patterson's condition,' stayed by his bedside and shed bitter tears, although Cullen Thomas had already come, been in the room and gone out on the porch, realizing how precious the oxygen was to my dying husband.

"The morning passed, but this 'mere acquaintance' remained in the sacred chamber where we only want those who love us. When the end came, he asked to be allowed to take me to the hotel, although my sisters, brothers and numerous relatives were there to do so. My sister and I went with him and he was the last to say good-night.

"So many people say he was manifesting all this interest in order to try and get in the case. He and his God only know as to that. All I know is that my husband counted him among his best friends, and his actions in my husband's death chamber made me think he had a strong love for him, and quite naturally named him as one of the pall-bearers.

"A few days after the burial, Pat Neff phoned and asked to see Mr. J. C. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank at that place, my brother, and me on business. I was in bed, but thinking it a friendly mission made an engagement to see him. We were dumbfounded when he told

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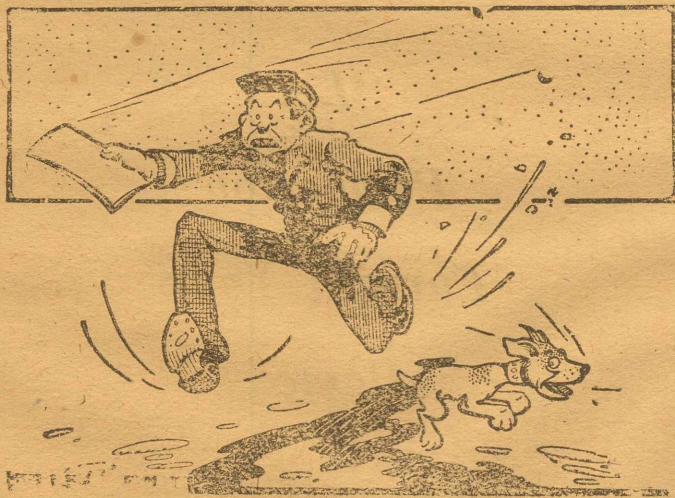
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us that the demon who had murdered my husband wanted him to defend him.

"Mr. Reynolds, my sister and brother told him plainly he could not afford to do such a thing; he urged his warm friendship and his intimate knowledge of his life as a reason for his taking the case, saying he would see to it that no mean and insinuating thing would be said against him. I told him there was nothing that could be truthfully said against my husband; that if he went into the case he would hurt himself and not my husband. He left, saying he would phone next morning. He phoned Mr. Reynolds and asked him if we took the skin off of him after he left. Mr. Reynolds said they are of the same opinion that I am; we do not see how you can do it, but if you really want to do so, we have nothing more to say. Meaning that if his standards of honor were no higher than that we did not consider him worth our notice.

"Thanking you again for your interest in the matter, with best wishes for you and yours.

Respectfully,

"EDNA C. PATTERSON."

Many thousand copies of the above circular were distributed by Mr. Thomason organization prior to the election, July 24.

Mr. Thomason and Mr. Looney join with Mr. Bailey in saying that Neff's "Land Plank" is both Unconstitutional and Socialistic.

(Political Adv.)

COUNTY CHAIRMAN AND DELEGATES TO STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION SHOULD RESIGN

At the Bailey speaking I tried to ask Mr. Bailey if he stood with Cox and the National Democratic platform. I knew Mr. Bailey repudiated everything the State and National Democratic party have stood for past seven years and as he was running for Governor before a democratic primary, all democrats have a right to know if he endorsed what the democratic party stood for in the immediate future. I went there to ask him in a pleasant and gentlemanly manner if he stood with Cox and the National Democratic platform, as favoring Woman Suffrage, League of Nations, Federal Reserve Bank System, Farm Loan System, etc.

Mr. Bailey would have answered had it not been for the roaring of his supporters. However, he was forced to admit he did not stand with Cox and the National platform.

Now then—our County Chairman knows democratic practice, and that it is democratic law that any one running for office or voting in Democratic primaries, must stand by Democratic principles as expressed in Na-

tional platform—which is highest authority.

No one can claim Mr. Bailey is a Democrat when he denounces all Democratic declarations. Our County Chairman knows that Mr. Bailey is nothing more than a political buccaneer running amuck in the party seeking its destruction.

Our County Chairman was most active in crying me down when he certainly knew I was within my rights in seeking an expression from one running for high office of Governor before a Democratic primary, and that I was entitled to a respectful hearing. Mr. Neff allows questions and answers them in a proper manner. Why not Mr. Bailey and his crowd?

The delegates to State Convention should also resign unless they can stand with Cox and the National platform, and no one should be allowed to vote in the primary unless they can endorse the same without reservation.

Mr. Bailey and his speech was a flat disappointment to his most ardent followers. It was not the Bailey before 1901. Then he fought the battle of Democracy under Democratic banner, with lofty sentiment and soul inspiring force.

Note the difference now. Not a constructive proposition, did not mention open shop, or Neff's land plank. Fighting everything Democratic and with words scarcely fit for decent ears. A "muck raker," a broken and disgruntled old man. Spirit calloused, a pitiful old dead Lion, being bandied about by certain interests and exhibited to frightened ignorant voters. Verily as I listened to him flounder along killing time, I was sorry for him that he had so far fallen from the fair fame he once enjoyed, to the low level of just common notoriety.—Respectfully, W. A. Craddock. (Pol. Adv.)

Bert N. Brown came in Tuesday to meet Mrs. Brown who was returning from an extended visit out of the state. In coming in from the 24 Ranch, Mr. Brown stated that it took him almost all day to get here, on account of the excessive rains and muddy roads. This whole section of country is again "wet to the bottom."

FOR SALE—657 acres farm land, well improved, 4 houses and 1 shack, located between Spur and Dickens and known as the Egyptian Farm. Will sell all together for \$75.00 an acre, or will sell in small tracts.—W. L. McAteer, Spur, Texas. 40tf

Mrs. Bert N. Brown returned this week from an extended visit to her parents in Oklahoma. Mrs. Brown also visited other points, including Chicago, St. Louis and other cities.

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RELATING TO THE MANNER OF COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

A joint resolution of the Legislature of the State of Texas, proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State by adding to Article 16 thereof a new section to be known as Section 60; providing for the compensation of public officials.

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

Section 1. That there is hereby added to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, a new section to be known as Section 60 of Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, which shall read as follows:

Section 60. Compensation of Public Officials: All State, district, county and precinct officers within the state shall receive as compensation for their services a salary, the amount of which, the terms and methods of payment and the fund out of which such payments shall be made, shall be ascertained, declared and fixed by the Legislature from time to time; provided that the Legislature may make such exceptions as it may deem advisable.

This section shall supersede all other provisions of this constitution fixing and declaring the compensation of officers by salary, fees or otherwise and all provisions for salaries or other compensation for public officials, executive, legislative or judicial.

Sec. 2. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to cause to be issued his necessary proclamation for an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920, at which election this amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of this State for adoption or rejection and shall make the publication required by the constitution and laws of the State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the General Election Laws of the state, and the ballots for said election shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the following words:

"Official Ballot" "For the amendment to Article XVI of the constitution of the state of Texas, adding thereto Section 60, providing for compensation for public officials." "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials."

Those voters who favor such amendment shall erase by marking a line through the words "Against the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing compensation for public officials." Those who oppose such amendment shall erase by marking a line through them, the words "For the amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing for public officials." And the result of the election shall be published and declared according to the majority of the votes cast in such election.

Sec. 3. The sum of Five Thousand Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of the proclamation and publication of this amendment and the election to be held hereunder.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

RELATING TO TAXATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 17.

Proposing an amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas by exempting independent and common school districts from the limitation of a total tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation for any one year, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1. That Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution be so amended as hereafter to read as follows: (Creating a new Section 3.)

Section 3. One-fourth of the revenue derived from the State occupation taxes and a poll tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on every inhabitant of this state, between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years, shall be set apart annually for the benefit of the public free schools; and in addition thereto, there shall be levied and collected an annual ad valorem state tax of such an amount not to exceed thirty five cents on the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars valuation, as with the available school fund arising from all other sources, will be sufficient to maintain and support the public schools of this state for a period of not less than six months in each year, and it shall be the duty of the State Board of Education to set aside a sufficient amount out of the said tax to provide free text books for the use of children attending the public free schools of this State; provided, however, that should the limit of taxation herein named be insufficient the deficit may be met by appropriation from the general funds of the state and the legislature may also provide for the formation of school districts by general or special law without the local notice required in other cases of special legislation; and all such school districts, whether created by general or special law may embrace parts of two or more counties. And the legislature shall be authorized to pass laws for the assessment and collection of taxes in all said districts and for the management and control of the public school or schools of such district, whether such districts are composed of territory wholly within a county or in parts of two or more counties. And the legislature may authorize an additional ad valorem tax to be levied and collected within all school districts heretofore formed, for the further maintenance of public free schools, and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; provided, that a majority of the qualified property tax-paying voters of the district voting at an election to be held for that purpose, shall vote such tax not to exceed in any one year one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district, but the limitation upon the amount of school district tax herein authorized shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts, nor to independent or common school districts created by general or special law.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State at an election to be held throughout of the state on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1920 at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax of one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law," and all opposed to said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots "Against the amendment to Section 3 of Article VII of the Constitution of the State of Texas, one dollar on the one hundred dollars valuation shall not apply to independent or common school districts created by general or special law."

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

Sec. 4. That the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the necessary expenses of such publication and election.

(Attest—A True Copy.)

C. D. MIMS,
Secretary of State.

C. F. Cates is leaving Spur just as soon as the weather clears up, going to South Texas where he has arranged to go into business in one of the numerous new towns springing up in the irrigated belt. We wish Mr. Cates much prosperity and good health in his new location, and we feel confident that when our "oil wells" blow in, or even sooner, he will return and join us in the general jubilee.

Hamp Collett, who is now superintendent of the chuck wagon on the Spur Ranch, was on the streets one day recently. The past year Hamp strayed off up to one of the ranches north of here, but soon returned to old Dickens county where peace, prosperity and contentment reigns supreme.

A pretty good sized bunch of negroes passed through Spur Monday of this week, being carried to the plains country to help gather the bumper feed crops from now until cotton picking time when they will be turned in on the cotton fields.

D. I. McCombs, a leading citizen and ex-sheriff of Kent county, was in Spur Monday from Clairemont, spending a short time here trading with Spur merchants and meeting his friends and numerous acquaintances of the town and country.

C. R. Edwards, head clerk of the Sol Davis establishment, is now in Fort Worth, Dallas and other markets buying fall and winter goods.

Jim H. Smith was on the streets one day the past week attending to business affairs and greeting friends of the town and country.

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SEE US FOR ALL KINDS OF FEED AND COAL. WE DELIVER ALL FEED AND ICE FREE OF CHARGE. COAL DELIVERIES WILL BE CHARGED FOR IN ADDITION TO PRICES WE QUOTE, OR WE WILL MAKE YOU DELIVERED PRICE.

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M. E. MANNING, Proprietor.

Phone 51

J. L. Curry, who has been confined recently on account of illness and an operation, is now, we are glad to note, almost completely recovered and able to look after his farming business and other interests.

New Fords with starters for sale at \$800. See H. A. Boothe. 38 tf

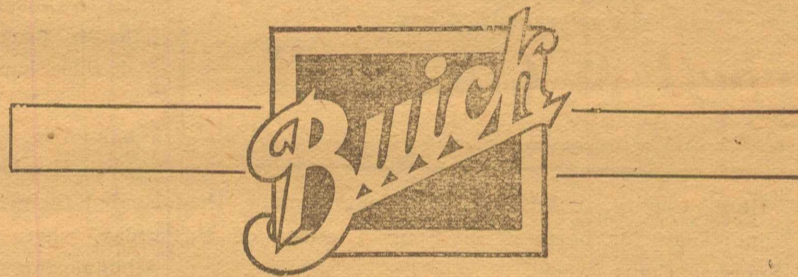
HONEY—Fine new summer crop ready for immediate shipment. Bulk, extracted and comb in all size tins. If interested write for price list.—Anderson Bros., Beeville, Tex. 38-6p

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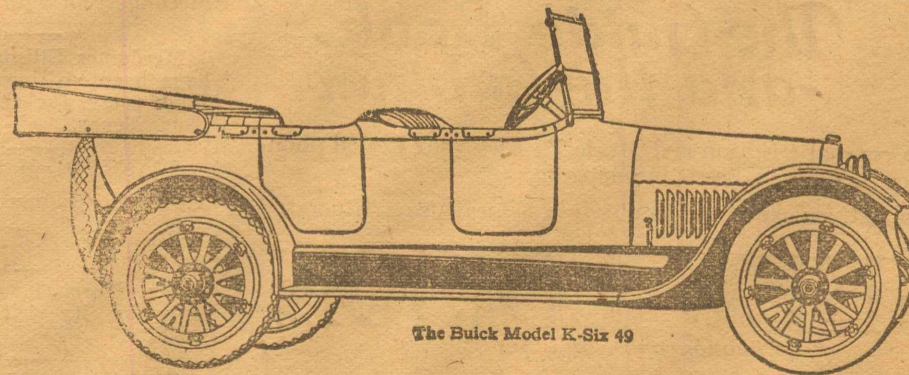


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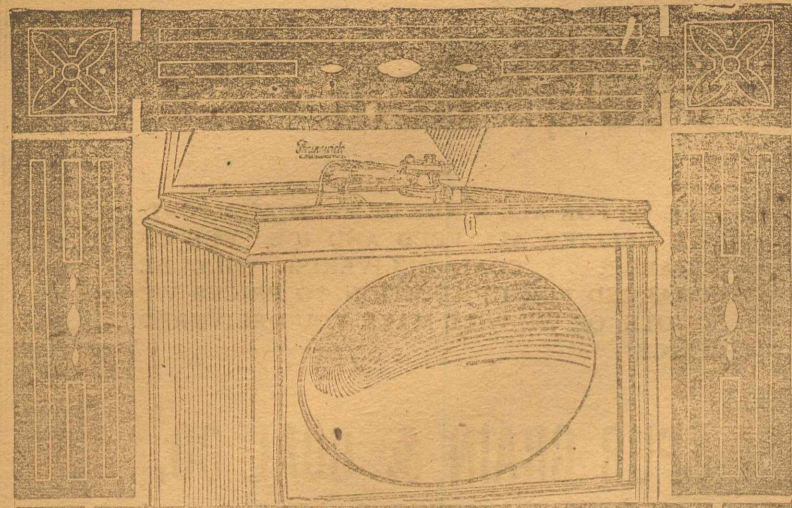
Model K-44 - \$1595.00	Model K-46 - \$2235.00	Model K-49 - \$1965.00
Model K-45 - \$1595.00	Model K-47 - \$2465.00	Model K-50 - \$2895.00

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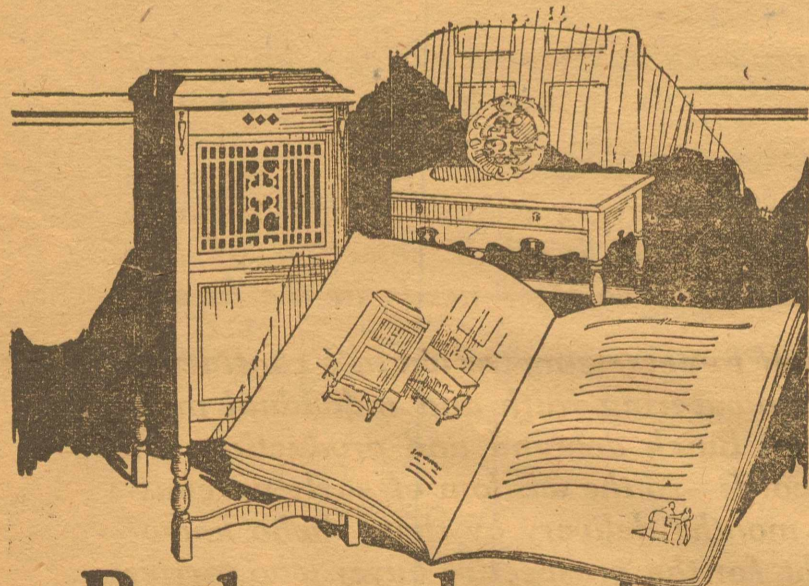
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Even if you're not quite ready to buy.

Campbell & Campbell

Wm. Pierson, of Hunt County, again presents his candidacy for Associate Justice of Supreme Court, August 28th, having received largest plurality vote in first primary.—Political adv.

Bert Jay, of Kent county, had business in Spur Tuesday of this week.

LOST—A Harroun car crank between Spur and Dickens. Finder please return to Spur office. 1t



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G. R. ELKINS, Manager

MORE TENANT HOUSES IS THE CRYING NEED IN SPUR

The crying need in Spur today is for more rent houses. There is never a day passes but we hear enquiries for rent houses. Two families are living together in a number of instances, and in some instances as many as three families occupy one house. Vacant lots even are being rented on which to place temporary tents of abode, in meeting the demands of city dwellers.

There is no question but that a very attractive income could be derived from an investment in constructing rent houses in Spur at this time. While the real needs of the country and world today is for more country homes and greater production, the tendency is toward the cities, and the necessary demands for city dwellers should not be overlooked, and the man who has a few surplus dollars would have them safely invested and get better interest by building nice cottage homes than by investing in many other legitimate propositions.

DICKENS ITEMS

Rain, rain, rain! They say it doesn't rain in west Texas, but believe me it does. It has been raining almost constantly for three days and nights. Crops are fine. Some talk of worms in the cotton.

Mrs. Willis Wilkerson, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, since June, returned to her home in Arizona Saturday. She was accompanied by her sister, Zelma, who will attend school there next term.

Shorty Kennedy married in Aspermont Sunday, August 8, bringing his bride to Dickens a few days ago. We failed to learn his wife's name. We wish them happiness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Green, a baby boy.

Cecil Meadows and Miss Lora Blair carried their father to Lubbock Saturday, where he took the train for Albuquerque, New Mexico, to get a house where we have learned they are soon to move.

Mrs. Kennedy and daughter, who have run the Star Restaurant here the past year, have bought, and will run a restaurant at Jayton. We hate to see so many leaving Dickens, but wish them luck.

Martin Gay will move back to Dickens.

We learn all teachers for the school have been employed. We do not know them, but hope every one will try to help them in every way to have a better school.

Miss Kate Blair is visting at Lueders this week.—Dickens Girl.

Misses Zada and Gladys Stafford, who have been visiting relatives at Miami, Floydada, and attending an art school in Chicago, returned home this week. They will both teach in their respective departments in connection with the Spur Schools.

Mesdames Ellison and Gaddie, who have been visiting Mrs. C. Fite, left Wednesday for their homes at Detroit, Texas.

WANTED—Maid, must be neat, experience unnecessary.—Spur Inn, Spur, Texas. 41-2t

Mr. Harrison, of Detroit, Texas, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. C. Fite.

Seed Rye, \$2.00 per bushel at grainery.—E. D. Chambers. 42 4t p

SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY TENNESSEE

Nashville, Tenn.—Tennessee today became the thirty-sixth State to ratify the Susan B. Antony Federal suffrage amendment.

The Tennessee Senate ratified the amendment last Friday by a vote of 55 to 4.



THE BANK BEHIND THE FARMER

The farmer who is without the backing and support of a strong bank, is treading upon dangerous ground. The business of farming is, at times, precarious, and no farmer can afford to be without the protection that is afforded by cooperation with a bank.

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—Jayton Mattress Factory, Jayton.

This country is now recognized as the wettest and rainiest country in the world. It has been raining here continuously, day and night, since Sunday—and there is no indication of a let-up. If it keeps on and the worms fail to show up, we may make two bales of cotton to the acre.

Mrs. Orville Slack, of the city, underwent a successful operation Saturday at the Spur Sanitarium, and is now reported doing very nicely and recovering satisfactorily. We are glad to announce.

Mrs. Brasher accompanied her mother and sister-in-law to Stamford this week, on their return to their homes in Hamilton, after spending some time in Spur with Dr. and Mrs. Brasher.

Mrs. Lindsey, of Swenson, underwent an operation for appendicitis this week at the Spur Sanitarium, and is now reported doing nicely and recovering.

Chas. Thompson, a prominent citizen of Claremont, was in Spur one day this week meeting friends and attending to business affairs.

All of our personal news items are crowded out this week to make room for "political advertising." Elections come only every two years, therefore is given preference at this time.

WANTED—Room and board, private family preferred. Phone 14, C. R. Miller. 1 t

TWO FARMS FOR SALE

Two good farms three miles east of Spur to sell. See owner, H. J. Parks. 42tf

NEW RESIDENCES NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SPUR

Last week carpenters commenced the construction of a neat cottage home for Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan, in the east part of Spur, and the work is progressing rapidly regardless of the continued rains and uninviting working weather.

Tom Teague and wife are also having a cottage home built in the western part of the city, which is now nearing completion and almost ready for occupancy. We congratulate both these young men in becoming home builders and home owners—the very foundation of happiness and contentment and prosperity (and of good government.)

M. H. Lee, formerly active vice-president of the Spur National Bank, but who is now located at Wichita Falls, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week on business and meeting his many friends here. Mr. Lee is now in business for himself at Wichita, dealing in oil investments, etc., we understand, and his friends here hope that he will make a million.

Mrs. M. L. Pierce returned this week from her vacation of several weeks spent at Ponta and other points, visiting with relatives and friends, and is again at her post of duty in the office of Bryant-Link Company.

G. R. Elkins, manager of the Red Front Drug Store, accompanied by Mrs. Elkins and Mrs. C. Hogan, are in Dallas this week buying Christmas goods and other supplies for the drug business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Woods and daughter of R. J. Woods, left Thursday for a visit with relatives at Austin, and points in Comanche county.

NOTICE

DR. MONTGOMERY, OF STAMFORD, WILL BE IN SPUR THREE DAYS, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st, AND SEPTEMBER 1st AND 2nd, PREPARED TO TREAT DISEASES OF THE EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT; REMOVE TONSILS AND ADNOIDS, AND FIT GLASSES. OFFICE AT SANITARIUM.

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NEW CAR OF DEERING AND M'CORMICK BINDERS AND MOWERS

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New stock of Quick Meal. We have sold them to satisfied customers for nine years.

BIG JIM FELT FILLED CANVASS HORSE COLLARS

We have 500 of these collars; they are record breakers for wear and cost less. Let us supply your needs.

Spur Hardware & Furniture Company

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

LAND QUESTION ADVOCATED BY PAT M. NEFF FOR GOVERNOR

(Extract From Speech Made by Mr. Neff at Coleman, Texas, August 4th)

You listened a few moments ago to Mr. Bailey's bitter denunciation of what he called the land plank of my platform. I am familiar with my own land question, but I never recognized it from Mr. Bailey's remarks. Mr. Bailey wilfully and deliberately misrepresented the land question as advocated by me. I charge him with maliciously doing so, strictly for political purposes. I shall gladly give you my views regarding the land question.

There is in Texas, one hundred and thirty million acres of uncultivated and. A large part of this land is agricultural land. A large part of this agricultural land is owned by people who do not live in Texas. There is one individual, a non-resi-

dent of Texas, who owns enough land in this state, if all put together, to form an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. There is another person who has never lived in this state who holds title to three million acres of Texas land. Several others own a million acres each. A large part of these million-acre holdings is strictly agricultural land. There are five hundred thousand families—not persons, but families—who do not own one acre of land. This same question of land ownership was an issue in the Hogg campaign for Governor. At that time there were some people who lived in England, Scotland and other countries across the ocean who had bought up large tracts of land in Texas and were holding it off the market for speculation. Hogg, who always lived close to the hearts of the people, had enacted what is known as the Hogg Alien Land Law, prohibiting aliens who did not live in this state from owning large tracts of land. This law further provides that if an alien who is a non-resident of this state inherits land in Texas, he must put it on the market and sell it within ten years. No one has ever questioned the wisdom of this law. No one now calls Hogg a Socialist for having had this law passed. The law has been on the books a quarter of a century, and not even Bailey has suggested

its repeal. In direct line with the thought of the Hogg law, I think the time has come when Texas should go a step further and make these million acre non-resident land owners open up their idle, undeveloped, uncultivated agricultural lands to the home-builders and home owners of Texas. I am not speaking of the land that a man cultivates, nor the land that a citizen of Texas lives on and improves, nor the stock grazed lands, but of the unimproved, uncultivated agricultural lands, held for speculation by landed aristocrats. Unless some legislation is had along this line, the boys of today, when they go out twenty years from now to buy a farm on which to live, will find the price of this land so high it will be beyond their reach. Now who made this land so valuable? Not the man who holds title to it. He never turned his hand to make it valuable. He never helped to erect a church house or grade a road. He never dug a ditch nor constructed a dam. He never spent a dollar to build our cities or advance our civilization. The people of Texas did these things, and the non-resident land baron rears the benefit of our toil. Let us either make him improve his land or sell it. A few weeks ago I drove through a six-thousand acre tract of idle, uncultivated agricultural land. It was owned by a citizen of another state

Around his land were farm homes but this non-resident man would not sell or improve his six thousand acres. He would not even kill the prairie dogs on it. The surrounding land-owners had to kill them in self-defense. He is holding his land for speculation and when the people of Texas have made him rich, he will sell his land to the children of those who have made his wealth. Mr. Bailey says he is opposed to breaking up these million-acre tracts of idle, undeveloped agricultural lands, and that to do so would be socialistic. Mr. Bailey himself being a non-resident of Texas, feels, I am sure, a kindly interest in his land clients and comrades of other states.

I would not have anyone get the idea that I would favor taking one acre of land away from any person, either by taxation or otherwise. There is no substitute for honest work in this world. Every man should work for what he gets. There is not one drop of socialistic blood in my veins. These large land owners should all be paid a fair price for their land, but if I am elected Governor, I shall urge the passage of such laws as will cause them to either improve and cultivate their lands or will make it unprofitable for them to hold it off the market for any length of time. Texas should not permit those who live out of the state to make a fortune out of the toil and sacrifice of those who are proud to have their homes within her borders. Mr. Bailey, not having lived in Texas for 25 years and being out of touch of sympathy with the shirt-sleeved tillers of the soil, who are striving to own a home, seems to be forgetful of all the people except those who sit in the marble palaces of wealth, and with nimble fingers clip coupons and count the money of the world. I am for putting the land less man on the manless land. I am for helping the man with the hoe. I am for making Texas a state of home owners. Bailey, having lived for these years in a fifty-thousand dollar home on the banks of the Potomac, cannot understand the dreams of the man of toil who is striving to become the owner of the land he cultivates. When I become Governor I shall invoke the aid of the state to lend a helping hand to make, as far as possible, all our honest and industrious citizens home owners.

(Political adv.)

W. S. Taylor, manager of the Bryant-Link Company store at Breckenridge, is in Spur this week visiting with relatives and greeting his many friends and acquaintances of Spur and surrounding country. Mrs. Taylor and children, who have been here visiting with friends several weeks, will return home with Mr. Taylor the latter part of the week. He reports Breckenridge on a boom, and says more business is now being done than ever before.

STRAY MULE—Brown mare, 2 years old, wire cut on right fore foot, is now at my place 7 miles northwest of Spur on highway.—Buster Robinson. 41-2tp

TWO PATIENTS FROM KENT COUNTY DIED AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. Sellers, of Clairemont, who was brought to the Spur Sanitarium for treatment last week died Sunday night after a brief illness of some character of poisoning. Her remains were carried through the country Monday to Caliremont for interment in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Sellers, we understand, was a bride of only a few weeks, and her death at this time, just in the beginning of young womanhood and assuming the duties and responsibilities of life, is to be regretted and all join in sorrow with the young husband and relatives in their bereavement.

Mrs. Annie Smith, wife of A. A. Smith, of Jayton, died at the sanitarium Monday morning, following an operation which failed to give relief to her condition. The remains were taken on the afternoon train to Jayton for interment in the Jayton Cemetery.

HAS IDEA OF CASHING IN ON DEVELOPMENT ADVANCE

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake settlement, was on the streets one day the first of the week. Mr. Hill has been here since the beginning of the town, has prospered and likes the country and the people, but we kinder believe that he has it in his mind to sell out his farm because of the high prices, and move further west where land may be had at a cheaper price. That is alright for a man who wants to undergo the disadvantages of an unsettled, undeveloped country, and no doubt one can reap the advance in the price as the country develops. However, our experience has been that the advantages of an already developed country is worth as much to us as it is to the other fellow. We have undergone the hardships and disadvantages of more than one new town and country, and will hereafter let others help "pave the way" for settlement development further west.

OPENING OF SCHOOL

The 1920-21 session of the Spur Public School will begin September 6th. The patrons are cordially invited to attend the opening exercises in the school auditorium at 10 o'clock a. m.

The prospects for a good school year are very bright. The Library and laboratories have been equipped to meet State requirements for affiliation. And an additional teacher has been added to the High School faculty. So a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether will land us in the class of affiliated High Schools.

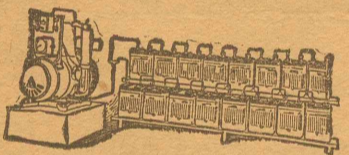
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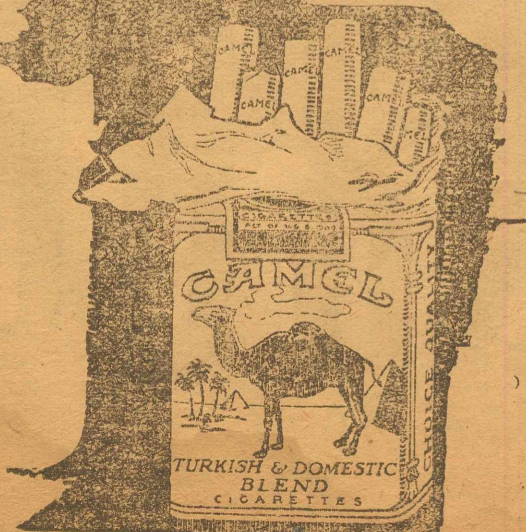
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Dr. Standifer and son, Lilburn, who have been spending some time in Spur packing up and shipping household effects, left the first of the week for Amarillo where Dr. Standifer and family will hereafter make their home. Lilburn, we understand, may go to Roswell, New Mexico, to make his home, he not having yet definitely decided what he will do.

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J. V. McCormick, of the Wayside Place in the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday greeting his numerous friends and acquaintances. Mr. McCormick has been operating a gin at Afton for a number of years, having recently sold his plant and business. He states that he is now through with the gin business and would not operate another for a "bonus." He said hereafter he intended to devote his time and attention to producing the varied farm products for which this country is now becoming famous. J. V. knows the farming business, owns two or more fine farms in the Afton country, and is now in a position to live comfortably and as near independently as it is possible for individuals.

A. C. George, of the Highway community, was among the number on the streets of Spur during the past week, reporting that crops in the Highway community are now promising the very biggest yields. This year now promises to be the biggest crop year within the history of farming in West Texas. Big wheat crops have already been harvested and sold, big feed crops of maize, corn and kaffir corn are now maturing, and if the worms don't get it cotton will make a bale and a half to the acre.

W. C. Presley, wife and son, W. C. Jr., were in the city Monday from their ranch home east of Spur, spending several hours here shopping and visiting with friends. Mr. Presley, we understand, has just returned from Mineral Wells where he has been undergoing treatment for erysipelas or a similar disease, and we are glad to note that he has recovered.

Boney Fields returned the past week from a trip out into New Mexico where he spent a few days looking for grass lands on which to run his cattle. Boney recently sold a part of his herd of cattle, but still has a fine bunch which he intends to keep.

Mrs. Daniels, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Andrews returned to her home this week. She will probably spend several days in Stamford with friends, while en route home.

J. C. Stephens, Sr., of the Afton country, was in Spur recently. Mr. Stephens is just recovering of a protracted illness, and we are very glad to note that he is now improving rapidly.

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