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BRYANT LINK COMPANY 1924

When we look at the above figures it is with a degree of joy mingled with sadness. We are glad because we are looking forward with the eye of faith into this new year 1924. Yes we have made new resolutions. We have all resolved to be better in our personal living and in a business way, to give better service to our customers. We believe in making resolutions in fixing a goal higher each year and striving to reach it. We realize we must either grow better by effort, or worse by simply drifting with the tide. We are sad as we say good-bye to 1923, for in many ways it has been a joyous Year. We made mistakes for which we are sorry and then just the thought of the year gone forever and with it friends, true friends, have crossed into yonder world. We miss them from the streets, their hand shakes, their friendly jokes, their kind words, all were a part of our lives and so there must be a degree of sadness mixed with our gladness when we bid good-bye to the old year and welcome the new. What will the new year bring, will all our hopes be realized? No. There will be joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, but taken as a whole there will be more sunshine than shadow and if we take our disappointments and sorrows as we should they will soften and sweeten our lives and better fit us to help and sympathize with those about us. We must know if everything went as we would have it we would become selfish, so the only way to take the shadows and the sunshine is to say "Thy will be done." 1924 will be to each of us largely as our attitude is to it. Will we see the roses and smell their fragrance or only see the thorns. Will our voices utter words of praise and songs of love and joy to Him who rules the destiny of men and Nations, or will we utter oaths of condemnation and sing low vulgar ditties of jazz that have no meaning.

Men walk side by side along the highways of this life, one a real living man enjoying the good things this world has for him. And the other simply existing like the beasts and as the hog that eats the falling acorns, grunts on as beats with no thought or care, never looking up to see from whence the acorns come.

How wonderful is life. The scientists cannot begin to explain it and how much joy we may get out of 1924 if we are permitted to live, provided we seek the good.

We are not preaching, but happiness only comes in this world by proper attitude to the One whose Birth we have just celebrated—not by wealth nor fame, but by duties well performed. No man can be happy whose life is not in tune with the life of Christ and so our blues and worryings are for lack of faith in Him. Most of our troubles never happen. We climb mountains before we reach them. We imagine swollen streams that are mere rivulets with blooming flowers and singing birds along their banks. Can't we all be more joyous. It is not the house you live in that makes home, but the way you live in the house.

Yes we will be at the same old stand and we want to sell you goods this year.

Come on with the crowds.
Our wish for all of you:

May the gates of plenty, Honor and Happiness be ever open to thee. May the pillow of peace kiss thy cheeks and the pleasure of imagination attend thy dreams. And when length of years shall have made thee tired of earthly joys and the curtain of death gently closes round thy last sleep of human existence, may the Angel of God attend thy bed and see that the expiring lamp of light receives not one rude blast to hasten on its extinction. And may those same Angels attend thy enfranchised spirit to that Realm of Eternal Bliss prepared for the faithful.

Your friends,

BRYANT LINK COMPANY

—Trade in Spur—

BIG LOSS OF COTTON BY FIRE FRIDAY AT AFTON

The report came to Spur Friday morning that sixty bales of cotton had been destroyed by fire in the cotton yard at Afton, and that the fire had not yet been placed under control.

This sixty bales of cotton, with the probability of a still greater loss, is a calamity. It represents a loss of more than ten thousand dollars to farmers of that territory.

TECH COLLEGE REGENTS TO VISIT OTHER SCHOOLS

Waco, Texas, Dec. 29.—C. W. Meadows, secretary of the board of regents of Texas Technological College at Lubbock, has been advised that the tour of some members of the board, who will visit the larger cities in the country to inspect technological schools, will begin about Jan. 15. This trip is planned in advance of the signing of buildings for the school.

A. G. Carter, chairman of the board Fort Worth; J. W. Carpenter, Dallas; C. B. Jones, Spur; Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the school, and W. W. Watkins of Houston, associate architect, plan to visit Atlanta, Boston, Yale and Harvard.

—Trade in Spur—

We are informed that A. B. Morgan and S. B. Scott have purchased an interest with Bell Brothers in their grocery and meat market business. This combination will make a strong business firm, and we infer that they will widen out, extend and enlarge the businesses to more than triple and quadruple its present extent. The extension of businesses is in line with the prospects and promises of the New Year. The old year just closed was one of prosperity.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCES IN SPUR AT THE NEW YEAR

At the New Year period substantial building progress is noted in both residence and business sections of Spur. Jim Foster is having a modern residence constructed to take the place of one destroyed last year by fire, on lots in the northeast part of town. Mr. Lea, of the Light Plant, is also having a modern residence constructed in the east part of the city, as is also J. H. Hopkins former proprietor of the Sanitary Cafe. Two new brick business houses on the west side of Burlington are now under construction, being built by J. D. Powell and G. B. Jopling. The forty five thousand dollar new high school building is also under construction. The new Baptist church, at a cost of forty thousand dollars, is just being completed. Plans and specifications are being considered for the construction of other residences and business houses.

Everything considered, Spur enters the New Year under the most favorable and promising conditions, and 1924 will be one of the most prosperous and progressive years experienced since the beginning of the town in 1909.

CLIF LOVELACE CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF & TAX COLLECTOR

The beginning of the New Year also marks the opening of the County Political Campaign in Dickens county which promises to be most interesting to voters and warmly contested on the part of candidates. The first to enter the race for Sheriff and Tax Collector is Clif Lovelace who authorized us to make his announcement and place his name at the head of the list for that office in our announcement column.

At the beginning of the term of H. P. Cole as sheriff, Clif Lovelace was selected by him as his chief deputy with headquarters at Spur. During his one year of official service Clif Lovelace, without ostentation, ferreted out quite a number of petty theft cases, made numerous arrests of law violators and was always on the job at the right time and place to preserve the peace and dignity of the law. If selected as the high sheriff of the county Clif Lovelace can assume the official duties with the advantage of experience and fitness, will give worthy and efficient service, and his candidacy is entitled to serious consideration on the part of voters.

At the beginning of Spur Clif Lovelace was one of the first 'new comers' whom we met and were associated with through the strenuous days of a new town and settlement and development of the country. He is clean and straight, and worthy of confidence and can be depended upon to never betray a trust, a friend or his country.

—Trade in Spur—

ROBT. REYNOLDS CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT & COUNTY CLERK

This week Robt. Reynolds, of Dickens, called in at the Texas Spur office, handed us the necessary check to place his name in our announcement column as a candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Dickens county, subject, of course to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held in July.

Robt. Reynolds has been practically reared in Dickens county and is personally known to the majority of voters. He is a young man of ability, honor and integrity. He has had practical experience in the clerk's office, having served as deputy clerk under both Martin Gay and Crawford Cobb during their terms of office. He also had clerical experience while serving the country in the World's War, he being one among the first from Dickens county to answer the draft for war service.

The Texas Spur asks voters to give Robt. Reynolds consideration in his candidacy for District and County Clerk, with the assurance that he is in every respect qualified to give efficient, satisfactory, careful accurate and accommodating service to the courts and in keeping the records of county affairs.

—Trade in Spur—

W. N. Kinney, embalmer and undertaker for Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, returned this week from Strawn, Gorman and other points where he spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

—Trade in Spur—

Good Buick 6 car for sale or trade.
—Mrs. H. P. Cole, Dickens. 10 1/2 p

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W. B. Lee, Active Vice Pres.

W. T. Andrews,
F. G. Collier, Asst. Cashier

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

Capital and Surplus \$125,000.00

SPUR, TEXAS, January 4th, 1924

TO THE SCHOOL TEACHERS OF DICKENS COUNTY, THE BOYS AND GIRLS AND THEIR PARENTS:

We thank the Teachers of Dickens County for their hearty cooperation in connection with our campaign to interest the school boys and girls in opening bank accounts. We also thank the parents for their splendid and hearty cooperation, and the boys and girls for their nice deposits.

I am sure that you will all be interested in knowing the results of the campaign. Our records show that we added 532 new accounts on Friday and Saturday, December the 21st and 22nd, as a result of our efforts to encourage the boys and girls of Dickens county to save their money instead of spending it. We shall appreciate it very much if the teachers and parents will continue to cooperate with us in encouraging these new customers to their accounts regularly.

We hope by next Christmas to have one hundred per cent of the schoolboys and girls of Dickens County interested in carrying bank accounts. If we do this we will feel that we have been fully and amply repaid for our efforts.

In regard to the gold premiums offered to the school showing the greatest per centage of enrollment with bank accounts, wish to advise that it will be necessary to get the enrollment from the various school districts before the prizes can be given. We hope to have this information within the next few days.

Again thanking you very kindly for your hearty cooperation, we are

Yours Very Truly,

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

GOOD BYE TO 1923

The death of the Old Year and the birth of the New Year always brings to us a mingled feeling of sadness and gladness. You just can not help it if you think at all about it. There are so many memories every year that we hate to see fade into the past. To thousand and thousands of boys and girls 1923 was their last year in the old home high school. What severing of youth's friendships that means! The most comforting thought about it all is that youth is full of pep and promise that it does not think very much about those separations at that time. But as the years come and go those school ties tighten. They may not seem like it but they do and long years after when other friendships have been formed and forgotten those friends of our school days, our play mates and class mates and seat mates in the old home school seem dearer than ever.

Then there must come to us all who are so fortunate as to have children the last year of their lives at home. There is nothing in Nature quite so empty and forsaken as a last year's bird's nest. There is nothing in human nature quite so empty as a home when all the children are out and gone. Nobody to call in the morning. Nobody to get off to school. Nobody to wait for at night. No noise. No disturbance. No part in anything that is going on in the school any more. Everything so painfully peaceable. Just silence the whole day long until it almost chokes you. But the children must have their day. And their absence is the price we pay for their growth and development. And down deep in our hearts we are glad and grateful they have lived to grow up and go. We would not have it otherwise. But how we hate to see that last year of their childhood fade in to the past.

And then too, in hundreds of thousands of homes, this year has brought the first separation and hundreds of thousands of precious children have gone never to return. And in hundreds of thousands of other homes it has been father or mother that has been called away and the children left alone. How we hate to see the last year they were with us pass away. But time is relentless and never, never stops a second for anything. No matter how we dread to see the last days come and go they will soon be gone forever. Every year holds so much that we do not want to give up. And that is why the passing of the old year sometimes brings tears and we cling to the last days and hours as we cling to a parting friend.

But even before our tears for the dying year have been dried we hear the joy bells broadcasting the glad tidings that a New Year has come. A New Year has come to take the place of the old one. Three hundred and sixty-six new days without a stain or a blot on them lies stretched out before us and for us. The gift of another new, clean year of life. What would you take for this gift? What are you going to do with it?

Just suppose this week were to be

your last week of life in this world. Suppose you knew that at midnight, December 31, your life should go out with the old year and you would be called to leave your family, your business, your plans, your ambitions in this world? Or if you are a young man, suppose you knew you were to give up every plan for the future on New Year's Eve? Or if you are a young woman with ambitions for your career, a desire to see a part of the world in which you live. This is a beautiful world and everybody should have an ambition to see all they can of it. Perhaps you see a new and happy home somewhere to be realized in the new year. Or it may be you have responsibilities you want to meet. What would you give to have your life extended just one more year until you could be better prepared to lay down your plans and duties? Can you put a value on 1924? Is there any way for you to express what such a gift of time means in your life and plans? Is there any way to measure what it will mean to your home and family for you to be given another year of life with them and for them?

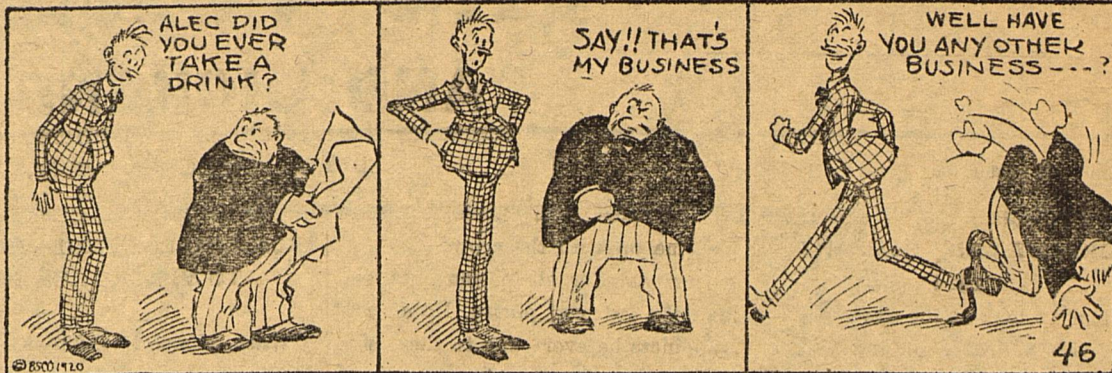
How many of us appreciate the gift of time? When it means so much isn't it a shame the way so many of us waste our time? What does time come from any way and who gives it to us? Do you suppose we will have to some day give an account of the way we have used time, the same as our talent and our wealth? Time is about all the most of us have to divide with our neighbors. Time is about all most of us have to give to the good works that need carrying on. Do we use our spare time in this way or do we waste it like a lot of folks waste their money? Time is a greater asset than money. And there are more good causes needing time today than money. If you haven't anything else to give back to God and humanity this year, are you willing to give a little time of this New Year you are to receive to some good cause for your community? There are a lot of folks who are just as stingy with their time as they are with their money. They may make their money and have some excuse for holding onto it, but the very time by which they made their money was a gift of Providence.

How have you used 1923? If you could turn the tide of time back to the beginning of this old year and live it over again would you make any changes? Have you invoiced the past your best? If you have not, the New Year will be here in a few hours. We will never see 1923 again but 1924 will soon be here. What are you going to do with 1924? Have you a definite program planned and are you ready to begin on it at sunrise New Year's morning?—By Phebe K. Warner.

—Trade in Spur—
NOTICE—Hunting, hauling wood or otherwise trespassing in any way is forbidden in my pastures.—T. A. Johnson, Spur, Texas. tf
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At a meeting of the locating board at Fort Worth last week, attended by Frank Tatum of this place a member of the board, no agreement was reached reference to the location of the lands that the state of Texas is to receive from the Capitol syndicate in settlement of the 60,000 acres due the state.

Representatives of the syndicate were present, Mr. Tatum said, but it was impossible to reach an agreement because the order of the court stipulated that an 'average' in quality of land should be taken from the 600,000 acres now held by the syndicate, and an average cannot be taken unless and until a classification is made.

As soon as weather conditions permit members of the board and representatives of the syndicate will make an inspection and classification of all the lands now owned by the syndicate in Texas, after which it will be attempted to reach a settlement.—Dalhart Texan.

Full blood Buff Orpington cockerels for sale.—Mrs. P. E. Hagins, Gilpin, Texas. 3tp

—Trade in Spur—
FOR SALE—One Ford Roadster. See Mrs. Dulaney Suttles. 10 tp

—Trade in Spur—
Good as new 1922 Dodge Car cheap. See S. R. Bowman. 5 4tp.

WOMAN' MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society met last Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. Hogan hostess. The hour was spent in appointing committees and planning the work for the New Year. The installation of the new officers will take place next Sunday night followed a sermon by the pastor, prepared especially for the occasion. We urge everyone to be present and especially all the new officers. After the business hour delicious refreshments consisting of fruit cake, cocoa and mints were served by the hostess.

Next Monday will be the regular Bible study. We urge that all the ladies join our Bible study class. Our study book "The Life of Christ" is both interesting and instructive.—Press Reporter.

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FOR NURSERY STOCK, Fruit trees, shades and ornamentals, see D. J. Gilbert, Rt 1, B 7, Spur. 4tp

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—Trade in Spur—
FOR SALE—Barrad Rock Cockerels. Premium takers at the Fair.—Mrs. L. E. McClellan, Spbr, Texas

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DANCING IN THE CHURCH

In New York a preacher put dancing in his church and the bishop has asked that the practice be discontinued. The preacher answers that until a representative body passes on church dancing he will allow them to dance. The police charges that the female dancers of this church appear half-naked. The preacher denies the allegation of the law. This is an age when the world enters the church and the devil takes charge of the services. Dancing in the church by church members is shocking to old-time worshippers like the editor of the Times-Signal. While the practice is to be condemned it is in keeping with the age. Church people are like other people—seeking light amusement even in their worship. We have more people in Texas that read Andy Gump than those who read the Bible. We have more picture-section daily readers than those who read the editorial page of newspapers. People are hunting diversion and amusement of the class that does not require any effort of thought. The world is hunting aversion and amusement and light entertainment. We use to hear the old song, "Shall I go to Heaven on Flowery Beds of Ease." It seems that the world has adopted the reverse of the sentiment expressed in the song, and are undertaking to ride by St. Peter into the New Jerusalem on a bed of pleasure and amusement. The age is not serious. The age in which we live the sons and daughters of men are seekers after pleasure. They sit down to eat and rise up to play. They are using their intellects as little as possible, depending on cartoons and pictures for their training. If the practice of cultivating the mind by such methods continues we will become a race of picture-sight readers. They will cease to use their thinking apparatus altogether, and depend on illustrations for their information. Going back to dancing in the church, we wish to say that if this custom is to continue we might as well turn the church over to the devil and be done with it. Instead of teaching God's word and instructing people in righteousness the plan of modern preachers is to appeal to the sensuality of its members, to amuse them instead of teaching them. There can not be any compromise with the devil in Christianity. We can not bring the church to the level of the world without destroying both. The church has been the main civilizing influence in the world for two thousand years. It has the great principles inculcated in God's word that has led the people to a higher civilization. The Bible teaches a principle which when lived out in the lives of men and women builds them up into a holy temple, and prepares them for a higher life. God's word is eternal living—from lasting to everlasting. When planted in the lives of people it results in building them up, and making them better men and women. To replace God's word with amusement is to destroy the church and its mission in this life. Amusement does not build people spiritually. There can be principles taught in classes of amusement, but as a rule the modern entertainments appeals to sensuality, and does not teach people better living nor build them up in spiritual matters. People

go to church to be taught the Bible, to be built up spiritually, or at least this is what they ought go to church for. When dancing and other amusement supplants the Bible in the church the world will start on the back track toward the dark ages that once engulfed humanity.

There is alarm in the modern church practice of today in bringing into all the world's modern amusement. We have heard the argument advanced to the effect that the church must cope with the world, that if we would attract the young people we must furnish them amusement in the church. Such argument is born of the devil, and is damning in its effects when applied to the lives of christian people. We do not believe for a moment that God ever intended that his church should become a house of amusement. The Bible does not suggest that fishing man unto every good work. The Bible does not suggest that amusement be added to the church. Nowhere is man furnished with a pattern of good works whereh amusement is to supplant the teachings of the Man of Galilee. We do not object to the system of social entertainment connected with the church under wholesome leadership, where Christian association is encouraged, but we are opposed to the church being conformed to the world in all the vicious practices known to modern society.—Times-Signal.

—Trade in Spur—

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published, once a week, for ten days, exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said for a period of not less than one year the following

NOTICE

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Dessie G. Alexander, Minnie L. Alexander, Eddie L. Alexander and Jessie P. Alexander, Minors:

You are hereby notified that Mrs. Ida Roberts has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the estates of Dessie G. Alexander, Minnie L. Alexander, Eddie L. Alexander and Jessie P. Alexander, minors, and on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1923, order of the County Judge of said Dickens County, the said Mrs. Ida Roberts was duly appointed temporary guardian of the estates of said minors and at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the Third Monday in January A. D. 1924, being the 21st day of January, A. D. 1924, at the court house thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may, and are hereby cited to, appear and contest such appointment, if they so desire, and if such appointment is not contested at said

term of said court, then the same shall be made permanent.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there-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.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 21st day of November, A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk
County Court of Dickens County, Texas.

Josephine Cessnun, Deputy.

—Trade in Spur—
WORTHWHILE SENTIMENT

You cannot reform the world, but you may easily reform yourself. If others throw away opportunities you may pick them up. If others do not realize the importance of a good day's work, you may profit by realizing it. If reliable men are scarce, you may profit by becoming one. The greater the general shiftlessness, the more appreciation there is for reliable men; the higher their pay. Every man devotes considerable time to politics. How much return have you had from our efforts? None at all public affairs are less efficiently managed to day than ever before. A similar amount of effort, properly directed, to your own affairs, would have paid a profit, without doubt. People are everywhere asking: What is the remedy? Certainly it is not to be found in more reading, more politics, more propaganda, more war. I think the only possible remedy every individual may apply: More work, more saving, more efficiency, more fairness, more common sense.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

—Trade in Spur—

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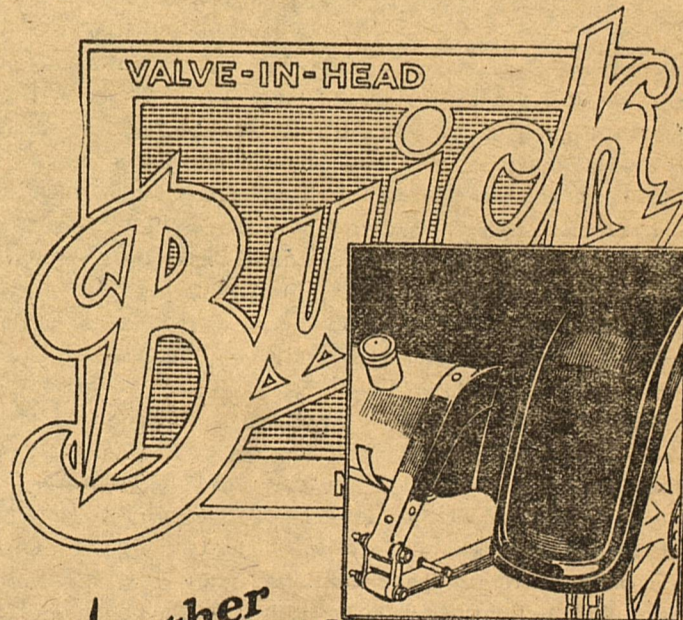
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DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following political announcements for candidates seeking public offices, subject to the action of Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1924:

For County & District Clerk:

C. C. COBB

ROBT. REYNOLDS

For Sheriff & Tax Collector:

CLIF LOVELACE

W. B. Bennett and wife, of Gilpin, were in Spur Saturday. It has been stated that Mr. Bennett had political aspirations, and while he has not yet "thrown his hat in the ring" he was wearing that candidatorial smile, and will very probably soon get in the campaign for tax assessor of Dickens county. While G. B. Jopling has made no definite statement, it is being whispered about that he may retire from the office unbeaten after serving some five successive terms, therefore this office may attract a number of campaigners, among whom we have heard mentioned J. V. McCormick, J. L. Karr, N. Q. Brannen, T. S. Lambert, W. L. McAteer, R. L. Carlton. Not only the tax assessor's office, but ever county office this year will attract a number of candidates.

Trade in Spur

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, who with his family has been living in Arkansas the past few years, is this week moving back to Spur. When he left here Brother Bilberry never intended to move back, but we knew that the hankering for the breezes of West Texas would come to him in irresistible force after a time—and so it is. A man who has once become acclimated in West Texas can never forget it and will never be content else where. They all come back or go further West to grow up with the country.

Trade in Spur

Carl Lowery, founder and publisher of the Red Front Drug Store in Spur, spent a day or two here this week. He has a hankering to come back to Spur, and eventually will. He told us that he now had no permanent home, but had been sojourning in Cisco, El Paso and other cities. Carl Lowery is a "prince of a Good Fellow" and we would be glad to have him again located with us in Spur.

Trade in Spur

Editor Dunwodie, of the Aspermont Star, passed through Spur Monday of this week on his return home from a business trip to the plains country. Will A. Dunwodie is a successful newspaper man, having by hard work and judicious management acquired considerable property and gained a position where he may enjoy life with little worry in his older days. In past years it was the exception when a newspaper man could meet his obligations promptly. However, the printing trade as well as other businesses and professions, are awaking and assuming a more substantial place in world affairs—and this is as it should be. In olden days the newspaper was considered somewhat as a charitable institution, but in this day the trade, profession or business worthy of life does not have to depend upon charity for existence.

Trade in Spur

Buy, build and live in Spur.

REVIEW OF SEASONS IN DICKENS COUNTY FOR 1923

The crop season of 1923 is now history but it is interesting to review the seasonal climatic conditions and to note the effect the seasonal rainfall had on the yield and the quality of the crop.

The precipitation for the first 3 months of the year was practically normal with a total of 1.91 inches for the period. The planting season, April, May and June, had a total rainfall of 9.98 inches which was approximately 2 inches above normal for the same season over a period of 13 years. The warm rains in June caused a vigorous plant growth and the farmers that were able to clean their crops after the general rains the second week of June conserved a great deal of moisture for the dry growing season that followed. The rains stopped in June 13 and there was no effective rain until the middle of October. The total rainfall for three months of July, August and September was 3.25 inches as compared with a normal rainfall for the same period of 7.08 inches or less one-half the normal. Of this 3.25 inches, none was effective on the tight lands and only the small rains on the 17th and 21st of August and the 4th of September were of value to the crops on the sandy or sandy loam soils. The fall rains started on October 13 with a total of 2.52 inches for the day and during the remainder of the year there were only a few days at a time that harvesting of crops was possible, due to the continued wet weather.

SEASONAL PRECIPITATION

Spur

Time of preparing land
January .05; February .85; March 1.01. Total 1.91. Normal (13 yrs.) 1.74. Departure from normal plus .17 inches.

Planting season.
April 3.89; May 1.14; June 4.95. Total 9.98. Normal (13 yrs.) 8.04. Departure from normal plus 1.935 inches.

Growing season
July .26; August 1.40; September 1.59. Total 3.25. Normal (13 yrs.) 7.083. Departure from normal minus 3.833 inches.

Harvesting season
October 6.58; November 2.36; December .87. Total 9.81. Normal (13 yrs.) 4.352. Departure from normal plus 5.458 inches.

Total precipitation 1923 24.95 in. Normal rainfall 13 years 21.22 in. Annual departure from normal 1923 plus 3.73 inches.

Among the number of boys and girls who returned to schools and colleges elsewhere after spending Christmas in Spur with home folks, are the following: Misses Ruby, Berta and Morris Vernon to Simmons at Abilene; Virginia Forbis, C. I. A. at Denton; Mary Copeland to State University at Austin; Katie Ellis and Fred Haile, to Simmons at Abilene; Sterling and Con Davis, to Prague, Oklahoma; E. C. Edmonds, Thurman Harris and Weldon McClure to Baylor University at Waco; Murry Lea and Link Tidwell to Junior A. & M. at Arlington. Henry Elkins will return next week to T. C. U. at Fort Worth; and Ben Murry Hale, Geo. S. Link and Rayburn Evans will return to Kemper Military School at Boonville, Mo. We all were glad to meet and greet these boys and girls again, and wish each one success and highest advancement in their school work.

Trade in Spur

WANTED

At an early date good farm hand—one of steady habits and who wants to work about six days in the week.—D. J. Gilbert, Spur, Texas.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP TO LUBBOCK HOME

You have doubtless heard of the West Texas Children's Orphan Home in Lubbock, Texas. This home was founded September 21st of this year. This Home was established for the purpose of caring for, maintaining and instructing orphan, dependents and Indigent Children regardless of Denomination or Creed. While its name would indicate a sectional institution at the same time nothing could be further from the desires of its founders. Its door is open to Children from every where and as it grows its influence will spread until we hope the day will dawn in which this home will be known from Coast to Coast as one of the very best in the Nation.

There are Fourteen Children in the Home at the present, but if we had the facilities for their care we would have many times that number. But we expect in the very near future to buy at least a half section of land near Lubbock, and begin building for permanency. It is our aim and desire to send forth from this Home Christian Men and Women that will be an honor to our State and Nation. And we know that the only way that we can do this is for those who can vision our great needs to come to our aid and give with a willing hand. This Home is for the helpless Child that has no Home. But it is a home where Fathers and mothers who have been left alone can be given the same care and training. We make no difference in Children that is in the home. They all receive the same care and treatment and we want the people of Spur to feel and know that this Home is your Home and will be just as big as you want it to be and accomplish all the good that your backing can possibly secure.

And you will always find a ready welcome within its portals and we shall ever invite your counsel and advice. The helpless are depending on this Home, and the home is depending on you. W. T. Gregory, President of the Home will be in Spur, Monday, December the 17th for the purpose of putting on a campaign to raise funds to help care for and support the home. He is looking to the citizens of Spur to rally to the cause with the same Christian spirit that they have always shown to worthy institutions. Remember we are yours to serve and care for the Homeless Child.—W. T. Gregory, Pres. and Manager.

ENTERTAINED

One of the most enjoyable parties for the little folks was given on the afternoon of December 19th at the home of Chester Edwards, when he entertained his class mates and other little friends with a Christmas Tree party. After a number of games were played delicious refreshments were served to the following little tots: Dot Lisenby, Euta Whitener, Virginia Harris, Era Bell Hogan, Betsy Wilson, Mavis Stafford, Elizabeth Keen, Mable Smith, Nina Mae Johnson, Vivian Ruth Applegate, Margie Joplin, Sybil Hazel, Margie Hays, John King Jr., Frank Verner, Robert Glasgow, Louis Green Davis, Jack Senning, Spencer Campbell, Jimmie T. Williams, Leonard Joplin, Bill Harris, Billy Scott Edwards.

Trade in Spur

T. M. Maples is attending to business in Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. D. H. Dunn returned Friday from Athens, Tenn. where she was called on account of illness of her father; but she reports his condition much improved when she left.

REDUCTION

You are able to buy EVERY SHARP PENCILS at 20 per cent reduction for a short time, giving by the factory.

Avail yourself of this opportunity now, getting the best pencil for less.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE

Poultry Car

At Spur, Texas
January 4-5-6-7

Hen, heavy	- - -	12cts
Hen, light	- - -	9cts
Spring under 2 1-2 lbs	- - -	12cts
Turkey	- - -	12cts
Cox	- - -	4cts
Guinea	- - -	15cts each

We guarantee these prices, and more if market justifies.

Spur Produce Co.

I Thank The Farmers For Their Generous Patronage During 1923 and

Hope to merit the continuation of same, during 1924. Wishing you one and all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I remain,

Yours truly,

THE FARMERS GIN
By J. E. JOHNSON, Owner

P. S. A car of Colorado screened lump coal on track, this week, or as long as it last—Come and get yours.

A PROPHECY OF ST. PAUL'S IN REGARD TO THE JEWS

In the 11th chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, he has prophesied that the Jews whom God broke from the good olive tree and cast away because of their unbelief shall be grafted back into that tree "if they abide not still in unbelief."

St. Paul tells us in this chapter that the Gentiles are branches of a wild olive grafted among the believing Jews into the good olive tree of which the Jews are both the root and the natural branches.

He says: "Blindness in part is hap-pened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in." And he comments upon the Jews and the Gen-tiles in these words: "As ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief, even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God has concluded all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all."

Furthermore, St. Paul teaches that the grafting of the partly blinded Jews back into the good olive tree will be of great benefit to the world when he says, in the above mention-ed chapter of Romans: "If the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what the receiving of them be, but life from the dead."

The Old Testament teaches that Jehovah is the King of the Jews. For instance, where Jehovah says to the Jews in Isaiah 43, 15—"I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King." And where the prophet says to the Jews in Isaiah 44, 6—"Thus saith the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer the Lord God: I am the first, and I am the last, and beside me there is no God."

Now since the Old Testament teaches that Jehovah is the King of the Jews, it is evident that if Christ was their King, he was Jehovah manifested in the form of a man, in the time of the Apostles.

Just as the Bible tells us in Gene-sis 18, that Jehovah was manifested in the form of a man, in the time of Abraham and Sarah, when he ate some food, told Sarah she should give birth to a Son, and talked to Abraham about his destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

And I think if we Gentiles enable the party blinded Jews to perceive that the Bible teaches that Christ was their King, as he claimed in the New Testament that he was, and be-grafted back in the good olive tree

So I hope that you will publish this letter, and do every other thing you can to enable these Jews to know that Moses teaches in Deuter-onomy 32 that "the" name of Jeho-vah is the "Rock," and that St. Paul, therefore, teaches that Christ was Jehovah when he says in 1st Corin-thians 10, that "Christ" was the "Rock" that followed the Israelites when they passed through the Sea.

St. Paul says this in these words: "Brethren I would not that ye should be ignorant how that all our fathers were under the cloud; and all passed through the sea; and were baptized that all our fathers were under the cloud; and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea and did all eat the same spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that Spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ."

The New Testament does not tell us, as some people may think, that Christ was in the form of a Son of God, and thought he was inferior to God, before he took upon himself the form of a man.

On the contrary, it tells us in Philippians 2 that Christ was in the

"form of God" and "thought it not robbery to be equal with God" there-fore he took upon himself the form of a man.

The New Testament tells us that after Christ had taken upon himself the form of a man, he said that he was "the Son of God" and that his Father was "greater" than he.

But since Christ was previously in the "form of God" and "thought it not robbery to be equal with God," it is evident that it was in the Char-acter of a Son of God, which he had assumed by taking upon himself the form of a man, that he said he was the "Son of God", and that his Father was "greater" than he.

Christ assumed the character of a Son of God by taking upon himself the form of a man; because in the Bible God says that men are his sons, and calls them his sons.

For instance, when he commands Moses in Exodus 4, 22, to say unto Pharaoh—"Israel is my Son, even my first-born."—Mrs. James Be-rett, Richmond, Kentucky.

**Trade in Spur—
ESPUELA ITEMS**

We were visited by a sandstorm Friday and Saturday, and a cold norther Sunday.

We were all glad to start back to school again Monday, and are go-ing to turn over a new leaf, and be-gin the New Year right.

A large crowd attended the party at Mr. Morgan's Tuesday night, and it was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Speer was asking questions. He said: "Now pupils, how many months have twenty-eight days?"

"All of them teacher," replied Ray who was sitting on the front seat.

Lucile Stayton spent Sunday night with Ona Shockley.

The party at Mr. Luther Karr's Saturday night was enjoyed by all who attended.

Sunday while eating dinner, George, asked: "Father are cater-pillars good to eat?"

"No" said Mr. Keene, "what makes you ask a question like that while we are eating?"

"You had one on your lettuce, but its gone now," replied George.

Messrs. Lawson Morgan, Guy Karr and Alton Foreman were dinner guests of Mrs. C. A. Brinnell, Sun-day.

Milton Foreman visited our school Monday afternoon and, he seemed to be all "smiles."

Laura Jennings was the dinner guest of Irene Miller Sunday.

Katherine Carr received a new ring for a "Xmas present."

Wishing all the readers of the "Texas Spur" a Happy New Year I will move over and let some one else have my place awhile.—A School Girl.

**Trade in Spur—
CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends for their untiring assistance during the sickness and death of our dear husband and father. Al-though his last sickness was of four weeks duration we were never with-out help and comfort at any time. We wish to thank the Masons for their services, also thank the East-ern Star Chapters of Spur and Dick-ens and all others who contributed such beautiful floral offering. May God's richest blessings be with you all is our prayer. It is such comfort to know we have so many wonder-ful friends to stand by us in our great sorrow. Words cannot express what we feel. We hope you under-stand.—Mrs. H. P. Cole and family.

**Trade in Spur—
NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS**

I will be in Spur at the City Na-tional Bank, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 10th, 11th and 12th to collect taxes.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

In passing along the street stop and examine my new and second hand army clothes. I am selling them at low prices and guarantee the best goods. Will also handle wool army underwear. Get my prices, examine my goods and you will buy them.—John Vann. 10tf

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THE STATE OF TEXAS**
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to cause to published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspa-per of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly pub-lished for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

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To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of Leonard McCormick, Paul McCormick and June McCor-mick, Minors, Mrs. J. W. McCormick has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the Estate of said Dinors which said ap-plication will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of January A. D. 1924 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application if they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you be-fore said Court, on the said day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dick-ens, Texas this the 4th day of Jan-uary A. D. 1924.

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FOR SALE**
Some good work horses reasona-bly cheap for either cash or good notes.—D. J. Gilbert, Spur, Texas.

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The Candy Kitchen, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Miller, was wholly and collectively moved the first of the week, togeth-er with the house as well as contents, from the former location to the va-cant lot next door to the post office. This move was necessary in making room for the two new brick business houses now under construction on the former occupied and adjoining vacant lots. When the new buildinbs are completed the Candy Kitchen will occupy the one, while it is not announced just what character of concern will occupy the other build-ing. However, we understand that either a dry goods or a grocery con-cern will probably be located there.

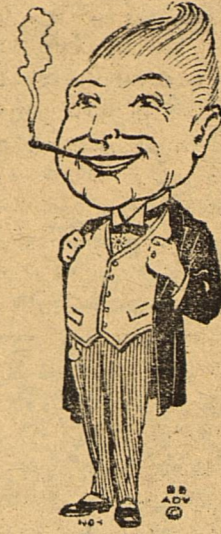
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FOR SALE**
E. J. Cowan was called to Waco on account of the death of his moth-er which occurred December 23rd, her remains being interred on Christ-mas day. His mother was seventy-eight years of age. Her death at this time was unexpected, she hav-ing been sick only a very short time.

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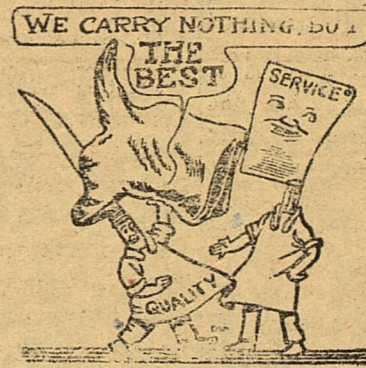
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This is a new advertising feature which will appear each week in this newspaper.

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MEATS!



Central Meat Market

SMILE

A splendid tonic. There are dozens in every can of

Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand Coffee.

Let a can of this Coffee go with your next order. A good way to start the New Year by using

Fine, Fresh Roasted And Fresh Ground Coffee

that has the right flavor.

Visit us when in town. We will be glad to have you feel at home with us. Let us understand each other a little better, in the coming year.

WE WANT YOUR TRADE

SPUR GROCERY CO.

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THE TEXAS SPUR

The Interstate Commerce Commission has denied application for railroad building in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The commission claims that the project had not been studied thoroughly and cost of construction under-estimated. The Federal Government has exclusive control of all railroad building and extension in this country. This arrangement is under the law turning the roads back to their owners. No doubt the Interstate Commerce Commission was dominated largely by the truck lines that protested against the construction of the roads. As long as the law stands that guarantees a certain income to the roads on their investment so long will the government have control in these matters. The thing to do is for the government to turn the roads back to their owners, allow them to do their own financing, guarantee them nothing, and let them build the roads in America they want to. West Texas and New Mexico need more railroads, but under the present system of government control few, if any, miles will be built. The old lines will dictate these matters. The government will be compelled to listen to the trunk lines in their arrangement of guaranteeing them so much interest on their invested property. —Times Signal.

Trade in Spur —
Mrs. R. A. Sadler, of Anson, has been in Spur spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Russell and family.
Trade in Spur —
We are again making Brick Chili. Central Market. 1tf
Trade in Spur —
My place for sale on easy terms, will consider some trade.—Fred Danforth. 7 4tp.

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Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 20th day of December, A. D. 1924.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk
County Court Dickens, County, Texas. 9 2t
Trade in Spur —
LOST—Saturday afternoon on the streets of Spur, one gold knife, price tag \$7.50 attached. Finder please return to Jen Adams, Spur, Texas and receive reward. 9 1tp
Trade in Spur —
Good winter pasture for 20 to 30 head of stock.—C. P. Harris. 8tf.

MAY SOON CALL WITNESSES
IN MAYFIELD CASE

Testimony in the contest of election of U. S. Senator Earle B. Mayfield, may be begun within the next three weeks before a subcommittee of five, of the senate committee on privileges and elections.

This assertion was made Friday morning by Luther Nickels, one of counsel for George E. B. Peddy, counsel for George E. B. Peddy, plaintiff in the proceedings which were instituted in the senate several months ago.

"It is probable that proceedings in the case will, within the next two or three weeks, reach the point where testimony will be offered," Mr. Nickels said.

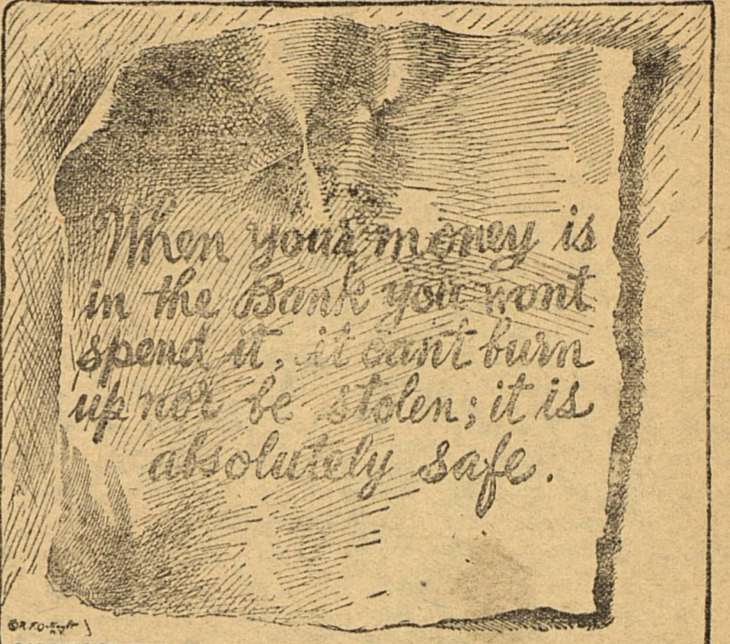
Trade in Spur —
Fancy S. C. R. I. Red cockerels \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00; hens \$1.50, and \$2.50.—Mrs. A. B. Morgan, Rt. A Box 39, Spur, Texas. 9 4tp.

Trade in Spur —
FOR SALE—My farm 3 miles west of Dickens on highway, 165 acres, 90 acres in cultivation. See or write C. C. Cobb, Dickens, Texas

50
GOOD
CIGARETTES
10¢
GENUINE
"BULL"
DURHAM
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WHEN YOU WANT
Fresh Bread
Call At
City Bakery
WE LEAD IN BAKING BREAD, CAKES, PIES AND CANDIES



Look back over the past years and you will quickly see where you have been both careless and foolish in the way you spent your money. A good deal of this came from having the money in your pocket. If that money had been in our bank, you would probably still have it, and would have grown to a nice round sum. Forget the past—today is here. Come in and start a bank account and by REGULARLY depositing your spare money, you will soon have money.

CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

Additional Spur Farm Land Offering

WE HAVE PLACED ON SALE A LARGE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE OF SPUR LAND WHICH WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTION TO INTENDING PURCHASERS OF EITHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.

List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office. Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

S. M. Swenson And Sons
CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

LEADERSHIP

We are glad that it is almost impossible to get the people to hurry to call meetings—to mass meetings; that the fire-eater and pep-em-up leaders have a hard time getting the folks out to hear them.

We have seen the effort put forth by chambers of commerce, by churches, by schools, by this and that, and we have seen just a small handful turn out, and then we have heard the fellow—the leader who wanted to “put something over,” berate the lack of interest the public have in public welfare.

We use to agree with the leaders (?) and think that it was a sign of a lack of interest in great public matters on the part of the people. We really thought that the “dear people” were asleep and indifferent.

But we have learned better than that. We awoke to the fact that the real thinkers were at home thinking some more, and that they had learned the uselessness of one's frittering away his time listening to one harangue who was not in the possession of the facts, and who would promise anything and perform nothing.

That's a wonderful day. When a people get in the habit of reading of evenings, observing all the time, and thinking out their own conclusions, and refuse to “enthuse” when come derved “enthusiast” comes around, the country is safe. All countries have been lost following a “leader”. All countries have been saved by the rank and file leaving shop and forge and office and counter and going out—on the battlefield, too often—and straightening out the mess the leaders have made.

In a republic, that going out to war has been converted into a going out to vote. The greatest blow that was ever directed against oppression, in justice, bad leadership, was that blow directed and delivered by a thinking voter who had come to his own conclusions and voted what he conceived to be the highest service to humanity.

That's what is the matter with Mexico. She has twelve million peons and three million leaders. These peons believe the last man who talked to them and will follow him into battle or elsewhere, and would as readily follow the leader they are fighting if he could get a meeting & fire them with his “just” cause.

We thank God this New Year 1924, that politicians and leaders of every sort are finding it more and more difficult to get a crowd out and to “enthuse” them.—Texas Commercial News.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for ten days exclusive of the first day of publication, before the return day hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county, which has been continuously and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year; the following notice:

The State of Texas: To all Persons Interested in the Estate of John R. McMahan, deceased:

Obender C. McMahan has filed in the county court of Dickens County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said John R. McMahan, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of John R. McMahan, deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of January A. D. 1924, at the courthouse thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in Dickens, Texas, this 8th day of November A. D. 1923.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas. 10 2t.

—Trade in Spur—
LOST—One brief Case west of Dickens on the Crosbyton road name W. H. Cook Jr., Clarendon, Texas. Return to the County Clerks office for reasonable reward. 9 2t.

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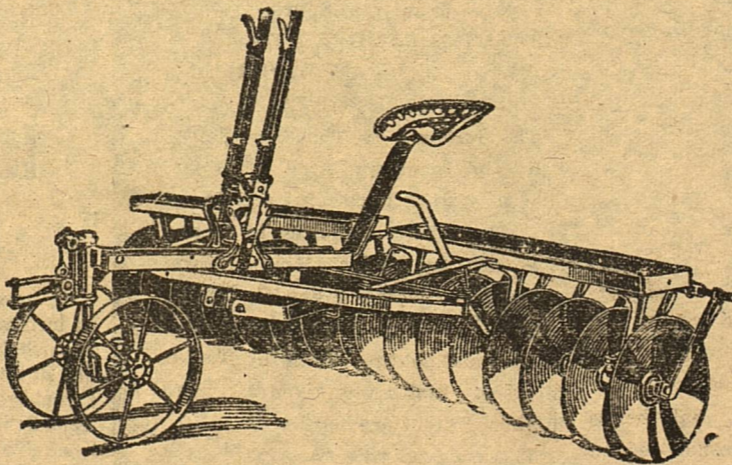
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